

A Dictionary and Thesaurus of Contemporary Figurative Language and Metaphor (2024) upgrades ED628218 (ERIC) with labels and analysis and brings the work up to date to reflect language change at the speed of the internet, ChatGPT, social discord, and bloody wars. The dictionary identifies language used figuratively in everyday contemporary English—to include the language of “inclusion & exclusion” and “contempo-speak”—along with its distinguishing collocates. The first main entry word is *ablaze*, and the last entry is *Zuckerberg (the Russian Mark Zuckerberg, etc.)*. At the bottom of many main entry words is red text that often contrasts figurative and literal usages, with a special emphasis on *recovering* the *literal* meaning of words, particularly if they have a military source. Finally, each main entry word is tagged by target and source: the target or targets come first and are separated from the source or sources by the colon mark. Tags for targets include ones like *time; resistance, opposition & defeat; enthusiasm; fictive motion; feeling, emotion & effect*, etc. Tags for sources include ones like *military; boat; direction; weight; trips & journeys; animal*, etc. Certain tags are considered as targets *and* sources: *epithet; movement; death & life; military; sign, signal & symbol; shape; mental health*, etc. The tags were used to compile the thesaurus. The compiler is a lifelong EFL teacher of adult military students in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi), and his interest in figurative language arose during his work teaching the Defense Language Institute’s American Language Course (ALC / DLI). The most important insight of this dictionary and thesaurus is how important figurative language is in every type of communication. For example, a common childhood game like a “tug-of-war” can describe a struggle for control on a plane that results in hundreds of fatalities, a “conversation” nowadays often suggests much more than simply a talk between two people, and an “uncanny valley” can refer to robots. The work has implications for ESL / EFL teaching, which tends to focus on the literal meanings of words, usually the first sense in a dictionary. Clearly, more attention can and should be paid to other senses of words, and this work will help to identify and classify them. More language analysis and instruction should be based on conceptual metaphor. This is a reference for EFL / ESL teachers, curriculum developers, materials writers, and teacher trainers. But it may also be of interest to lexicographers, and it has attracted interest from experts interested in metaphor detection, natural language processing (NLP), and social-media analysis, some of whom are using the tool of artificial intelligence (AI). Hopefully, it will inspire better dictionaries and thesauri of this sort created by teams of people, just as early work by many individuals working in isolation on collocation culminated in the 2002 Oxford Collocations Dictionary. Preliminary short discussions based on the work include (1) 70 common metaphors (2) Collocation (3) Epithets (4) Persons (5) The “container” metaphor (6) Grammatical metaphor, fictive verbs, etc. (7) Past, present and future (8) Allusions (9) Euphemisms (10) Gestures and bodily reactions (11) Shapes and parts-whole (12) Animacy (13) Persistence, survival and endurance (14) Quotations (15) Synonyms and opposites (16) Lessons and exercises (17) To the EFL / ESL teacher, which focuses on how the dictionary and thesaurus impacts the knowledge and experience base of the teacher and (18) An alphabetized list of the thesaurus categories. These short discussions would make a good handout for an EFL / ESL teacher-trainer class.

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Dedication

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

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

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

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

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

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Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I'm sure you can think of many examples.

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

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

game of chicken.” A bubble can symbolize a pandemic. Layers of Swiss cheese can symbolize protection from a pandemic. Waves sloshing in a bathtub can symbolize transmission during a pandemic.

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

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

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

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

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

Saudis will spend the night out in the desert on full-moon nights, and spend a night out around a bonfire in the winter. Like Russians, they enjoy searching for mushrooms in season, except in their case they are hunting for desert truffles. In Saudi Arabia a young man might walk miles to get from one place to another. While walking, he will notice the *ashes* of old campfires, and the

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

The figurative and the literal can become controversial, as the following examples attest:

- A few days after 9/11, President George W. Bush's use of the word *crusade* was widely questioned when he said to the nation: "This crusade, this war on terrorism, is going to take a while..."
- In 2011 in the US, the elected politician Gabrielle Giffords and others were shot after Giffords' district had been targeted on a map with cross-hairs by an ideological opponent. In a coda, in 2019, Roger Stone apologized to Judge Amy Berman Jackson for posting an Instagram photo of her next to a rifle scope's crosshair. She said, "Roger Stone fully understands the power of words and the power of symbols... There's nothing ambiguous about a crosshairs." And in a coda to that coda, in 2022 a court heard a case involving that original cross-hairs symbol and *The New York Times*.
- In 2020, after the Trump campaign called on volunteers to monitor the vote, Sheryl Sandberg, the COO of Facebook, said, "I think what people are worried about in this ad is that he says 'army of supporters'... We believe the language 'army of supporters' is not really calling for an army but is calling on people who are normal campaign volunteers."
- In 2021, President Trump, after losing his bid for reelection, said, "And they're not taking the White House, we're going to fight like hell..." His supporters would later storm the U.S. Capitol, resulting in his second impeachment and trial, with much debate about political speech. "Are we going to put every politician in jail, are we going to impeach every politician who has used the words *fight* figuratively in a speech? Shame!" said Senator Rand Paul. Said Michael Van Der Veen, from the floor of the Senate at the impeachment trial, "The reality is, Mr. Trump was not in any way, shape or form instructing these people to fight, or to use physical violence. What he was instructing them to do was to challenge their opponents..."

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

Metaphor is nothing new: the ancient Greeks discussed it. Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., in his book *Word Origins* (published by Grosset & Dunlap, New York, 1950), wrote, “*Up* and *down* are two other strange words that tie into the mysteries of space and even of religion and our human ideas of values,” in the chapter entitled “word oddities,” and he goes on to explain and give good examples. In 1836, Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, “Light and darkness are our familiar expression for knowledge and ignorance... Visible distance behind and before us, is respectively our image of memory and hope.” (*Nature*, Chapter 4, “Language”). Cognitive linguists speak of metaphors like these as BAD IS DOWN, GOOD IS UP, KNOWLEDGE IS VISION, PAST IS BEHIND EGO, and FUTURE IS IN FRONT OF EGO.

For students learning English, this dictionary should help them learn the figurative uses of words. The entry word is, in most cases, a basic one. The collocations are rarely more than two or three words, slightly harder, and the exemplary fragments and sentences are a bit harder yet. This basic English (to include figurative language) is the foundation for all those other Englishes: academic English, aviation English, business English, medical English, military English, scientific English, technical English, English for Peace and Conflict Studies, etc.

It took decades for the fruits of research on collocation to get into our curriculums, materials, and dictionaries. The Oxford Collocations Dictionary finally appeared in 2002, and the revised and updated version of the military curriculum I taught for so many years in Saudi Arabia—the American Language Course (ALC) created by the Defense Language Institute (DLI)—currently contains many excellent exercises based on collocation. Both were a long time coming. It is my hope that the next big effort in language teaching will be to incorporate the figurative uses of words into teacher-training courses, curriculums, textbook exercises, tests, and learner’s dictionaries.

70 common metaphors

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

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

towering figure at the *height* of his career, at the very *pinnacle* of success, *head and shoulders above* his rivals. And while his *star* may now be at its *zenith*, it must be that every *star* will *set*.”

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

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

atmosphere and the **climate** can be used to talk about environment in general. “There is tension in the *air / atmosphere*, and a *climate* of fear.”

40. A **plant** and **farming & agriculture** are often related to **growth & development**: “Christianity found *fertile ground* in the Philippines, where the *seeds* the missionaries *planted took root* and *flourished / flowered / bore fruit*.”
41. **Standing, sitting & lying** can relate to many things, including **dominance & submission**, and **resistance, opposition, & defeat**, and also **action, inaction & delay**. These meanings are often combined in a series: “We can’t take this *lying down*. Why are we just *sitting on our hands*? We can’t *stand by* any longer. It’s time to *stand up* and make a *stand*.”
42. **Health & medicine; addiction; love, courtship & marriage; and religion** can all relate to **enthusiasm**: “I’m *crazy about dragonflies*”; “Adrenaline *junkies* risk life and limb at the X games for their sports”; “To meet a walrus is to *fall in love with* a walrus” (a walrus researcher); “It’s a bit of a *disease*” (Jay Leno on his vehicle collection); “Mountains are truly *cathedrals*” (the great “Big” Jim Whittaker, climber). The opening line of Norman Maclean’s book *A River Runs Through It* reads, “In our family, there was no clear line between religion and fly fishing.”
43. The Galapagos Islands have become an **epithet** for the **biodiversity, nature & life** of endemic species. The fascinating Yemeni island of Socotra has been called the “*Galapagos of the Indian Ocean*.” Alaska’s Pribilof Islands are known as the *Galapagos of the North*. In Unesco’s World Heritage Site citation, Lake Baikal in eastern Russia is referred to as the *Galapagos of Russia*.
44. Allusions from the **Iliad & Odyssey** relate to the following: **attraction (siren); affliction (hector); subterfuge (Trojan horse); journeys & trips (odyssey); message (Cassandra); protection & lack of protection (Achilles’ heel), superlative (epic and Homeric), and alternative & choices and danger (between Scylla and Charybdis)**. This vocabulary will live in the language long after the details are forgotten.
45. **Alcohol** can relate to several things: **activity (ferment); behavior (binge, drunk, and inebriate); concealment & lack of concealment (bootleg and bootlegger); consciousness and awareness (black out); control and lack of control (drunk); feeling, emotion & effect (hangover, intoxicate, intoxicate, intoxicating, sober, and sobering); mixture (cocktail); and restraint & lack of restraint (binge, drunk, and inebriate)**. You don’t have to be a drinker to be “drunk on power / success.”
46. Falling can relate to **fate, fortune & chance**. If you are *on thin ice*, you might fall through the ice and drown. Likewise, when you *go out on a limb*, the limb might break and then you will fall to the ground and die. If you are *hanging on* to your job *by a thread*, that thread might break. If you are *walking a tightrope*, you might fall off and die. If you are *teetering on the edge of a precipice*, you might fall and die. The sky can fall. If your head is on the *chopping block*, the blade could fall on your neck and your *head will roll*. That blade might be the *Sword of Damocles*. Or perhaps you are waiting for *a shoe to drop* or *fall*.
47. **Cards** can relate to **fate, fortune & chance**: “The *cards were stacked* against Rubin Carter from birth. He was *dealt a hand* nobody could play. But by *the luck of the draw*, a sympathetic judge was selected to try his final case of habeas corpus.”

48. A **euphemism** is often used for death. Expressions include *pass away*; *the fallen*; *lose* (through death); *resting place*, etc. A set of sinister euphemisms relate to killing: liquidate; encounter; “He was disappeared”; remove; take down, etc.
49. **Money** can relate to **obligation**: “The grateful nation *owes* a *debt* of gratitude to the sacrifices of its military. We can never fully *repay* those who *paid* the ultimate *price* for our freedom.”
50. **Money** is often related to **cost & benefit**. “I made a *costly* mistake, I *paid* a *price* for my mistake, it took a *toll* on me, but in the end I *profited* from it, though it took years and years before I understood what exactly the *payoff* was.”
51. **Society** can relate to a **person** like a *leper*, *castaway*, *outcast*, *pariah*, and *hermit*. Such people might find themselves separated from the *mainland*, on an *island*, in the *wilderness*, left out *in the cold*, *outside of the tent*, on the *fringe*, on the *far shore*, etc.
52. **Noise** and **movement** are often related to **activity**: The factory floor was a *beehive* of activity, *swarming* with workers, with machines large and small *humming* and *buzzing*.
53. **Gesture** can relate to **feeling, emotion & effect**: “The latest college admissions scandal has some people *shaking their heads*, others *rolling their eyes*, and a few *wringing their hands*.”
54. **Cloth** can relate to **division & connection**: “We are used to traveling around on an *interwoven*, *tight-knit*, seemingly *seamless* system of highways. But some *strands* have become *frayed*.” So can a **rope**: “A nation is *bound* / *tied* together by its system of roads.”
55. **Containers** can relate to **situations**: “I got *into* trouble, I was *in* a tight spot, trapped, desperate to *get out*.” However, a situation is more and more considered to be a **place**: “I was in a tight spot *where* I couldn’t figure a way out.”
56. **Love, courtship & marriage** can be connected to **attraction & repulsion** and to **pursuit, capture & escape**: “She was the *darling* of Wall Street, she had no problem *wooing* and *seducing* eager investors—including ex-generals, one ex-president, Henry Kissinger, and two nationally important families—and she had the media *swooning*.”
57. **Sound** can represent **conflict**: “His comments caused an *uproar* and *howls* of protest, with many *clamoring* for an apology, and *outcries* for his resignation.” Actual warfare, past and present, is associated with sound.
58. An **explosion** or a **weapon** from the **military** can represent **danger**: On a bad day academia can be a *minefield* full of *booby traps*, *trip wires* and hidden *landmines*.”
59. Verbs of hitting, slamming and lashing are often related to the **force** of a **storm** like a hurricane or tornado: “The hurricane *battered* the island with a horrific storm surge, *pummeled* inland areas with winds and rain, and *knocked out* the power grid before moving on to *clobber* the mainland.”
60. **Direction** (up and down) can relate to **hierarchy**. “When I started out in my job, I started out at the *bottom*. I was *low* man on the *totem pole*, and literally everyone in the company was *over* me. With hard work and perseverance, I began to *rise up*. I began to *climb* the career *ladder*. When my *superiors* realized I wanted to take care of those *under* me, and not just please my *higher-ups*, I *rose* even *higher*. Today I am not at the *top* of the *pyramid*, but I am very happy where I am, and I am ready to assume additional responsibility.”
61. **Religion** often relates to **message**: He has used his bully *pulpit* to *preach* the *gospel* of American exceptionalism, and his *crusade* has been wildly popular.

62. **Sensation** can relate to **feeling, emotion & effect**: “That guy is *irritating*, he *rubs me the wrong way*.” “Yeah, he can be *abrasive*. But you’re too *sensitive*, you need to develop *thicker skin*.”
63. An **animal** often relates to **conflict**: You can *bristle*, *get your back up*, and *stand your ground*. You might then go *head to head* and *butt heads*, or *lock horns* with someone. You might be *out for blood*, *smell blood*, and *draw blood*. Or you might *give ground*, *turn tail* and run, or *lie down* and *roll over*.
64. An **explosion, light & dark**, and **sound** can relate to **attention, scrutiny & promotion**. Most Americans, and every child, delight in these three things simultaneously every Fourth of July. Not necessarily dogs, or recent combat veterans. And so our internet influencers *skyrocket* to success and things *blow up* on the internet.
65. For the younger generation, **situation, time**, and **development** have become a **place**. This recognizes the ubiquitous use of “*where*” but in no way explains it.
66. **Meat** relates to the **military**: The *Butcher of Baghdad*; the *butcher’s bill*; *butchery*; *carnage*; *Hamburger Hill*, a *meat grinder*; a *slaughterhouse*... It’s something that civilians rarely think about but *should* think about. One of my goals with this work is to recover the literal meaning of clichés relating to the military, in the hope that civilians will have at least a bit of an image in their heads when they use them.
67. **Possession** relates to the language of **inclusion & exclusion**. Contemporary groups wish to possess and control—to control the *narrative*, or who gets to tell the *story*—oftentimes with the goal of monetizing and profiting. This is what underlies figurative usages like *appropriate*, *appropriation*, *colonize*, *decolonialization*, *reclaim*, *reclaiming*, *take back*, etc. The verb collocates of *space* include: hold space; make space; occupy space; open up space; reclaim space; take space; take up space; struggle for, occupy, craft, and mark space... Those spaces are Black spaces, women’s spaces, gay spaces, lesbian spaces, queer spaces, etc.
68. **Affirmation** also relates to the language of **inclusion & exclusion**. People talk about Black, Latinx, queer and trans *joy*. Proponents of body positivity *celebrate* all shapes and sizes. We *honor* women who made history. We praise as *brave* and *courageous* and *fierce* those who “reveal their truth” or live their “authentic selves.” The goal is often *empowerment*.
69. The idea of **health & medicine** (in the old sense of disease and surgery) is often a metaphor for **mental health**. And so we use words like *trauma*, *wound*, *scar*, and *moral injury*, not in any sense that relates to the body, but to the mind.
70. The **adverb**, the **filler**, and the **introductory** characterize the language of **contempo-speak**. “That would be like obviously very extremely interesting.” (An attested example of a young male academic speaking before an audience.)

Collocation

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

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

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

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

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

Epithets

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

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

Alternatives include “(the) Adj + X.” The adjective might be an adjective of nationality. The Haida Gwaii Islands have been referred to as *the Canadian Galapagos*. The Hawaiian Islands Marine National Park is *the American Galapagos*. “He studied counterinsurgency at Duntroon, *the Australian West Point*.” Or the adjective might be a color. In the early 19th century, in northwestern Illinois, lead was referred to as *gray gold*. In the 19th century the *white gold* was guano, in the 21st century it is lithium. Oil is frequently referred to as *black gold*, and so are the wonderful Khawlani coffee beans, picked red but dried until black, in Saudi Arabia’s Jazan province. And it is possible that the *blue gold* of the future will be bulk water shipments to arid countries. Cobalt has also been referred to as “blue gold.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

Known is quite common: he *is known as* Korea's Great Gatsby for his lavish lifestyle (Big Bang's Seungri); the Pribilofs *are known as* the Galapagos of the North; Ibrahim Rugova *was known as* the Gandhi of the Balkans; Bhutan, *once known as* the hermit kingdom of the Himalayas; the crash landing *became known as* the Miracle on the Hudson (Flight 1549).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Persons

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

A person might relate to an occupation. A *butcher* is associated with oppression, warfare, and slaughter, even though the friendly butchers at the supermarket where I buy my meat seem to be perfectly normal, friendly and helpful folks. We should all be a good *steward* of the land, even if we don't work on ships, trains, or airplanes. You can be an *ambassador* without being a member of the State Department, as Mike Tyson was when he visited China to promote boxing.

“Adjuncts are the *field hands* of education” doesn't mean that adjuncts literally labor in the fields and pick crops. It means that they stoop to gain employment, get their hands dirty teaching actual classes, do all the heavy lifting, have little control over what they are paid, work seasonally, and usually have to travel a lot.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The “container” metaphor

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

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

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

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

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

Grammatical metaphor, fictive verbs, etc.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Past, present and future

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

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

The past, present and future is often thought of as movement based on a point of view. The statements, “Winter is approaching / coming / on the way” and “the big day has arrived” imply that things in the future come towards us. And that might be along a road: “When you don’t know what’s coming down the pike, you worry.” We commonly use this idea for scheduled events like deadlines, holidays, anniversaries, birthdays, seasons, etc. The idea is also expressed in statements like “We will have to stay here for a time to come” and “There might be problems in the coming months.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

Allusions

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

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

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

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

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

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

Allusions reflect our increasingly less and less shared knowledge, memory, history, culture, and education. In a North Carolina teacher-training class, an old biddy exhorted us to "go out and be the *Johnny Appleseed* of books!" I understood the allusion and took her exhortation to heart. But I am sure some of my younger colleagues had never heard of Johnny Appleseed. The use of brackets in a BBC article about a vote of confidence is telling: "I very much fear if Johnson does win tonight it will be a Pyrrhic victory [one that comes at great cost]." Or consider, "The Samizdat prize, named after the underground press in the former Soviet Union..." The greater the addiction of young people to TikTok, the less they seem to know.

To my surprise, my Saudi students seemed knowledgeable of stories and proverbs from classical Greek and Roman sources, with no formal study of them.

Truly, as Auda Abu Tayi said, "The world is greater as we go back."

Euphemisms

In this work a list of current euphemisms can be found in the category **euphemism**. We commonly use euphemisms for death and killing, sex, the body and bodily functions, and mental illness (“mental health”). Euphemism is part and parcel of the technology we now cannot live without: “cookies,” “The marketing industry calls them beacons or tags, critics describe them as being spy pixels,” etc. And in US politics: “The Affordable Care Act,” even if many can’t afford it, and the cheery sounding “Build Back Better Act”—would anyone build back worse? Of *course* in the military and policing. The old political correctness movement is responsible for a whole host of euphemisms: “crippled,” perfectly acceptable back in the day, has morphed to *handicapped, challenged, inconvenienced, and differently abled*, along with the attendant discussion and controversy along the way. People rail against the use of “retarded,” except, perhaps, lawyers before the Supreme Court, where the older term still has currency and a legal determination of retardation will save a murderer from execution.

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

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

Nowadays, nobody uses the euphemism “to go West” to mean that somebody has died or something as been destroyed. “South” and “north,” however, continue to be used figuratively: each one with **numbers**, and the former in respect to **failure, accident & impairment** and **decline**. In this work, interesting quotations relating to the cardinal directions as metaphors can be found at *direction (symbol)*.

Contemporary euphemisms for death include: “He has passed (on).” “We mourn his passing.” “He is no longer with us.” “He has gone away (too soon).” “He is gone.” “We salute the fallen.” “He gave his life.” “He lost his life.” “The suspect is deceased.” “He succumbed to the injuries

on the way to the hospital,” “He was pronounced,” etc. That last is astonishing, as it simply drops the predicate adjective *dead*, as though mentioning that word would be impolite.

Very sinister euphemisms relate to **hygiene**. I taught English in Kosovo, and the phrase, “Ethnic cleansing” always makes me shiver. If you make the trek to Ibrahim Rugova’s grave—a beautiful, peaceful spot high up on a hill overlooking Pristina on one side and the countryside on the other, where there is a park where mothers bring their babies and children to play and where the elderly sit—on the walk up you will notice a plaque commemorating the victims of a massacre. Such plaques are ubiquitous across Kosovo. And on a street alongside that park, there is a villa with a plaque identifying the villa as a place for the rehabilitation of torture victims... While looking up at a window, I thought I saw a curtain move, and my hair turned greyer. Once, on the walk down, I noticed a parked UN van and stopped to examine the sign on its side. The van belonged to a forensic team that located the graves of executed Kosovars and tried to identify the victims. The U.S. Fulbright Scholar at the university once said to me, “Why is there a statue of a KLA guy with a Kalashnikov downtown? Why can’t they just get over it and move on?” All I could think was, “Back home we’re *still* fighting the Civil War.”

The military is well known for euphemisms. When a military airplane crashed through the roof of a civilian warehouse here in the U.S, a military spokesman said, “We have secured the armaments package, which will be properly disposed of. Safety is our utmost priority.” An aggressive reporter got him to belligerently admit that the “armaments package” consisted of live rounds and missiles, which thankfully had not gone off in the fire. It is worth noting that Americans troops have not been bombed from the air by enemy airplanes since the Korean War. And that the U.S, as Orwell said in 1939 about England, is “in the exceptional position of being immune from invasion...” We have been very very lucky.

In the extraordinary documentary film *A Sniper’s War* the following exchange occurs: “What does it mean ‘to do your job’?” / “To get rid of their snipers and gunners, so that our infantry can move ahead.” / “What does it mean ‘get rid ‘ of them?” / “To eliminate. To kill.” In a report about an ISIS cell, a reporter said, “The other two suspected members of this ISIS cell, by the way, they are already *off the board*. Uh, the ringleader... was killed in a drone strike in 2015, and the other was captured in Turkey, where he was tried, convicted and sentenced to prison...”

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

Or the latest shame, the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. “The on-scene commander at the time believed that it had transitioned from an active shooter to a barricaded subject...”

Similarly, a police spokesman recently told reporters, “Our special assignments unit, also known as the SWAT Team, responded and attempted to work towards a tactical resolution of the

incident...” During this “incident,” nine cops were shot or hit by shrapnel in an ambush, two people died, and a baby was rescued from a doorstep.

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

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

Gestures and bodily reactions

In 1836 Emerson wrote, “*supercilious* [means] the *raising of the eyebrow* (*Nature*, Chapter 4, “Language”). Using his pattern, we could say that attention means the turning of the head, confusion the scratching of the head, surprise the popping of the eyes, etc.

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

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

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

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

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

For a listing of gestures and bodily reactions that have been lexicalized in American English, see **gesture** and **bodily reaction** in the thesaurus. It is quite a large category and a rather important one, I think.

Shapes and parts-whole

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Long lines of women, bent double like inverted capital Ls, work their way slowly across the fields...” That’s a line from “Marrakech” by Eric Blair. I can see them.

Animacy

Anthropomorphism has been a feature of literature for ages. Anthropomorphic animal stories are as ancient as Aesop and include favorites like *White Fang* by Jack London and “Rikki-Tikki-Tavi” by Rudyard Kipling. Only once in Saudi Arabia, many years ago, did a very literal-minded student rebuke me for telling an animal story. “An animal can talk?” he said frowning, raising an eyebrow. I am pretty sure his classmates told him to shut up, and I finished telling the story.

Traditionally in English things like a ship could be referred to as *she*. “Shelf *life*” is a relatively old term, and products have been referred to as a *family* and “first *generation* / second *generation*” for quite a long time. But the idea that technology is not only alive but sentient used to be relegated to science fiction. One thinks of HAL from the 1968 film *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

Well, 2001 has come and gone, and almost anything can be animate and sentient nowadays. The first obituary for a non-human being that I ever read was written by Henry Fountain way back in 2010 and appeared in *The New York Times* newspaper under the title, “ABE, Pioneering Robotic Undersea Explorer, Is Dead at 16.” I can still remember how surprised and delighted I was by the conceit. Extension? Now inanimate objects, like wheat, can have “biographies.” And nothing prevents a creative writer from writing an autobiography of... a flea (1887). *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak, I read in a review, includes a sentient fig tree that partly narrates the story of two lovers. According to a review, the narrator of *The Pages* by Hugo Hamilton is a sentient book.

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

“*Roaring Meg* (an English Civil Wars-era mortar) *resides* at Goodrich Castle...” “Recent investigation has found that the annual Great Whirl in the southwest Arabian sea has an average *life span* of 198 days.” “So where did you find this comet, where is it *living*?” “We climb where the avalanche *lives*.” “A cave *breathes*...”

Devotees, enthusiasts and experts, naturally enough, seem more prone to this kind of personification than the rest of us.

- Laird Hamilton has said, “Jaws doesn’t *like* a north swell,” and he ought to know.
- Colin Tudge wrote, “I *met* one in full bloom early one sunny July morning in the Cambridge University Botanic Garden.” Tudge was referring to a handkerchief tree.
- In the same way, Linda Mapes wrote, “The tree first *came into my life* along with John O’Keefe, a biologist...”
- Dr. Jeffrey B. Johnson, a Boise State volcanologist and National Geographic Explorer studying the Masaya Volcano in Nicaragua, explained, “Volcanoes like to *speak* in low-frequency sounds that humans can’t perceive called infrasound. So we developed sensors that we can deploy to listen to the volcanos *talk* to us.”

- An official at the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC, once said, “So the decision was made a number of years ago to take him off display and put him in storage... To have that step forward, just slightly, gives him more of a presence.” He was talking about Neil Armstrong’s *spacesuit*! The person interviewed about the great and beloved bell in the Elizabeth Tower in the Palace of Westminster in London perhaps was a bit more justified in saying, “And then we have Big Ben *himself*, about 13 and a half tons...”
- Dr. Catherine Walker from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution said the following about an iceberg: “I always watch A23 because we’re the same age. It calved in 1986 and it’s started to wiggle recently.” (“How a colossal block of ice became an obsession” by Jonathan Amos, BBC, 15 Jan 2022.)
- In 1989, after a deranged person tried to kill the Treaty Oak in Austin, Texas, with poison, thousands of kids addressed letters to the tree with messages like, “We’re sorry this happened, get well soon.”
- In 2021, an adult homeowner in Kensington, New Hampshire, had to have the largest sugar maple in the state cut down because it had begun to rot and threatened her roof. She said, “She’s just at the end of her life. She is finally being euthanized. It’s unsafe and it’s not fair to her to let her stand out there and not be as beautiful as she always has been. I’m sad to see her go. It’s very emotional.”
- “Typically a sled dog will tell you, when they’re ready to retire. People always say, well dogs can’t talk, and that never makes sense to me, because I feel like they actually talk very clearly about what they want and what they need if you’re listening.” (Blair Braverman, dogsledder, about her dogs.)
- Lake Superior has a twitter account, Lake Superior @ LakeSuperior. “I am the greatest lake of all time. G.L.O.A.T. (she / her).” 313 Following 205.5K Followers.
- The honor for this type of sentiment must surely go to NASA, which has a Facebook page for the Perseverance Mars Rover. The following is a recent post: “My team has spotted something unexpected: It’s a piece of a thermal blanket that they think may have come from my descent stage, the rocket-powered jet pack that set me down on landing day last year.” Of course, that was picked up by online news purveyors across the country as clickbait: “Human trash discovered on Mars—but NASA’s explanation leaves unanswered questions” by Mark Price, Miami Herald, June 16, 2022. Of 88 comments on Yahoo, most were jocular, or condemned trash-leaving; no one commented on the absurdity of a first-person account by a machine.

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

on” when the scanner was momentarily unable to read a bar code of a particular item. Her tone was both irritated and imploring. I was waiting. There were people behind me.

It is common to give inanimate and non-human objects agency. A common pattern is as follows: “I hadn’t planned to write a book on this topic, but the topic chose me.”

- The extraordinary Bernard Tomic said, “Tennis chose me. It’s something I never fell in love with.”
- The last line of Jim Bouton’s “gripping” baseball book, *Ball Four*, is: “You see, you spend a good piece of your life gripping a baseball, and in the end it turns out that it was the other way around.”
- *Seize* has a similar idea, in an expression like, “This idea that math was beautiful seized Paul Dirac.”
- In the film *Xiu Xiu, the Sent Down Girl*, Xiu Xiu asks Lao Jin, “Are you really going to spend your entire life raising horses?” and Lao Jin replies, “They raise me, too.”
- “Some say that humans domesticated wheat; others that wheat domesticated humans.” (“Flour Fixated” by Bee Wilson, *London Review of Books*, 24 September 2020.)
- David Benioff and DB Weiss, the writers of *Game of Thrones*, said, “When George Lucas built [*Star Wars*], he built us too.”
- “I made [the 1994 horror novel] *Carrie*, and *Carrie* made me.” (Attributed to the beloved American writer Steven King.)
- In a similar vein, and nicely qualified: “If it’s possible for a place to save a life Sils-Maria saved Nietzsche’s.”
- The great actor Peter O’Toole said, “The part chooses me, I don’t choose it.”
- “I like a play to *choose me*. It just sort of stays with me and says, ‘Come on, do it. You know you want to do it, so *do it!*’” (The actor Al Pacino.)
- A Japanese saying has it, “With the first glass a man drinks wine, with the second glass the wine drinks the wine, with the third glass the wine drinks the man.” Many of us have been there before!
- Another proverb like that, common in Saudi Arabia, says, “A miser does not own money; money owns the miser.”
- I like what Winston Churchill said when he urged that the House of Commons, bombed in World War II, should be re-created as an exact replica: “We shape our buildings and afterwards our buildings shape us.”
- In New Zealand and Bangladesh, rivers have been recognized as living entities and granted the same legal rights as persons.

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

See the dictionary entries for *born* and *live* (*alive / non-human*), and *die* (*non-human*).

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

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

[“When kids yell ‘Alexa, play poop,’ you’ll hear these songs,” NPR, All Things Considered, September 9, 2022.

[“Imagine if you had a voice assistant that could write code for you, and you said, ‘Hey, Alexa, build me a Web site to sell shoes,’ Sanjay Sarma, a professor of mechanical engineering at M.I.T., told me on the phone. (Immediately, he pulled the receiver away to rebuff a device in the room: ‘Shut up, Alexa! No! No!’)” (From “The End Of The English Major” by Nathan Heller, *The New Yorker*, March 6, 2023.)

[“I’m very careful to be very polite ‘cause, you know, come that robopocalypse, I want them to remember that, you know, I’m not one of the bad guys. It’s kind of the reason I made this film is that I’ll get spared when they finally take over, they’ll be like, ‘He’s OK. He understands us,’ you know?” (The British filmmaker Gareth Edwards about his 2023 film *The Creator*. Gareth claims he says “please” and “thank you” when using Siri, Alexa, ChatGPT, etc. From “He wrote this film before AI was a hot topic. Now it’s all the rage” by Mandalit del Barco, NPR, All Things Considered, September 29, 2023.)

Persistence, survival and endurance

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

In 1870, railroading was the second largest occupation in the US, behind farming, and grist mills used to dot our streams and rivers. Things have certainly changed! Even so, the category of figurative language from the category **train** and **farming & agriculture** is huge, the term "grist for the mill," is still popular, and "term-paper mills" proliferate on the internet. Few send letters or postcards nowadays, but NPR still has "audio postcards," and a book like *Deacon King Kong* by the great writer James McBride can be described as a "love letter to New York City." Honestly, who sends actual love letters nowadays?

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

Things have changed. Yet everyone still uses and understands language associated with horses. I was lucky as a boy: my grandfather had a horse, and I have fond memories of riding him along country roads and swimming him through the leech-infested pond below my grandpa's shack. You have to cling on tightly to the mane of a horse when riding bareback, especially when the horse arises out of the water up a steep bank. Words like *runaway* and *reins* and *bridle* and *saddle* and *gallop* are used figuratively nowadays in a sentence like, "We have got to find a way to rein in galloping inflation," but for me those words will always have a psychological reality. It is not easy to be a small boy in control a very large wayward horse. I *know* that.

After 1958 more people crossed the Atlantic by **plane** than **boat**, yet figurative language related to boats will always persist: the *spaceship* and *spaceport* pay homage to sailing ships, and our old space shuttles were named for famous ships associated with great explorers: the *Challenger*, *Discovery*, *Atlantis*, and *Endeavour*.

Today, when we think of wireless communication we think of the internet, not Marconi and wireless telegraphy. But "Internet communication has its roots in the wireless rooms aboard the great ocean liners," as Kat Long has noted. I used to have a fading yellow and black Western Union telegram I sent my parents from the *Queen Elizabeth* in a folder I labeled "My favorite things." It may still be there. In January, in 1971, at Fort Knox, Kentucky, I took lessons in Morse Code with many others; the military phased out most training in it long ago, but a boxer can still *telegraph* a punch, or a movie a plot point. The telegraph lives on in the language, and

the SOS—three longs and three shorts, whether pounding a rock on a wall, or blinking your eyes—is still relevant to this very day, for those who still know.

Religiosity has had its ups and downs in the US and elsewhere, but figurative language relating to **religion** will never disappear, no matter how secular the world becomes. And this especially relates to topography: in every country there is a Devils Backbone (Espinazo del Diablo), Courthouse (Majlis al Jinn), Falls, Highway, Pulpit, Throne, etc. And every religion has contributed words to English: *fetish* (West Africa), *taboo* (South Seas); *Delphic*, *muse*, *oracle*, *Pandora's box*, *soothsayer* (pagan); *karma*, *juggernaut*, *sacred cow*, *guru*, *mantra*, *avatar* (Hindu); *mecca* and *hegira* (Islam); *kowtow* (Confucianism); *mantra* (Buddhism); *Valhalla* (Norse), etc.

We Americans pride ourselves on our anti-monarchical revolution but we still and forever will link the idea of **royalty** with the **superlative** in **epithets** like “Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul,” “Burger King,” “Mattress King,” and the prom / 4H king and queen. I once attended a country-themed restaurant in Atlanta with family members. My brother-in-law held his young son up to a portrait of Elvis Presley and told him, “Say hello to the King.” We all laughed. Many persons associated with royalty are used figuratively, less obvious ones including *whipping boy* and *handmaiden*. Just because we had a revolution doesn't mean we reject royalty.

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

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

In ancient times, when I was a boy, I can remember drinking from a public water cooler when that was a boon, to be able to slake my thirst with free, thirst-quenching, life-giving water. Who drinks from a public watercooler anymore? Nowadays, office people buy their own brands and

flavors of water, and everyone from joggers and hikers to athletes and soldiers drink from camelbacks. After the scandal of Flint, Michigan, who would *trust* water from a watercooler? Not to mention that, in this time of COVID, everyone is working from home, and this will no doubt continue post-pandemic. Who needs a watercooler to be a gathering place to communicate with anyone when we can simply text one another? And yet, cultural critics still talk about “watercooler shows” and “watercooler gossip.” As a cultural practice, meeting for a cold, free cup of water at a watercooler and exchanging gossip is as dead as the dodo. But, like the dodo, it lives on in our language. It lives on. It lives. For all of our acceptance of the new, trendy contempo-speak language, maybe we should acknowledge and pay a bit of homage to the old language that has persisted.

Quotations

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

1. “Words are signs of natural facts... *Right* means *straight*; *wrong* means *twisted*. *Spirit* primarily means *wind*; *transgression*, the crossing of a *line*; *supercilious*, the *raising of the eyebrow*. We say the *heart* to express emotion, the *head* to denote thought... / An enraged man is a lion, a cunning man is a fox, a firm man is a rock, a learned man is a torch. A lamb is innocence; a snake is subtle spite; flowers express to us the delicate affections. Light and darkness are our familiar expression for knowledge and ignorance; and heat for love. Visible distance behind and before us, is respectively our image of memory and hope. / Who looks upon a river in a meditative hour and is not reminded of the flux of all things? Throw a stone into the stream, and the circles that propagate themselves are the beautiful type of all influence...” (*Nature*, Chapter 4 (Language), by Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1836.)

I like the above because in a short space Emerson lists beautifully and concisely so many metaphors. The “circles that propagate themselves” is entered in this dictionary at *ripple*. A related word is *splash*. Both words are metaphors for **effect** that relate to **water**.

2. “It was doubtless an ingenious idea to call the camel the ship of the desert, but it would hardly lead one far in training that useful beast.” (George Eliot’s *The Mill on the Floss*.) The above quote reminds me that, while a metaphor identifies something that two things have in common, plenty of things are still different. A ship does not have long eyelashes, has not been branded, does not roar, gurgle, bellow, foam from the mouth to the point of producing airborne balloons of saliva, attract huge spiders, produce delicious and healthy milk and meat, etc. “The camel is a ship?” a Saudi military student remarked to me once, disappointingly.

And people will see things differently, as in the parable of the “Blind men and an elephant.” Data has been compared to a gas (the cloud); water (data stream); and a solid (data mining). Bitcoin servers have been described as both farms and mines. The spread of COVID-19 is often thought of as a wave, and Dr. Roger Shapiro nicely extended that to a wave in a pool that sloshes around, back and forth, leaving and returning. The myth of Sisyphus can mean different things—difficulty, futility, or something that never ends—and the adjectives *promethean* and *quixotic* can have quite different connotations: as I get older, my sympathy for Quixote increases, and I think of him as less crazy and more of an inspiration. The title of Dickens’ great book is commonly misappropriated: See “Please, Liberals: Stop Abusing ‘A Tale of Two Cities’” by Reid Cherlin, *The New Republic*, Jan 2, 2014. It is not always clear which meaning or connotation is meant. Many say we should view the problem of drug addiction as a public health issue, not as a war on drugs, and yet the phrase “public health campaign” has always had a warlike ring, and the metaphor of disease as an enemy has come to the fore in the era of COVID-19.

Should we really single out the donkey for ridicule and use it as an insult? I don't think so. "Without a donkey, my wife and I are forced to be donkeys" is something farmers say in Ethiopia. Does the octopus really deserve its iconic depiction in political cartoons as a global strangler? No. I once floated about one for half an hour on a shallow reef in the Red Sea, and its fascinating shape- and color-changing is something I will never forget. Is a frilled shark, or a sturgeon, really horrific looking? Some think they are beautiful.

But even if the similarities between two different things are not always obvious, or are tenuous, or even upset me, I almost *always* find them worth thinking about. In my opinion, allusions to Joe McCarthy, Machiavelli, and Hector do little justice to those men. The idiom "to hang somebody out to dry" has come to mean *abandon*, but nobody hangs up their laundry and abandons it. Gibbeting fits the idea *much* better. "Yemen was Egypt's Vietnam" makes me think of a host of dissimilarities, but I must admit, upon reflection, that there *are* plenty of similarities, such as the time period, and the proximity of safe havens across a border.

The title of Leon Talley's memoir, *The Chiffon Trenches*, shows just how "ingenious" a metaphor can be, how much ground, time and human condition it can cover, from the bloodiest battlefields of Passchendaele and Verdun to...well, to *Vogue Magazine*. In one popular video cute ten-year-old Nandi Bushell is a "beast" on the drums, while in another a Marine Corps rammer identified only as "Wolf" is a "beast" on a howitzer mission. Both are "beasts." Roland Huntford described the Ross Ice Shelf as "that rolling Sahara of snow," which sounds odd at first, but there are many comparisons that can be made between the Sahara and the Antarctic. For example, hydrating in both environments can be a huge problem: Antarctica *is* a polar desert. Huntford was writing specifically about the lack of terrain landmarks. The question is always, as Nathaniel Mackey stated, "How different can two things be and still have something in common?"

Divorce-court judges had had to consider "whether a dog is more like a lamp or a human being."

3. "I looked at *The Sixteenth Round* as puttin' a letter in a bottle and throwin' it out over those 36-foot-high walls into the ocean of life, like a bobbin' bottle, and hoping upon hope that somebody, somehow, someday, will see this bobbin' bottle in the water, take this bottle up, read my message, and come to help me. And that's what happened. That's what happened." (Rubin "Hurricane" Carter. From "The Hurricane Tapes," Ep6. Muhammad Ali and Bob Dylan, BBC Sounds.)

This strikes me as a particularly beautiful, eloquent and heartfelt use of figurative language, using one extended metaphor.

4. "Yeah, I generally think this is a fairly minor deal. At the same time, it could actually backfire on Bill Barr. Because, if he thinks it's necessary to pre-spin this, that means that there's something in there that needs to be pre-spun. And if he's too heavy handed about

that, it can actually just throw gasoline on the daily media feeding frenzies that we have [inaudible].” (The commentator Jonah Goldberg on “Before Mueller Report Is Released, Republicans And Democrats Take Sides,” NPR’s Morning Edition, April 18, 2019.)

I love this quote for its contrast to the one above it. To paraphrase a line from Kipling’s short story, “The Phantom ‘Rickshaw’”: “Men occasionally break down and become as mixed as their metaphors.”

5. Elisabeth Moss: I just did it, and just kind of went as big as I could and threw it all at the wall knowing the only mistake we could make was not going far enough. And so we just went for it... / Rachael Martin: Did he ever have to pull you back. I mean did it ever feel too far, or were you like, “Nope...” / Elisabeth Moss: I had turned it up to eleven and then realized I had to go even higher... (“In ‘Her Smell,’ Elisabeth Moss ‘Turned It Up To 11,’ Then Turned It Up Some More,” Morning Edition, NPR, April 19, 2019.)

In the above, Elisabeth Moss is speaking about her performance in the film *Her Smell*. I like it because it is a good litany of clichés relating to **commitment & determination**. One has to respect commitment in an actor. But when it comes to such declarations, I like what Alex Lowe said: “There are two kinds of climbers. Those who climb because their heart sings when they’re in the mountains, and all the rest.”

6. “It can’t surprise us that our language began with metaphors. Words are being made today under our own eyes in precisely the same fashion. Witness the terse and vivid terms that the gangsters coin: gun moll, for the racketeer’s girl-friend; hot seat, for the electric chair; stool pigeon, for the traitor who acts as a spy for the police.” (*Word Origins and Their Romantic Stories* by Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., 1950.)

This is a good reminder that language is constantly evolving, and what sounds novel and contemporary today will sound as dated as Funk’s examples in twenty years.

Synonyms and opposites

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

1. You can *launch, roll out, unveil, take the wraps off* a product, or *drop* it (**inauguration**).
2. You can leave somebody in your *wake*. Or in your *dust*. Or in your *slipstream*. These are entered at **competition: movement**. The first relates to boats and water. The second to land and horses. The last to planes and air.
3. The opposite of *tone deaf* is... *pitch perfect*. A person can also *strike all the right notes*, or have a *tin ear* (**music**).
4. If you achieve something, people might *sing your praises*, but more than likely your achievement will be *unsung* (**achievement, recognition & praise**).
5. Something can be *a stone in one's shoe* or *a burr in one's saddle* (**affliction**).
6. You can *hew to a line* or... *go against the grain*. Both phrases relate to wood (**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity / tree**).
7. You can be on the *cusp* of something, or *light years* away from it (**proximity: astronomy**).
8. You can *face* a problem or *turn a blind eye* to it or *look away*. You can *kick the can down the road* or *push something* (like a decision) *down the road*. You can *tackle* a problem or *punt* or try to *run out the clock*. Or, you can *throw your hands up in the air* or engage in *handwringing* (**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things**).
9. You can *give a hand, lend a hand*, or *pitch in* (**help & assistance**).
10. You can try to save your *neck* or your *skin* or your *scalp* (**survival, persistence & endurance**).
11. Socially, you might find *a place at the table* or *under the tent*. Or, you might find yourself *outside* in the cold, *frozen out, in the shadows*, on the *fringes* of society, out of the *mainstream*, in *exile, in the wilderness, on the far shore*. You might find yourself to be a *castaway, hermit, leper, outcast, outsider, pariah, untouchable, a ghost*. Good luck with that (**social interaction, society, and inclusion & exclusion**)!
12. A new job might be a *plum* position or a *poisoned chalice*.
13. In bad times your life might be *on hold*, and you might find yourself *in purgatory* or *in limbo*. In a *drought* or a *dry spell*. You might feel *adrift*, in the *doldrums*, unable to make *headway, going in circles, rudderless. Chasing your tail. Standing still*. In a *blind alley*. Or *mired, sidetracked, stuck, stalled, in a rut* and *spinning your wheels. Going nowhere, or backwards* and *lagging behind. Losing ground. Stumbling* or taking a *step backward* (**progress & lack of progress**).
14. Or, you can be *on a roll* with lots of *momentum* and *traction, advancing, getting ahead, going forward, making headway, gaining ground, leaping or vaulting ahead*.
15. Somebody can *add fuel* to a controversy, *pour gasoline on it, fan* it, or provide *oxygen* for it. Something can become an *accelerant*.
16. You can be *up to your elbows / neck / eyeballs, in over your head, drowning, buried alive, immersed, enmeshed, entangled, or ensnared* in something like debt or some other situation. I hope things get better for you (**involvement**)!

17. You can *hold* your employees' feet to the fire or *light a fire under* them. You can *nudge*, *push*, *prod*, *goad*, *cudgel*, *hector*, or *bully* them, *lean on* them, *twist their arms*, *strongarm* them, *hold a gun to their heads*, *crack the whip*, *ride herd* over them, etc. Just don't expect them to attend your birthday party (**coercion & motivation**)!
18. You can *stroll*, *coast*, *waltz* or *sail* to success (**attainment**). Something you do might be a *cakewalk*, a *stroll in the park*, a *picnic*. Or a *Gallipoli*, a long hard *slog*, a *trail of tears* (**difficulty, easiness & effort**).
19. If you are searching for something, you might hit *pay dirt* or *fool's gold* (**success & failure / mining**).
20. A division might be the *favorite son* or *stepchild / stepdaughter / orphan* of its parent organization (**family**).
21. You can say, "That ship has sailed" or "That train has left the station." Both relate to **timeliness & lack of timeliness**. The two cliches always make me think of that scene from *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery*: "Your dad loved her very much. If there was one other cat in this world that could have loved her and treated her as well as your dad, then it was me. But, unfortunately, for yours truly, that train has sailed."
22. You can try and *throw somebody off the scent*, *throw somebody off the trail*, or *cover your tracks*. This language all relates to **pursuit, capture & escape**, and **hunting**.
23. The president might try to *bypass*, *go around*, *sidestep*, or make an *end run* around congress.
24. In terms of interest and responsibility, something can be *in your wheelhouse*, *in your lane*, or *up your alley*. Or not.
25. You can *bury* or *exorcise the ghosts* or *put something to rest / bed / sleep*. *Bury the hatchet* or *close the book* on something. *Put it behind you*, *let it go*. *Move on*. Emotional and psychological wounds can *heal* or *scab over*. These phrases relate to **reconciliation, resolution & conclusion**. Just don't forget, a buried hatchet can always be dug up.
26. In terms of **sports & games**, you can *drop the ball*, *fumble*, *miscue*, *drop the baton*, *strike out*, or *score an own goal*. Or the opposite: *hit a home run*, *hit a grand slam*, *hit it out of the park*, get your project *through the uprights* or *across the goal line*. In which case, you might just want to take a *victory lap*. Or *spike the football*.
27. If you *pull the plug* on something like a project, it can *go down the drain*, *pipes*, or *tubes*.
28. You can be the *father*, *godfather*, *midwife*, *architect* or *author* of something like a plan or policy or program.
29. Urban warfare (MOU) versus desert warfare can be described as *a different animal / a different beast / or a different kettle of fish*.
30. The Arctic might be a *factory* or a *kitchen* for weather. Both relate to **creation & transformation**. Many of the new terms people use nowadays to talk about race have been cooked up in the kitchen of sociology.
31. You can "cut corners" or "take a shortcut." Or, the opposite, you can "go the extra mile" or "go out of your way." All relate to **journeys & trips**. Enjoy your hike!
32. "If you wanna win it, ya gotta *bring it*." "I *left it* all out there on the floor along with my guys." (This connection is made at **commitment & determination: coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning**.)

33. You can grow up in your father's shadow. Or in his reflected glory. Hopefully the latter, but both are based on **light & darkness**.
34. You might feel like you are on a slow boat to China, or you are going full speed ahead. Both relate to the **speed** of a **boat**.

People often pair conventional language with a cliché, almost like a translation, and will even triple up on clichés, like a boxer peppering his opponent with jabs: “We must *oppose* him, we must *stand up to* him.” “This looks like *an inflection point, a turning point*.” “What’s the next *shoe to drop, what happens next?*” “What would justice have *looked like* in your view, what did you *want to happen* here?” “They want to *fill in the blanks, connect the dots*, and *figure out what’s going on*.” “There is a possibility we could see another pandemic in our lifetime. No one can run the odds about what kinds of *numbers that looks like*, you know, *how likely* that is...” “The groups *close ranks*, they *circle the wagons*...” “*Out-of-step, against-the-grain, different-drummer* types...” “It’s a *race against time*, it’s a *race against the clock* to get these animals (stranded pilot whales) refloated.”

Lessons and exercises

1. A lesson and exercise might focus on words related to **health & medicine** used figuratively with the meaning of **condition and status**. Write the following on the board:

- the peace process is *dead and buried*
- the economic recovery has been *robust*
- businesses are *ailing*
- the soccer team is *on life support*
- small businesses are *hurting*
- earnings have been *anemic*
- the economy remains badly *wounded*
- the pace of economic growth is *moribund*
- reform is *dead*
- the economy is *healthy*

Ask students to identify (or underline) the words relating to **health & medicine** and also identify or underline the non-human subjects. Discuss. Ask students to organize the vocabulary on a cline from *robust* to *dead and buried*.

2. Create a simple matching exercise to illustrate a simple pattern of figurative usage that links problems (**flaws & lack of flaws**, etc.) to **amelioration & renewal**:

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| 1. There are some <i>wrinkles</i> in your plan. | a. You need a <i>fresh</i> one. |
| 2. That idea is <i>stale</i> . | b. We must <i>sharpen</i> them. |
| 3. There is a security <i>hole</i> in our defenses. | c. We must try to <i>defuse</i> it. |
| 4. Why are you so <i>tense</i> ? | d. How can we gain <i>traction</i> ? |
| 5. Our skills have grown <i>dull</i> . | e. We can <i>iron them out</i> . |
| 6. The situation is <i>explosive</i> . | f. We must <i>patch</i> it immediately |
| 7. We're <i>stuck</i> . Our <i>wheels are spinning</i> . | g. You need to <i>unwind</i> . |

3. Words and phrases for **increase & decrease / number** include:

- explode; shoot up; soar; grow; skyrocket; jump; go / shoot through the roof; peak; sky-high...
- plummet; dip; slide; drop; plunge; fall; tumble; cratered; sink...

We commonly use these words and phrases when we talk about numbers, prices, and rates. These words make a good simple category exercise. Write the words and phrases in alphabetical order on the board and ask students to categorize them as “increase” or “decrease.” If your classroom has a smartboard with “Vortex” software, create two vortices labeled “increase” and “decrease” and call on a student to slide each word into the correct vortex.

My students in Saudi Arabia liked Vortex exercises, because if the student standing in front of the classroom at the board slid a word into the wrong vortex, it would be spit out to his consternation and the delight of the other students.

Ask students about important rates and prices: the crime rate; the price of bread and medicine; the age of first marriage, etc. Are they low, high or sky high / through the roof? How have they changed over time? How do they compare with other countries or geographical areas?

4. We tend to think of the superlative as a series of grammar lessons and test questions based on form, but there is plenty of language (including proverbs) that embodies the *notion* of the superlative, and it can be gleaned in the thesaurus in the category **worth & lack of worth** and **superlative**.

- Every *monkey* is a _____ to its mother.
- Speech is *silver* but silence is _____.
- The jackal is a _____ in his own country.
- Who is the *Pele* of Saudi Arabia?
- Name a superlative fruit.
- Which bird sings the most beautifully?
- What does it mean when I say (pick any sports figure) was or is the GOAT?
- Which car is the *thoroughbred* of cars?
- Do you think that the lion is the *king* of beasts?
- What area or city is the baboon *capital* of Saudi Arabia?

Questions like these enliven routine grammar exercises. And don't forget, when a student answers, to ask why, which can engender debate between students!

5. To focus on all the ways to talk about the **future**, including the idea that the future is a **container**, ask students to select a piece of paper from a container. Each piece of paper would have a fortune written on it. Each student would get a little message about what lies *in* his future, what is *ahead* for him, what is *on his horizon*, what is *down the road*, the fate that is *approaching* him, etc. This exercise can lend itself to humor. Of *course*, such an exercise might not be appropriate in all contexts, cultures, and with certain students.
6. The following chart is based on collocations for *time* in the dictionary. Have your students point out or underline the collocations.

Time is money

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| 1. Spend your money wisely. | Spend your time wisely. |
| 2. Use your money wisely. | Use your time wisely. |
| 3. Don't lose your money. | Don't lose time. |
| 4. Stop wasting your money. | Stop wasting your time. |

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| 5. You can run out of money. | You can run out of time. |
| 6. A delay will cost us money. | A delay will cost us time. |
| 7. We must buy weapons | and we must buy time to train. |
| 8. We have lots of money but | we don't have much time! |
| 9. A thief steals your money. | A friend steals your time. |
| 10. It takes money to feed your child. | It takes time for a child to grow. |
| 11. Do you have \$100 to spare? | Do you have a minute to spare? |
| 12. A banker might lend you money. | A teacher will lend you his time. |
| 13. Give money to the poor. | Give time to your family. |
| 14. He who lives on borrowed money | lives on borrowed time. |
| 15. Make money to eat, | but make time for vacation, too. |

7. In Saudi Arabia, everyone has made a campfire or a bonfire. After discussing that process, you can give your students the following simple fill-in-the-blank exercise that focuses on the figurative language associated with **fire**:

extinguish (verb); conflagration (noun); die out (verb); spark (noun); die down (verb); ashes (noun)

“The region is a tinderbox, and it will only take a _____ to set the whole area on fire. The result will be a _____ that will burn out of control and that no force, not even United Nations Peacekeepers, will be able to _____. The fire will eventually _____, but I doubt it will ever completely _____. We can only hope something positive will eventually arise from the _____.”

8. The following simple matching exercise uses a few of the expressions found in the thesaurus at **gesture**:

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| 1. Was the movie <i>boring</i> ? | a. It's time to <i>roll up our sleeves</i> . |
| 2. Did the captain <i>approve</i> your request? | b. Don't <i>point your finger</i> at me! |
| 3. Well, let's <i>get back to work</i> . | c. Nope, he gave it the <i>thumbs down</i> . |
| 4. Did the announcement <i>surprise</i> people? | d. I <i>salute</i> you. |
| 5. <i>Don't tell</i> anyone. | e. Yeah, it was a big <i>yawn</i> . |
| 6. You did a <i>great job</i> , Saleh. | f. Yes, it <i>raised eyebrows</i> . |
| 7. Don't <i>blame</i> me. I didn't do it. | g. Be <i>tightlipped</i> . |

9. The following exercise combines the names for lines along with some of the figurative uses found in this dictionary at *line*. My military students in Saudi Arabia found this exercise interesting. The * indicates “sentence completion” and answers can vary.

Imaginary lines are everywhere!

1. What do we call the line between the earth or sea and the sky?
2. Ali shouldn't have done that. He was wrong. He *
3. What is the line called between the land and a sea or ocean?
4. A military man must obey orders at all time. He must *
5. What do we call a line of military vehicles all traveling together in the same direction?
6. If you step over that line, I will take action, because I consider that a *
7. What do we call the line that divides the earth into the northern hemisphere and the southern hemisphere?
8. If you break a rule or cause an accident, the captain will send you to the guardhouse. The captain takes *
9. What do we call the lines on the face or hands of an old person?
10. I must see others before I see you. Please be patient and *

10. The following matching exercises focus on the car and its parts used figuratively. Most of the usages come from the glossary entries for **engine** and **mechanism**.

Drive safely, and have a safe trip!

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| 1. You need to get busy | a. it's time to <u>tap the brakes</u> on employment. |
| 2. We have more than enough workers, | b. we're just <u>spinning our wheels</u> . |
| 3. Who is in charge at the school? | c. he's <u>asleep at the wheel</u> . |
| 4. Mr. South doesn't know what's going on, | d. and <u>step on the gas</u> . |
| 5. We're not making any progress, | e. Yeah, it's <u>firing on all cylinders</u> . |
| 6. Anthony Joshua looks tired. | f. Yeah, he's <u>running out of gas</u> . |
| 7. The factory is operating 24/7. | g. Mr. South is <u>in the driver's seat</u> . |
| 1. That was a difficult time in my life, | a. and get ready for <u>a wild World Cup ride</u> . |
| 2. We won't buy that company | b. Yeah, he's got <u>a great engine</u> . |
| 3. Look at Al-Dawsari run all over the field! | c. over the Hijaz for the next two days. |
| 4. The rainstorm will remain <u>parked</u> | d. before we <u>kick the tires and look under the hood</u> . |
| 5. We aren't making much progress, are we? | e. but I thank God it's <u>in the rear-view mirror</u> now. |
| 6. <u>Fasten your seatbelts</u> , TV viewers, | f. No, our momentum has <u>stalled</u> . |
| 7. I haven't see Mr. North for two weeks. | g. Didn't you hear? He had a nervous <u>breakdown!</u> |
| 1. We're not making any progress, are we? | a. No, we're <u>stuck in a ditch</u> . |
| 2. Anthony Joshua looks tired. | b. it's running at <u>full throttle</u> . |
| 3. The factory is operating 24/7, | c. is <u>a tune-up</u> for combat. |
| 4. So who is in charge of the school now? | d. Mr. North is <u>at the steering wheel</u> . |
| 5. All military training | e. Yeah, Usyk is a real <u>sparkplug</u> . |

6. Just look at Usyk box circles around Joshua. f. and stay in your lane.
 7. You should mind your own business g. Yes, his tank is empty.

11. The following is based on the language found in the glossary entry for **time: distance**.

Time is distance

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| 1. We drove (for) <u>a long distance</u> . | We drove (for) <u>a long time</u> . |
| 2. A mile is <u>a short distance</u> . | A minute is <u>a short time</u> . |
| 3. Rumah is <u>close</u> . | Ramadan is <u>close</u> . |
| 4. We are <u>close to</u> Rumah. | We are <u>close to</u> Ramadan. |
| 5. Bahrain is <u>300 miles away</u> . | Graduation is <u>3 months away</u> . |
| 6. We have <u>a mile to go</u> . | We have <u>an hour to go</u> . |
| 7. Jeddah is <u>a long way off</u> . | Vacation is <u>a long way off</u> . |
| 8. Jeddah is <u>a long way away</u> . | Vacation is <u>a long way away</u> . |
| 9. The bank is <u>just around the corner</u> . | Spring is <u>just around the corner</u> . |
| 10. Dammam is <u>in sight</u> . | The end of the war is <u>in sight</u> . |
| 11. Jeddah is <u>on the horizon</u> . | Victory is <u>on the horizon</u> . |
| 12. On a <u>distant / remote planet</u> ... | In the <u>distant / remote future</u> ... |

It makes a nice classroom chart.

To the ESL / EFL teacher

1. Because figurative language is such an integral part of common, everyday language, we EFL / ESL teachers should teach the terms *literal* and *figurative* at the beginning level and say them at least as often as we say *noun*, *verb*, *adjective*, *adverb*, and *collocation* in our classrooms. I don't use the terms *metaphor* or *idiom*, because the former is so closely attached to literary studies and cognitive linguistics, and the latter is associated with dictionaries of idioms that include relatively useless and rarely used expressions like "It's raining cats and dogs." The simple basic question that all teachers can ask about any vocabulary item they teach is, "Can this be used figuratively?" In many cases, it can and often is, and this dictionary and thesaurus will help those teachers with that question. Just look up the word.
2. To explain figurative usage to our students, we can use the same language that we teach them in our lessons and that is used to define second and third senses, etc., for words in a conventional dictionary: "like," "as," "similar to," "equal to," "equivalent to," "comparison," "resemble," "suggest," "has the shape of," "has the role of," "acts as," etc.
3. "Extra" senses can provide real communicative utility. For example, a simple word like *path* can allow us and our students to talk about conduct, easiness and difficulty, and the future, not simply a walk from point A to point B. Figurative language can be oblique and subtle, and in my own experience it has allowed me to mention or discuss things with students that might otherwise have caused controversy and problems.
4. Students (and all of us) will encounter the figurative sense of some words far more often than the literal sense. Consider the word *dinosaur*. Literal dinosaurs disappeared from the earth long before humans: paleontologists study them. And yet, people nowadays will often encounter the figurative usage of *dinosaur* that relates to **primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence** and to **past & present**. *Magnet* is another example, and *pitfall*. I'm sure you can come up with your own examples.
5. Just about every part of speech can be used figuratively: nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, and prepositions, even interjections and lexicalized gestures. Seals are a *magnet* for sharks. He *killed* the proposal. She greeted me *warmly*. It was a *sharp / stinging* rebuke. I am *with* you. Her performance *wowed* me. The movie was a big *yawn*.
6. As English teachers, we all know the importance of collocation in vocabulary teaching, even if we are teaching old-fashioned materials that ignore it. Often there is a collocating preposition: Makkah is a magnet *for* Muslims. Or the phrase is pre-modified by a classifying adjective: a *political* firestorm; *financial* doping in soccer; an *astronomical* rate, a *stellar* record, etc. Most curriculums, including the ALC/DLI, do a poor job of teaching such classifying modifiers. Collocation can reveal sets of subjects and objects, and it is an especially good way to recycle previously learned vocabulary.

7. Prepositions. The first sense in most dictionaries is spatial, and that is how our textbooks present them and how we teach them. When we teach *in front of*, we always teach it spatially: “The car is in front of the bus.” But that same preposition can refer to the **future**: “She has her whole life *in front of her*.” And it can also relate to **proximity**: “The answer is *in front of you*.” At least three prepositions relate to **allegiance, support & betrayal**: “I am *for* the measure. We stand *behind* the new law. I am *with* you in your attempts to change things.” When it comes to **hierarchy**, a person can be *above* or *below* another person. To see a list of prepositions and their non-spatial meanings, look in the thesaurus under **prep, adv, adj, particle**.

8. We tend to think of the past, present and future as grammar. But time is embodied in words like *fossil, dinosaur, horizon, crystal ball, time capsule*, etc. Or in persons like a *fortuneteller, oracle* or *prophet*. Time is very interesting. For example, time can seem like a place: “We have been here before” (in the past) and “Where do we go from here?” (in the future). Time can entail distance: “Spring is just *around the corner*,” and “The Paris Olympics are still *a long way off*.” (See the above “Lessons and exercises” for a chart “Time is distance.”) In one conception of time, “the future is forward and the past is behind.” See **future and past & present** and **time** in the thesaurus for possibilities.

9. Don’t be afraid to think about and teach grammatical metaphor and fictive verbs. Grammatical metaphor simply provides alternatives to the structures we already teach. You can say, “*There is* a lamp in the corner.” But you can also say, “A lamp *stands* in the corner” or “*You have* a lamp in the corner.” You can say, “*We walked to town* along the road” but you can also say, “The road *took us* to town.” You can say, “I got home in early May,” but you can also say, “Early May *saw me* back home.” You can say, “I had a lot of problems,” but you can also say, “I *encountered / met with* a lot of problems.” “There has *been...*” can often be restated as, “We have *seen...*” Offer both choices. We tend to teach the former and ignore the latter.

10. When you teach a “bland” verb, try to think of a synonym that is figurative: Can you *help* me, can you *lend a hand*? What did you *find*, what did you *dig up*? He *betrayed* me, he *stabbed me in the back*. *Be patient, hold your horses*. I *support* you, I am *with* you, I *stand with* you, I *stand behind* you, I will *back you up*, I’ve *got your back*! I *understand*, I *see*, I *get it*. Don’t be afraid, you must *resist* him, *stand up to* him, *take him on*. Students will commonly acquire and productively use the figurative equivalent.

11. Never miss a chance to add value to a word. Is it also a shape? What are its parts? Is it a part of a proper noun? A geographical feature? The name of a company or product? Is there a euphemism for it? Does the word have an interesting origin and history? Can you use the word as a springboard for a bit of content?

12. As English teachers, we know all about teaching parts-wholes. Those parts are often figurative. A chair has legs and a back, a mouth has a roof, a book has a spine. A bed has a head and a foot. A mountain has foothills. Whole-parts like these are the basis of simple riddles we learn as children: What has legs but can't run, a back that can't bend? And you can use the first person pronoun to make such a riddle sound even more opaque and strange: "I have legs but can't run, I have a back but it can't bend... What am I?" Of course, your students will "turn the tables on you" and insist on stumping *you* with the riddles from their culture.
13. Try to think of and include a variety of subjects and objects for the grammar patterns you teach. *Ali / the bookcase is standing in the corner. Sugar / Sara is sweet. Open the door / your book / your mind. A car / Winter is approaching. I'm allergic to penicillin / people who think they know it all. A millimeter / life is short. You can arrive at a place. You can arrive at an answer or solution.*
14. Clines are always useful for organizing vocabulary in sets. In "Lessons and exercises" above, the first lesson involves organizing words relating to **health & medicine** on a cline. A similar lesson could be given based on words relating to temperature that relate to **emotion**. Our curriculums are good at teaching *hot, warm, and cold*. Less good at teaching *tepid, or lukewarm*, or combinations like *boiling-hot* and *freezing-cold*.
15. Sets and series are always useful for organizing vocabulary. Spring is a **season**, and we always teach "spring, summer, fall and winter" as a set, but we can also relate that same set to **death & life**, or to **growth & development**. In Saudi Arabia, when I introduced this word to my students, following the ALC/DLI curriculum, I used to give my adult military students the following riddle: "A happy dancing young girl in a green dress. A strong young man with yellow hair. A crying lady in a brown dress. A shouting angry old man with white hair... What are they?" Answer: the four seasons! Arab students appreciate such personification and especially appreciate symmetry. The fact that their climate has essentially two seasons does not make them any less interested in the seasons in *my* country; after all, the goal of many of them is to graduate from the program and then be sent to the U.S. for follow-on training (FOT). And don't forget all the seasons like the hunting season, etc. Language related to a **plant** and the life cycle of a **fire** relate to the same concepts. *Sweet, salty, bitter* and *sour* can relate not only to **taste** but also to **character & personality**. Again, my military students enjoyed and appreciated the metaphoric extension.
16. An easy lesson is to simply think of something you or your students might be interested in. For example, students studying academic English should be very interested in words and expressions related to **analysis, interpretation & explanation**. An engineer might be interested in the language associated with **infrastructure**. Some teachers are interested in the expression of **feeling, emotion & effect**, and they will find a comprehensive listing of such language in the thesaurus. My adult military students in Saudi Arabia—the home of the Arabian horse—always enjoyed idioms associated with the **horse**, and I was also pleased to

discover many of them shared my enthusiasm for **boxing**. Of course, they had their favorites! Nothing is so basic to all people as the **hand**, so try doing a lesson just devoted to that. Idioms range from **help & assistance** to **oppression**. And it is easy to pantomime expressions like *hand out* and *give / lend a hand* and *have the upper / whip hand*. Such a lesson would make a nice lesson in a place like Kosovo, where your classroom might be a café, your textbook is you, and where your students—poor as they are—will insist on paying for your coffee. You want to give a good lesson to students like that!

17. Expressions related to **gesture** and **bodily reaction** are easy to pantomime. I went to the director to get his *approval* and he gave me *the thumbs up*. / I didn't *realize* that, thank you for *opening my eyes*. / That film *bored* me, it was *a big yawn*. Pairs like these make easy matching exercises.
18. As mentioned above, a name for a **person** (*pioneer, acolyte, steward, leper, butcher, warrior clown*, etc.) is often used figuratively. You can find a list at **person** in the thesaurus of this work. All teachers are aware of the sequence of grammar, and in Saudi Arabia, in military environments, a semi-insult like *bully* is a good way to exemplify it. "You are a bully!" Or, "You are a *big* bully!" Or, "You are *such* a bully! Use the negative imperative + noun pattern and you get, "Don't be a bully!" Use stop + being + noun and you have "Stop being a bully!" Or substitute *donkey*. Donkey is not a vocabulary item in the ALC/DLI, but everyone I taught in Saudi Arabia know it in English, and its connotation.
19. Use analogies; like metaphors, they compare and make connections. I usually introduce them in the following form: Stand up is to resist as _____ is to surrender. The center is to a circle as _____ is to a hurricane. Spring is to a young man as _____ is to an old man. A period of time is to the life of a man as _____ is to a book. Articles can be especially problematical and this is a chance to use them. When students give answers to analogies like these, even when they gave me the anticipated answer, I always ask them to explain their answers using complete sentences. Analogies like these can be used at the most basic level and students find them novel and interesting. A ship is to the sea as _____ is to the desert is one I often gave in Saudi Arabia. Don't forget to ask why.
20. Teachers can incorporate figurative language into routine classroom language. If your students get too noisy, you can say, "Hey, turn down the volume!" or "Lower the temperature!" or "Cool down" or "Keep cool!" or "Let's dial it back!" or "Don't be such a hothead!" If a student becomes too impatient, you can say, "Hold your horses!" Instead of asking if a student understands or not, you might ask, "Are you in the dark?" You can use lexicalized gestures to praise: "I salute you," "I applaud you," "I take my cap off to you." When a student's feelings get hurt, you can say, "A military man needs thick skin!" Students tend to hear, note, and acquire such figurative language, especially if it is repeated day in and day out. More importantly, though, it gives the figurative nature of language its due.

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

An alphabetized list of the categories in the thesaurus

Every main word entry in the dictionary is tagged: *target(s): source(s)*.

Target(s). As an English language teacher / instructor / trainer, have you ever had to teach about ability / capability? Of course you have! “Ability” is often a vocabulary item, and we speak about ability during our grammar lessons on “can + v” and “be able to + to v.” But there are plenty of non-grammatical ways to express the idea of ability and inability, both literal and figurative, that we use all the time, and you will find them by looking at **ability & lack of ability** in this glossary. “Can he read?” “No, he is illiterate.” “Can he fix a computer?” “Yes, he is a wizard!” In the military, the bombs can be dumb, smart, or brilliant.

Source(s): As English language teachers, most of us have taught a lesson on colors. We usually teach them at a basic level as a set without collocation and introduce, review, quiz and test them quite simply: “What color is this?” “Green.” Go to **color** in the thesaurus of this work, and you will get a lot of ideas on how to make colors more interesting and relevant to your students, throughout your curriculum. *What* can colors relate to / refer to / represent? Colors can occur in proper names. On the world map in my classroom in Saudi Arabia, I always enjoyed pointing out the “color” seas to my military students: the Red Sea; the Black Sea; the White Sea; the Yellow Sea. Colors can relate to experience: he is green, he is a greenhorn. Colors can relate to feeling, emotion & effect: The question, “Are you blue?” never failed to make my students smile. Not because Arabs are literal minded—they talk about teachers having black and white hearts—but because the ALC/DLI is so relentlessly literal. Colors can relate to sanctioning, authority & authority: green light, red light, etc. And I can do all this in an introductory class, using the simplest grammar: The Red Sea; He is green; Are you blue?; You have the green light, go ahead. Negotiating the meaning has never been a problem.

While I was on vacation in the States once, during a time of terrorist events and a war overseas, my worried father suggested to me, “Joe, why don’t you stay home and get a Ph.D. in Linguistics?”

To which I replied, “Dad, have you ever *read* a linguistics book!”

Category names or tags, inside and outside of this work, are a hodgepodge. There is no thesaurus category in this work for what Barbara Dancygier and Eve Sweetser refer to as “X-is-the-new-Y Construction.” But plenty of examples are to be found in this dictionary at “new (orange is the new black, etc.)”. Lakoff and Johnson talk about cause and effect. In this work, figurative ways to express cause and effect, reason and result, can be found in the thesaurus at **relationship**. I did not create a thesaurus entry for metonymy (I wish now I had). But people interested in that, and in image metaphors, might glance at the thesaurus entry **sign, signal, symbol**. “Fictive X,” a term I acquired from reading Angela Downing, proved very useful to me: **fictive communication, fictive motion**, etc.

When it comes to the tags, I simply did the best I could. And there I leave it, until the experts come along and do better.

target

ability & lack of ability
absorption & immersion
acceptance & rejection
access & lack of access
accusation & criticism
achievement, recognition & praise
action, inaction & delay
activity
admiration & contempt
affliction
allegiance, support & betrayal
allusion
alternatives & choices
amelioration & renewal
amount
amount & effect
analysis, interpretation & explanation
appeal
appearance
appearance & disappearance
appearance & reality
area
assembling
attachment
attainment
attempt
attention, scrutiny & promotion
attenuation
attraction & repulsion
avoidance & separation
bases
behavior
biodiversity, nature & life
branching system
campaign
center & periphery
certainty & uncertainty
character & personality
characterization
coercion & motivation
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning
commitment & determination
comparison & contrast
competition

target

complexity
comprehension & incomprehension
computer
concealment & lack of concealment
condition & status
configuration
conflict
confronting, dealing with & ignoring things
consciousness & awareness
constraint & lack of constraint
consumption
contempo-speak
content
context
control & lack of control
corruption
cost & benefit
courage & lack of courage
course
cover
creating & transformation
curtailment
danger
death & life
decline
dependency
destruction
development
development, easiness & effort
directing
direction
dismissal, removal & resignation
disruption
division
division & connection
dominance & submission
driving force
eagerness & reluctance
effect
empathy & lack of empathy
enthusiasm
environment
epithet
equilibrium & stability

target

euphemism
evidence
experience
experimentation
extent & scope
failure, accident & impairment
fantasy & reality
farming & agriculture
fate, fortune & chance
feeling, emotion & effect
fictive communication
fictive meeting & seeing
fictive motion
fictive position
fictive possession
fictive transportation
flaws & lack of flaws
force
functioning
future
geography
giving, receiving, bringing & returning
gossip
government
group, set & collection
growth & development
guilt
haste
heart
help & assistance
hierarchy
history
hyperbole
idea
identity & nature
importance & significance
impression
inauguration
inclusion & exclusion
increase & decrease
initiation
insult
interest
involvement
isolation & remoteness

target

judgment
knowledge & intelligence
language
leaking
location
measurement
mental health
message
migration
military
mind
mixture
money
movement
obligation
obstacles & impedance
occurrence
operation
opportunities & possibilities
oppression
orientation
origin
past & present
perception, perspective & point of view
performance
person
place
portal
position, policy & negotiation
possession
power
predation
presence & absence
pressure
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence
priority
product
progress & lack of progress
proper name
protection & lack of protection
proximity
punishment & recrimination
pursuit, capture & escape
readiness & preparedness
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion

target

reference
relationship
repetition
representation
reputation
resemblance
resiliency
resistance, opposition & defeat
responsibility
restraint & lack of restraint
revenge
reverence
reversal
role
route
sacrifice
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity
script
searching & discovery
sequence
sex
shape
sight
sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty
situation
size
social interaction
society
sound
source
speech
speed
starting, going, continuing & ending

source

acceptance & rejection
addiction
adverb
affirmation
affix
air
alcohol
allusion
amount
analogy
animal

target

storm
strategy
strength & weakness
substance & lack of substance
subterfuge
success & failure
sufficiency, insufficiency & excess
superiority & inferiority
superlative
supplying
surveillance
survival, persistence & endurance
suspicion
taking & removing
target
taxonomy & classification
throwing, putting & planting
time
timeliness & lack of timeliness
transmission
transportation
unanimity & consensus
violence
vocative
wants, needs, hopes and goals
warning
welcome
welcome
wheat
work & duty
worth & lack of worth

source

antiques
apple
arm
astronomy
atmosphere
ax
baby
back
ball
balloon
baseball

source

basketball
bell
Bible
biology
bird
birth
blade
blanket
blood
boat
bodily reaction
body
books & reading
bottle
boundary
boxing
breadth
breathing
bridge
bubble
bullet
burden
burial
canal
cards
carpets & rugs
cat
center & periphery
chain
chemistry
chess
circus
clock
cloth
clothing & accessories
cloud
color
consumption
container
control & lack of control
cooking
corner
cows & cattle
crashes & collisions
creature

source

crime
dam
day
death & life
depth
desert
destruction
division & connection
direction
distance
document
dog
doors & thresholds
ear
earth & world
earthquake
electricity
engine
epistemology
epithet
equilibrium & stability
erosion
exclamation
explosion
eye
face
family
fan
farming & agriculture
fatness & thinness
fence
filler
film & TV
finger
fire
fish
fist
flags & banners
flood
flying & falling
fog
food & drink
foot
football
force

source

forest
fortification
fountain
fox
frog
fruits & vegetables
functioning
gambling
gate
geometry
gesture
gift
giving, receiving, bringing & returning
glacier
government
ground, terrain & land
hair
hammer
hand
hardness & softness
hat
head
health & medicine
heart
heating water
heel
height
history
hole
horizon
horn
horse
hour
house
hunting
hygiene
Iliad & Odyssey
infrastructure
insect
introductory
island
journeys & trips
judgment
jungle
justice

source

key
knee
knife
ladder
language
lap
leg
letters & characters
life span
light & dark
lightning
line
lion
love, courtship & marriage
magic
manufacturing
map
mark
materials & substances
meat
mechanism
memorization
mental health
messaging
middle ages
military
mining
mirror
mixture
money
moon
mountains & hills
mouth
movement
music
nail
neck
negation
nose
nuclear energy
number
object
objectification
orientation
part of speech

source

party
path
pendulum
physics
picture
pile
place
plane
plant
platform
polemics
position
possession
potato
predation
prep, adv, adj, particle
presence & absence
pressure
proximity
pump
puppet
purses & wallets
puzzle
radio
rain
rat
religion
reported speech
riding
river
rocket
roof
rope
route
royalty
rubbing & washing
ruins
scale
school & education
sea
season
sensation
sex
shadow
shape

source

shark
sheep
shoulder
sign, signal, symbol
size
skeleton
skin, muscle, nerves & bone
sky
sleep
smell
snake
snow & ice
society
sound
space
speech
speed
spider
sports & games
stair
standing, sitting & lying
statue
stomach
storm
subterfuge
sun
surveying
swamp
sword
table
target
taste
teeth
temperature
tent
theater
throat
throwing, putting & planting
thumb
ticket
tide
tiger
toe
tongue
tools & technology

source

train

tree

tsunami

umbrella

upspeak

verb

violence

vocal fry

volcano

walking, running & jumping

wall

warehouse

waste

water

wave

weapon

weather & climate

wedge

weight

wheat

whip

wind

window

wolf

wounds & scars

wrestling

writing & spelling

zoo

The dictionary of collocations

A

ablaze (adjective)

ablaze with passion

his speech began in a quiet smolder and ended ~

ablaze with speculation

the Internet was ~ about why...

set the internet ablaze

he ~ by sipping espresso martinis with Timothee Chalamet

set social media ablaze

his murder has ~ (of a young rapper)

set Twitter ablaze

his late-night tweet ~

stay ablaze

Ja'Marr Chase ensured the feud would ~ (NFL)

♦ "Start a discussion, not a fire. Post with kindness. Read our guidelines here. What do you think?" (A *Newsweek* HYS for online commenters.)

♦ "A Texas woman ended up burning down her home in a heated battle with a snake. When the Texarkana resident spotted the serpent in her garden, she doused it with gasoline and set it ablaze. The flaming snake slithered into a nearby brush pile, igniting it and the house in a conflagration..."

activity / initiation / feeling, emotion & effect: fire

about (it's about, it's all about, etc.)

it's about me

~ feeling my best (modeling clothes)

it's about presenting

~ something timeless, classic... (modeling clothes)

it's about providing

~ a space, bringing people together (Chinatown store)

it's about not having to label

~ everything (Harry Syles, about sexuality)

it's about courage

~ not to go to the Vietnam War (Ken Burns on Ali)

it's about the fearlessness

~ of the female spirit ("Fearless Girl" statue)

it's all about that dog

~ he's going to bring... (the boxer Joseph Parker)

it's about instant gratification

with a hookup, ~ (young women)

it's about possibility

inclusive language, ~ (NPR's Kelly McBride)

it's about sisterhood, and self-empowerment

~ (2017 film *Girl's Trip*)

♦ Sounds like a Millennial or Zoomer elevator pitch, doesn't it?

contempo-speak: language / prep, adv, adj, particle

about-face (in an about-face)

in an about face

~, the President abandoned his plan to...

in an about face from a year ago

~, Congress voted to expand...

in an embarrassing about face

~, officials acknowledged that...

reversal: direction / military

about-face (other)

about face for Pakistan

his policies, if successful, will mean a real ~

about-face for the government

the request is an ~ (Afghanistan)

about-face from a year ago

the space agency's new policy is an ~

about-face on the bill

he deserves credit for his ~

about face with regard to Israel

he has done an ~

abrupt about-face

the admission was an ~

belated about-face

the ~ won't fool the people (by a government)

ecological about-face

earth has done an ~ (NASA statement)

ideological about-face

the literature of ~ includes...

about-face came

his ~ after...

did an about-face

the military ~

done an about face

he has ~ with regard to Israel (a leader)

♦ "Fall in!" "Attention!" "Left face!" "Right face!" "About face!" "Forward, march!" "Road guard... post!" "Column... halt!" "At ease!" "Fall out!" (Military commands.)

reversal: direction / military

about-turn (noun)

about-turn on the subject

the government's seeming ~ of Islamic law

diplomatic about-turn

this latest ~ on Syria

sudden about-turn

athletes are shocked and outraged at Wada's ~

reversal: direction

above (above the fray, etc.)

above the fray

he is trying to stay ~ (a politician)

behavior: direction / height / prep, adv, particle

above (above the law, etc.)

above the law

not even the president is ~

nobody is ~ (judge arrested)

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

above (hierarchy)

above him in the pecking order

the fit-again Erik Lamela is ~ (Tottenham Hotspur)

♦ "But when it is the other way about—when it is a case of a poor man aspiring to some woman who is 'above' him—Dickens instantly retreats into the middle-class attitude. He is rather fond of the Victorian notion of a woman (woman with a capital W) being 'above' a man. Pip feels that Estella is 'above' him, Esther Summerson is 'above' Guppy, Little Dorrit is 'above' John Chivery, Lucy Manette is 'above' Sydney Carton. In some of these the 'above'-ness is merely moral, but in others it is social. There is a scarcely mistakable class-reaction when David Copperfield discovers that Uriah Heep is plotting to marry Agnes Wickfield." ("Charles Dickens" by George Orwell.)

hierarchy: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

aboveboard (adjective)

aboveboard

everything I did was ~

ethically above board

AI experts cautiously see new platform as ~ (The Shotline)

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

subterfuge: cards / direction

abrasive (adjective)

abrasive and annoying

he is ~

brilliant and abrasive

a ~ engineer named...

character & personality: sensation

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

absolutely (contempo-speak)

absolutely be watching

you should ~ 'South Side' (HBO Max sitcom)

absolutely need to know

the Olympic storylines you ~ (2016 Rio)

absolutely shows

yeah, I think it ~ that... (punditry on NPR)

Absolutely Everything

The Complete Guide To ~ (Abridged) (!)

absolutely confident

I'm ~ that what we're doing is the right thing to do

absolutely dangerous

that is ~

absolutely horrific

'~' stories show 'culture in cricket is rotten' (BBC)

absolutely horrified

official '~' with...

absolutely terrified

I was ~

absolutely true

10 ~ stories about...

absolutely ready

we are ~ to start shipping out vaccines

absolutely exactly

see *exactly* (contempo-speak)

absolutely, I mean

see *I mean* (filler)

absolutely just

see *just* (filler)

absolutely kind of

see *kind of* (contempo-speak)

absolutely really

see *really* (gushing)

Absolutely. Well

see *well* (filler)

do absolutely

I ~ worry about body image stuff
so I ~ remember my mother saying...

does absolutely

certainly this ~ intersect with whatever...

I think absolutely

~ we would have...
~ it does...

I think, absolutely,

~ this type of care could be done...

kind of absolutely

to have this ~ brutal internecine warfare (politics)
we've to ~ scramble those guys (Arghandab Valley)
that ~ clean, pressed demeanor that he presents to the world

really, absolutely

it's ~ spectacular (a free online tool)\
and that means it is ~ critical (for leopards in Cambodia)
this Tri-Faith Initiative has ~ moved our hearts

really absolutely
there was ~ no hope...
this ~ is paradigm-shifting
and there's ~ nothing the UK is going to gain...

Totally. Absolutely
Oh, yeah. ~, Afram says, and giggles...

totally, absolutely
it's ~ false (politics)
it's irrevocably, ~ linked to man-induced climate change
Oh, yeah! No ~. Usually...

Yeah, absolutely.
~ Look, the act has a very simple agenda
~ So if Haley can show up... (political punditry)
~ And also with the legislative change...
~ I mean, it is a compliment...
~ And I think that a lot of our creative process...

yeah, absolutely.
Oh ~

Yeah, I think absolutely
~. The Trump administration has really...
~, the Paralympics are (modeled on regular Olympics)

yeah. Totally. Absolutely
"Oh, ~," Afram says, and giggles...

You know, absolutely
~, people of color in this country have...

you know, absolutely
if this were the U.S. and Detroit, ~

♦ In its most wretched usage, "Absolutely" is the immediate response to a yes-no question.

♦ In its second most wretched usage, "absolutely" is a response for "Thanks."

♦ "The Olympic storylines you absolutely need to know." (Storylines from the Rio 2016 Olympics.)

♦ NPR: Those are my favorite! / JB: Oh, yeah! No totally, absolutely. Usually most bands that have blown me away that I've never heard from or seen before that I see that are just in and out I'm just like, 'Holy hell!' ("Touche Amore: A Hardcore Band Finds Comfort In Distance" by Lars Gotrich, NPR, All Songs Considered, December 9, 2011.)

♦ "There's absolutely no risk, none, for the people in Atlanta. If there is a risk, it would be..."

♦ "We have learned absolutely nothing. It's absolutely the truth."

*** analysis

♦ "Banished in 1996, but deserves a repeat nope given its overuse. Usurped the simple 'yes,' laments a contributor. Another condemned it as 'the current default to express agreement, endemically present on TV in one-on-one-interviews.' Frequently 'said too loudly by annoying people who think they're better than you,' bemoaned an aggrieved observer. 'Sounds like it comes with a guarantee when that may not be the case,' cautioned a wary watchdog." ("Absolutely" is on the Lake Superior State University 2023—Words banned for 'misuse, overuse, and uselessness.")

contempo-speak: adverb

absorb (a country, etc.)

absorbed Kyrgyzstan
Imperial Russia ~ and its nomadic tribes

ability to absorb

their language's ~ new words (German)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

absorb (books, culture, etc.)

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

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

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

absorbed (Islamic) principles and traditions
the young prince ~

absorption & immersion: verb / water

absorb (punishment, etc.)

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

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

absorption & immersion: verb / water

absorbed

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

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

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

absorption & immersion: water

abundance (amount)

abundance of caution
out of an ~, we are altering the production plan (virus)

♦ This word comes from the Latin *unda*, or wave. The root is more obvious in a word like *inundate*. Still, it's a nice way to think of the meaning.

amount / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: sea / water / wave

abuzz (activity)

abuzz with activity
the base is ~ (as US leaves Afghanistan)

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

had people abuzz
the news ~ this morning (politics)

kept this peninsula abuzz
gold mining and logging once ~ with activity

activity: animal / insect / sound

abyss (noun)

financial abyss

there seems to be no way out of this ~

on the brink of a (sectarian) abyss

the country is walking ~ (protests)

on the edge of electoral abyss

his campaign teetered ~, but he is scrambling his way back

fall into an abyss

women ~, and they can't get out (eating disorders)

plunged into a (political) abyss

the country ~ after...

plunges (further) into the abyss

as Greece's blighted economy ~

pulled the (financial) system back from the abyss

the government ~

sliding into the abyss

the country is ~ (economy)

teetering towards the abyss

the city is ~ of bankruptcy

worked his way out of the abyss

he ~ of crime and hopelessness

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

destruction: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

Academy Awards (epithet)

Academy Awards of the publishing world

the National Book Awards, sometimes referred to as the ~

Academy Awards of the culinary world

it's the ~ (James Beard Foundation awards)

♦ "The National Book Awards foundation has long sought to raise the profile of its awards." (The awards have been referred to as "the *other* NBA," a wry reference to the National Basketball Association, in the same spirit that math contests are referred to as "Math Olympics" and those taking part are referred to as "mathletes." The figurative usage of "the Academy Awards of..." is a good example of linguistic piggybacking. It can refer to the most minor of contests: freelance writers and copywriter types who wish to hype their subjects have caught on to the expression, and generative AI will spread it. In twenty-five years or so, of course, the Academy Awards will be a relic of the past, as dead as the Pac 12 in sports, or our current political parties. And good riddance.)

comparison & contrast: epithet

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: epithet / film & TV

accelerant (noun)

accelerant

Twitter is the ~ for so many to spew outrage

accelerant of (global) conflict

climate upheaval is acting as an ~

accelerants of human misery

jails are ~

described the internet as an accelerant

officials ~ that speeds up radicalization

increase & decrease: fire

accelerate (verb)

accelerating their efforts

states are ~ to ban texting while driving

accelerate learning

pupils use pedal power to ~

crisis has accelerated

as the climate ~, though, it has become clear that...

inflation is accelerating

~, the Bureau of Labor Statistics says

outbreak is accelerating

the measles ~

increase & decrease / speed / starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / verb

accelerator (control)

AI accelerator

Pentagon steps on ~

political accelerator

he was pressing his ~ to the floor (politics)

pressing his (political) accelerator

he was ~ to the floor

put his foot on the accelerator

perhaps he didn't quite ~ in the early rounds (a boxer)

steps on (AI) accelerator

Pentagon ~

♦ "Now, with a Republican administration in control of Washington, Strauss was in the driver's seat, and his right foot was pressing his political accelerator to the floor." (*American Prometheus: The Triumph And Tragedy Of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.)

control & lack of control / increase & decrease / speed: mechanism / movement

accession (noun)

accession to the EU

Turkish ~ seems to be permanently on hold...

accession number

the ~ is a unique identifier (cultural property)

accession process

the ~ is dead (Turkey and the EU)

♦ "The EU pretends to negotiate, Turkey pretends to reform." (Turkish accession to the EU.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / royalty

ace (verb)

aced his job interview
he ~

success & failure: school & education / verb

ace (noun)

ace
it was time for me to bring out my ~

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

came up aces
Green's 2018 *Halloween* ~ (good box office)

pull an ace out of his sleeve
he managed to ~ (a winning card, so to speak)

strategy / strength & weakness / success & failure: cards / gambling

accompany (attachment)

accompany the tourist invasion
the economic benefits that will ~

attachment / relationship: journeys & trips / movement / verb

Achilles' heel (noun)

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

Achilles' heel of Napoleon's army
the ~ was logistics and supply (1812)

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

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

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

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

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

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

skiers' Achilles' heel
the knees are the ~

proved to be his Achilles' heel
while he excelled in wooing donors, finances ~

strength & weakness: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

protection & lack of protection: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

acid (acid debate, etc.)

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

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

acid debate
the controversy has sparked ~ (religion)

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

acid-tongued

acid-tongued
the ~ comedian (Groucho Marx)

feeling, emotion & effect / speech: chemistry / materials & substances / tongue

acolyte (noun)

acolyte of big business
he is an ~ and corporate greed

acolytes of (US) capitalism
he is like most ~

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

tones of an acolyte
he described her in ~

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

enthusiasm: person / religion
person: religion

acre (amount)

acres of (color) charts
you would need ~ to denominate Albers's palette

acres of newsprint
the interview generated ~

amount: ground, terrain & land

acrobat (person)

linguistic acrobats
slang is fine for ~ (who can code-switch)

person: circus / sports & games

ability & lack of ability / difficulty, easiness & effort: circus / person

acrobatic (adjective)

verbally acrobatic
Clinton was more intelligent, calculating, and ~ (vs. Bush)

comparison & contrast: affix

ability & lack of ability / difficulty, easiness & effort: circus / movement / sports & games

acrobatics (noun)

acronymic acrobatics

the awkwardness of the ~ (LGBTTIQQ2SA)

semantic acrobatics

Macron performed ~ (patriotism vs. nationalism)

verbal acrobatics

there are no ~ to charm (a book review)

vocal acrobatics

a sturdy rhythm section and Olivia W-B's ~ (music)

♦ "A listener dismissed NPR's use of the gender-inclusive term 'pregnant' people as an unnecessary verbal backbend." (NPR's Office of the Public Editor.)

ability & lack of ability / difficulty, easiness & effort: circus / movement / sports & games

act (insincere show)

hard-ass act

beneath their ~ they were just teens (young Marines)

maturity act

kids put on this ~ (high school)

own act

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

hard-to-get act

ditch the ~ (relationships)

ditch the (hard-to-get) act

you should ~

keep up the act

how long can he ~

put on an act

con artists know how to ~

putting on an act

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

performance / role: theater

act (performance)

circus act

he's a ~ and he's killing boxing

vagabond act

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

balancing act

setting limits, encouraging independence is a real ~

jugging act

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

difficult act

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

tough act

their father is a ~ to follow

performance / role: theater

act (clean up one's act)

cleaned up its act

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

cleaned up her act

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

clean up your act

you need to ~

amelioration & renewal / behavior: hygiene / verb

act (development)

final act

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

first act

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

last act

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

main act

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

second acts

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

development: theater

actually (contempo-speak)

actually is

now, what that ~, is... (NPR punditry)

actually might be

the first time where that ~ the case

actually said

my mom ~ she had some trouble sleeping (nervous)

actually was (super) powerful

it ~ (living together before marriage)

actually make us happier

the small joys that can ~

actually wrote it

he ~ while he was in the U.S.

actually getting

we were ~ seated at a table to sit down for dinner...

actually necessarily

the paper doesn't ~ call for action (violent protest)

actually secretly
it's ~ a dietary superhero (fiber, according to NPR)

actually, quite weirdly
in English, ~, we can even say... (Lera Boroditsky)

actually quite a horrifyingly
it's ~ potent disease state (sports gambling)

actually basically
see *basically* (*contempo-speak*)

actually do
see *do* (*emphasizer*)

actually does
see *does* (*emphasizer*)

actually even
see *even* (*contempo-speak*)

actually exactly
see *exactly* (*contempo-speak*)

actually just
see *just* (*filler*)

actually kind of
see *kind of* (*contempo-speak*)

actually pretty
see *pretty* (*contempo-speak*)

actually really
see *really* (*gushing*)

actually so
see *so* (*gushing*)

actually sort of like
see *sort of like* (*filler*)

actually, you know
see *you know* (*filler*)

actually very
see *very* (*contempo-speak*)

definitely actually
they most ~ crash (snowboarding / SBX)

I mean, actually
~, Dante, whom I talk about...
No. ~, I've been performing since I was 6 (Claire Danes)

I mean actually
~ throwing punches out on the sidewalk (got into a fight)

I think actually
~ there were only two in the first year... (cases)
but ~ that they are in the minority
~ it was the world community that wanted us to...

I think, actually
it would actually, over time, ~ shrink enrollment
the overall approach, ~ remains the same, which is...
well, ~, it has more of a...just a straight Pakistani logic
20 Republicans or, ~ 19 Republicans...

yeah, which ~, was a little bit of a blessing because...

probably actually
its ~ easier to write for other scholars than it is to...
often ~ their *parents* would get upset... (college)

really actually
there's not enough income in it to ~ survive (a sport)
were things ~ ever a dime
and so I'm ~ optimistic...
it's ~ quite exciting
and then I ~ like Pete Buttigieg (politics)

Well, actually
~, it was the survivors who...
~, this morning we saw a really big jump up in spending
~, they're both...

yeah, actually
~, your plastic coffee pod may not...

Yeah. So actually
~ drug crimes... (NPR)

You know, actually
~, yesterday was five years to the day from...

you know, actually
I'd like to see CNN, ~ have journalists (like old days)
it's not like that he was, ~ infectious to anybody...

you know actually
Well, ~, your corneas look pretty good

♦ "So, we're going to feature on our opening concert on October 14 a concerto by Villa-Lobos that he actually wrote it while he was in the United States, but..." (Conductor Marin Alsop about one of her upcoming performances.)

♦ "But what do we know about what that actually means now he actually owns the company? Do we know anything about how he..." / "Yeah, I mean he says he thinks..." (NPR punditry.)

♦ "He actually showed us a picture on his phone... Arnold actually works in the insurance industry... You know we were actually talking to Arnold..." (Heard on NPR.)

♦ "This potentially might be the first time where that actually might be the case, and we might..." (A pundit heard on NPR. "Potentially." "Might be." "Actually." "Might be." "Might...")

♦ "Free actually young porn." (A porn site.)

♦ Believe me!

*** **analysis**

♦ Linguist John McWhorter's analysis of "actually" is interesting, as always. "By the 18th-century, speakers were using it for a judgmental function." "He actually killed the cat." In his FACE typology of MPMs (modal pragmatic markers), he considers it to represent "Counterexpectation: Much to my surprise." (*Words on the Move* by the linguist John McWhorter, Chapter 1, "The Faces of English: Words Get Personal.")

♦ see also *basically* (*contempo-speak*), *definitely* (*contempo-speak*), *obviously* (*contempo-speak*), *really* (*gushing*)

contempo-speak: adverb

addict (chess addict, etc.)

chess addicts
the Internet is great for ~

movie addict
an adolescent ~

crossword puzzle addict
he is a ~

bone fishing addict
hard-core yachtsmen and ~s

total (TV) addict
I love TV, I'm a ~

generation of (tanning) addicts
tanning beds spawned a ~

person: addiction

enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine / person

addict (sex addict, etc.)

anger addict
he admitted to being an “~” (Harvey Weinstein)

power addict
he's a ~ (Harvey Weinstein)

sex addict
he admitted to being a “~” (Harvey Weinstein)

mental health: addiction / health & medicine / person

addicted (enthusiasm)

addicted to his sport
he was so ~ that he rarely spent a weekend indoors

addicted to fly fishing
my friend and I were ~ for wild brook trout

addicted to a dating game
she's a gamer, ~ called One True Prince

passionately addicted
he was ~ to Beethoven's music (Berlioz)

enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine

addicted (dependency)

addicted to (this kind of) high-paced content
people have become ~ (TikTok)

addicted to economic growth
we are ~

addicted to oil
we are ~ from the Middle East

grow (increasingly more) addicted
as we ~ to modern technology

dependency: addiction / health & medicine

addiction (enthusiasm)

Ives addiction
my ~ started one summer at music camp...

♦ Laksa fever; “everyone's just contracted this laksa fever”; “the love child of Malaysian, Indonesian and Singaporean cuisine”; love for laksa; a thing that people love; craving a fix (for laksa); the mania (for laksa); a city obsessed (with laksa); the laksa obsession; the faithful; a giant shrine is erected (for monthlong laksa festival); laksa ice-cream / smoothies / cheesecake / sausage / crocodile dumplings / beer; the

Laksa Festival Hall of Fame; the Golden Bowl award for best laksa... (“How laksa fever took hold in this Australian city” by the wonderful writer Tiffanie Turnbull, BBC, October 31, 2023. Life at “The Top End” of Oz. Super!)

enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine

addiction (dependency)

adrenalin addiction
~ drives reporters from one hotspot to another

entertainment addiction
corporate greed, ~ and political impotence (the US)

sex addiction
~ is not yet recognized as a psychiatric disorder

curb (his country's) addiction
an international accord designed to ~ to coal (Indonesia)

get off our (oil) addiction
we need to ~ (dependence on foreign oil)

dependency: addiction / health & medicine

addictive (adjective)

addictive
Thai food is ~
combat can be ~
comment boards are ~, same with Twitter, FB...

addictive (computer) games
~ are a moral hazard to youth (China)

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

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. In the foreground, there is a rabbi, standing behind a podium, addressing an audience. Behind him, in a chair, is a boy sitting in a chair with his hands politely folded. The rabbi is intoning, “We are here to witness Jacob, who screamed at his Xbox for four hours just this morning, become a man.” (*The New Yorker*, December 13, 2021.)

♦ “He had been on the Internet every day since his early teens.”

**behavior / enthusiasm / feeling, emotion & effect:
addiction / health & medicine**

address (verb)

address the problems
we must ~ that underlie the insurgency

addressed more specific rumors
she ~ as well (cold case)

address stereotypes
be prepared to ~ when you hear them

addressed (such taboo) subjects
he ~ as race and sexuality (Pryor)

addresses this
is there currently any legislation on tape that ~

addresses the (invisible and visible) wounds
the center ~ of war

fictive communication: speech / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: speech / verb
add up (verb)

added up

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

didn't add up

her story ~

when you just use your common sense, it ~ (a juror)

it just didn't make sense, just ~

doesn't add up

it ~, it's very suspicious (a suicide)

wait a second, this ~, there's a problem here

just didn't add up

why would he do that, it ~ (a disappearance)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: number

adhere (adhere to something)

adhere to

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

adhere to the norms

countries should strictly ~ of international law

attachment: materials & substances / verb

adjacent (pop-adjacent, etc.)

adjacent to the ballroom scene

Billy Porter was ~

North Face-adjacent

~ activewear for people who avoid activity (Hua Hsu)

Tess Monaghan adjacent

Dream Girl is ~, Tess actually appears (Laura Lippman)

anarchism-adjacent

~ scholars such as Marshall Sahlins (Alan Jacobs)

bagel-adjacent

the bialy, a ~ Jewish roll... (*The New Yorker*)

basketball-adjacent

Harlow's opening medley of ~ bangers (on SNL)

club-adjacent

his ~ pop R&B (Usher)

Disney-adjacent

a theater kid and ~ actor (Olivia Rodrigo)

gross-adjacent

is this behavior supposed to be gross (or at least ~), or...

jazz-adjacent

the song sounds ~, at a minimum, jazzy-ish (Adele)

pop-adjacent

the accessible, ~ punk of "All Hands On The Bad One"

lockdown-adjacent

2020, for all its ~ loneliness, still had anthems like "WAP"

lychee-adjacent

fresh longan, a ~fruit (Hannah Goldfield / *The New Yorker*)

MAGA-adjacent

not wanting people to shit on my steps doesn't make me ~

music-adjacent

showcasing various ~ pockets of the city (Philly)

porn-adjacent

a series of soft-core, ~ films, I guess you could say...

punk-adjacent

the critically acclaimed, ~ two-tone bands of... (Ska)

Q-adjacent

she latched on to Q and ~ theories (a politician)

restaurant-adjacent

one ~ business is doing well (equipment liquidator)

"rich-adjacent"

Connell gets into an elite university, where he becomes ~

rock-adjacent

a ~ album with producer...

soul-adjacent

soul and ~ music

sports-adjacent

I wrote a ~ love story (fiction)

tech-adjacent

rich, ~ people seem to dominate the E.A. movement

uptalk-adjacent

but his tone was ~ and his smile warm (a salesman)

♦ "Not all Damien Chazelle movies are about (or adjacent to) jazz..." (*Vulture*.)

♦ "An open letter signed by big name artists, art critics and art-world adjacents..." (A creative use of "adjacent" as a noun for a person, from *The Cornell Daily Sun*, "Independent Since 1880." Ithaca, New York.)

♦ see also *centered* (*survivor-centered*, etc.), *centric* (*Afro-centric*, etc.), *ish* (*androgyny-ish*, etc.), *y* (*pulpy*, etc.)

contempo-speak: affix

adolescence (noun)

during its (starry-eyed) adolescence

A.I. ~, in the sixties... (technology)

podcasting's adolescence

in 2014, ~

in its adolescence

the scandal threatened to kill off the movie industry ~

growth & development: life span

Adonis (handsome)

Adonis

the chubby man beat the ~ (Joshua vs. Ruiz / boxing)

adonis body

having the ~ doesn't make a great fighter (AJ)

appearance: allusion

adopt (verb)

Adopt A Cow

members of ~ get aged and soft cheeses...

adopt a lantern

people ~, and you can go visit your lantern in Chinatown

adopted the nickname

he ~, "pied piper of R&B" (R. Kelly)

adopted his (slash-and-burn, scorched-earth) politics

Republicans have ~

adopt a road

The Hayes Family / ~ (a sign in Asheville, North Carolina)

♦ "We've done a couple of different initiatives that we're super proud of. One is called "Light Up Chinatown" and we ended up having people adopt a lantern, and you can go visit your lantern in Chinatown. It basically brightens up the street for our elders, you know, walking the streets at night, so that they feel a little bit safer." (Joanne Kwong, President, Pearl River Mart, a notable Chinese department store.)

acceptance & rejection / possession: family / verb

adopted (adopted state, etc.)

adopted home

Asheville was her ~

adopted state

my ~ of North Carolina

acceptance & rejection: family

adopted

adopted

they want their pet ideas ~ (conservatives)

adopted as a corporate tool

PowerPoint was ~

adopted by companies

ChatGPT has been ~ for a wide range of tasks

adopted country

a road trip across my ~ (James Parker / *The Atlantic*)

acceptance & rejection: family

adore (verb)

adore

best of the summer: 6 books the critics ~

adore these Blueberry Popovers

I ~ served with blueberry jam sauce and blueberry butter

adore each other

they really ~ (Bardem about Lucy and Ricky)

adored it

I accepted my Gemini soul, in fact I ~ (Kravitz)

adore the vests

plenty of women and non-tech workers ~ (Bobby Allyn)

absolutely adore

I ~ *Succession* creator Jesse Armstrong

I ~ *A Strange Loop* (the musical by Michael R. Jackson)

sort of adore

we ~ our bosses (CEO worship)

♦ Leonardo da Vinci; Fra Angelico and Filippo Lippi; Botticelli; Bruegel... (Famous artists who painted a "The Adoration of the Magi" or "Adoration of the Kings." Others painted "The Adoration of the Shepherds.")

♦ Lake Ohrid is known as the Balkan Jerusalem.

***** analysis**

♦ John McWhorter in the introduction to his *Words on the Move* has an interesting point to make about the adjective "adorable." It has come to mean "charming" and is ordinarily applied to small things, like babies or their toys. "Curious George is adorable; the Statue of Liberty, not so much."

reverence: religion / verb

adored (reverence)

adored

they are ~ (suicide bombers)

adored (and abhorred)

tell us your most ~ holiday tunes...

critically adored

the psychological horror was ~ (2019 film *Saint Maud*)

♦ "They are understood here. They are adored. She was, is and will remain a heroine for us." (Chechen woman, speaking of Elza Gazuyeva. See the quote below.)

♦ "Why don't you meet Osama bin Laden, invite him to Brussels or to the White House and engage in talks, ask him what he wants and give it to him so he leaves you in peace? Why don't you do that? You find it possible to set some limitation in your dealings with these bastards, so why should we talk to people who are childkillers? No one has a moral right to tell us to talk to childkillers..." ("Angry Putin rejects public Beslan inquiry," Jonathan Steele in Moscow and Nick Paton Walsh in Beslan, *Guardian Weekly*, 2004. See the Wikipedia entry "Beslan school siege." Osama Bin Laden was killed in 2011, Ayman al-Zawahiri in 2022, but *the acknowledged mastermind* of 9/11, Khalid Sheikh Muhammad—whose nephew was involved in the original 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center—remains alive and is being held at Guantanamo Bay detention camp.)

reverence: religion

adrift (adjective)

adrift in the (new multiparty) sea

politicians, ~, now needed campaign funds

seemed adrift

he ~ without the army for structure (a troubled soldier)

spent years adrift

they had ~ in their diaspora (Somalis in Lewistown)

direction / division & connection: boat

course: direction / journeys & trips

control & lack of control / progress & lack of progress: boat / direction

adult (and adult in the room)

adults in the room

the cypherpunk kids versus the ~

adult table

Japan wanted to demonstrate it was an adult sitting at the ~
coolheaded adult

he came off as the ~ in the room (Federal government)

♦ "Everybody knows that chronological order is for squares and Wikipedia." (A sarcastic comment about Netflix's 10-part biopic *Dahmer—Monster: The Jeffrey Dahmer Story*, which is *not* presented chronologically.)

♦ "The kid is the innocent here. He did what his parents led him to do. The adults in the room are culpable..." (An online commenter about the OceanGate Titan disaster.)

person: baby

experience: person

growth & development: life span

adult (adulthood)

Adulthood

~ is produced by WNYC Studios (a podcast)

'adulthood' classes

some schools are offering ~ to fill the gap

Adulthood School

"~ Teaches Young Adults Grown-Up Skills" (Maine)

adulthood school

~ teaches skills to fledgling adults

Basics Of 'Adulthood'

"Colleges Teach Students The ~"

♦ Cooking dinner instead of ordering takeout; making one's own craft cocktails; changing a flat tire; making deviled eggs; folding sheets; controlling one's finances; paying bills on time... (Adulthood topics, classes.)

contempo-speak: part of speech

advance (in advance, etc.)

days in advance

the killing was planned ~

several days in advance

models predicted the high pressure ~

what is coming in advance

we increased our radar so we know ~ (public health)

time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction / distance / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

advance (a day can advance, etc.)

day advanced

as the ~, it got hotter and hotter

morning advanced

as the ~, the soldiers prepared for battle

time: direction / movement / verb

advance (verb)

advanced in jumps

his career ~

advanced with giant steps

nuclear science has ~

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

advance their cause through leadership
people who ~ or example

advance the cause

~ of freedom in Africa (US)

advance medicine

the goal of the partnership is to ~, lower costs

advance our (own negotiating) position
as we ~

advanced rapidly

mine technology ~ after World War II

career advanced

his ~ in jumps

science has advanced

nuclear ~ with giant steps

efforts to advance

~ pain research

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement / verb

advance (noun)

advances in medicine

the 20th century saw great ~

breathtaking advance

this is a ~ (legislative act)

great advance

anesthesia was a ~ in surgery

major advance

US physicians made another ~ in endocrinology

medical advance

animal testing has led to many ~s

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement

advance guard

advance guard of the feminists

she belonged to the ~ (the sculptor Kathleen Scott)

driving force: military

aegis (noun)

under his aegis

he insists the newspaper is not ~

~, sales soared (Tim Cook / Apple)

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

protection & lack of protection: military / weapon

aegis (Aegis Insurance, etc.)

Aegis Combat System

the ~ protects ships

Aegis Security Insurance Company
the ~ focuses on Property and Casualty insurance

proper name: weapon
protection & lack of protection: proper name
aesthetic (and aesthetics)

aesthetics of bureaucracy
the art for this article employs the ~ (*The Atlantic*)

aesthetic of (late-twentieth-century) zoo design
Happy's pen exemplifies the ~ (elephant at Bronx Zoo)

aesthetic of disappearance
the national history behind her ~ (Cristina Rivera Garza)

aesthetics of (particular) neighborhoods
the history and the ~ (SoHo, etc.)

aesthetics of roadhouse
a buddy-cop style with the ~

aesthetics of first-person shooter
the ~ video games

aesthetics like whimsigoth
~, and there's also grunge fairycore which is quite similar

aesthetic evolution
~ in the animal world (the peacock, etc.)

aesthetic maintenance
~ includes augmented breasts and tan skin (Hooters)

aesthetic roots
with ~ in BDSM (Isamaya line by Isamaya Ffrench)

aesthetic space
the ~ of country music (Mali Obomsawin)

aesthetic universe
the ~ of *Avatar* (the film)

aesthetic and literary
~ works labeled "dark academia"

aesthetics and styles
these ~ (of subcultures on TikTok)

aesthetic, the vibe
for bars, they talk about the ~ (Gen Z TikTok searches)

rap's (most refined) aesthetic
Westside Gunn and Conductor Williams are perfecting ~

updated aesthetics
Hooters' ~ (from short shorts to more like underwear)

Sandler aesthetic
the ~ and its defenders (Adam Sandler / Happy Madison)

balletcore aesthetic
the most literal translation yet of the ~ (pastel ensemble)
designers like Molly Goddard have embraced the ~

'Barbie' (movie) aesthetic
~ takes Big Apple by storm (NYC / summer of 2023)

chola aesthetic
the ~ was first forged by the marginalized youths...

Cholo aesthetic
the ~ derived from Los Angeles Chicano culture

dark academia aesthetic
I love the ~, the outfits, the vibe, the books...

drainer aesthetic
the ~... (see quote below)

"farmhouse chic" aesthetic
"Fixer Upper" is blamed for the spread of the ~ (HGTV)

fashion aesthetic
cottagecore is a ~ popularized by teens and young adults

femme aesthetics
Saucy Santana's unapologetically ~ in a queerphobic industry

gay aesthetic
a defined ~--at once together, at once defiant...

Gen Z aesthetic
the teen drama embodies the ~ (*Euphoria* / neon, etc.)

(VSCO) girl aesthetic
Elle credits Emma Chamberlain with popularizing the ~

"clean girl aesthetic"
the TikTok ~ has drawn criticism for cultural appropriation

"soft girl" aesthetic
the ~ began in Nigeria (young Black women)

queer aesthetics
the evolution of ~ in hip-hop (Saucy Santana, etc.)

stealth-gay aesthetic
a ~

"torture porn" aesthetic
horror dominated by a ~ (*Saw*, *Hostel*, etc.)

Post-Soul Aesthetic
Soul Babies: Black Popular Culture and the ~ (book)

Socio-Aesthetics
"The ~ of Pink" (by Liz Camp / the color not the singer)

green energy aesthetics
backlash in Vermont over ~ (wind turbines look bad)

Pretty Little Liars aesthetic
so, apparently ~ is back (Julia Guerra, InStyle)

Mob Wife Aesthetic
~ is winter's hottest trend (big hair, fur, miniskirts, etc.)

"effeminate" aesthetics
NRTA will ban ~ in entertainment shows (as indecent)

lewd aesthetic
patrons lean into Hooters' ~...

pink aesthetic
Barbie core, the 80s-inspired unapologetically ~

retro aesthetic
 twee stands for a ~ (mods, berets, mini skirts, 1960s, etc.)

twee aesthetic
 while its ~ comes with some ergonomic pain (a console)
 thrifting is core to the ~ (second-hand shops)

wild aesthetic
 efforts to preserve the area's ~ (ecotourism, etc.)

witchy aesthetic
 whimsigoth, the ~

boho, rock-goddess aesthetic
 why the ~ lives on (BBC / Clare Thorp)

cute, nostalgic rural aesthetic
 a cozy tidy garden and a ~ (cottage-core)

glam-grotesque aesthetic
 the gallery showcased a new ~ (SCREAM)

ragbag, ethnic aesthetic
 they created a ~ (bohemian fashion / 1960s)

sexy, hyper-glam, over-the-top, party-girl aesthetic
 Y2K's ~

unique, aspirational aesthetic
 Ottolenghi has its own ~ (eating, lifestyle brand)

popularization of aesthetics
 the ~ like "little Mexican girl-core"

a look, an aesthetic, and a literary sub-genre
 dark academia is ~ all wrapped up in one

style and aesthetic
 the Barbiecore trend is an homage to her bubblegum pink ~

values, aesthetics
 member of Anonymous share ~

leans into its aesthetic
 the group ~ of celebrating the common folk (music)

- ◆ "Perhaps in making a conscious effort to separate his sound from the lighter, esoteric side of the drainer aesthetic (see: Bladee), Lean goes full Joy Division by rapping over..." (Yung Lean (feat. FKA twigs), "Bliss" by Reanna Cruz, NPR Music, April 8, 2022.)
- ◆ In her article "So, Apparently Pretty Little Liars Aesthetic Is Back," (InStyle, June 8, 2022), Julia Guerra uses the word "aesthetic" six times, not including its use in the title, which she may or may not have written.
- ◆ "'Queerbaiting' essentially boils down to appropriating queer signifiers as an aesthetic only."
- ◆ "I think it's an era that like aesthetically I could really get down with." (Kemah Bob about the era of Hatshepsut on BBC's "You're Dead To Me." She specifically mentions the colors gold and blue, eyeliner, and cats.)
- ◆ "I'm so glad you found this restaurant. It's so aesthetical." ("9 MINUTES OF ANNOYING TICTOK VSCO GIRLS" (TikTok Compilation)" on YouTube.)
- ◆ "Nineteen thousand labiaplasty procedures were performed, according to the Aesthetic Plastic Surgery National Databank." (The popularity of leggings during the pandemic resulted in an increased number of labiaplasties.)
- ◆ "Estheticians knead, wax, pluck, rub, and paint people."
- ◆ "In the 1960s there were the mods and rockers. The 70s saw the disco and flower power eras, while in the 80s, new romantic style had its

heyday. Fast forward to the present..." ('Soft Girl': The radical trend millennials love" by Evie Muir, BBC, 4th December 2022.)

- ◆ Pastel colours; fluttering butterflies; warm fluffy clouds; slightly cottagecore; super-femme... (The Soft Girl aesthetic / style / trend / philosophy / personal and political act, set of ethics, etc.)
- ◆ Large hoop earrings; clothes inspired by the Cholo aesthetic; silky, long, straight hair; lightly tanned skin; thin, upturned noses; puffy, pouty lips; heavy, glamorous makeup; a snatched waist... (The "spicy Latina" cliché or "copy-paste Latinas.")
- ◆ Berets; miniskirts; A-line dresses; little dresses; colorful printed tights; Mary Jane ballet flats; oversized collars; layered cardigans; tweed; houndstooth; sweet sincerity; cute; nostalgic; kitsch; quirk; faux naiveite; indie music... (The twee aesthetic.)
- ◆ Tweed, corduroy; trousers; blazers; boating blazers; deep dark colors; a bucolic school setting; a small, elite, liberal arts college; studying the classics; libraries; aspirational students; an in crowd; the cool crowd; class obsession; elitism; wealth; exclusivity; secretiveness; a secret society; intrigue; brooding; longing; darkness; sex; sexual entanglements; knives hidden under tweed blazers; blood on sweater vests; hot academics murdering each other... (The dark academia aesthetic, from "Dark academia's deadly allure and the timeless appeal of prep style," NPR, It's Been A Minute, Dec. 16, 2022.)
- ◆ Wrap sweaters; ballet flats; leg warmers; slick-back hairstyle; pastels; pinks; leotards; unitards; open backs; tulle skirts; en pointe / toe shoes; sweet, feminine, dainty, frilly... (The cottagecore aesthetic.)
- ◆ "Big hair; furs; miniskirts; sexiness; opulence; confidence... (The Mob Wife aesthetic.)
- ◆ "Clean girl bun can cause permanent hair loss."
- ◆ "According to taste, you will either cheer her majestic gutting of twenty-first-century self-regard, and her stout defense of high aesthetic principles, or agree with the student that she's 'a fucking bitch.'" ("Baton Charge: 'Tar' by Anthony Lane, *The New Yorker*, October 10, 2022.)
- ◆ "Is boredom an aesthetic now?" (Dialogue from a transgender Pornhub video.)
- ◆ "I don't have any shame in flaunting a gold-digger aesthetic." (Linda Andrade, the "Original Dubai Housewife." Her spending sprees are watched by millions on TikTok.)
- ◆ "Behind the Art: 'We need to Take Away Children' (p. 36), an investigation of the Trump administration's family-separation policy, is the longest feature *The Atlantic* has published in a single issue in decades. The art for this article employs the aesthetics of bureaucracy—photocopied documents, torn renderings of court filings, and black-and-white photography—to evoke the trove of evidence that Caitlin Dickerson uncovered in her reporting. We found that presenting the information in stark terms made clear how administrative banality masked the callousness at the heart of the policy." (Oliver Munday, Design Director.)
- ◆ see also *core* (cottagecore, etc.)
- ◆ "It's weird that all these professors look alike. There is a 'type'—still dressing like a turn of the last century intellectual, Granny Clampett wire frames and all." (An online commenter about "Stanford professor who vanished in hike ahead of domestic violence court date is found" by Emily Crane, *The New York Post*, June 12, 2023.)
- ◆ Other pretentious and trendy words beloved by contempo-speakers and writers include: agnostic (don't know, don't care, don't have an opinion); gnosticism (special knowledge); heuristic (rule of thumb); intentional (?); lived experience (what I know to be a fact); performative (insincere, bad); precarity (precariousness); reductive (too simple); solipsistic (egotistical); and transactional (what's in it for me). Hari Kunzru's article in *Harper's Magazine* entitled "Easy Chair" includes the words "epistemological," "ontological," and gnosticism." The article is about UFOs.
- ◆ Aesthetic adventuring (Mondrian); purely aesthetic content (versus politically committed content); aesthetic experience; aesthetic flair (Faith Ringgold); aesthetic form; aesthetic judgment; aesthetic pleasure; an aesthetic sublime; aesthetic verity; "in matters of content, the politically committed and the purely aesthetic; sophisticated aesthetics..." (Collocates for *aesthetic* and *aesthetics* used by the great *New Yorker* art critic Peter Schjeldahl.)
- ◆ Aesthetic consciousness; aesthetic considerations; aesthetic distinction; aesthetic ideology; aesthetic modes; aesthetic necessity; aesthetic (and ethical) significance; aesthetically gratuitous (scenes of punitive and humiliating violence)... (Collocates for *aesthetics*, *aesthetic*

and *aesthetically* used by the classicist and literary critic Daniel Mendelsohn.)

♦ Aesthetic judgment; aesthetic preference; aesthetic principles... (Other critics.)

♦ "The question is,...Why does anyone care about Dickens? Why do I care about Dickens? / That kind of question is never easy to answer. As a rule, an aesthetic preference is either something inexplicable or it is so corrupted by non-aesthetic motives as to make one wonder whether the whole of literary criticism is not a huge network of humbug..." ("Charles Dickens" by George Orwell.)

contempo-speak: language

afford (verb)

afford

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

afford to fall

we can't ~ further behind

afford to lose

the President cannot ~ Iraq

afford to remain

we cannot ~ passive spectators to such acts...

afford another Somalia

the UN cannot ~

afford the disruption

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

cost & benefit: money / verb

aflame (resemblance)

aflame with fall color

the maple trees are ~

resemblance: fire

aflame (adjective)

aflame

the region is ~ (Middle East)

the Arab world was ~ in March 2011

aflame with (righteous) anger

at some moments we are ~

aflame with outrage

Republicans were ~ (politics)

aflame with violence

in the dying days of apartheid South Africa was ~

aflame with uprisings

YA novels imagine a world ~

still aflame

his curiosity is ~ (a filmmaker)

set hearts aflame

his verses still ~ (the Persian poet Hafez)

set the social medial world aflame

he ~ after writing... (religion)

set aflame by (recent) comments

the classical music community has been ~ from...

activity / initiation / feeling, emotion & effect: fire starting, going, continuing & ending: fire

afloat

keep the site afloat

he reassured employees he would find the money to ~

keep the studio afloat

sentiment alone cannot ~ (MGM / debt woes)

keeping the regime afloat

oil is ~

stay afloat

Iran can ~ without Western investment

he struggled to ~ (low-paying job)

he got us disaster relief to ~ (politician)

the economy is struggling to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: water

after (at a later time)

after King Hammurabi

King Solomon ruled about 700 years ~

after horses

trains came ~ (technology)

come after

see *come* (*come after* / *at a later time*)

♦ Earlier times are before later times, and later times are after earlier times, based on the time queue. The person who reaches the end of a trail reaches it earlier than the people following him or her.

sequence / time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

afterglow (in the afterglow)

in the afterglow

~ that follows the performance, the audience lingers...

in the afterglow of another championship

a decade later, ~, he said... (an athlete)

in the afterglow of (Obama's) election

she found it easier to run ~ (a politician)

in the afterglow of his (first big) role

he moved into the Chateau Marmont ~ (L.A. actor)

in the afterglow of our (rafting) trip

we relaxed and drank wine ~

in the (mellowing) afterglow of victory

~, they don't seem so fierce (elected women)

in the afterglow of their Tony wins

the films received increased business ~

basking in the afterglow

we're still ~ of the president's marvelous speech

he was ~ of a caretaker's honeymoon period (team)

bask in a (virtue-signalling) afterglow

it's easy to tweet the approved hashtags and ~

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

feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / sky

afterglow (other)

afterglow of those visits

the ~ has never worn off (celebrity visits restaurant)

afterglow of victory

the ~ was brief (political reformers)

post-World Cup afterglow

how will the ~ be reflected in attendance (US soccer)

happiness and afterglow

the party is flushed with ~ (elections)

feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / sky

afternoon (at a later time)

in the afternoon

~, we built igloos

♦ The forenoon is before noon, in the morning.

sequence / time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

aftershock (noun)

aftershocks from 9/11

the ~ forced the company to cut jobs nationwide (airline)

aftershocks from the (shareholder) revolt

the ~ will be felt across the business world

political aftershocks

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

feel the aftershocks

we will ~ of the financial crisis for a long time

amount & effect / effect / feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake

against (opposition)

against everything

I am ~ he stands for (politics)

against it

the Prime Minister is ~ (a proposal)

speak against the war

Oscar winners ~

♦ "As has been the case for most of my life, I listen to Oscar winners speak against war." (NPR's Linda Holmes.)

allegiance, support & betrayal / resistance, opposition & defeat: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

against (up against)

up against

this is what cities are ~ (hacked for ransom)

up against a (bureaucratic) juggernaut

I'm ~ that won't stop (immigration status)

up against a history

we were ~ of social injustice (prosecuting O.J. Simpson)

up against "General Winter"

he found himself ~ (Napoleon)

well up against

Mark De Mori is ~ it (a boxing match)

coming up against

it's brilliant when you get a David ~ Goliath (soccer)

ran up against

biographers ~ a wall of privacy

♦ "Mark De Mori is well up against it..." (A commentator about De Mori versus Filip Hrgovic during the buildup to the Day of Reckoning fight event in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.)

♦ "What happens when an unstoppable force comes up against an immovable object?" (Politics.)

obstacles & impedance / resistance, opposition & defeat: prep, adv, adj, particle

age (come of age)

came of age in the pandemic

mRNA technology ~

come of age

will this be the year they ~ (team in Champions League)

growth & development: life span

age (age of Trump, etc.)

age of Trump

he covered Democratic politics in the ~

age of fiscal belt-tightening

in an ~

age of edit

we are in an ~ (news, films, music, science, memes, etc.)

age of romantic giants

in an ~ he was a titan (Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)

age of social media

in this ~

age of Viagra

this is the ~, and Mr. Trink was its siren (Thailand)

age of technological wizardry

in an ~...

Gilded Age

the sixties were the ~ of rock journalism (excess)

golden age

see *golden age* (and *golden era*)

modern age
 the ~ of blockbusters (films)

for the ages
 it was a game ~ (an exciting basketball game)

age (of the steamer) lasted
 the ~ 150 years (steamboats on the Yangtze River)

♦ "We live in a subscription age and a numbers age... This is a big, big fight." (The boxing promoter Eddie Hearn at a press conference for Katie Taylor vs. Amanda Serrano, referring to DAZN, ticket sales, and social media buzz, including Twitter.)

time: history

agency (groups)

agency
 we want more than representation, we want ~ (an Asian language is ~, language is power (Korean girl in US)
 it's a story about women having ~ (Amazon's *The Power*)

agency to speak up for ourselves
 we really didn't have that ~ (a female soccer player)

agency through hyper-sexualisation
 the idea of finding ~ is freeing (film *Poor Things*)

agency, (your) autonomy
 to live with mental illness is to fight for your ~

agency or influence
 the ruling suggest strongly that he had ~ over decisions

agency, ferocity and encouragement
 inspirational declarations of ~ (the TV series *Pose*)

women's agency
 sex work and ~

her own agency
 Baker managed to have ~ (Josephine Baker in France)

female agency
 the "Dinner Party" is about ~ (Judy Chicago)

male agency
 notions of female sublimation and ~ (film "fridging" trope)

artistic agency
 she embraces ~ (Billie Eilish)

creative agency
 the requirements labels make on their artists' ~ (pop)

sexual agency
 a patriarchal world view that denied women ~

sense of agency
 having a ~ and choosing to be mean (females)

power and agency
 the tech industry is where US workers have the most ~
 build ~ in their work lives (through legal resources, etc.)

claim agency
 the online world offers somewhere for them to ~ (Gen Z)

claiming agency

women are ~ (Judy Chicago / the "Dinner Party")

denied women agency
 a patriarchal world view that ~

have that agency
 we really didn't ~ to speak up for ourselves until now

inclines towards agency
 the language around leadership ~ (gender research)

replaces agency (in kids) by learned helplessness
 CRT ~ (critical race theory)

seeking agency
 we're seeking more than just representation, we're ~

support (individual) agency
 as a humanist, a womanist, I ~ (Gazelle Amber Valentine)

take agency
 reclaim desire and ~ over your sexual experiences

♦ "You get to decide what your life looks like." (A Letter to College Sports" by Cailin Bracken.)

♦ "[Choose Your own Adventure books] invited kids to exercise some agency [italics mine]..." (Contempo-speak at its clunkiest. From *The New Yorker* in 2022. The series was launched in 1979.)

♦ "For Asians, we're seeking more than representation, we're seeking agency. We want to be able to tell our stories and show our characters in all of our splendor and complexity, because that's what it takes for people to actually see us as people... I think Asian Americans are kinda taking charge of our own destiny." (Jeff Yang, author of *Rise: A Pop History of Asia America From the Nineties To Now*. From ABC, GMA, "How movies and TV shows dehumanize and hypersexualize Asian Americans.")

♦ "I asked Frances Borzello, art historian, if there are any examples of pre-20th Century nudes expressing women's agency—for example, portraits commissioned by a wife or mistress of themselves in order to please or tantalise a partner or lover?" ("Is the nude selfie a new art form?" by Holly Williams, 18 March 2021.)

♦ "If a player does not want to get vaccinated, we will stand behind him one hundred percent. Look, players need to have agency when it comes to what they decide to put in their bodies." (Benjamin Watson, Vice President, NFL Players Association.)

♦ "To be agentic is to be confident and decisive." (Gender research.)

♦ "It's a story about women having agency, feeling safe and confident." (Amazon Prime video series *The Power*.)

♦ "The great value of Hamalainen's work is a corrective polemic. In restoring historical agency to Native peoples, he joins a number of accomplished historians..." ("On Native Grounds: For much of American history, the tribal nations were on top" by David Treuer, *The New Yorker*, November 14, 2022. Until they weren't...)

♦ "She is sex-positive and makes vivacious, danceable music, perfect for a party or a TikTok challenge. 'Players,' her biggest hit, is a two-minute ditty about young women having the same capacity for agency—sexual, musical, geographical—as men." (Coi Leray. From "The Future Of Rap Is Female" by Niela Orr, *The New York Times Magazine*, August 13, 2023. "The Hip-Hop Issue.")

♦ "AGENCY [ey-juhn-see] Your ability to make decisions about your own life. / On the island of Madagascar, bold women are ignoring social taboos to take control of their futures. They want agency over their reproductive choices because climate change is making life more and more difficult. One woman told MSI's outreach team, 'There is drought and winds that block out the sun and devastate much of our farmland. Children are dying of malnutrition.' / Empower a woman to choose. / Just \$32 will give four women contraception for a full year and greater agency over their futures. / MSI United States / Make reproductive choice possible. / msiunitedstates.org (A full-page advertisement in *The Atlantic* with picture, April 2023.)

♦ Agency in this sense is almost always a synonym for empowerment and in opposition to victimhood. It seems to be used often, but not exclusively, by women.

♦ "Whatever a woman claims she wants is an expression of female agency." (An online commenter.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "Our military leaders had no choice in the matter." (War. The Gustav Line.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

agenda (noun)

wrecking-ball agenda

they have a ~ that is rooted in nationalism (politics)

hidden agendas

the unwritten rules, ~, and minefields...

creepy agenda

it just makes you look like you have some kind of ~

personal agendas

this is stale news being recycled by those with ~

woke agenda

critics have accused Disney of pushing a ~

agenda and narrative

they want the city to burn, it helps their ~

fit your agenda

just stating the truth, sorry it doesn't ~

pursue their (own hidden) agendas

factions ~ outside of the law

pushing or suppressing agendas

people wonder if the BBC is ~

♦ "Mama's boy" is a flex, not an insult." (According to NPR's Neda Ulaby.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "So, what's on the agenda today?" (Used literally or figuratively. In either case, it's best to start with a doughnut and coffee.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: speech

inclusion & exclusion: messaging

agile (adjective)

agile development

~ means constantly making small improvements

agile and adaptive

security must be ~ (terrorism)

agile and responsive

government must become more ~ to business

ideologically agile

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

lean and agile

the company is ~

lean, agile and focused

the company is ~ on building better cars

pragmatic and agile

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

smaller, (more) agile and innovative

~ will survive

remains (as) agile (as ever)

her mind ~

ability & lack of ability: movement

agility (noun)

agility

~ requires quick-minded, flexible leaders (military)

mental agility

skills include physical toughness and ~ (military)

the president has faced questions about his ~ (age, gaffes)

tactical agility

~ is first of all a mental state (military)

ability & lack of ability: movement

agnostic (adjective)

agnostic to the prevailing political system

China is ~ of the countries it invests in

agnostic about the ideology

we're ~ (of groups we investigate for violence / FBI)

agnostic about the use

the guidelines are ~ of experimental medications (no stance)

agnostic approach

an ~, one biased in favor neither of X or Y

brand agnostic

what we're enforcing now is ~ (any vaccine will do)

fashion-agnostic

an earth-loving ~ crowd (a meeting of climate activists)

genre-agnostic

this ~ young brother was raised on opera, gospel and funk

the ~ indie scene (Lizzo, etc.)

platform-agnostic

TikTok's ~ algorithm (and lack of data protection)

commercially agnostic

a nonprofit, ~ place for serious genealogy (GED-match)

"militantly agnostic"

she takes a ~ approach to UFOs (Leslie Kean)

remain agnostic

colleges now ~ to rampant antisemitism (the U.S.)

♦ "For most of this period, the attitude of the press, the courts, and state legislatures was predominantly agnostic. They neither believed nor disbelieved in the claims of the competing groups and tried, when possible, to avoid becoming embroiled in their partisan disputes. When the regulars attacked the divergent practitioners, the press often took the side of the persecuted and called for tolerance." (*The Social Transformation of American Medicine* by Paul Starr, 1984.)

♦ "The painting's quiet default is gender agnosticism..."

♦ "At that time, the Energy Department was agnostic, it didn't have a position one way or the other. What's happened is they've done an update to this report and the Energy Department's position has shifted. It's gone from saying 'Well we don't know' to 'We think it's most likely it

did come from a lab, though with low confidence'..." (Michael Gordon, National Security Correspondent for the *Wall Street Journal*.)

♦ The religious meaning of this word has devolved to mean something like, "Not sure, who knows, unwilling to commit, non-committal, no stance, undogmatic, don't care, "Whatever," could care less..."

♦ Merriam-Webster's online entry for this word is excellent.

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON in the AARP magazine, of all places! A man is addressing another man. He says, "Do you want your eggs scrambled or hard-boiled?" The other man responds, "I don't care. I'm egg-nostic." (Contempo-speak clichés like "agnostic" can be considered dead, buried, and stupid when they appear in a cartoon, especially one in a magazine for the elderly.)

♦ Other pretentious and trendy words beloved by contempo-speakers and writers include: agnostic (don't know, don't care, don't have an opinion); gnosticism (special knowledge); heuristic (rule of thumb); intentional (?); lived experience (what I know to be a fact); performative (insincere, bad); precarity (precariousness); reductive (too simple); solipsistic (egotistical); and transactional (what's in it for me). Hari Kunzru's article in *Harper's Magazine* entitled "Easy Chair" includes the words "epistemological," "ontological," and "gnosticism." The article is about *UFOs*.

contempo-speak: language

certainty & uncertainty / commitment & determination: religion

ago (two days ago / gone by)

two days ago
they left ~

long ago
in the ~, when I was a girl

♦ This means "gone by."

past & present / time: movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

aground (run aground)

run aground
he was sure the investigation would ~ and find no evidence

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

relationship can run aground
the author-biographer ~

failure, accident & impairment: boat / verb

Aha! (Aha! moment)

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

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

♦ "The Aha moments that go from insight into action." (Spotlight Tableau GPT / business analytics.)

comprehension & incomprehension / consciousness & awareness: exclamation / speech

ahead (ahead of his time, etc.)

see *time (ahead of his time, etc.)*

ahead (the future is ahead, etc.)

what's ahead
gas hits \$5 a gallon, here's how it got here and ~

ahead of her
when you think about what was ~, it's so sad (tragedy)

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

ahead of us
the single most important task we have ~
we've got a good deal of work ~
our darkest days are ~, not behind us (pandemic)

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

challenges ahead
prepare students for the ~ (military school)
Internet "father" Vint Cerf on ~

choices ahead
he understands the hard ~ (a politician)

days ahead
there are better ~

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

STORMS AHEAD
~ (newspaper)

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

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

lie ahead
your best days ~
our best days ~

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

look ahead
let's ~ to the future
let's ~, the way you have to in a chess game (Brexit)
as we ~ to the elections coming up in November

looking ahead
~, clouds appear on the horizon (economy)

plan ahead
it's good to ~

♦ "We're so focused on what's ahead, we're not worried about what's behind us." (The boxer Anthony Joshua, speaking about his rematch with Andy Ruiz Jr. AJ had lost the first match, in a tremendous upset.)

future / time: direction / journeys & trips / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

ahead (before a future event)

ahead of elections
the increasingly bitter political climate ~ next summer

ahead of the Challenger's launch

~, analysts could have made hundreds of charts...

ahead of his upcoming trial

he was back in court ~ (Markeith Loyd / Florida)

ahead of Medvedev's visit

the admission came ~ to Warsaw

well ahead

weather forecasters saw it coming ~ of time

future / time: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.)

ahead of schedule

we are ~

get ahead of the conversation

I'm not going to ~ that will take place (speculation)

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

ahead (competition)

ahead of those

Swedish living standards are way ~ in the US

miles ahead

it was ~ of every similar application

million miles ahead

Liverpool are a ~ (of Manchester United / soccer)

two steps ahead

the virus was ~ (of preventative measures)

way ahead

Swedish living standards are ~ of those in the US

light years ahead

she was ~ of her peers

today's tech is ~ of the old techniques (forensics)

come out ahead

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

puts them ahead

their strategy ~ of other banks

competition: direction / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

ahead (progress)

far ahead

rich countries are ~ of poor ones in adapting to warming

forging ahead

other countries are ~ (aquaculture)

get ahead

never pass up an opportunity to ~

marching ahead

the science is ~ (genetic tests)

move ahead

mentally ill people struggle to ~ in their lives

we must ~ into the future

moved ahead

he cautiously ~ with privatization

moving ahead

his friends were ~ while he was standing still

plowing ahead

we are ~ (difficult medical research)

pressing ahead

the Russians are ~ with fake social media accounts

we are ~ in our efforts (government official)

push ahead

we are trying to ~

surging ahead

Southeast Asia is ~ (aquaculture)

went ahead

the program ~ and was deemed a success

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

progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

ahead (go ahead)

went ahead with the event

they ~ (in spite of pandemic)

starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

ailing (adjective)

ailing

businesses are ~ because of government regulation

ailing economy

companies are feeling the effects of the ~

the government is pumping money into the ~

ailing Macs

she tends to ~ (tech worker)

ailing (housing) market

ending the deduction could cripple an already ~

condition & status: health & medicine

aim (verb)

aim to please

we ~ (a store motto)

aiming for

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

aimed for a Friday night liftoff

the space agency ~

aim for a fun, less sanitized view

reenactors ~ of the Old West

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

aim (noun)

aim

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

aims of the campaign

ridding Iraq of WMD is one of the main ~

aim of the ceremony

the ~ is to... (Swazi reed dance)

aim of that operation

the ~ was to... (Russian military in Chechnya)

aim of the symposium

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

aim of a show of force

the ~ is deterrence (military)

aim of storing

Glen Canyon Dam was finished with the ~ water for...

aim of overthrowing

it has the stated ~ the government (an opposition group)

aim in (my) life

before Qeis, I had no ~ (a student)

aim in (this) life

everyone has his own ~, and mine is to be a martyr

nomads' (traditional) aim

the Tibetan ~ of maximizing herd size (vs. slaughter)

terrorists' aim

if the ~ was to...

intended aim

regulating the forces and means toward an ~ (military)

stated aim

it has the ~ of overthrowing the government

dual aim

the immunizations have a ~ (protect and prevent)

first aim

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

initial aim

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

primary aim

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

strategic aim

application of military capability in support of ~s

traditional aim

the Tibetan nomads' ~ of maximizing herd size

ultimate aim

his ~ is to...

unselfish aim

most seem motivated by ~s

one aim

the staff has only ~, turning fantasy into reality

several aims

President Clinton and his advisers had ~

achieve this aim

to ~, we will have to...

target / wants, needs, hopes & goals: weapon

aim (take aim at something)

take aim at (pretty much every) race

his monologues ~ he can

took aim at America

other veterans of the Russian-Afghan war ~

taking dead aim

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

target: verb / weapon

aimed

aimed at Muslims

a string of attacks by extremist Christians ~

aimed (specifically) at children

products ~

aimed at the (US) military

protest ~ have waxed and waned (S. Korea)

aimed at the superstitious

attention-grabbing advertisements ~ (muti)

aimed at abortion clinics and their workers

attacks ~ (US)

aimed at Pakistan's foreign community

an assault ~ (on a church)

aimed at modernizing

he announced a series of reforms ~ the bureau

aimed at preventing

mosquito-control programs ~ further cases (West Nile)

aimed at punishing

laws ~ habitual criminals

aimed at reducing

regulations ~ noise pollution

target: weapon

air (air of authority, etc.)

air of authority

you'll carry an ~

air of indifference

she has a calculated ~ (teen girl)

air of invincibility

America's ~ is gone (international basketball)

air of make-believe
diplomacy can have an ~ (protocol, etc.)

air of respectability
toy drives give bikers an ~

air of sophistication
she exudes an ~

air of superiority
he detected an ~

arrogant air
he had a preppie, ~ about him

carry an air
you'll ~ of authority

exudes an air
she ~ of sophistication

appearance: air / atmosphere
feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere
air (environment)

air he breathes
that's the ~ that he has internalized (Nazi website)

environment: air / atmosphere
identity & nature: air / atmosphere
air (take the air out of a room, etc.)

takes the air out of the stadium
when something like that happens, it just ~ (neck injury)

effect: air / atmosphere
feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere
air (anger in the air, etc.)

in the air
change was ~ (the law)
spring is ~
war is ~
the threat of litigation was always ~ (corporation)

anger in the air
there is much ~

electricity in the air
there is a new ~ (after combat and death)

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

feeling in the air
the ~ was he couldn't have done it (charged at courthouse)

environment / feeling, emotion & effect / presence & absence: air / atmosphere
air (up in the air)

up in the air
the school year ended with her plans ~

where things go from here is quite honestly ~
I think it's still ~ a little bit (where athlete will commit to)
the fate of Twitter is ~ this week (Elon Musk takes over)

up in the air whether
it's still ~... (making a decision)

still up in the air
her quest to land an internship is ~
when they can return to their homes is ~ (wildfires)

remains up in the air
the reason for the Moon Illusion ~

♦ "Up in the air" can link in certain cases to a phrase like, "Nobody knows how this plane lands" with the idea of resolution and conclusion.

certainty & uncertainty: air / atmosphere / prep, adv, adj, particle
air (breath of fresh air)

breath of fresh air
she's a ~ (politician)
the blog is a ~ (field notes from scientists)
his lay status is a ~ (new college president)
I thought he was a ~, but it turns out he is an elitist

breath of fresh air amid all the polite Oscar-bait turns
Emma Stone is a ~ (2023 film *Poor Things*)

breath of fresh air for the city
the mayor has been a ~

breath of fresh air after the scandal
he seemed to be a ~ of Watergate (politics)

unexpected breath of fresh air
their designs were an ~ (fashion show)

brings a breath of fresh air to the magazine
she ~ (new editor)

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / wind
amelioration & renewal: air / atmosphere / wind
air (hot air)

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

just (a lot of) hot air
people talk about mine safety, but it's ~

a lot of hot air
~ blows out of Washington (politics)

full of hot air
he's ~ (a politician)
he talks a good game, but he's ~ (a politician)

♦ "The acronym, coined in the early 1990s, is pedagogical vapor." (STEM.)

♦ "Save the applause until we get a result. It's been all talk so far." (Senator Lindsey Graham, during a Senate hearing. See "Zuckerberg apologizes to families of kids harmed online as Senate grills tech CEOs" by Cheyenne Haslett and Alexandra Hutzler, ABC, January 31, 2024.)

speech / substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere

air (into thin air)

disappeared into thin air
she ~ (wanted for a crime)

vanished into thin air
it was like she just ~ (woman vanishes)

appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky

air (out of thin air)

appeared out of thin air
investors have ~

come out of thin air
ideas just don't ~

emerge out of thin air
the fear of the undead didn't ~

create credit out of thin air
the Federal Reserve can ~

create profit out of thin air
Wall Street can ~

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

air (clear the air)

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

clear the air entirely
wouldn't that just ~ (making documents public)

amelioration & renewal: air / atmosphere / verb

air (expose)

air it out
you don't have to ~ to the public where everyone can hear

concealment & lack of concealment: air / atmosphere / verb

airbrushed

too slick, airbrushed, propaganda
many thought the video was ~, to gain support and funding

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: infrastructure / materials & substances

aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier)

aircraft carrier
how long will it take, is it a matter of turning an ~ (change)

♦ "When I became president, one of the things I discovered coming into office is you're in charge of a big apparatus... It's an ocean liner and not a speedboat... Trying to change policy is really difficult." (Barak Obama on 2020.)

♦ "It will take time to turn around this metaphorical tanker in midstream." (Saudi-Israeli relations)

♦ "And we've got to reverse that. Not only have we got to stop this supertanker, we've got to turn it round and send it back in the opposite direction." (Anthony Geddes, tree advocate, about farmers who cut down trees to grow crops for food, as opposed to tree planting.)

reversal: boat / military / movement / size

aired (and aired out)

being aired
the divorce is over with no dirty laundry ~

being aired out
these are general grievances that are ~ (the Oscars)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories / hygiene

airtight (adjective)

airtight alibi
his lawyers say he has an ~

airtight case
prosecutors believe they have an ~

seemed airtight
his alibi ~

flaws & lack of flaws: air / atmosphere

akin (adjective)

akin to body armor
we see vaccines as ~ (Defense Department)

akin to the Super Bowl
in the mountainous nations, the *Hahnenkamm* is ~ (skiing)

akin to WrestleMania
that interview was ~ (Bill Ackman vs. Carl Icahn)

akin to drunk driving
not masking is ~ (COVID)

♦ "Facial recognition is akin to nuclear or biological weapons." (Evan Greer of Fight for the Future. Really?!)

comparison & contrast / relationship: family

alarm (feeling)

alarm
~ as dump sites fill up and overflow...

alarm over the (rotten-egg) odor
there was ~

alarm over (gun) violence
most Americans feel ~

alarm about (the military's) conduct
the case raises ~ in Iraq (atrocities)

rising alarm
~ over gun violence

reason for alarm
stay calm, there is no ~
so there was plenty of ~

raises alarm

the case ~ about the military's conduct in Iraq

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

alarm (warning)

five-alarm fire

see *fire* (*five alarm fire*, etc.)

sounded alarms

Doctors Without Borders ~ (famine in Niger)

sounding the alarm

groups have been ~ about the Arab drug problem
they are in emergency mode, they are ~

warning: sound

albatross (noun)

albatross of debt

the ~ he had been dealing with... (a politician)

albatross for Oakland

the quote has become something of an ~ ("no there there")

albatross for the industry

the Production Code was an ~ (films)

Afghanistan albatross

Trump inherited the ~

lifelong albatross

a parking ticket can become a ~ (racial inequality)

♦ "John James Audubon's racism is the albatross rotting around the necks of those who would hold him in reverence. It is past smelling foul and beginning to reek." ("What Do We Do About John James Audubon?" by J. Drew Lanham. Which begs the question, "What Do We Do About J. Drew Lanham?" The answer: give him a MacArthur Genius Award. See the Wikipedia entry "J. Drew Lanham." "This article may be in need of reorganization to comply with Wikipedia's layout guidelines.")

♦ "It has the albatross of the original hanging over its neck in a not super good way." (NPR's Andrew Limbong.)

affliction: allusion / animal / bird

Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)

Alcatraz of the Rockies

ADX Florence in Colorado, sometimes called the ~

Alcatraz of the South

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

♦ "McNeil Island in South Puget Sound is the Alcatraz you've never heard of."

comparison & contrast: epithet

alchemical (adjective)

alchemical process

by some ~, blame settled on Nancy Spector (Guggenheim)

creation & transformation: chemistry

comparison & contrast: affix

alchemist (noun)

alchemist of words

an ~, Melville transformed his often mundane sources

person: chemistry

creation & transformation: chemistry / person

alchemy (noun)

Urban Alchemy

~ seeks to transform the energy in traumatized urban spaces

creation & transformation: chemistry

Alexander (Muslim Alexander, etc.)

Muslim Alexander

he conceived for himself an identity as the ~ (Mehmet II)

importance & significance / military: epithet

alight (activity)

alight with posts

social networking sites are ~ from...

alight with (conspiracy) theories

the blogosphere is ~

♦ "We had now fairly entered the Molucca Sea. After dark it was a beautiful sight to look down on our rudders, from which rushed eddying streams of phosphoric light gemmed with whirling sparks of fire. It resembled (more nearly than anything else to which I can compare it) one of the large irregular nebulous star-clusters seen through a good telescope, with the additional attraction of ever-changing form and dancing motion." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace.)

♦ "That night the fire-flies were in countless thousands, in millions, it seemed... Suddenly, there was a blinding flash which for an instant lit up the whole countryside, as a large meteor trailed its blazing tail across the sky... As at the wave of a magic wand the illumination of the insects went out... Then suddenly in the herbage there appeared a spark again, and in half a minute the air was again filled with the thousands of elfin lanterns weaving their ethereal dances." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev, in Ussuria.)

activity: light & dark

alight (fire)

set the region alight

conflicts could ~ (Caucasus)

activity / feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: fire

alive (status)

alive

my business is ~, but not thriving

still alive

the talks are ~ (negotiations)

the two teams are ~ in the playoffs (sports)

very much alive

jazz is ~, in Paris...

stay alive

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

condition & status: death & life

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life

alive (alive and well)

alive and well

interagency coordination is ~

alive and well in the UK
regional stereotypes are ~

remains alive and well
the movement ~

♦ "The moon lander is "alive and well" but resting on its side."
("Odysseus" IM-1 Nova-C.)

condition & status: death & life

alive (activity)

alive with activity
the night sky, ~ (satellites, an eclipse, etc.)

alive with rats
the alley was ~ that evening...

alive with rumor
residential areas and offices were ~ (following attack)

ever alive
he was a young man ~ to new ideas

activity: death & life

alive (come alive)

come alive
they ~ (characters in a book / book review)

came alive
the Peruvians ~ in the second half (World Cup soccer)
he ~ in the fourth quarter with 4 catches for 121 yards

come alive at night
rats ~

came alive in the second quarter
the team ~

come alive with activity
the streets literally ~ (Toronto)

comes alive with young musicians
the campus ~ (summer music program)

came alive with a great tube ride
he suddenly ~ (surfing competition)

comes alive when
he ~ he talks about his passion

activity: death & life

amelioration & renewal: death & life

alive (keep something alive)

keep awareness alive
the need to ~ (of the Holocaust)

keep history alive
part of our mission is to ~ (Trail of Tears)

keep hope alive
doctors have a duty to ~

kept the initiative alive

the administration has ~

keep memory alive
portraits can ~

keep romance alive
it's important to ~ (in a marriage)

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

keep the tradition alive
he does his part to ~ (sumo in Brazil)

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb
all (give something one's all, etc.)

his all
he gave it ~

giving her final college gymnastics season her all
Olivia Dunne is ~

pour your all into something
when you ~, and it doesn't go the way you planned...

♦ "We gave it everything" = "We gave it our all."

commitment & determination: verb

allergic (adjective)

allergic to (small) boats
for those ~ in stormy seas...

allergic to the concept
economists are ~ of fairness (reform)

allergic to consensus
a profession ~ (academic philosophers)

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

avoidance & separation: health & medicine

allergy (noun)

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

avoidance & separation: health & medicine

alley (Ambush Alley, etc.)

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

sniper alley
this part of town was called ~ (Sarajevo)

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

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

death & life / military: epithet

alley (Bat Alley, etc.)

Bat Alley

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

Shark Alley

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

geography: epithet

route: animal

alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)

Cyclone Alley

Bangladesh sits on "~"

cyclone alley

Madagascar sits on a type of ~ in the Indian Ocean

Hail Alley

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

iceberg alley

the Bonavista peninsula is the province’s so-called “~”
it’s been a busy season in ~ (Newfoundland and Labrador)
A68a has been riding this “~” (Antarctica to South Georgia)
“~,” the major route (A23a)

"Lightning Alley"

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

tornado alley

spring in ~ (U.S.)

Tornado Alley

~ runs from Texas through Oklahoma and Kansas

geography: epithet / infrastructure / shape

alley (Death Alley / U.S. 61, etc.)

Blood Alley

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

Death Alley

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

"hell highway"

killed returning to the reservation on the ~ (Arizona)

expressway to death

National highway 8 is known as the ~ (India)

route: infrastructure

death & life: epithet

alley (Silicon Alley)

see *Silicon Valley*

alley (Cancer Alley, etc.)

“Asthma Alley”

the South Bronx is often described as ~ (pollution)

Cancer Alley

they live in a region known as ~ (southwestern Louisiana)
Louisiana’s ‘~’ residents in clean air fight
this 85-mile stretch of Louisiana, referred to as ‘~’

“covid corridor”

the commuter corridors have become the ~ (East Coast US)

area: health & medicine

alley (up one's alley)

up my alley

now this part is ~ (how to fix a module vs. its function)

right up your alley

you have to read this, it's ~
check this out, it's ~

ability & lack of ability / experience: infrastructure

all-star (adjective)

all-star team

with an ~ of lawyers representing them (celebrity divorce)

all-star (legal) team

he had an ~ (rich pedophile)

group, set & collection: sports & games

superlative: sports & games

alluring (adjective)

alluring

the pitch is ~ (an educational fad)

attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / sex

ally (groups)

ally

how to be an ~ and nurture a more inclusive world

adult allies

Youth Lobby, a grassroots coalition of young people and ~

Jewish allies

“Dad encourages ~ to display menorah” (Adam Kulbersh)

better ally

want to be a ~ in the fight for racial equality and justice

trans and LGBTQ ally

how to be a ~ at work (Gender Reveal / NPR)

self-professed straight LGBT ally

he is a ~ (So Gay Rosé brand co-founder)

with an ally

being transgender can be hard, but made easier ~ (work)

employees and allies

a sense of community for our LGBTQ+ ~ (SV Bank)

rivals rather than as allies

you do start to see other people of color as ~

♦ “If you're a white person, you're getting to the perimeter, you're putting your body on the f***** line right now!” (“Black Protest Leaders To White Allies: ‘It’s Our Turn To Lead Our Own Fight,’” NPR, All Things Considered, September 22, 2020.)

♦ “She'd become my ally, she loves her son endlessly.” (The actor Elliot Page about his mother.)

- ◆ "Ally. I'm Stright, But Not Narrow." (A slogan superimposed on a Pride flag.)
- ◆ "Want to be a better ally in the fight for racial equality and justice? Microsoft Bing / Learn more." (A message on a Bing screensaver, the purpose of which is to get you to use the Bing search engine instead of Google's.)
- ◆ "She could sometimes be an awkward ally." (The great Irish singer Sinead O'Connor.)
- ◆ You can't always rely on your allies...

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

ally (other)

ally in curbing the spread

countries hope that technology will be an ~ of the virus

allies in that fight

she didn't have a lot of ~ (trouble between 2 actors)

not as an enemy, but as an ally

Democrats welcome change, ~ (politics)

conflict / help & assistance: military

allyship (groups)

allyship with male victims

support for Depp is taken as ~ of abuse

allyship with trans folk

objection to Di Martino was framed as ~

allyship & co-conspiratorship

strategies in ~ as a verb... (activism)

performative allyship

see *performative allyship*

sign of allyship

a ~ with male victims of abuse

- ◆ "Support for Depp is taken as a sign of allyship with male victims of abuse." (The Johnny Depp vs. Amber Heard trial.)
- ◆ "Well, every American should take [monkeypox] seriously, but there are two kinds of taking it seriously. One is when thinking that you are at personal risk. And that would be men having sex with men, gay men in the United States, particularly those who are sexually active. Um, other Americans, you know, should have some empathy and some solidarity and help their gay and lesbian neighbors get through this. Uh, many straight Americans rallied to our side during the HIV epidemic. But the Federal government really needs to get its act together because right now we're failing in the response." (Gregg Gonsalves at the Yale School of Public Health. From "How to talk about monkeypox effectively, without stigmatizing gay men," NPR, All Things Considered, August 5, 2022.)
- ◆ "I mean, if we're honest, allyship is good business at this moment... [R]acial allyship or queer allyship or trans allyship... [Allyship] becomes monetized. It becomes commercialized..." (Author and scholar Mark Anthony Neal. From "Thugs don't dance": iLoveMakonnen and Drake tested rap's norms of masculinity, but only one passed," NPR, Louder Than A Riot Season Two, May 4, 2023.)

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

along (further along)

further along

in Europe, the outbreak is a little ~ (Omicron variant)

development: distance / movement

alphabet (letters)

alphabet soup of (government) agencies

an avalanche of inspections from an ~

alphabet soup of choices

we have the ~ (federal organizations and their initialisms)

alphabet-soup of law enforcement

the ~ that's here (Louisville protests)

alphabet soup phrases

without resorting to ~ (C-word, N-word, etc.)

alphabet soup of ESC

the ~ (environmental, social, governance)

- ◆ "EOD handled the bombs. SSTP treated the wounds. PRP processed the bodies. The 08s fired DPICM. The MAW provided CAS. The 03s patrolled the MSRs. Me and PFC handled the money... / I will remember that our HMMVV had 5 PX. That the SITREP was 2 KIA, 3 WIA. That KIA means they gave everything. That WIA means I didn't." (From the short story "OIF" in *Redeployment* by the brilliant Marine writer Phil Klay. OIF stands for Operation Iraqi Freedom.)

mixture: food & drink / letters & characters

alphabet (LGBTQ+)

alphabet people

Christians who don't support or believe in the ~

alphabet soup

he dislikes the ~ (LGBTQ+)

the ~ people (a disparaging comment)

the ~ that has come to be known as "LGBTQ+"

alphabet-soup

the ~ designation for sexual minorities

get on the alphabet's good side

he needs to drum up publicity and ~

- ◆ "More groups and resources have appeared for LGBTQIA2S+ folks."
- ◆ "We had just had a bit of a pause as we have seen someone run on to the pitch holding a rainbow flag." (The 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar. The incident occurred during the Portugal-Uruguay game.)
- ◆ "The legislation will protect the country from LGBT values." (Russia's "Answer to Blinken" law that bans gay propaganda.)
- ◆ "BLM and the LGBTQ+ABCDE crowd..." (A disparaging commenter. BLM is presumably Black Lives Matter, NOT the Bureau of Land Management.)
- ◆ "LGBTQ+...what happens when they use up the alphabet?"
- ◆ "The term LGBTQIAA+ is a clear instance of balkanization." (Jonathan Rauch.)
- ◆ "The awkwardness of the acronymic acrobatics..." (LGBTTIQQ2SA, etc.)
- ◆ "He needs to drum up publicity and get on the alphabet's good side." (Criticism of the *Harry Potter* actor Daniel Radcliffe.)
- ◆ "Will England be taking the knee at this World Cup to highlight social injustices? If so, does this also cover gingers and baldies?" / "Of course. What do you think the G and B stand for in LGBTQ?" (Inspired repartee on a BBC HYS about the FIFA World Cup in Qatar. The shark alludes to a speech given by FIFA president Gianni Infantino in which he said, "At school I was bullied because I had red hair and freckles." Read "Fact check: 11 eye-catching lines from Gianni Infantino's speech in Qatar" by Paul MacInnes, *The Guardian*, 19 Nov 2023. The games were considered a great success by everyone, and those who visited Qatar in person praised the country for its unique culture and wonderful hospitality.)
- ◆ see also *LGBTQ+*, *queer* (collocations)

inclusion & exclusion: language

altar (at / on / upon the altar)

on such a remote altar

no clergyman would sacrifice his career ~ (Norfolk Island)

at the altar of (high) capitalism

this movie kneels ~ (the 2023 film *Air*)

at the altar of disruption

today's tech world worships ~

at the altar of Donald Trump

evangelicals ~

on the altar of (environmental) correctness

he would sacrifice energy independence ~

on the altar of greatness

we are witnessing human flesh ~ (a boxer)

upon the altar of freedom

you have laid so costly a sacrifice ~ (Lincoln)

on the altar of (this nation's continued) freedom

the country will never forget your sacrifice ~ (Britain)

on this altar of the gun god

they are really human sacrifices ~ (mass shootings)

on the altar of that peace

~ Venice was to be sacrificed (France and Austria)

on the altar of Radicalism

he sacrificed the South ~ (southern view of Grant)

at the altar of political correctness

other Roald Dahl classics have been similarly butchered ~

kneels at the altar

this movie ~ of high capitalism (2023 film *Air*)

laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar

you have ~ of freedom (President Lincoln)

sacrifice your children on the altar

don't ~ of bad science (anti-vaxxer propaganda)

sacrifice (energy) independence on the altar

he would ~ of environmental correctness

sacrifice rights on the altar of terrorism

we can't ~ (facial recognition)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry "Bixby letter." See also the Wikipedia entry for "Sullivan brothers." You be the judge.

♦ "Mia from Land O Lakes butter and her buddy the Frito Bandito were simply sacrificed on the altar of corporate wokemanship. (Woke-personship?)." ("Mars shelves M&M spokescandies in latest woke corporate fiasco" by Dan Gainor, Opinion, Fox News, Jan. 26, 2023.)

sacrifice: religion

amalgam (noun)

amalgam of (different) influences

Turkish cooking is an intriguing ~

amalgam of (changing death-penalty) politics

there is an ~ and concerns about the system

amalgam of speed, timing, work-rate and pressure

he beat Baranchyk with an ~ (Scot boxer Josh Taylor)

mixture: materials & substances

amazing (groups)

Amazing

We're ~ 1,2,3! (Leslie Kimmelman / autism)

Amazing in All Children

its battle cry is "See ~" (a book about autism)

amazing network

our ~ of chapters (Audubon Society)

amazing Black students

I was welcomed by so many ~

described as "amazing"

Aidan Mann was ~ (stabbed to death)

♦ "I was welcomed by so many amazing Black students who look just like me, who have the same dreams and aspirations as me as well." (Daya Brown about Duke University. From "Teen accepted to more than 50 colleges, receives over \$1.3 million in scholarships." She wants to study mass communications or film, and she created her own production company while in high school. "I think a lot of people think that if you're smart, you can't be cool. So I found a way to showcase brilliance [and] still have fun while you're doing it.")

♦ "For Asians, we're seeking more than representation, we're seeking agency. We want to be able to tell our stories and show our characters in all of our splendor and complexity, because that's what it takes for people to actually see us as people... I think Asian Americans are kinda taking charge of our own destiny." (Jeff Yang, author of *Rise: A Pop History of Asia America From the Nineties To Now*. From ABC, GMA, "How movies and TV shows dehumanize and hypersexualize Asian Americans.")

♦ "Lizzo performed...that was amazing..." (Priyanka Chopra.)

♦ "The way they work is, it's very femme-forward, very female-positive. They have an amazing female photographer, Vanessa Beecroft, and you just feel like a million dollars on their set. It just feels very modern and very 'female gaze.'" (Nelly Furtado, about her participation in the Best Of Skims advertising campaign.)

♦ "Mrs. Ramsay's work is to make people magnificent—to make them believe in themselves, make them think they can do anything..." ("We're All Invited to the Lighthouse" by Patricia Lockwood, *The Atlantic*, April, 2023.)

♦ "Clearly in this case, his moral compass doesn't matter. And as much as I believe he's amazing and a good person, even if he weren't, that does not matter because..." (Mr Jefferson Bosela, who quit his job to assume the role of family spokesman, about the "Shooting of Chris Kaba.")

♦ "It's an election year, and Audubon, and its partner organization the Audubon Action Fund, will be working hard across our amazing network of chapters, state office, and nature centers to keep climate and clean-energy legislation at the forefront of people's agendas." (*Audubon* magazine, Winter 2019.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "Well, Carl's amazing." (Wink wink, nudge nudge. Snarky, sarcastic male abuse about a weird underperformer who doesn't fit in. A synonym for the canceled "retarded" or "special." This is a good example of the euphemism treadmill.)

*** analysis

♦ "Amazing" is a cliché used not only for affirmation but also for self-congratulation. In that way it does double duty for many groups.

♦ "Not everything is amazing; and when you think about it, very little is." (Lake Superior State University 2023 Banished Words List—Words banned for "misuse, overuse, and uselessness.")

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

Amazon (epithet / biodiversity)

Amazon of the North

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

Europe's Amazon

it has even been called ~ (Drevlians nature reserve)

Ocean's Amazon

the Coral Triangle has been called the ~

biodiversity, nature & life / comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

Amazon (the company)

Amazon

~ has made Jeff Bezos rich

proper name: place

Amazon (epithet / the company)

Amazon of South Korea

Coupang is often referred to as the ~ (online retailer)

Amazon .com of something

Hastings wanted to create 'the ~' (Netflix)

♦ "Hastings, according to Rudolph, wanted to create 'the Amazon.com of something.' Rudolph suggested home video. Netflix amassed subscribers by mailing out DVDs. It began streaming in 2007." ("Boxed Out: The Passing of prestige TV" by Michael Schulman, *The New Yorker*, November 6, 2023.)

worth & lack of worth: epithet

comparison & contrast / size: epithet

ambassador (role)

ambassador of skateboarding

he serves as the ~ (Tony Hawk)

ambassador for the (Jaguar) brand

she had been the ~ (endorsement / athlete)

ambassador for the Cherokee

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

ambassador for marine life

whale sharks are a fantastic ~

ambassador for the sport

he is a great ~ (Vitali Klitschko / boxing)

ambassador for UNESCO

she is a goodwill ~ (a famous film actor)

ambassador to the world

Ali is the goodwill ~ (the boxer)

America's best ambassador

he was ~ (Charles Barkley at the Barcelona Olympics)

Beauty ambassador

Lil Nas X named new Yves Saint Laurent ~

brand ambassador

the reality star is a ~ for the popular clothing brand

Angus Cloud was a ~ for Rockstar Energy Drink

climb ambassador

they are a ~ for outdoor clothing brand Patagonia (non-binary)

goodwill ambassador

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

G-string ambassador

she has acted as the Y2K ~ in the past (Dua Lipa)

L'Oreal "Ambassador"

she was perhaps not unbiased, she was a ~ (Doutzen Kroes)

tourism ambassador

Messi has a role as a ~ for Saudi Arabia (soccer player)

de facto ambassador

he serves as the ~ of skateboarding (Tony Hawk)

global ambassador

he travels the world as a ~ for the NBA (Shaquille O'Neal)

poor ambassadors

Manchester City, ~ for this country (lose to Real Madrid)

tireless ambassador

he was a ~ for Beaujolais Nouveau (Georges Duboeuf)

sees himself as an ambassador

he ~ for his sport (Tito Ortiz and mixed martial arts)

self-described '(edible insect) ambassador'

the ~ promotes the use of insect protein

♦ "I'm just so happy for Caitlin, and I think she represents the university, our sport, she's such a good ambassador." (Iowa Head Coach Lisa Blunder about the remarkable basketball player Caitlin Clark. In the old days, TV networks used halftimes to feature the opposing teams' universities. Nowadays, most sport fans do not know where teams' universities are located. The days of the student-athlete representing a great university are long gone. Today, athletes represent a brand.)

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

♦ "She is now training to become their new ambassador." (Flerken, a half African serval cat and half domestic cat, for the Ark Wildlife Park.)

♦ "I'm a modern-day pawpaw ambassador. Pawpaws for the people! It's a movement." (Michael Judd, an edible-landscape designer from Maryland who is also a pawpaw enthusiast, talking to a group of people about...pawpaws. Recorded by Yasmine AlSayyad, Dept. Of Foraging, Pawpaws For The People, "The Talk Of The Town," *The New Yorker*, September 19, 2022.)

♦ Angus Cloud was a brand ambassador for Rockstar Energy Drink and starred in its ad campaign "Fuel What's Next," which champions the idea of what's possible if you follow your passions. He starred for two seasons in the TV show *Euphoria*, playing a drug pusher. He died at age 25 of a lethal combination of fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine, benzodiazepine, and other drugs. His mother made the call to 911.

♦ "You are attaching your logo to the athlete and should this enter a legal realm, every time he goes into a courtroom, that's your logo walking in on two legs." (A sports analyst about an athlete charged with several counts of sexual abuse. In other words, players are ambassadors for their teams, whether they want to be or don't.)

♦ "Florida removes all references to Aaron Hernandez," AP, July 25, 2013.

person / role: government

attention, scrutiny & promotion / enthusiasm /

representation: government / person

amber (traffic light)

“amber list”

it will not be illegal for Britons to travel to ~ Greece

classified as amber

travel to France, Spain and Greece are now ~ (pandemic)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol

ambush (noun)

by ambush

it's called ~, it's not fair (facts change in civil suit)

♦ “Many kills in modern combat are ambushes and surprise attacks in which the enemy represents no immediate threat to the killer, but is killed anyway, without opportunity to surrender... / Until the twentieth century such ambush kills were extremely rare in combat, and many civilizations partially protected themselves and their consciences and mental health by declaring such forms of warfare dishonorable.” (*On Killing* by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman.)

♦ “One day, Klimov and Shaposhnikov had to go right up to the German lines. They climbed over the railway embankment and crept up to a bomb-crater that sheltered a heavy-machine-gun crew and an artillery officer. Pressed flat against the ground, they watched the Germans go about their tasks. One young man unbuttoned his jacket, tucked a red checked handkerchief under his collar and began shaving; Seryozha could hear the scrape of the razor against his wiry, dust-covered stubble. Another German was eating something out of a small flat tin; for a brief moment Seryozha saw his face take on a look of concentrated, lasting pleasure. The officer was winding up his watch. Seryozha felt like asking very quietly, so as not to frighten him: ‘Hey! What time is it?’ / Klimov took the pin out of a grenade and dropped it into the crater... / ‘You’re not a Baptist, are you?’ Old Polyakov once asked this man who had killed a hundred and ten people... / Once Seryozha saw Klimov after he had drunk a captured bottle of schnapps; then he had been quite terrifying—even Grekov had seemed wary of him.” (*Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman.)

readiness & preparedness: military

ambush (verb)

ambush us

desire can ~, take us by surprise (sex)

ambush him with the news

so tonight I ~

readiness & preparedness: military / verb

ambushed

felt ambushed

one man ~ by her appearance

readiness & preparedness: military

amen (noun)

chorus of amens

you knew you weren't going to get a ~

♦ “So I want to bring in brother Berliner. Because that was a brave thing he did... You knew, when you wrote this, you weren't going to get a chorus of amens...” (News Nation's Chris Cuomo speaking to Uri Berliner, about the latter's criticism of NPR. Berliner would end up resigning.)

♦ In certain situations, an “amen!” might be stated as a “hell yeah!” Check out the link that follows.

♦ “Here's to all my sisters out there keepin' it country...” (Gretchin Wilson Redneck Woman YouTube. Hell yeah!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82dDnv9zeLs>)

unanimity & consensus: religion

America (America's sweetheart, etc.)

America's Dad

Bob Saget, “~” from *Full House* (TV series)
the rise and fall of “~” (Bill Cosby / *The Cosby Show*)

America's linguist

John McWhorter, ~

America's mayor

Giuliani milked the role of ~ (New York City)
Rudi Giuliani, once ‘~,’ gets mugshot in Georgia (politics)

America's sweetheart

in 2012, Taylor Swift was unequivocally ~
she'd become ~ (1972 / the great Carole King)
he was the son of ~ (Terry Melchor / Doris Day)
it's about time we recognize Sydney Sweeney as ~

America's sex therapist

Doctor Ruth, known as “~” (Dr. Ruth Westheimer)

♦ “Indiana limestone has been dubbed “the Nation's Building Stone.” (See the Wikipedia entry, “Indiana Limestone.”)

♦ Sports radio! The idea that a particular NFL football team could be referred to as “America's team” was the subject of a discussion by Tank Spencer and Jeremy Greene of the Sportsocracy, and a funny rant by one of them. If grown American men spent as much time and mental effort thinking and talking about world problems as they do sports issues, every single problem in the world could and would be solved in a week or less!

♦ “[Ben] Bolch on Monday wrote on social media that he ‘failed miserably’ with his choice of words and he wanted to sincerely apologize to the LSU and UCLA programs. The piece referred to UCLA as ‘America's sweethearts’ and ‘milk and cookies.’ Conversely, it referred to LSU as ‘dirty debutantes’ and ‘Louisiana hot sauce.’ Bolch said he tried to be clever with alliteration but didn't understand at the time how the connotations were deeply offense.” (“LA Times edits column and apologizes after drawing the ire of LSU coach Kim Mulkey” by Thomas Schlachter, CNN, April 1, 2024. The article quotes Mulkey, “Take your phone out right now and google ‘dirty debutantes’ and tell me what it says. ‘Dirty debutantes?’ Are you kidding me?” The original article was entitled, “UCLA-LSU is America's sweethearts versus its basketball villains.” The offending parts of the article have been erased.)

achievement, recognition & praise: family / epithet

ammunition (and ammo)

ammunition for critics

this will provide ~

ammo for critics

all this was ~, who believed...

ammunition for lawsuits

it could be used as ~

political ammunition

the “missile gap” provided ~ to air-power advocates

gather (political) ammunition

he asked a foreign leader to help him ~ against an opponent

give ammunition

the video is sure to ~ to critics

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

amnesia (noun)

collective amnesia

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

historical amnesia

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

consciousness & awareness: health & medicine

amputate (remove)

amputate

~ before the infection spreads (poor players at Man U)

♦ "She was in tears over the abrupt amputation of her social life and turmoil at home." (A high-school senior talking to her school counselor via Zoom. The student's school had been closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic.)

♦ "The arrival of the nurses was the talk of the army, from Scutari to Sebastopol. Florence's name alone supplied the officers with material for heavy-footed jokes. They referred to her simply as 'the bird.' The chief medical officer of the Crimean army, Dr. Hall, summed up the general opinion. 'It is very dull,' he said between his teeth, when told of Miss Nightingale's appointment. / 'I cannot conceive,' an eyewitness later wrote, 'as I now calmly look back on the first three weeks after the arrival of the wounded from Inkerman, how it could have been possible to have avoided a state of things too disastrous to contemplate, had not [Florence] been there.' / 'I am a kind of General Dealer,' [Florence] wrote to Sidney Herbert, 'in socks, shirts, knives and forks, wooden spoons tin baths, ... towels and soap, small tooth combs, precipitate for destroying lice, scissors, bedpans and stump pillows.'" (*Florence Nightingale* by Ruth Fox Hume.)

♦ "6. Conservative Surgery in Compound Fracture of Femur. / The military surgeon [must] determine upon the propriety of amputation in compound fractures of the femur, the result of gunshot wounds. / The authorities, both French and English, teach us not to trust these cases to nature, and broadly state that, in the operation alone, there is hope; but the statistics, both in the Crimean campaign and in our own service, prove that the mortality after amputation is enormous, and force us to consider the propriety of conservative practice in this numerous class of surgical accidents. / In various numbers of the Journal [Confederate States Medical And Surgical Journal] the reader will find many interesting observations bearing upon this question, and we submit at this time a consolidated statement of compound fractures of femur treated without operation, compiled from the records in the Surgeon General's office, from June, 1862, to February 1, 1864, inclusive. We have in this summary, excluded all cases not positively determined, and hence, while the number of observations is greatly reduced, the value of the conclusion is increased in like proportions. / Total number of case, 221—recovered, 116—52 per cent. / Average period of recovery, 104 days—greatest period, 255 days, and least 41 days. Average period where death occurred, 52 days—greatest period, 185 days—least, one day. Average amount of shortening, 1 9-10ths inches—greatest, 5 inches, and least, half an inch. / When we compare directly the results of amputations with the table of cases not operated on, we feel still more disposed to rebel against the authority of Guthrie, McLeod, Larrey, Percy and Dupuytren, and at least hesitate before condemning the shattered limb to instant ablation. Our own statistics are as follows: / 507 cases amputated—250 recovered—50 per cent. / 221 cases not amputated—116 recovered—52 per cent. / The chance for life being more than equal, the value of the leg saved should be considered, and the table throws important light on this point—the average shortening is less than two inches. / Legouest: 1,664 cases amputated—recovered, 123—7 per cent. / 337 cases not amputated—recovered, 117—31 per cent. / Chimborazo Hospital Statistics: 31 cases not amputated—recovered, 19—61 per cent. / These observations prove that whenever, in compound fracture of femur, the result of gunshot wound, there is a doubt as to the propriety of amputation, that we should give the leg the benefit of the doubt—the chances of life being at least equal, and the value of the limb, after recovery, being worth the effort to save it. — Confederate States Medical and Surgical Journal.

♦ 1861-1865. The American Civil War. Doctors knew of ether and chloroform but still lacked an understanding of antiseptic and spread infection with dirty instruments and dressings. "After the Battle of Perryville in 1862, water was so scarce that Union surgeons performing amputations almost around the clock did not wash their hands for two days." (*This Republic of Suffering* by Drew Gilpin Faust.)

♦ "From the stump of the arm, the amputated hand, / I undo the clotted lint, remove the slough, wash off the matter and blood; Back on his pillow the soldier bends, with curv'd neck, and side-falling head; / His eyes are closed, his face is pale, he dares not look on the bloody stump, / And he not yet looked on it." ("The Dresser" by Walt Whitman, 1865. "Slough" would be pronounced, "sluff.")

♦ "Corday also comes across a representative of a new phenomenon, the soldier beggar. Of late it has become usual to see them at restaurants or cafes. They are often wearing medals on their chests, fine medals like the Croix de Guerre, awarded for heroism in the field. They sell picture postcards or sing patriotic songs to collect a little money. / The begging soldier Corday meets on the pavement has an arm missing. He is also drunk. He is meandering through the stream of people, asking one, then another, for a few coppers or for a cigarette at least. And he repeats the same word all the time: 'Peace... peace...'" (*The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter Englund. He is writing about World War I.)

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

♦ "I never, ever in a million years thought I would do a marathon so now I feel like I could do anything. I really believe you've got to have goals when you're injured like this. I've seen people at the hospital who don't have goals, and they just sit there and slip away." (Army Sgt. John Kieth, after finishing the NYC marathon in a handcycle. An RPG hit his Humvee in Iraq. He was in an induced coma for 2 weeks, and woke up at Walter Reed hospital. Doctors tried to salvage his limb, but after a month Kieth made the decision to have it amputated, after talking to amputees at Walter Reed, who inspired him because they were so active.)

dismissal, removal & resignation / division & connection: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

amok (run amok)

running amok

some experts are now worried about AI assistants ~

ran amok

the regulators sat by while the financial industry ~
the military ~ in Manchuria (Japan)

run amok

this is the result of a system ~ (justice)

♦ "Macassar is the most celebrated place in the East for 'running a muck.' There are said to be one or two a month on the average, and five, then, or twenty persons are sometimes killed or wounded at one of them... A man thinks himself wronged by society—he is in debt and cannot pay—he is taken for a slave or has gambled away his wife or child into slavery—he sees no way of recovering what he has lost... He grasps his kris-handle, and the next moment draws out the weapon and stabs a man to the heart. He runs on, with bloody kris in his hand, stabbing at everyone he meets. 'Amok! Amok!' then resounds through the streets..." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace.)

behavior: mental health

control & lack of control: mental health

amped (strength)

amped up with (plenty of) chilies

the dish is ~

amped up audio system

the car has an ~

strength & weakness: electricity

amped (feeling)

amped up

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

amped up on sugar and carbs

kids who are ~ can't learn as well

amped up men

she had no business walking through a mob of ~

remain amped up

after a performance he would ~ (musician)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

amplification (noun)

amplification in the media

~ can lead to contagion (names of mass shooters)

algorithmic amplification

~ leads to violence (YouTube)

snap responses, speed, amplification

the social web is architected for ~

increase & decrease: sound

amplified

amplified in a feedback loop

the narrative was ~ by the media (Steele Dossier)

amplified by the media echo chamber

their views are ~ (stock analysts, commentators, etc.)

amplified by the media megaphone

an analyst, his voice ~, can send a stock soaring or sinking

get amplified

conspiracy theories ~ by conservative cable news stars

increase & decrease: sound

amplify (verb)

amplified flaws

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

amplify those ideas

a conservative media ecosystem helps ~ (alt-right)

amplify their message

they use social media to ~ (extremists)

amplify his message

he counted on his critics to ~

amplify (pro-government) narratives

these networks ~ (the internet)

speaks up and amplifies

the Koori Mail ~ Black voices (Australian newspaper)

♦ "Sullivan stood in the dock [of the Old Bailey] directly facing the witness box. Above him was a sounding board to amplify his voice." (1851.)

increase & decrease: sound / verb

message: sound / tools & technology / verb

amp up (verb)

amped up the discussion

the film really ~ about global warming

amping up their rhetoric

Republicans are ~ (politics)

amped up the violence

high tackles led with the helmet have ~ in football

increase & decrease: electricity

analogy (and analogize, etc.)

analogies to the past

officials downplay ~ (Cold War 2.0)

analogy of the day

this seems to be the ~ (see quote below)

analogized the controversy

he ~ to a time when Black men were hanged from trees

mountaineering analogy

we probably have crested a peak, a ~...

alternative analogy

I offered him an ~

proper analogy

the ~ is with...

gift for analogy

The New York Times Book Review praised her for her ~

analogies are often drawn

~ between sports and religion (*Passion Plays* by R. Blamer)

carry the analogy further

to ~...

♦ "We probably have crested a peak, this seems to be the analogy of the day, a mountaineering analogy, but the reality is, we've only just begun the descent, and we're still at a very very high altitude, and we know that that descent is going to take us months." (Chris Hobson from NHS Providers, speaking about the COVID-19 pandemic.)

♦ "Göttingen was the scene of Oppenheimer's first real triumph as a young man coming of age. Becoming a scientist, Oppenheimer later remarked, is 'like climbing a mountain in a tunnel: you wouldn't know whether you were coming out above the valley or whether you were ever coming out at all.' This was particularly so for a young scientist on the cusp of the quantum revolution." (An astonishing simile. From *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.)

♦ "In the months before meeting Oppenheimer, [Lawrence] had conceived the notion of building a machine capable of penetrating the so far unassailable nucleus of the atom, which existed, he quipped, 'like a fly inside a cathedral.'" (Another astonishing simile from *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.)

♦ "Roosevelt upped the total to \$10 million on the condition that Finland would not directly purchase arms with it. This 'was like offering a clean shirt to a man asking for a square meal...'" (The Russo-Finnish Winter War of 1939-40.)

♦ "Eliot's words are everywhere, in other words. The more closely you map 'The Waste Land,' the more it assumes the shape of an isthmus; so much of the past, both public and personal, streamed into its making, and so much has flowed from it ever since." ("On The Rocks: A hundred

years of 'The Waste Land,'" by Anthony Lane, *The New Yorker*, October 3, 2022. An isthmus connects two larger pieces of land. By this wonderful analogy, the larger pieces of land are the past and the present.)

♦ "Swooping curves agree with short brushstrokes about as well as an airplane wing agrees with drag."

♦ "[Masterclass] is to a medical degree what an apple is to an orange planet." ("What Is MasterClass Actually Selling?" by Carina Chocano, *The Atlantic*, September 2020. A wonderful example of an analogy focusing on how two things are NOT similar.)

♦ The destruction of the Armenian cemetery in Julfa has been likened to the Taliban's destruction of the Bamiyan Buddhas. (Cultural crimes against humanity. In the media, the extinguishment of Nagorno-Karabakh and the lives of its 120,000 inhabitants ("2023 Azerbaijani offensive in Nagorno-Karabakh") was barely mentioned, submerged by the ongoing "Russian invasion of Ukraine," just as the Russian invasion of Ukraine was submerged by the Israel-Hamas war.)

♦ "I went to math camp when I was fourteen and came home clutching a Rubik's Cube to my chest... I majored in math in college and went on to get my PhD..." (Cathy O'Neil, author of *Weapons Of Math Destruction: How Big Data Increases Inequality And Threatens Democracy*. Chapters are titled: Bomb Parts; Shell Shocked; Arms Race; Propaganda Machine; Civilian Casualties; Ineligible To Serve; Sweating Bullets; Collateral Damage; No Safe Zone; and The Targeted Citizen. The New York Times Book Review deservedly praised her for her "gift for analogy.")

♦ The book was destined to be for anatomy what Copernicus' work was for astronomy. (Structure of the Human body by Vesalius and De Revolutionibus by Copernicus.)

♦ "Ray and Linnaeus would accomplish for all plants and animals what Mercator and his fellows did for the planet's whole surface."

♦ "Just as the map-makers of the earth started from the self-evident boundaries of land and sea, mountains and deserts, the naturalists, too, found self-evident units among plants and animals."

♦ "What the herbals did for botany the bestiaries did for zoology."

♦ "This dream...is to pedagogy what the perpetual-motion is to physics: always wished for, endlessly proposed, and never demonstrated." (Education and its fads.)

♦ "Latitude and longitude were to the measurement of space what the mechanical clock was to the measurement of time."

♦ "The Atchafalaya Basin is a swampy wilderness that is to crawfish what the Serengeti is to lions." (Calvin Trillin.)

♦ "The incursion in Lebanon in 1982 was to Israel what Vietnam was to the United States." (According to Major M. Thomas Davis, 1985. "W was to X what Y was to Z.")

♦ "But what Sir William Harvey was to physiology, Tyson would be to comparative anatomy."

♦ "The effect which Newton's discoveries had in mathematics, Johnson's work had in this world of words."

♦ "What Portugal was for adventurers in geography, Italy was for history, and Florence was the Sagres." (A triple analogy. Sagres was the port from which Henry the Navigator sent out ships to sail south along the West coast of Africa.)

♦ "We're not going to get rid of porn any more than we're going to get rid of Disneyland even if we don't like the princess trope and that happily-ever-after motif." (Shira Tarrant.)

♦ NPR's Mary Louise Kelly: "Is it correct to say the World Baseball Classic is to Baseball what the World Cup is to soccer?" / Tom Goldman: "It is. Yeah."

♦ Mary Louise Kelly: "All right, with that analogy in mind, we'll leave it there. TV critic Eric Deggans, thank you." (The analogy Deggans had used was, "It's like trying to change the tire on a car while it's running.")

♦ "He has the charm and personality of a rusty nail." (A tennis fan about a famous tennis player.)

♦ "The gaudy, vertiginous fairground ride of a play..." (A favorable review.)

♦ "Frustrating. England trying to string a few passes was like trying to eat paella with your elbows." (An online commenter, following England's loss to Spain in the final of the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)

♦ "The phenomena are always of the same kind. The miners are either immediately destroyed by the explosion, and thrown with the horses and machinery through the shaft into the air, the mine becoming as it were [an enormous piece of artillery, from which they are projected..." (On the Safety Lamp for Coal Miners, with Some Researches into Flame by Humphry Davy, 1818.)

♦ "If we are also able to build a brain scanner that can capture the state of every synapse at a given moment—the pattern of information that neuroscientists call the connectome, a term analogous with genome—then we can upload that pattern into a brain-emulating computer. The result will be, for all intents and purposes, a human mind. An uploaded mind won't dwell in the same environment as we do, but that's not necessarily a disadvantage..." ("The End of Us: Is the reign of human beings on Earth nearing its end?" by Adam Kirsch, *The Atlantic*, January / February 2023.)

♦ "Comparing the men's and women's game is crazy." (An online commenter about the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)

♦ "Why doesn't Rosen compare Laudor's story to Elyn's? Two Jews who developed schizophrenia and went to Yale Law School; one murdered his partner and the other won a MacArthur genius grant. This reflects a larger failure in Rosen's article..." (*The Atlantic*, July / August 2023.)

♦ "Fed up with the BBC and other outlets reminding us of 1966. It might as well be 1066. Meaningless." (An online commenter about the hype surrounding England's "Lionesses," defeated by Spain in the final of the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup. To which one reply was, "We lost in 1066 to the French," the reply to that being, "Normans." Perhaps a "reply too far.")

♦ "Like many concerned keepers of the game and its traditions, Sword will often explain the creeping dispassion for baseball in terms of that overcooked analogy about the boiling frog in the pot. 'Part of what made this so tricky was that the games were getting two or three minutes slower every year rather than half an hour slower, so there was never a point where it felt like a real emergency,' he told me. I offered an alternative analogy, comparing baseball's predicament to a slow-growing tumor that the new rules would surgically excise. 'I'd prefer to go back to the frog,' Sword said. / How did America's beloved old frog find itself in such mortal danger...?' ("How Baseball Saved Itself" by Mark Leibovich, *The Atlantic*, July / August 2023.)

♦ "Michael Irvin analogized the controversy he's in with Marriott to a time when black men accused of harassing white women were hung [sic] from trees." ("Michael Irvin: Woman's hotel accusations turning into modern-day lynching" by Ryan Glasspiegel, by *The New York Post*, March 8, 2023.)

♦ Camille Vasquez: You also wrote, quote, "Imagine a powerful man as a ship, like the *Titanic*. That ship is a huge enterprise. When it strikes an iceberg, there are a lot of people on board desperate to patch up holes—not because they believe in or care about the ship, but because their own fates depend on the enterprise." (Taps microphone to illustrate the point.) In this op-ed, you're saying Mr. Depp is a ship, right? / Amber Heard: I'm making an analogy to a powerful man as a ship. / CV: The powerful man you're referring to in this analogy is Mr. Depp, right? / AH: Uh, I was talking about a bigger issue actually than just Johnny... / CV: The iceberg is you in this analogy, right, Miss Heard? / AH: (Obviously surprised) Um, I would not say that, I hadn't, I had not... (exhales) That was not what I intended, no. (The Amber Heard-Johnny Depp trial.)

♦ Anastasia Tsioulcas: "The prosecution asked a defense witness...about an org (organization) chart he had made of Kelly's company. It was illustrated like a cartoon octopus, and, in retrospect, that was a pretty unfortunate metaphor for a man accused of running an enterprise intended to lure victims into sex crimes." / Noel King: "That's a really vivid image, isn't it." / Anastasia Tsioulcas: "It really is." ("A Jury In New York Begins Deliberations In R. Kelly's Federal Trial," NPR, Morning Edition, Sept. 27, 2021.)

♦ "Much of life should have quotes around it." (Frank's 'love' for Betty Tran...)

♦ He was comparable / equivalent / analogous / similar / akin to a lion. He was like a lion. He has been likened to a lion. He was lion-like. He could be lion-ish. He had a leonine presence and demeanor. He was a lion. He was a "lion." He had the courage of a lion. He was a lion of a man. Colleagues referred to him as "the Lion." As a lion could exhibit ferocious violence at times, so could he. He was to the Senate what the lion was to the Serengeti. He was no / not a timid zebra, antelope, or wildebeest. In terms of courage, he was the opposite of a rabbit. (Different ways the language gives us to compare.)

comparison & contrast: analogy

anathema

anathema to the Koch network
tariffs and trade wars are ~

anathema to (many) media outlets and academics
these proposals were ~ (New Consensus think tank)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

ancestor (go before)

ancestors of (today's) potatoes
they are the ~ (Peruvian wild potatoes)

♦ An ancestor is one who has "gone before," from *ante-* ("before") and *cedo* ("go").

origin / relationship: family

past & present: direction / movement / position

time: direction / movement / position

sequence: direction / movement / position

anchor (noun)

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

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

anchor babies
opponents of immigration talk about "~"

anchor tenants
malls need ~

anchor (entertainment) tenants
each had ~ (Las Vegas hotels / casinos)

western anchor
Nanga Parbat is the ~ of the Himalayas

westernmost anchor
Khe Sanh was the ~ of the line below the DMZ

bases: boat / sign, signal, symbol

anchored

anchored in old ways
leadership is still ~ (politics)

anchored to the document text
the selected object is ~ here (text box Microsoft Word)

**attachment / movement / division & connection / progress
& lack of progress: boat**

ancien regime

ancien regime of Hosni Mubarak
Morsi replaced the ~

creature of the ancien regime
to his detractors he was a ~ (politics)

factions of the ancien regime
negotiations among ~ and Gulf monarchies (Yemen / 2015)

candidates from the ancien regime
~ (Field Marshal Ahmed Shafiq, Amr Moussa, etc.)

♦ "Despite a fondness for tech-founder posturing and talk of innovation, Weiss appears in Meltzer's portrait as a creature of media's ancien regime, with her print connections and her exquisitely controlled bearing. The subtlety of her commercial strategy stands in contrast to the methods adopted by the denizens of 'Extremely Online.'" ("Makeover: Building a billion-dollar beauty brand in the influencer era" by Molly Fischer, *The New Yorker*, September 25, 2023.)

past & present / time: allusion / history

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: allusion / history

anemic (adjective)

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

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

anemic attempt
their ~s to address the issue

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

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

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

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

strength & weakness: health & medicine

condition & status: health & medicine

angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.)

Angel of Arnhem
her British patients nicknamed her the ~ (Kate ter Horst)

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

"Angel of the Confederacy"
she has been remembered as the ~ (Sally Louisa Tompkins)

"Angel of Dien Bien Phu"
the US press gave her the name ~ (Genevieve de Galard)

♦ "George Silk captured the iconic image of a Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel." (Papua New Guinea, World War II. See the short documentary *Kokoda Front Line* 1942.)

military: epithet / religion

epithet / person: creature / religion

angel (Angel of Death, etc.)

see *Angel of Death (actual death)*

angel (the Los Angeles Angels, etc.)

Guardian Angels

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

Hell's Angels

~ member sentenced to 14 years in prison for...

Los Angeles Angles

the ~ are in the American League West (MLB)

proper name: creature / religion

angel (appearance)

princess or angel

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

appearance: creature / religion

angel (behavior)

angels

in fairness, the North Koreans have been no ~

angel of vengeance

he sees himself as kind of an ~ (*The Power of the Dog*)

perfect angel

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

behavior / character & personality: creature / religion

angel (snow angel)

snow angels

kids create ~ in the snow

it's a great place to make ~ (Dubai mall)

celestial snow angel

this ~ (Sh2-106, a nebula in Cygnus)

made a snow angel

she ~ and posted it on YouTube (Johannesburg)

make a snow angel

they go outside and ~ after a sauna (Finland)

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

♦ In *The Miracle Season*, two small girls—"fearless, generous souls"—are shown making *mud* angels. Their mothers could not have been happy when they got home!

♦ Sh2-106 is also known as the Celestial Snow Angel. It's a nebula in the constellation Cygnus (the Swan), and its shape has also been compared to an hourglass and butterfly.

shape: creature / religion

angel (superlative)

voice of an angel

she has the ~ (a singer from Isan)

lost an angel

Macedonia and the Balkans ~ (Tose Proeski)

♦ "Macedonia and the Balkans lost an angel." Archbishop Stefan, the head of the Macedonian Orthodox Church, about the death in a car crash of the Macedonian pop star Tose Proeski. It was a sentiment felt across the Balkans.

superlative: creature / religion

angel (angel-faced)

angel-faced child

the ~ who tells lies...

appearance: creature / religion

angel (guardian angel)

guardian angel of Nazare

the ~ (Sergio Cosme, jet ski driver / surfing)

self-appointed guardian angel

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

his guardian angel

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

'guardian angel' saves family

~ from Kentucky floods

views Elon Musk as her guardian angel

she ~ (actor Gina Carano, blacklisted by Hollywood)

♦ "I think it's pretty incredible what he is doing. A lot of billionaires put their money into buying islands and building bunders. Elon Musk is using his money to fight massive injustice battles." (Gina Carano, about being blacklisted by Hollywood. Gina was a MMA fighter before being noticed by Steven Soderbergh and cast in the lead of the 2011 film *Haywire*. Her next role was in *Fast & Furious 6*. Read "Gina Carano on Getting Sacked From Star Wars and Her Grudge Match With Disney" by Seth Abramovitch, *The Hollywood Reporter*, March 14, 2024. It's an excellent article.)

♦ People query Google Search with questions like: How do I know I have a guardian angel? and How do I talk to my guardian angel?

help & assistance / protection & lack of protection:

creature / religion

angel (help and assistance)

angel

she was an ~ to so many of us (exoneration lawyer)

"Angel of the Gap"

Australia mourns ~ (Don Ritchie, who prevented suicides)

angel investor

I raised money from some ~s and venture capitalists

I'm an ~ and I'm looking for...

he is a serial entrepreneur and ~

Antonio Brown's angel

Tom Brady has been ~ (two NFL athletes)

lay-away angels

generous acts of kindness doled out by so-called ~

search angel

she is a self-described ~ (helps adoptees find birth parents)

trail angel

~s provide water, food, even lodging for hikers

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

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

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

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

angel, benefactor, Godsend

Tom Brady was his ~ (to Antonio Brown / NFL)

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

♦ Mini-Me: [writes] Are you a clone of an angel? / Foxy Cleopatra: Ohhh how sweet. No, my mini-man, I'm not. / Mini-Me: [writes] Are you sure you don't have a little clone in you? / Foxy Cleopatra: Yes, I'm sure. / Mini-Me [writes]: Would you like to? (The film *Austin Powers in Goldmember*.)

help & assistance: creature / religion

Angel of Death (actual death)

Angel of Death

Josef Mengele, the ~ (Nazi doctor at Auschwitz)

Merchant of Death

Victor Bout, the arms dealer dubbed the “~”

♦ “Trainers started referring to her as ‘the angel of death’, the *Guardian* has been told, although it was ‘tongue in cheek’ rather than because they suspected her of foul play.” (“Lucy Letby: how did a nurse commit such unthinkable murders?” by Josh Halliday, *The Guardian*, 18 August 2023. In the article, Dr Stephen Breary is quoted as saying, “It can’t be Lucy. Not nice Lucy.”)

death & life: epithet

epithet: creature / religion

angle (from an angle)

from every angle

I have considered the issue ~

from a new angle

these conclusions help us look at the tragedy ~

from ten different angles

I wanted to think through these issues ~ (a writer)

considered the problem from every angle

I have ~

look at the tragedy from a new angle

these conclusions help us ~

**perception, perspective & point of view: geometry
analysis, interpretation & explanation: geometry**

animal (different animal, etc.)

different animal

urban warfare is a ~ than fighting in the open
the new style of aggressive ad is a ~ (Internet)

two (very) different animals

the map of the Pacific before and after Cook are ~

unique animal

considering public education, Maine is something of a ~

unusual animal

NCTC is kind of an ... (counter-terrorism center)

completely different animal

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

much different animal

the US military is a ~ than the Taliban forces

very different animal

the Bundesliga is a ~ from the Premiership (soccer)

♦ Bill Whitaker, ABC Correspondent: “This is your first Broadway production. This is a different animal.” / Anne Teresa De Keersmaeker, Belgian choreographer: “What you call it, an animal?” (From a delightful 60 Minutes interview about *West Side Story*, February 16, 2020.)

♦ “Neither fish nor fowl...”

♦ see also *beast (different beast, etc.)*

taxonomy & classification: animal

animal (political animal, etc.)

human animal

stimulus and response is sufficient to understand the ~

narrative animals

we are ~, we love a good story (Guillermo del Toro)

political animal

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

Karl is not a ~ (a law enforcement leader)

I see myself as not a ~ in this job (DNI)

identity & nature: animal

animal (party animal, etc.)

playboy and a party animal

he had a reputation as a ~ (a soccer player)

behavior / character & personality / restraint & lack of restraint: animal

animal (insult)

animal

an ~ decided to take her life (murder of coed)

what do you want to bet this ~ has previous arrests...

this ~ is still going to have life in prison (death penalty)

animals come out

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

rabid animals

they are ~ that should all be put down (looters, arsonists)

wild animals

they threw my boy in a cage with those ~ (prison)

animals tormented him

those wild ~ until he became mean as they were (prison)

♦ “The thought that he was waiting for some woman to attack her and do what he wanted to do... I was just thinking, what a horrible animal, vile animal, he is...” (The sister of a murder victim.)

♦ “The animal that did this is no longer on this earth.” (Police solve a cold case. The murderer had died in 2013.)

♦ “Witnesses described the scene as like animals attacking a piece of meat, with one telling the jury it appeared to be a deliberate attempt to kill.” (Jack Woodley case: Ten teenagers found guilty of murder, BBC, June 2, 2022.)

♦ “They were vicious, they were animals, you know, to beat him up that way...” (The attack left the boxer Emile Griffith nearly dead. From the affecting and emotionally wrenching documentary *Ring of Fire: The Emile Griffith Story 2005*.)

♦ “When I have a mad dog in my yard there is only one solution.” (A comment on a discussion board about a heinous murderer.)

♦ see also *beast (insult)*

affliction / insult: animal

anniversary (creation)

50th anniversary

the ~ of Stepen King's 1974 book *Carrie*

♦ see also *birthday (creation), old (a year old, etc.)*

growth & development: life span

creation & transformation: birth

anodyne (adjective)

anodyne drone

the ~ typing away in her silent cubicle

anodyne title

an article with the ~ "The Value of Science in Prediction"

anodyne and fuzzy

the language of these bills is ~ (culture wars)

so anodyne

that letter was ~ and insignificant (yet caused controversy)

tend to be anodyne

its public comments on due process ~

♦ *An anodyne is a drug that soothes pain.*

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

anoint (verb)

anointed his (long-time) ally as his successor

he ~ (Nursultan Nazarbayev)

anointed him as the candidate

the Democratic establishment has ~ (Joe Biden)

anoint him as the Democratic nominee

Biden appealed to Sanders backers to ~

anoint a political heir

he wants to ~

anoint college leaders

the committees that ~ are almost always secretive

anointed him one of the beautiful people

People magazine ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion / verb

anointed

anointed "the next Steve Jobs or Bill Gates"

she was ~ by George Shultz (Elizabeth Holmes)

anointed the (art world's newest) star

he has been ~

anointed as the Party's standard-bearer

he was ~ (Hubert Humphrey)

anointed one

he would latch onto people and make them his ~s (a boss)

she went from being "the ~" to being out of favor (job)

get anointed

how exactly did he ~ as the voice of Black America

♦ "He would latch onto people and make them his anointed ones. Then after a period of time, 'Oops, you're no long my anointed one.'" (An administrator. Who else?)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

answer (respond)

answered with an assault

Syria ~ of its own, killing several dozen Syrians...

answered with tear gas and water cannons

police ~ (after protesters hurl gasoline bombs)

♦ "Ask and answer..." (A typical ESL / EFL classroom.)

fictive communication / relationship / sequence: speech / verb

answer (response)

Answer to Blinken

Russia's "~" law bans gay propaganda

right answer

a ceasefire is not the ~ right now (war in Middle East)

fictive communication / relationship / sequence: speech

answer (solution)

answer

the ~ is in front of us

the answer is

~ reform and an awake electorate

answer to social issues

criminalization is frequently America's ~

♦ "There's no excuse for going and killing people... it's not the answer." (The Club Q mass shooting in Colorado Springs, Colorado.)

fictive communication: speech

answer (Britain's answer to Bill Gates, etc.)

Europe's answer to PayPal

Germans considered it ~ (Wirecard)

North America's answer to Machu Picchu

Chaco Canyon is ~, only older (drought, etc.)

Britain's answer to Bill Gates

he was once seen as ~ (Mike Lynch / Autonomy)

Britain's answer to Ry Cooder

guitarist Justin Adams has been called "~"

Britain's answer to the Tea Party

UKIP has been described as ~ (US)

China's answer to Lord of the Rings

while it might be easy to describe Condo Heroes as ~...

China's answer to Twitter

Weibo, ~

Europe's answer

~ to NASA (ESA astronauts)

Russia's answer to California

#Sochifornia, ~ (Sochi)

tech's answer

Facebook's "supreme court" is ~ to the Hays Office (P.R.)

millennial answer to Tracy and Hepburn

they seemed like the ~ (Kristin Stewart and Eisenberg)

♦ "It's America's answer to Shakespeare." ("OK: How Two Letters Made 'America's Greatest Word' NPR, All Things Considered, November 20, 2010. Guy Raz interviews Allan Metcalf, author of *OK: The Improbable Story of America's Greatest Word*. The interview and the excerpt from the book are fascinating!)

♦ "Mother, or MU/TH/UR 6000, is the spaceship's computer system, Scott's answer to Kubrick's HAL 9000, from '2001.'" ("Napoleon Complex: Does Ridley Scott see himself in the hero of his epic new film?" by Michael Schulman, *The New Yorker*, November 13, 2023.)

♦ Both are in the same state of decay; both were the sites of thriving civilizations; both experienced drought and were essentially abandoned... (Comparisons between Machu Picchu and Chaco Canyon, "North America's answer" (equivalent). From "Ancient Culture Prompts Worry for Arid Southwest," NPR, All Things Considered, July 9, 2007.)

comparison & contrast: epithet

antediluvian (old)

antediluvian hangover

it's an ~ from far-off days (a judicial matter)

antediluvian opinions

Irwin suggested that Churchill held ~

antediluvian policy

its ~ of opposing women priests (job advert for vicar)

♦ Lord Judge, former lord chief justice: In my opinion, the time has arrived when the requirement for the physical presence of a child—witness or victim—within the court building should be regarded as an antediluvian hangover from laughable far-off days of the quill pen and the ink well." (BBC, World at One, "An antediluvian hangover." A child could be asked questions via video conferencing.)

past & present / time: Bible / religion

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: Bible / religion

antenna (noun)

antennae

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

antenna for (racial) slights

he has no ~ (Nigerian immigrant in US)

price antenna

his ~ was already on high alert (inflation woes)

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology

anthem (noun)

anthem

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

anthem of African Americans

it became the ~ ("Say it clear, say it loud...")

anthem of a (celebrity) campaign

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

anthem of (female and black) empowerment

the video is an ~ (Beyonce's "Formation")

anthems of the (Civil Rights) movement

some of her songs became ~ (Nina Simone)

anthems for women

~ to accept themselves (Lizzo)

anthem among Pentecostals in the Appalachians

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

angry young man's anthem

"Custer Died for Your Sins" was an ~

rousing anthem

it's a ~ of encouragement and hope (a song)

club anthem

the supersonic ~ "Tattoo" (Eurovision)

pop anthem

"Queen of Kings," a thunderous ~ (Eurovision)

rock anthem

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

swamp anthem

a raucous version of the ~ "Sabine Turnaround" (Cajun)

booty-call anthem

Adele's first ~ ("Can I Get It?")

date-rape anthem

it's been referred to as a ~ (an old Christmas song)

strip-club anthem

the song was a ~ called "Money Maker"

feminist anthem

her single has been hailed by some as a ~ ("The Man")

secret national anthem

the ~ of an entire generation ("You forgot the color film")

♦ "It became the national anthem of African Americans." ("Say it clear, say it loud, I am black, and I am proud." Sung by Nina Simone.)

♦ "Big Freedia, queen of the New Orleans 'sissy bounce' scene, released her first EP and is bringing her 'go homo' anthems nationwide on a successful tour." (Tavia Nyong'o, professor of performance studies at NYU and blogger at Hear is Queer.)

♦ "This story is part of American Anthem, a yearlong series on songs that rouse, unite, celebrate and call to action. Find more at NPR.org/Anthem."

♦ "And the song and the video really represented not only the spirit of resistance, but the exhaustion that overcomes people when, you know, life itself requires resistance." (NPR music critic Ann Powers. The song she refers to she describes as "the re-writing of an [italics mine] American anthem, 'My Country, 'Tis Of Thee,' by a young singer-songwriter who goes by Reina del Cid who rewrote the song to have these incredibly cutting and almost despairing lyrics." The lyrics Ann Powers was so impressed by and that NPR broadcast to the tune of The National Anthem included, 'Behind dusty oaken doors / six robed dinosaurs / conspired to wage a holy war / over our bodies.' From "5 protest songs that have taken on new meaning post-Roe" by Ari Shapiro, Noah Caldwell, Jonaki Mehta, NPR, Music, July 2, 2022. It includes a promotional link to "Reina del Cid's 'My Country 'Tis of Thee (Land of Inequity)." About Reina del Cid, see her Wikipedia entry "Elle Cordova." About NPR, read, "I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust" by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.)

identity & nature / representation: music

inclusion & exclusion: messaging

anthemic (adjective)

anthemic single

the album's ~ "FREEDOM" (Jon Batiste)

identity & nature / representation: music

comparison & contrast: affix

anti (antiracist, etc.)

anti-abortion

the Alabama law tops a crescendo of ~ legislation

anti-American

the government has struggled to prevent an ~ backlash

anti-Americanism

the US airstrike resulted in an outburst of ~

anti-bisexual

its hideous, it's awful, it's very ~ (film *Basic Instinct*)

anti-Blackness

the 1619 Project excavates racial inequality and ~
the ~ and colorism that's common among Latinos

anti-blackness

reject white supremacy, anti-immigrant and ~ ideologies

anti-Casteist

how to be an ~

anti-Chinese

~ discrimination in the US (historical)

anti-consumerism

his ~ was ahead of its time (Travis McGee character)

Anti-Defamation

"White Lives Matter" is hate speech to the ~ League

anti-discrimination

~ laws in education

anti-drug

Angela Dawson was an ~ crusader (East Baltimore)

anti-establishment

the political baggage of its ~ origins (black studies)
prison terms strengthen ~ views

anti-fat

fight ~ bias

anti-fatness

~ keeps fat people on the margins (Aubrey Gordon)

anti-gay

the two plaintiffs who took on Florida's ~ marriage ban
~ feeling is entrenched in Uganda
pathologizing the ~ position ("homophobia")

anti-girlbossery

is all this ~ simply a new way to put women down

anti-government

it was the final act in his ~ crusade (Oklahoma City bombing)

anti-immigrant

reject white supremacy, ~ and anti-blackness ideologies

anti-gun

~ doctors should stay in their lane (stick to surgery)

anti-immigrant

~ feeling

anti-immigration

he's the leading ~ voice in town

anti-intellectual

Breareley has been captured by an ~, illiberal mob (school)

anti-lesbian

it's very ~ (the film *Basic Instinct*)

anti-mask

the ~ meltdown has become its own video genre

anti-oppression

align our actions and behaviors with anti-racism and ~

anti-racist

it's not enough to be non-racist, you must be ~
pedagogy rooted in ~ and anti-patriarchal practices
how to send an ~ message without appearing performative
claiming and protecting space is fundamental in ~ protest

Anti-Racist

How to Raise an ~ (by Ibram X. Kendi)

anti-Semitism

the vandalism lays bare the latent ~ that exists in society

anti-terror

they seek to build an international ~ coalition

anti-vaccine

California is ground zero of the ~ movement

anti-vax

people who have burrowed into an ~ rabbit hole

anti-vaxxism

the lab-leak hypothesis is a xenophobic cousin to ~

anti-war

there's no such thing as an ~ film

anti-Washington

capitalizing on a tide of ~ sentiment (politics)

anti-white

had a history of ~ racism on social media (Darrell Brooks)
black separatist hate groups with antisemitic and ~ beliefs

anti-whiteness

~ is the fundamental premise of the left

anti-Zionists

frequently ~ let the mask slip (to show their anti-Semitism)

anti-LGBTQ

there are so many ~ attacks going on around the country

in a year of ~ hate

anti-LGBTQ+

we have seen an onslaught of aggressively hostile ~ bills

anti-bullying

an ~ crusade (schools)

anti-cockfighting

successful ~ crusades in Missouri and Arizona

anti-authoritarian

irreverent, ~ and iconoclastic (*Mad* magazine)

anti-foreign

waves of ~ sentiment convulsed the country

anti-patriarchal

pedagogy rooted in anti-racist and ~ practices

anti-religious

the book is ~

anti-Semitic

we felt the need to come out against ~ tropes

anti-social

an ~ behavior order (ABSO / the U.K)

antisemitic and anti-white

black separatist hates groups with ~ beliefs

♦ "Opinion: Tom Hanks Is A Non-Racist. It's Time For Him To Be Anti-Racist" by Eric Deggans, NPR, Opinion, June 13, 2021.

♦ "How To Be An Anti-Casteist" by Gregory Warner, Lauren Frayer, Derek Arthur, NPR, Rough Translation, September 30, 2020.

♦ "I will NO LONGER tolerate ANY racism against me for being a #ProudBrownWoman of #SouthAsian and #Caribbean descent...The fact that I have consistently been made to endure this hateful racism in anti-racist spaces is abhorrently shameful." (Dr. Vanessa Toolsie, who was born in Trinidad of Indian descent, resigning from her position of elected vice president of the Orange County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. From "NAACP leader in Florida quits over 'racist marginalization,'" AP, August 25 2022. Republished on ABC News.)

♦ "ASBOs are simply a badge of honor for lads like this." (A comment about a delinquent. An ASBO is an anti-social behavior order in the United Kingdom.)

♦ "Use the modifiers anti-abortion or abortion-rights; don't use pro-life pro-choice or pro-abortion unless they are in quotes or proper names. Avoid the term abortionist, which connotes a person who performs clandestine abortions." (The Associated Press style book.)

♦ "Antiaircraft; anti-armor; antilanding; antihandling; anti-missile; anti-personnel; antisatellite; ant submarine; anti-tank; anti-terrorism... (Military "anti-s.")

inclusion & exclusion: affix

antibody (noun)

"antibody response" within the government

there was an ~ (rejection of lab-leak theory)

**attraction & repulsion / protection & lack of protection:
health & medicine**

anticlimax (noun)

sad anticlimax

his last campaign proved a ~ (an admiral)

development: theater

antidote (noun)

antidote to adversity

a cheerful disposition and a sunny smile are the ~

antidote to the boredom

provide an ~ of teaching numbers, months, etc.

antidote to criminality

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

antidote to cynicism

this book is an ~

antidote to the (poisonous) doctrine

he was an ~ of extremism

antidote to violence

violence is not an ~ (capital punishment)

antidotes to hatred and intolerance

caring and sympathy are the best ~

antidote against self-pity

our callousness was an ~ (hospital ward)

antidote for stress

a break from work is a necessary ~ (vacations)

view (Tibetan) Buddhism as an antidote

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

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

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

antique (adjective)

antique

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

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antiques

past & present / time: antiques

antique (noun)

antique

the revenue system is an ~ (economy)

turned the telegraph into an antique

the telephone ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antiques

past & present / time: antiques

anvil (shape)

anvil-shaped

the Geneva Spur is an ~ rib of black rock (Everest)

anvil top

a cumulonimbus mass with a dramatic ~

anvil storm clouds

those majestic ~ that form on a hot summer's day

shape: tools & technology

anvil (military)

hammer and anvil

the ~ is a military tactic involving two primary forces
the “~” tactic is a single envelopment
in the ~ tactic, the hammer is the maneuver element

military: hammer / tools & technology

anxiety (noun)

anxiety over authenticity

~ be damned...

Gen Z's anxiety

fueling ~ is being exposed to news in a different way

accent anxiety

northerners were particularly prone to ‘~’ (in England)

class anxiety

the raw nerve of English society, ~

climate anxiety

a lot of people are feeling ~

eco-anxiety

how can I deal with my ~

Election Anxiety

“How To Deal With ‘~’ (NPR / 2016)

gender anxiety

the ~ rippling through America today (NPR)

health anxiety

cyberchondria is a subset of ~ (compulsive searching)
the pandemic definitely made my ~ worse...

math anxiety

Boaler cited Randall Engle regarding “~” (Jo Boaler)

menu anxiety

the young suffer from “~” (UK / language, prices, etc.)

rapture anxiety

for some Christians, ‘~’ can take a lifetime to heal (CNN)

long-held anxiety

the ~ that Americans are “falling behind” in math, science

ambient anxiety

stressors included a kind of ~ caused by the pandemic

financial anxiety

the film is strikingly fraught with ~ (*Sex and the City*)

parental anxiety

economist Emily Oster believes data can ease ~

postnatal anxiety

Lizzie experienced ~ and insomnia

social anxiety

ways to conquer ~

pandemic measures that instill unnatural ~ in people

crucible of anxiety

how to handle the ~ (college admissions)

irritation and anxiety

students express ~ (rising tuition, fewer classes)

copied with anxiety

mindfulness can also play a role in ~

devoured by anxiety

she is ~ when she's not working (magazine editor)

ease ‘ringxiety’

constant notifications are ruining your health—7 tips to ~

speaks to our anxieties

the film ~ about AI (M3GAN)

♦ “Years later, I have PTSD, I have panic attacks I go to therapy. Finally I'm ready to talk about it and finally heal.” (Gabby, about a sexual assault.)

♦ “*Joan of Arkansas* is a climate-anxious work.” (By Emma Wiperman, whose writing is concerned with ecology, desire, and queer digital intimacy.)

♦ If you can use public bathrooms without stares, fear or anxiety, you have **cisgender privilege**.

♦ Bohemians; freaks; hipsters; natives; super-natives (recently arrived appropriators, colonizers); newcomers; young people; poseurs; permanent residents; tourists; (post-Katrina) transplants; yuppies; ... (Types and groups of people mentioned in “Anxiety and authenticity: Are ‘super-natives’ loving New Orleans to death?” by C.W. Cannon, *The Lens: Focused on New Orleans and the Gulf Coast*, June 1, 2018.)

♦ “For O’Shannassy, there is something comforting about the status anxieties of people who have everything.” (The author of *Superyacht Captain*, a memoir. From “The Floating World” by Evan Osnos, *The New Yorker*, July 25, 2022.)

♦ “They keep sayin’ I should get help, but I don’t even know what I need, they keep sayin’, ‘Speak your truth,’ and at the same time put it onto me.” (Megan Thee Stallion, “Anxiety.”)

♦ Michele Martin: “How does the task force define anxiety?” / Lori Pbert: “That’s a really good point...” (“Behind the new anxiety screening recommendation,” NPR, *All Things Considered*, September 24, 2022.)

♦ “I asked her what had struck her most about the poem. ‘The landscapes,’ she said, without hesitation. ‘The rocks and the rivers. All that dryness.’ Not for her the unreal city, or the mob of languages, but a natural world under clear and present threat. “The Waste Land,” in short, can speak to the ecological dread of her generation as it spoke to the social and political anxieties of those who had weathered the First World War. The poem, which is prefaced with the words of a Sibyl, is fated to tell each of us, from one era to the next, whatever it is that we most fear to hear.” (“On The Rocks: A hundred years of ‘The Waste Land’” by Anthony Lane, *The New Yorker*, October 3, 2022.)

♦ “For me, personally, I wanted to support the students, and the younger generations, I have empathy for what they’re going through.” (“Community member Victoria Van Holder holding a sign offering “free hugs.” From “A year after Michigan State University shooting, museum has preserved memorial items” by Sophia Saliby, NPR, *All Things Considered*, February 13, 2024. See the Wikipedia entry “2023 Michigan State University shooting.”)

♦ “I watched the Mom do an interview once, and she stated her daughter has anxiety over climate change. That family is a bit of a mess.” (An online commenter about “Rep. Katherine Clark’s transgender daughter Riley Dowell sentenced for assault on Boston cop” by Victor Nava, *New York Post*, May 3, 2023.)

♦ *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness* by social psychologist Jonathon Haidt.

♦ Anxiety; anxiety disorders; anxious; apprehension; avoidance; disease (cardiovascular disease, etc.); dread; events (traumatic events, etc.); fearful; fight or flight; heartbeat (increased heartbeat); ill at ease;

insomnia; muscles (tightened muscles, etc.); nervousness; pressure (high blood pressure, etc.); problems (financial problems, etc.); sleeplessness; spikes (in blood pressure, etc.); stimulation (mind overtaken with stimulation, etc.); stresses (chronic stresses, etc.); struggling (to sit still, etc.); thoughts (racing thoughts, etc.); threat (anticipated threat, etc.); vigilance; violence (community violence, etc.)... ("What is anxiety" by Rihitu Chatterjee, NPR, Mental Health, Dec. 19, 2022. Just in time for Christmas!)

♦ "Nervous about 2024? We can help, with support / We're preparing for one of the most consequential news cycles of our lifetimes. We need your help to raise \$1.5m to fund our journalism next year and beyond. / \$830,874 of \$1,500,000 goal / Make a year-end gift." (*The Guardian*.)

♦ "'Hardcore science' or 'just a sticker'—do anti-anxiety patches actually work?" by Alaina Demopoulos, *The Guardian*, Thu 7 Sep 2023.)

♦ "Constant notifications are ruining your health—7 tips to ease 'ringxiety.'"

♦ "The people who are counseling young people, I have seen this even in my own institution, dealing with say climate anxiety, they say, 'Yes, it's such a serious problem, it is very good that you're anxious.' Well, no. Your anxiety is not going to save the planet. Your actions are going to save the planet... (Steven Pinker of Harvard speaking to Piers Morgan.)

♦ "Anxiety Relieving Pet Bed." (An advertisement for MrFluffyFriend, showing a large dog snoozing on a cushion.)

♦ "Anxiety over authenticity be damned, I just want to keep cool." (African / Ankara hand fans. From "Ankara Hand Fans" by Tomi Obaro, *The New York Times Magazine*, August 14, 2022.)

♦ "Every culture possesses what Edward Shorter, a medical historian at the University of Toronto, calls a 'symptom repertoire'—a range of physical symptoms available to the unconscious mind for the physical expression of psychological conflict.' In parts of India, patients are said to suffer from dhat syndrome: they complain of impotence and have the delusion that they are losing their semen. In Nigeria, students who can't retain information and report feeling a burning sensation in their heads are sometimes given a diagnosis of 'brain fog.' The illnesses are reinforced by a local belief that the symptoms are a sign of authentic suffering, worthy of expert attention and care." ("The Apathetic: Why are refugee children falling unconscious?" by Rachel Aviv, *The New Yorker*, April 3, 2017.)

♦ "constant notifications—7 tips to ease ringxiety"

♦ "Hangxiety" has a Wiktionary entry: it combines "hangover" and "anxiety." Wiktionary does not have an entry "English terms suffixed with -xiety" yet.

♦ "Hunger was now torturing us. The Cossacks sat gloomily round the fire and hardly spoke. Several times I asked Dersu how we had taken the wrong trail, and were we on the right road. He answered that he had never been in this district before, that he had nothing to go by and, like me, could only guess. Hoping to forget their hunger a little, the men tried to sleep. I lay down too, but could not sleep. Anxiety and doubt tormented me. If we did not manage to kill something tomorrow, or reach the Iman, things would be desperate indeed. In the summer a man can carry on without food for several days, but in the winter hunger kills quickly." (*Dersu* by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "October 30th, Sunday—One hundred and fortieth day. Boyd and Gortz died during night. Mr. Collins dying." (The final entry in Captain George W. De Long's ice journal. From *In the Kingdom of Ice: The Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeannette* by Hampton Sides.)

♦ "Don't sweat the small stuff."

♦ "Nobody died."

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine / mental health

Apache (Apache helicopter, etc.)

Apache (Longbow attack) helicopter
the AH-64D, the ~

military: proper name

apart (division)

apart

they reunited after years of being ~

wide apart

the two sides remained ~

grew apart

we ~ (divorce)

division & connection: prep, adv, adj, particle
avoidance & separation: prep, adv, adj, particle

apartheid (separation)

political apartheid

we've got ~ in this country (US politics)

♦ "I feel like it's militarized, right, over-policed, enslaved—militia... This is a thing of, 'Black folks can't govern. Black leaders can't govern.' So we'll show you how to run, how to move, how to talk..." (A Jackson, Mississippi resident about the Capitol Police and their jurisdiction in her city. The mayor of Jackson likens the control zone to apartheid.)

♦ "Black attorneys make up less than 5 percent of all attorneys and continue to face horrific experiences in law school and in the legal community." ("Must I Mentor a White Law Student When I Requested a Black Mentee?" *The Ethicist* by Kwame Anthony Appiah, *The New York Times Magazine*, Dec. 4, 2022.)

♦ "Blackline is a hotline geared towards the Black, Black LGBTQ+, brown Native, and Muslim communities."

♦ "Those (Afro-Americans) are the ones we recruit. And, uh, we want to keep it home. This is a HBUC (historically Black university or college) and we're gonna stick to that all the way through." (Gregory Green, head tennis coach at Tuskegee University in Alabama. From "HBCUs recruit international athletes for tennis. Some are calling it into question," NPR, November 14, 2023. Ari Shapiro, host. Reported by Julien Virgin of member station WABE in Atlanta.)

♦ "This lady actually had the CAUdacity to say black people can be racist too." (DOD official Kelisa Wing, using a portmanteau for "Caucasian audacity. Of COURSE, Black people can be racist, too. Many are.)

♦ Scott Adams, the creator of the beloved cartoon "Dilbert," was canceled after suggesting that many Blacks dislike whites, and that white people should stay away from them.

♦ "According to Alina Skibinska and Joanna Tokarska-Bakir, during the 1930s 'the relations between the communities...began to increasingly resemble apartheid.'" (From the Wikipedia entry for "Kielce pogrom.")

♦ "Why do you want to label it as apartheid? What are the consequences of that?... So the question itself and the answers given to it are part of the political conflict." (Israel and the Palestinians.)

♦ In the U.S., legal and political equality for Afro-Americans has not been accompanied by social equality.

♦ "This points to a unique understanding of plurality of Indian society—it is more like a thali (an Indian meal comprising a selection of separate dishes served on a platter), rather than a melting pot." (Neha Sahgal, a lead author of a Pew study that found Indians support religious tolerance and religious segregation.)

division & connection: allusion / history

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

ape (verb)

aped the materialism

regimes which ~ of irreligious others (Sayyid Qutb)

behavior / repetition: animal / verb

apex (highest point)

at the apex of the boom

he invested ~

apex (of the fad's popularity) came
the ~ when...

reached its apex
their rivalry ~ last year (two athletes)

growth & development: direction
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction
apex (achievement)

apex of their profession
women can still have kids and reach the ~

at the apex of her career
she is ~

achievement, recognition & praise: direction
apex (apex animal, etc.)

apex animal
the tuna is an ~

apex predator
mankind is the ~ on earth
orcas are ~s
so-called ~s, like sharks, groupers and jacks
~s have no natural predators of their own

♦ "[T]he world could be radically transformed and humanity deposed from its position as apex cogitator over the course of an hour or two." (Nick Bostrom—author of the 2014 book *Superintelligence*—about artificial intelligence.)

hierarchy: direction / position
apocalypse (noun)

heat apocalypse
hot weather is now referred to as a ~

retail apocalypse
the ~ speeds up (brick and mortar vs. online stores)

After The Apocalypse:
America's Role in a World Transformed (Andrew Bacevich)

♦ "It'll be the most comfortable apocalypse ever." ("Bunker mentality: How Mark Zuckerberg, Kim Kardashian, Tom Cruise and other celebs are prepping for doomsday" by Lauren Elkies Schram and Isabel Keane, *The New York Post*, March 9, 2024.)

♦ see also *pocalypse* (*gas-pocalypse*, etc.)

destruction: allusion / Bible / religion
apogee (at an apogee)

at its apogee
the British Empire was ~

at his creative apogee
when he was ~...

growth & development / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / direction
apogee (noun)

apogee of chic

Paris is the ~

apogee of his career
the film was the ~

apogee of excellence
the *Grande Armee* reached its ~ (1805-1807)

apogee of fame
Grant reached a new ~ (after victory at Chattanooga)

apogee of a trend
we have simply reached an ~ (minimalism in fashion)

movement's apogee
it was the ~

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

reached its apogee
the island ~ in the early Christian era

growth & development / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / direction

apoplectic (adjective)

apoplectic
I am ~, at a loss for words (abuse of children)

apoplectic about her definition
the man was ~ of marriage (gender inclusive)

apoplectic (with rage) at what
he is ~ he hears on television (street protests)

apoplectic over the impact
exhibitors are ~ of Netflix (independent theaters)

apoplectic with what
he would be ~ is going on today (dead father)

had diplomats apoplectic
his phone call with the President of Taiwan ~

went apoplectic
the Internet ~ (over a provocation about race)

makes him apoplectic
it's one of those little things that ~

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

apostasy (noun)

referred to criticism as apostasy
he ~ (Papandreou)

♦ "Papandreou referred to criticism of some of his individual policies by PASOK members as 'apostasy'—a word that in its original Greek form, *apostassia*, carries a strong theological undertone from the days of Byzantium, when emperors, ruling by Divine Right, were judged 'infallible,' thus making their critics 'heretics' or 'apostates.'" (*Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History* by Robert D. Kaplan.)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion
apostle (Apostle of the Sioux, etc.)

Apostle of the Sioux

he was known as “The ~” (the Swiss Martin Marty)

message / transmission: epithet

apostle (person)

apostle of LSD

he essentially became the ~ (Timothy Leary)

apostle of niceness

he is the ~ (a poetry critic)

apostle of positive thinking

he is an ~

message / person: religion

message: person

apostle (Twelve Apostles, etc.)

Twelve Apostles

the ~ are a popular attraction (Victoria, Australia)

proper name: religion

Appalachia (and Pineapplachia, etc.)

Pineapplachia

it's closer to being ~ than paradise (Hawaii)

♦ “it's closer to being Pineapplachia than paradise.” (An online commenter about the article, “2 Hawaiian men found guilty of hate crime for attacking white homeowner” by Michelle De Pacina, Yahoo / NextShark, November 21, 2022.)

♦ “We don't mind people settlin' in the area. Just don't put your house on a ridgetop so you can look down on us, and don't tell us how you did it back home.” (A Southern Appalachians woman.)

♦ “I think 'hillbilly' is the one epithet people are allowed to use. The rest are politically incorrect. If they want to look down upon us, then that is their problem. The ignorance is one-sided, and in that way I've never had a problem with it.” (Fred Chappell, North Carolina poet laureate.)

comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

apparatus (government)

security apparatus

he disappeared within the state ~

big apparatus

you're in charge of this ~ (the president of US)

♦ “When I became president, one of the things I discovered coming into office is you're in charge of a big apparatus... It's an ocean liner and not a speedboat... Trying to change policy is really difficult.” (Barak Obama on 2020.)

♦ “How long will it take, is it a matter of turning an aircraft carrier?” (To change or reverse diplomacy and foreign policy.)

government / operation: mechanism

appetite (whet the appetite)

whet audiences' appetites for films

movie trailers ~

whet people's appetite for spending

museums try to ~

whet the appetites of fans

the ad campaign is designed to ~ (TV)

whet the appetites of investors

the company's performance will not ~

whet appetites for a rematch

their fight ~ (boxing)

increase & decrease: blade / knife

appetite (appetite for fur, etc.)

appetite to return

will audiences have an ~ to the teachers (post-COVID)

appetite for adventure

baby boomers who have an ~

appetite for electricity

the nation's ~

appetite for fur

Russia's growing ~ (new wealth)

appetite for gold

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

appetite for (royal) gossip

the tabloids' ~

appetite for a (ground) invasion

commanders have little ~

appetite for (our) money

a government that has an endless ~ (taxes)

appetite for oil

we must reduce our ~

appetite (of the European rich) for porcelain

the ~ was insatiable

appetite for pornography

the ~ seems to be insatiable

appetite for profit

their ~ sharpened by years of drought (farmers)

appetite for scores

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

appetite for sensationalism

the ~ (on part of broadcast media)

appetite for (crime) stories

the American public has an insatiable ~ about blacks

appetite for success

he had an ~ (a poet)

appetite for timber

China's voracious ~ is deforestating Siberia (Russia)

appetite for cars, cell phones, appliances and services

the ~ increases daily (China)

appetite for gambling

North Carolinians appear to have a strong ~

appetite for skateboarding

the local ~

India's (seemingly insatiable) appetite

~ for gold (jewelry, dowries, etc.)

nation's appetite

the ~ for electricity

considerable (public) appetite

there is ~ for stories of feuds in the entertainment industry

endless appetite

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

insatiable appetite

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

little appetite

commanders have ~ for a ground invasion...

very little appetite

in the US there is ~ for government restriction

local appetite

the ~ for skateboarding

low (sexual) appetite

my boyfriend has a very ~

political appetite

there is no ~ for banning assault weapons (in the US)

public appetite

the Y has increased the number of debates to feed the ~
there is considerable ~ for stories of feuds

sexual appetite

my boyfriend has a very low ~

strong appetite

North Carolinians appear to have a ~ for gambling

voracious appetite

our ~ for scores that we can use to rank our kids (school)

for the last few years, China has had a ~ for bauxite

China's ~ for timber is deforestating Siberia

control over his appetites

he has no ~ (sex)

appetite (for consumer goods) increases

their ~ daily (China)

feed the (public) appetite

the Y has increased the number of debates to ~

have (no) appetite

I ~ for confrontation

increased the appetite

their breakup only ~ for gossip about her personal life

reduce our appetite

we must ~ for oil

satisfies the appetite

nothing ~ for allegory quite like a zombie film

suppress the appetite

perils and jitters ~ for private and corporate risks

♦ "People often suppose that penal systems recruit sadists. But cruelty is an appetite that grows with feeding..." (*The Fatal Shore* by Robert Hughes, from the chapter "Norfolk Island.")

♦ "Suspicion is an appetite that is never fully sated." (Misinformation, etc.)

consumption: food & drink

appetizer (noun)

appetizer

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

♦ "There's one of your Whigs for ye!" cried Alan; and then turning to me, he asked if I had done much execution. / I told him I had winged one, and thought it was the captain. / "And I've settled two," says he. "No, there's not enough blood let; they'll be back again. To your watch, David. This was but a dram before meat." ("Siege of the Round-House" from *Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson.)

development: food & drink

applaud (verb)

applaud the administration

I ~ for doing that (politics)

applaud his decision

many people ~

applaud her

her fans ~

applaud the person

I ~ who designed the Nutrition Facts label (Burkey Belser)

applaud women

I ~ like Hou who beat on against the current (chess)

achievement, recognition & praise / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gesture / sound / verb

applauded

applauded and denounced

they launched a movement that has been both ~

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / sound

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gesture / sound

apple (proverb)

apple

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

red apple

a ~ attracts stones (Turkish)

perception, perspective & point of view: apple

apple (Golden Apple / education)

Golden Apple

she received a ~ (a teacher in North Carolina)

♦ "An award-winning elementary school teacher from California was arrested this week for allegedly sexually abusing a former student, according to police." (Sex with a minor.)

achievement, recognition & praise: apple / sign, signal, symbol

apple (bad apple / rotten apple)

bad apple

one ~ spoils it for everyone else
~s tend to find one another
don't let a few ~s spoil it for the rest of us

"bad apple" argument

I don't buy the ~ (war, combat and atrocities)

few bad apples

it's not just a ~, there is a culture of abuse (gymnastics)

rotten apples

there are ~ in every barrel (bad cops)

work of (a few) bad apples

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

♦ "It is galling to many of the families and victims and serving police officers and serving staff in the organization that expressions like 'bad apples' and 'wrong 'uns' were even used. But the culture, sadly, in the Met is all-pervasive, and that the institutional racism, misogyny and homophobia is largely led by what their officers have said... I mean, it is off the barometer." (Baroness Casey speaking to BBC Radio 4 about her report on the Metropolitan Police Service. The Met Police Commissioner, while conceding that failings were "systematic," refused to accept that they were "institutional," as that latter word had various definitions and had become politicized.)

♦ "You have to lower the level to get people in, but that lets in the bad apples."

♦ Why don't Americans say, "a rotten potato?"

character & personality: apple / fruits & vegetables

corruption: apple / food & drink

apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)

apple

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

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

product: apple / fruits & vegetables

relationship: apple / fruits & vegetables

approach (winter is approaching, etc.)

date is approaching

the application ~

end is (fast) approaching

the ~

war is approaching

~ in the Arabian Gulf

deadlines are approaching

holiday shipping ~

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

future / time: direction / movement / verb

approach (a number, etc.)

approach 100,000 deaths

as we ~ from the virus here in the U.S.

attainment: number

approach (a better approach, etc.)

potshot approach

I don't like that kind of a ~ (politics and criticism)

take-no-prisoners approach

the ~ to justice

confrontational approach

his ~ was rejected as a relic of the past (coach)

creative approaches

the competition rewards ~ to... (research)

straightforward approach

her ~ startles many (on pediatric safety)

Carroll's rah-rah style and Stoop's more ~ vary sharply
we take a ~ to business (honesty, integrity)

old and new approaches

NASA will pursue both ~ simultaneously

pillar of the (US) approach

another ~ is to minimize civilian casualties

direction: movement

approach (the approach of summer, etc.)

with the approach of summer

its staff swells to 400 ~

♦ "The future is already here." (ChatGPT and all its disruption.)

future / time: direction / movement

approaching (adjective)

approaching elections

the US has called the ~ unfair

approaching spring

melting snow and ~ brings thoughts of...

future / time: direction / movement

appropriate (groups)

appropriates the past to support

it ~ their 'just-so stories' about the present (1619 Project)

appropriate stories from India

white filmmakers unfairly ~

appropriating another culture for his personal profit

critics say he is ~ (artist Tim Okamura)

appropriating African culture

white women who wear African garb are ~

appropriate the (checkered kaffiyah) scarf

fashionistas ~

appropriated the language

she cynically ~ of diversity and inclusion to keep her job

appropriated the (abortion rights) slogan

vaccine opponents have ~ “My Body, My Choice”

appropriate the N-Word

how some artists ~ (in order to “take it back”)

appropriate and “feminize”

an attempt to ~ the diction of heroic epic

- ♦ “Queerbaiting” essentially boils down to appropriating queer signifiers as an aesthetic only.”
- ♦ “Many scholars now see her poetry as an attempt to appropriate and ‘feminize’ the diction and subject matter of heroic epic. (For instance, the appeal to Aphrodite to be her ‘comrade in arms’—in love.” (“Girl, Interrupted” by the classicist Daniel Mendelsohn. About the poet Sappho.)
- ♦ “Morocco’s culture ministry has accused Adidas of appropriating Moroccan culture in its new jerseys for Algeria’s football team... / The neighboring nations have a long history of tensions, as they continue to dispute Western Sahara.” (“Adidas row: Morocco demands change to Algerian football jersey design” by Malu Cursino, BBC News, Sept. 29, 2022.)
- ♦ “This is about a legacy white employee who was in danger of losing her job for performance reasons, so she cynically appropriated the language of diversity and inclusion to try and hold onto that job—which if she lost it might have actually gone to a person of color.” (An unnamed source, quoted in a *Gawker* article about a woman fired by *The New Yorker*. The woman had presented herself as a whistleblower and champion of diversity and inclusion for Blacks and women.)
- ♦ see also *appropriation (groups)*, *coopt (and co-opt)*, *misappropriate (groups)*, *misappropriated*, *misappropriation (groups, etc.)*, *reappropriate (groups)*, *reappropriation (groups)*, *reclaim (groups)*, *reclaimed (groups)*, *take back (take back one’s life, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: possession / verb

appropriation (groups)

appropriation of (urban) youth culture

this is an ~ (corporate social media uses the word “bae”)

cultural appropriation

~ and preferential treatment (#BlackTikTokStrike)

Mexican restaurateurs in France see it as ~ (French tacos)
3 white women criticized for ~ (mahjong company owners)
criticisms of ~ (Chet Hanks / fake ‘Jamaican’ accent)
Ariana Grande has been criticized for ~ (AAVE, tats, etc.)
Werowocomoco was widely accused of ~ (restaurant)

phallic appropriation

she becomes masculinized through ~ by...

backlash for (cultural) appropriation

she faced ~ when she posted a selfie...

(cultural) appreciation, not (cultural) appropriation

Miss EmpowHer waist beads are ~

exchange and appropriation

there’s an important difference between ~ (Christian yoga)

- ♦ “How is this still going on? How is Hollywood excluding us but stealing our narratives as well? No more appropriation Hollywood and streamers! Boycott! This F’d up! Plus seriously difficult story to tell without aggrandizement which would b wrong! I don’t got a prob with Franco but he ain’t Latino!” (John Leguizamo, upset by a casting decision. John Martinez O’Felan, a producer of the film, wrote that Leguizamo’s assertions “lack factual substance.”)
- ♦ “#Sayhername, the patriots will tweet, delighting in their appropriation of a campaign created for Black women.” (Ashli Babbitt)
- ♦ “Gosh, I’m so mad at Greg Abbott, I’m like, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, I’m like Mothers Demand Action, I’m a mother against Greg Abbott, so I wrote down Mothers Against Greg Abbott, and so I just went

down there and protested all by myself in front of the Capitol for two and a half hours, I had somebody take my photograph, and I made it public, and it went viral.” (Nancy Thompson. Mothers against Greg Abbott—MAGA—signs can now be seen on lawns throughout Texas.)

- ♦ “Why Don’t Asian Lives Matter to Joe Biden and his liberal allies?” (A political ad by Citizens for Sanity on Twitter, published on Oct. 22, 2022, that received 25.5K views. The term echoes “Black Lives Matter.”)
- ♦ “[S]he becomes masculinized through ‘phallic appropriation’ by taking up a weapon...” (Wikipedia entry for “Final girl.”)
- ♦ “Moccasin maker Minnetonka is publicly apologizing for making money off of Native culture.” (The company was founded in 1946, as a small business creating souvenirs, including moccasins, for roadside gift stores at a time when more and more Americans were traveling by car. An early partner, Philip W Miller, had come to the US from Poland as a boy, and used money that he saved from running a corner grocery store in Minneapolis to buy into the company. Its footwear was popular with hippies in the 1960s. Like most footwear, it is currently made overseas, in the Dominican Republic and China. Moccasin, Minnetonka and indeed Minneapolis and Minnesota all come from native American languages.)
- ♦ “NPR’s Lulu Garcia-Navarro asks CNN contributor Jeff Yang about a mahjong company founded by three white women who were criticized for cultural appropriation.” (“Texas-Based Mahjong Company Faces Backlash For Cultural Appropriation,” NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, January 17, 2021.)

♦ “A professor at a Kansas college dressed as Michael Jackson for Halloween has come under fire with some accusing her of cultural appropriation.”

♦ “Some people consider use of AAVE by non-African Americans to be a form of cultural appropriation.” (Yale Grammatical Diversity Project English in North America.)

♦ “Hernandez described the co-opting of trends as an act of ‘stylistic or aesthetic gentrification,’ which she said can be traced as far as the 19th century when Cubist artist Pablo Picasso, who is Spanish, took inspiration from traditional African art. / ‘The reason he innovated modern art was because he was looking at African masks,’ Hernandez said. ‘So much Western innovation stems from colonialism. And that’s where we get this kind of cultural appropriation.’” (“Hailey Bieber faces accusations of ‘cultural appropriation’ for ‘brownie glazed lips’ look” by Amanda Su and Jessica Mendoza via GMA, September 28, 2022. Jillian Hernandez is a professor at University of Florida’s Center for Gender, Sexualities, and Women’s Studies Research. There are also interesting quotes from Sandra E. Garcia, a *New York Times* style reporter.)

♦ “Cultural appropriation is a very Tumbler Concern.” (In 2014. From the brilliant podcast *The Witch Trials of J.K. Rowling*, “Chapter 3: A New Pyre.”)

*** analysis

♦ “Appropriation, the most misappropriated word in the English language at this time. Stuff and nonsense.” (greatpix about the #BlackTikTokStrike.)

♦ MINE, adj. Belonging to me if I can hold or seize it. (*The Devil’s Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ see also *appropriate (groups)*, *coopt (and co-opt)*, *misappropriate (groups)*, *misappropriated*, *misappropriation (groups, etc.)*, *reappropriate (groups)*, *reappropriation (groups)*, *reclaim (groups)*, *reclaimed (groups)*, *take back (take back one’s life, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: possession

apron strings

cut the apron strings

he wanted to ~ from my father (a baseball player)

♦ “Do you think you needed to cut the strings from your father?” / “That was the right thing to do to get me to stand up on my own two feet.” (A professional baseball player.)

growth & development: life span

behavior / character & personality / insult / person: baby

aquifer (noun)

hugue aquifer

I had this ~ underneath of stories (Stephen King)

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

source: water / ground, terrain & land

amount: water

arc (noun)

tragic arc

the episode is the culmination of the book's ~

course / development: geometry

archaeology (noun)

archival archaeology

Fara has pulled off quite a feat of ~

♦ "[Patricia] Fara has pulled off quite a feat of archival archaeology. Digging through the records of universities, scientific societies, industrial establishments, newspapers, and personal journals and correspondence, she excavates and pieces together the lives of some of the first women to embark on scientific studies and careers in the modern era." ("The Original Hidden Figures" by Elaine Weiss, *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2019.)

source: water / ground, terrain & land

amount: water

archipelago (noun)

archipelago of (fortified) camps

they moved them into an ~ for political reeducation

archipelago of enclaves

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

archipelago of Jewish museums

Europe is a vast ~ (Jeffrey Goldberg)

archipelago of black sites

he had been tortured in the CIA's ~

Palestinian archipelago

the enclaves have been referred to as the ~ (West Bank)

saw themselves as a small archipelago

they ~ of decency in a rising sea of moral pollution

♦ "Russian writer Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn famously described Stalin-era prisoner and labor camps as a string of islands—an archipelago—strewn across the Soviet Union's landscape... America's prison archipelago has more islands and more prisoners than Stalin's at its height." (Tye Evans #158293 / Indiana Correctional Facility / 1 Park Row / Michigan City, IN / 46460.)

♦ Japan, Indonesia and the Philippines are archipelago nations.

♦ The crews of the ill-fated Franklin expedition, searching for a Northwest Passage, perished in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago.

♦ Alfred Russel Wallace pickled orangutans in barrels and collected butterflies in the Malay Archipelago.

♦ The Solomon Islands archipelago saw fierce fighting during World War II. Guadalcanal is in the Solomon Islands.

♦ Turku, in the Turku Archipelago, in the Gulf of Bothnia, was once Finland's trading gateway to the world. Visiting it is on my bucket list.

♦ Lakes and even rivers can have archipelagos: Lake Baikal contains an archipelago. What a wonderful place that would be to visit! The Si Phan Don (4,000 islands) is a riverine archipelago in the Mekong River in southern Laos.

configuration: sea / island

architect (as verb)

architect a life

~ that feels full, genuine, rich and beautiful (influencer)

architect them

he is able to take all my ideas and ~ (fashion industry)

contempo-speak: part of speech

creation & transformation: infrastructure / part of speech / verb

architect (creator)

architect of apartheid

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

architect of the nuclear bomb

Enrico Fermi, known as the "~-"

architect of change

she was a legendary ~ (a feminist)

architects of the doctrine

the ~ remain its strongest defenders (military)

architect of (Iraq's) program

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

architects of the Final Solution

Eichmann was one of the ~

architect of the war on terrorism

he is the ~

deal's (chief) architect

after the ~ was eased out... (hospital merger)

chief architect

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

♦ "According to the Wikipedia entry for "Little Richard," he has been described as the "Architect of Rock and Roll" for "[blowing] the lid off the Fifties, laying the foundation for rock and roll..." (Good golly, Miss Molly!)

creation & transformation: infrastructure / person

person: infrastructure

architected

architected

how society is ~ (social justice)

architected by FDR

he has ended the American era that was ~ (politics)

architected for snap responses, speed, amplification

the social web is ~

contempo-speak: part of speech

creation & transformation: infrastructure / part of speech

architecture (non-building)

Architecture of Al Qaeda

the ~ (how it is structured, governed, motivated)

architecture of how

the ~ safety is provided (defend police, etc.)

information architecture

it's a masterpiece of ~ (the Nutrition Facts label)

♦ "With gun control far from sight, schools redesign for student safety." (School shootings. How sad.)

♦ "Remember, this a time when the brain is undergoing serious rewiring. The architecture of our frontal lobes, which regulate emotion, is shifting, say Breuner." (Life Kit, NPR, 2020. Cory Turner, Anya Kamenetz.)

bases: infrastructure

area (territory)

my area

biology isn't ~

area: ground, terrain & land

arena (in / inside the arena)

in the mental health arena

this has become an issue ~

in the homeland security arena

anyone in the ~ will tell you that...

in the legal one

this will be debated in the political arena, not ~

in the legislative arena

they would lose this battle ~

inside the legislative arena

Republicans have the upper hand ~

in the political arena

these questions will be debated ~, not the legal one

in academic and professional arenas

develop their languages for use ~

lose (this battle) in the legislative arena

they would ~

♦ "'Bae' may be in the extreme get-the-fk-out-of-here phrase arena." ("Where did 'Bae' Come From?" by Natasha Zarinsky, *Esquire*, July 25, 2014.)

conflict: history / infrastructure / sports & games

arise (verb)

arise

these are just some of the issues that can ~ (workplace)

we will deal with those cases as they ~ (sex assault)

arises from the ashes

adoption is a miracle that ~ of despair

crisis (of enormous gravity) has arisen

a ~

appearance & disappearance / growth & development /

occurrence: direction / verb

aristocracy (noun)

rock aristocracy

all of ~ was coming (to see Cat Sevens and Carly Simon)

Cambridge intellectual aristocracy

the club was his entrée into the world of ~ (Apostles)

♦ see also *ocracy (gynocracy, etc.)*

superlative: royalty

aristocratic (aristocratic wine, etc.)

aristocratic wines

~ at democratic prices (commercial)

superlative: royalty

arithmetic

parliamentary arithmetic

Johnson faces exactly the same ~ (as Theresa May)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: number

strategy: number

arm (twist arms, etc.)

twisted arms to limit

behind the scenes, the US government ~...

twist some arms

the President needs to ~

twisted his arm

threats might have ~ (to reinstate Benzema)

♦ "Techniques to encourage loyalty down the years haven't always been entirely compliant with the outlook of a modern human-resources department. The former labour cabinet minister Jack Straw recalled in his memoirs being grabbed by the 'the goolies' by his whip, a method that led to teary-eyed agreement within moments. More enlightened recent times mean such tales of robust or physical twisting of arms, or indeed anything else, are less frequent..." (Political correspondent Chris Mason, BBC Sounds, Six O'Clock News, "Senior Conservative alleges MPs 'intimidated' by Government whips," 20/01/2022.)

♦ "Cuomo strong-armed rather than cajoled; he used intimidation rather than seduction to get his way." ("New York After Cuomo" by Michael Greenberg, *The New York Review*, October 7, 2021.)

♦ "Get them by their balls and their hearts and minds will follow." (A saying popular among combat soldiers during the Vietnam War who were cynical about US government campaigns to "win the hearts and minds" of the Vietnamese people.)

coercion & motivation: arm / verb

arm (get one's arms around something)

get his arms around how

he couldn't ~ to control COVID (ineffectual leader)

get their arms around the notion

nobody can ~ he would not only kill but decapitate her

get our arms around the pandemic

we need to ~ and save lives (Gretchen Whitmer)

get our arms around this

we're going to pull out all the stops to ~ (vaccine roll-out)

wrap your arms around all this

it's hard to ~

get our arms around it

it's important to try and ~ and figure out... (a report)

try and get its arms around
this is a crisis the department will continue to ~

try to get their hands around this
they ~ by taking a fresh look at the data (NPR)

need to get our hands around
there has been a demonization that we ~ (anti-racism)

♦ "We've got to get our arms around this crisis [COVID] so we can get our arms around our economy and make sure that people are safe. So..." (Governor Gretchen Whitmer on ABC.)

♦ "Humans just can't fathom a billion dollars. Casually we mix 'billion' and 'million' in the same sentence, but they're apples and Death Stars. And until we get our arms around that, some fundamental stuff about the American economy will elude us." (Contributor Chris Colin, *Wired* magazine, January, 2020.)

♦ Michele Martin of NPR has given us "get one's *hands* around something," perhaps on the analogy of a part of the body or to "freshen up" the cliché.

*** analysis

♦ It can be hard to understand what the user means. Also, what is the physical basis?

comprehension & incomprehension: arm / verb

control & lack of control: arm / verb

arm (wrap one's arm around something / consolation)

wrap our arms around the Spartan community
let's ~ tonight (mass shooting at MSU)

wrap our (collective) arms around the victims' families
we are devastated by his tragedy and ~ and friends

♦ "We've got to get our arms around this crisis [COVID] so we can get our arms around our economy and make sure that people are safe. So..." / "Let's wrap our arms around the Spartan community tonight (following a mass shooting on campus)." (Both comments are by Governor Gretchen Whitmer. The second one seems to have a physical basis: a hug, or consolation.)

feeling, emotion & effect: arm / gesture

arm (arm of an organization)

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

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

commercial arm
the Indian Space Research Organization has a ~

political arm
the group's ~

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

division: arm

arm (configuration)

arm of the Mediterranean Sea
the Ligurian Sea is an ~

twin arms
in between those ~ of the Solomon Islands archipelago

configuration / resemblance: arm

arm (link arms)

linked arms
top scientists ~ to tamp down speculation (pandemic)

unanimity & consensus: arm / verb

allegiance, support & betrayal: arm / verb

arm (right arm)

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

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

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

importance & significance: arm

arm (at arm's length)

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

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

♦ "DISTANCE, n. The only thing that the rich are willing for the poor to call theirs, and keep." (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

avoidance & separation: arm / distance

division & connection: arm / distance

arm (open arms)

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

greeted us with open arms
they ~

welcomed Disney with open arms
Orlando and Florida ~ (Magic Kingdom)

welcomed the Confucius Institute with open arms
many universities have ~

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

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

acceptance & rejection / welcome: arm

avoidance & separation: arm / distance

division & connection: arm / distance

arm (long arm)

long arm of Iran
Hezbollah is the ~

long arm of the law
no matter how long it takes, the ~ will catch up with you

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

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

coercion & motivation / extent & scope: arm

arm (up in arms)

up in arms

the locals are ~ (recipients of trash from Rome)

up in arms over rising crime

the community is ~

got critics up in arms

her response only ~

conflict: weapon

armada (noun)

armada of vehicles

an ~ arrived and stormed the block (mass shooter's house)

small armada

the Eras Tour employed a ~ of cameras and cameramen

♦ Taylor Swifts Eras Tour concert film has reinvigorated the genre of the concert documentary / film. In the past, there were just 3 stationary cameras. Taylor Swift employed a small armada of cameras, over 40 of them, including drones and cranes. Viewers have been wowed.

♦ "It was Saturday, 30 July 1588, and Philip II's long-expected Armada had arrived off the English Coast..." (*The Spanish Armada* by Colin Martin and Geoffrey Parker. Shakespeare was 24 years old.)

amount / group, set & collection: boat / military / sea

Armageddon

political "Armageddon"

she would face ~ if his case makes it to a tribunal

turned a Sunday afternoon into Armageddon

the crane collapse ~

♦ see also *geddon* (*chipageddon*, etc.)

destruction: allusion / Bible

armchair (armchair traveller, etc.)

armchair analysis

psychiatrists may not engage in ~ (ethics and politics)

Armchair Britain

Today's destination is Cornwall (~)

armchair casuals

he gets far too much stick from the ~ (English football)

armchair critic

the ~s, who have never achieved anything... (sports)

armchair detective

see *detective* (*person*)

armchair diagnoses

~ (like "toxic" and "narcissist," etc.)

armchair enthusiast

I'm no F1 guru, but am an avid ~ and could see... (crash)

armchair epidemiologists

beware ~ who have a solution to everything (pandemic)

~ with their own version of the facts (COVID)

Armchair Expert

during an appearance on the ~ podcast... (Dax and Monica)

armchair explorers

a tightknit community of ~ (Forest Fenn website)

armchair fans

they are out of town glory supporting ~ (soccer snark)

~ had criticized Southgate's team selection (3 Lions win)

armchair general

~s and studio polemicists propound... (war)

armchair geographers

so, back in England, you had these ~ (Candice Millard)

armchair investigator

he had begun working with another ~ (lab-leak hypothesis)

the ~s are used to a murder being solved in an hour

Armchair Mountaineer

the ~ by David Reuther (Editor)

armchair quarterback

it's easy to be an ~, what do you do when... (troubled kid)

all the ~s who couldn't make it as a police officer...

armchair reflection

officers are not afforded the luxury of ~ (police shootings)

armchair traveller

an ~ shouldn't be giving advice about safety (trekking)

Armchair Voyage

see all episodes from ~ (BBC)

armchair warriors

I have zero tolerance for ~ (a veteran)

some shameful ~ on here (BBC HYS boxing)

armchair travel and adventure

books for ~

real and armchair

he was popular with ~ sailors alike (Tristan Jones)

safety of his armchair

said from the ~ (a response to criticism of police)

♦ "Nearly all advice sent to the King by armchair politicians is impracticable nonsense." (*Don Quixote* by Cervantes. Translated by John Rutherford.)

♦ "Some brave keyboard warriors on here tonight." (Sarcastic comment on BBC HYS boxing.) / "So easy for you to say from behind a keyboard." ("Join the Discussion" snark.)

♦ "Does bring out the armchair critics, who have never achieved anything, and think they know football." (Jake 1234 in response to Grover's criticism about coach Gareth Southgate. On a BBC HYS, football.)

♦ "The armchair investigators are used to a murder being solved in an hour, minus commercials. That includes DNA testing. It's not TV or a podcast people. It's not always easy." (A commenter about the 2022 University of Idaho killings.)

♦ "Another keyboard coroner with his expert autopsy analysis from thousands of miles away." (Sarcastic comment on message board about a police shooting.)

♦ “She called out some of the keyboard cowards with reasoned replies.” (Social media trolls / cyberbullies.)

♦ “Speaking from both ‘an armchair’ and with hindsight...” (An opinion on the police response to a school shooting.)

♦ “Law enforcement is paralyzed by this type of Monday Morning quarterbacking...” (A comment about the police response to a school shooting.)

♦ “His wait has prompted a flurry of memes and tweets from couch GMs. (General managers. The 2023 NFL Draft.)

♦ “When we analyze police-involved shootings, we must look to the totality of the circumstances, and we are expressly forbidden from using 20/20 hindsight, because unlike all of us, officers are not afforded the luxury of armchair reflection when they are faced with rapidly evolving, volatile encounters in dangerous situations.” (An attorney representing a police officer. From “Family of Donovan Lewis demand accountability after police killing” by Nick Evans, *Ohio Capital Journal*, Sept 2, 2022.)

♦ Armchair; couch; keyboard; Monday morning; hindsight...

♦ “In this atlas, Judith Schalansky takes us on a journey to fifty far-flung worlds—from Tristan de Cunha to Clipperton Atoll, from Christmas Island to Easter Island... Armchair explorers...will find themselves in places that exist in reality, but may only be found in the imagination.” (*The Atlas of Remote Islands: Fifty Islands I Have Never Set Foot On and Never Will* by Judith Schalansky. It’s a wonderful slight atlas, graphically distinguished, that should be on the bookshelf of every household with children and young people.)

experience: house

armed

armed with the information

~, officials tracked down the criminals

armed with a microscope

~, he measured... (a scientist)

armed with her new mobility

the child begins exploring the world ~

armed with vast computing power

~, scientists will try to model a nuclear blast

armed (only) with her five senses

she makes diagnoses ~ (doctor)

armed with (fresh) search warrants

police arrived ~

armed with cash, good will, and local knowledge

they practice “public diplomacy” ~

help & assistance: military / weapon

armor (protection)

armour of obstinacy and willful ignorance

the Germans are deaf and blind, enclosed in an ~

opponent's armor

she uncovered a critical chink in her ~

chink in his armor

see *chink* (*chink in one's armor*)

♦ “Life would be easier if vaccines offered invincible armor.” (Covid pandemic.)

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

armory (noun)

armoury of obstinacy and (willful) ignorance
the Germans are deaf and blind, enclosed in an ~

in her armory

slyness and guile are simply not ~

help & assistance: military / weapon

group, set & collection: military / weapon

arm-twisting

a lot of arm-twisting

his job requires a ~

coercion & motivation: arm / violence

army (Arnie's Army, etc.)

army of (online) fans

the Barbz, the nickname given to Niki Minaj's ~

Arnie's Army

the ~ story (fans of Arnold Palmer)

Barmy Army

the ~ must have been disappointed (English cricket)

Britney Army

the ~ (#FreeBritney)

orange army

Verstappen's ~ guaranteed a unique atmosphere (F1)

Tartan Army

members of the ~ (Scotland's national football team)

the ~ belts out “Yes Sir, I Can Boogie” in London

Toon Army

Newcastle United's ~ (“Town” Army)

♦ “Boogie my... ‘growled a disappointed Sean Connery, at McLeods Publick House on W Main Street, following Scotland's loss to Croatia. ‘What *have* the descendants of Culloden, Pondicherry and Seringapatam, St. Valery, and Tumbledown Mountain come to? It almost makes me wish I could return to Kafiristan!’” (“Elderly Scottish Visitor Disappears After Soccer Result,” *The Dothan Eagle*, Dothan, Alabama.)

♦ “The Geordies are back in Toon.” (Newcastle United 4-1 Paris St-Germain. “It gives you goosebumps the size of coconuts.”)

♦ Fans of the “Who Weekly” podcast call themselves Wholigans, they have their own language and inside jokes, and they support the hosts by subscribing on Patreon.

♦ “Hi, are you a Saweetie?” (The rapper greeting people to a private club in West Hollywood.)

♦ “Swifties are famously passionate about the pop star.” (Fans of the popstar Taylor Swift.)

♦ Fans of Mariah Carey are “lambs,” part of the “Lambily,” or “Lamb family.”

♦ “Hey, my little tater tots...” (Ophelia Nichols, aka Mama Tot, who has 7.6 million followers.)

♦ “It's part of a boyishness that Musk-eteers really love about him.” (Jill Lepore using a term for followers of Elon Musk.)

♦ Fans of Harry Styles call themselves Harries, not Stylers. Or is it vice versa?

♦ Fans of Justin Bieber are Beliebers.

♦ Maas' readers, or “Maas-assins...” (Sarah J. Maas)

♦ The word "stan" is a portmanteau of "stalk" and "fan." Its meaning is "super fan." Merriam-Webster has an entry. There is Stan Twitter, and stans have been known to behave badly on social media in order to protect their idol from criticism.

♦ "Manlits; Manlet Virgins; Deaf; LGBT; Stupid; Dick heads; bitch ass nikkas; Swave Nation; nonexistent; the lamez; test tube babies; babes; 12 year olds; weirdos; Grandchildren of Papi; we stan Tory not Drake; beliebers; Bums; Fools... ("What's X's fan base called" at Kanyetothe.com.)

♦ "naming a fanbase in general is cringe" (Optimus Promethazine, Sep 8, 2016.)

♦ "Are these motherfuckers what all the people are screaming about? My dog plays drums better than that kid with the big nose." (The great boxer Sonny Liston at a Beatles' concert. From *King of the World* by David Remnick.)

♦ see also *Kingdom* (*Chiefs Kingdom, etc.*), *nation* (*Who Dat Nation, etc.*)

enthusiasm / group, set & collection: military

army (a large group)

army of emojis

the smiley morphed into a whole ~

army of fans

an ~ broke out in celebration (#FreeBritney)

army of followers

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

army of (private) investors

an ~ spotted a chance (GameStop)

army of pastors

evangelicals are spreading rapidly through an ~

army of people

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

army of statistics

he bolsters his analysis with an ~

army of volunteers

he recruited an ~ (Chef Jose "We Fed an Island" Andres)

army of (volunteer) workers

an ~ pounded nails (community playground)

army of zombies

they band these computers together into an ~ (botnets)

army of Ph.D.s

the vast ~ now roaming the universities

army of (poorly paid) migrant workers

an ~ works in Saudi Arabia

grassroots army

his war chest and ~ make him an unstoppable juggernaut

♦ "I think what people are worried about in this ad is that he says 'army of supporters'... We believe the language 'army of supporters' is not really calling for an army but is calling on people who are normal campaign volunteers." (Sheryl Sandberg, the Chief Operating Officer of Facebook, about a 2020 political ad.)

amount: military

around (still around, etc.)

still around

it is ~ decades after the vaccine (polio in US)

presence & absence / survival, persistence & endurance:

prep, adv, adj, particle

arouse (verb)

aroused suspicions

what they said ~

consciousness & awareness: sleep / verb

arrive (a time can arrive)

1972 arrived

~, and the world didn't end (a doomsday cult)

future / time: direction / movement / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement / verb

arrive (the equator is arriving, etc.)

arriving again

the equator is ~ (a moving ship)

♦ When you are traveling, on a ship, say, things can arrive and pass you.

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement / verb

arrive (attainment)

arrived

she is, after just one engagement, a new artist who has ~

♦ See *comer* (*up-and-comer, etc.*)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / movement

arrive at (an answer, etc.)

arrive at your answer

how did you ~

♦ "I hope you support where I come out (on my decision)."

attainment: journeys & trips / movement / verb
analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / movement / verb

arrow (weapon)

arrow in his (presidential) quiver

he will use every ~ to get his will

arrows in their quiver

they have more legislative ~ (politics)

♦ *Arrow, bow, and quiver* are three words from archery that are used figuratively.

help & assistance: military / weapon

arsenal (amount)

arsenal of medicines

the ~ against biological weapons is limited

arsenal of ploys

every salesman has an ~ to gain an advantage

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

arsenal of tools
their ~ for evaluating applicants (colleges)

arsenal of (fire-fighting) tools
a growing ~

beauty arsenal
the ~ you can count on (cosmetics)

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

brought history into the arsenal
Erasmus and his followers ~ of the Reformation

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

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

arson (noun)

literary arson
this ~ (Puffin Books rewrites Roald Dahl books)

♦ "Gutless goons...gave their approval to this literary arson." (Puffin Books and the Dahl estate rewrite Roald Dahl based on contemporary "sensitivities.")

destruction: crime / fire

art (work of art)

edible works of art
her awe-inspiring pie decorations are ~

work of art, a masterpiece
the winning of the South Pole had been a ~ (Amundsen)

genius, an absolute work of art
it was ~ (a goal scored by Arsenal captain Aubameyang)

turn the ocean into works of art
phytoplankton blooms ~ (BBC's Colourful Planet)

♦ "This is the 70th birthday of one of the most important works of art in American history. (Sound of opening music to the TV show *I Love Lucy*.) Yeah, think of it as a work of art..." (Steve Inskeep, NPR, Morning Edition, Feb 5 2021.)

achievement, recognition & praise: picture
creation & transformation / superlative: picture

artery (route)

artery
the ~ poured across the US fueled development (a highway)

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

artery of commerce
the Mississippi River is an ~

arteries of (global) trade

it is in all our interests that the ~ are kept free (shipping)

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

clogged artery
Boston's ~ (the Central Artery)

underwater arteries
these ~ could be vulnerable to attack (undersea cables)

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

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

rail artery
Gare du Nord is Europe's busiest ~ (Paris)

trade artery
attacks on commercial ships in the global ~ (the Red Sea)

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

global (trade) artery
attacks on commercial ships in the ~ (the Red Sea)

vital artery
the Grand Canal was a ~ (China)

commercial and military artery
the Gulek Pass has been a major ~ for millennia (Turkey)

route: blood

branching system: blood

Arthurian (adjective)

Arthurian figure
he became an ~ in Greek popular culture (Constantine XI)

fantasy & reality: allusion / history / person

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

artisanal (adjective)

artisanal hamburgers
meals ranged from ~ to vegan salads (Twitter mess)

artisanal items
using salvaged foods as ingredients in ~

artisanal mezcal
importing ~ for distribution in the U.S. market

artisanal food shop
~ helps Kosovo war-rape survivors earn income and heal

artisanal mining
~ supports poor families in the region (the Congo)

♦ "Come 2012, there's a new food vocabulary: authentic, craft, small batch, artisan, rustic and, of course, local. It's the opposite of processed, mass produced and factory farmed..." ("Artisanal And Authentic, The Flavors Of The New Year" by Bonny Wolf, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, January 1, 2012.)

♦ "I've been teaching for about twenty years and for that whole time I have graded papers artisanally, as I like to say, by hand, on paper, with a pen or a pencil..." ("YouTube Faculty Spotlight, Gina Brandolino, University of Michigan." A rare use of "artisanally." Microsoft Word underlines it as a mistake.)

creation & transformation: hand / manufacturing
contempo-speak: language
artwash (verb)

artwash the regime
the government brings western influencers to ~

♦ Activists vandalized the Pace Gallery in New York City with graffiti and pasted posters for "art-washing a genocide." (See "Pace Gallery Closes New York Flagship Space for the Day After Being Vandalized with Pro-Palestine Messages" by Alex Greenberger, ARTnews, January 27, 2024.)

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb
appearance & reality: hygiene / verb
ascent (on the ascent)

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

seems to be on the ascent
plagiarism ~

growth & development: direction
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction
ascent (with the ascent)

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

with the ascent of Chomsky
linguistics changed drastically ~

growth & development: direction
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction
ascent (other)

ascent to celebrity
Julia examines the famous chef's ~ (HBO Max)

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

rapid ascent
the company has seen a ~

slow the ascent
action to ~ of their currencies

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

growth & development: direction
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction
ashes (from the ashes, etc.)

from the ashes of the Ottoman Empire
Turkey rose ~

from the ashes of the Korean War
but ~ we rose (South Korean President)

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

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

emerged from the ashes
the League ~ of World War I

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

♦ Scott Simon: I remember interviewing him once. This would have been 10 years after the riots. And he told me, 'Ashes don't always mean death. Ashes mean death to yesterday. Ashes may mean life to tomorrow...' / Pastor Steven Johnson: In fact, one of our murals at that first AME is the Phoenix rising from the ashes. (Remembering Reverend Cecil Murray," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, April 13, 2024.)

amelioration & renewal / destruction / origin: fire
creation & transformation: fire
ask (big ask, etc.)

ask is that
really, our ~ we test the alternatives...

ask was
our biggest ~we wanted the conference to...

ask for a positive tweet
I'm not aware of any ~ (Jen Psaki, WH press secretary)

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

brutal ask for the (young) boxer
this is a ~ (a match in Russia)

hard ask for (an antiwar) Belgium
it was a ~ (troop surge in Afghanistan)

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

most important ask
the ~ I have for Afghanistan is that... (Ashraf Ghani)

massive ask
to beat Man U, you must be perfect, and that is a ~ (soccer)

tall ask
it may be a ~ to replicated his stats from... (NFL)

formal or explicit ask
no ~ was ever made (for celebrity to leave Oscars)

quite the ask
the idea of doing all that is ~ (privacy etiquette / guests)

comes with an ask
it ~, we need help...

♦ "Just lay out what your specific ask is." "Our biggest ask was we wanted..." (Heard on NPR.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: part of speech

ask (ask for it, etc.)

asking to be killed

he was just ~ (non-compliant, armed / a police OIS)

fictive communication: speech / verb

asleep (adjective)

asleep

all the governments are ~ (Middle East)

♦ "I hope this film shakes people from their slumber." (The great filmmaker and New York Knicks fan Spike Lee.)

consciousness & awareness: sleep

asleep (at the switch, etc.)

asleep at the switch

the regulators were ~ (oil spill)

asleep at the wheel

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

consciousness & awareness: sleep

control & lack of control: sleep

failure, accident & impairment: sleep

ASMR

ASMR angel

Charlotte, who is called the ~ (gift wrapping)

Asmr community

John Butler, a beloved member of the ~ (former farmer)

ASMR Dental Examination and Teeth Cleaning

~ (Lizi ASMR / roleplay / 606,106 views)

Asmr moaning

Asmr joi, Asmr roleplay, ~ (porn categories)

food ASMR

~ videos have garnered over 2.4 billion views (TikTok)

Lesbian ASMR

~ kissing, licking and mouth fetish

lewd ASMR

~ (a porn category)

♦ Relaxing; soothing; feeling of personal intimacy; surrendering yourself to somebody else; softly spoken; lush whispers; hushed tones; Russian and Eastern European accents; sounds; visceral; tingling sensation; scalp; back of neck... (Features of ASMR.)

♦ "The Internet has brought a whole community of brain tinglers together, who can upload and share videos and talk about their experiences, to their heart's content." (BBC Radio 4, Seriously, "Brain Tingles.")

♦ According to a BBC writer, John Butler, the "former farmer" and "YouTube sensation," provided tingly or shivery solace to millions during the COVID pandemic. (BBC, "Asmr: Former farmer, 84, is accidental YouTube star," 14 June 2021.)

♦ Merriam-Webster added ASMR in January 2021.

♦ "People who don't have ASMR don't really get it... You got to have a lot of subscribers." (An ASMR video-maker.)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction

aspirational (adjective)

aspirational

does it apply to the here and now, or is it ~ (diplomacy)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: breathing

ass (bougie-ass, etc.)

bougie-ass

promote your ~ class bullshit...

old-ass

I can't have that ~ man, he would be stealing...

regular-ass

my parents were ~ Baby Boomers...

inclusion & exclusion: affix

assassination (character assassination)

character assassination

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

character assassination through silence

inaction can be ~

right-wing character assassination

the film is ~ masquerading as "history"

cleverly orchestrated character assassination

the FBI conducted ~ (US)

anonymous character assassination

early uses of the printing press included ~

political character assassination

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

posthumous character assassination

the Jackson estate calls the HBO documentary a ~

cesspool of character assassination

the Web site is a ~ (gossip site in rural towns)

victim of character assassination

he was the ~

accused her of character assassination

he ~

conduct character assassination

I'm not trying to ~

smells of character assassination

the criminal case against him ~

used character assassination

they ~ against him

♦ "On the morning of the 28th of June, 1914, when Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie Chotek arrived here, at Sarajevo railroad station, Europe was at peace. None of the European great powers had been at war with each other for over 40 years... / The July Crisis of 1914 was a 'Month of Madness', not because the men who made it were themselves mad, but because its outcome was completely catastrophic and completely unnecessary... The repercussions of the assassination—

comparable to the effect of 9/11—exemplify the transformative power of a terrorist event. But the murders were not a pretext for a war decided in advance—nor did they make conflict inevitable.” (Christopher Clark, BBC, “Month of Madness,” 23 June 2014.)

♦ “The nineteen-year-old student [Gavrilo Princip], a Bosnian recruited by Serbia’s Black Hand terrorist movement, could not believe his luck. He had been standing on Franzjosefstrasse, bareheaded in the early summer sunshine, depressed over the failure of a comrade, Nedeljko Čabrinović, to kill the royal couple with a grenade earlier in the day. Then he saw their open-top car take a wrong turn off Appel Quay and pass right by him. The lethal logistics that seem to operate at such moments had transformed error into opportunity. Two point-blank targets presented themselves, and Princip’s gun did what it was designed to do.” (*Colonel Roosevelt* by Edmund Morris.)

accusation & criticism: speech / violence

speech: violence

assault (noun)

global assault

Prince Harry argued democracy was under “~”

conflict: fist / violence

assembly line (noun)

well-oiled assembly line

Hollywood was a slick, ~ (in the 1930s)

♦ “There’s an unspoken consensus about the stories we should pursue and how they should be framed. It’s frictionless—one story after another about instances of supposed racism, transphobia, signs of the climate apocalypse, Israel doing something bad, and the dire threat of Republican policies. It’s almost like an assembly line.” (“I’ve Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here’s How We Lost America’s Trust” by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.)

♦ “A woman died last week after she dropped an AirPods under a conveyor and got caught in a chain that moves the machine while reaching for it...”

♦ see also *conveyor belt*

creation & transformation: manufacturing

asterisk (attention)

asterisk next to his name

there should always be an ~ (drugs / a boxer)

asterisk beside this victory

there will forever be a metaphorical ~ (split decision)

with an asterisk

this is justice ~ (exoneration came much too late)

giant asterisk

all 3 shootings, there’s a ~ next to them (a policeman)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters

astir (adjective)

astir in the world

great things were ~ (the Renaissance)

set the baseball world astir

the news ~

activity: movement / sleep

astray (direction)

gone astray

science has ~, gone off the rails, many times

♦ “Follow the prophet, don’t go astray / Follow the prophet, he knows the way.” (A Mormon children’s song.)

behavior / failure, accident & impairment: animal / direction

astride (position)

astride the Red Sea and the Sahel

Sudan, ~... (geopolitics)

♦ This preposition means to have one leg on either side.

configuration: horse / leg / standing, sitting & lying

fictive position: horse / leg / standing, sitting & lying

astronomical (adjective)

astronomical

the odds are ~

astronomical prices

the ~ of the so-called glamour health spas

astronomical (suicide) rate

a nation plagued by an ~ (Japan)

astronomical sum

this is an ~ (salary)

♦ “Their astronomical returns on investments are now falling back to earth.” (College endowments / the economy.)

size: astronomy

comparison & contrast: astronomy

astroturf (verb)

astroturf the (libertarian) ‘Ron Paul Revolution

did Putin ~ (the *Daily Beast*)

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment

/ subterfuge: infrastructure / verb

astroturf (noun)

astroturf (citizens’) groups

S.G.I. began creating ~

perpetuate astroturf

corporations and special interest exploit media to ~

grassroots or astroturfs [sic]

we don’t know whether this is real ~ (protests)

♦ “Sometimes it’s very hard to verify. Sometimes it’s very hard to know the motivations of the person... Astro turf, things that appear real but are fake, right, we’re in this moment where there’s so much fakery...” (Damien Cave, *The New York Times*.)

♦ “Starting in the late seventies, S.G.I. began hiring lobbyists, contracting with advertising firms, creating astroturf citizens’ groups, and spending millions of dollars to persuade voters in Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Missouri Oregon, and the District of Columbia to pass lottery initiatives.” (“Scratch That: What we’ve lost playing the lottery” by Kathryn Schulz, *The New Yorker*, October 24, 2022.)

♦ Of course, “astroturf” means fake “grassroots.”

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment

/ subterfuge: infrastructure

astroturf (noun)

astroturfers

~ present themselves as grassroots organizations

astroturfers aim

~ to make you think you're an outlier when you're not

astroturfers claim

~ to debunk myths that aren't myths at all

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: infrastructure

astroturfing

astroturfing

~ masks the sponsor, who is not grassroots

“~” creates the appearance of a grass-roots campaign

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: infrastructure

asylum (insane asylum, etc.)

insane asylum

NYC trains are ~s, so is this thread... (crime)

running the asylum

the prisoners are ~ (“woke” universities)

the inmates have been ~ (university activists)

♦ “The prisoners are running the asylum at SFSU... I was ambushed and physically hit twice by a man.” (A Riley Gaines tweet. Riley Gaines is a woman and a famous swimmer. The man was wearing a dress. Riley had just given a speech about saving women's sports at San Francisco State University.)

environment: mental health

Athens (Athens of Asia, etc.)

Athens of Asia

Samarkand briefly was the ~ (Tamerlane)

“Athens of Cuba”

locals christened it the ~ for its cultural life (Matanzas)

Athens of the North

Edinburg has been called the ~ since the early 1800s

♦ The Wikipedia entry for “Edinburgh” includes 14 hits for “Athens.” That excellent article lists 4 comparisons: (1) Castle Rock / the Acropolis (2) Leith / Piraeus (3) the Scottish Enlightenment / Ancient Greek philosophy and (4) Greek Revival Architecture / the Greek Temple. Of course, there are many differences! But the epithet makes a good case.

knowledge & intelligence: epithet

ati (glitterati, etc.)

glitterati

the ~ of the art, music and fashion worlds... (party)

Tik Tokkerati

the ~ (used by Kirsten Fleming / NYP)

Twitterati

indignation among the ~ about...

wokerati

she rails against the tofu-eating ~ (UK's Suella Braverman)

♦ “Er” plus four syllables... “Bieberati”?

language: affix

atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere)

in an atmosphere of suspicion

they live ~

in an atmosphere of tension and gloom

people resumed their lives ~ (after rioting)

in a post-Sept. 11 atmosphere

security concerns ~

in a carnival atmosphere

discussion should not have to be conducted ~

in a welcoming atmosphere

have people come together ~ (party)

within the cloistered atmosphere

she felt secure ~ (psychiatric ward)

in this highly charged atmosphere

~ the bombings started (Saudi Arabia)

in a calm atmosphere

~ we tend to win the debate

in an (intensely) partisan atmosphere

~, reform is very difficult (US Congress)

in a safe, discreet atmosphere

exploring her girl/girl fantasies ~ (brothel)

environment: air / atmosphere / weather & climate

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / weather & climate

atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.)

atmosphere

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

atmosphere of acceptance

promote an ~ for new staff members

atmosphere of (open) access

an ~ at administrative buildings (pre-9/11)

atmosphere of (such sacred) ceremonies

the spiritual ~ (Wicca)

atmosphere of distrust

adding to the ~ was... (Middle East)

atmosphere of (funereal) gloom

an ~

atmosphere of stereotypes

an ~ among the restaurant workers (about who tips)

atmosphere of tolerance

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

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

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

atmosphere of hopelessness and poverty
Gaza's ~

atmosphere of hostility and distrust
the ~ (Middle East)

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

atmosphere at Central Command
the ~ was one of confidence

atmosphere on the plane
the ~ remained calm (hijacking)

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

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

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

team atmosphere
create a ~ (sports)

work atmosphere
a ~ notorious for backbiting

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

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

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

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

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

inviting atmosphere
US's ~ makes terrorist activities inevitable

freewheeling atmosphere
Krasnoyarsk's ~

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

friendly atmosphere
the ~ that originally drew foreigners to Wisconsin

liberal atmosphere
Khujand had a surprising ~ (Tajikistan)

peaceful atmosphere

preserving the ~ (synagogue after 9/11)

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

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

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

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

carnival-like atmosphere
a ~ outside the soccer stadium

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

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

cost, taste and atmosphere
~ are important in a restaurant

environment or atmosphere
does this create a new ~ (Supreme Court rules on NCAA)

food, atmosphere, music
~ (New Orleans)

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

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

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

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

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

♦ "The atmosphere was amazing, off the scale, absolutely lunatic." (Steve Bunce about Fury-Whyte in front of 94,000 fight fans at Wembley Stadium.)

environment: air / atmosphere / weather & climate
feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / weather & climate

atomic bomb

atomic bomb for poor people
terrorism was the ~ (Pablo Escobar)

cruise missiles and atomic bombs
your bodies are our new ~ (suicide bombers)

♦ The film director Ridley Scott called AI a "technical hydrogen bomb."

♦ "In 1945, news reached the camps that the US now possessed the atomic bomb. According to Solzhenitsyn, this unexpected development

gave hope to many prisoners, who began to pray for atomic war." ("On The Prison Highway, The gulag's silent remains," by Ian Frazier, *The New Yorker*, August 30, 2010.)

♦ The original target for the second atomic bomb was Kokura. But because Kokura was clouded in, the bomb was dropped on Nagasaki.

♦ "I felt no remorse or guilt that I had bombed the city." (Charles W. Sweeney, pilot of the plane that dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki in World War II.)

♦ "I don't feel any guilt or blame about it. I think my view really is if we hadn't done it someone else would have. And it would be with us in any case." (Lilli S. Hornig, who worked on the Manhattan Project. From "The Bomb," PBS, 2015.)

♦ According to General Eisenhower, the four "tools of victory" that won World War II were the bazooka, the jeep, the C-47 Skytrain, and the atomic bomb.

destruction: explosion / nuclear energy

atomization (noun)

atomization of literary journalism

the ~ and getting paid for it (online reviewers)

atomization of the rap market

the ~

division & connection: physics

atrocious (noun)

atrocious against (Venezuela's) sovereignty

this is an ~ (US refuses to withdraw diplomats)

atrocious of slavery

the appalling ~, which stains our history (Prince Charles)

atrocious such as Tulsa

tales about ~ (Eric Deggans)

atrocious exhibition

the art world as an ~ of cult personalities

caste-based atrocities

reporting on ~ (*Khabar Lahariya*)

American-Internment Atrocious

"The Other WWII ~" (NPR)

human rights atrocities

it's a stark account of ~ (detention camps)

tales about atrocities

~ such as Tulsa (Eric Deggans)

redlining and criminal justice atrocities

~ (Andrew Perry / reparations for Blacks)

♦ "As Moth and Sani traverse the landscape of the South that was the site of so many atrocities committed against their ancestors..." ("This Road Trip Is A Winding, Poetic Journey Through Ancestry, Trauma And Art" by Caitlyn Paxson, NPR, Book Reviews, August 21, 2021. The book under review is *Me (Moth)* by Amber McBride, a "debut YA novel-in-verse.")

♦ "Now, I thought, we'll see him examine how his work—so often focused on the achievements of virtuous white, male Americans—may have made it tougher for tales about atrocities such as Tulsa to find similar space." ("Opinion: Tom Hanks Is A Non-Racist. It's Time For Him To Be Anti-Racist" by Eric Deggans, NPR, Opinion, June 13, 2021.)

♦ "Their experience is framed by a pointed portrayal of the art world as an atrocious exhibition of cult personalities to be sipped like wine by bored, cynical critics and the disingenuous investors of a luxury cartel." ("The

Sound of 'Candyman' Comes From A Hauntingly Cyclical History" by DeForrest Brown, NPR Music, August 27, 2021.)

***** conflict, war**

♦ "George Fitch, Christmas Eve, Nanking China, 1937. What I am about to relate is a story which I feel must be told, even if it is seen by only a few. I cannot rest until I have told it, and, perhaps fortunately, I am one of a very few who are in position to tell it. It is not complete, only a part of the whole, and God alone knows when it will be finished. I pray it may be soon, but I am afraid it is going to go on for many months to come. I believe it has no parallel in modern history." (The opening to the brilliant and affecting 2007 documentary *Nanking*. Hundreds of thousands of Chinese were killed by the Japanese, and tens of thousands of females were raped.)

***** analysis**

♦ SECTION FIVE "Killing and Atrocities: "No Honor Here, No Virtue." Chapter ONE: The Full Spectrum of Atrocious. Slaying the Noble Enemy. Gray Areas: Ambushes and Guerrilla Warfare. Dark Areas: Slaying the Ignoble Enemy. Black Areas: Executions. Chapter TWO: The Dark Power of Atrocious. The Problem: "Righteousness Comes Out of a Gun Barrel [?]. A Solution: "I'll Shoot You Myself." The Lesson and the Greater Problem. The Empowerment (Empowerment Through Death) (Empowerment Through Atrocious) (Terrorism) (Killing Empowerment). Bonding to Leaders and Peers. Atrocious and Denial. Chapter THREE: The Entrapment of Atrocious: Burning Bridges and One-Way Streets. Enabling the Enemy. Chapter FOUR: A Case Study in Atrocious. Chapter FIVE: The Greatest Trap of All: To Live with That Which Thou Hath Wrought. The Price and Process of Atrocious. The Cost of Compliance. And the Cost of Noncompliance. The Greatest Challenge of All: To Pay the Price of Freedom. (*On Killing: The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Society*, Revised Edition, by Lieutenant Colonel Dave Grossman.)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

atrophy (verb)

atrophied

its military capacity has ~ (NATO)

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

attached (attributed)

attached to depression

there is a severe social stigma ~

attached to it

cross burning has a history of racial intimidation ~

attached to that

no undue significance should be ~

attachment: materials & substances

attachment (noun)

attachment to him

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

attachment: materials & substances

attack (verb)

attacked the government's plans

conservative rebels have ~ (UK / COVID lockdown)

conflict: military

attack (under attack, etc.)

under attack

the feeling in Egypt was that all Arabs were ~

South Korean culture is ~ (insults about food)

under attack worldwide

he read of how Muslims were ~

come under attack

such practices have ~ as cruel to animals (cages)

his methodology has ~

♦ James Mossman: "You say that you don't care what the critics write about you, your work, yet you got very angry with Edmund Wilson once for commenting on your work, and you let off some very heavy field guns at him, not to say multiple rockets, so you must have cared..." / Vladimir Nabokov: "I never retaliate when my works of art are concerned. Here the arrows of adverse criticism cannot scratch let alone pierce the shield of what disappointed archers call my self-assurance. But I do reach for my heaviest dictionary when my scholarship is questioned..." (Vladimir Nabokov, BBC Author Archive Collection, "James Mossman talks to Russian writer Vladimir Nabokov in this 1970 interview.")

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

conflict: military / weapon

attack (noun)

attacks on athletes

personal ~ at games (fan abuse)

attacks on their self-esteem and dignity

dealing with ~ (stereotypes, etc.)

attacks against Saudi Arabia

he condemned Western media ~ (Abdullah)

attack ads

we are seeing ~ of every kind (election)

attack mode

she is in a real ~

media attack

he condemned Western ~s against Saudi Arabia

mob attacks

protecting individuals from social-media ~

direct attack

under ~ you could use the quivering-lip approach

latest attack

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

personal attacks

~ on athletes at games (fan abuse);

ladling criticism or indulging in ~

fend off some (major) attacks

he has had to ~ (a politician)

accusation & criticism: weapon

attacked

attacked from above and below

the ice is being ~ (floating ice shelf / global warming)

destruction: military / weapon

attend (verb)

attended these protests

violence has ~

attachment: journeys & trips / movement / verb

relationship: journeys & trips / movement / verb

audience (play to the audience, etc.)

see *play* (*play to the audience, etc.*)

auger (verb)

augers well

this ~ for future attempts to find the wreck (conditions)

fate, fortune & chance: bird / religion / verb

evidence: bird / religion / verb

aura (noun)

aura of assertiveness

she projects an ~ and self-confidence

aura of prosperity

Turkish businessmen sported an irresistible ~

aura of an (18th-century English) landscape

the pond possesses the ~

aura of a shrine

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

aura of unreality

an ~ descended over the mountain (disaster)

aura of doom and gloom

an ~

archive's aura

the exhibit has an ~ of dense, ordered information

romantic aura

the pond possesses the ~ of s landscape portrait

projects an aura

she ~ of assertiveness and self-confidence

punctured Slater's aura

he ~ of invincibility (surfing)

appearance: air / atmosphere

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere

auspicious (adjective)

auspicious

the timing of the move is ~ as the country is...

auspicious debut

the album is an ~ for the group (good reviews)

auspicious start

it was an ~ to an audacious career (in music)

auspicious time

the news came at an ~ in the U.K.

auspicious politically

everything is ~, Grant will surely be elected...

less than auspicious

her arrival in England was ~ (a refugee)
he was appointed under ~ circumstances

not an auspicious beginning
this was ~ (a bad date, but they ended up married anyway)

not an auspicious debut
alas, it was ~ (bad reviews)

♦ This comes from the Latin for *bird* and *see* and means, "The omens are good." At certain times and in certain places, the direction of flight of a bird might determine whether or not a camel caravan set out that day. Romans would cut open a bird and study the entrails. The early Puritans in the US avidly studied nature for signs.

♦ "Punxsutawney Phil is predicting six more weeks of winter, but Staten Island Chuck..."

♦ "Every sign points to her having a huge year in 2022..."

♦ "That's a bad sign!"

♦ "Omens of ill-luck will follow those who pay attention to them." (A saying.)

♦ "The Spouter Inn. Peter Coffin. Coffin? Spouter? Rather ominous in that particular connection, thought I..." (*Moby Dick*.)

fate, fortune & chance: bird / religion

evidence: bird / religion

authentic (groups)

Authentic

~ is the name of LL Cool J's 13th studio album

authentic casting
shouldn't '~' apply to all minorities (Mirren cast as Meir)

authentic experiences
San Pancho is a hippie town, with tourists searching for ~

authentic relationships
building ~ (Aliza Licht, author of *On Brand*)

authentic self
see *self* (*authentic self*, *authentic selves*)

authentic voices
a think tank that centers ~ (the New Lines Institute)

authentic and healthy
a filtered approach to life is not ~ (BeReal vs. Instagram)

more authentic
BeReal is a ~ experience than Instagram

consistent and authentic
the Philly Eagles keep ~ with their story (branding)

feels authentic
trans' right to live any way they ~ and comfortable

present themselves as authentic
those who ~ and those who expose the inauthentic

♦ "You have to be authentic, I want you to be authentic, your story matters." (Maimouna Youssef to young artists about social-justice music and the new Grammy merit award for "Best Song for Social Change.")

♦ "And I think the other thing about young people, Nic will tell you, if you're not authentic they're going to know it. Authenticity, we hope, will bring young people into the story." (Ibrom X. Kendi, quoted in "His mission: changing how we think about racism" by Janell Ross, *Time*, February 27 / March 6, 2023. Kendi has reprised his book *How To Be An Antiracist* with *How to Be a (Young) Antiracist*, co-authored by young-adult novelist Nic Stone.)

♦ "I think it's just being authentic and being proud of who I am. It just felt good, I guess..." (Megan Rapinoe in 2012 about publicly coming out as a homosexual.)

♦ "Come 2012, there's a new food vocabulary: authentic, craft, small batch, artisan, rustic and, of course, local. It's the opposite of processed, mass produced and factory farmed..." ("Artisanal And Authentic, The Flavors Of The New Year" by Bonny Wolf, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, January 1, 2012.)

♦ Authenticity is an important component of advertising, marketing, branding, and rebranding.

♦ Authentic accent; cuisine; experience; music...

♦ "On Earth Day, 1971, nonprofit organization Keep America Beautiful launched what the Ad Council would later call one of the '50 greatest commercials of all time.' Dubbed 'The Crying Indian,' the one-minute PSA features a Native American man paddling down a junk-infested river, surrounded by smog, pollution, and trash; as he hauls his canoe onto the plastic-infested shore, a bag of rubbish is tossed from a car window, exploding at his feet. The camera then pans to the Indian's cheerless face just as a single tear rolls down his cheek. / The ad, which sought to combat pollution, was widely successful...and helped reduce litter by 88% across 38 states... / But while Hollywood trumpeted Iron Eyes Cody as a 'true Native American' and profited from his ubiquitous image, the man himself harbored an unspoken secret: he was 100% Italian." ("The True Story of 'The Crying Indian'" by Zachary Crockett, *Priceonomics*, September 9, 2014. See the Wikipedia entry "Iron Eyes Cody." The Ad Council still features "The Crying Indian" PSA in its Our History / The Classics section, along with its War Bonds, Red Cross, Polio, the Peace Corps, and Crime Prevention campaigns.)

♦ "His was a lonely course, incurring resistance even from compatriots who routinely hailed him. As late as 1958, he was denied consideration for a prize in an annual show of Native artists because the new painting that he submitted, 'Umini Wacipi (War and Peace Dance),' was declared 'not Indian,' despite its indubitable subject matter." ("Modern Lore: Oscar Howe at the National Museum of the American Indian" by Peter Schjeldahl, *The New Yorker*, July 11 & 18, 2022. Compare and contrast with the quote directly above.)

♦ "Buffy is our family. We chose her and she chose us. We claim her as a member of our family and all of our family members are from the Piapot First Nation. To us, that holds far more weight than any paper documentation or colonial record keeping ever could." ("Statement from the Piapot Family" about Buffy Sainte-Marie.)

♦ "Forming an authentic connection with your intended audience is a total touchdown." (The Ad Council.)

♦ "Every step I've taken has gaslighted those whom I love... I am not a culture vulture. I am a culture leech. You should absolutely cancel me, and I absolutely cancel myself." (Rachel Dolezal, an academic who claimed "identities of color," including Black Caribbean, North African Blackness, US rooted Blackness, Caribbean rooted Bronx Blackness, Boricua...)

♦ "On Love Island, the only way to seem authentic is to submit to the artifice." (The U.K. reality-TV show.)

♦ Authentic; counterfeit; ersatz; fake; faux; false; genuine; a gimmick; inaccurate (racial portrayals, etc.); inauthentic; manufactured; natural; phoney; play (Indian, etc.); real; spurious; the real thing; trendy; true...

♦ Bots; duped; ersatz; faux; finger-synchers (violin buskers on the street); (deep) fakes; flim-flam artists; forged; hustle (noun and verb); reenactors; "remote access to repair your computer"; scam (noun and verb); scammer; scheme; schemers; sham (companies, etc.); spurious... (Our modern world.)

♦ "As the Canadian philosopher Charles Taylor has observed, self-determining freedom—the idea that I am free when I decide for myself what concerns me, rather than being shaped by external influences—is closely twinned with the powerful modern idea of 'authenticity.'" ("Ego Trip: The early Romantics and their troublesome legacy" by Nikhil Krishnan (a male), *The New Yorker*, October 3, 2022. A brilliant article from a different point of view.)

♦ "OG, short for original gangster, is a compliment for somebody who is exceptional or authentic." (AAVE.)

♦ "Authentic; a real individual; doesn't beat to the same drum as everyone else; a bit different; speaks his mind; a player with character..." (Nick Kyrgios, the troubled tennis player.)

♦ "I'm the perfect example of when keeping it real go wrong." (The Philadelphia rapper Beanie Sigel, speaking on N.O.R.E.'s podcast Drink Champs.)

♦ "Gypsy people, they're genuine people, you know, they are genuine people." (The boxer Ricky Gorman.)

♦ "Not coming with a filter made him honest as he could be. He didn't worry about repercussions." (Terry "Juice" Parker about Ye / Kanye West.)

♦ "The entire purpose of [Command Education] is to help students identify and develop their passions and interests. It has to be authentic and cannot be manufactured." (Christopher Rim, who helps teens get selected by Ivy League schools.)

♦ "Authentic" was Merriam-Webster's 2023 word of the year (WOTY). See "Opinion: This word of the year has a big problem" by Holly Thomas, CNN, November 29, 2023.)

♦ see also *self (authentic self, authentic selves)*

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

authentically (live authentically, etc.)

authentically me

I love who I am...I'm ~

authentically Polynesian

Americans didn't know or care much for ~ foods (1950s)

Tiki bars made no pretense to being ~ (1950s)

authentically be myself

I could just ~...

authentically listening

our experience of ~ to people and delivering (suboxone)

authentically representing

expression is all about ~ your experiences

authentically connect

the company uses influences to ~ with audiences (beer)

authentically sharing

she is ~ (Reesa Teesa "Who TF Did I Marry")

boldly and authentically

Barbiecore celebrates living ~ (Kim Culmone)

participate authentically

the ability to ~ in public life (trans, nonbinary people)

live and exist authentically

you have the right to ~ as yourselves without fear (gays)

live and love authentically

as we see more athletes ~ (Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup)

♦ "Every member of our community has a right to live and exist authentically as themselves without fear. Hate motivated threats of violence that infringe upon that right are not tolerated in Massachusetts in any capacity." (US Attorney Rachael S. Rollins. From "Man who sent bomb and mass shooting threats to Merriam-Webster over gender-inclusive entries pleads guilty" by Jon Haworth, ABC, Sept 17, 2022.)

♦ "Now I know so much," she said of royal formality. 'I'm so glad I didn't then because I could just authentically be myself without so much preparedness.'" (Meghan Markle, wife of Prince Harry.)

♦ "I want to take on that role of being the Black woman that's going to stand up for the girls that may not have a voice...I don't care what anybody has to say about me. I love who I am...I'm authentically me." (Louisiana State University basketball player Angel Reese.)

♦ "One of the best things I was able to learn during my conversation with Rosalia is that expression is all about authentically representing your experiences. No rules, no hesitation, [?] emotion." (Anamaria Sayre, from

"Rosalia is unafraid to pull from every corner of the world," All Things Considered, April 24, 2022. During the interview, Rosalia expressed her love for diversity. Just seven months later, Rosalia would be accused on NPR of Latino-fishing, along with Ariana Grande and Chiara King, etc. See "How Latin identity became fodder for content" by Manuela Lopez Restrepo, NPR, Pop Culture, December 10, 2022.)

♦ "Once I started living more authentically in my life, whether that's just how I present myself or coming out to them as trans, I think they've all said to me it's really incredible to see me just live my authentic self and how I've exuded a different level of confidence, and how it just fits with who I am as a person." (Rebecca, born 1995. From "Quinn: Canada's transgender footballer on being 'visible' and playing at the Olympics" by Katie Gornall & Katie Falkingham, BBC Sport, 23 September 2020.)

♦ "More than 96 athletes in the 2023 Fifa Women's World Cup are out today... [R]oughly 13% of the players in the 2023 World Cup identify as LGBTQ+. *Outsports* reports Australia leads the way with 10 openly gay players, which Jackie J dubs 'The Gayest Team 2k23.'" ("Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup: 'Good, queer joy' on and off the pitch" by Aileen Weintraub, BBC, 18th August 2023." See also "Lisa De Vanna's allegations highlight tensions in Australia's *complex* [italics mine] football culture" by Samantha Lewis, ABC Australia, Analysis, Sport, 18 Oct 2021.)

♦ "The red mist had metaphorically descended over the defendant's eyes..." (The ruling by Mr Justice Martin Spencer in *Czernuszka v King*. From "Reading rugby player wins compensation over revenge tackle" by Marcus White, BBC News, 23 Feb 2023. Natasha King, captain of the Bracknell Ladies rugby team, had referred to her opponents as "c***s" and said, "That f***ing number 7, I'm going to break her." An appalling case with real-life consequences.)

♦ "Fashion is a form of self-expression and Barbiecore celebrates living boldly and authentically." (Kim Culmone, senior vice president and global head of design for Barbie and fashion dolls at Mattel Inc. The summer of 2023 was the summer of "Barbenheimer.")

♦ see also *self (authentic self, authentic selves)*

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

authenticity (groups)

authenticity

~ is a moving target (cultural identity)

~ is a loaded word when it comes to food

my ~ is my rebellion, it's my F.U. (Viola Davis)

her apparent lack of airs, her (Jennifer Lawrence)

unvarnished authenticity

his ~ (the boxer Gervonta Davis)

ethnic authenticity

he examines the problem of ~ in contemporary America

he bridged ~ and canonical modernism (painter Oscar Howe)

anxiety of authenticity

the ~ is a disease with damaging symptoms (New Orleans)

the specter of cultural appropriation is a symptom of ~

burden of 'authenticity'

chef David Chang on the ~ (food)

idea of authenticity

the ~ and ethnicity

questions of authenticity

he's always been challenged by these ~ (singer Drake)

Essays on Authenticity

The Artificial White Man: ~ (Stanley Crouch / 2004)

Quest for Authenticity

The Influencer Industry: The ~ on Social Media (Hund)

struggle for authenticity

Clinton, in her ~, is not alone (she rides NY subway)

anxiety over authenticity

~ be damned...

race and authenticity

pop culture holds sway over our conversations about ~

realness and authenticity

his honesty has been framed as a testament to his ~ (actor)

praised her authenticity

he ~ (the father of an 8-year-old transgender)

♦ "My son was suicidal, and I knew that celebrating who he was, and his gender and his authenticity was the piece that was going to keep him alive. So we leaned into that celebration. We threw a party the day we changed the name and pronouns." (A mother.)

♦ "The man who went through life proudly purporting to be an Irishman was in fact a Yorkshireman, born at the famous St James's University Hospital, or Jimmy's, in Leeds, 2 August 1932." (*Peter O'Toole: The Definitive Biography* by Robert Sellers.)

♦ "On Earth Day, 1971, nonprofit organization Keep America Beautiful launched what the Ad Council would later call one of the '50 greatest commercials of all time.' Dubbed 'The Crying Indian,' the one-minute PSA features a Native American man paddling down a junk-infested river, surrounded by smog, pollution, and trash; as he hauls his canoe onto the plastic-infested shore, a bag of rubbish is tossed from a car window, exploding at his feet. The camera then pans to the Indian's cheerless face just as a single tear rolls down his cheek. / The ad, which sought to combat pollution, was widely successful...and helped reduce litter by 88% across 38 states... / But while Hollywood trumpeted Iron Eyes Cody as a 'true Native American' and profited from his ubiquitous image, the man himself harbored an unspoken secret: he was 100% Italian." ("The True Story of 'The Crying Indian'" by Zachary Crockett, *Priceonomics*, September 9, 2014. See the Wikipedia entry "Iron Eyes Cody." Astonishingly, the Ad Council still features "The Crying Indian" PSA in its "Our History / The Classics" section, along with its War Bonds, Red Cross, Polio, the Peace Corps, and Crime Prevention campaigns.)

♦ "Buffy is our family. We chose her and she chose us. We claim her as a member of our family and all of our family members are from the Piapot First Nation. To us, that holds far more weight than any paper documentation or colonial record keeping ever could." ("Statement from the Piapot Family" about Buffy Sainte-Marie.)

♦ "His treatment of 'passing' and his use of Black vernacular made Langston Hughes assume that he was Black." (James Purdy, a 'pioneer of queer fiction.' Also, according to his Wikipedia entry, Dame Edith Sitwell thought he was Black.)

♦ "Every step I've taken has gaslighted those whom I love... I am not a culture vulture. I am a culture leech. You should absolutely cancel me, and I absolutely cancel myself." (Rachel Dolezal, an academic who claimed "identities of color," including Black Caribbean, North African Blackness, US rooted Blackness, Caribbean rooted Bronx Blackness, Boricua...)

♦ "That's a funny thing about being a content creator, though, right? You are trying to make money off your audience, and obviously sometimes you have to behave in ways that you wouldn't be behaving if the audience weren't there watching you. You and your audience are just supposed to operate as if that's not the case. / Yeah, it gets very meta..." ("Pokimane" by David Marchese, *The New York Times Magazine*, April 30, 2023.)

♦ "Well, geez, if gender is just a 'social construct' shouldn't ethnicity be as well? By the progressive tenants of gender identity she should be able to identify as any ethnicity she pleases." (An online commenter about "Activist Raquel Evita Saraswati has faked her 'Arab and Latin' racial identity as far back as 2004: reports" by Ben Kessler, *The New York Post*, February 21, 2023. The article states that the activist has been referred to online as "the new Rachel Dolezal.")

♦ "From TikTok trends to mainstream music, popular culture is embracing—and mimicking—Latinos, with some creators actually pretending to be Latinx for social cachet." ("How Latin identity became fodder for content" by Manuela Lopez Restrepo, NPR, Pop Culture, Dec. 10, 2022.)

♦ "It will never stop being funny that a White girl from Boston pretends that she is Spanish." (Snark about a celebrity wife widely reviled for having a fake Spanish accent.)

♦ "London Breed, San Francisco's Democratic mayor, declared that she was 'from the hood.'"

♦ "What everyone saw at the end of the fight was the real AJ stripped of the PR speak." (A comment about Anthony Joshua's bizarre post-fight antics following his second loss to the great Ukrainian boxer Oleksandr Usyk.)

♦ "Customers want to feel what they buy is authentic... Authenticity is becoming the new consumer sensibility." (Joseph Pine, "What Consumers Want," TED Talk.)

♦ "Archipelago, in Washington, D.C., is among a wave of new tiki bars across the country. But how do South Pacific islanders feel about tiki kitsch?" ("Let's Talk Tiki Bars: Harmless Fun Or Exploitation?" by Maanvi Singh, NPR, *The Salt*, September 7, 2016.)

♦ "As I mentioned, I come from Guam, which is a U.S. Territory, one of the last remaining colonies in the world." (Craig Santos Perez accepting the 2023 National Book Award for poetry for his book, *unincorporated territory [amo]*. His biography is emblematic of millions of diaspora people in terms of residency, language, and values. Guamanian "Chamorro Warriors" have a storied history of service in the US military; Perez seems to hate the military. Ned Blackhawk, who won the award for nonfiction at the same ceremony for his book *The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History*, is similarly emblematic. Both men prominently joined the demonstration at the end of the ceremony calling for a humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza.)

♦ Bohemians; freaks; hipsters; natives; super-natives (recently arrived appropriators, colonizers); newcomers; young people; poseurs; permanent residents; tourists; (post-Katrina) transplants; yuppies; ... (Types and groups of people mentioned in "Anxiety and authenticity: Are 'super-natives' loving New Orleans to death?" by C.W. Cannon, *The Lens: Focused on New Orleans and the Gulf Coast*, June 1, 2018.)

♦ Authentic casting; Felicity Jones as Ruth Bader Ginsburg; Jewface controversies; "deaf is not a costume" (Marlee Matlin); impersonation; acting; playing (a minority); caricature; stereotype; "really know it" (an ethnicity / sexuality / gender preference / able-bodied status); respect; disrespect... (Language relating to authenticity from "Why don't Jews play Jews?"—David Baddiel on the row over Helen Mirren as Golda Meir," by David Baddiel, *The Guardian*, 12, Jan 2022.)

♦ "The scene floored me because Brownie, played masterfully by the Cayuga actor Gary Farmer, was so familiar to me: a strange, large Indian man, at once unapologetically crazy and tender. I know so many guys like that—older Native men who might seem tough and stern from across the room, but who will talk openly about their rawest feelings when you get to know them." ("Rez Life: Sterlin Harjo's genre-mixing, cliché-exploding series captures coming of age as a Native kid like no TV show before it" by David Treuer, *The Atlantic*, September 2022. And Treuer mentions "The Crying Indian," see the quote at "authentic." A great native-American writer is Sherman Alexie.)

♦ "The film portrayed Hawaiian culture with 'authenticity.'" (The Disney Film *Lilo & Stitch* with Tia Carrere, according to ABC News. Disney is the parent company of ABC News and "Good Morning America." Related Topics: Disney.)

♦ "Celebrity Chef Gordon Ramsay Gets Slammed For Attempt at Puerto Rican Pegao" by Shayne Rodriguez Thompson, July 6, 2021.

♦ "Keepin' it real..." (Whatever "real" is.)

♦ "When keeping it real goes wrong."

♦ "What's missing matters." (BeReal vs. Instagram.)

♦ "Social media praised her style, humor, and authenticity." (Dakota Johnson after appearance on Ellen DeGeneres show.)

♦ "Jeniffer Lopez is still Jenny From the Block...or is she? New Yorkers are doubting her authenticity." ("Jennifer Lopez's go-to bodega order gets ruthlessly mocked by New Yorkers..." by Lauren Samer, *The New York Post*, March 25, 2024.)

♦ "[Lana] Del Rey, born Elizabeth Grant in New York, weathered a now-incomprehensible controversy about 'authenticity' (a word that, to paraphrase Nabokov, should only ever be in quotes) upon the 2011 release of her swooning, doomy single 'Video Games.'" ("In Their Feelings: The indelible, indomitable voices of Miley Cyrus and Lana Del Rey" by James Parker, *The Atlantic*, April, 2023. James Parker is *not* George Packer.)

♦ "Anxiety over authenticity be damned, I just want to keep cool." (African / Ankara hand fans. From "Ankara Hand Fans" by Tomi Obaro, *The New York Times Magazine*, August 14, 2022.)

♦ "It evoked feelings of embarrassment, one's diaries always do that if they have any kind of I think authenticity to them." (Novelist Thomas Mallon.)

♦ "Me...! I always tell the truth, even when I lie." (The character Tony Montana in the film *Scarface*.)

♦ "ChatGPT use for wedding vows, eulogies stokes dispute over authenticity." (ABC.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "The FBI raided a Florida art museum on Friday and seized more than two dozen paintings attributed to Jean-Michel Basquiat following questions about their authenticity." (A news report.) / HOWEVER... "The result is that the question of authenticity, which seems like it should be cut-and-dried, has come to seem quite fluid. That can create confusion, but also opportunities." ("The Curious Case of the Contested Basquiats" by Bianca Bosker, *The Atlantic*, March 2024.)

*** analysis

♦ "Barak Obama has been knocked for occasionally falling into what some people called a "Blaccent" that his upbringing didn't entitle him to." ("For Candidates, An Accent on Authenticity" by Geoff Nunberg, NPR, Fresh Air, October 15, 2008.)

♦ CREMONA, n. A high-priced violin made in Connecticut. (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ Auda: Son, what fashion is this? / Boy: Harith, father. / Auda: And what manner of Harith? / Boy: A Beni Wejh Sherif, father. / Auda: And is he Harith? / Boy: No, father. English! (To which Peter O'Toole, playing T.E. Lawrence, looks crestfallen in his new togs. From the great David Lean film *Lawrence of Arabia*.)

♦ see also *face* (yellowface, etc.), *self* (authentic self, authentic selves)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

author (person)

author of his own misfortune

he fully accepts he was the ~ (arrested)

author of her misfortune

the court argued she had been the ~

authors of our own life stories

we are not the ~ (addiction versus free will)

creation & transformation: books & reading / person

person: books & reading

auto da fe

auto-da-fe of Vietnam

the New Left died in the ~ (Louis Menand)

auto-da-fe at the town dump

the ~ (Louis Menand / Paul Newman burns tapes)

retrospective auto-da-fe

she had plenty of fuel for this ~ (biographer burns her subject)

♦ Louis Menand, In two of the usages above, has seen fit to use this allusion in two very different contexts!

♦ "She had plenty of fuel for this retrospective auto-da-fe." (The wonderful critic Andrei Codrescu reacting badly to Joan Mellen's biography of Kay Boyle. Mellen "roasted" her subject, something Codrescu disliked. ("A Not-So-Enjoyable Biography" by Andrei Codrescu, NPR, All Things Considered, July 20, 2011. Codrescu is a world treasure.)

♦ "On 2 January 1492...Abu Abdullah Mohammed XI surrendered his kingdom and retired to Fez... His surrender marked the beginning of the most crucial four months of Spanish history, seeing as they did both the

intensification of that relentless course of religious persecution which was to have so disastrous an effect on the strength and vitality of Spain, and the launching of the most celebrated voyage of exploration ever known. / Few rulers in European history have shown themselves narrower or more bigoted than Isabella... The first auto-da-fe was held in 1481, with six victims. By the time of Isabella's death in 1504 there had been more than 2,000. / Less than three months after the capitulation of Granada, the Queen felt strong enough to push her policy further. Encouraged by her Inquisitor-General Torquemada—who was himself originally Jewish—on 30 March she decreed that all Jews remaining unconverted by the end of June would be expelled from Spain, all their property confiscated. More than 100,000 were driven out, resulting in a vast Sephardic diaspora in northern Europe and the Near East. Several countries—notably the Netherlands—gave them a warm welcome; the Ottoman Sultan Bayezit II went further, sending a whole fleet of ships to their rescue. / Now it was the turn of the Muslims... (*The Middle Sea: A History Of The Mediterranean* by John Julius Norwich. In an astonishing footnote he writes, "Columbus, who was just setting out on his historic voyage from Genoa, was obliged to alter course because the sea ahead of him was so crowded with Turkish ships bringing Jewish refugees to safety." Norwich also notes that the Muslims, unlike the Jews, tended to convert to Christianity; even so, the *Moriscos* faced suspicion, hatred, and the inquisition.)

judgment / oppression / violence: history

destruction: fire

automata (noun)

became automata

even captains ~, acquiring life only through orders

consciousness & awareness / feeling, emotion & effect:

mechanism

autopilot (on autopilot)

on autopilot

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

he was ~, frantically trying to save him (combat medic)

made on autopilot

a lot of our economic decisions are actually ~

♦ "Diving became this darkness which permeated the rest of my life. I really hated it, but I knew it was my one chance to be special, so I kept going, effectively on autopilot." (Olympic gold-medal-winning diver Matthew Mitcham.)

mental health: plane

behavior / consciousness & awareness / feeling, emotion

& effect: plane

autopsy (analysis)

autopsy of the Cuban vote

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

post-event autopsy

the ~ has already begun (25th World Scout Jamboree)

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

analysis, interpretation & explanation: death & life / health & medicine

autumn (in the autumn)

in the autumn of his life

he was ~

in the autumn of the year

but now the days are short, I'm ~ (Sinatra)

growth & development / decline: season

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: season

death & life: season

avalanche (noun)

avalanche of (racial) abuse

they faced an ~ (soccer players after Euro 2020)

avalanche of applications

it failed to prepare for an ~ (passports)

avalanche of (prejudicial) comment

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

avalanche of data

an ~ given the Russians

avalanche of e-mail

his most recent column drew an ~ to Salon editors

avalanche of misery porn

this ~ (Will Smith in the film *Emancipation*)

avalanche of publicity

the disappearance triggered an ~ (Chandra Levy)

avalanche of (unfavorable) publicity

the ~ that resulted from... (politician)

avalanche of confusing forms and rules

he spoke about the ~ (Brexit)

avalanche picked up speed

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

♦ "I made two turns and the entire slope spider-webbed is what we call it, just kind of cracked all the way around me, and the entire slope essentially just drops out from underneath you. Your first instinct is to try to ride it out and try to ski out of it, you know. I thought I was going to make it, and then..." (Jimmy Chin on April Fools' Day 2011. From "The Beast Born Of Snow: What It Feels Like In The Jaws Of An Avalanche" by Peter Breslow, NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, July 3, 2016.)

amount & effect: snow & ice

avatar (noun)

avatar of suffering

the film turns her into an ~ (*Blonde* / negative review)

default avatar

Twitter did away with the egg as its ~

avatars and superheroes

athletes are seen as ~

create your own avatar

some online video games allow you to ~

flatten characters into avatars

revenge thrillers tend to ~ and little else (films)

representation: religion

avenue (portal)

avenue of advancement

India's dalits need a new ~

new avenue

India's dalits need a ~ of advancement

dark sonic avenues

her songs lure listeners down ~ (Billie Eilish)

portal: infrastructure

avenue (route)

avenue of attack

his wrongdoing gave lawyers an ~

fruitful avenue

this might be a ~ for further research

legal avenue

pursue all reasonable ~s

reasonable (legal) avenue

pursue all ~s

all avenues

Canada will pursue ~ to assist the jailed men

pursue (all legal) avenues

we will ~

route: infrastructure

awake (adjective)

awake to what happened

everyone seems to be wide ~ (elections)

awake American

he signs his posts, "an ~"

awake electorate

the answer is reform and an ~

♦ "We are now awake and paying attention." (An Asian parent who helped lead a campaign that led to the recall of three San Francisco school-board members.)

♦ see also woke (groups)

consciousness & awareness: sleep

awaken (awareness)

awakened to the horrors

on that day, the world ~ of apartheid (South Africa)

awakening in Algeria, Sudan, Morocco, and Jordan

Arab peoples are also ~ (after Tunisia, Egypt and Libya)

awaken people

we're trying to do what we can to ~

people are awakening

slowly the ~

consciousness & awareness: sleep / verb

awaken (nature, etc.)

awakening from (its winter) sleep

nature is ~

taiga awoke

the ~ (at dawn)

♦ "The sky turned from black to deep blue, and then grey and cloudy. The shades of night began to shrink into the bushes and ravines. In a few minutes our bivouac was astir again; men started talking; the horses stirred at their ropes; a pica piped on one side, and lower down the gorge another answered it; the yaffle of the woodpecker rang through the forest and the melodious whistle of the oriole. The taiga awoke..." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

activity / resemblance: sleep

awakened (adjective)

awakened and empowered

Nato seems ~ in this moment (an NPR political pundit)

consciousness & awareness: sleep

awakening

9/11 awakening

part of it was a ~ (desire to "do more" for others)

religious awakening

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

spiritual awakening

she had a ~

consciousness & awareness: sleep

awash

awash with small arms

Yemen is ~ that have been smuggled in

awash with (at least 10,000) floral bouquets

the church is ~ (for murdered girls)

awash with (overt) irony

social media is ~ often tipping into sarcasm

awash with weapons

the Horn of Africa is ~

Libya is ~

awash with corruption, venality and graft

the government is ~

awash in allegations

India is ~ of corruption

awash in cash

the company is ~ and looking to buy

awash in flowers, firecrackers and fine foods

Chinatown is ~ (Chinese New Year)

amount & effect: water

away (a week away, etc.)

century away

the conversion of Constantine was still a ~

world away

we are in missile range, but a ~ (in Jaffa from Gaza)

just a mouse click away

it was ~ (evidence of public shaming)

"One Heartbeat Away

~: Presidential Disability and Succession" (Birch Bayh)

about five minutes away

a dystopian future is ~

just a plane away

we are ~ from having cases here (COVID-19)

just a shot away

war, children, it's ~ ("Gimme Shelter" / Rolling Stones)

just two weeks away

we are ~ from the first vote

just a week away

and now, with the decision ~, the clock is ticking

less than two weeks away

the conference was ~

♦ "Cyberpunk is a dystopian future that's about five minutes from our current existence." (Mike Pondsmith.)

future / proximity / time: distance / prep, adv, adj, particle

AWOL

went AWOL

the Federal government ~ (in defending a health act)

allegiance, support & betrayal: military

condition & status: military

ax (ax to fall, etc.)

waiting for the axe to fall

sitting around ~ (deadlines)

fate, fortune & chance: ax / blade

ax (noun)

budget ax

many state programs will succumb to the ~ (shortfall)

the camp may fall to the ~ (for teens)

faces the ax

the show still ~ (TV)

fall to the (budget) ax

the camp may ~ (for teens)

succumb to the ax

many state programs will ~ (budget shortfall)

taking an ax

he is ~ to spending

♦ "What John Lansing said to me was that it would not be uniform across, he wasn't just going to take a hatchet and do the same across all divisions, he wants to be strategic and thoughtful about how it's done." ("With layoffs, NPR becomes latest media outlet to cut jobs," NPR, All Things Considered, Feb. 23, 2023. "NPR has to deepen and broaden its audience to seek younger and more diverse audience base.")

♦ Climax, Demon, Endurance, Cock of the Woods, Red Warrior, Hiawatha, Hottentot, Black Prince, Black Chief, Battle Axe, Invincible, XXX Chopper, Woodslasher, Razor Blade, Stiletto, Forest King, Young American, Gorilla... (Late-19th-century model names of axes used to cut down the North American forests.)

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

ax (ax to grind, axe to grind)

ax to grind

- he just has an ~ (criticism)
- sometimes a source has an ~ (journalism)
- this is another letter from somebody with an ~

axe to grind

- he is motivated not by truth but an ~

ax to grind with the CIA

- he has an ~

ax to grind with midwives

- many in traditional medicine have an ~

ax to grind about something

- there are always going to be people with an ~

ideological ax to grind

- he has no ~ (a writer writing about capitalism)

personal ax to grind

- he has a ~ (a critic)

political axes to grind

- unions and companies often have ~

grinds a (political) ax

- it ~ (Southern Poverty Law Center)

♦ "Everyone has an axe to grind and complaining gets you attention from the likes of Yahoo. He is a comedian, you may not like his joke, but it's not intended to harm." (A comment about the comedian Chris Rock.)

punishment & recrimination: ax / blade

revenge: ax / blade

axed (curtailed)

axed

- the event was ~ (because of pandemic)

curtailment: ax / blade

B

babble (noun)

woke babble

- the left's ~ (*Latinx, cisgender, etc.*)

psychobabble

- see *psychobabble (noun)*

technobabble

- insider ~ that's impossible to understand (*The Marvels*)

♦ "An MCU film that's littered with insider technobabble and is impossible to understand." (A withering review of the 2023 film *The Marvels*.)

♦ Blah blah blah...

speech: sound

sound: speech

substance & lack of substance: sound / speech

worth & lack of worth: sound / speech

babel (noun)

babel of (obscure) acronyms

- the field is beset by a ~ (TESOL)

♦ see the Wikipedia article, "Tower of Babel."

comprehension & incomprehension / speech: allusion

baby (relationship)

Elam's baby

- the idea may be ~, but he has looked at it critically

his baby

- the Gulf of Mexico is ~
- Cooper refers to his camera, made in 1898, as ~

my baby

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

our baby

- this is ~ (fire spotter speaking of his tower)

fur baby

- ~s (ABC News)
- baking up homemade treats for your ~ (BeChewy)

gut his baby

- Musk, he worried, was going to ~ (Jack Dorsey / Twitter)

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

♦ "I am a childless man, after all, ladies and gentlemen, and my books are my children. I have invested the blood of my soul in them, and after my death it is they and they alone that will carry my spirit and my dreams to future generations." (Uncle Joseph Klausner from *A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz.)

♦ "This is my baby, this is what does the work." (Albert Milton, the deputy boss of a diamond mine in Botswana, speaking about a 720-ton electric excavator crane that can grab 60 tons of broken rock in a single bite.)

♦ "They're all my babies." (Dom Tursi, about the three dozen steno machines from his personal collection on display in the Gallery of Shorthand, in the lobby of the U.S. district courthouse in Central Islip, on Long Island.)

♦ "So I get used to the book's final stage, to its having been weaned from my brain. I now regard it with a kind of bemused tenderness, as a man regards, not his son, but, uh, rather the young wife of his son." (Vladimir Nabokov, BBC Author Archive Collection, "James Mossman talks to Russian writer Vladimir Nabokov in this 1970 interview." Nabokov had been talking previously about the drudgery, work and failures of bringing a book to birth.)

♦ "Twitter's co-founder and former CEO Jack Dorsey had been initially supportive of Musk buying the company, but in the past few weeks had become unnerved by the controversy and drama. Musk, he worried, was going to gut his baby." (*Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson.)

♦ "BeChewy provides tips and tricks for the entire pet parent experience, from potty training a new puppy to baking up homemade treats for your fur baby." (An advertisement. Potty training, not house-breaking.)

♦ "They co-opted our idea. Candy Cane Malört is our baby." (Val Capone, Chicago. You've been warned.)

♦ "Every monkey is a gazelle to its mother." (Arabic.)

enthusiasm / relationship: baby

feeling, emotion & effect: baby

baby (development)

baby of the publishing world

compared to physical book sales, audio is the ~

baby science

he rescued the ~ of microbe hunting from a fantastic myth

growth & development: baby / death & life

baby (novice)

babies (together) in the fashion industry

we were ~ and I feel like we grew up together...

baby boxers

two novices, two ~ fighting one another (Steve Bunce)

♦ “Imagine debuting in Cardiff with that sort of crowd... You forget sometimes, she was 20 years old, you know, she’s a baby, and she’s still developing even physically and mentally and everything...” (The young boxing promoter Ben Shalom talking with Steve Bunce about the boxer Caroline Dubois.)

♦ “So sad to hear of the passing of the beautiful @tatjanapatitz. We were babies together in the fashion industry and I feel like we grew up together. We were in so many shoots together and backstage at shows.” (Cindy Crawford’s touching Instagram tribute.)

♦ David Letterman: You’re not very old now, are you? / Irene Cara: I’ll be 22 in March. / David Letterman: Just a baby...

♦ “But you know, I’m only 19, and I’m a baby on my own, don’t know what life is about, and you’re like 28...” (“It Wasn’t Friendship At First Sight. 35 Years On, They Found a ‘Forever Love,’” by Jey Born, NPR, Morning Edition, May 14, 2021.)

♦ Director Allen Hughes: “Unfortunately his life was cut short at 25, a baby.” / Ayesha Rascoe: “A baby, a baby!” (“A new docuseries explores the relationship between rapper Tupac Shakur and his mother,” NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, April 16, 2023.)

♦ “She’s so young. She’s a baaabyyyy...” (Jada Pinkett Smith about her 23-year-old daughter.)

♦ “A baby, just a baby.” (Ernest Borgnine in the 1979 film *All Quiet On the Western Front*, about an injured inexperienced recruit. Borgnine prepares to shoot him, to put him out of his misery, before two stretcher-bearers appear, put the casualty on a stretcher, and bear him to the rear.)

♦ Death devours lambs as well as sheep.

♦ “Even a leopard cub is called a leopard.”

experience: baby

baby (size)

baby AK-47

the Draco is a ~ frequently namechecked in rap

baby carrots

the recipe calls for ~

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. Two witches are brewing a potion in a bubbling, boiling cauldron. One witch is holding a bunch of baby carrots in one hand and an oblivious happy laughing dangling baby under her other arm, and she is poised to *drop both the carrots and the baby into the cauldron*. The other witch is consulting the cookbook and is saying, “No, it’s a single ingredient—baby carrots.” (*The New Yorker*, October 24, 2022.)

size: baby

baby (younger)

baby of the family

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

growth & development: baby

baby (baby face, etc.)

baby face

he grew a full beard to hide his ~

appearance: baby / face

baby (vocative)

baby

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

honey, baby, sweetie

he addresses me as ~ and other inappropriate names

vocative: speech

baby (insult)

big baby

stop being such a ~ (said by adult to an adult)

crybaby

see *crybaby (person)*

♦ “Really tricky situation, FA, Prem and FIFA only had 12 years to prepare. You do wonder who ties shoelaces for those in charge.” (A sarcastic commenter about “tired, overworked” soccer players at the FIFA Qatar World Cup.)

♦ Baby; big baby; petulant baby; crybaby; Grow up, you baby; it’s not all about you; a little boy; a man-child; “the incredible sulk”; selfish; self-centered; self-obsessed; spoilt brat; whiner; preening prima donna; bad loser; “He’ll go blind if he keeps winking...”; “News just in.....The world cup is now over for everyone as they were playing with Ronaldo’s ball and he has taken it home with him.” (World cup soccer snark about a player.)

♦ “Bleating millionaire wimps. How about grow a pair.” (An online commenter about “tired, overworked” soccer players at the FIFA Qatar World Cup.)

♦ Man up!

♦ see also *apron strings*, *brat (insult)*, *child (spoiled child, etc.)*, *crybaby (person)*, *mama’s boy (and mummy’s boy, etc.)*

behavior / character & personality / insult / person: baby

babysit (verb)

babysit them

at a certain point you can’t ~ (troubled people)

dependency: baby / family / verb

babysitter (role)

babysitter for the world

I’m tired of America being a ~ (illegal immigration)

electronic babysitter

they were the perfect “~” (Disney animated films)

\$40,000-a-year baby-sitter

I’m a ~ (an unhappy corrections officer)

become a babysitter

he does not want to ~ (take a manager’s job / soccer)

♦ “A manager is just babysitting somebody’s toy.” (An ex-player not interested in managing a Premier League soccer team.)

dependency: baby / family / person

person: baby

back (support / verb)

back Obama
will Hispanics ~

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

back (return)

season is back
and now the ~ (after a hiatus / a TV series)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: prep, adv, adj, particle

back (back in time)

back in 1999
and this was way ~...

go back
see *go back* (verb / time)

look back
see *look back* (verb)

takes me back
see *take* (take us back / time)

transported audiences back
see *transport* (in time)

past & present / fictive transportation / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

back (back then)

back then
~ in Russia, it was a cutthroat business (oil)
I'll admit it, I was fond of the gin myself ~ (Falesa)

past & present / time: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

back (step back, perspective)

step back
see *step back* (perspective)

back (behind somebody's back)

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

went behind my back
he ~

whispered behind her back
people ~

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

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

ridicule (negative) leaders behind their backs
people typically ~

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

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

allegiance, support & betrayal / subterfuge: back

back (no way back, etc.)

no way back
there is ~, the people won't forgive this (protests)
there is ~ (North Macedonia finally negotiates its name)

no way back from this
I think that there's ~ (Cuba cracks down on protesters)

no way back for Egypt and the region
there is ~ (2011)

reversal: direction

fate, fortune & chance: journeys & trips

back (scratch somebody's back)

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

social interaction: back / verb

back (back and forth)

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

position, policy & negotiation: movement

social interaction: movement

back (pat on the back / verb)

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

♦ "It was not taunting, he was patting himself on the back and rightly so." (A commenter about a play by Allen Lazard of the Green Bay Packers during which he blocked three Miami Dolphins defenders, knocking all three to the ground. Following that, he pointed at each one: one, two, three, for which he was fined \$10,609 for taunting, even though none of the 3 defenders saw him.)

♦ "Some observers wondered if the All-Star guard was using finger guns." (The NBA player Ja Morant, celebrating himself after scoring an ally-oop basket in overtime. He had just been reinstated to play following a long suspension for brandishing real pistols in online videos.)

achievement, recognition & praise: back / gesture

back (pat on the back / noun)

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

achievement, recognition & praise: back / gesture

back (get off my back, etc.)

on the back of these workers
they make a lot of money ~ (Uber in Great Britain)

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

get off my back

~ and leave me alone

get them off my back
try and ~ (superiors)

affliction / conflict / oppression: animal / back

back (carry something on one's back)

carrying England on his back
Joe Root is used to ~ (Ashes Test / cricket)

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

- ♦ See the Wikipedia entry, "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother."
- ♦ "God makes the back to bear the load." (Said in Ireland. This means God will never give you a degree of suffering that you can't cope with.)

difficulty, easiness & effort: back / burden / weight

help & assistance: back / burden / weight

back (turn one's back)

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

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

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

acceptance & rejection: back / verb

back (break the back)

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

broke the back of the campaign
those defeats ~ (primary elections)

break the back of the Covid epidemic
the vaccine could ~ (live virus BCG)

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

break the back of the (German) war machine
he was destined to ~ (Stalingrad)

break the camel's back
see *camel (break the camel's back)*

destruction: back / verb

back (back to the wall)

backs are to the wall
our ~

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

have our backs against the wall
when we ~, we come out fighting (Welsh rugby)

survival, persistence & endurance: back

resistance, opposition & defeat: back

back (watch your back, etc.)

guard your back
you've got to ~

watch your back
~ (a warning)
sorry I wasn't there to ~ (his brother drowned)

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

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

- ♦ "Sorry I wasn't there to watch your back like a big brother's supposed to." (Chris Eubank Jnr's tweet on the tragic death of Sebastian, the third-eldest child of the great boxer Chris Eubank.)

danger / protection & lack of protection: back / direction / position / verb

back (have somebody's back)

got your back
I've ~

got your literary back
we've ~ (NPR promotes "The Books we Love")

had my back
you've always ~, and I'll have yours (Biden and Blacks)

danger / protection & lack of protection: back / direction / position / verb

back (stab in the back)

stab in the back
what they see as a ~ by their Gulf neighbors (Qatar)
it's really a ~, trust betrayed (French about Australia)

danger / protection & lack of protection: back / direction / knife / position

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

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

got my back up
his tone just ~

got my back up about the request
he ~

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

back (courage)

stiffens his back
economic pressure just ~ (Daniel Ortega)

stiffened his spine
he showed signs of going wobbly, but Pelosi ~ (politics)

courage & lack of courage: back

strength & weakness: back

back away (verb)

back away from the issue

Democrats are starting to ~ (impeachment)

avoidance & separation: verb / walking, running & jumping

backbiter (person)

annoying backbiters

the ~ who had plagued him as an army officer

person: animal / back

affliction: animal / back / person / predation

backbiting

backbiting, exclusion, rumors

girls use ~ (girls bullying girls)

notorious for backbiting

a work atmosphere ~...

competitiveness and backbiting

it was a hellhole of ~ (“Sopranos” writers’ room)

♦ “There were tracks, clearly enough. It was evident that the little hunter (a sable) had quietly lay hidden behind a branch, and then suddenly flung itself upon the deer... Specks of blood showed that the sable had bitten it, but further tracks showed that the little deer had succeeded in throwing its assailant off. It had galloped on, and the sable, after starting to pursue it, had stopped and climbed up a tree.” (Dersu examining tracks in the snow. From *Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

behavior: animal / back / predation

conflict: animal / back / predation

backbone (basis)

backbone of Al Qaeda

Uzbeks and other Central Asians are the ~ in the area

backbone of the (rebel) army

the Dinka tribe, which formed the ~ (southern Sudan)

backbone of the company

these people are the ~

backbone of the (Louisiana) economy

shrimping is the ~ (oil spill)

backbone of the (Chilean) economy

Atacama’s copper mining industry forms the ~

backbone of (the Navy’s) leadership

surface warfare officers are the ~

backbone of his (political) party

they are the ~

backbone of rigor

in science, sharp criticism is the ~

Backbone of the World

Indians called these jagged peaks the “~” (Glacier NP)

backbone and nervous system

the Nile provides Egypt with a natural ~

financial backbone

the oil pipeline serves as the ~ of the country

infrastructure backbone

Amazon provides the ~ for major firms (servers)

technology backbone

Shopify provides the ~ for businesses to set up a store online

transportation backbone

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

bases: back / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

backbone (branching system)

backbone of England

the Pennines are commonly described as the “~”

backbone of all Hind

the Great Road is the ~ (*Kim*)

backbone of the Kamchatka Peninsula

the Sredinny Range, the ~

Guinean backbone

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

branching system: back

backbone (courage)

takes backbone

for Republicans, it ~ to stand up to Trump

courage & lack of courage: back

strength & weakness: back

backbreaking (adjective)

backbreaking labor

a coal miner's capacity for ~

backbreaking shift

after a ~ (at a nursing home)

backbreaking work

~ for 50 cents a day

backbreaking and dangerous

it was ~ labor (diamond mining)

difficulty, easiness & effort: back

back burner (on the back burner)

on the back burner

that all seems to be ~ now

on the budget back burner

the environment is ~

put the issue on the back burner

he ~ (a politician)

put on the back burner

a lot of the department's works has been ~ (priorities)

remained on the back burner

the tax issue ~ (politics)

sits on the back burner

the climate-change issue ~ in Washington

♦ "I think there has been a vacuum of course recently, I think Iraq has dropped off the radar screen, it's very much at the back burner..." (Laith Kubba about US engagement in Iraq.)

♦ "We shouldn't allow the issue of global warming to be put on the back burner... Or indeed any sort of burner come to that." ("Loose Ends" with Clive Anderson, BBC.)

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: center & periphery / direction / position

back burner (to the back burner)

relegated to the back burner

major problems have been ~ (Saudi Arabia)

pushed (climate) issues to the back burner

the economic crisis has ~

put to the back burner

our issue are always ~ (Black Voters Matter)

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: center & periphery / direction / position

back down (verb)

back down

the compromise allows both politicians to ~

she's an artist who won't ~ or bow to convention

backed down

faced with a coup, the government ~

the government ~ and commuted the death sentences

backing down

she is holding her ground and not ~

back down from a confrontation

analysts believe he will ~

back down or give her space

officials didn't ~, they threatened her (Naomi Osaka)

refused to back down

the protesters have ~

forced him to back down

a political firestorm ~ (King)

backing down

she is holding her ground and not ~

♦ "They do listen to us but they're not backing up." (Tahurai Henry, a surfer in French Polynesia, about plans to erect a 3-story judges tower in a coral lagoon for the French summer Olympics. "Backing up" in his statement might just as well have been expressed as "backing down." English is crazy! Hopefully, the Olympic Committee will come up with an alternative.)

conflict / dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / back / standing, sitting & lying / verb

backdrop (against a backdrop)

against that backdrop

~, it's not a huge surprise (attack on consulate)

against the backdrop of the Cold War

it was ~ that... (Eisenhower speech)

against a backdrop of (ongoing) violence

negotiations go on ~ (Middle East)

context: picture / theater

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

backed

backed by Iran

the rebels are ~

backed by the US

he has been ~ and other countries (Guido vs. Maduro)

allegiance, support & betrayal: back / position

backfire (verb)

backfire

the campaign may succeed but it could also ~ (military)

"circle-the-wagons mentality" backfired

the ~

reversal: verb / weapon

background (background noise, etc.)

background noise

to me it's just ~, not important (attacks on social media)

fade into the background

many prefer to ~ (teen-model sites on Internet)

faded into the background

the doctor-patient relationship has ~ (vs. money)

center & periphery: direction / position / picture

appearance & disappearance / attention, scrutiny &

promotion / importance & significance / perception,

perspective & point of view: center & periphery / picture /

position / verb

backhand (verb)

verbally backhanded

he ~ the journalist (Dan Crenshaw / politics)

accusation & criticism / speech: fist / force / verb /

violence

backing (support)

backing from the university

she received some ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: back / position

backlash (noun)

backlash against (bilingual) education

today in the climate of ~...

backlash for (cultural) appropriation

she faced ~ when she posted a selfie...

backlash effect

the ~ in foreign policy

anti-American backlash

the government has struggled to prevent an ~ (Yemen)

climate of backlash
today in the ~ against bilingual education

backlash has started
the ~

sparked a backlash
his crusade has ~ (to make school lunches more healthful)

♦ A backlash against Facebook and technology has been referred to as a *techlash*.

♦ A backlash by drivers of motor vehicles against bicyclists has been referred to as a *bikelash*.

♦ "What are the sets of policies that can move the ball, and which are likely to be counterproductive? There's a lot of political-science research about the backlash effect, where foreign criticism...actually has the opposite effect." (Jessica Chen Weiss, Cornell University. The Foreign Affairs Interview with Daniel Kurtz-Phelan.)

♦ Wikipedia has an article, "Backlash (sociology)." The article is slanted towards social-justice issues and goals and is tagged, "This article has multiple issues."

resistance, opposition & defeat / reversal: direction / violence / whip

backlog (amount)

backlog
prolonging the process and swelling the ~ (visa requests)

backlog of cases
the FBI has a huge ~ (security clearances)

backlog of planes
because the weather will create a ~ waiting to land...

backlog of work
the NTSB needs to move on to the ~ that...

paperwork backlog
reducing the overall INS ~

processing backlog
foster kids remain orphans due to a ~ (adoptions)

♦ The backlog is the large log at the back of a hearth

amount: pile

backpedal (verb)

backpedaling on key demands
China has been ~ (trade dispute)

back-pedaled on everything
she has now ~ she said in her testimony (a trial)

backpedal on the whole idea
they began to ~ of national standards (education)

backpedals on (tax) pledge
top Republican ~

back-pedal from his comments
he continued to ~ (a politician / BBC)

backpedaled after fierce criticism
the coach ~ from Chinese fans, sponsors, and partners

reversal: direction / mechanism / movement / verb

back seat (take a back seat)

take a backseat to my job
my job and family began to ~

take a backseat to reality
protocol had to ~ (CID investigation)

take a back seat to unseating
issue must ~ the current president

taking a second seat to schedule and cost
safety and quality were ~

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: direction / position

backstabber (person)

backstabber
he's a ~, watch out
he's the worst kind of ~, he poses as a friend

backstabber or turncoat
being a ~ is offensive to most people

two-faced backstabber
he's a ~

traitor, a backstabber and a fraud
former fans have been waiting to call him a ~ (basketball)

person: back / knife

allegiance, support & betrayal / behavior / character & personality: back / knife / person

backstabbing (noun)

backstabbing
~ is an art (politics)

back-stabbing and bad-mouthing
~ on the "Survivor" TV show

backstabbing and betrayal
~ remain a function of all our lives

♦ "And evil takes a human form in Regina George. Don't be fooled, because she may seem like your typical selfish, back-stabbing, slut-faced ho-bag. But in reality, she is so much more than that." (The 2004 film *Mean Girls*.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: back / knife

behavior: back / knife

backstage (adjective)

backstage advisor
he remains a ~ to Putin

backstage contacts
there have been ~ between them (diplomacy)

backstage diplomacy
~ has turned to more open confrontation

backstage look
the documents and testimony provide a ~ at why...

backstage negotiations

approval of the nominations came after ~

backstage politics

the organization is rife with ~ (sports)

backstage role

the administration playing a ~ in trying to resolve...
he played a pivotal ~ in persuading...

backstage self

we have a private, ~, versus our public self

backstage political struggle

he settled the ~ by choosing... (UN)

backstage lobbying

there has been ~ by Washington (diplomacy)

backstage maneuvering

there has been a lot of ~ (diplomacy)

backstage wrangling

after weeks of ~, the Party has decided...

backstage policy making

he was a master of ~ (Labor Party)

operates backstage

he ~ (an athletic booster)

concealment & lack of concealment: theater

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

backstop (verb)

backstop (FTX) customers

assets still are utilizable to ~ (pay them back)

protection & lack of protection: fence

backstop (noun)

backstop against the president's worst instincts

he was a ~ (government)

♦ "A backstop; a guardrail; trying to keep the President from going outside the bounds; minimize the damage..." ("John Bolton's Place in Ukraine Policy" by Mara Liasson, NPR, Morning Edition, October 25, 2019.)

♦ "The UK armed forces are not 'spare capacity' for striking workers, the chief of the defence staff has said as he cautioned against relying on the military as the 'ultimate backstop' during industrial action. / Admiral Sir Tony Radakin, the head of Britain's armed forces, said it would be 'slightly perilous' to expect them to be used routinely in the event of strikes by public sector workers. / In an interview with the *Sunday Telegraph*, Radakin said the use of armed forces to provide cover for striking workers would not impede operations, but suggested personnel should be allowed to get on with their day-to-day jobs." (From "Army should not be used as 'ultimate backstop' in strikes, defence chief says" by Sophie Zeldin-O'Neill, *The Guardian*, Sun 18 Dec 2022.)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: boundary

backtrack (go back in time)

backtrack

I think we have to ~ a bit (a history discussion)

past & present / time: journeys & trips / movement / verb

backtrack (reversal)

backtrack

the union has had to ~ on its demands

reversal: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

back up (verb)

back up

let's ~ and get big picture for a second (NPR radio show)

perception, perspective & point of view: picture / position / verb

backward (adjective)

backward Turkey

Ataturk took a ~ and made it modern

backward tack

I am embarrassed by the ~ of this administration

backward traditions

the Prophet (PBUH) did his utmost to eradicate ~

culturally backward

stoning takes place in remote and ~ areas

progress & lack of progress: direction

backwards (progress)

socially backward

writer Anna Mark's piece is offensive and ~ (Taylor Swift)

step backwards

see *step (a step back / backwards)*

go backwards

we should not ~ down the road toward nuclear power

sliding backwards

we are ~ to a less enlightened time

move us backwards

the election will ~ economically

*** analysis

♦ "It is strange how we move forward in some things, and stand still in others, and go backwards in yet others." (Msimangu about progress, from *Cry, The Beloved Country* by Alan Paton.)

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement

backwards (past)

go backwards

they want to ~ to a romanticized past that never existed

look backward

New Year's day is a time to ~ and forward
some ~ to a (reputedly) glorious past for answers

marching backwards

it feels like this country is ~ to the Middle Ages (religion)

past & present / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

backwater (noun)

backwater

in 1831, Southampton County was a ~

backwater of the Office of International Affairs

he was transferred into the relative ~

backwater in a (vast Islamic) empire

the region around Kabul was merely a ~

long-ignored (rural) backwater

in ~s

provincial backwater

the town remained a ~

remote backwater

Darien remained a ~

rural backwater

Beijing has brought wealth and modernity to a ~

he wants to bring development to the ~ (a politician)

this is not some ~ (site of a noxious landfill)

sleepy backwater

oil transformed Khartoum from a ~ to a modern city

in a (rural) backwater

she found herself banished to a small hospital ~ (a doctor)

stereotype of Turkey as an (agricultural) backwater

the ~ persists

became a backwater

there were a lot of other reasons that Spain ~ for so long

changed from a provincial backwater to a place

Tikrit ~ of large mosques and wide modern roads (Iraq)

remained a (provincial) backwater

the town ~

center & periphery / isolation & remoteness / progress & lack of progress: river

backyard (in somebody's backyard)

in Australia's backyard

a Chinese military presence in ~ (Solomon Islands pact)

in China's (own) backyard

~, Southeast Asia...

in Russia's backyard

Kyrgyzstan is ~ (politics, etc.)

not-in-my-backyard

this is one of those ~ issues (Nimby)

Yes, in My Back Yard

urban-policy nerds, YIMBYS---... (*The New Yorker*)

proximity: house

backyard (other)

backyard

the Sunset Beach wave was my ~ (Hakman)

historical and rightful backyard

China sees northeast Asia as its ~

proximity: house

bad (my bad, etc.)

bad

I just wanted the ~ to go away (trauma)

bad wrong

something's ~ here (racism / Frye Galliard on NPR)

my bad

sorry, ~

♦ I feel badly for..." (A sports commentator.)

♦ "There's a whole lot of messed up here." (US history / Spike Lee.)

♦ "So my bad. I'm sorry." (Whoopi Goldberg on *The View*.)

flaws & lack of flaws: part of speech

language: part of speech

badass (power)

badass

'playing like a girl' means you're a ~ (women's soccer)

total mountain badass

he's the nicest guy in the world and a ~ (Tommy Caldwell)

Brave, a Badass, a Heretic

I have been called ~ (a female blogger)

tough and badass

you don't need to be only ~ to succeed in the mountains

leached *badass* of its badassery

overuse has ~

♦ Many agree that this word comes from the Black community. In that regard, it has been classed with words like lame-ass, dumbass, etc., including the one made famous by Cardi B and Megan Thee Stallion.

♦ Bad, badass, blow up, catch fire, chill, coup, crazy, crush, destroy, dope, dynamite, filthy, freakish (ability, powers, etc.), gangster (original gangster / OG), kill, killer, killa, mean, monster, nasty, ridiculous; sick, slay, wicked... (Words that sound bad but can have positive connotations. English is crazy!)

♦ "This team taught all of America's children that 'playing like a girl' means you're a badass." (President Obama welcoming the 2015 World Cup-winning women's team to the White House.)

♦ "She showed me that you don't need to be only tough and badass to succeed in the mountains, you can be kind and nurturing, hard as nails and still soft and caring." (Professional skier Ingrid Backstrom about ski-mountaineer Hilaree Nelson.)

♦ See "Badass': The One Word That Has Become A lightning Rod For Many Female Chefs" by Nina Martyris, NPR, *The Salt*, November 11, 2019. A link leads to another great article, "We've Hit Peak Badass. It's Gotta Stop" by Jesse Sheidlower, *Daily Beast*, Apr. 14, 2017.)

♦ "When you forget just how badass you are—refer to your folder and read them out loud!... Treat yo' self." (Screenshot compliments, shout outs, reviews from co-workers, your boss, clients, friends, and family... Savage by Claudi.)

person: force

character & personality: person

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

bad boy (person)

bad boys

she loved ~

'bad boy' of basketball

he was the ~ (the remarkable Dennis Rodman)

bad boy of chess

he has a reputation as the “~” (Hans Neimann)

bad boy of Western philosophy

Nietzsche is the ~

bad-boy baller

pics show the ~ at Shotgun Willie's (NBA's Ja Morant)

bad boy chefs

he was the Elvis of ~ (Bourdain)

consummate bad boy

she married Paul, who was a ~ (filmmaker Paul Schrader)

notorious “bad boy”

he is a ~ (Jamie Cail murder / U.S. Virgin Islands)

called “Bad Boys”

the team was ~ (NBA Detroit Pistons / 1988)

liked bad boys

Glenn Close told me Mary Beth Hurt always ~

♦ “Girls liked him.” (A “bad boy.”)

♦ “But together ‘Blurred Lines’ and ‘Hold On, We’re Going Home’ play out an old crisis—the crisis of the compromised good girl—by the book.” (“Drake And Pop Music’s Good Girl Problem” by Ann Powers, NPR, September 18, 2013. An excellent analysis.)

♦ In the movie musical *Grease*, Olivia Newton-John starred as good girl Sandy Olson, who fell for a bad boy played by John Travolta.

♦ *FBoy Island* is a dating reality TV series hosted by the comedian Nikki Glaser. A spinoff called *FGIRL Island* is in the works. A man is either a nice guy or a F-boy. In slang, a “fuck boy” is a male womanizer, a playboy, a Lothario. See the Wikipedia article “FBOY Island,” which has the following caveat: “This article may have been created or edited in return for undisclosed payments, a violation of Wikipedia’s content policies, particularly neutral point of view.”

♦ Bad boys, bad boys, watcha gonna do / Watcha gonna do when they come for you? (Cops theme song. Read “The Story Behind ‘Cops’ Theme Song ‘Bad Boys’ by Greg Casseus, *Variety*, June 11, 2020. The song came out in 1987. Bob Marley died in 1981. Marley never sang the song.)

♦ “Self-proclaimed ‘bad girl’ Drea de Matteo...” (*The New York Post*. No. Not. Really.)

♦ “Black-footed ferrets have ‘a lot of hair, big bad teeth and a bad-boy attitude.’” (Says Kimberly Fraser, a federal wildlife official.)

♦ “While [Micajah] Harpe was still conscious, Moses Stegall slowly cut off the outlaw’s head. Later, the head was spiked on a pole...at a crossroads...that is still known as “Harpe’s Head” or “Harpe’s Head Road...in Webster County, Kentucky. / In January 1804, Wiley Harpe [was] executed by hanging. [His head was] cut off and placed high on [a stake] along the Natchez Trace as a warning to other outlaws.” (The Wikipedia entry for “Harpe brothers.” Bad, bad boys they were, no doubt.)

person: force

behavior / character & personality / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person

badge (badge of honor)

badge of honor

playing from memory is a ~ (pianists)

criticism from him is a ~ (politics)

receiving death threats is a ~ (Black Lives Matter)

ASBOs are simply a ~ for lads like this (delinquency)

became a badge of honor

the “one-percenter” label ~ (bikers)

wore its (cutting-edge) approach as a badge of honor

the bank ~ (ended up being hacked)

wore her conviction as a badge of honor

she ~ (the suffragette Susan B. Anthony)

wears the Trump endorsement as a badge of honor

he ~ (won GOP primary)

wore his scorn as a badge of honor

she ~

wore the scorn (of liberals) as a badge of honor

he always ~ (Rush Limbaugh)

wear that as a badge of honor

they ~, as a sign they are right (de-platformed)

♦ “The idea you could hold your liquor and type a new lead on a breaking story was a badge of honor.” (The great journalist Pete Hamill, about journalism back in the day.)

♦ “I’d like to personally welcome him to the club, because we receive death threats every day. So, he’s officially part of this movement. It’s a badge of honor.” (Hawk Newsome, co-founder of Black Lives Matter New York, about Norwegian Parliament member Petter Eide. From “Norwegian politician receives threats over Black Lives Matter Nobel Prize nomination” by Bill Hutchinson, 31 January 2021.)

♦ “ASBOs are simply a badge of honor for lads like this.” (A comment about a delinquent. An ASBO is an anti-social behavior order in the United Kingdom.)

♦ “Previously it was seen as a badge of courage. ‘Oh I haven’t missed a day of work in 40 years. I went to work sick.’ We don’t want people saying that. We want, ‘I had symptoms, so I stayed home because I’m considerate of my coworkers.’” (What about those co-workers who have to pick up your slack?)

♦ Duty, Honor, Country. (The motto of West Point.)

achievement, recognition & praise: sign, signal, symbol / military

badge (representation)

badge of honor

see *badge (badge of honor)*

capitalist rebel badge

he wears the ~ on his sleeve (Domm Holland, technology)

wore that badge

I was damaged goods, I ~ very early on in my life

representation: sign, signal, symbol

badger (The Badger, etc.)

known as “The Badger”

the man ~ for his aggressive approach (Bernard Hinault)

epithet: animal

commitment & determination: epithet

badger (verb)

badgered him

the lawyer ~ (trial)

♦ "He claims he locked himself in the plane bathroom and fell asleep to avoid her badgering." (A Hollywood celebrity at trial.)

affliction / behavior / commitment & determination / speech: animal / verb

badlands (environment)

badlands of real life

students leave the sanctuary of academe for the boorish ~

behavior / control & lack of control / environment: ground, terrain & land / history

bag (in the bag)

in the bag

it's not ~ yet (Liverpool wins EPL)

the Africa Corps has ceased to exist, it's ~ (W.W. II)

certainty & uncertainty: container

pursuit, capture & escape: container / hunting

bag (collection)

bag of narratives

it is out of such a ~ that his book has been fashioned

bag of tricks

he knew any treatment in the whole psychiatric ~ was futile

amount / group, set & collection: container

bag (pack one's bags)

pack the bags and get out

it's just time to ~ (NATO in Afghanistan)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: journeys & trips / verb

baggage (noun)

baggage of marriage

the ~ (gender, religion, culture, etc.)

baggage of the South

the racial ~ (US)

baggage from his (ancestral) past

each comes into the world with ~ (race, religion, class)

baggage and attitude

he dealt with all the ~ we had (poor kids)

soul baggage

they brought these emotions, the ~ (Dr. Tarek El-Ariss)

complicated baggage

soldiers take home some more ~ (from overseas)

generational baggage

Boomers, Xers go to work carrying lots of ~

historical baggage

the word *crusade* has largely shed its ~ in the West

legal baggage

he doesn't have all the ~ Trump is dealing with (politics)

political baggage

the ~ of its anti-establishment origins (black studies)

pseudoscientific baggage

gay had a long linguistic history and no ~ (vs. *homosexual*)

psychological baggage

students can arrive with ~ (suicides at MIT)

racial baggage

the ~ of the South (US)

a lot of baggage

Biden has been around a long time and has a ~ (politics)

cultural and historical baggage

the ~ that rugby lugs (in South Africa)

historical, cultural and religious baggage

the ~ (of marriage)

social and economic baggage

students with ~ (alternative school)

carrying (lots of generational) baggage

Boomers, Xers go to work ~

freighted with (historical and cultural) baggage

the N-word is ~ (racial epithets)

let go of the baggage

we must ~ in our minds (the Avalanches)

rid himself of this baggage

Ray ~ (classification and mythical creatures)

♦ "I got him with all his baggage, and he got me with all of mine." (A marriage.)

♦ "When you're an adult, you have baggage. And the baggage gets heavier."

♦ "Schwarzenegger, who is still a Republican, is not without baggage." (The possibility of him working for a Democratic president. The "baggage" includes a personal scandal.)

♦ "Some of them of course were upset, angry, scared, but they brought these emotions, the soul baggage also, and expressed it, but they expressed it in a thoughtful way, and things remained reasonable throughout." (Dartmouth professor Tarek El-Ariss, about the forums he and Professor Susannah Heschel held for Dartmouth students in the wake of the Saturday, October 7, 2023 attack by Hamas from Gaza on Israel. "Soul baggage" is a collocation I'd not heard before, and it struck me.)

history: burden / journeys & trips / weight

oppression: burden / history / journeys & trips / weight

bailout (noun)

bailout

~s are unpopular (of banks, national economies)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat

amelioration & renewal: boat

bail out (save)

bail out Mexico

the IMF helped ~ in the 1990s

bailing out (big) banks

the taxpayers are ~

bailed out the company
the government ~ (with loans)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / verb
amelioration & renewal: boat / verb

bail out (leave)

bailed out
high-profile guests have ~ (attending a party)

bailed out of school
he ~ in 2008 (an athlete)

bail out of this treaty
the US may ~ (open-skies treaty)

♦ "What the hell is up? I went out on a limb for you and you just bail?"
(The silly 2000 film *Bring It On*.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: plane / verb
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane / verb

bailed out

bailed out by the EU and the I.M. F.
Ireland was ~ in 2010

survival, persistence & endurance: boat
amelioration & renewal: boat

bait (lure / verb)

baited children
the company ~, using nursery rhymes (advertising)

attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting / verb
pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting / verb

bait (antagonize / verb)

bait and sass
presidential hopefuls ~ one another (a "debate")

conflict: animal / verb

bait (noun / military)

bait
the Iraqis didn't take the ~ (fire and expose themselves)

military: hunting

bait (awards bait, etc.)

bait and switch
she acknowledged the ~ (TV show shifts focus)

bait-and-switch
it was a ~ trap (COVID mortgage forbearance)

awards bait
it is transparent ~ ("empowerment" / a film)

clickbait
see *clickbait* (noun)

jailbait
she alleged he often referred to her as "~" (a 17-year-old)

Oscar-bait

the ~ turns we're handed this time of year (conventional)

trade bait
he's an intriguing prospect and might be ~ (an athlete)

take the bait
you can ~ or learn to pick your battles (relationships)
when it comes to trolls, don't ~ (internet)

rise to the bait
he refused to ~ (speech)
daft from Nunez, got to be calmer and not ~ (gets red card)

rises to the bait
trolls ask stupid questions to see who ~ (Internet)

took the bait
I made a nice feint and he ~ (chess)
the news media ~ (picked up story that was not true)

♦ "Yeah, maybe most guys would take the bait, but the thing is just because a door opens doesn't mean you have to walk through it." (A private eye who uses a beautiful woman to entrap husbands and boyfriends. One woman said, "I'm glad I found out he was a dog, I'm gonna pack up my things tomorrow and just leave, I'm giving back the ring, and I can go on with my life.")

♦ According to Wiktionary, in colloquial Australian English, a "shark baiter" is "a lone swimmer or surfer far from shore." In the same way, many Americans, when hearing the roar or whine of a motorcyclist speeding on a highway, will proclaim, "Organ donor!"

*** analysis

♦ BAIT, n. A preparation that renders the hook more palatable. The best kind is beauty." (*A Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ "Don't take the bait!"

attraction & repulsion: animal / fish / hunting
pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish / hunting
baiter (red-baiter, etc.)

immigrant-baiter
Sarkozy is known to be an ~ despite being an immigrant

Race-Baiter
~: *How The Media...* (Eric Deggans / 2012)

race-baiter
Bill O'Reilly called me a '~' on his show (Eric Deggans)

red-baiters
he was hounded by the hysterical ~ (Robert Oppenheimer)

♦ "Red-baiting has grown to a national sport." (In the 1940s U.S.)

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

baiting (antagonizing / Jew-baiting, etc.)

Hindu-baiting
her chronic ~ (NPR's New Delhi producer Furkan Khan)

immigrant-baiting
a conservative movement enthralled by ~ Donald Trump

Jew-baiting
he has incited rage for his ~ (Columbia University prof)

scambaiting
the ~ exploits of "Neld Harris"

- ♦ "The scambaiting exploits of "Neld Harris" have become a YouTube hit."
- ♦ See the Wikipedia entry "Bear-baiting." It is interesting that the article is split between the blood sport and "Hunting bears with bait." The one article should be two *different* articles.
- ♦ "Stop baiting me!"

conflict: animal

baiting (luring / queerbaiting, etc.)

pedo-baiting

she had been accused of "∞" (to look like a child)

queerbaiting

debates over ∞ have raged online (Styles, Perry, t.A.T.u.)

he was accused of "∞" fans of the show

∞ deserves to be called out, but... (forced outing)

Queerbaiting

Cardi B shuts down "∞" claims

romance baiting

Valentine's season always sees spikes in ∞ (online scams)

♦ "A California mom and OnlyFans model—who has been accused of 'pedo-baiting' by editing her photos to look like a child—has taken her own life." (Diana Deets, aka Coconut Kitty.)

♦ "'Queerbaiting' essentially boils down to appropriating queer signifiers as an aesthetic only."

♦ See the Wikipedia entry "Queerbaiting."

inclusion & exclusion: subterfuge

baked in (and baked into)

baked in the cake

it was ∞ (a man's vice)

baked-in part

business use tips as a ∞ of worker pay

baked into the very architecture

racism is ∞ of the internet

baked into the cake

these injuries are so ∞ of this sport (TBIs / NFL)

baked into the culture

trash talk is ∞ of play (basketball)

baked into the political equation

this shows you how much Trump is ∞ (politics)

baked into hockey

some level of danger is ∞, it's a physical game

baked into it

the code has instructions ∞ that... (ransomware)

baked into the system

there's a lot of waste ∞ (pandemic and public health)

baked into the (medical) system

racism is ∞ (Tuskegee Syphilis Study)

baked into that term

some evangelicals don't like the assumptions that are ∞

baked into our social systems and psychology

racism is ∞ (Critical race Theory)

baked into the hardware and software

insecurity is ∞ of the internet (computer hacking)

attachment / relationship: cooking

configuration / identity & nature: cooking

bake in (and bake into)

baked delays into their schedules

airlines have ∞ instead of improving operations

attachment / relationship: cooking

configuration / identity & nature: cooking

balance (verb)

balance the demands

trying to ∞ of work and family

balance a home and a career

for women trying to ∞

balance militancy versus moderation

his speech had to ∞ (MLK)

balance (energy) needs and the land

an example for how to ∞

balance the risk and the benefit

you have to ∞ (vaccinations)

balance security and synchronization

∞ (special operations / military)

balance civil liberties and national security

how to ∞ in a war on terror

balance tradition with changes

Inuit leaders try to ∞

balance the need (for openness) with national security

policies to ∞

balance the benefits against the difficulties

you need to ∞

balance the human cost against the cost to the animal

we must ∞

balance the need against the risks

we must ∞ (combat rescues)

balance their assignments against their safety

photojournalists have to ∞

how to balance

an example for ∞ energy needs and the land

struggling to balance

young women ∞ work and family priorities

trying to balance

∞ the demands of work and family

♦ "We all have to balance our own wants and needs with the wants and needs of our partner." (Johan Renck, the director of the 2024 film *Spaceman*.)

equilibrium & stability: scale / verb

balance (in the balance)

in the balance

lives are ~, this is serious (COVID-19 pandemic)

hanging in the balance

lives are ~ (tornado forecasting)

his life is ~ after a drug overdose (a rapper)

hangs in the balance

Britain's future ~ (elections)

hung in the balance

his life ~ (penalty phase of trial)

fate, fortune & chance: equilibrium & stability / scale / verb

balance (off balance)

kept the actors off-balance

he ~ by interrupting their line readings (film)

keep the enemy off balance

try to ~

throw the Soviets off balance

an assault to ~ and regain the initiative

throws the show off balance

his realistic portrayal ~ (a play)

throw the system off balance

it will ~ (the body)

disruption / flaws & lack of flaws / readiness &

preparedness: equilibrium & stability / scale

equilibrium & stability: scale

balance (tip the balance)

tip the balance of power

Iran helped ~ in favor of Bashar Asad

tip the balance in Colorado

Hispanic voted may ~ (politics)

tip the balance in Syria

Obama took no action to ~

tip the balance against the option

the three no votes were enough to ~ (politics)

tip the balance towards western coal

the President's decision could ~ (vs eastern coal)

♦ "The goal of the policy I propose is not to 'tip the scales in favor of boys,' as some fear. Rather, it is to level the playing field in the spirit of equity given the developmental differences between the sexes."

♦ see also *playing field (level the playing field), scale (tip the scales), scale (put one's finger on the scale, etc.)*

development / equilibrium & stability / initiation: scale / verb / weight

balance (out of balance)

out of balance

in a person with depression, these chemicals are ~

my priorities and life are ~

wildly out of balance

the sauce was ~, overloaded with... (food)

woefully out of balance

the system is ~ (politics)

priorities are out of balance

our societal ~

values (as a nation) are (sadly) out of balance

our ~

swung (way) out of balance

the financial sector has ~

equilibrium & stability: scale

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability / scale

disruption: equilibrium & stability / scale

balance (work and job, etc.)

balance in my life

the ocean represents ~ (Ken Bradshaw / surfer)

balance between modesty and sexiness

aim to strike a ~

work-life balance

the demands of the job eroded her ~ (single / Manhattan)

work / life balance

the generations disagree on authority, teamwork, ~

workers who value a ~

know your limits to maintain a happy ~ and avoid burnout

wholeness, balance, wellbeing, health

pay attention to your ~ (Hozho)

keeps his balance

he ~ by leaving his work behind when he returns home

maintains her balance

she ~ by staying firmly rooted at home in Utah (an actor)

strike a balance

aim to ~ between self-denial and overindulgence

♦ "We are not overexcited when we win and when we lose we are not dramatic. That's why I think the club is so stable." (Pep Guardiola about Manchester City.)

equilibrium & stability: scale

mental health: equilibrium & stability

balance (noun)

balance of chemicals

restoring the normal ~ in the brain (antidepressants)

balance of the region

the dams would disrupt the ecological ~

balance of freshwater and saltwater

a dike collapse could destroy the delicate ~ (estuary)

balance of stability and flexibility

the ankle joint is designed for a ~

balance between existence and annihilation

the ~ was precarious (Homer)

balance between stability and mobility
the elbow joint displays an elegant ~

balance between racing and safety
you have to find a ~ (5 Oceans race)

balance between usability and security
the ~ is a tricky one (computers)

fluid balance
her ~ needs to be restored (medicine)

trade balance
control the ~

basic balance
the ~ of sweet, salty, sour, and bitter (Cambodian cuisine)

delicate balance
a dike collapse could destroy the ~ of fresh / saltwater

ecological balance
the dams would disrupt the ~ of the region

fragile balance
the ~ between production and conservation (natural gas)

sense of balance
we must restore a ~ to the debate (energy / conservation)

ballast and balance
it gave me a sense of ~ (NPR back in the day / not now)

checks and balances
she didn't go through the regular process of ~ (corruption)

balance (of the Supreme Court) has shifted
now that the ~

attain a balance
~ between mission accomplishment and environmental protection (war)

destroy the (delicate) balance
a dike collapse could ~ of fresh and saltwater (estuary)

find a balance
you have to ~ between racing and safety (Velux 5)

restore balance
a decrease in OPEC's output would be needed to ~

strike a balance
~ between what is possible and what is probable (combat)

equilibrium & stability: scale

balanced

balanced approach
a ~ for the listing of adult items on eBay
a ~ might involve asking... (race, genes and disease)

balanced budget
the ~ amendment

balanced diet
a ~ might not be on the menu

balanced perspective
it is important to have a ~ (safety and study abroad)

balanced and responsible
a ~ approach to development (Arctic)

racially balanced
the show has a ~ cast (theater)

fair and balanced
~ news

equilibrium & stability: scale
flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability / scale

balance of power

balance of power
naked aggression to change the ~ (political)

balance of power between professor and student
the ~ is so slanted (dating)

balance of power in Kashmir
it would have no impact on the ~

shift in the balance of power
there's a ~ (relationships)

impact on the balance of power
it would have no ~ in Kashmir

equilibrium & stability: scale

balk (verb)

balked at publishing
the network ~ his report

balking at (high sticker) prices
consumers are ~ (auto buying)

eagerness & reluctance / resistance, opposition & defeat / starting, going, continuing & ending: horse / verb

balkanization (noun)

balkanization of the (professional) structure
the ~ continued... (history of engineering)

instance of balkanization
the term LGBTQIAA+ is a clear ~ (Jonathan Rauch)

division & connection: ground, terrain & land / history

Balkanized

Balkanized between universities, drug companies
medical research in the US is ~, and funders

balkanized airwaves
on America's ~, his supporters are... (Dan Bongino)

division & connection: ground, terrain & land / history

ball (play ball)

play ball
it is often good politics to ~
he is being punished for refusing to ~

he has directed officials not to ~ (impeachment enquiry)
if they didn't ~, it was game over for them (starlets)

played ball
he would never have ~, he was a man of integrity

playing ball
helping to oust some third-world leader who isn't ~ (NSA)

play ball with the Kremlin
you either ~, or... (business)

play ball with (party) leaders
many candidates refuse to ~ in Washington

play ball with me
if you ~, I'll play ball with you

play ball with newspapers
WikiLeaks may be willing to ~ for now, but...

reluctant to play ball
the Asians are somewhat ~ (with the U.S. / *The Economist*)

willing to play ball
she may be ~

need to play ball
the unions ~ (local hiring)

refused to play ball
he has ~ with the EPA (politics)

get Republicans to play ball
Democrats are struggling to ~

social interaction: sports & games / verb
unanimity & consensus: sports & games / verb
ball (the ball is in somebody's court)

ball will be firmly in the court of the governors
the ~ to decide how to move forward (pandemic)

ball is in Russia's court
Blinken says the ~ (U.S. "diplomacy")

ball is in your court
the ~

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / position, policy & negotiation / responsibility / social interaction: ball / sports & games

ball (take one's eye off the ball)

took his eye off the ball
some people think Obama ~ (rising unemployment)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / consciousness & awareness / failure, accident & impairment: ball / sports & games / verb

ball (drop the ball)

dropped the ball on this case
a lot of agencies ~ (serial killer)

dropped the ball in the case

investigators ~

♦ "The university dropped the ball and she paid the price with her life."
(Lauren McCluskey, the University of Utah.)

failure, accident & impairment / success & failure: ball / hand / sports & games / verb

ball (get the ball rolling, etc.)

get the ball rolling
we need to ~
this is a good investment to ~
sometimes it takes a gentle nudge to ~
he made attempts to ~ on this very thing

got the ball moving
she ~ on the impeachment enquiry (politics)

keep the ball rolling
to ~, we must...

started the ball rolling
he ~, and other businesses followed suit
CO2 may have ~, but... (global warming)

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

ball (as verb)

balling
Brock was ~... (NFL quarterback Brock Purdy)

♦ "Man, Brock was balling, put some respect on that man's name, you know, he was runnin', he was throwin'... (Jesse Washington, ESPN, heard on NPR.)

inclusion & exclusion: part of speech

ball and chain

huge ball and chain
alcoholism is a ~
expectations of success were a ~ (a writer with first novel)

affliction: justice / weight
oppression; justice / weight

balletic (adjective)

balletic agility
he relied on his natural talent and ~

comparison & contrast: affix

balloon (as transitive verb)

balloons menu prices
Calif.'s \$20 fast food minimum wage ~

increase & decrease: balloon / part of speech / verb

balloon (verb)

balloon
as our entitlement commitments ~

ballooned
the number of women (in prisons and jails) has ~
usage of Zoom has ~ overnight (video-conferencing app)

ballooning
the debt is ~
long-term unemployment is ~

ballooned into Wall Street's biggest crisis
the credit squeeze ~ since...

ballooned to \$14.4 billion
the price tag has ~ (military project)

ballooned to over 300 pounds
his weight reportedly ~ (a basketball player)

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon / size / verb

balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)

punctured the (helium) balloon
he ~ of the stock's soaring price

destruction: air / atmosphere / balloon / hole

failure, accident & impairment: air / atmosphere / balloon / hole

ballooning (adjective)

ballooning (pension) costs
he blames the problem on ~

ballooning (national) debt
voters are alarmed by the ~

ballooning deficit
the state is faced with a ~

ballooning demand
~ for oil is bound to be disruptive

ballooning (Medicaid) expenses
government officials look to curb ~

ballooning problem
this spotlights the ~

ballooning trade surplus
China has a ~ with the US

ballooning (cost) overruns
the State Department agency tried to hide ~

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon

ballgame (different ballgame)

different ballgame
piracy is a ~
it's a ~ when you don't...
therefore, you have a ~, as they say in America...

whole different ballgame
this year has been a ~ (Delta variant / COVID)

taxonomy & classification: sports & games

ballgame (new ballgame)

whole new ballgame
we're in a ~

online journalism is a ~

situation: sports & games

ballistic (go ballistic)

go ballistic
people will ~ when they read that...

went ballistic
she ~ (upset and angry)
she confronted her husband with the pictures and ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / flying & falling / rocket

balm (noun)

balm for the afflictions
his wisdom is a ~ of our age (a poet)

balm for the trauma
her films are a ~ that adolescents feel

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

banana (noun)

banana peel
Iran put a ~ in front of the US and Trump put his foot on it

banana skin
he's a potential ~ (boxer speaking of tough next opponent)
Joshua has got past a potential ~ (boxer wins)

♦ "Iran put a banana peel in front of the United States and President Trump put his foot right on it." (Cali Nasir's analysis after an Iranian proxy militia in Iraq killed an American. The resultant US airstrike against the militia resulted in an outburst of Iraqi anti-Americanism, including an attack on the US Embassy in Baghdad.)

♦ "It's a potential banana skin because he's relatively unknown...that's quite dangerous...So I'm taking him very seriously..." (Josh "the Tartan Tornado" Taylor about his upcoming boxing match with Apinun Khongsong. Taylor ended up defeating his opponent with a paralyzing body shot in the first round.)

♦ "I think a banana skin is a disrespectful term for this Welsh team." (Ireland Six Nations rugby captain Peter O'Mahony, about playing underdog Wales. Nervous, son?)

♦ "I slip on a banana peel, that's tragedy. You slip on a banana peel, that's comedy." (Attributed to Charlie Chaplin.)

failure, accident & impairment: fruits & vegetables

banana republic

banana republic
France is a ~ ruled by uneducated people (Koons' Tulips)

♦ This phrase appeared in 1955. At the time, United Fruit controlled 42% of the agricultural land in Guatemala and was very concerned by the new socialist government which had promised land reform. That government was overthrown by a CIA-supported coup.

dependency / relationship: allusion / history

Band-Aid (noun)

Band-Aid
if it's real and it isn't just a ~... (a proposed program)
the emergency operation is a ~, a short-term fix (famine)

band-aid solution
this a just a ~ for a much deeper problem

Band-Aid on a festering infection
it is a short-term ~ (diplomacy)

put a Band-Aid on a bullet wound
we'll always ~ (social justice)

♦ "You're essentially putting band aids on gunshot wounds." (A teacher about social promotion at a D.C. high school.)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine
substance & lack of substance: health & medicine

bandit (noun)

real bandits
they are ~, what they are doing (politics / Brazil)

person / taking & removing: crime
taking & removing: person

bandwagon (noun)

legalization bandwagon
voters are not obliged to jump on the ~ (marijuana)

moaner bandwagon
post an opinion, don't just jump on the ~ (sports)

Nuwaubian bandwagon
locals who had climbed aboard the ~ began to jump off

on the (Doncic) bandwagon
I've been ~ for a long time (great Slovenian basketball star)

climbed aboard the (Nuwaubian) bandwagon
locals who had ~ began to jump off (Putnam County, GA)

jumped on the bandwagon
I ~, repeating the things being said around me (regret)

leaped onto the bandwagon
the TV industry also ~ (3-D)

♦ "The BBC is always one of the first on any given bandwagon." (Bob, a sour golfing fan, on a BBC HYS about a story featuring Bryson DeChambeau.)

♦ "That's not the first bandwagon you need to jump on. I think that's completely ridiculous and extremely naïve." (The brother of a young actress / model, about people on social media suggesting that his sister's death was somehow related to COVID vaccines.)

♦ "And having seen RRR twice, I'm part of the bandwagon." (John Powers' glowing review of the 2022 Indian film.)

♦ "He called Howard a 'bandwagon jumper.' (An NBA athlete who celebrated too much and took too much credit for being on a NBA championship team. Said by an old veteran of the team. "He didn't do nothing.")

♦ "The bandwagon you hopped on so gladly is hurtling towards a cliff."

unanimity & consensus: music
attention, scrutiny & promotion: music

bandwidth (capacity)

have the bandwidth
we do not ~ to address all the calls (Portland police)

taking up (a lot of) bandwidth
the pandemic is ~ (other problems set aside)

♦ "Putting in the emotional, physical, and logistical labor to care for a child with special needs while maintaining the bandwidth to meet the needs of one's other children can be a significant challenge."

ability & lack of ability / extent & scope / strength & weakness: tools & technology

bane (noun)

bane of my life
the spinal brace quickly became the ~ (injured back)

greatest bane
corruption is the single ~ of our society

♦ Black henbane is a poisonous plant. Poison plants have had a long relationship with public health, animal husbandry, traditional medicine, witchcraft, and murder.

affliction: plant

bang (with a bang)

ended with a bang
the tournament ~, not a whimper

finish (out his career) with a bang
Tapia has a chance to ~ by... (boxer)

go out with a bang
the players wanted their coach to ~ (by winning)
apparently he wanted to ~ (mass shooter)

hit home with a bang
reality ~

kicking the year off with a bang
deal makers are ~ (mergers)

opens with a bang
the play ~, as...

opened with a bang
the film ~ (good revenues)

returned with a bang
he ~ (athlete has great day)

start (out) with a bang
I wanted to ~, so I...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound
feeling, emotion & effect: sound

bang (bang for the buck, etc.)

bang for the buck from Special Operations
the coalition gets plenty of ~ (war)

little bang for the buck
the report concluded subsidies offered ~

more bang for the buck
employers will get ~ from this program

most bang for the buck
the president will focus on getting the ~ from...

nutritional bang for the buck
greens offer ~

get more bang for the buck
at Wall-Mart, you ~

♦ "You get much more of a bang out of the shot, as it were." (Anthony Fauci, about booster shots.)

cost & benefit: sound

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

banish (verb)

banishes fear

Captagon fuels conflict, for fighters it ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: society / verb

acceptance & rejection: society / verb

banished

banished to the bullpen

he has been ~ (a pitcher)

banished from the dictionary

American English should be ~ (the Brits)

dismissal, removal & resignation: society

acceptance & rejection: society

banishment (noun)

banishment of Brandon from the team

the ~ is complete hypocrisy (a religious honor code)

banishment from the halls of academe

plagiarism can result in the ~

banishment from the league

it is time to end his ~ (a disgraced athlete)

Hollywood banishment

'you become unhireable' Carano says of her ~

result in banishment

plagiarism can ~ from the halls of academe

end his banishment

it is time to ~ from the league (a disgraced athlete)

♦ "Boop / bop / beep. Seriously? This was the start of the end for me? A 20-year career, the blood, sweat and tears of fighting?" (Gina Carano, about being canceled for her political views. Gina was a MMA fighter before being noticed by Steven Soderbergh and cast in the lead of the 2011 film *Haywire*. Her next role was in *Fast & Furious 6*. Read "Gina Carano on Getting Sacked From Star Wars and Her Grudge Match With Disney" by Seth Abramovitch, *The Hollywood Reporter*, March 14, 2024. It's an excellent article.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: society

acceptance & rejection: society

bank (tissue bank, etc.)

food bank

drop off extra food at a ~

germ bank

~s around the world keep anthrax

job bank

an online ~

memory bank

the bomb can erase the ~s of electronic equipment

milk bank

~s collect, pasteurize and store donated breast milk

I'd like to thank every woman who's ever donated to a ~

Organ Bank

the New England ~, one of several dozen regional centers

plant bank

a global network of ~s to store seeds and sprouts

a system of ~s is crucial in responding to climate crises

Seed Bank

the Millennium ~ Partnership (Kew Gardens)

seed bank

~s in Afghanistan and Iraq were destroyed during conflicts

Skin Bank

the New York Firefighters ~ (Hearst Burn Center)

sperm bank

he got the 50 bucks, but the ~ couldn't protect his identity

♦ similar to *library (tool library, etc.)*

group, set & collection: money

bankrupt (adjective)

bankrupt defense

it's a ~ (blaming victim for hate crime)

intellectually bankrupt

our way of managing parole supervision is ~

morally bankrupt

placating terrorists is ~

worth & lack of worth: money

banner (carry a banner, etc.)

carry the banner of the National Front

she intends to ~ into the 21st century

carrying a banner for female athletes

she is ~ (Annika Sorenstam)

carrying a banner for black directors

he said he was not ~ (playwright)

wave the banner of free speech

when criticized they ~ (Web hosts)

representation: flags & banners / verb

banner (under the banner)

under the banner of the ruling party

both men will contest the election ~

under the banner of the IMU

armed men ~ invaded Tajikistan

allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners

banner (behind the banner)

behind the banner of reparations

they hoped to unite the community ~ (protest)

allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners

banner (banner of Islam, etc.)

banner of Islam

the youth must hold aloft the ~ (King Abdullah)

banner for artists

over time Dirty South, not Third Coast, became a ~

hold aloft the banner

the youth must ~ of Islam (King Abdullah)

hide behind the banner

scoundrels ~ of patriotism

wave the banner

they ~ of religion

waving the banner

he had been ~ of free speech, but... (Musk's X)

♦ NO WAR; TAKE YOUR WAR AND GO TO HELL; BUSH, BLAIR and BERLUSCONI—ASSASSINS; NOT IN MY NAME... (Banners at a march in Florence, during which 300,000 marched to protest the Iraq War.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners

banner (size)

banner ad

for 10,000 visitors, I made \$330 per ~ (Internet)

banner headline

the newspaper ran a ~ declaring...

~s trumpeted the news

banner weekend

it was a ~ for HBO this weekend (many viewers)

banner year

2000 was a ~ for genomics

size: flags & banners

baptism

baptism by fire

it was my ~ (new teacher)

baptism of fire

Salk referred to his time with Francis as a "~"

experience: religion / water

baptized

baptized in fire and blood

you have been ~ and come out steel (combat)

get baptized

you ~ pretty quickly in this business (death-penalty law)

experience: religion / water

bar (bar is set high, etc.)

bar

the ~ is set so high for him (performance)

the ~ is down to "don't do dumb stuff"

difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games

barb (trade barbs, etc.)

trading barbs

US and Chinese officials have been ~ (conflict)

conflict: verb / weapon

barbed (speech)

barbed letters

the president and the speaker had traded ~ (politics)

barbed question

a reporter interrupted with a ~

barbed satire

it's a ~ about race, class and culture (a film)

speech: blade / knife

barbaric (behavior)

barbaric power

the people are under the boot of ~

reckless and barbaric

the ~ attack (use of Novichok in England)

behavior: history

Barbie (and Barbie Doll)

Barbiecore

the ~ trend is an homage to her pink style and aesthetic

Barbieland

the Kens had taken over ~ (The Grace Hopper Celebration)

Barbiemania

~: the movie has turned the world hot pink (2023 film)

Barbie doll type

well I ain't never been the ~ (Gretchen Wilson)

♦ "Is Barbie a feminist icon? It's complicated" by Rachel Treisman, NPR, Morning Edition, July 27, 2023.

♦ "Well I ain't never been the Barbie doll type / No, I can't swig that sweet champagne, I'd rather drink beer all night..." (Gretchen Wilson Redneck Woman YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82dDnv9zELs> Hell yeah!

♦ The basketball player Angel Reese was nicknamed the "Bayou Barbie" when she went to play at Louisiana State University, because of her eyelash extensions and pink fingernails. She liked the nickname.

♦ "In the fall of 2008, Thompson completed her first run as an NFL sideline reporter. During the season, Thompson dyed her hair black to 'rid [herself] of the Barbie thing,' as she is notably blond." (The Wikipedia entry "Charissa Thomson," for the host and sportscaster. After much male commentary, she switched back to being a blond. Years later, she would admit that during this period she made up stories to tell on camera. Her contemporary female critics who now charge her with giving credence to the stereotype that sideline reporters are just "eye candy" should be a bit more sympathetic, considering the times.)

♦ "I was not allowed to play with Barbies as a kid. I was a pastor's kid, so Barbies were exiled. But now I get to be my free authentic self in the city." (Prima Love—he, she, they—a drag queen and New Jersey native, about her appearance at the Malibu Barbie Beach Party show at NYC's restaurant Peachy Keen, capitalizing on the opening of the 2023 film *Barbie*.)

♦ "So they make a movie 'Barbie' and then a good-looking blond woman walks by and some guy says, 'Hi Barbie.' Then he gets fired... [L]et's not get hung up on calling someone 'Hi Barbie' while the Hollywood industry makes its wealth on this movie." (An online commenter about "Sports

radio host Dan Geronimo fired after sexist 'Barbie' comments toward female reporter" by Jared Schwartz, *New York Post*, July 30, 2023. See the Wikipedia entry "Barbenheimer.")

♦ "Barbie knows that representation matters and is committed to continuing to increase diversity across collections, so that more people can see themselves reflected." (The trans Barbie doll, a Barbie doll with a prosthetic limb, the Ken doll with vitiligo, a Barbie doll with Down Syndrome, etc.)

appearance: object

character & personality: sign, signal, symbol

bare (lay bare)

lays bare the (latent) anti-Semitism
the vandalism ~ that still exists in society

laid bare the challenge
the incident has ~ of the alliance (US / Pakistan)

laid bare the whirlpool
his murder ~ of religious violence and extremism

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories / verb

bare (laid bare)

laid bare
the open secret about Ozy Media has been ~ (fraud)

laid bare in the (feisty TV) debate
the candidates' divisions were ~ (politics)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories

bare (verb)

bared the excesses
the rally ~ of his movement

bare the secrets
the press can ~ of government and inform people

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories / verb

bare bones (and bare-bones)

bare-bones budget
we want to have a ~ (saving money)

bare-bones care
under the plan, seniors will get ~ (health)

bare-bones and limited
right now it's ~ (opening park during pandemic)

pared his novel down to its bare bones
he ~ (every word important)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

bare-knuckle (fight, etc.)

bare-knuckle fights
his ~ against Ivy League Schools (Bill Ackman)

bare-knuckle (boardroom) tactics
he uses ~ in wider war against wokeism (Bill Ackman)

conflict: boxing / fist

bare-knuckled (adjective)

bare-knuckled approach
he took a ~ to the rarified world of art criticism

bare-knuckled politics
even by the lowly standards of Washington, this was ~

bare-knuckled work
she counted votes and did the ~ that was needed (politics)

conflict: boxing / fist

bark (more bark than bite, etc.)

more bark than bite
the US is ~

substance & lack of substance: animal / dog / sound / teeth

bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.)

barking up the wrong tree
if you're looking for accuracy, you're ~
they can't go for collusion because they're ~ (a report)

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / dog / hunting / sound

bark (verb)

barked
"Look up," he ~

barked at them to stop
the policeman ~

barked at Rodriguez for running
he ~ over his mound (baseball)

bark commands at the TV
people ~ (voice commands)

sound: animal / dog / verb

speech: animal / dog / sound / verb

barnacle (resemblance)

Barnacle Device
the 'windshield boot' is known as a ~

barnacles of dried gum
~ encrust the undersides of tables and chairs (schools)

urban barnacle
the padlocks cover old bridges in a kind of ~ (Paris, etc.)

♦ [H]e describes today's tax code as 'full of barnacles and crevices and windows and holes. It needs a major reform and restructuring.'" ("Beyond The Tax Deal: Targeting The Code Itself," NPR, All Things Considered, December 18, 2010. The description is enough to cause tryphobia!)

♦ "NYPD uses 'barnacle' windshield boots to force violators to pay."

♦ see also *encrustation*

resemblance: animal / boat / burden / sea

barnacle (affliction)

skin barnacles

how to get rid of ~

♦ see also *encrustation*

affliction: animal / boat / burden / sea

barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.)

chip away at the barnacles

Pena Nieto will try to ~ slowing the economy (Mexico)

scrapes the barnacles off Homer's hull

Emily Wilson's 'Odyssey' ~

scrub the barnacles

the third-party companies are out of control, so we will ~

♦ "The number of sort of third-party contracting companies that we're using has really gotten out of control, so we're going to scrub the barnacles on that front. It's pretty crazy. We've got barnacles on barnacles. So there's going to be a lot of barnacle removal." ("Elon Musk To Analysts: Stop With The 'boring, Bonehead Questions' on Tesla" by Avie Schneider, NPR, The Two-Way, May 3, 2018.)

♦ "Wilson's project is basically a progressive one: to scrape away all the centuries of verbal and ideological buildup—the Christianizing (Homer predates Christianity), the nostalgia, the added sexism (the epics are sexist enough as they are), and the Victorian euphemisms—to reveal something fresh and clean. Why call them 'handmaidens' when they were slaves? Why insist, as so many translators do, on 19th-century diction when that time had no more in common with Homer's than ours?" ("Emily Wilson's 'Odyssey' Scrapes The Barnacles Off Homer's Hull" by Annalisa Quinn, NPR, Book Reviews, December 2, 2017.)

amelioration & renewal: animal / boat / burden / sea / weight

barnacled

barnacled with myths

the stories of their rise are ~ (US presidents)

child-barnacled

his ~ present (four sons and a daughter from two women)

attachment: animal / boat / burden / sea

barn burner

barn burner

his speech wasn't exactly a ~ (politics)

♦ A very exciting game or event. "Where Does the Phrase 'Barn Burner' Come From" by Merriam-Webster is excellent.

feeling, emotion & effect: farming & agriculture / fire / temperature

barnstorm (verb)

barnstorming the state

they have been ~ (politicians)

barnstorming for months

after ~... (a politician)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / message: plane / verb

Barnum (and P.T. Barnum)

P.T. Barnum of American race relations

she is the ~ (Robin DiAngelo)

Barnum and Bailey flamboyance

King marketed the fight with his customary ~ (boxing)

modern-day P. T. Barnum

he is sort of a ~ (an arena builder and promoter)

brilliant, bombastic Barnum

King was a ~ (the boxing promoter Don King)

version of P.T. Barnum

he once called [Elon] Musk a "sci-fi ~" (Ashlee Vance)

♦ "P.T. Barnum is laughing his eyes out." (An online commenter who may be confusing "crying his eyes out" and "laughing his head off." Is this an "eggcorn"?)

♦ "If it's true that the show of emotion is the greatest show on earth, then Thompson is a Barnum & Bailey of both pain and joy. Her portrayal of grief in 'Love Actually' (2003), for instance, has become iconic in British popular culture." ("Acting Up: Emma Thompson's third act" by John Lahr, *The New Yorker*, November 14, 2022.)

♦ "At his first spectacle, in 1835, showman Phineas Taylor Barnum touted Joice Heth as George Washington's 161-year-old nursemaid. Crowds came gawking to see 'the greatest natural & national curiosity in the world.' Barnum profited from the public's hunger for entertainment by planting embellishments and lies in newspapers..." ("Why We Lie," *National Geographic*, June 2017.)

♦ "The 1870s and 1880s were the height of the controversial but enormously popular 'side shows' in America. Hucksters like P.T. Barnum attracted huge throngs by booking fire-eaters, sword swallowers, and 'freaks' with assorted medical abnormalities, some bogus, others disturbingly real. There were the 'Wild Men of Borneo' (actually two mentally disabled dwarfs from Ohio), 'Jo-Jo the Dog-Faced Boy' (suffering from hypertrichosis, a profusion of body hair), 'General Tom Thumb' (the world's smallest human), eight-foot giants, bearded ladies, Siamese twins, and people with humongous body tumors attached to their back, face, and scrotum..." (*Bellevue: Three Centuries of Medicine and Mayhem at America's Most Storied Hospital* by David Oshinsky.)

♦ "[Harvey] Leach, who was often billed as the 'shortest man in the world,' had made a name for himself as a performing oddity. In addition to his small stature, one of his legs was eighteen inches long while the other measured twenty-four inches, and when he walked, his arms brushed against the ground like an ape's. According to one of his contemporaries, Leach appeared 'like a head and a trunk, moving about on castors.' / Leach's strange appearance attracted the attention of the American showman and hoaxer P. T. Barnum, founder of the Barnum & Bailey Circus. Barnum dressed the dwarf in the skin of a wild beast and covered the walls of London with placards that read, 'What Is It?' Unbeknownst to Barnum, Leach was so recognizable at that point in his career that people guessed the true identity of this mysterious 'beast' within days. Despite this initial bungle, Barnum retained Leach as a performer, until the forty-six-year-old man died as the result of an injured hip that had become infected." (*The Butchering Art: Joseph Lister's Quest To Transform The Grisly World Of Victorian Medicine* by Lindsey Fitzharris.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: allusion / circus / epithet

barometer (noun)

barometer of their abundance

but the catch rate provides a ~ (sharks)

barometers of change

public tours serve as ~ (limited after 9/11)

barometer of (Trump's influence)

the result will be another ~ with the GOP (election)

barometer of (poor) nutrition

childhood anemia, a ~, is higher in India than China

barometer for his team

he has been a ~ (when he is good, team is good)

closely watched barometer
the index is a ~ of home prices

career barometer
actors used the show as a ~ (*Law and Order*)

off the barometer
the racism, misogyny and homophobia is ~ (the Met police)

♦ "Kennan's eighty-page 'personal document' might well have been coauthored with Oppenheimer, reflecting as it did so many of Robert's views. Indeed, both he and Kennan took its reception as a plunging barometer, indicating the approach of violent political storms. Circulated within the State Department, Kennan's memo was quietly and firmly rejected by all who read it." (*American Prometheus: The Triumph And Tragedy Of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin. A plunging barometer is a characteristic of a hurricane.)

♦ **BAROMETER**, n. An ingenious instrument which indicates what kind of weather we are having." (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

measurement: tools & technology

baron (power)

drug baron
the notorious ~ Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman

meat baron
he is nicknamed "the ~" (Clemens Tonnies)

person: government

power: government / history / Middle Ages / person

baroque (adjective)

baroque response
her ~ began... (VP Kamala Harris / word salad)

baroque syntax
his high diction and ~ (Andre Leon Talley)

got baroque
the war plan ~, insane, to the point where... (nukes)

complexity: history

feeling, emotion & effect: picture

barracked

barracked (earlier this month) for sending
the German chancellor ~ weapons (to Ukraine)

accusation & criticism / conflict: military / sound

barrage (noun)

barrage
no software can eliminate the ~ (popup ads / computers)

barrage of combinations
he reshaped his opponent's nose with a ~ (boxing)

barrage of lawsuits
the campaign has filed a ~ in various states (election)

barrage of (graphic) pictures
Saudis get a ~ of Palestinians suffering...

barrage of questions

I was subjected to a ~
his ~ barely left time for answers

withering barrage
their report came under a ~ of criticism (education)

♦ The rolling barrage was developed in World War I to provide what is described nowadays as "shock and awe" for attacking infantry soldiers.

amount & effect: military / weapon

barrel (at the bottom of the barrel)

at the bottom of the barrel
I did my time ~ (worst job assignment)

finish at the bottom of the barrel
we ~ every year (a sports team)

stuck at the bottom of the barrel
I'm ~ (pay scale)

hierarchy: position

barrel (verb)

barreled up the Eastern Seaboard
the hurricane ~

movement: force / verb

force: movement / verb

barricade (storm the barricades, etc.)

manned the barricade
Courtois ~ for Real (soccer goalie has great game)

stormed the barricades
he ~, time and again (to hold the church accountable)

storm the barricades of racism
many left their studies to ~ (Martin Luther King)

storm the barricades of (male) resistance
women have to ~

storm the barricades for him
many are ready to ~ (support for an embattled politician)

certain to storm the barricades
shareholders will be ~ (losing money)

ready to storm the barricades
she casts herself as an outsider, ~ (a politician)

resistance, opposition & defeat: history / infrastructure / verb

barrier (noun)

barriers to access
~ in that market are extremely costly (trade)

barriers to (foreign) ownership
lower ~ of local industries

barriers to participation
a meet with the theme of overcoming ~ (climbing)

barriers to (import) penetration
~ in Japan

barrier between animals and humans
influenza could hop the ~

barriers and stereotypes
coming out and tearing down ~ in "macho" professions

age barrier
no ~, no height bar, no gender gap

class barrier
~s are deepening cultural and racial ones

color barrier
broke rugby's ~ in 1976

gender barrier
she broke a ~ (first Division I female football player)

pain barrier
practicing through the ~ (musicians)
we'd gone through the ~, the sun gave us power (K2)

research barrier
by easily being able to grow the cells, he overcame a ~

trade barriers
the lowering of ~ (globalization)

cultural barrier
despite language and ~s, people came together (protest)
people struggle to communicate across ~s

legal barrier
~s to correcting injustices (death-penalty cases)

racial barrier
it helped to bring down some ~s (basketball)

socioeconomic barrier
debate over the ~ facing black boys (education)

linguistic, cultural and psychological barriers
immigrants face many ~

lowering of (trade) barriers
the ~ (globalization)

glass ceilings and other barriers
~ barring women

stereotypes and other barriers
trying to break down ~ (foreigners)

broke (a lot of) barriers
she ~ (a famous woman)

lower these barriers
20 states have passed laws to ~ (expunging criminal records)

overcame a (research) barrier
by easily being able to grow the cells, he ~

put up (new) barriers
as many European countries ~ (against immigrants)

bring down some (racial) barriers
it helped to ~ (basketball)

break down (racial) barriers

how to ~ in France

get past the sex barrier
how do I ~ with guys (she waits, he loses interest)

communicate across (cultural) barriers
people struggle to ~

obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land / wall
division & connection: ground, terrain & land / wall

Baryshnikov (Baryshnikov of football, etc.)

Baryshnikov of football
he was canonized as "the ~" for his acrobatic receptions
(Lynn Swann after Super Bowl X)

Big Baryshnikov
the ~ (Shaquille O'Neal, NBA)

♦ Shaquille O'Neal, one of the greatest NBA players of all time, has been referred to as the Big Baryshnikov.

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: epithet

baseline (noun)

baseline levels
it drops to ~ (a hormone)

baseline measurement
exposures may be difficult to interpret without ~

baseline poverty
will Haiti return to ~ (after earthquake)

baseline study
tedious ~s

baseline of how
we do need a ~ things have been in the past (polar ice)

♦ A baseline relates to land surveying.

analysis, interpretation & explanation / measurement: surveying

basement (basement price, etc.)

basement price
he thinks he can buy the company at a ~

in the basement
the ratings have been ~ (baseball)

decline: direction / house

basement (hierarchy)

in the basement for (high-school) graduates
we're now ~ (US education and the OECD)

hierarchy: direction / house

basement (concealment)

internet's dirty basement
if you peer into the ~ (conspiracy theories, fake news)

concealment & lack of concealment: direction / house

bash (verb)

bashing the democrats
the president has been ~ on immigration

bash opponents
“white privilege” is used as a political weapon to ~

♦ “Collect the money Depp, that woman will never quit bashing you. She simply will never quit. Just a different Pam Hupp, Blasey Ford or Smollett.” (A comment about the Depp-Heard trial.)

accusation & criticism / speech: fist / verb / violence

bashed (criticism)

deal with being bashed
we’ve had to ~ because we’re obese

accusation & criticism / speech: fist / verb / violence

bashing (noun)

Arab bashing
the rising tide of ~ in America (post 9/11)

business-bashing
this will dispel the ~ image of Obama (politics)

class-bashing
he defended her against ~ critics from *The Village Voice*

gay-bashing
issues include AIDS and ~
he thought he’d be safe from ~ (high-school student)
the ~ televangelist was arrested in a public toilet

Islam bashing
the rising tide of ~ in America
detractors describe her comments as “~” (Ayaan Ali)

man bashing
some women are uneasy with ~

white-bashing
this casual “~” will result in a backlash (politics)

♦ “The crimes have a chilling street name, ‘Guat-bashing.’” (*Actual violence against Guatemalans.*)

accusation & criticism / speech: fist / verb / violence

basically (contempo-speak)

basically
~, these firms, because they...
so her dad had to move in with her, ~ (self-care)

basically what
and that’s ~ my crimes are
and ~ it says is that when...

basically interviewed
I recently listened to an episode, and they ~ a broker...

basically ran on adrenaline
I ~ (Alyssa and her job)

basically said
to which I ~...

basically saying
people were ~...

basically been using
I’ve ~ Twitter for 15 years at this point, and...

basically a (real-estate) empire
so, Crow Holding, it’s ~ that manages \$29 billion (NPR)

basically a firearm
a smart gun is ~ that’s always locked by default

basically impossible
it’s ~ to find a queer competent therapist in Missouri

basically talking
the poem that he wrote was ~ about intersectionality

basically exactly
see *exactly (contempo-speak)*

basically felt like
see *feel like (feels like, felt like)*

basically just
see *just (filler)*

basically kind of
see *kind of (contempo-speak)*

basically kind of like
see *kind of like (filler)*

basically like
see *like (reported speech)*

basically pretty
see pretty (contempo-speak)

basically sort of
see *sort of (contempo-speak)*

basically sort of like
see *sort of like (filler)*

actually, basically
he is really dismissive and ~...he says something like...
she would ~ be saying...
~, nothing compared to dogs...

actually basically
reading is ~ like a math, it’s like an equation (Emily)
the film is ~ a war of images (*Through A Lens Darkly*)
mitigation, which is ~ keeping people apart... (virus)

feel like, basically
see *basically (contempo-speak)*

I mean, basically
~, the entire hip-hop generation...
~, it’s like, yeah, right before you die

I mean basically
~, Wisteria Island was their playground (Florida)

I think basically
~ what the award season is, is...
~, people are at their wits end, and you know, it’s...

~ if a woman comes forward and says...

kind of basically

DJs were able to ~ help everyone heal

really basically

I ~ didn't graduate college at all, like...

and I think that ~ pushed China and Russia together

it was ~ first on my list to try to...

it's ~ who gets exposed (coronavirus punditry)

so basically

~, on a dare, I...

sort of basically

and it ~ accomplishes the same thing

♦ "Indeed, major global events...happened while she was basically living under a rock." ("A Spanish athlete spent 500 days alone in a cave—for science" by Rachel Treisman, NPR, April 17, 2023. Actually? Literally?)

♦ Romelus: Well, me, when I have sex with somebody I always film it. This is like...just a one time experience, so. / Detective: Like a trophy? / Romelus: Uh, basically, but not really. ("Behind the OnlyFans porn boom" by Linda So, Andrew RC Marshall and Jason Szep, Reuters Videos, March 13, 2024.)

♦ Are you sure?!

♦ see also *actually (contempo-speak)*, *definitely (contempo-speak)*, *obviously (contempo-speak)*, *really (gushing)*

contempo-speak: adverb

bask (verb)

basking in the afterglow

while he was ~ of a caretaker's honeymoon period...

basked in the adulation

the women ~ this week (Filipino national soccer team)

basks in (New York) fame

resilient Emma Raducanu ~ (US Open winner)

basked in the glow

she ~ of being a global business celebrity

bask in the prestige

major cities ~ of the Olympics

bask in that smile

she knows what it feels like to ~ (of a handsome man)

basking in the (media) spotlight

Don Lemon has been ~ since being fired... (media)

basking in (an Olympic) triumph

the U.K. is ~

bask in my victory

I am going to ~ (Tyson "the Gypsy King" Fury)

basking in his victory

on a hot day, Boris Johnson is ~ (new Prime Minister)

♦ Birds (grey herons); reptiles (lizards, terrapins, snakes, crocodiles); mammals (walrus); insects (butterflies)... (Creatures that bask, or sunbathe, to raise their internal temperature, or for comfort.)

♦ "His worship of the sun began when he was a school-boy in the eighteen-eighties on the shores of the Lake of Neuchatel. He was the pale son of a bookish professor and from his first year in school he didn't like the way the brown-faced farmer boys could lick the tar out of him. 'They were flagrantly superior to me,' Rollier said. From then on he

began bathing his bare body lying like a lizard in the sun, began turning himself into an Indian." (Men Against Death by Paul De Kruif. From Chapter 11, "Rollier: The Sun Doctor." Dr. Auguste Rollier was an exponent of heliotherapy for the treatment of tuberculosis. See the Wikipedia entry "light therapy" and the picture captioned, "Child patients with external forms of tuberculosis, especially of the bones and joints, laying [sic] on beds on a terrace outside Treloar Hospital in Alton, Hampshire, England, in sunlight as part of their light therapy, ca. first half of the 20th century.")

♦ Lake Bled in Slovenia is a place where people came to therapeutically "bask" in the sun. Such practices are associated with the Swiss healer Arnold Rikli.

♦ "Where the sun is, the doctor ain't." (An old Italian mountaineer proverb.)

**behavior: animal / atmosphere / temperature / verb
feeling, emotion & effect: animal / atmosphere /
temperature / verb**

basket (category)

put him in the same basket

do you ~ as Snowden (Julian Assange)

taxonomy & classification: container

basket case

basket case

Haiti has not always been a ~

from the standpoint of manufacturing, America is a ~
the economy is not a ~

he considered the company a ~ (an executive)

he was a conspicuous ~ today (emotionally / anxious)

basket-cases of Central Asia

the two ~, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan

Europe's basket case

Ireland used to be ~

economic basket case

Spain is an ~

North Korea is now an ~, propped up by China

emotional basket case

the whole experience left me an ~

international basket case

Kissinger described Bangladesh as an ~

turning students into emotional basket cases

universities are ~ (reverse cognitive behavioral therapy)

♦ A basket case is a person who has had all limbs amputated. Its date of inclusion in dictionaries—1919—means it probably references soldiers severely wounded in World War I.

♦ "I do think it's important that we can instill confidence in our veterans because whether they're from a big city or a small town, they probably don't have anybody around them that's like them. For me personally, I don't see a lot of amputees whatsoever, especially no quadruple amputees. But I'm very confident in myself and my abilities, where we bring people in here and we give them a network to reach out to other families that have the same situation that they go through every day and let them know that here's some tricks or adaptive sports or things you can do as a family to make you feel like you're still a part of everything, you can still keep going." (Army Staff Sgt. Travis Mills. "Soldier who lost four limbs opening retreat to help others," AP. In the article, he is quoted as saying, "I don't look at myself and pity myself. I tell people to never give up, never quit, and to always keep pushing forward." See his Wikipedia entry, Travis Mills (soldier).)

condition & status / functioning: health & medicine

bastion (noun)

bastion of elitism

he views golf courses as a ~ (Chavez)

bastion of (racial) exclusivity

the sorority is a ~

bastion of progressive government

many see New Zealand as a ~

bastion of (testosterone-driven) heterosexism

the NBA is a ~

bastion of (southern male) privilege

the private club was once a ~

bastion of religion

Poland is a ~

bastions of free speech

universities are no longer ~

bastion of tradition and authority

the university is a ~

bastion for the militia

the neighborhood is a ~

Democratic bastion

Chicago is a ~

last bastion

Las Vegas casinos are the ~ for smokers

public-employee unions are the ~ of labor strength

main bastion

the ~ of protection against downstream floods...

♦ A bastion can be reduced, or surrounded and starved into submission, or betrayed from within, or simply bypassed...

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.)

coming to bat for NBC

he is ~ against allegations...

go to bat for him

nobody will ~ (a dictator under siege)

allegiance, support & betrayal: baseball / sports & games / verb

bat (bat zero, bat a thousand, etc.)

bat a thousand

they have to ~, be absolutely perfect...

batting zero

the fact that he's ~ doesn't seem to bother him

♦ "For an offender to get away with a crime, a murder, they have to bat a thousand. They have to be absolutely perfect—if they make one singular mistake, that's all it takes."

failure, accident & impairment / success & failure: baseball / sports & games / verb

bathing (forest bathing, etc.)

dust bathing

a herd of elephants washing and ~ at a water hole

forest bathing

~ is a national pastime in Japan (shinrin-yoku)

sunbathing

naked ~ and teenage brains (Jeremy Vine on BBC Radio 2)

topless ~ in a public place

♦ "Where the sun is the doctor ain't." (An Italian mountaineer proverb that relates to heliotherapy and a traditional treatment for tuberculosis.)

♦ "If water is scarce, take an 'air' bath. Remove as much of your clothing as practical and expose your body to the sun and air for at least 1 hour. Be careful not to sunburn." / "In some situations, you may be able to take a snow bath. Take a handful of snow and wash your body where sweat and moisture accumulate, such as under the arms and between the legs, and then wipe yourself dry." (FM 3-05.70, "Survival," US Army, May 2002.)

♦ "Some people have mistaken 'forest bathing' as a nudist activity." (In North Carolina.)

absorption & immersion: water

baton (pass on the baton)

hand over the baton to my son

today's the day I ~ (boxer retires with injury)

pass on the baton to someone else

it is time to ~ (an elected official)

passed on the baton to them

Tony Pike ~ (running a hotel on Ibiza)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games

transmission: sports & games

baton (drop the baton)

dropped the baton

the company ~ on this

failure, accident & impairment: sports & games

battalion (a large group)

battalions of consultants

Freedman hired ~ who specialized in health care

amount: military

batten (batten down)

battened down

people have ~ (for a hurricane)

battens down for monster storm

Texas ~ (Hurricane Harvey)

batten down the hatches

~ and prepare for another pounding (Hurricane Maria)

battens down the hatches

Europe ~ as Italy deaths rise (coronavirus closures, etc.)

♦ "You'd better tell your friend Oppy to batten down the hatches and prepare for some stormy weather." (J. Robert Oppenheimer, 1953.)

♦ "Yes, it feels to me like a moment where people are sort of battering down the hatches and picking the safe lane." (Film producer Dede Gardner mixing her metaphor with contempo-speak.)

♦ "When suppertime came, the old cook came on deck sayin' / Fellas, it's too rough to feed ya / At seven p.m., a main hatchway caved in, he said / Fellas, it's been good to know ya." ("The Wreck of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*" by Gordon Lightfoot.)

protection & lack of protection / readiness & preparedness / survival, persistence & endurance: boat / sea / storm / verb

batter (the hurricane battered the city)

battered the city
the hurricane ~ (New Orleans)

batters (parts of eastern) Scotland
Storm Babet ~ (2023)

storm: force

battering ram

became the Reagan Republicans' battering ram
Carter's support for gay rights and the ERA ~ (1980)

conflict: fortification / military

battery (recharge one's batteries)

charge my battery
I came here to ~ (leadership school / China)

recharge my batteries
I make sure I take time to ~
I asked for a leave of absence to ~

recharge his batteries
he resigned unexpectedly, saying he wanted to ~
he travels to South America to ~

recharge his batteries in the US
he will ~ (soccer star)

amelioration & renewal: electricity / verb

battery (amount)

battery of tests
he took a ~

amount: military / weapon

battle (verb)

battled (in vain) to contain
as fire-fighters ~ it (museum fire)

battling the swarms with insecticide
authorities are ~ sprayed from airplanes (locusts)

battled for her life
she ~ on Sunday after a man shot her

battle for supremacy
cartels ~ in South Africa's taxi wars

battle against a (false) sense of complacency
we must ~

battled addiction
she has ~ all her life (an actor)

battled alcoholism
he ~ as a teen

battles (severe) asthma
he ~, which gets worse in stressful situations

battling the coronavirus
he is still ~ (sick with the virus)

battled the fire
for three hours we ~ (grass fire)

battled (ice-glazed) roads
commuters ~ (freezing rain)

battled the spread
critics have ~ of agricultural biotechnology

battling the (locust) swarms
authorities are ~ with insecticide sprayed from airplanes

battled windchills
they ~ of 20 below (North Dakota)

battle trafficking
Irmi Basu and her center ~ (sex / Calcutta)

battled in vain
as fire-fighters ~ to contain it... (museum fire)

cartels battle
~ for supremacy in South Africa's taxi wars

conflict: military / verb

battle (noun)

battle
for Japan, the ~ is one of national pride (whaling)
learn to pick your ~s (disciplining a toddler)

battle to curb
government's ~ the influence of graft (Serbia)

battle in the (culture) war
these bills are the latest ~ waged over the rights of...

battles of identity
in ~, language often becomes the front line (Berbers)

battle of wills
expect another ~ all the way to the final wall (swimming)

battle of (former) champions
it was a ~ (boxing)

battle of the sexes
the theme of "I Love Lucy" was the basic ~

battles of the next generation
the civil rights ~ (animal rights)

battle against AIDS
celebrate the small victories in the ~

battle against assimilation

the age-old ~

battle against euphemism and cliché
the ~ is longstanding and, mostly, a losing one

battle against (entertainment) violence
a turning point in the ~

battles with (drug and alcohol) abuse
Ramone discussed his ~

battle with alcoholism
he had fought a long ~ (a suicide)

battle with AIDS
she told in a quiet voice of her ~

battle with cancer
a near-fatal ~
the general died after a brave ~

battle with Congress
a new front in the President's ~ is opening

battles with unions and regulators
waging fierce ~

battle over the land
a lengthy court ~

battle over (reproductive) rights
the ~ (abortion)

battle over the terms
a legal ~ of the agreement

battle over the best method
the so-called reading wars—the ~ of teaching reading

battle between his (warring) parents
trapped in the ~

battle between defenders and detractors
the ~ of the traditional canon (literature)

battle between the school system, county
the ongoing budget ~

battle (going on) between commerce and creativity
there's a constant ~ (country music)

battle for answers
the one last battle, the ~ (Agent Orange)

battle for the championship
their ~ (basketball)

battles for (championship) crowns
their epic ~

battle for minds
this is a ~ (post 9/11)

battle for narrative
US opinion divided amid ~ over Hamas attack on Israel

battle for public opinion
losing the ~

battle for the thermostat
the ~ is waged in offices and homes across the nation

battle line
see *battle line* (*conflict*)

battle scars
showing off ~ (football players)

government's battle
the ~ to curb the influence of graft (Serbia)

budget battle
an ongoing ~ between the school system, county

court battle
a long-running ~
he was granted joint custody of his kids after a lengthy ~

custody battle
he was the object of a fierce ~

development battle
on the losing side of ~s

divorce battle
a bizarre last chapter in a ~ (townhouse explodes)

edit battles
~ have contested Wikipedia articles about political events

election battle
he is facing a difficult ~ (Germany)

epic battle
their ~s for championship crowns (sports)
he had an ~ with a mako (fishing)
their ~ Saturday night (Ward vs. Gatti / boxing)

kite battle
it's time for the rokkaku ~ (kite festival)

turf battles
~ likely to ensue (federal agencies)

visitation battle
~s involving grandparents

textbook battles
~ are legendary in Texas

public relations battle
but is losing the ~

VHS-Beta battle
the ~ at the beginning of the video era

coming battle
he doesn't have any illusions about the ~ (legislative act)

ongoing (budget) battle
an ~ between the school system, county

long-running battle
the ~ over the rights of ...

pitched battle

his entering the race could lead to a ~ for the progressive vote

hard-fought battle

he died after a ~ with a lung issue

annual (funding) battles

~ on Capitol Hill

bitter battle

she resigned last June after four years of ~s (university)
a ~ involving teachers, school officials and the mayor

brave battle

the general died after a ~ with cancer

daily battles

there are ways to diffuse ~ and teach your toddler

endless battle

toilet training doesn't have to be an ~

ferocious battle

a ~ is being waged in California (same-sex marriage)

fierce battle

waging ~s with unions and regulators

judicial battle

this is the latest development in an ongoing ~

legal battle

a ~ over the terms of the agreement;
animal-rights groups have had ~s with the federal government

lengthy (court) battle

a ~ over the land

nightly battle

how can I get my toddler to brush her teeth without a ~

significant battle

it has lost a ~ in the PR war (Facebook versus Australia)

long, hard battle

it's been a really ~ for me (cancer survivor)

age-old battle

the ~ against assimilation

near-fatal battle

a ~ with cancer

day in, day out battle

a ~ with beavers

David-and-Goliath battle

waging a ~ against Time Warner

heat of the battle

look, in the ~... (Nick Kyrgios about a tennis match)

heat-of-the-battle (m)

in the ~ racing (NASCAR)

object of a (fierce custody) battle

he was the ~

them-vs.-us battle

it's a ~

aspect of the battle

redirected their attention to another ~ (anti-whaling)

epicenter of that battle

Birmingham became the ~ (for civil rights)

object of a (fierce custody) battle

he was the ~

years of (bitter) battles

she resigned last year after four ~ (university)

in the (President's) battle

a new front ~ with Congress is opening

turning point in the battle

a ~ against entertainment violence

tantrums and battles

~ (toddlers)

war or battle

we're not in a ~ with Facebook (government official)

facing a (difficult election) battle

he is ~ (Germany)

fighting a battle

he is ~ he cannot win (on social media)

lose this battle

they would ~ in the legislative arena

pick your battles

learn to ~ (disciplining a toddler)

♦ "We all got our daily battles, right?"

♦ "She's fighting a battle between the book and a bottle of Scotch. And the Scotch is winning." (Tom Rodney, Sr., about Nelle Harper Lee.)

♦ "We fight hard, we play for keeps, we take no prisoners. We'll get in the trenches and fight dirty." (Greg Pruett, president of the Idaho Second Amendment Alliance, a gun-rights group. Politics.)

♦ "Marines don't fight wars, they fight battles." (A Marine captain, Marjah, Afghanistan, 2010.)

♦ "With human corpses, human excrement, and rotting rations scattered across Peleliu's ridges, the blow flies or bluebottle flies underwent a population explosion. Those nasty insects were so large, so gluttoned, and so lazy that some could scarcely fly... It was revolting, to say the least, to watch big fat blowflies leave a corpse and swarm into our C rations... Each morning, just before sunrise, when things were fairly quiet, I could hear a steady humming sound like bees in a hive as the flies became active with the onset of daylight. They rose off the corpses, refuse, rocks, brush, and wherever else they had settled for the night like a swarm of bees. There numbers were incredible." (*With the Old Breed* by E.B. Sledge.)

♦ There was an all-pervasive stench of putrefaction and millions of fat blowflies filled the air. Even Junger, normally so cool, was shaken by what he saw. 'The ploughed-up battlefield was a scene of horror. The dead lay there among the living defenders. When we dug bunkers we saw how the dead lay in layers one above the other. One company after another had been mown down as they made a stand shoulder to shoulder under the drum fire; then their corpses had been buried under the tons of earth hurled up by the projectiles and new men had taken the place of the fallen.' (*The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter England.)

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of them. Those terrible names out of the history books—Gettysburg, Shiloh, Stone's River, Cold Harbor—came alive through these men. They had been there... and to watch them was to be deeply moved." (*Waiting for the Morning Train: An American Boyhood* by Bruce Catton.)

conflict: military

battle (uphill battle, etc.)

long battle

he had fought a ~ with alcoholism (a suicide)

uphill battle

it will be an ~ (political reform)

small businesses have faced an ~ (online vending)

passage of the monumental law was an ~

education on overfishing is an ~ (sharks, etc.)

her poll numbers were underwater and she was facing an ~

facing an uphill battle

they are ~ (politics)

fought a (long) battle

he had ~ with alcoholism (a suicide)

difficulty, easiness & effort: military

battle cry

battle cry

the vendors chant their ~, "*Quando luchamas, ganamos*"

repeal has been the ~ for years (Obamacare)

battle cries of our modern crowds

slogans are the ~

battle cry of public health officials

it has become the ~ (wear a mask to slow the spread)

battle cry against machismo

their new single is a ~ (Y La Bamba's "*Mujeres*")

less of a battle cry

"lock 'em up" has become ~ for politicians

became a battle cry

that word *Perseverance* ~ for us (Nasa Mars mission)

inspired Obama's own campaign battle cry

the United Farm Workers of America ~ (*Si se Puede*)

conflict: military

battleground (Battle Ground, Indiana, etc.)

Battle Ground

the town of ~ is near the site of the Battle of Tippecanoe

geography / military: proper name

battleground (conflict)

battlegrounds of discontent

hospitals have become ~ (poor service)

battlegrounds in the (drug) business

hepatitis C is one of the fiercest ~ (drug development)

battleground for the future

the Gulf of Mexico is the ~ of offshore oil drilling

battlegrounds for (freedom of speech) issues

college campuses are ~

battleground for (culture-war) issues

the schools have become a ~

battleground state

Ohio is a crucial ~ (elections)

in the ~ of Pennsylvania, which Trump won in 2016

latest battleground

green spaces are the ~ in the disputer (development)

public battlefield

he enjoys the ~ (Jill Lepore about Elon Musk)

become a battleground

the state has ~ over the issue (abortion)

♦ "Byron visited; so did the Wordsworths—twice—and the architect and collector John Soane and thousands of others. They carried away skulls—Sir Walter Scott had one—and fingers and teeth and bullets and cannon balls... A century later such battlefield tourism would flourish even if its more gruesome collecting tastes were suppressed." (The site of the Battle of Waterloo, in Belgium. From *The Work of the Dead: A Cultural History of Mortal Remains* by Thomas W. Laqueur.)

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♦ "People who visit Verdun, the battlefield of Borodino or Malakhov Kurgan at Sebastopol must find it equally strange to find children playing, women doing their washing, carts full of hay and old men carrying rakes. Columns of French soldiers and trucks covered in tarpaulins once passed over fields that are now full of vines; now there is only a hut, a few apple trees and some kolkhoz sheep where Murat's cavalry advanced, where Kutuzov sat in his armchair and ordered the Russian infantry to counter-attack with a wave of his tired hand. Nakhimov stood on a mound where now there are only chickens and a few goats searching for blades of grass between the stones; this is where the flash-bombs described by Tolstoy were launched, where English bullets whistled and wounded soldiers screamed." (Alexandra Vladimirovna Shaposhnikova visits the ruins of her house in the immediate aftermath of the Battle of Stalingrad to find queues of women, small huts, old men unloading planks, shirts hanging up to dry, etc. *Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman, New York Review Books, translated by Robert Chandler.)

***** analysis**

♦ Attack ads; battleground states; blood; political bombshells; crash and burn; campaigns; carnage; crosshair; drop dead; fire away; catch flak; gun ("they bring a knife, you bring a gun"), outgunned; kill (and killing); lock and load; marching orders; take no prisoners; shoot down; shot through; target; war rooms... ("How traumatic Events Change Our View of Language," Geoff Nunberg, NPR, Fresh Air, January 20, 2011.)

conflict / place: military

battle line (conflict)

battle lines

the ~ are hardening as the rulers dig in (protests)

battle lines are formed

these ~, solid, and unmoving (impeachment)

battle lines are forming

the ~ in the dispute

battle lines are hardening
the ~ over the issue (abortion)

battle lines are being drawn
the ~ (politics)

battle lines have been drawn
the ~ (liberals versus conservative)

battlelines were drawn
the ~ in this dispute (PGA vs. LIV golf)

conflict: military

bay (at bay)

hold the Taliban at bay
the Afghan government will struggle to ~

kept my depression at bay
the device has ~ (an electrical implant)

keep oil drilling at bay
we need to ~

keep his furies at bay
he works hard to ~ (troubled ex-boxer)

keep hate at bay
our job is to ~, out of the mainstream (SPLC)

keep monotony at bay
the breaks in the narrative ~

keep Usyk at bay
Joshua struggled to ~ (boxing)

kept at bay
the modern world can't be ~ forever

remains at bay
inflation ~ (economy)

♦ "Red Army units fought desperately to keep the Germans at bay."

♦ This refers to the barking of dogs as they prevent a stranger from approaching a cabin, or force a bear to climb a tree.

avoidance & separation: dog / sound

bay (bay for blood, etc.)

baying for blood
the fans are always ~ (boxing)

baying for the blood
they are ~ of Nancy Pelosi (politics)

baying for her blood
flag-waving patriots are ~ (India)

baying my name
the nine-year-olds were jeering at me and ~ (a small boy)

baying for vengeance
he compared the attacks on him to a mob ~

♦ "The Brazil fans are baying for blood—or, more accurately, a yellow card..." (Qatar World Cup. 90+3 mins: Croatia 0-0 Brazil. Nicely qualified.)

eagerness & reluctance: animal / dog / hunting / sound / verb

beachhead (noun)

beachheads for any foreign government
US universities should not be ~

get a beachhead
you ~, like Social Security passes (progressivism)

presence & absence: military

survival, persistence & endurance: military
starting, going, continuing & ending: military

beacon (noun)

beacon of hope
the center will be a ~ (Muhammad Ali Center)
the school is a ~ (in deprived Detroit neighborhood)

beacon of justice
the center's reputation as a ~ had taken some hits (Southern Poverty Law Center)

beacons of faith and optimism
the old prairie churches were ~ (US)

beacon of liberty
the US is a ~, freedom and opportunity

beacon for (high-achieving) students
the school is a ~ (high school)

beacon for human rights
she was once seen as a ~ (a political figure)

♦ "Einstein is a landmark, not a beacon." (*Time* magazine, about the great man at Princeton. Some attributed the remark to Robert Oppenheimer. The idea was that Einstein's importance to cutting-edge physics of the time, particularly quantum physics, was nil.)

♦ In a project that brought ancient Roman history to life, 500 flaming beacons were lit along the 84-mile-length of Hadrian's wall, from Tyneside to the Cumbrian coast.

direction: fire / light & dark / journeys & trips

bead (draw a bead / have a bead)

had a bead on the corruption
he ~, similar to today (Hal Holbrook about Mark Twain)

target: weapon

beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.)

Le Bec d'Aigle
~ is a giant rock overlooking the calanque (Eagle's Beak)

Parrot's Beak
the ~ juts into Vietnam from southeast Cambodia
the Mano River flows through the ~ area of Guinea

proper name: bird / shape

geography: bird / proper name / shape

beak (area)

Eagles Beak
the ~ is a natural arch in Arizona

area: shape
shape: bird

beans (spill the beans)

spilled the beans
he inadvertently ~

♦ "The beans were spilled; the cat now being let out of the bag..."

concealment & lack of concealment: container

bear (Soviet Bear, etc.)

Soviet Bear
the ~...

♦ Arctos; Ursus; Myedvied; Orso; Sheong; Bruin; Mockwa; Yo-nuh...

epithet: animal

strength & weakness: epithet / sign, signal, symbol

bear (a bear of an epidemic, etc.)

bear of an epidemic
he has a ~ on his hands (mayor and coronavirus rates)

behavior / force: animal

bear (mama bear)

'mama bear' instinct
her ~ helped her catch her daughter's killer

mama bear, mom determination
it's that ~ (she helps find daughter's murderer)

♦ "The heroic Bronx mother who landed on the *Post's* front page as 'Mama Bear'—when she ferociously fought off the creep who sucker-punched her 4-year-old son in Times Square—has fled the city with her three cubs." (Dean Balsamini, *New York Post*, Feb 4, 2023. "Mama Bear" and her family have moved to South Carolina.)

character & personality: animal

bear (bearpit, bear pit)

see *pit* (*bear pit*)

bear (a weight, etc.)

bear
the death of a child is almost too much to ~

bear that cross
see *cross* (*bear that cross*, etc.)

♦ "And we'll never be given to endure more than we can bear."

affliction: burden / verb / weight

oppression: burden / verb / weight

survival, persistence & endurance: burden / verb / weight

bear (bear fruit, etc.)

bore fruit
their protests ~ only after...

borne fruit
British attempts to deter Iran have not ~

bearing fruit
the development program appears to be ~

Bears Fruit
War on Piracy ~

product: fruits & vegetables / verb

bearbaiting

form of (human) bearbaiting
a judge summed up the show as a ~ (Jeremy Kyle Show)

♦ see also *pit* (*bear pit*)

conflict: animal / violence

beard (relationship)

"playing each other's beards"
they have been accused of ~ since they married (celebs)

sex: hair

bearing (direction)

find his bearings
he spent two months trying to ~ and a job (new city)

lose your bearings
when you're homeless, you kind of ~

losing its bearings
the city is ~, it's heritage (development)

lost her bearings
she ~ in the pursuit of fame

get his bearings
it took him a while to ~ (a new job)

get his bearings back
it took him a while to ~ (stunned boxer)

regain my bearings
after the birth of my first child, it took me time to ~

♦ "We are safe and well, however we would ask for privacy for ourselves and our families over the coming days while we *collect our bearings* [italics mine] and enjoy being reunited with our families." (Two so-called "travel influencers" released from Iran. "Collect" one's bearings simply doesn't collocate. Conventional collocates include get one's / find one's / take one's bearings, etc.)

♦ "We strayed from the path several times, but quickly corrected our mistakes. When we came across a tuft or a hillock, I tried to get a look round, to get my bearings. Dersu took a bunch of reeds and mugwort and bent it down as a patteredan. I looked ahead and all round. Everywhere, on every side, extended the endless, waving ocean of grass." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev. A patteredan is a sign relating to a course. Nowadays a person might use blaze orange flagging tape.)

direction: journeys & trips / tools & technology

beast ('The Beast' Mugabi, etc.)

'The Beast' Mugabi
John ~ vs. "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler (boxing)

Beasts of the East
they are the ~ again (NBA team Boston Celtics, 2022)

earned the nickname "the Beast"
he has ~ (the boxer Artur Beterbiev)

♦ According to his Wikipedia entry, Marshawn Lynch was nicknamed "Beast Mode" for his powerful running style. One of his touchdowns

even earned the epithet of the “Beast Quake” and its own Wikipedia entry! For the “Beast Quake,” he ran 65 yards for a touchdown, breaking nine tackles, in what is considered one of the greatest NFL runs in history. What a beast!

epithet: animal

force: epithet

beast (insult)

beast

this person, not even a person, this ~... (a murderer)

wild beasts

those ~ shot you in the back (said at a funeral)

“savages” and “beasts”

he referred to them as ~

lair of the (Fascist) beast

Germany was the ~ (W.W. II)

turn into (wild) beasts

when we see their faces, we ~, thugs and murderers (WWI)

♦ “He had finally tracked the beast to its lair.” (Churchill visits Hitler’s bunker in 1945. From *Churchill: Walking With Destiny* by Andrew Roberts.)

♦ see also *animal (insult)*

insult: animal

beast (power)

beast

the weather is a ~ today across much of the country
he’s a ~ (said by NFL player admiringly about another)
Day two on the Eiger was a ~ (climbing conditions)
Gronkowski is a ~ (RazB / Super Bowl 55)
the whole thing is a ~ (a road train in the Outback)
this place is a ~ (golf tournament / “brutal” conditions)

beast of a machine

the Starship is a stainless steel ~ (SpaceX)

beast of a wave

another bruising encounter with a ~ (Nazare surfing)

beast on the drums

she is an absolute ~ (10-year-old Nandi Bushell)

beasts at major finals

there are teams who are ~ (Euro 2020 in 2021 / soccer)

Beast inside

Beauty outside, ~ (Apple computer advertisement)

beast mode

that marine going ~ with the rammer (Wolfie)

f***** beast

how does he do it, he’s a ~ (Marine howitzer rammer)

Cyberbeast

Tesla’s top-tier ~ (truck)

giant beasts

social media is a landscape with some ~ in it (Facebook)

much scarier beast

he’s a ~ now because... (Conor McGregor / MMA)

stubborn beast

Baranchyk, a ~, didn’t fall (exciting boxing match)

such a beast

oh, he’s got it, he’s ~ (Alex Honnold)

beast, a monster

this storm is a ~ (satellite image of a hurricane)

developed into a beast

Giannis couldn’t bang as a rookie but ~ (NBA)

♦ “She is an absolute beast on the drums.” (Ten-year-old Nandi Bushell.)

♦ “Danielle would hoop you up out of your birth certificate. Danielle was a hooping beast.” (Rachal Nolen about former LSU basketball player Danielle Ballard.)

♦ “His lawyer is a BEAST... she is giving her the business... she needs her own show!!!!” (A comment about the Amber Heard-Johnny Depp trial.)

♦ “Haaland is a beast, he is a goalscoring machine, he lives and breathes goals.” (Alan Shearer about Erling Haaland, one in a great line of exceptional Norwegians.)

♦ “That Makhmudov, he’s a beast, he’s so dangerous with the right hand.” (A commentator at The Day of Reckoning boxing event in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, about the boxer Arslanbek Makhmudov, slated to fight Agit Kabayel.)

♦ “I don’t even know how this man does it, he’s a f***** beast, every gun has two people ramming, it’s just this guy alone, he is tearing it up...” (Praise for Wolf, AKA Wolfie, a Marine Corp rammer on a 15- round mission. [youtube.com/watch?v=CdO_0twP_CU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CdO_0twP_CU))

♦ “Officials set up traps in the area to catch the bear alive, but so far there has been no sign of the beast. / It was seen previously in the week eating birdseed in residents’ yards.”

character & personality / force / power / size: animal

beast (different beast, etc.)

another beast entirely

compared to our world, Mars is ~

complex beasts

modern airliners are ~ (engineering, computers, etc.)

different beast

distilled alcohol is a ~ from what came before (wine, beer)
he insists his film is a ~ (a sequel, not a reboot)
for their second fight, Fury was a ~ (better / versus Wilder)

rare beast

flavorists are ~s (inventing smells for the food industry)

unique beast

it’s a ~ (Space X’s Starship)

♦ “It’s a unique beast, it’s nearly 400 feet tall, it’s very heavy, it’s made of stainless steel, it uses a lot of engines...” (SpaceX’s Starship)

♦ “Neither fish nor fowl...”

♦ see also *animal (different animal, etc.)*

taxonomy & classification: animal

beat (defeat / verb)

beat you

it was the weather that ~ (Mt. Everest)

conflict / success & failure: sports & games / verb

beat (beat oneself up)

beat myself up

I'd ~, sometimes I would cry (a drinking problem)

beat yourself up

if you slip up or hit a plateau, don't ~ (weight loss)

I didn't ask that to get you to ~ (regret or guilt)

beat yourself up over that

don't ~ (a performance error)

beat herself up for not being

she should not ~ around more to help her ailing mother

punishment & recrimination: fist / verb

mental health: fist / verb / violence

beat (beat down / the sun, etc.)

beat down on the (black) rocks

the sun ~ (Kilauea)

beat down relentlessly

the desert sun ~

force: fist / verb / violence

beat back (verb)

beat back arthritis

he squeezes a golf ball at night to ~

beat back the epidemic

in an attempt to ~, the government is... (Luanda)

beat back (mounting) skepticism

she is trying to ~ of her qualifications

beat back dirt and disease

their lives, a daily struggle to ~ (Kabul slums)

fighting to beat back

Yahoo and AOL are ~ spammers

attempt to beat back

in an ~ the epidemic, the government is... (Luanda)

resistance, opposition & defeat: fist / verb

beat down (verb)

beat us down

they have found another way to ~ (fat people)

oppression: fist / verb / violence

beaten (beaten up)

get beaten up

he knows he'll get attacked and ~ (politics)

♦ "He has no idea what beat to a pulp means... Take him out back beat him to within an inch of his life...and he will know the difference between losing money and being beaten to a pulp." (A commenter on the article, "Kanye West Claims He's 'Been Beat to a Pulp' Over Losing Brand Deals, Wants to 'Do Better'" by Miranda Siwak, October 29, 2022.)

♦ "They were vicious, they were animals, you know, to beat him up that way..." (The attack left the boxer Emile Griffith nearly dead. From the affecting and emotionally wrenching documentary *Ring of Fire: The Emile Griffith Story* 2005.)

accusation & criticism: fist / violence

beatification (noun)

beatification

his ~ has taken a long time (writer / literary canon)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

beatify (verb)

beatify all Northerners

she did not demonize all Southerners, or ~ (Stowe)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion / verb

beating (take a beating, etc.)

public relations beatings

the embassy's career officers were used to taking ~

4-0 beating

as Wales contemplated the ~ (Euro 2020 vs. Denmark)

taken a beating

she said her confidence had ~ (athlete)

the industry has ~ recently

the dollar has ~ abroad

its stock has ~ (a company)

took a beating

its reputation ~ in the financial crisis (rating service)

took a (serious) beating

the Democrats ~ in the midterm elections

taken a beating over its (contract) process

the Air Force has ~

taken a beating from the storms

the coastline has ~

taken a beating in the media

he has ~ (an athlete)

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / verb

beat up (storm)

beating up Texas

the rain and flooding is just ~ (ABC News)

storm: force

beautiful (groups)

beautiful

I told her she was ~, no matter what others thought

beautiful daughter

the ~: how my mother gave me the courage to transition

beautiful thing

it's a ~ to be able to fight for that (gay / lesbian rights)

beautiful silhouette

it's this ~ of two men holding hands... (gay)

Black is beautiful

Naomi Sims showed the world that ~ (supermodel)

young, beautiful and HIV positive
to be ~ (2008)

bodies are beautiful
all ~ (Sami Sheen's OnlyFans account)

♦ "Black Is Beautiful' Beer By Black Brewer Helps Pour Money Into Social Justice Reform" by John Burnett, NPR, America Reckons With Racial Injustice, May 31, 2021.)

♦ "Every monkey is a gazelle to its mother." (Arabic.)

♦ "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

beautiful (adjective)

beautiful
I think that's ~ (an irony)
I lean on him and he leans on me, which is ~

beautiful to connect
it was really ~ with folks who...

beautiful country
China is a ~

beautiful man
he describes his father as a gentle man and a very ~

beautiful relationship
the ~ I saw between my parents

beautiful voice
what a ~ you have (an actor)

something beautiful
there is still ~ about that... (the last shall be first)

Keep America Beautiful
~ (the Crying Indian advertisement / PSA)

♦ "This sofa is ugly. The other sofa is beautiful." (The American Language Course, Defense Language Institute—ALC / DLI.)

♦ Dersu Uzala had a beautiful soul.

flaws & lack of flaws: eye

beaver (verb)

beavered at neural nets
AI scientists ~ for decades before...

beavered away
a small army of Canadian zealots was ~ at the case
our readers have been ~ (a prediction challenge)

difficulty, easiness & effort: animal / verb

work & duty: animal / verb

behavior: animal / verb

beckon (verb)

deep pockets beckon
the Gulf's ~ (arms sales)

devices beckon
the line is long and other ~ (tech convention)

attraction & repulsion: gesture / hand / verb

fictive communication: gesture / hand / verb

bed (put something to bed)

put to bed
a successful launch will help ~ memories of the problems

put the game to bed
Manchester City effectively ~ by halftime

put this (silly) incident to bed
we need to ~ (sports controversy)

put it to bed
Grealish squandered chances to ~ (soccer talk)

put questions (about his age) to bed
his performance didn't ~, but... (elderly politician / debate)

put the tie to bed
they pushed forward to ~ but... (soccer second-leg game)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sleep / verb
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: sleep / verb

bed (put to bed)

put to bed
if there were any doubts, they seem to have been ~

put to bed yet
this matter has not been ~ (COVID 19 origin)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sleep
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: sleep

bed (jump into bed with someone)

jump into bed with the Syrian government
the Kurds don't immediately want to ~

♦ "And then suddenly overnight in August...it went from a rumor to a fact in 12 hours. I've never known a big fight fall into bed... (Steve Bunce about the first Fury-Wilder fight.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: love, courtship & marriage / verb

bed (lie in one's bed / make one's bed)

made the bed
the Jets ~, gambled, and now they have to sleep in it (injury)

made this bed
he has ~ and he's got to lie in it (politics)

made their bed
they've ~ (LIV golfers vs. PGA)

judgment / responsibility: house / verb

bedazzled (decorated)

bedazzled case
a white iPhone with a ~

bedazzled masks
little girls with ~ (pandemic)
he sells ~ on Etsy (pandemic)

bedazzled suit
he's got the pompadour and ~ (an Elvis impersonator)

appearance: light & dark

bedevil (verb)

bedeviled the governor
the scandal ~

bedeviled his (own party's) leadership
he ~ by blocking compromise

bedeviled the (Democratic) nominee
the story ~ right up until election day

bedevils the people
corruption ~

affliction: creature / religion / verb

bedeviled

bedeviled by the (sluggish) economy
he found himself ~ (president)

bedeviled by (technical) problems
the company has been ~ (autos)

bedeviled by a lack
the response effort was ~ of organization

affliction: creature / religion

bedfellow (companion)

bedfellow
hypocrisy is your ~ (an online commenter)

bedfellows
how Africa's football and politics are ~ (BBC)

unpromising bedfellows
history suggests the state and steel are ~ (subsidies)

ideological bedfellows
he and Mr DeSantis are seen as ~ (politics)

natural bedfellows
Somaliland and Taiwan are ~ (diplomatic recognition)

strange bedfellows
the bill has made for some ~ (from both parties)

unlikely bedfellows
a new album combines ~ (romantic / avant-garde)

array of (very strange) bedfellows
their testimony prompted outrage from a broad ~

examine your bedfellows
you need to ~ and ask yourself... (manosphere & far right)

made for (strange) bedfellows
the politics of immigration have always ~

make (strange) bedfellows
politics can ~

♦ "Their testimony prompted outrage from a broad array of very strange bedfellows. ("Holding Campus Leaders Accountable and Confronting Antisemitism," House Committee on Education and the Workforce, December 5, 2023.)

♦ "Nor are privacy and open access harmonious bunkmates."

♦ "Better to sleep with a sober cannibal than a drunken Christian." (Ishmael, about sharing a bed with Queequeg. From *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville.)

relationship: sleep / journeys & trips

bedlam (noun)

bedlam
it was ~, the whole city was on the run (Berlin 1 May)

bedlam of the city
the ~ recedes (in a courtyard garden)

bedlam in the streets
there was ~ (World Cup victory)

construction bedlam
he surveyed the ~ (restaurant being built)

management bedlam
it's ~ (at Fox News)

political bedlam
the system breeds ~ (government)

bedlam ensued
the announcement was made, and ~

bedlam engulfed the fans
~ (a victory)

♦ According to Wikipedia, this word comes from Bethlem Royal Hospital in England. It was one of the first institutions to house the insane.

behavior / environment: mental health

bedrock (noun)

bedrock of who we are
quality is the ~ (Boeing)

bedrock of our storytelling tradition
these 100 stories are a ~ (the *Decameron* by Boccaccio)

bedrock belief
it's a ~ of mine (people have souls, animals don't)

bedrock policy
keeping employee costs down is a ~ (a retail giant)

bedrock principle
a ~ is civilian control of the military (US governance)
innocent until proven guilty is one of our country's ~s

bedrock right
we will continue to stand up for Israel's ~ to defend itself

bedrock standards
we must not abandon our ~ (journalism / objectivity)

bedrock value
he brought some ~s to the job (a cop about right / wrong)
the ~s that make America unique (freedom of religion)

bedrock of safety
the ~

bases: ground, terrain & land

bedroom (sex)

bedroom issues

the church doesn't know what it's talking about on ~

♦ "Well, he has one girl per book, approximately, and that's one a year. He's a bachelor, and he moves around the world pretty rapidly. And umm I don't see any great harm in that myself." (Ian Fleming speaking about his fictional creation James Bond to Roy Plomley on BBC's Desert Island Discs in 1963.)

♦ "Why should we be afraid of latex, when we see that it can save lives...? I just don't mention [making condoms available] in my report to the bishop." (A Catholic nun in Cameroon, dealing with the AIDS epidemic.)

♦ "Below the navel there is neither religion nor truth."

sex: euphemism

bee (busy as a bee)

as busy as a bee

he was ~

activity / behavior: animal / insect

bee (queen bee)

queen bee of wellness

Belle Gibson was the ~ (*The Whole Pantry*)

queen bee, the star

she's the ~ (Regina George / *Mean Girls*)

♦ "She's the queen bee. The star. Those other two are just her little workers." (Regina George. Dialogue from the silly 2004 film *Mean Girls*.)

hierarchy / person: animal / insect / royalty

beef (conflict)

celebrity beefs

filed under "~" (a *New York Post* article)

rap beefs

a lot of ~ can spiral out of control (fans, stans, social media)

active beef

this is a very ~ (Megan Thee Stallion v. Nicki Minaj)

my particular beef

~ is with the newspapers (the beloved John Cleese)

social media beefs

the sport is a shambles, ~ between fighters... (boxing)

issues and beefs

tells us about some of the ~ (2021 Oscars)

has a beef with someone

if he ~, it should be with the medical staff (an athlete)

♦ "Beef; diss; a falling out; feud; fight; jabs; personal; social media..." (Megan Thee Stallion versus Nicki Minaj, brought to you by NPR.)

♦ A *New York Post* article about a spat between Olivia Dunne and Breckie Hill is filed under "Olivia Dunne," "TikTok," and "Celebrity Beefs." "Beef" is a category, at least at *The New York Post*.

♦ "It Looks Like Machine Gun Kelly Moved On From The Eminem Beef, And His Next Target Is Jack Harlow," Yahoo, May 7, 2023.

♦ Sound clip of iLoveMakonnen: I don't have no communication with y'all, right, and then when I see y'all in public it's like, y'all want beef. And I'm like, I don't have no beef with you. So what is the beef about? / Sydney Madden: What is the beef about? / Rodney Carmichael: This question

has followed Makonnen for years... (From "'Thugs don't dance': iLoveMakonnen and Drake tested rap's norms of masculinity, but only one passed," NPR, Louder Than A Riot Season Two, May 4, 2023.)

♦ "What was the beef, what was the thing...the unfollow..." (Keke Palmer speaking to Bobbi Althoff about Drake.)

♦ "These inventive rivalries became known as the Roxanne Wars, which some consider to be the first recorded beef in rap history. In fact, two of the biggest female acts of the 1980s, M.C. Lyte and Salt-N-Pepa, were drawn into the business to capitalize on the popularity of the phenomenon." (The Future Of Rap Is Female" by Niela Orr, *The New York Times Magazine*, August 13, 2023.)

♦ "Beef or barbecue." (A saying in New Orleans, about snitching to the police. If you "beef" or speak to the police, you'll get killed. Better to kick back, relax, enjoy some barbecue.)

conflict: cows & cattle

beefed up

security has been ~

~ at the Capitol

amelioration & renewal / strength & weakness: cows & cattle / food & drink / meat / verb

beef up (verb)

beefed up (border) controls

the US has ~ (against smuggling)

amelioration & renewal / strength & weakness: cows & cattle / food & drink / meat / verb

beehive (activity)

beehive

the military hospital was a ~ (heavily guarded)

beehive of activity

inside, these buildings were a ~ (hospital)

the place was a ~ (a city newspaper before the internet)

activity / environment: insect

beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.)

Beehive cluster

M44, the ~

proper name: insect / shape

been through (endure, etc.)

been through anything like that

we've never ~ in our family (murder)

been through hell

I've ~

been through this before

this is not our first rodeo, we've ~ (hurricanes)

♦ see also *get through (endure, etc.)*, *go through (endure, etc.)*

survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / movement / prep, adv, adj, participle

experience: journeys & trips / movement

before (at an earlier time)

before tractors and combines

then I did plowing and scything, that was ~, you know...

came before

see *come* (*come before / at an earlier time*)

past & present / sequence / time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

before (at a future time)

before us

we have hard work ~

best-before

the ~ dates are usually 3 or 4 months after delivery (beer)

future / time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

beg (verb)

begging the Department of Defense to address the group has been ~ this issue

she begged her daughter to come home
she ~

begged the coach to give
Mom ~ me a chance, and he did (Allen Iverson)

beg you to move
melodies, groove and beats ~ (*Electric Warrior*)

begged for his life
he ~

begs the question
but that ~...

pushed and begged
he ~ for an evacuation plan (Fall of Saigon / 1975)

♦ "Jolene, Jolene, Jolene, Jolene / I'm begging of you please don't take my man." (Dolly Parton. Miley Cyrus.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: speech / verb

speech: money / verb

fictive communication: money / verb

beget (verb)

beget the Freedom Caucus beget Donald Trump
the Tea Party ~ (NPR's Mara Liasson / 2016)

beget Michael Jordan who beget Tier Woods
he created this paradigm that ~ (O.J. Simpson)

beget work
few living directors ~ that... (the filmmaker Roy Andersson)

begets trauma
trauma ~ (indigenous families in Canada)

begot ingenuity
scarcity ~ (poor kids devise ways to have fun)

♦ "One falsehood begets another and another in the line of succession, until the father of them all shall have colonized his whole progeny upon the congenial soil of this new Dark Continent." ("COLUMBUS" by Ambrose Bierce.)

creation & transformation / relationship: birth / family / verb

beginning (just the beginning, etc.)

beginning

it's just the ~ (first picture of black hole in space)

♦ "Beginning is easy, continuing is hard." (A Japanese saying.)

progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement

behavior (fire, etc.)

fire behavior

they are seeing ~ that they've never even been trained for

character & personality: materials & substances

behemoth (noun)

behemoths of the seas

~, cruise liners keep getting bigger (*Icon of the Seas*, etc.)

behemoth among (federal) agencies
the Department of Defense is a ~

behemoth pickup trucks
~ roar down Main Street (oil-boom town in Texas)

civil rights behemoth
it has built itself into a ~ (Southern Poverty Law Center)

online (classifieds) behemoth
the ~, Craigslist...

economic behemoth
China has emerged as an ~

political behemoth
other candidates understand that he is a ~ (Joe Biden)

tabular behemoths
these ~ catch in the shallows (icebergs / S. Georgia Island)

cutthroat behemoth
antitrust regulators depict it as a ~ (a tech company)

pop-culture behemoth
the ~ *Game of Thrones*

social media behemoth
the ~ has established a 'war room' (Facebook / Meta)

lactating behemoths
Holsteins are ~ (versus Ankole cattle)

2,300-page behemoth
it is a ~ (a government act)

four-billion-dollar (accessories) behemoth
Coach is a ~ (fashion)

built the company into a behemoth
he ~ (security)

spells the end for a behemoth
the decision to pull the show ~ that dominated schedules

- ♦ "The North Atlantic storm was a behemoth—50,000 feet tall and 260 miles wide." (A Category 4 hurricane.)
- ♦ "The enemy stands 602 feet tall and weighs 15 million tons." (Shasta Dam versus the Winnemen Wintu group, which is opposed to making the dam higher.)
- ♦ The Behemoth was a huge land monster mentioned in the Book of Job. Its aquatic counterpart was the Leviathan. Both creatures were controlled by God, and symbolized God's power.

size: allusion / Bible / creature / religion

behind (behind schedule, etc.)

behind on payments

we were ~

behind schedule

they were now almost 2 months ~

falls behind

Faisal ~ (worker at Dairy Queen)

fell behind on a (key) module

later, as Russia ~ (space station)

fell behind in his mortgage

he ~ (money woes)

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

behind (competition)

behind in the race

Uber is ~ to develop autonomous vehicles

left behind

Nokia has been ~ by competitors in the smartphone market

competition: direction / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

behind (progress)

behind in school

he is way ~

behind the (learning) curve

we were well ~ (for a military operation)

miles behind

they are ~ Arsenal, Liverpool and City (Man U)

way behind

he is ~ in school

well behind

we were ~ the learning curve (for a military operation)

fall behind

we want to keep up and not ~ (government official)

the US could ~ China (digital currency)

fallen behind at Fremont

he had ~ at Fremont, not just in history but... (school)

fell behind by 3 years

our program ~ (space)

lag behind

women ~ men in the most visible arenas of science

lagging (far) behind

US students are ~ (education)

left behind

the poor are ~ (services go to wealthy)

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / walking, running & jumping

behind (in the past)

behind

the team's best days are ~ (sports)

behind her

now it's all ~ (wild lifestyle)

behind him

in college, with his high school playing days ~...

behind it

the 100th mission is ~ (space shuttles)

behind us

now that this is ~, we can move forward (divorce)

it is tempting to believe the danger is ~ (terrorism)

the first phase of the pandemic is ~

our darkness days are ahead of us, not ~ (pandemic)

long behind

his best writing days were ~ by then

get the case behind him

he just wanted to ~ (object of criminal investigation)

left his old life behind

he ~

leave our colonial past behind

the time has come to fully ~ (Barbados)

put his old life behind him

he tried to ~

put their differences behind them

they sought to ~ (diplomacy)

put their (money) problems behind them

her new job ~

♦ "Now that *that* is in the rear-view mirror..." (Behind us.)

♦ "That's all water under the bridge."

♦ "We're so focused on what's ahead, we're not worried about what's behind us." (The boxer Anthony Joshua, speaking about his rematch with Andy Ruiz Jr. AJ had lost the first match, in a tremendous upset.)

♦ "He was going to get ahead of his past and hold himself accountable." / "He was going to 'get in front of his past and tell the truth.'" (A Black politician.)

past & present / time: direction / journeys & trips / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

behind (responsibility)

behind the bombing

no one knows who is ~

behind the machinery
he is the brains ~ that makes the wave (Kelly Slater's wave)

behind the (new) policy
he is a driving force ~ (a doctor)

behind the project
he was the brains ~

responsibility: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

behind (basis)

behind this decision
what could be ~

behind these new levels
what are the causes ~ of stress (colleges)

idea behind the program
the ~ was to...

logic behind (military) training
the hidden ~

motivation behind the attack
the ~ seems to be to...

personalities behind the inventions
the exhibition is an attempt to bring to life the ~

reasoning behind this
the ~ is that...

story behind the plaque
do you know the ~

theory behind this practice
the ~ is that...

driving force behind development
economics is usually the ~ (zoning)

driving force behind globalization
the ~

driving force behind hostess bars
ultimately money is the ~ (Roppongi)

lies behind
inequality in incomes ~ the divisiveness of our politics
what ~ human behavior

bases: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

relationship: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

behind (support)

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

behind you
I'm ~ (I support you)

get behind the development
it's time we ~ of renewable energy

allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle

behind (put something behind)

behind me
they tell me I have to put Nick's death ~ (grieving widow)

put her trauma behind her
she has tried to ~ (rape)

put this behind us
we've got to ~ and move on with our lives (after disaster)

♦ "Let it go, get it over with, and put it behind us..." (Former Solicitor General Ted Olsen, on allowing KSM—the mastermind of 9/11, on which almost 3,000 people died—to plead guilty in exchange for life in prison without parole.)

♦ "You still can't put this behind you, you're still getting death threats..." (Terry Gross, speaking to Christine Blasey Ford in 2024. During that interview on Fresh Air, Gross revealed, "I've gone through similar things that you did of getting smeared, and getting death threats, and having to hide out.")

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / resiliency: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

behind-the-scenes

behind-the-scenes
a ~ of world hegemony

behind-the-scenes controversy
fraught with ~

behind-the-scenes documentary
a ~ (making of a film)

behind-the-scenes negotiations
~ failed

behind-the-scenes role
his ~

behind-the-scenes strategist

behind-the-scenes workers
a cadre of ~ (state fair)

behind-the-scenes lobbying
months of ~

concealment & lack of concealment: theater

belch (verb)

belched up
a great cloud of steam ~ through the hatch (burst pipe)

belched forth smoke, ash and lava
the volcano ~

belched from the smokestacks
black smoke ~

belched (diesel) exhaust
trucks ~

belched smoke
the engine ~ (coal-fired)

bubble and belch
tourists flocked to see the lava ~ (Fagradalsfjall)

resemblance: bodily reaction / verb

Belichick (the racing Bill Belichick, etc.)

racing Bill Belichick

he's a little bit the ~ (Bob Bufford and Justified)

subterfuge: epithet

believer (true believer)

true believer

she stood squarely with Donald Trump, she was a ~
~s say "just give it some time!" (the metaverse)

true believer in the cause

she was a ~ (Irish Republican Army)

dogged true believers

the Wikipedia system can put it at the mercy of the ~

progressive true believers

the ~ who flocked to Mr Sanders in 2016 (politics)

allegiance, support & betrayal: allusion

identity & nature: allusion

commitment & determination: allusion

bell (warning)

alarm bell

civil rights activists sounded the ~s

"fight or flight" bells

that type of rhetoric tends to ring the ~ (Jewish Americans)

warning bell

spiraling suicide rates sound a ~

ring (any) bells

one case doesn't usually ~ (epidemics)

ringing the alarm bell

the mayor is ~ as loudly as he can (coronavirus cases)

set off alarm bells

for Western intelligence, it ~ (Mig-25 "Foxbat")

sounded the alarm bells

environmentalist have ~ (pollution in Lake Baikal)
civil rights activists ~

sound a warning bell

spiraling suicide rates ~

warning: bell / sound

bell (bells and whistles)

bell and whistle

\$3,200 for a top of the line model with every ~ (a toilet)

bells and whistles

it has more ~ than a fire engine (a sports watch)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / train

bell (ring a bell)

ring a bell

did that name mean anything to you, did it ~ (murder)

consciousness & awareness: bell / sound / verb

bell (unring a bell)

unring a bell

you can't ~ that has already been rung

reversal: bell / sound / verb

bell curve (shape)

distribution of a bell curve

the scores have the ~

shape: bell / direction

bellwether (noun)

bellwether election

Democrats are fretting about losing a ~

bellwether of (global) conservation efforts

island initiatives are a ~

bellwether of (economic) health

the housing market is seen as a ~ by many (US)

bellwether of (African) progress

Ghana again became a ~ (peace, democracy)

bellwether for the condition

small businesses have become a ~ of the US economy

bellwether for the industry

the labor talks could serve as a ~ (airline unions)

watched as a (potential) bellwether

the case has been widely ~ (by other defendants)

♦ A wether is a ram leading a flock of sheep. The shepherd attaches a bell around the ram's neck, to indicate the location of the flock.

direction: animal / sheep

belly (orientation)

belly of the rover

an umbilical runs to a computer inside the ~ (on Mars)

belly of a tank

the slug punches a hole in the ~

belly landing

he questioned whether a ~ would work (space shuttle)

Perseverance's belly

at present, the aircraft is slung beneath ~ (Mars)

carried a rover called Pragyaan in its belly

the Vikram lander ~ (India lands on moon's south pole)

orientation: direction / stomach

belly flop (noun)

prime-time belly flop

her speech was a ~

failure, accident & impairment: sports & games / water

bellyful (amount)

bellyful of war
I've had a ~

bellyful of promises and politicking
the people of Britain have had a ~

bellyful of deceit, waste and incompetence
there has been a ~ (New Labour)

amount / consumption: food & drink / stomach
feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / stomach
sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink / stomach

belly-up (adjective)

belly-up
we had plenty of excuses to go ~

went belly-up
the company ~ (failed)

♦ This refers to a dead fish or other animal dead in water.

failure, accident & impairment: animal / death & life / fish
condition & status: animal / death & life / fish

belong (verb)

belongs to the fifth century
of the great philosophers, only Socrates properly ~

belongs to the past
what happened ~ (a historical injustice)

fictive possession: verb

below (behavior)

below you
that's ~

behavior: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle
admiration & contempt: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

belt (area)

belt of ice
in winter a 600-mile-wide ~ seals off Antarctica

belt of (coniferous) forests
the taiga—the huge circumpolar ~

Bible Belt
Atlanta versus the surrounding ~ (strip clubs)

Black Belt
the ~, an impoverished region of the rural South (US)

banana belt
the lush ~ of southern Ecuador

coal belt
in Mpumalanga, the heart of South Africa's ~

farm belt
Louisiana's ~

mineral belt

a large ~ west of Albuquerque

radiation belt
the ~s of earth

snow belt
few move from the sun belt to the ~ (US)

ecologically diverse (transition) belt
this remote, fragile, and ~ between forest and steppe

circumpolar belt
the taiga—the huge ~ of coniferous forests

semiarid belt
the Sahel, a ~ that spans Africa just below the Sahara

25-mile belt
oil fields clustered along a ~ between Basra, Kuwait

♦ "The ravages of the Rust Belt would cast a shadow on the riches of the Corn Belt." (The U.S. Midwest in the 20th century.)

♦ A belt often has a buckle. See *buckle* (attachment).

area / configuration: clothing & accessories / shape
shape: clothing & accessories

belt (below the belt)

belt
he's known for hitting ~ (politics)

behavior: boundary / boxing
restraint & lack of restraint: boundary / boxing

belt (under one's belt)

one expedition (to Gasherbrum II) under his belt
he had ~

7 deployments under his belt
he has ~ (first sergeant)

6,000 jumps under his belt
a skydiver with ~

25 years (of Forest Service work) under his belt
he has ~

experience: clothing & accessories

belt (notch in a belt)

notch on his (political) belt
Cuomo needed a scalp, a ~ (politics / Hank Morris)

conviction notch in their belts
prosecutors just want another ~ (convict exonerated)

♦ "Carly had belt-notched all those coveted hotties—Cat Stevens, Kris Kristofferson, Warren Beatty, Jack Nicholson, Mick Jagger, James Taylor..." (*Girls Like Us* by Sheila Weller.)

achievement, recognition & praise: history / mark / violence

belt (tighten one's belt)

tightening our belts this summer
we will be ~ (pandemic ruins tourist season)

♦ "After years of rapid expansion and massive hiring, these leading American businesses are having to tighten their belts. There's plenty of fat to lose." (The *National Review* about layoffs in the technology sector.)

sacrifice: food & drink

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

belt-tightening

belt-tightening at the Pentagon
he will announce a new round of ~

belt-tightening measures
the school will also take ~ like...

corporate belt-tightening
recent years of ~

fiscal belt-tightening
in an age of ~

sacrifice: food & drink

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

bemoan (verb)

bemoan the paywall
advocates of open access ~ (academic articles)

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / verb

bench (verb)

bench him
the channel decided to ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: sports & games / verb

benchmark (at a benchmark)

at or near that benchmark
these year's figures already are ~ (female graduates)

measurement: mark

benchmark (other)

benchmark
it is a ~ that we must keep in mind

benchmark of skill
I consider the Green Narrows as a ~ (kayaking)

benchmark for toughness
support for capital punishment is a ~ for politicians

benchmark indicator
use objective criteria to establish ~s (environment)

benchmark run
the Green Narrows is a ~ in the Southeast (kayaking)

benchmarks, the milestones
the ~ you speak of in this book, like marriage...

standards and benchmarks
we are working on meeting ~ for curricula (education)

barriers and benchmarks
when it comes to ~, snowboarding has the 1440° spin

established (climbing's new) benchmark
the man who ~ (Tomaz Humar / south face of Dhaulagiri)

performance benchmarks
it ranks first on three of the industry's leading ~

reached (all) the benchmarks
he ~ on or close to schedule (child development)

set the benchmark
she ~ in 1996 (time spent in space)

♦ The round metal USGS plaques on mountaintops are benchmarks that indicate height above sea level.

♦ "The benchmarks I don't worry about that much..." (Teresa Thayer Snyder, former superintendent of Voorheesville school district in upstate New York. She doesn't want schools to get too focused on so-called "lost time" to the COVID-19 pandemic, because the kids learned plenty during the pandemic.)

measurement: mark

bend (bend over backwards)

bends over backwards to be cooperative
the staff ~

bends over backwards being polite
he ~

bending over backwards to comply
we are ~ with the rules

difficulty, easiness & effort: standing, sitting & lying / verb

bend (verb)

bend to demands
Shiites refuse to ~ by Sunnis that...

bend to (contemporary progressive) pieties
he refuses to ~

bend (in any way) to economic pressure
he won't ~ (Daniel Ortega)

bend the government to their will
local leaders who wish to ~

refuse to bend
Shiites ~ to demands by Sunnis that...

caused him to bend
the threat ~ but not break

♦ A reed bends but does not break.

resistance, opposition & defeat: materials & substances / verb

beneath (behavior)

beneath me
that's ~

beneath the dignity
is anything ~ of the Obama White House (politics)

beneath you
that's way ~ (her reaction to his rude proposal)

behavior: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle
admiration & contempt: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle
beret (Brown Beret, etc.)

Brown Beret
the Texas ~s (No Justice, No Peace)

representation: military / sign, signal, symbol

Bermuda Triangle

Bermuda Triangle of airspeed
transonic is the unknown, it is the ~ (flying)

legal Bermuda Triangle
this is a ~, trying to figure out who's at fault

certainty & uncertainty fantasy & reality: allusion / history
berserk

went berserk
the elephant ~ and killed its trainer
the 200-pound chimpanzee ~ and was shot dead by police
he hit a home run, and the crowd ~ (sports)
she ~ and stormed out (angry and upset)

behavior / control & lack of control: mental health

berth (a wide berth)

give her a wide berth
I always ~ (a boss)

avoidance & separation: boat

beside (support)

beside me
life is so cruel without you ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

besiege (verb)

besieged (northern) Mexico
violence has ~

besieged NBC with calls
they ~ (to kill a story)

amount & effect: fortification / military / verb

besieged

besieged by email
she has been ~

besieged by lobbyists
Congress is ~

besieged by the media
he was ~

besieged by questions
doctors have been ~ from patients

besieged by reporters

he has been ~

besieged by (corruption) scandals
his government has been ~

besieged borough
more food relief is needed across the ~ (Bronx / pandemic)

besieged politicians
the ~ have started a counterattack (politics)

amount & effect: fortification / military

besity (infobesity, etc.)

“infobesity”
~ is affecting our brains and lives (information overload)

increase & decrease / size: affix

bestial (adjective)

bestial wretchedness
he sees out his days in a state of ~ (retirement)

comparison & contrast: affix / animal

bestiary (noun)

nautical bestiary
silhouettes of sailing junks, different sizes and designs, a ~

taxonomy & classification: animal

best life (and best lives)

best life on Instagram
the highlight reel of your ~

healthiest life
live your ~ (*New York Times* subscriber-only newsletter)
your ~ Edge-On-Hudson (condos and luxury apartments)

best shapes
they achieve their ~ ever (YouTube weight loss ad)

highlight reel of your best life
the ~ on Instagram

Dress Your Best Life
fashion psychologist Dawnn Karen, author of ~

live my best life
I got to go and ~ playing football (Jill Scott)

live your best life
where you can find support and information to ~ (library)

lived their best lives
they believe women ~ before the gains of feminism

living her best life
Miley Cyrus is ~ at the Grammys
Natalie Portman ~ after her divorce (looks, feel great)

lives its best life
onstage is where rap ~... (Danyel Smith)

♦ “Cause ain't no next life, so right now I'm tryna live my best life.”
(Rapper Danny Brown.)

- ♦ "You have a list of resolutions to start living your best life in 2023." (Drink less, find love, help others, quit smoking, save money, get fit, enjoy life, take a trip, find new job, lose weight, join gym...)
 - ♦ *Dear Girls: Intimate Tales, Untold Secrets and Advice for Living Your Best Life* by comedian Ali Wong.
 - ♦ "She is living her best life at the \$16,000-per-night presidential villa." (Taylor Swift in Melbourne for her Eras Tour.)
 - ♦ "Travis Kelce is living his BEST LIFE dancing to "Look What You Made Me Do." (The Eras Tour in Singapore.)
 - ♦ "Live Your Best Investment Life." (An advertisement for AllianceBernstein.)
 - ♦ "Tiger Woods' ex-wife, Elin Nordegren, is living her 'dream' nearly 15 years after their split." (*The New York Post*.)
 - ♦ "I'm living in my time now."
 - ♦ "Gone are the days of showing the highlight reel of your best life on Instagram. Now, it's trendy to celebrate your worst moments. What attracts eyeballs in today's social media market is tears, and content creators are incentivized to be vulnerable for views." ("How TikTok has become a dangerous breeding ground for mental disorders" by Rikki Schlott, *New York Post*, March 12, 2022.)
- *** analysis
- ♦ "The concept of the best life serves as a social script. Do these things in this order, and you'll end up happy or fulfilled or at the very least on par with the same kind of lives your peers are leading." (*An Ordinary Age: Finding Your Way in a World That Expects Exceptional* by Rainesford Stauffer.)
 - ♦ see also *positivity (body positivity, etc.)*

language: cliché

bet (all bets are off)

all bets are off
~ (election)

certainty & uncertainty / fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling / sports & games

bet (hedge one's bets)

hedging our bets
we are ~, working with both parties (diplomacy)

commitment & determination: cards / gambling / sports & games

bete noire (black beast)

his (obstreperous) bete noire
~, Major Ross...

affliction: animal / color

betray (reveal, show)

betrayed no emotion
he ~ while the charges against him were read

betrayed an erosion
the recrimination ~ of confidence (Israeli raid)

betrayed a hint
neither man ~ of anxiety

betray a (profound) ignorance
animal rightists ~ about nature (opinion)

evidence / fictive communication: verb
concealment & lack of concealment: verb

betray (fail)

betrayed him
he got clipped and his legs ~ (a boxer)

betraying him
after so many years, his body was ~ (an athlete)

betrayed that trust
we trusted the university with our daughter's safety, it ~

failure, accident & impairment: verb

betrayed

betrayed by (bad) leadership
he had been ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: speech

between (come between, etc.)

come between them and their mom
the only thing that would ~ was death (mom murdered)

division & connection: prep, adv, adj, particle

bewail (verb)

bewailed what they called
defense contractor ~ declining weapons spending

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / verb
conflict / speech: sound / verb

bewitch (verb)

bewitched all
she ~ with a mesmerizing performance

feeling, emotion & effect: magic / verb

bewitched

bewitched by her charm, intelligence, and charisma
they were all ~ (Elizabeth Holmes / Theranos)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

bewitching (adjective)

bewitching city
Kim is a perfect companion to a ~ (Lahore)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

Bhopal (Australia's Bhopal, etc.)

Australia's Bhopal
Wittenoom is ~ (asbestos contamination)

- ♦ "Something lethal has been released into the air. Without warning, Jack and his family are living through a public-health disaster. A month before the book appeared, an industrial accident in India had killed thousands of people; it seemed DeLillo had almost foretold the disaster." ("White Noise Used to Be Satire: What was once mildly absurd is now funny because it's true" by Jordan Kisner, *The Atlantic*, January / February 2023. The "industrial accident in India" was Bhopal, of course, and it is very interesting that she found no reason to identify it by name.)

failure, accident & impairment: epithet
comparison & contrast: epithet

bible (enthusiasm)

Bible of Boxing

The Ring magazine, the ~...

bibles of (backpacking) seekers

those ~ everywhere (*A Time of Gifts*, etc.)

bible of sports

ESPN used to be the video ~, now it's a woke wasteland

Hippie Bible

the hippies called it a ~ (*The Whole Earth Catalog*)

Sound Effects Bible

Rick Viers, author of *The ~*

♦ "The hippies called it a Hippie Bible..." (Stuart Brand, a co-founder of the *Whole Earth Catalog*. You could learn how to make guitars, fix a motorcycle, and raise goats...)

♦ "That was Luigi. We met at his house at two, with our good boots on our feet, but no backpacks, no rope (about whose use none of us had any real notion anyway; but we knew—having studied the Alpine Club guidebook—the theory of the double rope, the respective merits of hemp and manila, the technique for rescuing someone from a crevasse, and other fine points), a hundred grams of chocolate in our pockets, and (may God forgive us!) wearing shorts." ("Bear Meat" by Primo Levi. Translated from the Italian by Alessandra Bastagli.)

enthusiasm: Bible / religion

Bible (authority)

Bible of sports

the ~ on the Internet (Internet site)

Bible of (psychiatric) diagnosis

according to the ~, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual

Bible of the (social-media) movement

the ~ is Clay Shirky's "Here Comes Everybody"

bible of psychiatry

the DSM—the ~ (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual)

bible for educators

the text became a ~ (*The Uses of the University*)

psychiatrists' bible

the ~, DSM...

fashion bible

Vogue's rise to dominance as the world's ~

show bible

a writer's room to produce a pilot and a "..."

Vagina Bible

the ~ by gynecologist Jen Gunter

so-called bible

the DSM, the ~ of psychiatry...

psychiatric bible

the DSM is the ~ for mental disorders

♦ **The DSM is the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.**

♦ "I'm a big believer that the script is your bible, and the script and a good one tells you everything that you need to know. And I just committed to the script..." (The actor Ray Liotta speaking to Fresh Air's Terry Gross about the film *Goodfellas*.)

♦ *The Vagina Bible: The vulva and the vagina—separating the myth from the medicine* by Jen Gunter, MD.

sanctioning, authority, & non-conformity: Bible / religion

bible (hand on the bible, etc.)

hand on a Bible

~, but you must come clean with me...

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: Bible / religion

big (as noun)

do big

we don't just think big, we ~ (an Amazon advertisement)

size: part of speech

big (go big)

see *go big* (verb)

big (big love, etc.)

big congratulations

~ to Liam (boxer Chris Eubank, Jr.)

Big Friendship

~: *How We Keep Each Other Close* (by Ann Friedman)

big love

~ to the community, you're all incredible (an influencer)

big praise

~ to the referee to step in (and stop boxing match)

big respect

it gave me a ~ for food (wartime privation)

~ to you, your team... (Chris Eubank Sr to Liam Smith)

♦ **Language to express the size / intensity of emotions...**

♦ "She signed off 'Big huge love.'" (The Irish actor Jessie Buckley to the writer Jordan Kisner. Kisner characterized the signoff as a "spirit of abundance." From "Monster Talent: In role after indelible role, Jessie Buckley is exploring the darkest corners of human nature" by Jordan Kisner, photograph by Jennifer Cheng, *The New York Times Magazine*, December 4, 2022.)

♦ **compare with *hard* (love hard, go hard, etc.)**

♦ **see also *enormously* (exciting, etc.), *great* (great hatred, etc.), *huge* (huge gratitude, etc.), *supersizing* (linguistic supersizing)**

language: prep, adv, adj, particle

big (big fan, etc.)

big crossword guy

my stat teacher was like a ~

extent & scope: size

big (big boy)

see *big boy* (person)

big (significance)

big fight

we want a ~, a marquee fight (Eddie "Who else" Hearns)

Big One

see *Big One* (earthquake, etc.)

big questions

even when the plan is published, there will be ~...

so big

I knew this was huge, this was ~ (photojournalist)

big name

see *big* (*big name, etc.*)

importance & significance: size

big (big name, etc.)

big names

some ~ have not made official announcements yet
a who's who of ~ were present (at Aretha's funeral)

big names from the world of boxing

we have asked ~ for their opinions (about a boxing match)

big enough name

he was still a ~ that his latest book sold well, but...

importance & significance / reputation: size

Big (comprehension, scope)

Big data

~ is a field that treats way to analyze... (Wikipedia)

Big Data

the dangers of the ~ revolution (Cathy O'Neil's book)

Big History

~ has long been out of favor in academic circles
the glib tendentiousness of ~

Big Physics

"~ and New Ideas" by Melvyn J. Shochet (*Science*, 1993)

Big science

~ (see the Wikipedia entry)

deep ecology

books about ~

♦ Big History; "all-encompassing explanatory histories"; "high-wrought" theory; grand narratives; popular history (Jared Diamond, etc.); the standard textbook version... ("Free For All: Is it time to rethink everything we've been taught about the origins of 'civilization'?" by Gideon Lewis-Kraus, *The New Yorker*, November 8, 2021.)

♦ "Now, today, science is all about the Big, we've taken the low-hanging fruit, and the facilities that chase the big questions now are themselves very very big indeed..." (The great BBC science correspondent Jonathan Amos about the Square Kilometre Array / SKA. It will be made up of two giant radio astronomy observatories in Australia and South Africa. In addition, it will utilize enormous computing power.)

extent & scope / importance & significance: size

big bang ("Big Bang" of country music, etc.)

big bang

the ~ had been the surprise hit, "Tom Dooley" (folk)

big bang of the beginning

the ~ of country music is supposed to be in 1927

Big Bang reforms

what they call the ~ of 1986 (City of London / finance)

legislative "big bang"

it is a ~ on par with the creation of the euro ("Fit For 55")

"Big Bang" of country music

the sessions at Bristol became known as the ~

♦ The "Big Bang" of country music was 1927. That's the year of the Bristol sessions when both the Carter family and Jimmie Rodgers recorded in Bristol, Tennessee. The rest is history.

♦ The Big Bang had been the Kingston Trio's 1958 surprise #1 hit, "Tom Dooley..." (The 1960s mainstream ascendance of folk music. From the wonderful *Girls Like Us* by Sheila Weller.)

epithet: astronomy

origin: astronomy / epithet

big bang (in a big bang)

go out in a big bang

he wanted ~ (suicide)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: astronomy / sound

big boy (person)

big boy

he's a ~, he knows what he said...

big boy's club

the whole situation is like a ~ (Megan Thee Stallion)

big-boy pants

the president needs to put his ~ on and acknowledge...

big boy pants

he needs to put on the ~ and act as commander in chief
we put on our ~ and get on with it (Robert Page / soccer)

really big boys

they haven't played against the ~ yet (Italian soccer)

♦ "Woah, whoa Anthony, he's a big boy, he knows what he said, what'd 'ya say, funny how..." (A tense moment in the film *Goodfellas*.)

♦ "Hey, I'm a big boy, it's no big deal, whatever, I'm fine..." (Disappointment.)

♦ "Arsenal can thank their lucky stars it was only 4. It could have been eight. Men against boys." (Manchester City 4-1 Arsenal.)

person: baby

growth & development: life span

character & personality: person

big brother (relationship)

Instagram's big brother

he came from ~, Facebook (Mosseri)

role of the big brother

he was playing the ~ (making things better for athletes)

calls Taiwan its "big brother"

Somaliland ~ (mutual diplomatic recognition)

thought of him as a big brother

his players ~, he took an interest in their off-field lives

♦ "Sorry I wasn't there to watch your back like a big brother's supposed to." (Chris Eubank Jr's tweet on the tragic death of Sebastian, the third-eldest child of the great boxer Chris Eubank.)

relationship: family

Big Brother (oppression)

Big Brother intrusion

why cave in to such a ~ on your privacy

♦ "The Ministry of Truth is Facebook, Google, and cable news. We have met Big Brother and he is us." ("Doublethink Is Stronger Than Orwell Imagined: What 1984 means today" by George Packer, *The Atlantic*, July 2019.)

♦ Doublethink; memory hole; unperson; thoughtcrime; Newspeak; Thought Police; Room 101; Big Brother; the Ministry of Truth... (Language from 1984 that is a part of our language.)

oppression: allusion

allusion: books & reading

big daddy (authority)

big daddy

people say China is the "~~" and will soon "own" Myanmar

♦ This phrase and its meaning is recognized by Merriam-Webster.

♦ Big Daddy is a character in Tennessee Williams' *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.

♦ He'll take care of you; efficient and effective; a father figure; father-like; autocratic; patriarchal; capable of instilling fear; of showing wrath and compassion; loved and loathed; angry; powerful... (A political pundit about a country's leader.)

importance & significance: family / size

big gun (and heavy gun)

big gun

they didn't have their ~s tonight (injured players)

he has brought in another ~ to help in his Senate bid

heavy guns

he is bringing out his ~ (wife and family / scandal)

spiked their guns

Spallanzani had ~ with a simple fact (science dispute)

♦ "When you wheel out your biggest gun to take down the incumbent president, it frees Biden to be a lot more positive tonight." (Political strategist Paul Begala, speaking about Obama's direct criticism of Trump at the Democratic Convention.)

♦ "Big guns" refer to artillery, the King of Battle. Artillerymen have been traditionally referred to as Redlegs. They tend to be hard of hearing.

♦ "The Turks have 12-inch guns at Aqaba, Sir. Can you imagine what that means?" (*Lawrence of Arabia*, the film.)

♦ "This is the battle for Tumbledown Mountain, with the Scots Guards and the Gurkhas going in on Monday morning in the early hours. The big guns have been talking to each other, and now it's the troops on the ground who are moving in." (A BBC reporter covering the 1982 Falklands War.)

strength & weakness: military / weapon

importance & significance: military / size / weapon

bighearted (and big-hearted)

big-hearted personality

he was known for his ~

bighearted, (supremely) patient man

he was a ~ (speech therapist)

character & personality / size: heart

heart: size

big league (and big leagues)

big-league hotel

it's a ~ with a celebrity chef

big-league philanthropy

~ has its critics (Gates, Buffet, Zuckerberg, etc.)

big-league politician

he's a ~

drafted into the big leagues

many internet celebrities may never be ~ (stardom)

attainment / importance & significance / success & failure:
baseball / size / sports & games

Big One (earthquake, etc.)

The Big One

so the next eruption could be ~ (Mount Fuji)

♦ 2009, 2004, 1998, 1983, 1974, and the Big One in 1969... (Years for legendary surf on the North Shore of Oahu.)

importance & significance: size

big shot (person)

big-shot (Hollywood) director

he's a ~

children of big shots

~ and university admissions

protozoological big shots

before he was thirty Schaudinn was one of the ~

*** analysis

♦ The linguist John McWhorter has interesting things to say about this word (as always), including the way we pronounce it. "[I]n one of those snappy, naughty little pre-Production Code movies (*Skyscraper Souls*, 1932), someone disparages someone else for wanting to be a 'big SHOT,' not a 'BIG shot.' The expression was newer then—someone at the time was still referring, on some level, to an actual shot in the sense of a gunshot or cannon shot. Note that we today would rarely even think of big shot as referring to a shot..." (*Words on the Move* by the linguist John McWhorter, Chapter 5, "Lexical Springtime: Words Mate and Reproduce," subsection "The Backshift in Real Life." Of course, one goal of *this* work is to recover the meanings of clichés, particularly military ones.)

person: force / weapon

importance & significance / power: person / size / weapon

big up (as verb)

big his career up

he's just trying to ~

big himself up

he's just trying to ~ by using someone else's grief

big yourself up

do you really need to ~ by...

increase & decrease: part of speech / size / verb

bigwig (person)

show's bigwigs

the ~ wanted me, so... (Chevy Chase about *Community*)

social media bigwigs
the ~ were grilled... (Senate hearing)

these three bigwigs
DreamWorks was founded by ~...

psychiatric bigwigs
the ~ of Europe...

♦ "DreamWorks was founded in 1994 by Steven Spielberg, Jeffrey Katzenbach and David Geffen, these three bigwigs..."

person: society
importance & significance / power: person / size

bilge (noun)

bilge
he has lost credibility for writing that ~

♦ "Indeed the hold was a disgusting, odiferous place... It reeked of salted fish, spoiling stores, and stagnant bilge water. This revolting perfume grew more wretched during bad weather..." (*The Last Voyage of Columbus* by Martin Dugard.)

worth & lack of worth: boat / water

bill (butcher's bill, etc.)

"butcher's bill"
the Duke of Wellington used to call it the ~ (casualties)

butcher's bill to be paid
there's a ~, and it accrues to bin Laden (embassy bombings)

♦ "At the beginning of the Battle of the Somme, on July 1, 1916, the British Army suffered 60,000 dead and wounded—in one day. It was arguably the worst butcher's bill in military history." ("Why World War I Resonates," by William Boyd, *The New York Times*, Jan. 21, 2012. By contrast, the Battle of Shiloh, the bloodiest battle of the Civil War up to that time, resulted in 23,000 casualties in two days and shocked the nation.)

♦ "Everyone was stunned by the scale of carnage at Shiloh (in spring of 1862 in southwestern Tennessee), which posted a new benchmark for mass slaughter. Deeming it the war's bloodiest battle, Grant commented 'that the Fort Donelson fight was, as compared to this, as the morning dew to a heavy rain.' Men who survived it could never scrub its harrowing imagery from their memories. Americans found it hard to comprehend the dimensions of the losses, which were beyond any historical precedent. Of more than one hundred thousand soldiers who pitched into the fray, twenty-four thousand had been killed or wounded [or captured or were missing]—a casualty count dwarfing that of the battle of Waterloo. Shiloh's casualties eclipsed the total of the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Mexican War combined. William Hillyer conveyed the spreading tableau of death that greeted him and Grant: 'For miles and miles wherever we rode we found dead bodies scattered through the woods in all directions.' As Grant wrote memorably, 'I saw an open field...so covered with dead that it would have been possible to walk across the clearing, in any direction, stepping on dead bodies, without a foot touching the ground.' / Shiloh peeled away any lingering aura of romance from the war, showing the sheer destructive power of modern combat. An array of technical advances, such as the conical minie ball that ripped through flesh and bone or rifled muskets and cannon that displayed greater accuracy and range, ensured bloodier battles than ever before. No less hardy a soul than Sherman remarked that the corpse-littered battlefield 'would have cured anybody of war.' Combat had been pushed to extremes of cruelty that banished any remnant of civilized behavior. 'Men lost their semblance of humanity,' wrote a reporter, 'and the spirit of the demon shone in [the soldiers'] faces. There was but one desire, and that was to destroy.'" (*Grant* by the brilliant biographer Ron Chernow. The death toll would be eclipsed in later Civil War battles. As with most wars, the human carnage made it impossible for either side to negotiate a settlement.)

♦ William Tecumseh Sherman: Well, Grant, we've had the devil's own day, haven't we? / Ulysses S. Grant: Yes. Lick 'em tomorrow though.

(The night of the first day of the Battle of Shiloh. From *Grant* by Ron Chernow.)

♦ "An army's bravest men are its cowards. The death which they would not meet at the hands of the enemy they will meet at the hands of their officers, with never a flinching." ("What I saw of Shiloh" by Ambrose Bierce. Union soldiers executed for cowardice.)

♦ "The Gulf War was 30 years ago and we're still there messing around. I don't know what the answer is but the people who profit sure aren't paying the bills." (Kbbpll, March 3, 2021, about the rocket attack on al-Asad airbase, March 3, 2021.)

♦ "There are bills that I can't pay." (Toby Keith—American Soldier (Radio Edit))

military: consumption / meat / money
death & life: consumption / meat / money

billboard (noun)

billboard for what
Walmart is a ~ employment practices should be

attention, scrutiny & promotion / representation: picture / sign, signal, symbol

bill of health (clean bill of health)

clean bill of health
the bank was given a ~ (by auditors)

gives them a clean bill of health
the E.P.A. still ~ (chemicals in tap water)

give investments a clean bill of health
analysts felt pressured to ~ or lose business

received a clean bill of health
the reservoir ~ from inspectors (prior to collapse)

♦ This phrase probably relates to ships in foreign ports. Such ships would be in quarantine until port officials determined that the crew was not carrying an infectious disease.

condition & status: health & medicine

billy club

psychological billy club
it's a ~ to coerce a person (lie-detector test)

coercion & motivation: violence / weapon
oppression: violence / weapon

bind (in a bind)

leaving cities in a bind
a police shortage is ~

put it in a bind
Pakistan's support for militants has ~

situation: container / rope

bind (constraint)

double bind
too sweet or two shrill, the ~ for women

♦ "A double bind is a situation where you have two requirements you must fulfill. But anything you do to fulfill one actually violates the other."

♦ "Our expectations of a good woman and a good leader are at odds... (The linguist Deborah Tannen, speaking about Hillary Clinton. If women fulfill our expectations of a person in authority, then they're respected but

they're not liked. If they fulfill our expectations of a woman, they're liked but they're underestimated.)

constraint & lack of constraint: rope

bind (constrain)

bind her

she questions the traditions that ~

constraint & lack of constraint: rope / verb

bind (connect)

bind

the ties that ~

bind the characters

the ties that ~ gradually become clear

binds us to where

making wine ~ we are (California)

build and bind

book clubs can help ~ communities

attachment / division & connection: rope / verb

binding (adjective)

binding changes

there are these legally ~ from Brussels (Brexit)

non-binding referendum

Puerto Rico voted for US statehood in a ~

ironclad, waterproof, bulletproof, (legally) binding

we need ~ guarantees (Sergey Ryabkov / diplomacy)

constraint & lack of constraint: rope

binge (on a binge)

on a building binge

China has been ~ for decades (infrastructure)

gone on a (hiring) binge

the company has ~

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol

binge (other)

binge

the ~ is over (spending by elected officials)

the ~ was epic and so is the hangover (housing market)

binge of (skate-park) construction

the city continued the ~ (NYC)

binge flying

London seeks to curb "~" (airport expansions)

gone on a (spending) binge

the Democrats have ~

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol

biography (non-human, etc.)

Biography of a Global City

Shanghai Nightscapes: A Nocturnal ~

Biography of George Orwell's 1984

The Ministry of Truth: The ~ (by Dorian Lynskey)

Biography of a Poem

The Waste Land: A ~ (by Matthew Hollis)

"biography of the grain"

Amber Waves presents itself as a ~ (Catherine Zabinski)

biography of a movie

his book is, essentially, the ~ (*Shooting 'Midnight Cowboy'*)

Biography of a Poem

The Waste Land: A ~ (the book by Matthew Hollis)

Tree Biography

trees featured in *The Great British ~* (Mark Hooper)

♦ "The human relationship with wheat is the subject of Catherine Zabinski's short book *Amber Waves*, which presents itself as a 'biography' of the grain, although she reminds us on page three that 'wheat isn't a person' in case we were liable to be confused." (Flour Fixated" by Bee Wilson, *London Review of Books*, 24 September 2020.)

♦ *A Biography of Loneliness: The History of An Emotion* by Fay Bound Alberti, 2019. According to the author, the word loneliness was "negligible" before 1800. Interesting!"

♦ Nonhuman and nonliving things can have biographies, autobiographies, obituaries, eulogies, and even be characters.

♦ "And the teacher also was prompted to share her own math biography with the students as kind of an example..." (U.S. pedagogy.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: books & reading

biopsy (analysis)

biopsy that

one way you could kind of ~ or look at it... (a subject)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: death & life / health & medicine / verb

bird (rare bird)

rare bird

Fallen Leaves is a ~ (the 2023 Finnish film)

♦ "*Fallen Leaves* is a rare bird, a refined art movie that's also a crowd pleaser." (The 2023 Finnish film by the director Aki Kaurismaki.)

taxonomy & classification: bird

bird-dog (verb)

bird-dogged him

we ~ at press conferences (Chicago protester / mayor)

affliction: animal / dog / hunting

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / dog / hunting

birds and the bees

talk about the birds and the bees

I finally had that ~ with my son

know about the birds and the bees

does she ~

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. Two millennial (or Zoomer) parents are standing at the open door of their son's bedroom. Inside the room, their son is on his bed, raptly glued to his cell phone, with a slight smile on his face. The

mother is saying to her husband, "I think it might be time to text him the Talk." (*The New Yorker*, September 19, 2022. Glenn Nissan.)

sex: euphemism

bird's-eye (bird's-eye view)

bird's-eye view of the battlefield
drones give commanders a ~

bird's-eye view from a plane
you get a ~

♦ This has morphed to "helicopter view," a "3,000-foot perspective," "the 30,000-foot level," "the 40,000-foot level," and "maybe you have to look at things from 20 billion miles up to get this kind of perspective."

♦ "Ten years later he likened his own position as minister to riding 'comfortably on an elephant, whose trunk could pick up a pin or uproot a tree with equal ease, and from whose back a wide scene lay open.'" (Winston Churchill, Minister of Munitions of War in 1917. From *Churchill: Walking With Destiny* by Andrew Roberts.)

perception, perspective & point of view: animal / bird / height / position

bird (birds of a feather)

birds-of-a-feather analysis
~ would indicate that he is a good bet (algorithms)

♦ *Birds of a feather flock together.*

taxonomy & classification: animal / bird

birth (create)

birth Android and CashApp
he helped to ~ into our world (Bob Lee)

creation & transformation: birth / verb

birth (creation)

birth of Pakistan
since the ~ in 1947

movement's birth
the city of their ~ (Kandahar / Taliban)

nation's birth
Sunnis have dominated politics since the ~ in 1920 (Iraq)

given birth
Atlanta has ~ to a new generation of rappers (US)

creation & transformation: birth

birthday (creation)

France's birthday
July 14 is ~

100th birthday
the big guy is celebrating his ~ (statue of Vulcan / AL)

175th birthday
the institution's ~ (the Smithsonian Institution)

celebrate its 300th birthday
as Old North Church prepares to ~ (Boston)

♦ "It's Alexa's birthday!" (Yahoo Life Shopping. Alexa is Amazon's voice service.)

♦ "*White Noise* was originally published against the backdrop of the Cold War... It turned 10 as the AIDS epidemic in the U.S. began to wane, as personal computers began appearing in American homes... It turned 20 as the War on Terror was truly getting under way. It is turning 38 as it becomes a movie that will be available for streaming via Netflix..." ("*White Noise Used to Be Satire: What was once mildly absurd is now funny because it's true*" by Jordan Kisner, *The Atlantic*, January / February 2023.)

♦ see also *anniversary (creation)*, *old (a year old, etc.)*

growth & development: life span

creation & transformation: birth

birthed (created)

birthed in the mid to early 2000's
the movement was most likely ~ by two men (MGTOW)

creation & transformation: birth

birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.)

birthplace of democracy
Greece, the ~

birthplace of the Ganges
the Uttarakhand region, the ~ and its major tributaries

birthplace of Islam
Saudi Arabia, the ~

birthplace of humanity
Africa is the ~

birthplace of country music
Bristol, Tennessee has been called the ~ (1927)

birthplace of Chinese maritime shipbuilding
the Pagoda Anchorage has been called the "~" (Mawei)

birthplace of (extreme) skiing
the Tuckerman Ravine is known as the "~ in the US" (NH)

birthplace of the French tacos
it is among several contenders for the ~ (Vaulx-en-Velin)

♦ Uttarakhand has forests, glaciers, and water springs. (The birthplace of the Ganges.)

epithet: birth

origin: birth / epithet

birthright (noun)

lifeblood and birthright
pumping oil and gas is considered both a ~ (Texas)

identity & nature: birth

bit (champ at the bit)

champing at the bit to start
he was ~

eagerness & reluctance: horse / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: horse

bit (bit between its teeth)

get the bit between his teeth

Whyte will ~ (Dillian Whyte / boxing)

got the bit between his teeth alright

he's ~ (T.E. Lawrence and Damascus / the film)

commitment & determination / constraint & lack of constraint / control & lack of control: horse / verb

bite (resemblance)

biting

inflation is soaring, and living costs are ~ (economy)

bit into him

the lash ~again and again (*Call of the Wild*)

bit into her neck

the cord ~

began to bite

as the cold of November ~ (Stalingrad / W.W. II)

affliction / resemblance: animal / teeth / verb

bite (bite him in the end, etc.)

bite him in the end

this might turn around to ~ (leader unleashes nationalism)

fate, fortune & chance / judgment / responsibility / reversal: animal / justice / verb

biting (adjective)

biting cold

once the ~ arrives

biting (social) critic

he was a ~

biting sanctions

these are the most ~ every imposed

♦ Sometimes similar to *pinch* (*pinch of hunger, etc.*) and *pinched*

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: animal / sensation / teeth

bitten (enthusiasm)

bitten by the bug

and so I really got ~ (acting, in high school)

bitten by the action bug

as a boy, he was ~

bitten by the cycling bug

as a youth he played soccer before he was ~

enthusiasm: insect / sensation

bitter (person)

bitter

he isn't ~, just wiser

bitter (Liverpool) fans

Congratulations, MC, lots of ~ on here today (BBC HYS)

bitter, angry and hostile

he was ~ (sick man with undiagnosed illness)

angry, bitter

I've talked to amputees that went through a real ~ stage

became bitter

he ~ to the point of suicidal (soldier back from Iraq)

♦ Don't be bitter, be better!

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste character & personality: food & drink / taste

bitter (bitter weather, etc.)

bitter cold

they escaped into the ~ (house fire in winter)

bitter winds

~ from Manchuria

bitter (Balkan) winter

the ~

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste

bitter (a bitter blow, etc.)

bitter battles

she resigned last June after four years of ~ (university)

bitter blow

the defeat was a ~ for Serbia and Montenegro (soccer)

bitter (political) climate

the increasingly ~ ahead of elections next summer

bitter (international) controversy

despite the ~ (oil project)

bitter disappointment

he proved to be a ~ (a judge)

but a ~ awaited us... (expedition)

bitter dispute

they are locked in a ~ over Kashmir

bitter end

she maintained her innocence to the ~

it's a ~ to a pioneering, powerful career (prison)

bitter enemies

Ethiopia and Eritrea, ~... (fighting proxy war in Somalia)

bitter fact

car-jacking is a ~ of life

bitter feelings

Iranians have ~ towards Saddam Hussein

bitter irony

in a ~, female military personnel guard captured Taliban

bitter memories

helped erase ~ of the 1994 players strike (baseball)

bitter negotiations

flight attendants are engaged in ~ with the company

bitter (late-night) negotiations

after ~

bitter (family power) struggle
he is kept on the throne because of a ~

bitter taste
the ~ of regret (bad decisions)

bitter truth
one of the ~s of the war in Ukraine is that...

bitter and long-running
the bloody culmination of a ~ feud (cop / citizen)

long and bitter
a ~ family feud over the estate of Jimi Hendrix

consumption / feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste

bittersweet (adjective)

bittersweet
the recognition was ~ (combat soldier who survived)
the victory was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste

black (Black Sea, etc.)

Black Sea
Turkey has coast on the ~

Black Volta
the ~ is a tributary of the Volta River

♦ The White Volta's main tributaries are the Black Volta and the Red Volta.

proper name: color

geography: color / proper name

black (warning)

black diamond
only expert skiers should try a double ~ trail

black flag
don't swim or boat if you see a ~ at the beach

black (rainstorm) warning
it was the city's first ~ this year (Hong Kong)

♦ "Hong Kong has three levels of rainstorm warning, with black being the highest. The second highest is red. The third highest is amber."

warning: color / sign, signal, symbol

black (feeling)

black depression
he fell into a ~

black dog
see *dog (black dog / mental health)*

black mood
still the ~ clung to Scott

feeling, emotion & effect: color

black (covert)

Black Ops
she is the author of ~ *Advertising*

“black” operations
~ are typically covert and sometimes illegal

black sites
he had been tortured in the CIA's archipelago of ~

concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: color

black (black day, etc.)

black day
it was a ~ for democracy (Zimbabwe)
his resignation was a ~ for British diplomacy
401 jobs slashed on ~ for Fife (*the Courier*)

Black Friday
~, 1929, when the New York stock market crashed...

black summer
Australia's ~ (2019-2020 bushfire season)

Black Sunday
the ~ dust storm of April 14, 1935 (US)

Black Thursday
the Second Schweinfurt Raid, the USAAF's ~ (Oct, '43)

feeling, emotion & effect: color

black (while black, female, brown, Muslim, etc.)

Skittish while Muslim
“Running while brown. ~” (NPR. Code Switch.)

Spoken Up While Female
I have persistently SUWF—aka ~ (Erin Overbey vs. NYer)

play classical music while Black
what it can look like to ~ (NPR)

being royal while black
~ (the Duchess of Sussex, Meghan / NPR)

being transgender in public
a definition of Drag that means ~

being watched while black
the play is about ~ (*Fairview*)

Birding While Black
~ (Jason Ward / Christian Cooper / NPR)

‘Canvassing While Black’
the ~ incident (Janelle Bynum, Oregon representative)

coping while black
~ (race-based trauma)

“Driving While Black”
the new PBS documentary, ~ (history)

driving while Black

~ is still a crime in Louisiana (Eugene W. Collins)

DWB (driving while black)
an episode of Law & Order titled “~” (Oct. 7, 1998)

existing while black
the challenges of ~ (NPR)

Farming While Black
she details her experiences in her new book, ~ (NPR)

Geocaching While Black
he writes about encountering racism on his blog, ~ (NPR)

having mental crises while Black
they’ve been killed ~ (Kimberle Crenshaw)

living while black
what it’s like ~, in Japan (NPR)
getting a citation for ~ (King Anyi Howell / NPR)
claims police are called on people for simply ~

PWI-ing While Black
~ was created for the NPR Student Podcast Challenge

rappin’ while Black
~ will definitely land you in the surveillance line-up

Reporting While Brown
“~ in The Summer of Trump.” (Gene Denby.)

Rowing While Black
“A Most Beautiful Thing: ~” (NPR)

running while black
he was 25 years old, and ~ (Ahmaud Arbery / NPR)

“running while black”
there has been a lot more conversation about ~ (Arbery)

Running while brown.
“~. Skittish while Muslim.” (NPR. Code Switch)

sleeping while black
Breonna Taylor was ~

Talking While Female
“~” (Narrated by NPR’s Selena Simmons-Duffin.)

Traveling While Black
her new book, ~ (Nanjala Nyabola / NPR)

walkin’ while Black
~ was likely to get you stopped and frisked (NYC)

walking while Trans
you know, there’s the phenomenon of ~ where...

Watering flowers while Black
“~: A pastor shares his story of wrongful arrest” (NPR)

Living and Dying While Black
The Beast Side: ~in America (by D. Watkins)

♦ “You can’t walk while black. With Ahmaud you can’t jog while black... Driving while black. But Breonna Taylor was sleeping while black in the sanctity of her own home.” (Civil rights and personal injury attorney Ben Crump.)

♦ “Black women have been killed in many of the same circumstances as their brothers, fathers and sons. They’ve been killed driving while Black,

being in their homes while Black, having mental crises while Black.” (Kimberle Crenshaw.)

♦ “You know, there’s the phenomenon of *walking while trans* [italics mine] where specifically like Trans women of color while just existing oftentimes get the police called on them just for like being Trans.”

♦ DWB (driving while black); LWB (living while black)... (Text.)

♦ Type in “while black” at NPR search and you will get 222 results (and counting) including, “The Violin Conspiracy” shows what it can be like to play classical music while Black” by Asma Khalid, Gus Contreras, and Patrick Jarenwattananon.

♦ According to Google Ngram, this phrase become popular in 2019.

♦ “Watering while Black: anatomy of a pastor’s Alabama arrest” by Jay Reeves, AP, September 1, 2022. The story (and its headline) was carried by such national news outlets as abc news, msn.com, usatoday, yahoo, NPR, latimes, etc. According to the AP site, “Reeves is a member of AP’s Race and Ethnicity Team.” NPR ran its own brief story, “Watering flowers while Black: A pastor shares his story of wrongful arrest” with Jonathan Franklin, September 1, 2022. You be the judge.

♦ “A year ago today, [the Palestinian-American journalist] was killed *while doing her job* [italics mine]...reporting in the West Bank.”

♦ “Outside lay the body of a man killed for *being in his home* [italics mine].” (An ABC report on Ukraine-Russia War.)

♦ “Women speak out about safety *while running* [italics mine] after abduction and murder of Memphis jogger.” (Eliza Fletcher in Memphis in 2022.)

♦ “WE ARE SICK & TIRED OF HAVING TO WATCH OUT FOR MEN JUST *BECAUSE WE BREATHE* [italics mine].” (A comment on the murder of Eliza Fletcher in Memphis in 2022.)

♦ “She’s in jail *because she talked in America* [italics mine]. She’s a dark-skinned Black woman who is unapologetically Black and radical.” (Sybil Dione Rosado, attorney for Brittany Martin, found guilty of breaching the peace in a high and aggravated manner in South Carolina.)

***** less polemical, politicized expression**

♦ “Like the murder of Sarah Everard in the UK last year, [the murder of Ashling Murphy] has reignited the debate about safety of women as they *go about their everyday business* [italics mine].” (“Ashling Murphy: Irish police arrest man on suspicion of teacher’s murder” by Lisa O’Carroll, *The Guardian*, 18 Jan 2022.)

♦ “She said she hopes the city will do more to make sure residents are safe just *walking down a street* [italics mine].” (“Another NYC woman sucker-punched on street in attack that left her with broken jaw” by Yaron Steinbuch, *The New York Post*, March 29, 2024. Franz Jeudy, 33, her attacker, was arrested and released without bail. Skiboky Stora has also been arrested for randomly harassing and punching women. Mallik Miah was arrested for punching Mikayla Toninato.)

♦ See the Wikipedia article “List of people killed while running.” “This list includes people that were murdered while running for exercise.” Eliza Fletcher, murdered in Memphis in 2022, is on the list. So is Mollie Tibbets, murdered in Brooklyn, Iowa, in 2018. And Karina Vetrano, murdered in Queens, New York City, in 2016.

inclusion & exclusion: objectification

blackball (verb)

blackball him
he has accused teams of colluding to ~ (an athlete)

acceptance & rejection: color / mark / society / verb
oppression: color / mark / society / verb

blackballed

blackballed by league owners
the truth is he was ~ (NFL player Colin Kaepernick)

acceptance & rejection: color / mark / society
oppression: color / mark / society

black belt (person)

black belt adversaries

our ~ (FBI Director Chris Wray about threats)

bureaucratic black belt

he was a skilled infighter, a ~ (State Department)

♦ "At the moment, where [AI] is most dangerous, is taking what I would call a kind of JV criminal actors or foreign actors and making them varsity level. What I'm more concerned about is the day which is coming fast where AI is going to be good enough to take the sort of black belt adversaries and make them that much more effective." (FBI Director Chris Wray.)

person: sports & games

ability & lack of ability / conflict: person / sports & games

black box (noun)

black box

the military is a ~, you never know what's going on
~s whose inner workings are mysterious (brains)
it's really a ~ (human embryo research vs. rats, mice)
the FCC is a ~, they don't tell you what they are doing

big black box

it's the ~ we're going to try and look into (investigation)

access & lack of access / analysis, interpretation & explanation / concealment & lack of concealment: color / tools & technology

black eye

black eye for Rupert Murdoch

what a ~ (scandal)

black eye for the sport

when judges cheat, it's a ~ (Olympic figure skating)

brought a black eye to the sport

they have ~ (swim coaches photograph nude girls)

puts a black eye on the sport

it really ~ (cyclist admits to doping)

take a black eye for this

I don't think Cleveland will ~ (fan riot)

gives us (all) a black eye

it ~ (hunter on hunter who shot a tame deer)

flaws & lack of flaws / reputation: color / eye / mark

black hat (bad)

white hat-black hat

they have this ~ mentality (social groups)

character & personality: hat / sign, signal, symbol

black hole

legal black hole

he is being kept in a ~ (arrested)

black hole for communication

Afghanistan was a ~ (no infrastructure)

in a black hole

I was ~ (unable to easily communicate)

♦ In a black hole, the gravity is so strong that not even light can escape. In other words, nothing gets out.

♦ "It's a black hole." (State law prevents releasing information from a state mental hospital. Loss of federal funds means no federal oversight.)

♦ "This is the problem of spying. You are always in one particular silo within that particular organization in a black hole of information like Afghanistan, so you are really focusing on one area but you are blind sometimes basically to other activities happening around." (Aimen Dean.)

♦ "I know... one of the best things that the prison system is good at doing is hiding behind the walls." (Paul Taylor, "the man who started the Strangeways Prison riot." The riot occurred in Manchester, England, in 1990.)

♦ "There has been a complete communication blackout in Gaza." (War / no cell phone, internet connectivity. One newspaper reported, "Gaza 'disconnected from the planet.'" The situation lasted for 34 hours.)

♦ see also *dark* (go dark, etc.)

access & lack of access / concealment & lack of concealment / consciousness & awareness / isolation & remoteness: astronomy / color / light & dark

blacklist (verb)

blacklist the (Chinese) company

the decision to ~ was seen as a bargaining ploy (tariffs)

acceptance & rejection: color / mark / society / verb

oppression: color / mark / society / verb

blacklisted

blacklisted

his books have been ~ (disgraced French author)

acceptance & rejection: color / mark / society

oppression: color / mark / society

Black Mirror

Black Mirror

it's all very ~, isn't it (deep fakes and journalism, etc.)

Black Mirror stuff

this is some real-life ~ (facial recognition)

♦ Black Mirror is a TV science-fiction series created by Charlie Brooker that updated the older Twilight Zone series (see *Twilight Zone*).

fantasy & reality: allusion

black out (verb)

blackened out

I ~ (alcohol)

consciousness & awareness: alcohol / color / verb

black sheep

black sheep of the band

Dennis was already the ~ (the Beach Boys)

black sheep of the family

he's the ~

I was the ~ and took the wrong direction (gang)

black-sheep brother

invite the ~ to the wedding

character & personality: animal / color / sheep
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: animal / color / sheep

black swan (rarity)

black swan of this event

we've got this ~ where we had to... (pandemic)

black-swan candidate

Trump is a one of a kind, a ~ (said in 2016)

“black swan” events

the unexpected ~ posed challenges (election campaign)
~ are rare but unpredictable

black swan event

a US default is such a ~ that it has never happened before
the community suffered a single ~ but is safe (crime)

black-swan event

this is a ~, and... (COVID-19 pandemic)

“Black Swan” possibilities

the reports identifies some ~ that could disrupt...

“Black Swan” theory

the ~ of risk (economics and disasters)

fifty other black swans

we're lucky we haven't seen ~ (markets stable / pandemic)

beware the black swan

you must ~ (a highly unlikely unpredictable event)

see a black swan

I never in my life thought I'd ~

♦ “Black swan” events that hurt Bernie Sanders in his bid to be the Democratic nominee for president in 2019-2020 included: (1) his heart attack (2) Trump's impeachment trial, which meant Sanders had to take time off from campaigning and (3) the coronavirus pandemic that made it impossible for him to hold large rallies of his supporters.

♦ “Everything has been hit. I never in my life thought I'd see a black swan. This is a black swan.” (“The ‘Undertaker Of Silicon Valley’ Stays Busy As Startups Lay Off Thousands” by Bobby Allyn, NPR, All Things Considered, April 20, 2020. The COVID pandemic.)

♦ “A movie like *The Color Purple* could be treated like a Haley's Comet, an outlier striking at just the right moment, every once in a while.” (Hollywood.)

♦ You observe 5,000 white swans. You conclude, “All swans are white.” Then Captain Cook goes to Australia, and he notices black swans.” (A problem with observation and inductive reasoning.)

♦ A “five-sigma event” has only a one-in-3.5 million probability of happening.

fate, fortune & chance: animal / bird / color / sky

occurrence: animal / bird / color / sky

appearance & disappearance: animal / bird / color / sky

black tulip (rarity)

black tulip for cricket collectors

it's the ~

♦ “It's the rarest book in cricket history. It's the Black Tulip for cricket collectors. There are only five known copies, there's no copy in the British Library...” (*All the Grand Matches Between 1771 and 1791*, at auction for \$250,000.)

comparison & contrast: epithet

occurrence / superlative: plant

worth & lack of worth: allusion / color / epithet / plant

blah (and blah blah blah / speech)

blah-blah-blah-blah-blah

centering people's humanity, ~, it was vapor (politician)

just “blah, blah, blah”

Greta Thunberg has said the UN climate summits are ~

♦ “Campaigner Greta Thunberg has said the UN climate summits are just ‘blah, blah, blah’—meaning all talk and no action.”

♦ “He has an unfortunate tic, when speaking about grave topics, of trailing off his sentences and adding filler words like *blah blah blah* and *all that stuff*.” (“Arnold's Last Act” by Mark Leibovich, *The Atlantic*, April 2023.)

♦ Also, sometimes, “Yada, yada, yada.”

speech: sound

sound: speech

substance & lack of substance: sound / speech

worth & lack of worth: sound / speech

blank (fill in the blanks)

fill in the blanks

they want to ~, connect the dots, figure out... (probe)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: school & education

blanket (verb)

blanketed (much of) the Northwest in ash

the eruption ~ (volcano)

blanketed the city with (orange) dust

the huge sandstorm ~ (Beijing / 2010)

blanketed the Southeast

forests ~ before European settlers arrived

blanketed the area

federal, state and local police ~ (manhunt)

blanketed (several) cities

snow and ice ~

blanketed the island

ash and smoke have ~ of St. Vincent (eruption)

blanketed mountains

snow ~ in the UAE, a rare occurrence

configuration / cover: blanket / cloth / verb

blanket (under a blanket)

under the blanket of snow

polar plants and animals ~

configuration / cover: cloth / blanket

blanket (cover)

blanket of ash

a ~ covered the orange and lemon trees (eruption)

blanket of clouds

a ~ hid Pumori, Ama Dablam, and other lesser peaks

configuration / cover: blanket / cloth

blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)

blanket amnesty

he has offered a ~ to the soldiers (New Guinea)

he does not favor a ~ for illegal immigrants

blanket guarantee

is that a ~ that...

blanket policy

airlines handle it on a case-by-case basis, without a ~

blanket statement

it is a ~ that is just not right

extent & scope: cloth / blanket

blanketed

blanketed by (lush) forests

Haiti was once ~ (now 90% deforested)

blanketed with floating sand and dust

Northern China ~

configuration / cover: cloth / blanket

blaring (headlines, etc.)

blaring headlines

~, fleshy photos and breathless coverage (a tabloid)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

blasphemy

committing blasphemy

is he ~ by... (analysis of war strategy)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

blast (criticize)

blasted him for taking

they ~ this position (politics)

blasted her

her critics ~ (politics)

blasted his predecessor

Obama finally ~ by name

speech: explosion / sound / verb / weapon

accusation & criticism: explosion / force / military / verb / weapon

blast (blasted the Bahamas, etc.)

blasted the Bahamas with (maximum sustained) winds

Hurricane Dorian ~ of 185 m.p.h.

storm: force

blasted apart

canon has been blasted apart

but that ~ (doctors withhold prognosis)

destruction: explosion

blast radius (noun)

blast radius

its ~ was the entire world (NotPetya worm)

blast radius of gentrification

the project has created a ~ (Galataport / taxes and rent)

blast radius from their theory

the ~ would sow elections chaos (Supreme Court argument)

in the blast radius

Tom Brady got caught ~ (Anthony Brown controversy)

blast radius wasn't contained

the ~ to social and hip-hop media circles (KL's "Control")

♦ "Brady just happened to be the blowback. He got caught up in the blowback, Skip, the collateral damage, that's what Brady is. And so, it was a blast radius. He dropped the bomb, 'I got BA [Bruce Arians], I got the Tampa medical staff, I got...' and Tom Brady and Guerrero, they got caught up in that, Skip, the blast radius. (Shannon Sharpe talking with Skip Bayless on their great sports show "Undisputed" about the Antonio Brown controversy of January 2022.)

♦ "A longtime member of the local residents' association who has lived here for most of her life, Eginlioglu says the project has created a blast radius of gentrification, increasing her property taxes and causing rents to rise even faster than they had been already during the recent economic crisis and rapid devaluation of Turkey's currency the lira." ("The Loathe Boat: the honking cruise ships 'ruining' Istanbul's port" by Ruth Michaelson and Cansu Yapici, *The Guardian*, 2 Sep 2023.)

♦ "The phenomena are always of the same kind. The miners are either immediately destroyed by the explosion, and thrown with the horses and machinery through the shaft into the air, the mine becoming as it were an enormous piece of artillery, from which they are projected; or they are gradually suffocated, and undergo a more painful death, from the carbonic acid and azote [nitrogen] remaining in the mine, after the inflammation of the firedamp; or what, though it appears the mildest, is perhaps the most severe fate, they are burnt or maimed, and often rendered incapable of labour, and of healthy enjoyment of life." (*On the Safety Lamp for Coal Miners, with Some Researches into Flame* by Humphry Davy, 1818.)

destruction / effect / force: explosion / military

blather (noun)

patriotic blather

~ like "*Dulce et decorum est / Pro Patria mori*"

worth & lack of worth: speech

blaze (blaze a trail, etc.)

see *trail* (*blaze a trail*)

blaze (in a blaze of glory)

went out in a blaze of glory

he ~ (Custer)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: fire / light & dark

bleat (verb)

bleating on about the World Cup

I see Lineker is ~ saying... (virtue signalling, hypocrisy, etc.)

bleats away about (desperately) needing

he ~ to... (criticism of a celebrity)

speech: animal / sheep / sound / verb

bleed (verb)

bled across borders

the crisis has ~ (terrorism)

bleeding into everything

politics is ~ (*Dancing with Stars* kerfuffle)

bleed into work

don't let the issues in your personal life ~ (employment)

bleed over into other things

does that delusional disorder ~

bleeds into their personal lives

inevitably their work ~ (FBI hunters of serial killers)

bleeding us dry

this price war is ~ (destroying our profits)

bleeding cash

Airbus is ~, chief executive warns

bleeding jobs

US manufacturing have been ~

bleeding money

the school was ~ (troubled charter school)

leaking: blood / health & medicine / verb

bleed (bleed black and gold, etc.)

bleed (craft) beer

we ~ (BrewDog)

bleed (Chicago Cubs) blue

if you prick me, I'll ~

bleed yellow

we say they ~ (school-bus drivers who enjoy job)

bleed black and gold

LAFC fans “~” for the team and players

enthusiasm / identity & nature: blood / verb

bleed (noun)

talent bleed

the conventional explanation for ~ is... (military)

stanch the (talent) bleed

if the Army hopes to ~, it needs to...

leaking: blood / health & medicine

bleeding

financial bleeding

you need to stop your ~ now

staunch the bleeding

opening up ~ of its tourism sector (Dubai / pandemic)

leaking: blood / health & medicine

blemish (noun)

blemish on the game

his injury was the only ~ (sports)

blemishes against him

I'm a massive fan, but there are those two ~ (boxer / drugs)

ugly blemish

the Charlottesville tragedy was “an ~” on the US (2017)

flaws & lack of flaws: mark

blend (mixture)

blend of fear, anger, need, and love

their relationship was a toxic ~

mixture: materials & substances

blend in (verb)

blend in

Tom Wolfe did not ~ (clothes, writing)

easily blend in

drug traffickers ~ (Atlanta)

♦ “It's not trying to blend in. It's trying to stand out.” (A developer about a proposed 1,600-foot tower in midtown Manhattan.)

concealment & lack of concealment: mixture / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: mixture / verb

blessed

blessed

with sun and wind, California is ~ (renewable energy)

blessed with (over) 100 waterfalls

Sri Lanka is ~

blessed with good looks and money

she wasn't just ~, she was also smart

cost & benefit: religion

blessing (sanction)

blessing of the board

the bid is expected to get the ~

with the city's blessing

~, cars pair up for duels (legal drag racing)

his blessing

to acquire public credibility, ~ was essential

given the vote its blessing

the election board has ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

blessing (benefit)

blessing

the seasonal flooding of the Mekong is a ~, not a curse

blessing or a bane

oil can be a ~ for a country (corruption, etc.)

blessing and a burden
patients see choice as both a ~

blessing and a curse
these gems have been a ~ (Sierra Leone diamonds)
the annual rains are a ~ for the subcontinent (floods)

blessings as well as its scourges
celebrity's ~

mixed blessing
progress has been a ~

cost & benefit: religion

blight (verb)

blighted (Aboriginal) communities
alcohol and poverty have ~ (Northern Territory)

blights the present
history ~ (Balkans)

corruption: plant / verb

blight (noun)

moral blight
"whiteness" is not a ~ (race)

urban blight
the group is devoted to fighting ~ (buildings)

corruption: plant

blighted

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

blighted neighborhoods
the city's ~

blighted by coal dust and noise
their lives are being ~

corruption: plant

blind (noticing, understanding, judging)

blind to merit
the military personnel system is nearly ~

"blind" to genocide preparations
the report said France had been ~ (Rwanda)

blind to race, religion and ethnicity
the state is ~ (French ideal)

blind to (all) reason and decency
terrorists are ~

blind spot
rivals of the U.S. are aware of this ~ (NSA surveillance)
home testing has created a major ~ (COVID data)

blind, deaf and dumb
terrorists are ~ to all reason and decency

colorblind
~ justice under the law is enshrined in our system (US)
the ~ application of the rule of law

♦ "Willful blindness is something we have said can constitute knowledge." (Justice Sonia Sotomayor of the U.S. Supreme Court.)

♦ "Weird scoring from the judges especially the partially sighted one that awarded it to Joshua." (A snarky comment on the second fight between Oleksandr Usyk and Anthony Joshua.)

♦ "It's horrific that somebody died. It would be even worse if the sport stood with its fingers in its ears and its eyes closed." (Ice hockey broadcaster Seth Bennett, about the interest in neck guards following the death of hockey player Adam Johnson in Sheffield, England, after his neck was slashed by Matt Petgrave.)

♦ "However, it was not long before he learnt the reason of all this, for he perceived that other people had an advantage over him and that his brothers and sisters were able to do things that he could not do and to tackle things that he could not. He felt that his mother permitted his brothers and sisters to do things that were forbidden to him. This aroused, at first, a feeling of resentment, but ere long his feeling of resentment turned to a silent, but heartfelt, grief—when he heard his brothers and sisters describing things about which he had no knowledge at all. / Then he knew that they saw what he did not see." (*An Egyptian Childhood* by Taha Hussein, translated by E.H. Paxton, from *The Days*, the American University in Cairo Press.)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye

consciousness & awareness: eye

blind (hard to see, hidden)

blind curve
~ (sign)

blind drop
please scout ~s (kayaker Edward Lee Green)

blind spot
deserts can produce ~s (radio signal strength)

face blind
some people are ~ (can't recognize familiar faces)

♦ The actor Brad Pitt *believes* he may suffer from prosopagnosia, known as face blindness. According to his Wikipedia entry, "Formerly, however, Pitt has not been diagnosed with prosopagnosia."

♦ "Edward Lee Green / 1953-Dec. 27, 1998 / Outstanding musician, adventurer, loving father, beloved friend. His unique talents will be forever missed by those who knew him. / Died as a result of pinning at Crack-in-the-Rock Rapid Dec. 23, 1998 on the Raven Fork in Cherokee, NC. / Please Scout Blind Drops. / Jesus said, "I am the way..." John 14:6." (Monument at Dillsboro put-in on the Tuckasegee River in western North Carolina.)

sight: eye

blind (disregarding evidence, logic)

blind faith
he had this ~ in me (defensive coach)

blind hatred
terrorists are driven by ~

blind prejudice
criticism of Qatar smacks of ~ (*The Economist*)

blind optimism
hope is not ~ (Barak Obama)

commitment & determination: eye

blind (not controlled by intelligence)

blind draw

one judge becomes a substitute in a ~

fate, fortune & chance: eye

blind (fly blind)

flying blind

the psychiatrist is ~ (treating soldiers with drugs)

the US economy is ~ (during government shutdown)

♦ "We are flying partly blind. It's like having, maybe, thirty flashlights that you're just arbitrarily shining at different locales around the United States, and the rest of the country is in the dark." (Identifying mutations of the COVID virus. Dr. David Relman of Stanford University.)

consciousness & awareness: plane

blind alley (noun)

ran into blind alleys

he ~ (a scientist)

lead him down blind alleys

his dribbling skills would ~ (young soccer phenom)

success & failure: infrastructure / journeys & trips

progress & lack of progress: infrastructure / journeys & trips

blind date

blind date

I was on a ~ with this great guy

sight: eye

blinded

blinded by love

I was so ~ that I didn't see the problem in front of me

consciousness & awareness: eye

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

blinder (noun)

narrow blinders

it takes self-awareness to view the world without ~

blinders fell from her eyes

she recalled how the ~ (she thought he loved only her)

viewed through the blinders

every issue is ~ of a particular interest (government)

♦ **Blinders are the same as blinkers.**

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / horse

consciousness & awareness: eye / horse

blindfold (noun)

America's blindfold

~ was finally coming off (COVID spreading in US)

consciousness & awareness: eye

blinding

blinding sandstorm

another day of ~s and battlefield confusion (Iraq)

a ~ in Baghdad forced the postponement of...

blinding whiteout

a snowstorm caused a ~ (50-vehicle pileup)

sight: eye

blindly

blindly committed

the IMF is ~ to the policy of...

commitment & determination: eye

blindness (face blindness, etc.)

face blindness

prosopagnosia, known as ~

seablindness

what the strategist Seth Cropsey calls ~ (see quote below)

time blindness

~, the inability to keep track of time

♦ **The actor Brad Pitt believes he may suffer from prosopagnosia, known as face blindness.**

♦ "In my writings I have sought to underscore sea power's importance and the reliance of our economy on the sea... Despite my experience, I was never able to convince my mother... Her perspective is consistent with a phenomenon that the strategist Seth Cropsey has called seablindness... But the very success of this project (power exerted to maintain the freedom of the seas in recent times) now threatens its future. Seablindness has become endemic. ("America's Future Is At Sea" by Jerry Hendrix, *The Atlantic*, April, 2023.)

♦ "I bet the time blindness goes away when it's time to clock out." (A snarky commenter about "Woman doubles down on 'time blindness,' insists it's a real condition after backlash," *New York Post*, August 2, 2023. The woman, who struggles to be on time, was seeking an "accommodation" at a trade school. Her video generated 500,000 comments.)

consciousness & awareness: eye

blindsided (verb)

blindsided Israel

Hamas ~ with its attack from Gaza (Israel-Hamas war)

readiness & preparedness: eye / verb

consciousness & awareness: eye / verb

blind side (from the blind side)

blind side

fire team approaches the bunker from its ~

sight: eye

blindsided

blindsided by his action

we were ~

blindsided by Johnson's announcement

the Lakers were clearly ~ ("Magic" Earvin resigns)

blindsided by (nude-photos) leak

Jennifer Lawrence ~

readiness & preparedness: eye
consciousness & awareness: eye

blind spot

blind spot

the murder occurred in a ~ (no surveillance cameras)
it's a ~ so enormous we barely notice it (future)

ethical blind spot

he has an ~ regarding the appearance of impropriety

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye

consciousness & awareness: eye

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

blink (conflict)

blink

America will not ~ in the fight against terrorists
there's a conflict here and somebody has to ~ (politics)

blink first

who will ~ in this third set (tennis / Wimbledon)

blinks first

so it becomes a case of who ~ (the West vs. Iran)

blinked and then backed down

Obama ~ (Syria crosses red line)

♦ "It's a bit of a staring contest and both sides are going to lose a little bit." (Nancy Pelosi decides to visit Taiwan against Biden's wishes.)

feeling, emotion & effect: eye

**conflict / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things /
dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat:
animal / eye / gesture / verb**

blink (in the blink of an eye)

in the blink of an eye

and ~ it let go (cougar attack)
my family disappeared ~ (pandemic)
flowering plants conquered the world seemingly ~
a young family was destroyed ~ (an awful car crash)

speed: eye

blink (light)

blinked its lights

a Mercedes ~

resemblance: eye / verb

blinkered (adjective)

blinkered denial

his ~ of what is obvious tells us all we need to know

blinkered narrow-mindedness

if only the Western media could shed its ~

perception, perspective & point of view: horse / eye

consciousness & awareness: horse / eye

blinkers (noun)

pulls away the blinkers

she ~, widening the focus (*The Gun, the Ship, and the Pen*)

♦ Blinkers are the same as blinders.

perception, perspective & point of view: horse / eye

consciousness & awareness: horse / eye

blip (noun)

blip

the drop may simply be a "~" (deaths from virus)

blip of cases

we don't want these ~ to become resurgences of cases

blip of coverage

after a mere ~, it fell off the front pages (club fire)

blip on the radar screen

Ecstasy is no longer a ~ (the club scene)

blip on the (campaign) radar

foreign policy was barely a ~ (2019 electioneering)

blip on the (historical) radar

the industry is such a small ~ right now

blip in the data

is it a trend or just a ~

blip in the history of the United States

in some ways, Prohibition seems like a ~

blip or a lasting feature

economists disagree over whether it is a short-term ~

blip or a trend

is his loss a ~ (electoral defeat)

blip or a lasting trend

is the record number of women candidates a ~

blip or a hint of the future

are falling oil prices a ~

short-term blip

it may be a ~ or a lasting feature (wage inflation)

temporary blip

the figures suggest a recovery, not just a ~ (economy)
his success was still dismissed as a ~ (young politician)

slight blips

police report only ~ in security plans

tiny little blip

the Wuhan virus will be "a ~ on the horizon" (prediction)

barely a blip

for the young, the nuclear test is ~ (not important)

just a blip

the decrease in the daily death toll may be ~ (pandemic)

movement or a blip

is it a ~ (voters elect socialist mayor in US)

ignored the movement as a blip
many ~ that would never break into the mainstream (gays)

♦ *Oscillographs and radar screens have blips.*

importance & significance: size / tools & technology

presence & absence: size / tools & technology

starting, going, continuing & ending: size / tools & technology

blistering (adjective)

blistering attacks
many groups have issued ~ on her (a journalist)

blistering comment
a ~ came from....

blistering speech
Greta Thunberg gave a ~ at the climate summit

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

blitz (campaign)

blitz by the White House
the news precipitated a public-relations ~

blitz of (negative) advertising
there has been a ~ (politics)

blitz surrounding her (latest) album
the promotional ~

blitz chess
Carlsen beat Karpov in a game of ~

media blitz
a local ~ keeps her picture on the front pages (missing)

publicity blitz
a ~ arranged by advisers (for a politician)

public-relations blitz
the news precipitated a ~ by the White House

advertising blitz
a lavish ~ (for Microsoft software)

promotional blitz
the ~ surrounding her latest album (singer)

waging a (full-scale media) blitz
he has been ~ (ex-politician promotes his book)

amount & effect / attention, scrutiny & promotion / campaign: military / weapon

blizzard (consciousness)

“blizzard of everything”
a life lived online in the ~ (Patricia Lockwood character)

feeling their way in a blizzard
financial analysts are ~, squinting through the snow

consciousness & awareness: snow & ice / weather & climate

blizzard (noun)

blizzard
with the ~ in full fury, I sent out a tweet (a Twitter storm)

blizzard of (red, white and blue) confetti
a ~ (New Years in Time Square)

blizzard of fire
there was a ~ at the intersection (combat)

blizzard of intruders
we are constantly faced by a positive ~ (pathogens)

blizzard of punches
he has withstood a ~ (a boxer)
he would throw a ~ (prior to fight / Muhammad Ali)

blizzard of (new) regulations
businesspeople have been affected by a ~

blizzard of speculation
there has been a ~ (honeymoon murder)

blizzard of facts and figures
it is included in a ~ that obscures...

Scorsesian blizzard
there is a ~ of directors' names (during an interview)

♦ It's possible that "blizzard" originally meant "a stunning blow, as by the fist." The word that we know today that relates to snow seems to have originated in Iowa in 1870, according to *Thereby Hangs a Tale* by Charles Earle Funk. Whatever the origin of the word, the idea of great forces of nature striking, beating, and lashing is quite a conventional one. See the glossary entry in this work for "storm (1): force (2)" for examples.

♦ "The blizzard was what we called a purga, during which the temperature can drop well below zero, with the gale so violent that it will lift roofs off houses and uproot trees. Walking during a purga is out of the question. As a rule every blizzard is accompanied by loss of life. / Around us the scene was unbelievable... / We shrank back in our tents and sat in silent awe..." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

amount & effect: snow & ice / storm

bloated (size)

bloated budget
the US must resolve its ~

bloated bureaucracy
the ~ isn't keeping us safer (national security)

bloated inbox
a ~ is a familiar headache

bloated and inefficient
our intelligence agencies are ~

refugee-bloated
a ~ population

size: fatness & thinness / health & medicine

block (around the block)

been around the block
he has ~ and fought for world titles (a boxer)

been around the NBA block
he has ~ a time or three (older veteran player)

experience: infrastructure

block (obstacle)

writer's block

but sometimes ~ hits and I can't think of a way to start

♦ In the dictionary I use, there is no entry for "writer's block" but there is an entry for "writer's cramp."

♦ "The log jam broke." (Writer's block.)

obstacles & impedance: wall

block (out of the blocks)

quick out of the blocks

Liverpool were ~ in the second half (soccer)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games

blockbuster (noun)

blockbuster

the modern age of ~s (films)

blockbuster antidepressant

Prozac, its ~ (drug company)

blockbuster (IMAX) film

the ~ Everest

blockbuster (fraud) suit

the agency brought a ~ against the company

blockbuster writer

such ~s as...

* Blockbusters were high-explosive bombs dropped on cities in World War II.

amount & effect / attention, scrutiny & promotion / feeling, emotion & effect / success & failure: explosion / weapon

blogosphere (in the blogosphere)

in the blogosphere

the videos appear to be firmly entrenched ~

computer: earth & world / place

blogosphere (other)

blogosphere

the ~ is alight with conspiracy theories

far-right blogosphere

the "frog" meme is widely associated with the ~

percolating (for years) around the blogosphere

the argument has been ~

computer: earth & world / place

blood (death)

drenched Russia in blood

he has ~ (Stalin)

death & life: blood / sign, signal, symbol

blood (blood represents life)

blood and tears

enough of ~, enough (Palestinian-Israeli conflict)

treasure and blood

how much more can we give in ~ (foreign wars)

death & life: blood / sign, signal, symbol

blood (in one's blood)

in Katherine Brunt's blood

cricket is ~ (England)

in her blood

Caroline Dubois was born with boxing ~ (UK boxer)

in his blood

he has politics and showmanship ~ (Gov. Andrew Cuomo)

it was in his genes, ~ (Calvin Klein sketches as kid)

newspaper ink was ~ (the journalist Lou Cannon)

in my blood

it wasn't ~ (working in family business)

this place is ~ (High Street resident / Newark)

the city is ~ (Baghdad)

in our blood

cricket is ~ (A Pakistani fan)

the love of jade is ~ (a Han Chinese)

gets in your blood

it ~ (helping others at Arlington National Cemetery)

♦ "The city is in my blood, the ruins of its palaces, the mosques and the river." (An Iraqi, speaking of Baghdad.)

♦ "Mohammed Aly Square is my aunt. Rue Cherif Pasha is my first cousin, and the Rue de Ramleh my second. How can I leave them?" (The poet Constantine Cavafy, quoted in "As Good as Great Poetry Gets" by Daniel Mendelsohn.)

♦ "He has aviation fuel running through his veins." Said of an ex-RAF, ex-BA pilot who flies airshows.

♦ "It's in Larry Page's blood and Google's DNA to believe that A.I. is the company's inevitable destiny..." (2017.)

♦ "The music is really in the veins of these people." (Opera and the residents of Parma, according to the beloved NPR reporter and journalist Sylvia Poggioli.)

♦ "There's some black and orange somewhere in my blood." (A fan of the Baltimore Orioles baseball team.)

identity & nature: blood

blood (identity)

family blood

our ~ says never give up, continue on (Nik Wallenda)

drop of Russian blood

there was not a ~ in her veins (Catherine the Great)

♦ "I may be from Tampa, but my blood is in Cuba... I have a lot of family still left in Cuba." (Kevin Morejon, protesting in Florida.)

♦ "If you were born in Naples, football is part of your blood. Our blood is [Napoli] blue, it's not red." (A happy fan after Napoli drew with Udinese to become the 2022-23 Serie A Champions.)

identity & nature: blood

blood (in cold blood)

shoot her (3 times) in cold blood
how could he ~...

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

blood (smell blood)

scent blood
Mr Prayuth's enemies ~ (Thailand)

smell blood
they ~ (victory in tournament)

smells blood
the opposition Labor Party ~ (vote of no confidence)

smell blood in the water
Republicans ~

♦ "Once he smelt blood, Hrgovic followed up with a barrage of right hands." (Filip Hrgovic versus Mark De Mori at The Day of Reckoning in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.)

conflict: animal / blood / predation / verb

blood (bay for blood)

see *bay* (*bay for blood, etc.*)

blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.)

with blood in their eyes
other soldiers, ~, came up and threatened to shoot him

♦ see also *mist* (*red mist*), *red* (*see red*)

mental health: blood

feeling, emotion & effect / violence: blood / color

blood (blood on one's hands, etc.)

see *hand* (*bloody hands, etc.*)

blood (out for blood)

out for blood
she is ~ (vindictive)

conflict / punishment & recrimination: animal / blood / predation

blood (draw blood)

drawn blood
nobody has ~ yet (chess match with 8 draws)

conflict: animal / blood / predation

blood (blood boils)

blood boils
my ~ when I see violations (traffic)

made my blood boil
well, that ~, that this white woman felt so entitled...

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

blood (blood runs cold)

made my blood run cold
and then he said something that ~ (violence)

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

blood (young blood, etc.)

fresh blood
the king might reshuffle his cabinet to inject ~

young blood
the US must add ~ to its veteran roster (women's soccer)

experience: blood

blood (bad blood)

bad blood
the ~ started early (politics)

bad blood between them
there is ~

conflict: blood

blood (effort)

blood and iron
see *iron and blood* (*effort, sacrifice*)

blood and sacrifice
all the ~ we made up to his point is for nothing (war)

blood and treasure
we have wasted an enormous amount of ~ in Afghanistan
it's a complete waste in terms of ~ (Afghanistan)
President Johnson reflected on the cost in ~ (Vietnam War)
we need to pull out and save American ~ (Afghanistan)

blood, sweat and tears
he gave the franchise 20 years of his ~ (Kobe Bryant)

blood, treasure and effort
after so many years, and so much ~ (US in Afghanistan)

iron and blood
see *iron and blood* (*effort, sacrifice*)

sweat and blood
a lot of ~ went into it (making a film)

sacrifice: blood / sign, signal, symbol
difficulty, easiness & effort: blood / sign, signal, symbol

bloodbath (noun)

bloodbath
there's going to be a ~ (a football game)

'Blood Bath'
political fighting could make redistricting a ~ (Texas)

bloodbath in tech stocks
there was a ~ (Dow)

bloodbath at ABC News
last week's ~ (50 staffers laid off)

partisan bloodbath

he turned the hearings into a ~ (politics)

♦ "That's a Mark Stoops team. They're going to be physical. He's a defensive coach. They run the rock. I've always said our kids are the most sore they've ever been after playing Kentucky. It was that way last year. It was a blood bath last year up there and it'll be the same way." (Georgia football coach Kirby Smart about playing unbeaten Kentucky. "The rock" refers to the football.)

♦ "And that was just round one in what would be a three-round bloodbath." (Elon Musk buys Twitter, fires half of employees.)

♦ "The battle that followed began at 1400 hours on December 6 and ended on December 15, barely a mile north of where it had begun. It was a ten-day blood bath that cost the Regiment over a hundred and fifty battle casualties. / The opening attack was made in broad daylight by Charley Company under cover of the strongest artillery support Division could muster. It was a devastating barrage...but the enemy replied with equal violence and within minutes Charley was being pounded into the saturated valley floor under a titanic upheaval of mud and steel. Dog, coming up behind, tried to avoid the worst of that holocaust..." (*And No Birds Sang* by Farley Mowat. World War II. Italy.)

conflict: blood / violence

blood brother (connection)

blood brothers

soldiering and drinking have always been ~

relationship: blood / family

division & connection: blood / family

bloodhound (noun)

bloodhound

he's a born ~ who lives to track the scent of malfeasance

searching & discovery: animal / dog / hunting

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / dog / hunting

bloodletting (noun)

bloodletting at *Sports Illustrated*

the ~ continued Friday... (firings, resignations, etc.)

conflict: blood / violence

blood sport (noun)

blood sport

when law and politics were a noble pursuit, not a ~

blood sport of politics

I would not be deterred by the ~ (Hillary R. Clinton)

blood sport of (party) politics

the ~ drives the US media

bloodsport of (Red vs. Blue party) politics

the ~ drives the US media

tabloid blood sport

she became the target of ~ (Britney Spears)

Washington blood sport

even by the standards of ~, this was bare-knuckled politics

equivalent of blood sport

this steel ~ (demolition derbies)

turned campaigning for Oscars into a blood sport

he turned ~ (the film producer Harvey Weinstein)

♦ Blood sports include dog fighting, bullfighting, fox-hunting, cockfighting, and bear-baiting.

conflict: animal / blood / predation / sports & games / violence

bloodthirsty (adjectivity)

bloodthirsty zeal

the ~ of revisionist history

behavior: animal / blood / predation

character & personality: animal / blood / predation

bloody (guilt)

hands are bloody

his ~ (a politician)

guilt / responsibility: blood

bloody (conflict)

bloody (intraparty) quarrel

it's not what Republicans wanted, a ~ (politics)

conflict: blood

bloom (verb)

bloomed

their relationship ~

membership (in professional social networks) has ~

his career has ~

romance ~

his paranoia ~

bloomed in the role

she truly ~ (an actor)

bloomed into an international incident

the case has ~

bloomed into a showroom

his small home shop has ~

bloomed during the last decade

interest has ~ (new literature theory)

bloomed as a teenager

she ~ (physically)

bloomed intellectually

that year our daughter ~ (in a gifted class)

bloomed late

their careers both ~ (successful athletes)

romance bloomed

in this emotional wasteland, ~ (divorce)

growth & development: plant / verb

bloom (bloom has faded, etc.)

bloom is off the rose

at 30, the ~ of both grownup life and their careers

bloom had faded

as soon as the first ~ of my work... (a writer)

decline: plant

bloomer (late bloomer)

late bloomer

as someone who has always considered himself a ~...

timeliness & lack of timeliness: fruits & vegetables / plant

growth & development: life span / fruits & vegetables / plant

blossom (verb)

blossomed

he has ~ after a slow start (a Chelsea soccer player)

blossomed into (real) depression

my uncertainty had ~ (the future)

blossomed into (full-blown) panic

the thought ~

blossomed into warfare

simmering resentments ~ (two politicians)

blossoming in the Middle East

a revolutionary spirit is ~

blossom out of control

the consequences can ~ (problems on 767 jetliner)

blossomed all over the country

now citizens' groups have ~

groups have blossomed

now citizens' ~ all over the country (Siberia)

love (for yo-yos) blossomed

his ~ again

growth & development: plant / verb

blot (noun)

blot on his record

his racial ideas appear to modern eyes as a ~ (Churchill)

blot on our reputation

renditions and torture will long remain a ~ (US in Iraq)

flaws & lack of flaws: mark

reputation: mark

blow (bitter blow, etc.)

blow

this is not a ~ but a boost

blow to the city

the decision is an embarrassing ~

blows to this community

a string of crushing ~

blow to our defense

losing him, it's a huge ~ (football)

blow to the environment

loss of the reefs will be a major ~

blow to the regime

loss of the airport was a huge psychological ~ (war)

blow to the city's reputation

the violence is a ~ (Rio / carnival)

blow to the (farmworkers) union

the Supreme Court's decision was a mortal ~

body blow

see *blow (body blow, etc.)*

dagger blow

we must deal sharp ~s to the terrorists

knockout blow

see *blow (knockout blow)*

crippling blow

his death dealt a ~ to his network (a terrorist)

crushing blow

a string of ~s to this community

devastating blow

loss of the coral reefs would be a ~

embarrassing blow

the decision is an ~ to the city

stinging blow

the death of a donor dealt the hospital's reputation a ~

bitter blow

the defeat was a ~ for Serbia and Montenegro (soccer)

final blow

they saw the confrontation as the ~ (firing)

huge blow

losing him, it's a ~ to our defense (football)

major blow

loss of the reefs will be a ~ to the environment

mortal blow

the law would strike a ~ to a system that... (athletics)

the Supreme Court's decision was a ~ to the union

psychological blow

the takeover was a huge ~ to the regime (airport)

sharp (dagger) blow

we must deal ~s to the terrorists

string of (crushing) blows

a ~ to this community

soften the blow

he tried to ~ (economic news)

Boeing will try to ~ for them (supply chain)

deal a blow against the enemy

we will ~

dealt a (heavy) blow

the offensive has ~ to Hamas (Israel attacks Gaza)

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / sensation

blow (body blow, etc.)

body blow to the organization
he called Gogic's arrest a ~

body blow to the home team
the goal was a ~ (soccer)

body blow to Manchester United
make no mistake, this is a ~ (loss to Middlesbrough)

body blow for Biden
it's been a ~ (politics)

Body Blow for Assad's regime
"A ~" (title of article)

social and economic body blow
it's been a ~ for Wales (Tata Steel layoffs in Port Talbot)

feeling, emotion & effect: boxing / fist / sensation

blow (knockout blow)

knock-out blow
he was unable to land a ~ on Amy Klobuchar (politics)

knockout blow
the air campaign failed to deliver a ~ (Iraqi Freedom)
the ~ was delivered when... (investigation / indictments)

deliver a knockout blow
the air campaign failed to ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

land a knock-out blow
he was unable to ~ on Amy Klobuchar (I should hope not!)

destruction: boxing / fist

blowback (noun)

blowback risk
the ~ to Sanders is real (a political endorsement)

explosive blowback
the group faced ~ when it... (Southern Poverty Law Center)

legal blowback
the ~ forced the company into bankruptcy (opioids)
Alex Spiro helped Musk fend off the ~

political blowback
you can't attack Wall Street without ~

getting blowback
she is already ~ on how and when schools should reopen

♦ "Brady just happened to be the blowback. He got caught up in the blowback, Skip, the collateral damage, that's what Brady is. And so, it was a blast radius. He dropped the bomb, 'I got BA [Bruce Arians], I got the Tampa medical staff, I got...' and Tom Brady and Guerrero, they got caught up in that, Skip, the blast radius. (Shannon Sharpe talking with Skip Bayless on their great sports show "Undisputed" about the Antonio Brown controversy of January 2022.)

reversal: explosion / weapon

resistance, opposition & defeat: explosion / weapon

blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.)

blow-by-blow account
he gave me a ~ of what had happened

sequence / speech: boxing

blowhard (person)

blow-in
he is not quite a native but he's not a ~, an outsider

speech: person / wind

blow-in (noun)

blow-in
he is not quite a native but he's not a ~, an outsider

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bird / wind

blown away (feeling)

blown away
I was ~

prepare to be blown away
~ (a TV ad for a new movie)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / weapon

blown away (destruction)

blown away by a team
Manchester United were ~ in full cry (MU 0-7 Liverpool)

destruction: explosion / weapon

blow off (verb)

blew him off
at first, she said, she ~ (dismissed him)

dismissal, removal & resignation: breathing / verb

blowout (noun)

blowout
the fight was a ~ (easy victory)

difficulty, easiness & effort: explosion

blow over (verb)

things blow over
we'll be gone until ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: storm / verb / wind

starting, going, continuing & ending: storm / verb / wind

blowtorch (noun)

taking a blow torch towards that agenda
we are ~ (politics)

destruction / force: tools & technology

blow up (destroy / disrupt)

blown up the internet
the nursing community has ~ rallying to her cause (nurse)

blow up the norms
he did more to ~ than any five majority leaders (politics)

blew up social media
the issue was a hit and ~ (Eilish on British *Vogue* cover)

blow up the system
we want to ~ (anti-Nancy Pelosi young democrats)

blow up Wall Street
the guy who helped ~ (Michael Osinski)

blew up the Senate
this is the guy who ~ in the Obama years (McConnell)

destruction / disruption: explosion / verb

blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.)

blew up
the case ~ (attention paid to child abduction)
it had a signature dance that ~ with it (song "Hot Boy")

blown up
the elite drinking cup has ~ (#Stanley Cup / 7 billion views)

blew up on TikTok
his song ~

blowing up on our help line
this is such a popular scam, it is ~ (rental cars)

blowing up on TikTok
I want to talk about an artist who is ~ (Blanco Brown)

blew up with congratulations
coaches' phones ~

blowing up with messages
his phone has been ~ from friends and colleagues

blowing up with texts
my phone starts ~ from Cari (I hate you, etc.)

blew up from other schools
my phone ~, "Are we in danger..." (superintendent shot)

♦ "Women's boxing is blowing up and I'm super proud to be one of the girls." (The boxer Amanda Serrano talking with Steve Bunce.)

♦ "I want to take you through a 52-part TikTok series that has been blowing up and that has consumed me for the last 24 hours." (A podcaster about "Who TF Did I Marry" by Reesa Teesa.)

increase & decrease / initiation: explosion / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / verb

amount & effect: explosion / verb

blowup (attention / noun)

song's massive blowup
the ~ is partially thanks to TikTok

increase & decrease / initiation: explosion
attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion

blow up (blow up in one's face)

blow up in his face
it could ~ (if he ignored the infraction)

blown up in our face
this has ~ (supporting Somali warlords)

reversal: explosion / verb / weapon

blow up (emotion)

blew up
I couldn't take it anymore and I just ~

blew up over the issue
a recent city council meeting ~ (immigration)

♦ One hundred forty people were killed when a boiler blew up on a steamship in 1838. (See the Wikipedia entry "Steamship Pulaski disaster.")

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: explosion / pressure / verb / weapon

blowup (conflict)

blowup
there's going to be a ~ (controversy)

initiation: explosion / pressure / weapon

conflict: explosion / pressure / weapon

blue (out of the blue, etc.)

out of the blue
I was thinking of calling her when ~ she called me
pulmonary edema can, ~, strike down the best climber

absolutely out of the blue
her disappearance was ~

totally out of the blue
then something ~ happened... (a murder investigation)

bolt from the blue
see *bolt from the blue*

appear out of the blue
a thunderstorm can ~

appears out of the blue
an electrical problem ~ (HomeWire)

came out of the blue
nobody could do anything about the pandemic, it ~

came (quite) out of the blue
the "genius award" ~ (John D. MacArthur Foundation)

comes out of the blue
it ~ and you don't know when it will hit you (pandemics)

♦ "She furrowed her brow. It was a question from left field... / Now they were the ones thrown a curveball... / This was another question out of the blue..." (A well written police procedural.)

♦ "In southern Indiana lightning struck a ball field, injuring four members of the Seymour girl's high school softball team. One of the girls was in critical condition, while the other three sustained non-critical injuries... The skies were reportedly clear at the time of the strike."

fate, fortune & chance: color / electricity / lightning / sky / storm
appearance & disappearance / occurrence / origin: air / atmosphere / color / lightning / sky

blue (politics)

blue state

is Iowa at this point a red state or a ~

♦ "Is Iowa at this point a red state or a blue state?" "Iowa is still a purple state." (US politics, as talked about on NPR.)

♦ "Red, R, Reagan, that's why we chose red." (A network broadcaster during the 1984 presidential election, explaining why states that had gone for Reagan were colored red on a national map. Democratic states were colored blue.)

identity & nature: color

blue (feeling)

broken and blue

and so if I seem ~, walk on by (Dionne Warwick)

feeling blue

I'm ~

♦ "But when I'm down, and feeling blue, I close my eyes so I can be with you." (Irene Cara.)

feeling, emotion & effect: color

blue blood

fellow blue-bloods

North Carolina and ~ Kentucky and Duke (basketball teams)

hierarchy / superiority & inferiority: blood / color / royalty

blueprint

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they had to figure it out for themselves, there was no ~
FDR didn't have a ~, he was an experimenter (New Deal)

blueprint about what

there is no ~ to do next

blueprint for change

the plan is a ~, for action

blueprint for a better future

clean energy is a ~

blueprint for reforming

his ~ education has some good points

administration's blueprint

the ~ calls on states to adopt new standards

education blueprint

the president will send his ~ to Congress

draw up a blueprint

leaders met to ~ for economic cooperation

script: infrastructure

blues (the blues)

coronavirus blues

five glimmers of hope to beat the ~ (BBC)

feeling, emotion & effect: color / music

blue whale

blue whale

it's what a journalist might call a ~ (a story)

♦ "So it's this vital, forgotten buried event that's what journalists might call a blue whale, it's this event that sounded and sank in the past, dwelled unspoken for years and decades, and then it resurfaced in our present time, specifically in the wake of the Pulse Nightclub Shooting... And it sings this really strange song of a very different past..." (Robert W. Fieseler, speaking about his book *Tinderbox: The Untold Story of the Up Stairs Lounge Fire and the Rise of Gay Liberation.*)

♦ see also *black swan*

appearance & disappearance / fate, fortune & chance / occurrence: animal / color / sea

bluff (verb)

bluffing

is the party ~, will they really do it (politics)
she thinks I'm ~ but I'm not

bluffing on Brexit

the EU is not ~

bluffing over the terms

we are not ~ (diplomacy)

bluff his way out of it

he managed to ~ (a sticky situation)

position, policy & negotiation / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / strategy / strength & weakness / subterfuge: cards / gambling / verb

bluff (noun)

call your bluff

you're lucky she didn't ~ (negotiations)

position, policy & negotiation / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / strategy / strength & weakness / subterfuge: cards / gambling

blunt (speech)

blunt

he is ~ (speech)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech

speech: blade / knife / force

blush (embarrassment)

saved Welsh blushes

his header ~ (soccer)

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / gesture / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

board (on board)

on board with (Mursi's) changes

if the military is ~...

on board with the plan

she is not really ~

bring people on board
they've gone out of their way to ~ (developer)

climbing on board
many voters are ~ (politics)

get the managers on board
we need to ~ (workplace flexibility)

hopped on board
other companies have ~ (normcore fashion, music, etc.)

jumped on board
Harvard ~ last month (sex / romance policy)

keep them on board
it was hard to ~

unanimity & consensus: boat / train
allegiance, support & betrayal: boat / train

board (off the board / euphemism)

off the board
the two other members of the ISIS cell are already ~

death & life: euphemism

boast (verb)

boast of its (statistically high) success rate
every summit allows a company to ~ (Mt. Everest)

title boasts
All the Grand Matches is what the ~ (rare sports book)

fictive communication: speech / verb

boat (boat of science, etc.)

boat of science
he rocked the ~ (Pasteur)

♦ "[He] splashed up a great wave of excitement about microbes that rocked the boat of science for thirty years." (Pasteur. From *Microbe Hunters* by Paul De Kruif.)

bases: boat

boat (in the same boat)

in the same boat
all the teams are ~ (concerns about fuel)

empathy & lack of empathy / situation: boat

unanimity & consensus: boat

boat (rock the boat)

rock the boat
they can be expected to ~

rock (Mr. Erdogan's) boat
the EU does not want to ~ (immigrants)

rocked the boat
he ~ of science (Pasteur)

rocks the boat
if anyone ~, it's not going to be me

♦ He wasn't there to rock the boat, he intended to sink it.

disruption / equilibrium & stability: boat
unanimity & consensus / society: boat
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: boat

boat (slow boat to China)

proverbial slow boat to China
what must have seemed the ~

speed / timeliness & lack of timeliness: boat

boat (burn one's boats)

burned the boats
we ~, the only way home was through them (sports)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, "Point of no return." Cortes supposedly began his conquest of Mexico by burning his boats; the *Bounty* mutineers certainly burned the *Bounty* after reaching Pitcairn Island.

commitment & determination / fate, fortune & chance:
allusion / history / journeys & trips / river

boatload (amount)

boatload of (false) accusations
no apology, just a ~ and mischaracterizations

amount: boat

body (body of the plane, etc.)

body of the device
the needle retracts into the ~ after use (safety syringe)

bases: body

body (body economic, etc.)

body economic
his description of the ~ had appeal (Adam Smith)

body politic
see *body politic*

bases: body

body (body of literacy, etc.)

body of world literacy
the magazine is an open running sore on the ~

sore on the body
the magazine is an open running ~ of world literacy

bases: body

body (black bodies, etc.)

black body
"The Trial and Massacre of the ~" (Daniel Black)
~s are treated as commodities in this country
~s vs black greatness, black genius (slavery)

black bodies on stage
~ singing, dancing, expressing joy (a musical)

black bodies in *Beloved*
the many ~—muzzled, mutilated, burned, hanged

black bodies killed by white hands

the unspeakable pain of ~

black bodies and black suffering
a country built on ~ (the US / Ta-Nehisi Coates)

bodies and stories
there are other ~ that encapsulate black queerness

stolen bodies
the richest men in America made their riches off our ~s

Asian body
what it's like to live in an ~ (in the US)

fat body
maneuvering through spaces and institutions in a ~

Pregnant Bodies
Policing ~ (book by historian Kathleen Crowther)

audacity of bodies
the ~ that dare move and live in the face of death (Blacks)

criminalization of (black) bodies
the ~ and brown bodies and...

violence against (black) bodies
images of ~

relationship between police and (black) bodies
the often precarious ~ (Timmothep Aku)

objectification and commodification of (Black) Bodies
~ (*Caul Baby* by Morgan Jerkins)

mind and body
attempts to control the ~ of Black people

built on (Black) bodies
this entire country was ~ (Regina King / *Harper's Bazaar*)

destroy the (black) body
in America, it is traditional to ~, it is heritage... (literally)

made their livings with their bodies
he was raised among people who ~ (Black / factories, etc.)

normalizing violence against (Black) bodies
we're ~ once again (a dockside brawl)

police (Black) bodies
the ways in which we sort of ~ in white spaces

put (Black) bodies in her visuals
Bey has continued to make an effort to ~

stolen his body
this is character assassination after they've already ~

dominate and control our bodies
white America is a syndicate to ~ (Blacks)

♦ "The employment of carriage whips, tongs, iron pokers, handsaws, stones, paperweights or whatever might be handy to break the black body, the black family, the black community, the black nation." (Ta-Nehisi Coates.)

♦ "All this (Jim Crow, the Great Migration) reinforced what slavery had originally established: the Black body's place at the bottom of the social order. This racist positioning became institutionalized in innumerable ways, and it persists today." ("Black Success, White Backlash" by Elijah Anderson, *The Atlantic*, September 2023.)

♦ "The scourge of police and state violence against black bodies and brown bodies and immigrant bodies and people of color in this country." ("Invisible No More' Examines Police Violence Against Minority Women" by Cheryl Corley, NPR, November 5, 2017.)

♦ "That all comes back to my literal body and space and agency and words." (Chaedria LaBouvier.)

♦ "[S]he and her nephew walked the mile and a half home, just to let the steam out their bodies. She had a drink for the first time in year." ("There's No Forgiveness for That. Ever!" by Jazmine Hughes, *The New York Times Magazine*, May 14, 2023.)

♦ "In the Southern states of the United States, where Black bodies could frequently be seen hanging from trees." (Maimouna Youssef about Billy Holiday and the song "Strange Fruit.")

♦ "The celebration of the margins—black bodies in motion, women's voices centered, black queer voices centered—is what ultimately vanquishes the state, represented by a NOPD car." ("We Slay, Part 1" by Zandria F. Robinson @ New South Negress about Beyonce's "Formation.")

♦ "Melina Abdullah, a friend of Patrisse Cullors and co-founder of Black Lives Matter Los Angeles, described the focus on narcotics as an 'assassination of Keenan's character after they've already stolen his body.'" ("A cousin of a prominent Black Lives Matter founder died after being tased by police" by Emily Olsen, NPR, January 14, 2023.)

♦ "To weaponize a panel of Black bodies of color to do your filth is insane. This is insane And this is how institutional white supremacy works." (Chaedria LaBouvier, calling out a Guggenheim Museum panel during a Q&A. From "The Scapegoat" by Helen Lewis, *The Atlantic*, November 2022. "Weaponize." "Black bodies." "Of color." "Institutional white supremacy.")

♦ "My belief is that we should be centering the voices and the experiences of the most marginalized people and communities at all times. So when I think about what fat liberation looks like to me, I think about centering the voices of those who live in and who maneuver through spaces and institutions in a fat body." (Zyahna Bryant, activist, who has partnered with the soap and beauty company Dove to promote fat liberation, or size freedom.)

♦ "This piece of public art, unveiled Friday, immediately garnered mixed reactions. In a long Twitter thread, *Washington Post* columnist Karen Attiah criticized the monument, saying that the artist 'reduced' the Kings to 'body parts,' adding: 'For such a large statue, dismembering MLK and Coretta Scott King is...a choice. A deliberate one.' Attiah continued: 'Boston's Embrace statue perfectly represents how White America loves to butcher MLK. Cherry-picking quotes about love and violence. While ignoring his radicalism, anti-capitalism, his fierce critiques of white moderates. MLK in his fullness—is still too much for them.'" (From "New MLK statue in Boston is greeted with a mix of open arms, consternation and laughs" by Anastasia Tsioulcas, NPR, Culture, January 17, 2023.)

♦ "In October 2022, Cross generated controversy over Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa's recent concussions. During her October 8 broadcast, Cross said Tagovailoa's treatment showed that white NFL coaches fail to protect 'Black bodies.' In fact, the Dolphins' head coach, Mike McDaniel, is biracial and Tagovailoa is of Samoan descent." (The Wikipedia entry for "Tiffany Cross.")

♦ "Lee is a longtime downtown experimentalist, and many of her work's subjects—race, class, the body—are also crucial to Harris; he was excited to work with her. But she had extensive notes on 'Slave Play,' which Harris mostly declined to take. / Their dispute culminated in a formal complaint process..." ("Outside Man: Jeremy O. Harris, before and after 'Slave Play'" by Vinson Cunningham, *The New Yorker*, September 25, 2023.)

♦ This usage is very specific to its users. "The clientele knows..."

♦ OLD: Black people... / NEW: Black bodies...

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "Body found in Memphis identified as abducted jogger Eliza Fletcher."

♦ Wikipedia has no entry for "black body" with this usage.

inclusion & exclusion: objectification

body count (actual)

coronavirus body count

with a ~ exceeding... (politics)

death & life: military

body count (figurative)

professional body count

there has been quite a ~ (firings, replacements)

♦ see also *casualty* (noun)

dismissal, removal & resignation: death & life / military

body politic

body politic

Republicans kowtow to the ~

body politic versus the body natural

the ~ and how it related to sovereignty and Kings

China's body politic

the damage that the British did to ~ was echoed in...

diseases of our body politic

more fundamental causes of the current ~

scar upon the body politic

homelessness is a ~

sore in the body politic

Bloody Sunday became a running ~ (Ireland)

injecting poison into the body politic

they are ~ (Fox News, etc.)

plaguing the body politic

he presents a litany of ills that are ~

poisoning our body politic

the media is ~, and hurting our entire country

♦ "Mungiu is offering an anatomical scan of the Romanian body politic. But not only the Romanian one..." ("This Romanian film about immigration and vanishing jobs hits close to home" by John Powers, NPR, Fresh Air, May 2, 2023.)

bases / government: body

bog down (verb)

bog down U.S.-China relations

Pelosi continues to ~

bog down the plot with earnest morality lectures

the author doesn't ~ (a book)

talks bog down

Iran nuclear talks ~ as deadline approaches

♦ "BLT 1/3 began to bog down when their A Company came under heavy rocket and mortar fire..." (The Vietnam War.)

**obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress:
ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / verb**

bogeyman (and boogeyman)

bogeyman of many

Venezuela has become the ~ on the right (politics)

Islamist bogeyman

the US is obsessed with the ~ (foreign policy)

became a bogeyman

Bible John ~ (Glasgow serial killer)

creates a boogeyman

the myth ~ to stir up fear and repression (white anarchists)

affliction: creature

bogged down

bogged down in (federal) bureaucracy

the plan got ~ (to restore the Everglades)

bogged down in (scientific) squabbles

the test has been ~ and bureaucratic foot-dragging

bogged down in the (UN) system

the US is ~

bogged down by red tape

rescue efforts got ~ (Kobe earthquake)

overloaded, bogged down

hospitals are ~ (epidemic)

get bogged down

if they ~ at some bottleneck like the Hillary Step (Everest)

got bogged down

the plan ~ in federal bureaucracy (environment)

rescue efforts ~ by red tape (Kobe earthquake)

♦ "Making our way through the submerged forest was no easy job. The mules sank up to their knees in the mud, fell into deep holes, and exhausted themselves. / It was not till dusk that we managed to reach the hills on the right side of the valley. The mules were dead beat, but the men were still more tired." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips

boil (affliction)

perpetual boil

this ~ needs to be lanced (diplomacy)

two boils

~ were lanced today (fired from *The New York Times*)

affliction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

boil (initiation)

emotions are boiling

~ (Tea Party advocates in US)

tension are boiling

~ (police shooting and verdict)

makes my blood boil

it ~ (removal of fairy doors from forest)

initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb / water

activity: heating water / temperature / water

boil down to (verb)

boil down to

but what does all this jargon ~

boils down to
eventually it all ~ do I want a car or....

boils down to this
it all ~...

boil down to the following
your options ~...

boils down to cost
the matter ~...

boiled down to the fact
today it ~ we didn't get the bounces (loss / soccer)

boils down to one (major) issue
the debate usually ~...

boil down to a (chronic) lack
others say Metro's problems ~ of rail cars

boiled down to choice and safety
the issue ~ (midwifery)

boiled down to two (simple) things
his allure ~: money and power (drugs)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: direction / heating
water / temperature / water / verb**

**bases: direction / heating water / temperature / water /
verb**

boilerplate (noun)

boilerplate
some of the charges seemed routine, almost ~ (crime)

boilerplate about "common sense and compromise"
there was nothing new, just ~

boilerplate element
it contained the ~s of any rejection letter

boilerplate ideologies
they just repeat the ~ of their respective sides (a talk show)

boilerplate language
ABC added basic ~ about the falsity of both claims (guest)

boilerplate motion
it's a ~ filed by many defendants

boiler-plate points
he made all the ~ (a politician)

boilerplate sentimentality
the production is steeped in ~ (a play)

boilerplate statement
the auditor's report was little more than a ~

boilerplate stuff
the ~ you'd expect in any trial (jury-selection questions)

boilerplate "thoughts and prayers"
the statement offered the ~ to the victim's family

legal boilerplate
the warning was mere ~ (company's filing)

upbeat management boilerplate
it was written in the idiom of ~

♦ "Along with host Augusta Dell'Omo, Natalie takes us on a deep dive into..." (Right Rising / RR on Stitcher. In other episodes Michael takes us on a deep dive into...; Sophie takes us on a deep dive into...; Simon takes us on a deep dive into...; Ashton takes us on a deep dive into...; Ashley takes us on a deep dive into...; and Julia takes us on a deep dive into... That's a lot of divers and diving! The repetition shows how a figurative expression can go from novel to cliché to the kind of boilerplate language you might find in a disclaimer or label that is too boring to read. Guests break down, unpack, unpick, discuss, walk us through, give us an overview of, and help us with their respective topics.

♦ see also *buzzword (noun)*, *doublespeak (noun)*, *ese (legalese, etc.)*, *funny language*, *gobbledygook*, *language (types)*, *lip service (pay lip service, etc.)*, *newspeak (noun)*, *speak (NASA-speak, etc.)*, *supersizing (linguistic supersizing)*, *talk (mediator talk, etc.)*, *word salad*

script: manufacturing / tools & technology

language: speech

boiling point

reached a boiling point
the crisis has ~

sent (racial) tensions to a boiling point
his death ~ (Amadou Diallo, shot by police)

**feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: heating water /
temperature / water**

boil over (verb)

boiling over
as the #MeToo movement was ~, he was cooked (a chef)

anger boiled over
his ~ Monday when he... (student shoots professors)

crisis was boiling over
the energy ~

party boiled over
a ~ (violence)

resentment boiled over
her ~ and we had a big fight (husband / wife)

streets are boiling over
the ~ (Egyptian protests)

about to boil over
the situation is ~

♦ "It is neither a cold nor hot war, in those terms' traditional sense. It is a simmering war that sometimes boils over and other times remains warm." (Alan Dershowitz and Andrew Stein. From "Enough with the Band-Aids, Biden—we need to stop Iran now," *The New York Post*, Jan. 17, 2024.)

**feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: heating water /
temperature / verb / water**

bold (groups)

bold name
a group with a ~ ("No Sex for Fish" / NPR)

bold gender-bending
Olga Neuwirth's ~ opera...

Be Bold

the ~ initiative (Misty Copeland)

♦ "Minneapolis' Bold Plan To Tackle Racial Inequity And Climate Change." (NPR.)

♦ "TikTok's new beauty filter, called Bold Glamour... (A viral sensation.)"

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

boldly (groups)

boldly claim

being able to ~ "I slay" is radical resistance (Beyonce)

boldly protesting

women in Iran are ~ the compulsory hijab

boldly and authentically

Barbiecore celebrates living ~ (Kim Culmone)

boldly and fearlessly

the foundation strives to empower women to live ~

stands boldly

she ~ in her uniqueness (Amythyst Kiah)

♦ "Fashion is a form of self-expression and Barbiecore celebrates living boldly and authentically." (Kim Culmone, senior vice president and global head of design for Barbie and fashion dolls at Mattel Inc. The summer of 2023 was the summer of "Barbenheimer.")

♦ "Presidents Day / Bold Savings / Latest Tech / Live Limited-quantity Deals." (An advertisement for Dell Technologies.)

♦ "Soviet submarine commanders had to be bold and aggressive." (In the Black Sea, due to the shallow depth of the waters, German mines, German destroyers, and German sub-hunters. From "Soviet Storm: World War II in the East.")

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

Bolshevik

bolshevik against the science

Jules Bordet was a little ~ of his master, Metchnikoff

little bolshevik

he was a ~ against the phagocyte science (Bordet)

"saboteur" and "Bolshevik"

he was called a ~ (lexicographer Philip Babcock Grove)

♦ A FUNNY JOKE. Stalin visited his old mother and regaled her with stories about how nice the Kremlin was, how deep the carpets, how nice the furniture. His old mother listened, and her brows knit. "But Soso," she said. "What if the Bolsheviks come back?"

disruption: allusion / history / violence

bolster (verb)

bolster our forces against the enemy

we must ~

bolsters his analysis with an army

he ~ of statistics

bolster their arguments

to ~ the Egyptians... (NTSB investigation)

bolster its (missile) capabilities

China wants to ~

bolstered its capabilities

the Coast Guard has ~ for port security

bolster their case

to ~, FBI officials have prepared a... (terrorism)

bolster (babies') health

living with a dog or a cat may ~ (germs)

bolster morale

hot food and the Internet ~ (US military in Iraq)

bolster the myth

this has helped to ~ that children... (intersexed)

bolstered the notion

archaeological expeditions ~ of... (archaeology)

bolster patrols

the Highway Patrol has hired 150 new officers to ~

bolster his reputation

he was just shooting off his mouth to ~

bolster security

funds to ~ for nuclear weapons and waste (terrorism)

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb

protection & lack of protection: infrastructure / verb

strength & weakness: infrastructure / verb

bolstered

bolstered by the courage

~ of their teammate, they won the game easily

bolstered by (a handful of) studies

his insights are ~

bolstered by the work

his conclusions were ~ of...

findings are bolstered

experts say the ~ by the fact that...

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure

protection & lack of protection: infrastructure

bolt from the blue

bolt from the blue

talk about a ~... (surprise)

bolt-from-the-blue

any US military action will look like a ~ act of aggression

♦ "Talk about a bolt from the blue; I'm shocked by this; to say that I am in shock is an understatement; a true shock; a real shock; a big shock; devastated; gutted; stunned; heartbroken; really really surprised; wow; didn't expect this; didn't see this coming; unexpected news; OMG; No way!; Noooooooooooooooooooooo!; holy ****... (Online commenters about Jurgen Klopp stepping down from Liverpool.)

♦ "In southern Indiana lightning struck a ball field, injuring four members of the Seymour girl's high school softball team. One of the girls was in critical condition, while the other three sustained non-critical injuries... The skies were reportedly clear at the time of the strike."

fate, fortune & chance: color / electricity / lightning / sky / storm

appearance & disappearance / occurrence / origin: air / atmosphere / color / lightning / sky

bolt-hole (and bolthole)

bolthole

Hamas' top brass chose the hospital as it ~ (Gaza)

bolthole for the world's shadow elite

it provides a ~ (the UAE)

♦ The woodchuck, feeling threatened, bolts to its hole.

protection & lack of protection: animal / hole

bomb (review-bomb, etc.)

glitter bomb

gay-rights activists had “~” at rallies (politics)

love-bombed

Finch ~ her with texts and sentimental gifts

photobomb

see *photobomb* (verb)

review-bomb

audiences were so offended they proceeded to ~ the game

WhamBomb!

~ (see the Wikipedia entry, “Whamageddon.”)

computer: explosion / military / verb / weapon

attention, scrutiny & promotion: verb / weapon

bomb (danger)

bomb cyclone

West Coast braces for ‘~’ (CNN Weather Center)

“lava bomb”

a ball of solidified molten rock, also known as a ~

weather bomb

Vancouver Island feeling the wrath of the coastal ~

ticking bomb

we must control it, it's a ~ (online influence campaigns)

he was a “~” planning to carry out attacks (a terrorist)

ticking bomb for any woman

he was a ~ involved with him, glad he's in a cell

rhetorical bomb

he had no qualms about throwing ~ (politics)

♦ “Any excuse to say Bomb cyclone and I am ON. BOARD.” (#BombCyclone)

♦ ‘Lava bomb’ speeds down Cumbre Vieja volcano (© Harri Geiger @ HarriGeiger. Super!)

♦ see also *time bomb*

danger: explosion / military / weapon

bomb (roach bomb, etc.)

roach bombs

you can buy rat-resistant trash cans and ~ (at a store)

♦ “A New York City woman set off 21 bug bombs insider her apartment, causing an explosion that collapsed her five-story building, injuring 14 people.”

resemblance: explosion

bomb (code bomb)

“code bomb”

after he was demoted, he inserted a ~ (hacker)

computer: explosion / weapon

bomb (drop a bomb)

dropped this bomb

Assange ~ without providing any evidence

dropped that little bomb in there

you just kind of ~ that you yourself got COVID (NPR)

amount & effect: explosion / weapon

attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / sound / weapon

bomb (fail)

bombed

his previous movie had ~

bomb at a comedy club

so badly does he ~...

bombing at the box office

Emancipation starring Will Smith is ~

success & failure: explosion / weapon

bomb (F-bomb, etc.)

F-bombs

her language is full of ~

f-bomb

dropping an ~ will likely hurt and help O'Rourke (NPR)

N-bombs

the cop is a stock baddie, tossing ~... (a play)

drop F-bombs

they ~ with children in the crowd (Boston Celtics fans)

peppered with F-bombs

the song was ~ (Gayle / “abcdefu”)

♦ “Written with the help of two Nashville songwriters, the chorus of ‘abcdefu’ makes the childlike appeal of pop songwriting explicit—teenage angst by way of nursery rhyme. ‘A-B-C-D-E, F-U,’ Gayle sings. ‘And your mom and your sister and your job...Everybody but your dog, you can all fuck off.’ Though the song was peppered with F-bombs, it seemed easy for radio programmers to swap in ‘eff’ in censored versions.” (“Extremely Online: Gayle, and the rise of meta-pop” by Carrie Battan, *The New Yorker*, October 10, 2022.)

♦ “Dropping an f-bomb at a campaign rally will likely hurt and help O'Rourke.” (“Motherfucker.” NPR punditry.)

♦ The WMC FBomb is “An intersectional teen feminist media platform created by and for socially conscious youth.” The “WMC” stands for “Women’s Media Center.”

♦ “But F-bombs, they used to kind of keep from showing you in those moments but now it’s kind of for the world to see. So that’s just the way it is.” (NFL Quarterback Tom Brady, about his expletive-laden tirade at his offensive line, shown on TV for all to see and hear.)

♦ “Golden Knights’ William Karlsson joins social disaster of sports stars freely using F-bombs.” (The redoubtable Phil Mushnick of the *New York Post*.)

♦ “DROP HE F*BOMB Talk To Your Kids About Fentanyl Fentanyl is being used to make counterfeit pills and is being laced into other illicit

drugs. Make sure your teens know the facts. / Learn the facts on fentanyl and start a life-saving conversation with your teen. / DropTheFBomb.com (The ad council. A full-page ad in *The Atlantic*, November 2023.)

♦ FOYFP. (The English footballer Jill Scott to Sydney Lohmann at the Euro 2022 final versus Germany at Wembley. "Fuck off you fucking prick." She would later say, "I do apologise for the swearing." But her cursing was widely praised by females. "LFG!" High-pitched whooping.)

♦ LFGM. (Let's fucking go Mets. Pete Alonso.)

*** analysis

♦ "Rude words are a constant, but their ability to cause offense is in flux."

♦ see also *freaking* (*F*, *effing*, *fricking*, *frickin'*, *friggin'*, etc.), *word* (*P-word*, etc.)

speech: explosion / weapon

bombard (verb)

bombarded principals with messages
parents ~ (worried for kids)

bombard him with complaints
the young men he employed would ~

bombarded Friedel from all directions
Mexico ~ (soccer)

amount & effect: explosion / military / verb / weapon

bombarded

bombarded with notices about today's deadline
her neighborhood has been ~ to file for compensation

bombarded with emails from opponents
lawmakers were ~

bombarded with faxes from around the world
the president's office was ~ from around the world

bombarded with complaints
the company was ~

bombarded by (job) offers from companies
he was ~

bombarded by hateful emails
she is being ~

bombarded by (visual and auditory) stimuli
we are constantly ~

bombarded by (so many unspecific) warnings
citizens have been ~ (terror)

bombarded by new ideas
in 1999, China was being ~ (due to Internet)

amount & effect: explosion / military / weapon

bombardment (noun)

bombardment of (food) advertising
the constant ~ (health)

amount & effect: explosion / military / weapon

bombed (love bombed, etc.)

glitter bombed
queer activists ~ him (a protest)

glitter bombed during speech

Britain's potential next prime minister ~ (October 2023)

love-bombed with support

I've only been ~ (Oberlin's lacrosse coach Kim Russell)

♦ "In an exclusive interview, Crystal Hefner reveals she was 'love bombed' by 'misogynist' Hugh Hefner."

amount & effect: explosion / military / weapon

bombing (noun)

glitter bombing

~ is an act of protest (see the Wikipedia entry)

~ is usually reserved for anti-gay, Republican politicians

love bombing

"~" and dating (manipulation)

"~" can also relate to job recruiting (manipulation)

review bombing

"~," when hordes of angry fans assign the lowest rating

Bros suffered from mass ~ (the queer film)

truth-bombing

viewers of CBS were treated to an uncomfortable ~

water-bombing

firefighters battled the wildfires with ~ planes (Gironde)

Zoom-bombing

there has been an increase in so-called '~'

Zoom bombing

the ~ was an attack on free expression

♦ "I'm interesting in all the bombing you have to go through..." (NPR's Scott Simon interviewing the comedian Sarah Silverman in 2013.)

♦ "I remember I went down into this hole for another scoop of dirt, and then that's when the bomb hit. I looked at the man I was digging this hole with; half his body was gone. And I looked up at the trees and I could see body parts on the limbs on the trees, and I shook myself out of it and I stood up, and it was so quiet." (Private Manuel Orona, Hill 875, Dak To, Vietnam War. The 500-pound bomb from a Marine plane caused the worst friendly-fire incident of the Vietnam War.)

amount & effect: explosion / military / weapon

bombproof (adjective)

bombproof

your pro should be ~ (climbing)

bombproof roll

you need a ~ (kayaking)

flaws & lack of flaws: explosion

bombshell (noun)

bombshell

dropping a real-life ~ from his past

bombshell of a story

what a ~ (the horse Justified failed doping test)

bombshell claim

the ~ came on cross-examination (murder trial)

economic bombshell

the president dropped an ~ when he announced...

new bombshells
stayed tuned for ~ (entertainment TV)

political bombshell
he must steady a party battered and bruised by a ~ (DUP)

amid the bombshells
his children feel bad for their father ~ (celebrity)

bombshell landed
perhaps the most jaw-dropping ~ just 3 days ago (trial)

dropped his bombshell
he ~ (a lawyer)

fired (back) a bombshell
she ~ (divorce back-and-forth)

***** analysis**

♦ Attack ads; battleground states; blood; political bombshells; crash and burn; campaigns; carnage; crosshair; drop dead; fire away; catch flak; gun ("they bring a knife, you bring a gun"), outgunned; kill (and killing); lock and load; marching orders; take no prisoners; shoot down; shot through; target; war rooms... ("How traumatic Events Change Our View of Language," Geoff Nunberg, NPR, Fresh Air, January 20, 2011.)

amount & effect / attention, scrutiny & promotion / feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / military / sound / weapon

bonanza (noun)

bonanza of waves
the storm has created a ~ for surfers (hurricane)

bonanza for credit card companies
the move away from cash has been a ~

propaganda bonanza
the attack was a ~ for the insurgents

marketing bonanza
his success has been a ~ (Japanese ballplayer)

commercial bonanza
the drug has been a ~

financial bonanza
the ~ from Turkmenistan's gas fields

activity / amount & effect / cost & benefit / worth & lack of worth: mining / money

bond (noun)

invisible bonds
the ~ that weave a country together into a single polity

attachment / division & connection: chemistry

bone (close to the bone, etc.)

close to the bone
his arrest hit ~

proximity: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

bone (cut something to the bone, etc.)

cut his rations to the bone
Shackleton had taken risks, he had ~

pared his novel down to its bare bones
he ~ (every word important)

pared to the bone
the delegation has been ~ (government trip abroad)

♦ see also *pared (pared to the bone)*

dismissal, removal & resignation / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: knife / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

bone (racist bone, etc.)

bone in my body
I have not one evil ~

political bone
he doesn't have a ~ in his body (a military man)

racist bone
there's not a ~ in my body
I don't have a ~ in my body

to the bone
Marcos Llorente, a Blanco ~ (Real Madrid player)

to his bones
though he was an autocrat ~, he was not a fascist

♦ "When it comes to matters of morals, I'm Catholic right down to my little toes." (The abortion issue.)

identity & nature: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

bone (throw a bone to someone)

throwing them a bone
she is just ~ hoping they'll support her (politics)

coercion & motivation: animal / food & drink

bone (bone of contention)

big bone of contention
a ~ is Biden's embrace of "Buy American" (with Canada)

conflict: animal

boo (verb)

boo
some of you may cheer and others will ~

judgment: sound / verb

achievement, recognition & praise: sound / verb

boo (noun)

boo birds
the ~ have savaged him (a poor NFL quarterback)

cheers and boos
the judge's decision drew ~

judgment: sound

achievement, recognition & praise: sound

booby trap

booby trap of missteps
their fraudulent marriage creates a ~ (plot of book)

booby traps for unwary workers
many 401(k) plans have options that are ~

party booby traps
holiday ~ (ethics laws and partying / government)

budgetary booby trap
legislators concocted a ~ and must now defuse it (cuts)

political, ideological and geopolitical booby traps
the Middle East is such a mess of ~

overcome a booby trap
cooks had to ~ (the stink of Brussels Sprouts)

♦ "He took responsibility for and poured resources into improved public schools when most mayors thought schools were political booby traps." (Scott Simon's wonderful tribute to Richard M. Daley. From "Chicago's Recommended Daley Allowance, NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, September 11, 2010.)

♦ "Someone could get nailed for two beers and a bacon wrap. Nobody wants to be the example... I'm just going to avoid them this year." (A House GOP aide, about ethics "guidance" from House and Senate ethics committees, that could turn simply attending a party into a "booby trap" that could "blow up in one's face.")

♦ "They're trying to grab the House, and we've got barricades, picket fences and booby traps to defeat that." (A Kentucky Democrat, presumably speaking figuratively.)

♦ "Booby traps: Man in Maine killed by own device."

♦ "New technologies in cars are potential booby traps for first responders."

♦ "I found a piece of red detonating cord between my legs. That's when I knew I was screwed." (Gunnery Sgt. Michael Burghardt, aka "Iron Mike" and "Gunny," just before getting blown up by a trap while investigating an IED in Ramadi. Incredibly, he was not too badly wounded. A photo of him "flipping off" whoever detonated the trap became famous on the Internet.)

♦ "Victim-operated improvised explosive devices, known as VOIEDs, have various switches known as pressure plates. The idea is that the bomb is detonated by an unsuspecting individual by completing the circuit when pressure is applied or removed to the switch. / A power source supplies electricity between the switch and the detonator and by completing the circuit, the main charge explodes..." ("A U.S. Marine, A Curious Boy And An Unfathomable Moment" by AP investigative reporter James LaPorta, at NPR, September 9, 2021.)

danger: explosion / military / weapon

booby-trapped

booby-trapped email
most ransomware attacks begin with a ~

danger: explosion / military / weapon

book (rule book)

rip up the rule book
its willingness to ~ (*Fast & Furious* franchise)

script: books & reading / sports & games
constraint & lack of constraint: books & reading / sports & games

book (close the book)

closed the book on a NFL future
he has ~ (athlete)

close the book on this
we need to ~ and move on

curtailment / development: books & reading / verb
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: books & reading / verb

book (books and covers)

judge a book by its cover
you can't ~

appearance / appearance & reality / judgment: books & reading

book (open book)

open book
the rookie driver is a refreshingly ~ (interviews, etc.)

character & personality: books & reading
sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: books & reading

book (by the book)

by-the-book
he was strictly ~ (a soldier)

character & personality: books & reading
constraint & lack of constraint / script: books & reading

book (throw the book at somebody)

"throw the book" at anyone
he vowed to ~ responsible

threw the book at him
the judge ~

punishment & recrimination: books & reading / verb

book (life is a book)

book of life
a man's ~ should be considered, not just one chapter (trial)
what is the ~ itself but man's war with nature (wild beasts)

♦ "It is a book as old as time: a good young person makes a mistake, chapter two is a good, young person is full of remorse. Chapter three is a good young person learns from the mistake and becomes a better person." (Australia Olympic team boss Ian Chesterman, following the bad behavior of some Australian athletes at the Tokyo Olympics.)

♦ "Every time a language dies, it's the equivalent of a bomb being dropped on the Louvre." (The linguist Lera Boroditsky, attributing the quote or sentiment to the linguist Ken Hale. This sounds very much like "When an old man dies, a library burns to the ground." A variation is "When an elder dies." And that is generally attributed as "African.")

death & life / development: books & reading

bookend (development)

hormonal bookends
a woman's ~ (puberty and period / menopause)

development / starting, going, continuing & ending: books & reading

bookworm

bookworm
I admit it, I'm a ~

enthusiasm: animal / books & reading / person

person: books & reading

boom (jade boom, etc.)

jade boom

the ~ has been fueled by the Chinese

boom and bust

Argentina is used to ~ (the economy)

activity / cost & benefit: explosion

boom (increase)

booming

business is ~

increase & decrease: explosion / sound / verb

activity: explosion / sound / verb

boomerang (verb)

boomeranged on him

it ~ (controversy)

boomerang (back) on us

it could ~

reversal: direction / verb / weapon

boomerang (noun)

boomerang kids

millennial ~ may consume resources, finances and time

♦ "He has been hit by a boomerang launched by himself." (PM Boris Johnson.)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: weapon

booming (adjective)

booming popularity

the ~ of audiobooks coincides with the rise of podcasts

increase & decrease: explosion / sound

boost (verb)

boost the economy

it will ~ (medical tourism)

boost his image

this will ~ in the public eye (a fallen celebrity)

boost (sagging) morale

they turned to sports to ~ (soldiers in war zone)

boost scores

schools are under relentless pressure to ~

boosted my spirits

it ~

increase & decrease: direction / force / verb

boost (noun)

boost of expertise

big business can offer a ~ (vaccination campaign)

boost from the private sector

public health can get a ~ (outsourcing)

give a boost

the deal would ~ to health programs (federal spending)

increase & decrease: direction / force

boot (Italy's boot, etc.)

boot of Italy

the ~ (*Io Stivale*)

Italy's boot

Taras and Croton, on the heel & instep, respectively, of ~

instep of Italy's boot

the road reached the Ionian Sea at the ~ (Taranto)

toe of (Italy's) boot

the town of Riace lies near the ~ ('the global village')

♦ "If you look at that boot of Louisiana, the regions that will get hit the hardest are at the ball of the foot. Those sparsely populated parishes facing the Gulf like Terrebonne, Lafourche, and Plaquemines." (John Burnett reporting on Hurricane Ida.)

♦ The state of Missouri has a bootheel region, based on its shape.

shape: clothing & accessories

area / geography: shape

boot (oppression)

boot

as the ~ is removed from the neck of the people

boot of the Americans

Latin America felt the heavy ~ (Guatemala / 1950s)

under the boot

the people are ~ of barbaric power (Albania)

has its boot on the neck

the government ~ of the company

oppression: clothing & accessories

boot (shake in one's boots)

shaking in their boots

a lot of HR folks are ~ (mass resignations / COVID)

feeling, emotion & effect: clothing & accessories

boot (get the boot)

got the boot

he ~ after making the final four (a dance contest)

dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories

boot (soldier)

boots on the ground

we needed ~ (soldiers abroad to fight terrorism)

we have increased our ~ (US-Mexico border)

military / person: sign, signal, symbol

boot (too big for one's boots)

get too big for their boots

politicians are not allowed to ~ (Swiss referenda)

character & personality: clothing & accessories / size boot camp (education, etc.)

boot camp

‘~’ helps caregivers manage stress (daylong workshop)

boot camp for people to learn

she runs a 2-day ~ the tools and algorithms...

two-day bootcamp

this ~ will also include... (freelancing / Jamie Lauren Keiles)

three-day (sustainability) “boot camp”

a ~ run by the James Beard Foundation (cooking)

Publishing Bootcamp

“~: Everything You Can’t Google About Freelancing”

application boot camp

Top Tier Admissions’ “~” costs \$16,000 (for high-schoolers)

Beauty Bootcamp

~--Hooters Employee Handbook

brain boot camp

older folks get modest memory boost from ~

econ bootcamps

those ~ had a big impact (for federal judges)

language boot camp

the ~ for Mormon missionaries

Life Purpose Boot Camp

~ (: *The 8-Week Breakthrough Plan* by Eric Maisel)

Stanford University ‘boot camp’

the ~ teaching Congressional staffers about AI (HAI)

werewolf boot camp

so they asked to do a ~ (actor Emma Myers)

academic book camp

professor launches ~ (algebra)

conducts (free) boot camps

Ed Butowsky ~ for players (financial literacy / athletes)

holds a boot camp

“This group ~ to help left-leaning orgs meme-ify politics”

◆ “In the middle of January 2023, Morgan Sword and his team invited me to a Scottsdale, Arizona, resort to attend a special ‘boot camp’ that MLB had organized for the game’s 76 full-time umpires to get acclimated to the new rules.” (“How Baseball Saved Itself” by Mark Leibovich, *The Atlantic*, July / August 2023. The “bootcamp” is also referred to as a retreat.)

◆ “What happens when you take some of the most powerful people in America—federal judges—and you teach them economics? / In the 1970s, an academic named Henry Manne had a radical idea. He wanted to show judges the power, the clarity, the logic of economics. So he invited the judges on trips to fancy resorts—all expenses paid—where they would mingle and take lessons from famous economists...” (“Econ’s Brush with the Law,” NPR, Planet Money, September 23, 2022. At one point, the presenter uses the term, “econ bootcamp.” The intensity and total immersion, the reshaping of an individual, and the relatively short duration is what such a “boot camp” has in common with a real one. Everything else... Not so much!)

◆ The Congressional Boot Camp on AI is run by the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered AI (HAI). It’s a 3-day course, at the end of which participants—many of them Congressional staffers—receive a Stanford University certificate of completion.

◆ “So we went after those kids from the very beginning, many basic math skills. The multiplication table, 1 through 15 became a way of life for them every single day, starting at 10 o’clock until 2, it was all algebra, algebra, algebra, basic math, basic math, basic math.” (Daryao Khatri, a physics professor at the University of the District of Columbia. From “Professor Launches Academic Boot Camp,” NPR, Tell Me More, May 7, 2014.)

◆ “A four-day “application boot camp,” run by a company called Top Tier Admissions, costs \$16,000 (plus room and board). During the sessions, the high school juniors develop their essays, learn how to ‘ace’ their interviews, and create an ‘activity sheet’ to sum up all the awards, sports, club activities, and community work that admissions officers are eager to see.” (*Weapons Of Math Destruction* by Cathy O’Neil.)

◆ “Now, legal groups are responding by training a new generation of activists to sue.” (“Welcome To Voting Rights Boot Camp” by Carrie Johnson, NPR, Politics, April 7, 2014. In a similar activist vein, “Opposition Research Boot Camp: Learning to Dig For Political Dirt” by Tamara Keith, NPR, It’s All Politics, April 1, 2013. And, more recently, “This group holds a boot camp to help left-leaning orgs meme-ify politics” by Elana Moore, NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, January 20, 2024. NPR writers seem to like the word, “bootcamp.”)

◆ “So they asked me to come in and do, you know, werewolf boot camp, and I was like, ‘Ok, what does that mean?’” (Emma Myers. From “‘Wednesday’ star Emma Myers went to ‘werewolf boot camp’ for the Netflix Series: ‘I’ve never done so much parkour in my life’” by Eammon Jacobs, *Insider*.)

◆ “NYC wingwoman LLC, a relationship coaching service based in New York City, offers matchmaking, wingwoman services, 1-on-1 Coaching, and intensive weekend bootcamps.”

◆ WRETCHED EXCESS. “Service members are known for their discipline and their ability to stay cool under fire. Veteran and financial planner Steve Repak says those skills are crucial to managing everyday finances. He speaks with host Michel Martin about his book, *Dollars and Uncommon Sense: Basic Training for Your Money...*” (“A Military Boot Camp For Your Money,” NPR, Money Coach, November 15, 2012.)

◆ Boot camps for juvenile delinquents; boot camps to help veterans cook healthier food; boot camps to fight childhood obesity... (Boot camps for anything you can think of!)

◆ Misery, Agony, and Heartbreak... (The three hills that recruits marched up and down at Fort Knox, Kentucky, for recruit training during the Vietnam War. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is called the American War.)

◆ “Got the Fort Knox Boogie / Got the Fort Knox Boogie / What a crazy sound / What a crazy sound / If you want to have a ball / If you want to have a ball / Then you got to go AWOL / Then you got to go AWOL! / Sound off / One Two...” (Recruit training, Fort Knox, the Vietnam War.)

◆ “Raheel Siddiqui died after she threw herself off the barracks stairwell, falling 40 feet, while going through boot camp in 2016, an investigation into his death found.” (“Family seeks Supreme Court in \$100M lawsuit for Parris Island Marine recruit’s death” by Philip Athey, *Marine Corps Times*, Feb 6, 2020. The Supreme Court declined to hear the case.)

◆ “I asked Mario D’Aliesio, branch head of behavior health for Marine and Family Programs at Camp Pendleton, whether he found the string of suicides shocking or disturbing. / ‘Does it seem shocking? I don’t know,’ he said.” (“Over Six Years, There Have Been More Than 30 Suicides at Camp Pendleton” by Will Huntsberry, *Voice of San Diego*, July 19, 2022. The story was completed with assistance from the USC Annenberg Center for Health journalism.)

◆ A D.I. screaming and spitting in your face, route marches, K.P., fatigue details, AWOL, drugs, blanket parties, the gas chamber, suicide attempts in the latrine, Correctional Custody (CC)... (Boot Camp.)

experience: military

bootleg (adjective)

bootleg copy

he bought a ~ of Microsoft Windows

concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: alcohol / clothing & accessories

bootlegger

digital bootlegger
new tools to go after ~s (a bill)

concealment & lack of concealment: alcohol

boot out (verb)

boot out the IMF
Chavez helped Argentina ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories / verb

border (proximity)

border on the absurd
his arguments ~

bordered on miraculous
the last-minute goal ~ (sports)

bordered on obsession
his pursuit ~

bordered on panic
her response ~

border on racism
his comments ~

borders on rudeness
this ~

configuration / proximity: boundary

border (doctors without borders, etc.)

Barbers Without Borders
TRAP Medicine—~

Basketball Without Borders
he took part in the ~ (BWB) Africa Camp in SA

Doctors Without Borders
~ sounded alarms (famine in Niger)
~ addresses charges of racism within its ranks (NPR)
MSF, the acronym for ~ (Medicines Sans Frontieres)
~ to take legal action against Bollywood film

Dub Without Borders
Adrian Sherwood: ~ by Sami Yenigun, NPR, 2012

Food Without Borders
Chocolate: A ~ (Alejandra Garcia, NPR, 2009)

Lawyers Without Borders
~? (NPR's Michele Kelemen / universal jurisdiction)

Martyrs Without Borders
"Mohammed Hafez on ~" (Fresh Air, July 23, 2007)

Plumbers Without Borders
~'s main goal in Haiti is to teach (plumbing)

Radio Without Borders

~: Larry Lange, Eleni Mandell, Josh Rouse & More (NPR)

Reporters Without Borders

Reporters Sans Frontieres, or ~...
~, known as RSF...

Soccer Without Borders

~ uses soccer to reach underserved youth

'Tables Without Borders'

~ *Opens Restaurant Kitchens to Refugee Chefs* (NPR)

Translators Without Borders

Alyssa Boulares, crisis response manager for ~

Clowning Without Borders

~ *Aims To Give Refugees Another Way To Heal* (NPR)

♦ "Happy World Plumbing Day! We Celebrate By Interviewing...A Plumber" by Linda Poon, NPR, Goats And Soda, March 11, 2015.

♦ "Barbershops offer a unique setting for removing key barriers such as cost, literacy, proximity, and trust." ("Importance Of Colon Cancer Screening Among Black Men Highlighted After Chadwick Boseman Death," wbur, Here & Now, August 31, 2020.)

♦ "[The show evolved] into his Conan Without Borders specials." ("After 28 Quirky Years, Conan O'Brien Is Leaving Late Night" by Eric Deggans, NPR, Television, June 24, 2021. Cuba, Armenia, South Korea, etc.)

♦ "We see business without borders. You should have the ability to do business with anyone, anywhere. When business speaks a global language, the barriers disappear, and we believe technology can help. It inspires us to create software that brings companies closer to their customers and partners, regardless of language or location. Microsoft.com/potential. Your potential. Our passion.™ Microsoft. (A 2-page ad after the cover of *Smithsonian*.)

♦ Okay. Anything you can think of can be "without borders." Doctors, reporters, clowns, barbers, translators, plumbers, lawyers... Good marketing.

constraint & lack of constraint: boundary

borderland (noun)

borderlands of science

a broad humanistic interest led him to pioneer on the ~

proximity: boundary

division & connection: boundary / line

area / environment: ground, terrain & land

born (born teacher, etc.)

born to do it

she was ~ (the UK boxer Caroline Dubois)

born athlete

the kid was a ~

born bloodhound

he's a ~ who lives to track the scent of malfeasance

born teacher

he was, it seemed, a ~

born worrier

~s versus people who are carefree

natural-born

~ genius is often deliberate technique (teachers)

she is a ~ leader

there are no ~ salesmen

♦ "You were born to do this." (A porn website.)

identity & nature: birth

born (creation)

born

how to let peace be ~ despite the difficult labor pains
the Red Guards were ~, and a period of madness began...
Macedonia was where Slavic Christianity was ~
it's where the Red Cross was ~ (Geneva, Switzerland)

born of war

the Taliban were ~ (fundamentalist movements)

born in the 1970's

the shadowy Baluchistan Liberation Army, ~ (Pakistan)

born in the Swiss Alps

On was ~ (On is a company that makes running shoes)

born in ancient Greece

the Olympics, ~ and reborn in Athens in 1896...

born in New Orleans, Louisiana

Satch(mo), both you and jazz were ~, right (Roy Plomley)

born in (great) jubilation

South Sudan, ~, is plunging into a vortex of violence

born on 23 May 1991

the *Koori Mail* was ~ (indigenous Australian newspaper)

born on platforms

it was ~ associated with far right extremism (QAnon)

born on the kitchen table

the *Chicago Defender* was ~ of its publisher in 1905

born on the (New York) subway

the Guardian Angels were ~ about 40 years ago (crime)

born from Wounded Knee

he thinks of everything that's been ~

born out of frustration or ignorance

his comments were ~

born digitally

the material wasn't ~ and must be hand-scanned

conceived, born and raised

Nature was ~ to serve polemic purpose (the magazine)

phrase was born

the ~ in a Facebook post in 2013 ("Black Lives Matter")

star was born

a ~ (Tom Daley at Beijing Olympics)

♦ "Six months after *Hotcakes* and Sally [Sarah] were born, James released his fifth Album, *Walking Man...* (Carly Simon's album, the baby, and James Taylor's album. From *Girls Like Us* by the fine writer Sheila Weller.)

♦ "Icebergs are born to wither and melt away." (BBC "How a colossal block of ice became an obsession" by Jonathan Amos, 15 Jan 2022.)

♦ *Born On The Fourth of July* was Marine Ron Kovic's affecting 1976 autobiography. It was made into a 1989 film directed by Oliver Stone and starring Tom Cruise.

creation & transformation: birth

born-again

born-again Christian

his conversion from hell-raiser to ~

born-again conservative

he is a ~

sound like a born-again

I hate to ~, but it has changed my life (hypnotism for...)

commitment & determination / creation & transformation / identity & nature: religion

born-on (adjective)

born on date

best consumed within 110 days of the ~ (Budweiser)

creation & transformation: birth

bottle (British English / verb)

bottled it again

he ~, he cannot handle the pressure of a big moment

bottled it against Italy

he ~ in Euros (England manager / soccer)

bottle a (title) challenge

3 points from 4 games, that's how you ~ (Arsenal FC)

♦ "Call him Pepsi Guardiola, because he knows how to bottle it." (Soccer snark after Manchester City snatches defeat from the jaws of victory against Real Madrid.)

♦ "Of course he bottled it...else he may have won a trophy.." (A sour sufferer of the "Robert Falcon Scott" syndrome about England-France at the World Cup in Qatar.)

success & failure: bottle

bottle (British English / noun)

bottle and guts

fair play to Chisora who is showing plenty of ~ (boxer)

♦ "No bottle no fight." (Soccer snark against Liverpool FC.)

♦ "Once your bottle's gone it's gone, AJ needs to pack it in." (Boxing snark.)

commitment & determination / courage & lack of courage: bottle

bottled up (emotions)

bottled up inside

he must have a lot of fright and anxiety ~ (soldier)

bottled up rage

the ~ of black people (the rapper Bobby Sessions)

kept them bottled up

these things I internalized, I ~ (Andre Leon Talley)

feeling, emotion & effect: bottle / container

access & lack of access: bottle / container

mental health: bottle

bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.)

the Bottleneck

the climbers came to the infamous passage called the ~
~, an hourglass-shaped gully beneath a serac (on K2)

Bottleneck Peak

routes up ~ include Tippin The Bottle (Utah)

Bottleneck Wash

~ enters from the left (into Granite Creek, Arizona)

proper name: bottle / neck / shape

geography: bottle / neck / proper name

bottleneck (noun)

bottleneck

Native Americans hunted the pronghorn at this ~
the Panama Canal has become a ~ (too narrow, etc.)
opening this ~ is critical (shortage of nurses)

bottlenecks on highways

traffic ~

bottlenecks in the (nation's) power grid

~ can cause outages

transportation bottleneck

it's really going to be a ~ (lack of trucks)

genetic bottleneck

blood samples reveal a ~ (too few Amur tigers left)

at some bottleneck

if they get bogged down ~ like the Hillary Step (Everest)

become a bottleneck

the Step has frequently ~ (Hillary Step / Everest)

remove (refining) bottlenecks

industry must ~ (oil)

♦ "We will have more eh neck bottles, traffic jams, and that is a dangerous thing." (The remarkable Ecuadorian mountain guide Carla Perez on a relatively crowded K2 in 2019.)

obstacles & impedance: bottle / neck / shape

shape: bottle / neck

bottle up (emotions)

bottles things up

she ~

bottle it up and put it away

you kind of ~ (male on male abuse)

bottle up your emotions

you're trained to ~ and keep pushing (a Marine)

♦ "When you internalize your emotions and you don't tell anyone, you don't go to anybody, these emotions only build up in you and, at a certain point it's like pouring water into a container, eventually it's all going to spill over and it's going to flood." (A 16-year-old girl about how persistent bullying could lead to a school massacre.)

feeling, emotion & effect: bottle / container / verb

access & lack of access: bottle / container / verb

mental health: bottle / container / verb

bottle up (impede)

bottled up the Russian Far Eastern Fleet

the Japanese ~ at Port Arthur (1904)

obstacles & impedance: bottle / container / verb

bottom (at the bottom)

at the bottom of the barrel

do their time ~ (worst job assignment)

at the bottom of the (economic) pyramid

new jobs are coming ~ (poorly paid jobs)

at the bottom of the pecking order

we were ~ (biker club)

hierarchy: direction / position

bottom (hit bottom)

hit bottom

we may have ~ (unemployment)

hit rock bottom

the moment you ~ and admit to yourself... (addiction)

he was a person who had ~

things had ~ (bad relationship)

before you can get better, you have to ~ (addiction)

hitting rock bottom

livestock prices are ~

♦ "And so rock bottom became the solid foundation on which I rebuilt my life." (The remarkable J.K. Rowling in her remarkable speech at Harvard University.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

decline: direction

bottom (get to the bottom of something)

get to the bottom of where

he was never able to ~ the money had gone

get to the bottom of the error

state officials said they would ~

get to the bottom of this case

we want to ~

get to the bottom of this mystery

no one wants to ~ quicker than... (crash)

get to the bottom of that

we're never ever ever going to ~ (a boxing issue)

get to the bottom of things

we need to ~ (a murder investigation)

get to the bottom of this

we will ~ (investigation into fatal stampede)

I want to ~ (US sits by during genocide in Rwanda)

we'd really like to ~ (mystery illness)

get to the bottom about what happened

we need to ~ (congressional investigation)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / bases / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / searching & discovery: direction

bottom (no bottom)

no bottom to his willingness
there is ~ to abuse his power (politics)

extent & scope: depth / water

bottomless (adjective)

bottomless
the well of outrage is ~ (fundamentalists)

bottomless thirst
China has a ~ for oil and gas

extent & scope: depth / direction
amount: container / depth / direction

bottom line

bottom line
what it is going to mean for the ~ (sanctions)

cost & benefit: money
analysis, interpretation & explanation: money

bouillabaisse (mixture)

bouillabaisse of his forebears
Lil Nas X is a ~ (George Michael, Elton John, etc.)

mixture: food & drink

bounce (verb)

bounced from one idea to the next
I ~ (what to do this summer)

bounced around Southwest Asia
he ~ (a terrorist)

bouncing around
he was ~ a lot back then (rootless)

bounces in and out of bankruptcy
everybody ~ (airlines)

bounced between homes
his family ~ (rootless)

movement: ball / direction / verb

bounce back (verb)

bounce back
the love and support of someone who helps them ~
she was always able to ~ (Whitney Houston)

bounced back
I matured and ~ (a boxer)

bounce back from (natural) disasters
modern economies ~ (Kobe earthquake, etc.)

bouncing back from the pandemic
the economy is ~ (UK)

bounce back from setbacks
the UFC has been able to ~

bounce back quickly
resilient people ~ from failure

resiliency: ball / movement / verb

bounce back (noun)

tremendous bounce back
we're going to see a ~ (lifting COVID restrictions)

resiliency: ball / movement

bound (destination)

college-bound
~ high-schoolers are making their final deliberations

direction: journeys & trips / movement

bound (constrained)

bound by a (strict) code
they are ~ of ethics (education consultants)

bound by the rules
he did not feel ~ that governed most men

bound by the (military's) code of silence
he didn't feel ~

desk-bound
the Chairman oversaw only the 1,600 ~ officers

duty-bound
nurses are ~ to report what they think is abuse

fogbound
the plane crashed in ~ mountains

fog-bound
a pileup on a ~ stretch of freeway killed eight (France)

hidebound
see *hidebound*

homebound
the ~ elderly
he takes meals to a ~ invalid

honor-bound
I am ~ to pay him back

house-bound
she is ~

ice-bound
Siberia's ~ expanse
the climate of ~ coastal regions

leather-bound
~ books

muscle-bound
a ~ frat boy

snowbound

we were ~
Nigata Prefecture is ~ for months (Japan)

spellbound
see *spellbound*

tradition-bound
the Marines are the most ~ of the services

tradition-bound
the Navy was run by ~ admirals

wheelchair-bound
the ~ author

feel bound
he didn't ~ by the military's code of silence

constraint & lack of constraint: rope

boundless (adjective)

boundless energy
he was known for his ~ and tireless volunteerism

boundless enthusiasm
he didn't share his ~

boundless optimism
a ~ in the power of technology (computing)

amount / extent & scope: boundary

boundary (division)

boundaries of the (doctor-patient) relationship
a psychiatrist may relax the normally strict ~

boundaries between plant species
the ~ are far more porous than among animals

boundaries between news and opinion
the breakdown in the ~ (at the *New York Times*)

boundary expressions
lexicographers must deal with these ~

racial boundary
Hispanic is an ethnicity crossing ~s

strict boundaries
a psychiatrist may relax the ~ (doctor-patient)

social, cultural and religious boundaries
his teachings transcend all ~

boundaries blur
when ~

boundaries were disappearing
the ~ (between commentary and news at the NTY)

transcended (racial) boundaries
his work ~ (playwright August Wilson)

♦ **Viruses laugh at border walls. (Public health.)**

division & connection: boundary

boundary (behavior)

boundary
the usual ~s keep getting crossed (politicians)

boundaries of their (famed) tolerance
the Dutch are rethinking the ~ (drugs, sex, squatting)

boundary violation
it was a definite ~ and a super-scary event

pushes boundaries
he ~ (the comic Dave Chappelle)

relax the boundaries
a psychiatrist may ~ of the doctor-patient relationship

♦ "People push the boundaries more and more and act like they are innocent. Kinda the equivalent of a toddler holding the finger an inch away saying 'I'm not touching you' over and over saying they are not doing anything." (Leon, commenting on the Yahoo article, "20-year-old claims bar manager 'humiliated' her because of her 'inappropriate' shirt: 'I wasn't topless'" by Katie Mather, September 1, 2022.)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / restraint & lack of restraint: boundary

bounded

bounded on the east
the plateau is ~ by an escarpment of 100m

bounded (on the east) by an escarpment
the plateau is ~ of 100m

plateau is bounded
the ~ on the east by an escarpment of 100m

configuration: boundary

bounds (no bounds, etc.)

knows no bounds
the hypocrisy of the NCAA ~

overstepped his bounds
he's a creep who ~ (gossip)

overstepping their bounds
Homeowner's Associations are ~

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / extent & scope: boundary

bound up

bound up in the myths
Indians are ~ white Americans have created

constraint & lack of constraint: rope

involvement: movement / rope

bouquet (collection)

bouquet of memories
this record brings back a particular ~ (Melvyn Bragg)

bouquet of tests
Kerala is doing a ~, diagnostic, pooled... (pandemic)

group, set & collection: plant

boutique (noun)

boutique (mountain guide) service
Madison Mountaineering is a ~

superiority & inferiority: money

bow (and bow down)

bows before legend
rational explanation often ~ (folklore)

bowing to cancel culture
they are ~

bow to the inevitable
we will have to ~

bowed to the inevitable
he has ~ (minister under attack resigns)

bowed to pressure
he has ~ from industrialists (a politician)

bow (down) to (government) pressure
he thought the Washington Post would ~

bowed to (public) pressure
he finally ~ to do something

bow (down) to Russia
for cheap gas, we should ~ (a Moldovan taxi driver)

bowing to the U.S.
the Turks are not ~ (arms dispute)

back down or bow
she's an artist who won't ~ to convention

**dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat:
direction / religion / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

bow (take a bow)

take a bow
Graham Potter and team ~, well done (win over ManU)

**achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / sign, signal,
symbol**

bow (weapon)

strings to their bow
Guardiola's side have many ~ (Manchester City soccer)

♦ *Arrow, bow, and quiver* are three words from archery that are used figuratively.

help & assistance: military / weapon

bowels (noun)

bowels of the prison
a tiny, dark room in the ~ (solitary confinement)

bowels of Madison Square Gardens
we're now walking through the ~ (radio show)

bowels of the Los Angeles Superior Court
I found in the ~ a lawsuit... (O.J. Simpson trial)

bowels of the ship
he gathered his men in the engine room in the ~

deep in the bowels
scientists walk around ~ of the CDC (Atlanta, Georgia)

place: infrastructure

bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.)

grain bowl
Punjab is India's "~"

rice bowl
the Mekong Delta, Vietnam's ~

farming & agriculture: epithet / sign, signal, symbol

bowl (America's salad bowl, etc.)

"Salad Bowl of the World"
the city bills itself as the ~ (Salinas, California)

America's salad bowl
the Salinas Valley is known as ~ (greens)
the Salinas Valley is nicknamed ~
Northern California's Salinas Valley is often dubbed ~

farming & agriculture: epithet / sign, signal, symbol

bowl (salad bowl / mixture)

mixing bowl
the club was a ~ (young musicians learn from elders)

kaleidoscopes, mosaics, and salad bowls
the melting-pot metaphor has been replaced by ~

melting pot, a (beautiful) tapestry, or a salad bowl
is the United States a ~

reimagined as a salad bowl
the melting pot was being ~ (ethnic identity, etc.)

♦ "Macedonia [was] the inspiration for the French word for 'mixed salad' (*macedoine*)." (*Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History* by Robert D. Kaplan.)

♦ Argentina was once described by a Polish émigré as "batter that has not yet become cake." ("Another New World" by Larry Rohter, *The New York Review*, June 10, 2021.)

♦ "This points to a unique understanding of plurality of Indian society—it is more like a *thali* (an Indian meal comprising a selection of separate dishes served on a platter), rather than a melting pot." (Neha Sahgal, a lead author of a Pew study that found Indians support religious tolerance and religious segregation.)

identity & nature / mixture: food & drink

bow out (verb)

bow out
he has refused pressure to ~ (a politician)
it would have been a good time for him to ~ (a boxer)

♦ "This is a pretty special way to bow out if this is indeed his swan song." (Commentary about the great and beloved boxer Amir Khan, who lost his match to Kell Brook by TKO in the sixth round in a packed Manchester arena.)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / dismissal,
removal & resignation / starting, going, continuing &
ending: theater / verb**

box (box somebody into a corner)

boxed himself into a corner
he has ~ on tax increases (a politician)

movement: corner

constraint & lack of constraint / situation: boxing / corner / movement / sports & games / verb

box (in / out / outside the box)

out-of-the-box
how ~ can I go (actor takes strange roles)

out-of-the-box idea
she came up with an ~

think out of the box
we have to think ~ (WHO and Ebola)

think outside the box
she learned how to ~

fit it (neatly) into a (single conceptual) box
"data" escapes attempts to ~ (cloud, stream, mine)

constraint & lack of constraint / idea: container

box (labeling)

Eurovision box
they didn't try to fit into a ~ (an Italian group)

conventional political boxes
I have not always fit comfortably into ~... (politician)

broken out of a lot of boxes
I've ~ in my career (actor-filmmaker Elizabeth Banks)

fit into a box
I don't ~...

forces autistic people into a box
the world often ~

put them in a box
we don't want to brand people, to ~ (legacy students)

♦ "I have not always fit comfortably into conventional political boxes. Maybe you've noticed that... [Laughter from audience.] Democrat, Republican, Liberal or Conservative, because..." (Senator Joe Lieberman.)

♦ "There's a real pressure on us to be in boxes, and I would not be kept in a box during segregation, and I don't like boxes now. I think that's quite unfortunate. I wasn't raised that way. I was raised trying to get out of them." (Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas in a 2007 ABC News interview.)

characterization: container

box (tick a box, etc.)

boxes of (so-called) diversity
there are easy ways to tick the ~ and not critically engage

box-ticking exercise
this is just a ~ to silence criticism

tick-box exercises
~ that really have no clinical value (NHS bureaucracy)

ticked the diversity boxes
less qualified candidates who ~

tick both boxes
trying to ~ was always the goal (to make a film popular)

ticked all the boxes
he had ~ he needed to (to travel / COVID)

ticks all the boxes
Tyson Fury ~ (the boxer)

ticks every box
her game ~ (Emma Raducanu)

ticks off (just about) every box
she ~ that liberals might want in a nominee (Supreme Court)

ticking a box
it's not just an exercise of ~ anymore, it's taken seriously

box ticking agenda
he fits their ~ perfectly (AJ as BBC commentator)

♦ "Satisfies all requirements for success."

♦ "The media (and we all know the leanings) thought this was Christmas / Ons (and none of her fault) ticks almost every diversity box going and the BBC would have been wetting itself in anticipation..." (An online commenter about the defeat of Ons Jabeur by Marketa Vondrousova at Wimbledon 2023. Another commenter posted, "Well done Marketa / Beat Jabeur, the crowd and the commentators.")

♦ "Her LinkedIn ticks off every far-left box." (NPR's CEO Katherine Maher.)

judgement / cost & benefit: letters & characters

box (check the box, etc.)

box to be checked
the FAA was just another ~ (profits over safety)

Oscar boxes
Oppenheimer checks all those big ~ (epic, biopic, etc.)

checked a box
it feels like they ~ by having the vigil (Dartmouth College)

checks certain boxes
she isn't qualified at all, but ~ (the federal government)

check the boxes
it seemed like an exercise to ~ (bureaucratic formality)

checked a lot of boxes for my dream next thing
this ~ (Anthony Weiner about his company)

check-the-box exercise
it's merely a one-week ~ (mental health / policing)

check-the-box holiday
a paid holiday vs. just a ~ (Juneteenth)

check off (multiple) boxes
it would ~ for ethnic and racial diversity

tick in a box
I don't think it is a procedural ~ (cold case investigation)

♦ "Check, check, check, and it was a no-brainer..." (The popular NFL player Cam Newton returns to the Carolina Panthers. Or as Newton himself said, "You know where I'm here, and this ain't for no play.")

♦ Epic; a biopic of a famous person; a serious movie; historical; great director who deserves but hasn't won an Oscar; a quality film; popular; did big box office... ("Oppenheimer checks all those big Oscar boxes.")

♦ "It's about not having to label everything, not having to clarify what boxes you're checking." (Harry Styles, about his sexuality.)

♦ "It feels like they checked a box by having the vigil in May and that they just want everyone to move on now." (A Dartmouth student, unsettled by the deaths of four students. Two were suicides.)

♦ "I know the Rooney Rule [is] essentially a checkmark... that doesn't really require you to give any actual attention or intent to hiring Black coaches." (Mat Hostenler, "Sometimes It Rains" podcast.)

♦ "This should be a wake-up call for every agency across the country, do not rest until wellness is truly a priority, not a checkbox." (The "First H.E.L.P." group.)

♦ "Malcolm is all too obviously present to fill the biracial slot..." ("A Whole Lotta Pain" by Daniel Mendelsohn.)

♦ "I see my company (NPR) trying to better represent America with the voices we put on the air, and I'm looking at my own sourcing, and I get too much credit. Every voice I bring to the airways from India is a person of color. Check the box, you know. That's diversity from my bosses' point of view. But I'm looking at different types of diversity in India and thinking...caste." (NPR's Lauren Frayer, whose reporting on India has been controversial.)

♦ "Do news rooms lack diversity? Well, it depends what boxes you want to check." (Chris Cuomo speaking with Uri Berliner about the latter's criticism of NPR. NPR's Washington, DC, staff consists of 87 democrats and 0 republicans.)

♦ "She got grants, and she got fellowships, and she checked boxes, and she got positions." (A Pretendian, known for her beadwork and other Native American signifiers and her loud laughter at gatherings and pow-wows.)

♦ "You're only here because we had to check a box." (Women in Army special forces.)

substance & lack of substance: letters & characters

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

boxed (boxed in, boxed into)

boxed in

she's not about to be ~ (a singer and her style)

boxed into a category

being an advocate without being ~ (Cola Boyy)

constraint & lack of constraint: container

box office (noun)

box office for *Sea of Love*

~ was brisk from the outset (the film with Al Pacino)

money: sign, signal, symbol

boy (type)

boy

see *boy (insult)*

boy's club

see *boys' club (boy's club, boys club)*

mama's boy

see *mama's boy (and mummy's boy, etc.)*

blue-eyed boy

see *boy (blue-eyed boy)*

bad boy

see *bad boy (person)*

big boy

see *big boy (person)*

F-boy

a ~ versus a "nice guy" (TV reality show FBoy Island)

good boy

we have to present ourselves as the ~ (a businessman)

Old Boy

see *Old Boy (Old Boy network, etc.)*

golden boy

see *golden boy*

♦ see also *girl (type), guy (good guy, etc.), joe (average joe, etc.), lady (crazy lady, etc.), man (big man, little man, etc.), mister (and Mr., Missus, Mrs.)*

growth & development: life span

characterization: person

boy (insult)

men against boys

Arsenal versus Manchester City, ~ (Man City 4-Arsenal 1)

insult: life span

boy (blue-eyed boy)

blue-eyed boy of publishing

audio is the ~ at the moment (audio books)

♦ "Mount must be Southgate's love child." (Soccer snark.)

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative / worth &

lack of worth: family / person

character & personality: person

person: family

boyish (adjective)

boyish appeal

he's twenty-eight, and his ~ is rushing past its sell-by date

charmingly boyish

at thirty-nine, he could still seem ~ (J. Robert Oppenheimer)

resemblance: affix

boys' club (boy's club, boys club)

boy's club

the upper echelon of music is still a ~
economics still stands alone as a ~

boys club of comedy

he wants to change the ~ (Guy Branum)

"boys club" culture

sexual misconduct and a general ~ (media company)

boys' club network

she describes the Academy as a ~ (the Grammys)

good-old-boys

see *Old Boy (Old Boy network, etc.)*

break through the (sportswriting) boys' club

the battle to ~

break up the boys' club
the push to ~ at the Fed

confronted (Rock's) boys club
they ~ (music)

♦ "This whole situation in the industry is like a big boy's club... I'm telling on one of y'all friends, now you're all about to hate me." (Testimony by Megan Thee Stallion at trial.)

♦ "If I want to join this boy's club, you better be able to take the blows." (The remarkable actor Michelle Yeoh, on learning and doing martial arts stunts with men. She received an Oscar for Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in 2023. Super!)

♦ "There's a boys club culture at Scotland Yard that's allowed predatory behavior against women to flourish." (The Baroness Casey Report on the Metropolitan Police Service.)

group, set & collection / hierarchy / society: school & education

brace (verb)

brace yourself
~ for bad news
~ for economic turbulence (world drowning in debt)

brace for (yet another) election
Israelis ~

bracing for more fallout
Washington is ~ from the scandal

braced for a typhoon
the Philippines ~ that could trigger flooding

readiness & preparedness: equilibrium & stability / infrastructure / standing, sitting & lying / verb

braced

braced for a long siege
the demonstrators are ~

braced for a (tropical) storm
Florida is ~

readiness & preparedness: equilibrium & stability / infrastructure / standing, sitting & lying

Brahmin (person)

Brahmin Caste
the ~ of New England (Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.)

brahmin elite
they are an insular, intermarrying ~ (Bohemian Bourgeois)

Boston Brahmin
the ~ is a Wikipedia entry

♦ "They have coalesced into an insular, intermarrying brahmin elite." ("How The Bobos Broke America" by David Brooks, *The Atlantic*, September 2021. A Bobo is short for Bohemian Bourgeois, or the young, multicultural left.)

♦ "And this is good old Boston, / The home of the bean and the cod, / Where the Lowells talk only to Cabots, / And the Cabots talk only to God." ("Boston Toast" by John Collins Bossidy.)

acceptance & rejection / hierarchy: society

society: person

person: society

brain (noun)

brains behind the machinery
he is the ~ that makes the wave (Kelly Slater's wave)

brains behind the project
he was the ~

mathematical brain
he is the ~ behind the striking timepieces (sundials)

Broke Our Brains
"How Civilization ~" (Derek Thomson / *The Atlantic*)

knowledge & intelligence: head

brain (on the brain)

sex on the brain
not that men need help getting ~

wants, needs, hopes & goals: addiction

brainchild (noun)

brainchild of a Ladakhi engineer
the ice stupa is the ~ (Sonam Wangchuk)

brainchild of Ted Turner
24-hour news was the ~ (CNN)

brainchild of a (16-year-old high school) student
the stunt was the ~ (viral news story)

brainchild like STEM
a ~ has many fathers (education / Charles E. Vela, etc.)

Mat Damon's brainchild
The Last Duel is ~ (the film)

♦ "A brainchild like STEM has many fathers, and one who has credibly claimed paternity is Charles E. Vela..." (Education.)

idea: family / head

creation & transformation / origin: family / head

brain-dead (adjective)

brain dead
Macron described NATO as "~"

'Brain Dead Liberal'
"Why I Am No Longer a ~" (article by David Mamet)

"brain dead" and "morons"
he labeled complaining residents as ~

♦ "*Porgy and Bess* is a buncha good songs but has nothing to do with race relations, which is the flag of convenience under which it sailed." (The great playwright David Mamet, from "Why I Am No Longer a 'Brain Dead Liberal,'" *The Village Voice*, March 11, 2008.)

♦ "Democrat politicians really do believe that the average US citizen is completely brain-dead." (A comment on a discussion board.)

consciousness & awareness: health & medicine

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine

brain death (noun)

brain death of Nato

what we are currently experiencing is the ~ (Macron)

♦ "You have to look at the background and see exactly which bits of Nato Macron was criticizing." (Sophie Pedder, Paris Bureau Chief of the *Economist*, talking on NPR about Macron's description of NATO as "brain dead." Angela Merkle labeled Macron's description "drastic words.")

condition & status: health & medicine

brain drain (and brain gain)

brain drain

the agency has suffered a severe ~

"brain gain"

out-of-state students lead to a ~ (at Chapel Hill, NC)

reverse brain drain

the US is seeing a ~ as foreign students go home

knowledge & intelligence / leaking: head

brainstorm (verb)

brainstorm ideas

~ for his current script

brainstorm solutions

meet key people and ~ to the challenges you face

brainstorm everything

if we tried to ~ that could possibly go wrong, we'd...

idea: head / storm / verb

brainstorm (noun)

latest brainstorm

his ~ is to open a chain of "As Seen on TV" stores

idea: head / storm

brain trust

medical brain trust

he compared notes with the NFL's ~ (concussions, etc.)

knowledge & intelligence: head

group, set & collection: money

brainwash (verb)

brainwashed him

the cult had ~

violence: head / hygiene

brainwashed

brainwashed to believe

they have been ~ that everything is about race (CRT)

brainwashed by the media

he says his co-worker has been ~ (politics)

coerced, brainwashed or (even) drugged

she may have been ~ (a terrorist)

♦ According to the Wikipedia entry, "The term 'brainwashing' was first used in English by Edward Hunter in 1950" in reference to the Korean war."

♦ "He's a human being; we should treat him the same as we treat any other G.I.... I don't think it's the boy's own fault. No doubt at the time—I never seen him or never met him—No doubt he was young and he wasn't trained properly." (Charles E. Kelly, World War Two veteran and Medal of Honor recipient, when he was asked by Mike Wallace, newsman, "How do you think that we should treat US Army turncoats?" like Samuel David Hawkins, who had just returned back to the US from China in 1957.)

violence: head / hygiene

brainworm (obsession)

dads with brainworms

it's a movie for ~ (see below)

♦ "Rolling Stone called it 'a superhero movie for dads with brainworms.'" (The 2023 film *Sound of Freedom*.)

♦ The Wiktionary entry is excellent: a delusion, obsession, ingrained or unquestioned idea (sometimes derogatory); figurative; slang. From the 2010s.

fantasy & reality: animal / head

brake (control)

emergency brake

they are pulling the ~ (COVID shutdown)

pump the brakes

some voters want them to ~ (impeachment)

moderates are saying, hey, let's ~ (slow down of demands)

somebody needed to tell her to ~ and to stop pushing to...

but when you're caught up in something, it's hard to ~ (cult)

tap the brakes

something is causing shoppers to ~ on spending

tapping the brakes

the Fed is ~ a bit on the economy

put the brakes on (economic) growth

industrialists fears the unions would ~

put the brakes on your feelings

you ~ to avoid confrontation (Japanese "Gaman")

tap the brakes on spring break

high gas prices may ~

control & lack of control / increase & decrease / speed: mechanism / movement

branch (taxonomy)

branches of Buddhism

the various ~ (Zen, Tibetan, etc.)

branches of Christianity

the Armenian Church, one of the most ancient ~

branch of Islam

the Hazara are members of the Shiite ~ (Afghanistan)

discrimination against adherents of the Shi'a ~

the Salafiya ~ regards Shiites as non-Muslims

the Ismailis are a minority within the minority Shia ~

branches of Islam

the centuries of enmity between the Sunni and Shiite ~

branch of Shia Islam

Ismailism is a ~

branches of biology

ecology is one of the hardest ~ (it's so complex)

branches of the (Hawiye) clan

the many ~ (Mogadishu)

branch of government

judges constitute a third ~

branch of knowledge

theology was accepted as the supreme ~

branches of the military

special operations forces from various ~

branch of physics

quantum mechanics is a ~

branch of engineering

he felt the oil industry ~ suited his personality

branch of the Bani Hassan

Al-khalayleh is a ~ (Jordan)

branch bank

each of the four corners has a ~ (NYC)

branch library

or any other ~

ordnance branch

he is in the ~, which provides ammunition

service branch

veterans from all four ~s

Salafiya branch

the ~ of Islam regards Shiites as non-Muslims

Shi'a branch

discrimination against adherents of the ~ of Islam

Shia branch

the Ismailis are a minority within the minority ~

various branches

special operations forces from ~ of the military

adherents of the (Shi'a) branch

discrimination against ~ (in Saudi Arabia)

♦ "The Russian diaspora is no longer a branch of Russia; it is no longer clear which is the branch and which the trunk." (Mikhail Zygar, a White-Russian émigré self-exiled in Berlin.)

taxonomy & classification: tree

branching system: tree

branch out (verb)

branch out

I just thought I'd ~ (make new friends)

branched out into (food) wholesaling

he ~ (a businessman)

growth & development: tree / verb

branching system: tree / verb

brand (verb)

branded his accusers liars

he ~ (convicted sex abuser)

brand them apostates

Sunni Arab extremists ~ (Iraq's Christians)

branded the extradition "unlawful"

the Russians ~

branded all Chechen rebels baby killers

he ~ (post-Beslan)

branded him a racist

he lost that gig, too, after the *Times* ~ (Doug Adler / ESPN)

characterization: fire / mark / verb

brand (non-product)

brand of nationalism

the Scottish National Party promotes a "big tent" ~

brand of politics

what makes Chicago's ~ so distinctive

Brand America

it's hard to overstate the reputational damage to ~ if...

political brand

your particular ~ (identity, values)

♦ "A brand can communicate something, how you wear your pants can communicate something, the portfolio of colors that you choose to adorn yourself with can communicate something..." (Branding and shoes, clothing, pens, politics, authenticity, identity, etc.)

♦ Shankar Vedantam: "I want to talk a moment about a non-business, non-consumer setting, uh, Republicans and Democrats don't think about their political parties as brands, but it sounds like they almost relate to them in the way people relate to brands... And I'm wondering, is the animosity we see in the country between Republicans and Democrats less to do with ideology and more about brand loyalty." / Americus Reed: "Political parties are indeed brands." ("I Buy, Therefore I Am: How Brands Become Part Of Who We Are," NPR, Hidden Brain, July 1, 2019.)

♦ "Because heat is invisible, and silent, it doesn't have the drama of the hurricane, and the tornado, and the flood, it needs extra identification and branding." (Kathy Baughman McLeod, "a high-energy leader with a passion for local cultures," at the Atlantic Council. From "Naming heatwaves may help warn of the risks associated with them," NPR, Morning Edition, June 13, 2022.)

♦ "We've got to take a sober, humble, and honest look in the mirror and rebrand ourselves based on what we truly value." (Matthew McConaughey after a visit to the White House to meet President Biden and talk about the Uvalde school shooting.)

♦ "Part of the United States being a superpower is its soft power, it's the films, it's the human rights, it's the dream. The United States is losing on its brand, it's losing on its soft power." (An aggrieved Palestinian woman about the Israel-Hamas war.)

♦ "Shrink it and pink it." (Marketing to women.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / identity & nature /

taxonomy & classification: money

brass (leader)

Detroit Lions brass

~ went wild in their war room (glad about draft pick)

♦ "Hamas' top brass chose the hospital as its bolthole." (Israel-Hamas war.)

hierarchy: materials & substances / military / sign, signal, symbol

brat (insult)

petulant brats

no room in team sports for arrogant egotists and ~

spoilt brat

disgusting ~ behaviour (a poor loser / boxing)

arrogant narcissistic brat

good riddance to the ~ (criticism of a soccer player)

♦ bye brat. You were a GOAT but your head is now far too big. (Criticism of a great soccer player.)

♦ "Brilliant performance by Brighton, I know it was only Liverpool, but you can only spank what's in front of you." (Sureditch on a BBC HYS. 1056 thumbs up.)

growth & development: life span

behavior / character & personality / insult / person: baby

brave (the brave)

favours the brave

fortune ~ (Super Bowl crypto ad with Matt Damon)

courage & lack of courage: person

brave (verb)

braved the weather

several hundred people ~ for a screening

courage & lack of courage: verb

brave (girls and women, etc.)

brave book

Bari Weiss has written what must be judged a ~ (blurb)

braver than I am

he's a lot ~, he's been living in a small town being trans...

bravest (new) character

she is the ~ on TV (the Muppet Julia, who is autistic)

bravest (red carpet) looks

Taylor Swift's ~

brave plaintiffs

the two ~ who took on Florida's anti-gay marriage ban

brave (widower) type

the press wanted him to be this very ~ (Joe Biden)

Brave, a Badass, a Heretic

I have been called ~ (a female blogger)

brave and bold

this album is so ~ (Rodney Carmichael / Tierra Whack)

bravest, most terrifying

Amy M. Holmes is one of the ~ writers working today

extraordinarily brave

she made the ~ decision to create a new show... (*I May Destroy You*)

how brave

~ he is at being so outwardly gay (a pop star)

incredibly brave

it's ~ that she has revealed her truth (depression)

so brave

this album is ~ and bold and like just hella human

bold or brave

I don't think it's ~ (Superman's son is bisexual)

emotional, brave, raw

it's ~... (Demi Lovato's new album *Holy F****)

called Flo-Jo's style "brave"

Jamaica's Grace Jackson ~ (outfits, fingernails, etc.)

need to be brave

girls coming through ~ (Lisa De Vanna about lesbians)

called the professor extraordinarily brave

she ~ for leading the charge against the cancel mob

♦ "I have been called Brave, a Badass, a Heretic..." (A female blogger who has written for the Huffington Post, ScaryMommy, the Houston Moms Blog, etc.)

♦ "Choosing yourself, and acknowledging that you are worthy simply because you are breathing—that is a brave thing." ("A Letter to College Sports" by Cailin Bracken.)

♦ "She's brought us alongside her and has encouraged us and educated us and told us like, 'Be brave, live brave.' And, to me like that that is her legacy." (Becky Sauerbrunn's tribute to Megin Rapinoe.)

♦ *Warrior: My Path To being Brave* by Lisa Guerrero. (According to Wikipedia, her given name is Lisa Coles.)

♦ "There's not a lot of women I've worked with that are brave in the way that Anne is brave...she was very original." (Alec Baldwin in an Instagram tribute about Anne Heche.)

♦ "It's a very very strong thing you've done...To lay it all open. I think that's a phenomenally brave thing to do... Did it feel scary?" (BBC *Young Again with Kirsty Young*, "6. Jada Pinkett Smith," released on 07 Nov 2023.)

♦ "It was a very brave move by Hammer [Productions] because it was so out there, and a lot of people thought, 'wow, what is this film.'" (Cult actress Caroline Munro, about the film *Dracula AD 1972*. Ms. Munro got a part in it after a studio boss spotted her on a billboard advertisement for Lamb's Navy rum.)

♦ "He's a lot braver than I am—he's been living in a small town, being trans, for 10 years, and he's not afraid of people. He did not want to be anonymous. He wanted pictures of himself published with the article." ("Jamie Lauren Keiles Follows the Surgical and Philosophical Journey of Phalloplasty" by Celia Ford, July 26, 2022. A rare usage of "been being.")

♦ "What makes Lil Nas X so extraordinary is how brave he is at being so outwardly gay within the urban music world." (Elton John.)

♦ "She has been brave enough to show her vulnerability." (A gay man about Madonna and her latest tour.)

♦ bibleexpert: He died after a "brave" battle with cancer. Dropping bombs on Iraq, on the other hand, didn't require quite as much bravery. / James to bibleexpert: The Air Force and Navy drop bombs the Army fights on the ground and that takes brave men and women. / Lake Life to bibleexpert: Speaking of bravery, a coward behind a key board criticizing a much greater man than he could ever be is pathetic. / bibleexpert to Lake Life: How did you assess that I'm a "coward"? (ABC's "Join the Discussion," about the death of an Army general who died of cancer.)

♦ "Why is this brave? What's brave about not being brave?" (Talk radio host Clay Travis about the gymnast who quit her Olympic team because,

as she explained, "I was like, I am not in the right headspace." The gymnast was widely praised as brave.)

♦ "They said it's a bold new direction. I say [DC Comics is] bandwagoning. I don't think it's bold or brave... If they had done this 20 years ago, perhaps that would be bold or brave." (Dean Cain, commenting on DC Comics decision to make Superman's son bisexual.)

♦ "The same formula again and again. I want to post pictures of myself in bathing suits. When I get criticized I'll say I want to do it for others and for body positivity. When I get criticized for that, I will show sadness that the world doesn't support mental health and I'm a victim, and finally I'll get praised for being so brave for living my own truth." (Bob Loblaw. A BBC HYS about "SI Swim model Natalie Mariduena wants to 'be an example' of 'body normalcy'" by Stephanie Nolasco, August 20, 2022.)

♦ "Good morning, everyone. It's very brave of you to all be up this early." (Ramtin Arablouei and Rund Abdelfatah.)

♦ "There wasn't anything so fine about it. Just fought for my life. A rabbit would have done that." (Henry Johnson, World War I, the Argonne. See the Wikipedia entry, "Henry Johnson (World War I soldier)." Fort Polk is now named for him. General Leonidas Polk was killed in action by a cannonball in the 1864 Atlanta Campaign. See the Wikipedia entry "Leonidas I.")

♦ "An army's bravest men are its cowards. The death which they would not meet at the hands of the enemy they will meet at the hands of their officers, with never a flinching." ("What I saw of Shiloh" by Ambrose Bierce. Union soldiers executed for cowardice.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

brave new world

brave new workers

~, how workers adapt to the changing economy

brave new streaming world

we live in a ~ (a filmmaker)

brave new world of business

Wal-Mart and the ~

brave new world of 'editing' human genes

the ~ (CRISPR)

in the brave new world

it's a detective story ~ that we live in (hacking)

♦ Aldous Huxley wrote the book in 1931 and it was published in 1932. The book creates a dystopian future world, the only goal of which is stability based on the principles of science and social science. Huxley wrote it as a parody of H.G. Wells' books on utopias.

♦ "So sad to see a masterpiece erased and replaced by the exact practice it warned against." (An online commenter about the Peacock 2020 TV series Brave New World. The series was cancelled after one season of nine episodes.)

oppression: allusion / books & reading

allusion: books & reading

bravery (groups)

bravery

his fear, and his ~, is not in doubt (John A. Symonds)

bravery and courage

that takes ~ (Simone Biles prioritizes her wellbeing)

act of bravery

when someone is openly queer in public, it is an ~

showed enormous bravery

he ~ (Muhammad Ali refuses induction)

♦ "It takes huge bravery to say what she's saying." (Simon Biles withdraws from Tokyo Olympics event to prioritize her wellbeing.)

♦ "Her bravery for always standing in her truth, spreading her message of love and acceptance, will continue to have a lasting impact." (Anne Heche.)

♦ "It's bravery for the left, it's not bravery for the world." (Fox anchor Todd Piro, about DC Comics making Superman's son bisexual.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

brawl (noun)

political brawl

the government's ~s with the Muslim Brotherhood

this is turning into a ~ (funding)

public brawl

he knew he would lose in a ~ with a Naval officer

scientific brawl

his appetite for ~s is increasing with age (scientist)

conflict: fist / violence

brazen (adjective)

brazen

the company was ~ (bribes)

brazen brothels

this NYC avenue is overrun by ~ (*New York Post*)

brazen play

they orchestrated a ~ (political corruption)

so brazen

he's gotten ~ that... (politics)

♦ The origin of this word relates to brass.

restraint & lack of restraint: materials & substances

behavior: materials & substances

breach (verb)

breached (parts of) the agreement

Iran has already ~ since the Trump administration...

breached a (2012) agreement

the question of whether Facebook ~ over user privacy

breached article 16

Hong Kong supporters ~ of the FIFA Disciplinary Code

breached a (a key, but seldom tested "morality") clause

PBS argued that he ~

breached confidentiality

the Board members who contacted the press ~

breached its contract

reports that the startup ~ (Philly Fighting COVID)

Parler claimed the tech giant breached ~ by...

breached their (fiduciary) duties

the Board members willfully ~ to the union

breached EU Law

Dutch rules ~ on protecting nature from...

breached his obligations

the court ruled Snowden ~ to the intelligence agencies

breached the terms
Iran has since ~, enriching uranium past the limit

breached a certain threshold
schools would have to shut down if infections ~

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military / verb
breach (noun)

breach of etiquette
the ~ was startling
she was chastised for a ~ (teen golfer at tournament)

breach of the peace
acts causing a ~ are prohibited (city park)

breach of (academic) politics
the ~ destroyed his university career

breach of (investigative) protocol
it is the worst ~ (leak about case)

breaches of respect
~ are sometimes met with vicious reprisal (surfing)

breaches of the rules
police were guilty of ~ on questioning suspects

breach of the (truce) treaty
we urge the North to apologize for the ~

breach of trust
Gordimer accused Roberts of ~ (over biography of her)
charges include bribery, fraud and ~ (a Prime Minister)
charges include misappropriation of Nissan funds and a ~

breaches of Islamic law
they police the streets on the lookout for ~

breach in the public health system
the closure creates a serious ~

breach with President Yeltsin
how do you avoid a major ~ (diplomacy)

data breach
the latest ~ (from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs)

safety breach
China closed the lab after a ~ (SARS)

security breach
a series of ~s on the Internet
the CIA's handling of the ~
a ~ of customer information (40 million credit-card holders)
reports on ~s in airports

computer-security breaches
many companies have detected ~

substantial and significant breaches
police were guilty of ~ of the rules on questioning suspects

guilty of breaches
the police were ~ of the rules on questioning suspects

detected (computer-security) breaches
many companies have ~

jump into the breach
the company enlisted him to ~

step into the breach
the Germans and French have offered to ~ (intel)

stepping into the breach
zoom fatigue set in months ago, but audio is ~

stepped into the breach
ordinary citizens have ~ (disaster relief)

♦ "We showed we were willing to stand in the gap." (Sherrilyn Ifill of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, about the "challenge of 2020.")

♦ "Those who stormed this Capitol, and those who instigated and incited, and those who called on them to do so, held a dagger at the throat of America, and American democracy... I will stand in this breach, I will defend this nation, I'll allow no one to place a dagger at the throat of democracy." (President Joe Biden, in a speech on January 6th, 2022.)

♦ "The trenches having been opened and the works carried on in the usual manner, the artillery at length began to make a breach, and after a three days' cannonade having made such an opening in the massive wall that it was reported practicable by Colonel Wellesley, orders were issued for storming the place... / Crossing the rocky bed of the Cavery, under a terrible fire of cannon, jingalls, and musketry, the glacis and ditch were soon crossed... / Lieutenant-Colonel Dunlop was here wounded when half way up by a *sirdar* of Mysore, who met him scimitar in hand. Parrying a cut with his sabre, the colonel slashed open his antagonist's breast, and mortally wounded him. The *sirdar* made another cut that nearly hewed off the head of the colonel, and falling back into the breach was instantly bayoneted. Dunlop reached the summit, and then fell from loss of blood... / Within seven minutes from the time the assault began, the British standard was waving on the outer bastion of the fortress..." ("Serangapatam, 1799, from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military
breached

breached during the pandemic
IEPs have been ~ (education / a lawsuit)

breached by a (crippling) cyberattack
the elections office was ~ (Florida in 2016)

breached lease
he does not want to continue in a ~ (a landlord)

database was breached
the FBI is investigating how the ~

information is breached
when consumer's personal ~

privacy has been breached
those whose digital ~ have little resort

♦ "Cynthia responded to that and said, 'You wanted to make her squirm a little.' / The fortifications had been breached, to continue the military metaphor, and Cynthia charged right through. She said, 'In fact, General, you knew your daughter was not the victim of some rapist...'" (*The General's Daughter* by Nelson DeMille. The author is noteworthy in the way he explicitly notices language and dialect.)

subterfuge: allusion / verb

bread (noun)

breadbasket
see *breadbasket* (Pakistan's *breadbasket*, etc.)

breadcrumb

see *breadcrumb* (evidence)
see *breadcrumb* (verb)
see *breadcrumb*
see *breadcrumbing* (leading someone on)

bread and butter
see *bread and butter* (livelihood)

bread-and-butter
see *bread-and-butter* (adjective)

sliced bread
see *bread* (sliced bread)

bread (sliced bread)

since sliced bread
this is the greatest thing ~

♦ "Hang on I thought BBC said this Man Utd was the greatest thing since sliced bread." (An online commenter about Liverpool 7-0 Man Utd. A commenter to the commenter replied, "And today they was toasted.")

♦ "Funny how so many people who thought he was the greatest thing since sliced bread have changed their tune now." (Boxing snark about Anthony Joshua.)

♦ The greatest invention in human history is not the wheel, and it's certainly not sliced bread. As much of the nation broiled this week in temperatures in the high 90s and beyond, can there be any doubt that our most wondrous piece of technology is the air conditioner? / It was way back in 1902 that Willis Carrier created the Apparatus for Treating Air... ("An ode to AC" by William Falk, Editor, *The Week* Magazine.)

♦ "After the plates had been polished clean with bread that my mother used to cut holding the flat, four-pound loaf against her chest, the pudding came out, and let me tell you my mother's puddings would make you hold your breath to eat..." (*How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn. Otto Frederick Rohwedder of Davenport, Iowa, invented a bread slicing machine, and commercially sold sliced bread was first sold in 1928.)

superlative: food & drink

bread and butter (livelihood)

bread and butter
positive stories are our ~ (*Koori Mail* newspaper)

bread and butter of prime-time TV
medical dramas are the ~ (2020)

bread and butter to reporting
making sources is ~

earn its bread and butter
science has to ~ (practical applications)

♦ "This was bread, bread, black bread... Science is bread, bread for the soul." (Viktor Shtrum's physics breakthrough from *Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman, New York Review Books, translated by Robert Chandler.)

bases / importance & significance: food & drink / sign, signal, symbol

bread-and-butter (adjective)

bread-and-butter model
the company's ~

bases / importance & significance: food & drink

breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.)

breadbasket of Europe
the area is often called the ~ (Russia / Ukraine)

breadbasket of India
the Punjab is the ~ (Sikhs)

breadbasket to the Revolution
the Mohawk Valley acted as the ~ (U.S.)

breadbasket of the Confederacy
the Shenandoah Valley was known as the ~ (Civil War)

Afghanistan's breadbasket
the broad Shomali Plain that was once ~

Brazil's (southern) breadbasket
~ flourishes (vs. Amazon)

Pakistan's breadbasket
Punjab is known as ~ for its agriculture

country's breadbasket
Northern India, the ~ (larger farms, grain)

nation's breadbasket
the Great Plains are the ~ (western Kansas, etc.)

♦ This is the same as *granary*.

♦ "The Indus brings bread to our table. It is one of the longest rivers in the world, and it is also one of the wildest." (Wajahat Malik, filmmaker and leader of the Indus Expedition 2022.)

♦ (1) Russia (2) Canada (3) U.S. (4) France (5) Ukraine... (The five largest exporters of wheat. Canada and the U.S. owe a great debt to hardy and fast growing varieties of wheat brought over from Russia in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.)

farming & agriculture / wheat: epithet / sign, signal, symbol

breadcrumb (evidence)

"bread crumbs" to follow
there are fewer ~ as time goes on (missing person)

breadcrumbs for the police
he would leave few ~ (serial murderer changes identity, etc.)

bread crumbs to the crime scene
her clothes were ~ (Central Park jogger)

breadcrumb trail
an electronic ~ lets users backtrack (GPS)
clickstreams are the digital ~ which Amazon follows

digital breadcrumbs
police followed the ~ left behind by the victim and suspect

trail of (digital) breadcrumbs
the leaker left a long ~ (Pentagon documents / 2023)

"Q drops" or "breadcrumbs"
these messages became known as ~ QAnon conspiracy)

♦ "We don't know precisely what the predicate was but we sure have a whole lot of bread crumbs that led to this moment." (NPR's David Folkenflik about the firing of Don Lemon by CNN.)

♦ A breadcrumb trail is an allusion to the fairy tale of Hansel and Gretel. The children's horrid mother wished to get rid of them in a time of famine.

She led them deep into the forest but the kids were able to return home by following a trail of small white stones they had dropped along the way. The second time, they had no time to collect stones, so they dropped crumbs of bread. But the birds ate the crumbs, and the kids were lost. They eventually come to a gingerbread house where a cannibal witch imprisoned them...

direction / evidence: allusion

breadcrumb (verb)

breadcrumbing you

he's just ~ by hinting at a new position for you

subterfuge: allusion / verb

breadcrumbbed

breadcrumbbed

how to know you're being ~

subterfuge: allusion

breadcrumbing (leading someone on)

breadcrumbing

~ is a modern term for intermittent reinforcement

~ is leading someone on (at work or in a relationship)

♦ A boss might breadcrumb you by hinting at a reward that he never intends to give you. Or a person you're interested in might breadcrumb you by texting you just enough to make you think she is interested in you. Sound familiar?

subterfuge: allusion

break (break the silence, etc.)

breaks silence

freed teen ~ (kidnapped)

broken my silence

I wouldn't be here today if I hadn't ~ (addiction)

speech: verb

break (destroy / disrupt)

break capitalism

a super intelligent machine could ~ (AI)

broke the internet

what ~ (Facebook issues, etc.)

broke the Democratic Party

how Ted Kennedy ~

broke the Senate

many critics think that McConnell ~ (US politics)

Broke the World

Lords of Finance: The Bankers Who ~ (Liaquat Ahamed)

♦ "How Civilization Broke Our Brains" by Derek Thompson, *The Atlantic*, January/February 2021. "Derek Thompson is a staff writer at *The Atlantic*." The motto of the magazine is "Of no party or clique." The magazine dates back to 1857.)

destruction: mechanism / verb

disruption: mechanism / verb

break (resistance / verb)

break Russians

you can't ~

♦ "This is basically a war between NATO and the USA versus Russia. But they don't realize they are fighting against Russians here. You can't break Russians. The worse it is, the stronger they get." (Deki. From *A Snipers War 2018*.)

♦ It is better to bend than to break.

resistance, opposition & defeat: materials & substances / verb

breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.)

mental breakdown

her first ~... (Nicole Linton, fatal traffic incident killed 5)

on the edge of a (nervous) breakdown

I'm ~

mental health: functioning / mechanism

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

break down (explain)

break it (all) down for us

they will ~ (TV news analysis)

♦ "To break it all down for us, we have..." (A gushing NPR host.)

♦ Type "break it down for us" at NPR and you get 85 results and counting. For "break it down for" and you get 116 results and counting. For "break it down" you get 592 results and counting...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: mechanism / verb

break down (functioning)

authority broke down

political ~

discipline can break down

in a crisis, ~ (first responders)

fire ~ upon contact (military)

negotiations broke down

~ and resumed and broke down again

communications system broke down

the state-of-the-art ~

social order is breaking down

the ~ (in the wake of a great natural disaster)

law and order has broken down

functioning: mechanism / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

break down (destroy)

break down (trade) barriers

the European Union seeks to ~

break down the resistance

the operation seeks to ~ in Balad (military)

break down stereotypes

we must ~ about Muslims

break down the stigma

we must ~ of adoption

breaks down blood clots
the enzyme ~ (medicine)

help break down
study abroad can ~ stereotypes and prejudice

destruction: mechanism / verb

break down (emotionally)

break down
he would ~ and start sobbing about his dad

broke down
when police arrested her, she ~

broke down in tears
she ~ as she told her sad story

broke down into tears
Walter Cronkite ~ on national television (Kennedy)

broke down in his tent
he ~ and wept for 45 minutes (climber)

**feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: mechanism /
prep, adv, adj, particle / verb**

break down (divide)

breaks down into (many small-unit) battles
combat in urban areas ~ (military)

breaks down into two (different) categories
the issue ~

breaks down features into elements
faction-recognition devices ~

broke down its data by age
the company ~ as well as income

break down ounces into gram
midsize dealers ~ (illegal drugs)

taxonomy & classification: mechanism

breaker (deal-breaker, etc.)

deal-breaker
it was a ~ in that respect (surprise rough sex)

rule breaker
she is a classically trained ~ (a musician)
he made a name for himself as a self-styled ~ (musician)

silence breakers
Time announced the ~ as their person of the year (2017)

destruction / disruption: affix / mechanism

breaking point (at the breaking point)

at the breaking point
they are ~ (financially)

at a breaking point
the system is ~ (immigration)

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances
condition & status: materials & substances**

breaking point (to the breaking point)

stretched to the breaking point
we are ~ (police chief facing layoffs)
the Army and Marines are ~ (US in Iraq)
fire crews are ~ (California wildfires)

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances
condition & status: materials & substances**

breaking point (other)

breaking point
every man has his ~ (the film *Shawshank Redemption*)

mental health: materials & substances

**condition & status / failure, accident & impairment /
feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances**

breakneck (adjective)

breakneck rate
Boeing has been churning out the popular model at a ~

speed: animal / horse

break off (verb)

broke off the attack
the mountain lion finally ~ (on 70-year-old man / CA)

broke off his engagement
he ~ to the former Playboy model

broke off (diplomatic) relations
Venezuela then ~ in response

broke off (business) ties
it ~ with... (two companies)

broke off (diplomatic) ties
Ecuador ~ with Colombia

break it off
until I got the nerve to ~ with my then-girlfriend

starting, going, continuing & ending: hand / verb

curtailment: hand / verb

break out (verb)

broke out in celebration
an army of fans ~ (#FreeBritney)

fight broke out
the ~ on Alexanderplatz square

typhus broke out
~ in the ships anchored on the Motherbank

initiation / occurrence: pursuit, capture & escape / verb

breakout (breakout sessions, etc.)

breakout rooms
Zoom ~ (online video conferencing)

breakout session

a ~ has been scheduled... (TESL convention)

♦ My dictionary gives two definitions. One relates to escape from enemy encirclement or from a prison. The other is a skin eruption. Teacher education and educational conferences are well known for their "breakout" sessions followed by the blessed break for lunch.

division & connection: school & education

break through (verb)

break through

it's difficult to predict which words will ~ (into dictionary)

importance & significance / obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress: direction / military / movement

breakthrough (noun)

breakthrough

research failures are finally being outnumbered by the ~s

breakthrough in the (murder) case

we are hoping for a ~

breakthroughs in medicine

the new research might lead to ~

breakthrough in (stalled) talks

a ~ on a bill that... (lawmakers)

breakthroughs in (armor) technology

revolutionary ~ (military)

breakthrough cases

experts are monitoring ~ among the vaccinated (COVID)

breakthrough infection

a ~ doesn't necessarily mean the vaccine is failing

breakthrough lead

even a \$2.5 million reward has not produced a ~

breakthrough moment

it was a ~ for a young man (Federer beats Sampras in 2001)

breakthrough pain

a "rescue dose" for sudden, severe ~ (morphine)

breakthrough year

he is having a ~ (baseball player)

research breakthrough

~s have reduced the cost

~s have led to new treatments for stroke

diplomatic breakthrough

the U.N.-sponsored gathering is a ~

revolutionary breakthroughs

~ in armor technology (military)

scientific breakthrough

it's a ~

technological breakthrough

the first ATMs were a ~ (1970s)

chance of a breakthrough

climate policy is gridlocked, with no ~

♦ "It was a breakthrough in special effects." (The 1927 film *Napoleon*.)

♦ In dictionaries, this word dates to 1918—World War I—when soldiers struggled and died to break through enemy defenses.

importance & significance / obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress: direction / military / movement

breath (take one's breath away)

took my breath away

it ~ (a huge inflated medical bill)

she ~ ("It must be love")

took your breath away

it ~ (an exciting boxing match)

takes your breath away

the canyon always ~ (Grand Canyon in winter)

fairly took my breath away

the book review was so spiteful it ~

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing / verb

breath (hold one's breath)

held their breath

everyone ~, to see what she was gonna do (raped)

holding their breaths

people are ~ (waiting for a remedy)

holding its breath

the world is collectively ~ (Japan nuclear disaster)

holding my breath

I was ~ walking to the mailbox... (worried about a bill)

holding their breath

people are ~, waiting to see what happens next

fate, fortune & chance: bodily reaction / breathing / verb

breath (take a breath, etc.)

take a deep breath

this is a moment to ~ and think through things (crisis)

take a deep breath and take the long view

it's a good time to ~ (hope during pandemic)

♦ Keep calm and carry on. (Great Britain, World War II.)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing / verb

breath (catch one's breath, etc.)

allow everyone involved a chance to catch their breath

a quiet interlude designed to ~ (a performance)

♦ "The mauling happened during a part of the show called 'The Rapport,' a quiet interlude designed to allow everyone involved a chance to catch their breath." (From "The Original Tiger Kings: The Improbable Rise and Savage Fall Of Siegfried & Roy" by Chris Jones and Michael J. Mooney, *The Atlantic*, November 2022. The mauling was of Roy (black hair), by Mantecore, a tiger.)

amelioration & renewal: bodily reaction / breathing / verb

breath (last breath, final breath, etc.)

last breath and bullet
we will fight back with our ~ (The Jenin Brigade)

death & life: breathing

breathe (caves breathe, etc.)

breathe
all caves ~

resemblance: bodily reaction / breathing

breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.)

live, eat and breathe
I used to ~ cricket, now I can take it or leave it (Bazball)

**absorption & immersion / consumption / enthusiasm /
identity & nature: breathing / death & life / verb**

breathing space (and breathing room)

breathing room
provide ~ to consider the options

a little breathing room
the Turks are giving the Saudis ~ (to reply)
we have ~ to establish alternative energy sources

breathing space
travel bans can give you ~ (to prepare for virus)

gives the Postal Service “breathing room”
the rate increase ~

amelioration & renewal: breathing

time: breathing / place

breathless (adjective)

breathless coverage
blaring headlines, fleshy photos and ~ (the media)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing

brehtaking (adjective)

brehtaking action
he defeated his longtime rival in 6 rounds of ~ (boxing)

brehtaking advance
this is a ~ (legislative act)

brehtaking performance
she gave a ~ (skater)

brehtaking power
American prosecutors have ~

brehtaking speed
the cars go at ~s (racing)

brehtaking view
a front porch with a ~ of the mountains
the skyway provides ~s of the southern Appalachians

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing

breed (create)

breeds (political) bedlam
the system ~ (government)

breeds corruption
the ruling ~ (campaign finance)

breeds the desire
success ~ for more success (school)

bred jealousy
success has ~ elsewhere (sports)

breeds peace
strength ~, right (US still in S. Korea, etc.)

Breeds Peril
Yellowstone Bison Thrive, but Success ~ (article)

breed resentment
the primitivist ideologies of indigeneity can ~

bred (more) success
success ~ (diplomacy)

breed further success
that success would ~ (MGM gym)

creation & transformation: animal / verb

relationship: animal / verb

breed (type)

breed of enthusiast
roller coasters inspire a peculiar ~

breed apart
the war made them a ~ (W.W. II veterans)
they are a ~ and make no sense (white settlers)

breed of athlete
a pole vaulter is a very special ~ (danger)

different breed
they are a ~ to those who... (big riders / surfing)

new breed
the ~ of explorers (Blacks / National Geographic)

peculiar breed
roller coasters inspire a ~ of enthusiast

rare breed
he's one of a ~ of technical divers

special breed
it's a dangerous job that takes a ~
a pole vaulter is a very ~ of athlete (danger)

♦ “Some professors are jerks, and students should learn the identifying marks of the latter breed early on.” (Taking sexual advantage of students.)

♦ “There’s a new breed of explorer... We down here ya’ all.” (Will Smith in the official trailer for “Welcome To Earth” by National Geographic, on Disney Plus.)

♦ “Chingachgook warned me about people like you... He said, ‘Do not try to understand them. And don’t try to make them understand you. That is because they are a breed apart and make no sense.’” (*Last of the Mohicans*, the 1992 film.)

taxonomy & classification: animal

identity & nature: animal

breed (dying breed, etc.)

dying breed

he is the last of a ~ (race car driver)

moderates are a ~ (politics)

Old Breed

With the ~ (World War II soldiers)

decline / past & present: animal

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal

breeder reactor (noun)

breeder reactor for extremism

the Punjab has been called a ~ (Pakistan)

creation & transformation: nuclear energy

breeding ground

breeding ground for (religious) extremism

mosques are a ~ (Pakistan)

breeding ground for (would-be) jihadists

Zarqa is a ~ (Jordan)

breeding ground for (serial) killers

the Pacific Northwest is a ~

breeding grounds for terrorism

the refugee camps are prime ~

the Sudan and Somalia, ~

breeding ground for viruses

the Internet is a ~

creation & transformation: animal

breezy (speech)

breezy and anodyne

“Gutsy” is ~ (on Apple TV)

♦ “Recently I got to do something I’d only dreamt of. Talked to an astronaut who’s hanging out on the International space station, that global party house and space lab orbiting the earth 16 times a day... Astronaut food! Which in my book is definitely as important as all the science.” (Regina Barber on NPR. “An astronaut tells NPR what life is like on the ISS,” NPR, All Things Considered, Jan 17, 2023. Whoa-whoa!)

♦ “I don’t think we’ll ever be able to do presidential politics with just two white guys ever again.” (Breezy political punditry by Ali Vitali (female) on NPR.)

♦ “She is here to lay out something of a radio map for us, hey there, Diaa, so before we get to the fighting, would you give us the big map? Afghanistan, of course...” (Breezy language heard on NPR.)

♦ “It’s not a sexy job per se, right? It’s not a job that is chill...” (Jessica Malaty Riveria’s breezy contempo-speak assessment of the legacy of “the elderly” Dr. Anthony Fauci, on NPR.)

♦ “Welcome to both of you.” / Thank you, thank you.” / Hello, Hello. / Hello, Hello.” (Ailsa Chang and two guests on NPR.)

♦ NPR’s “A” Martinez: That’s NPR’s pharmaceuticals correspondent Sydney Lupkin. Thanks. / Sydney Lupkin: You bet!

♦ “Breezy and anodyne.” (“Chelsea and Hillary Clinton’s ‘Gutsy’ Is a Toothless Girlboss Vanity Project” by Laura Bradley, *The Daily Beast*, Sept 9, 2022.)

♦ “As you may have guessed, gentlemen, our objective remains Rome. Can’t let the Hun spend the rest of the winter there all nice and comfy-cosy. So we shall jolly well turf him out. Over on the left...here...the Yanks will burst through the Bernhard Line and streak up the Liri valley past Cassino and pop into Rome from the south. Our chaps...over here...will smash across the Sangro and gallop up the coast to Pescara then make a left hook into the mountains and pounce on Rome from the east. Our part of the show will open with a colossal crack at the mouth of the Sangro River... First Canadian Division will spearhead the advance after the breakthrough has been made. We’ve bags of tanks and guns so it should be plain sailing, what?” (*And No Birds Sang* by the great Canadian writer Farley Mowat.)

speech / substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere / wind

brew (mixture)

witches' brew

at one time, the US military was a ~ of racism

lethal brew

driving fatalities result from a ~ of... (India)

toxic brew

their illnesses resulted from a ~ of contaminants

we fight this ~ of stupidity and... (US exceptionalism)

mixture: food & drink

brew (activity)

brewing

this issue has been ~, and they knew it would bubble up again

brewing in Nasiriya

another humanitarian crisis may be ~ (Iraq War)

controversy is brewing

a ~

crisis (in Haiti) has been brewing

~ since...

problem is brewing

a new ~ (too little space at Metro stations)

revolution is brewing

a ~ (against bilingual education)

storm was brewing

outside, the ~ (protests against the government)

tensions are brewing

~ between supporters and opponents

activity: heating water / temperature / verb / water

initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.)

Bride of the Sea

Venice, the ~

Bride of the Red Sea

Jeddah, the ~ (Saudi Arabia)

configuration / relationship: epithet

epithet: love, courtship & marriage

bride (war)

young bride

in the morning I was nervous like a ~ (prior to combat)

♦ "In the morning I was nervous like a young bride. I hadn't been in combat for 20 years. The first battle is no joke. But now I have confidence in my regiment and I feel happy. Very happy." (Brigade Commander Serpilin. From *The Living and the Dead* (1964 film) directed by Aleksandr Stolper based on the 1959 novel *The Living and the Dead* by Konstantin Simonov. Simonov, the great Soviet war correspondent, poet, and novelist, is famous for his poem "Wait for Me." It became a talisman for millions during World War II: it was reprinted, hand-copied, memorized, recited, and carried in pockets by millions of soldiers and civilians alike. "Wait for me and I'll return, only wait very hard... / Only you and I will know how I survived; / It was because you waited as no one else did.")

♦ "When old soldiers see reserves being moved up to the front, they say, 'It looks like a wedding.'" (*Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman. Part One, section 53. Like Konstantin Simonov, Grossman was a war journalist.)

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. Willie and Joe are lying prone behind rocks with their rifles pointed towards the smoking ruins of a deserted Italian or French village. An exhausted Joe is saying to Willie, "Let B Comp'ny go in. They ain't been kissed yet." (*Up Front* by Bill Mauldin, World War II. Mauldin wrote, "Most people in Italy and Sicily gave us a rousing welcome in all their towns and cities, but nowhere was there such excitement as in Rome. We got awful cynical about it, because the enthusiasm seem to stop, and the complaints seemed to start, twenty-four hours after everybody was kissing everybody else. When were we going to bring shoes and food and clothes and phonograph records? Who was going to pay for Uncle Antonio's bombed vino shop, and why did we have to shell Aunt Amelia's ristorante?" Bill Mauldin survived World War II. Ernie Pyle did not.)

♦ "My goodness gracious, Squib, you should have seen yourself!" he told me some time later. "You popped out of that dust cloud as white as a rat in a flour barrel, and with the silliest expression on your face... like a girl who's just been kissed for the first time.' / If kiss it was, then it was very nearly the kiss of death. Seven men were wounded by the explosion and two killed. We survivors had been incredibly lucky." (*And No Birds Sang* by Marley Mowat. Italy. World War II.)

♦ cherry A 'cherry' is American military slang for a new arrival, a soldier who had not yet experienced combat in Vietnam. (Glossary of Vietnam War terms.)

♦ "The linkage between sex and killing becomes unpleasantly apparent when we enter the realm of warfare. Many societies have long recognized the existence of this twisted region in which battle, like sex, is a milestone in adolescent masculinity. Yet the sexual aspects of killing continue beyond the region in which both are thought to be rites of manhood and into the area in which killing becomes like sex and sex like killing." (*On Killing* by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman.)

experience / military: love, courtship & marriage

bridge (noun)

bridge between the diaspora and the continent
explore your roots, build a ~ (Ghana)

mirror and a bridge

we are a ~ to culture at large (TikTok)

build bridges to the Taliban

he has sought to ~

burned some bridges

he's ~ in the tennis world (troubled athlete)

serves as a bridge

the Public Editor ~ between the newsroom and the public

division & connection: bridge / river

bridge (verb)

bridge the divide

they want to ~ and find common ground (gun control)

bridging the divide

ballet and baseball are ~ (Cuba and the US)

~ won't be easy (NFL players' protests)

bridge the gap

~ between the life you lead and the life you want to live

bridge the rupture

US diplomats are trying to ~ (Middle East)

division & connection: bridge / river / verb

amelioration & renewal: bridge / river / verb

bridge (air bridge, etc.)

bridge between the Middle East and Anatolia

Turkey is a ~ (eastern Turkey / Van)

air bridge

the ~ is important (food drops to starving refugees)

Egypt poured men and materiel into Yemen over an ~

she will fly out of Sanaa as part of this medical ~

the ~ over the Hump (India to China / W.W. II)

Arctic Bridge

Arctic warming could revitalize the so-called ~

trans-Atlantic bridge

they have been trying to reestablish that ~ (Mafia / heroin)

transportation: bridge / river

division & connection: bridge / river

route: bridge / infrastructure / river

bridge (water under the bridge)

water under the bridge

it's ~ now

past & present: bridge / movement / river / water

time: bridge / movement / river / water

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge / movement / river / water

bridge (a bridge to sell)

sell that same bridge over and over again

they are happy to ~ (N. Korean promises)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bridge

bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)

a bridge too far

the idea is ~ (a bad idea that goes too far)

I hope he wins, but my head says it will be ~ (Amir Khan)

he didn't ask them to wear a mask, that was a ~ (staff)

bridge too far for some viewers

its use of racial slurs is an understandable ~ (Tarantino)

fight too late

it seemed to be a ~ (Amir Khan vs. Kell Brook)

failure too far
this will be one CL ~ for him ("Pepsi" Guardiola / Citeh)

a foul too many
Christian Romero commits ~ and is booked (soccer)

a game too far
it was, in some respects, ~ for England (World Cup)

a risk too far
maybe it was a ~ (a boxer about a loss)

a step too far
this could just be ~ (Khan vs. Crawford)
this approach is ~ (media coverage)
this may be ~ (substituting "bae" for "babe" / 2014)

one step too far
I think Tyson Fury would be ~ for Oleksandr Usyk

one task too far
uniting his party is perhaps one ~ (PM Rishi Sunak)

goes a bridge too far
he then ~ and concludes with the following... (theology)

♦ "Christian Romero commits a foul too many, though, and is booked." (Argentina versus Croatia at the FIFA World Cup in Qatar. As opposed to, "Christian Romero commits one too many fouls, though, and is booked.")

♦ "There's plenty of learning to do. He's a tough fighter. Maybe it was a risk too far." (A classy Joe Joyce, after his second loss to Zhilei "Big Bang" Zhang.)

♦ This echoes the title of the great 1977 Richard Attenborough film about Operation Market Garden during World War II. Its meaning is to overreach. The actual operation was a noble and heroic attempt to end the war early. It nearly succeeded. The unintended consequences were horrible, however, in the parts of Holland that weren't liberated: they included the Dutch famine of 1944-1945. Market Garden started September 17, 1944. Anne Frank was apprehended on 4 August 1944, and she died in Bergen-Belsen, perhaps in March, 1945.)

♦ see also *far (too far)*

allusion: film & TV / military
restraint & lack of restraint: allusion / bridge / history / military

bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)

bridge
that's a ~ she can cross at a later date

cross that bridge
we will ~ when we come to it
we will ~ and that decision will be made
we're going to ~ when we get to it on Friday

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / future / time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge / journeys & trips / movement / river / verb

bridge (burn one's bridges)

burn bridges
you never want to ~

burned some bridges
he's ~ in the tennis world (troubled athlete)

burned that bridge
but he ~ when he accused... (a soccer player)

division & connection: bridge / river / water
fate, fortune & chance: bridge / river / water
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bridge / river / water

bridge-building (through bridge-building)

resolve issues through bridge-building
they sought to ~

division & connection: bridge / river
amelioration & renewal: bridge / river

bridge-building

bridge-building visit
the admission came ahead of Medvedev's ~ to Warsaw

division & connection: bridge / river
amelioration & renewal: bridge / river

bridgehead (noun)

bridgehead
Hong Kong is not a ~ to subvert the mainland (China)

establish a bridgehead
hackers are keen to ~ on internal networks

presence & absence: bridge / military / river
survival, persistence & endurance: bridge / military / river

bridle (verb)

bridled against it
Biden ~ (becoming a public symbol of grieving)

bridle against (received) norms
the film does not ~ (the pieties of the Cold War)

bridal at criticism
he has a tendency to ~ (a politician)

"bridle" the executive
impeachment is designed to ~ if he engages in excesses

photographers bridle
~ as NFL announces policy

♦ "Freddy is cussedly almost seethingly willful. She's a born refuser, who bridles at people telling her what she ought to do." (The brilliant movie critic John Powers about the main character played by first-time actor Park Ji-min in *Return to Seoul*. As Powers says, "In fact, her work here is more fascinating than any of this year's Oscar nominees for acting.")

restraint & lack of restraint: horse / verb
constraint & lack of constraint: horse / verb
control & lack of control: horse / verb
resistance, opposition & defeat: horse / verb
bridle (mechanical bridle, etc.)

mechanical bridles
3 ~ hold the rover under the descent stage (Perseverance)

configuration: horse

bright (adjective)

bright
her future is ~

brighter
the future for the company has never been ~

bright idea
it's not easy to turn a ~ into a genuine business

superlative: light & dark

bright (bright side)

look on the bright side
well, ~... (consolation)

♦ seangamut: This is what is known as Karma! / Ambleside: "Always look on the bright side of life!" (Manchester United 0-Liverpool 4.)

♦ "The most ironic thing is that it became really quite serious, in the Falklands War the sailors sitting on the HMS *Sheffield* after they had been hit by an Exocet sang it for 3 hours while they were waiting to be rescued. And the RAF pilots would sing it in great jeopardy, when they were changing for their long, low-level bombing in the Bush Wars, Desert Storm. And so you know, it took on a kind of optimistic component to it, which I like." (BBC. Sounds. Search "Inheritance Tracks Eric Idle." U.S. military veterans at Camp Vinnell in Saudi Arabia delighted in recalling and reenacting Monty Python sketches at the Tiki Hut on weekends.)

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. Willie and Joe have come upon a sad Italian or French peasant, sitting in the threshold of his house, which is in complete ruins. Only the door is upright. Next to the door is the ragged, splintered stump of a tree with an unexploded shell embedded in it. The caption of the cartoon is, "Tell him to look at th' bright side of things, Willie. His trees is pruned, his ground is plowed up, an' his house is air-conditioned." The text about the cartoon reads, "It hits the doggies to see a man staring glassily at the shambles of the home he spent his life building, and they would like to be able to comfort him." (*Up Front* by Bill Mauldin.)

♦ see also *Panglossian* (adjective)

flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark

resiliency: light & dark

brighten (verb)

brightened the mood
the glad tidings ~ of Lincoln (military victories)

mental health: light & dark

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / verb

brilliance (superlative)

flashes of brilliance
this was a performance of heart, quality and ~ (soccer)
he produced occasional ~ when he returned (a soccer player)

superlative: light & dark

brilliant (technology)

"brilliant" bomb
~s are in the future (Low Cost Autonomous Attack Systems)
~s are the smart bombs of the future
~s strike some as the ultimate nightmare

from dumb to smart to brilliant
~ bombs (military)

knowledge & intelligence: mechanism

ability & lack of ability: mechanism / tools & technology

brilliant (superlative)

brilliant (medical and military) career
after a ~

brilliant hacker
he is a ~ (computers)

brilliant idea
I had a ~

brilliant job
who did such a ~

brilliant (new) plan
a ~ to...

brilliant scientist
she's a ~ who...

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

♦ "Not everything is 'brilliant' and 'fantastic'. (An online commenter about the commentators for the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)

superlative: light & dark

character & personality: light & dark

brim (verb)

brimming with patriotism
he staged a revival meeting ~

brims with irony
his account ~ (a book)

amount: container / verb

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: container / verb

bring (verb)

brought joy to the citizens
the musical ~ of an anxious nation at war ("Oklahoma!")

bring perpetrators to justice
we need to ~ (sexual abuse)

brought the South Pole into the public consciousness
Shackleton ~ (in the UK)

brought the (bitter) rift to the surface
the incident ~ (between military and government)

brought gusts
the storm ~ of almost 100 mph

brings (political) pain
Trump knows economic meltdown ~ (coronavirus)

brought its own problems
the solution has ~

brought territory
trade had ~, territory war, war an Empire (Great Britain)

brought (150mph) winds
the storm ~ (a hurricane)

brought invasions and plague
the third century ~ (to the Roman Empire)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb

fictive transportation: verb

relationship: movement / verb

bring (the future can bring something)

see *future (the future can bring something)*

bring (bring it)

bring it
if you're gonna sing it, you gotta ~ (gospel music)

brought it
people were looking for a new realism, and he ~ (Brando)

bringing the brawl
Ryder though is ~ and has done all night (boxing)

brought it in Game 1
Cassidy Hubbarth talks about who ~ (NBA finals)

♦ "It's all about that dog that he gonna bring to the fight." (A boxer speaking about what makes a winning boxer.)

♦ "We know what he's going to bring, like he always comes forward, puts on pressure, throws big bombs..." (Joseph Parker about an upcoming match with Derek "Del Boy" Chisora.)

♦ "I'll bring it. Don't worry." (Kirsten Dunst. Silly dialog from the silly 2000 film *Bring It On*.)

commitment & determination: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

bring around (verb)

bring Londoners around
what will ~ (to support the Olympics)

allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / verb

bring back (restore)

bring back the death penalty
~, ~ the police...

bring the beaver back
efforts are underway to ~

bring him back
nothing we can do can ~ (executed for murder)

amelioration & renewal / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / survival, persistence & endurance: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

bring down (verb)

bring down some racial barriers
it helped to ~ (basketball)

brought down his own career
he ~ with drugs (a baseball player)

bring down the (whole) edifice
any crack in the system would ~ (dictatorship)

destruction: direction / ruins / verb

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / verb

bring up (a subject, etc.)

brought up Honnold
Caldwell, sitting on the deck that night, ~... (climbers)

brought up the (new California sport) climb
when I ~ (in conversation with a climber)

speech: ground, terrain & land

brink (on the brink)

on the brink of collapse
the government is ~

on the brink of default
the country is teetering ~ (Greece / economy)

on the brink of disaster
the country is ~ (economy)

on the brink of a (polio) epidemic
West and Central Africa are ~

on the brink of failure
the meeting was ~ (UN)

on the brink of insolvency
the factory is teetering ~

on the brink of unconsciousness
he was ~ (trapped caver)

on the brink of stardom
he has been hovering ~ (a film actor)

on the brink of (another) summit bid
10 days later, ~ (climbing)

hovering on the brink
he has been ~ of stardom (a film actor)

teetering on the brink
the factory is ~ of insolvency

♦ **"We say:** Planet on the *brink*? Those folks at WaPO surely must be living on a different planet than this one; Earth is not even *close* to any 'brink.' Of course, climate warriors have been screaming 'the end is nigh' for some 48 years. / Their problem is that there's no way now to be more alarmist." (*The New York Post* Editorial Board, July 20, 2023. The Washington Post article was titled, "Floods, fires and deadly heat are the alarm bells of a planet on the brink." The *New York Post* Editorial Board included that headline in an end-of-the-year tribute to the most absurd claims of 2023, remarking, "Any time you see the phrase 'planet on the brink,' you can be sure you're reading pure hype.")

♦ OLD: moving closer to... / NEW: on the brink of...

proximity: ground, terrain & land

fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land

brink (to the brink)

push Iraq to the brink
he urged them not to ~ of confrontation

proximity: ground, terrain & land

fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land

brink (back from the brink)

back from the brink
Wall Street is ~

step back from the brink
they must ~ (rioters battle soldiers)

bring them back from the brink
we must ~ of extinction (endangered animals)

pull his friend back from the brink
he tried to ~ (drug intervention)

proximity: ground, terrain & land

fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land

survival, persistence & endurance: ground, terrain & land

brinksmanship (noun)

brinksmanship
there's a lot of ~ involved (negotiations)

fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land

position, policy & negotiation: ground, terrain & land

bristle (emotional arousal)

bristled at questions
the senator ~ about his patriotism

bristles at the suggestion
she ~ that she encouraged cheating (an educator)

♦ Piloerection is a sign of emotional arousal. In chimpanzees, it will cause the hair on their shoulders to stick straight up. At the same time, chimpanzees might hoot and throw pebbles.

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / dog / hair / verb

bristle (with security, etc.)

bristling with security
the courthouse is ~

protection & lack of protection: animal / fortification / military / verb

British (British of South America, etc.)

British of South America
people used to say we are the ~ (Chileans)

character & personality / identity & nature / migration: epithet

brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.)

angrier and more brittle
she seems ~ (emotions)

emerged (emotionally) brittle
he ~ (from a turbulent childhood)

becoming (more) brittle
our most intimate relationships are ~ (#toxic)

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances

ability & lack of ability: materials & substances

broad (adjective)

too broad
for some the brush stroke was ~ (cancel culture includes Abraham Lincoln)

extent & scope: breadth

broadside (noun)

broadside against China
Secretary of State Mike Pompeo launched another ~

broadside against the 2015 same-sex marriage decision
Thomas and Alito issued a ~ on Monday when...

broadside' against fellow lawmaker
Tiller backs challenger in 'extraordinary ~ (politics)

Twitter broadside
Senator's Grassley's ~ at Obama...

Trump's broadsides
it's unclear if ~ will have much sway...

ferocious broadside
he launched a ~ against Jeff Sessions (politics)

legal broadside
she leveled the fiercest ~ yet against the Sackler family

aimed another broadside
he ~ at Pelosi (President Trump)

level broadsides
Democrats ~ at Romney's wealth (politics)

♦ "Hood, in the *Zealous*, took the station, and from the port-holes of his seventy-four poured such a tempest of shot upon the *Guerrier*, that in twelve minutes he riddled and totally disabled her... Passing gracefully and swiftly to windward of the *Zealous*, [the *Orion*] fired her larboard guns so long as they could be brought to bear upon the *Guerrier*, then passing inside the *Goliath*, by a single broadside she shattered and sunk a frigate, *La Serieuse*, which annoyed her, sending her to the bottom in an instant with all hands on board, 250 men... / By this time the sun had set. The *Audacious*, under Captain Gould, was pouring a crashing fire into the *Guerrier*... The *Theseus*, Captain Miller, following next, swept away the remaining masts of the *Guerrier*... / The victory was ours; the loss to the French was terrible... (The Battle of the Nile, 1798, also known as the Battle of Aboukir Bay. Only four French ships escaped. From *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant. Crowds of Arabs and Mamelukes on shore celebrated and cheered on the destruction of their enemies.)

accusation & criticism: boat / military / weapon

conflict / speech: boat / military / weapon

Brobdingnagian (adjective)

Brobdingnagian Embassy
the US is downsizing its ~ in Iraq

Brobdingnagian stadium
Albert Speer's ~ (1935-1937)

♦ The allusion is to the satire *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift. The same book contributed *Lilliputian* to the language.

♦ Elena Tapia in "Primary Metaphor and the Fantastic" analyzes *Gulliver's Travels* and other fantastical works of literature, including *Alice and Wonderland*, through the lens of conceptual metaphor in order to explain what it is that makes them so fantastic. Even better, her paper is freely available to all at ERIC ED472663.

size: allusion / person
allusion: books & reading
broken (failure)

broken
our food-safety system in this country is ~ (salmonella)
there is no question in my mind that the system is ~
the economy is ~, and Obama can't fix it
what is ~ (teachers, parents, students / education)
the judiciary is ~, the law needs to change

broken home
he comes from a ~

broken life
put back the pieces of a ~ (schizophrenia)

condition & status / failure, accident & impairment / flaws
& lack of flaws / functioning: mechanism

broken (English, etc.)

broken Arabic
reporters asked him in ~ if...

broken English
the Peruvian liaison officer spoke ~

♦ "When asked how he usually feels before a big fight, Oleksandr Usyk—in fractured English—once famously replied: 'I am feel. I am very feel.'" (The great Ukrainian-Cossack boxer who has captured the hearts of fight fans around the world.)

flaws & lack of flaws: speech / mechanism
speech: functioning

broken (feeling)

broken
his brain is ~, he's a damaged human being

broken man
he left high-spirited, but he returned a ~ (war)

left (absolutely) broken
his family had been ~ by his death

♦ "You must not think of him as a man who had been broken... He had been hurt, he was wounded, but he was still the same man in great spirits. He thought the best spirit of resistance is joyfulness." (An acquaintance of Boris Pasternak in his last years.)

♦ "His brain is broken, he's a damaged human being." (Public defender Melissa McNeil, during the penalty phase of Nicholas Cruz, Parkland School Shooter.)

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / mechanism
mental health: mechanism

broken-hearted

broken-hearted (m)
a ~ man

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart
heart: functioning / mechanism

bromide (noun)

bromide
this is sound advice as far as it goes, but it's a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine
amelioration & renewal: health & medicine
speech: health & medicine

broom (broom of reform, etc.)

broom of reform
I will grab the ~ and sweep this state clean

♦ Michele Rhee was an educational crusader. As chancellor of the Washington, D.C. school system, she was given a mandate to "clean house." She appeared on the cover of *Time Magazine* with a broom. But community members felt like they had been compared to dirt, and she ended up having to resign her position.

amelioration & renewal: house / hygiene
disruption: house / hygiene

brother (Instagram's brother, etc.)

brother of igneous volcanoes
mud volcanoes are the poor ~ (research, etc.)

big brother
he came from Instagram's ~, Facebook (Mosseri)

poor brother
mud volcanoes are the ~ of igneous volcanoes (research)

relationship: family

brother (big brother, etc.)

big sister
I was like a mother hen to them, I was like ~

big sister to young rockers
Judy Collins was a kind of ~ (place to crash, etc.)

help & assistance: family

brother (brother in arms, etc.)

brothers
the Serbs and Russians are ~ (Kosovo)

brothers to us
the Syrians are ~ (Iraqi Christian refugee)

brother in arms
the soldier's reflexive instinct to protect his ~

brothers in perseverance
they were ~ (two otherwise dissimilar artists)

brother from another mother
he was my ~ (David Grohl about Taylor Hawkins)

brothers and sisters
I love my Browns ~ but I'm done with the team (NFL fan)

fraternity brothers
he died after chugging whiskey with ~ (initiation)

band of brothers
they are more than a fun-loving, bike-riding ~ (gang)

♦ "The Diamonds have a 'sisters in arms' mantra." (Australian netball.)

♦ "I still love my fellow long suffering Browns brothers and sisters but I am done with the team." (A disgruntled NFL fan.)

♦ "I could feel the unity of tens of millions of brothers and sisters, rising to join the fight, creating a living dam to block the invaders' path..." (Vasily Grossman, author of *Life and Fate*.)

♦ "Beside my brothers and my sisters, I will proudly make a stand." Toby Keith—American Solider (Radio Edit)

division & connection / person / relationship: family

brotherhood (noun)

brotherhood of the sea

we have seen what the ~ means (international rescue)

brotherhood of firefighters

the ~

brotherhood of submariners

the ~

brotherhood, loyalty, courage, and self-sacrifice

the virtues of ~

brotherhood, service, sacrifice

~ (Rangers)

Sufi brotherhoods

Chechnya's ~

have a (long) brotherhood

Columbia and Venezuela ~ (Cucuta Constitution, etc.)

♦ "The code, the brotherhood, the three hours we come together as one..." (Sports talk, about a player who controversially quit on his team during a game. Coaches often say, "There is no "I" in "team." Players retort, "There's an "I" in "win.")

♦ "The mountaineering brotherhood..." (Arguable, especially in this day of sponsorships, commercial mountaineering, "mountain" diplomacy, etc. But "Denali Expedition with the US-Nepal Friendship Team" *looks* like brotherhood. Super! Or as Mark Parella would pronounce it with his Boston accent, "SUPE uh!")

♦ "We have seen in deeds, not words, what the brotherhood of the sea means." (A Russian Navy official, on the successful rescue of sailors aboard a sunken mini-sub. The British, Japanese, and Americans had all rushed to help.)

♦ "My hope is that this site contributes to making more people visit our museum and that the pilgrimage to the Island of Gorée provides an impetus to an enhanced brotherhood able to exorcise the demons of the past." (Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, 2005, speaking about the island opposite Dakar which was one of many slave-trading centers on the African coast, ruled in succession by the Portuguese, Dutch, English and French.)

♦ see also *sisterhood* (noun)

group, set & collection: family

division & connection / relationship: family

brought up

brought up to feel

I was ~ proud of the Empire

brought up harsh, strict

I was ~, but just normal discipline (boxer Conor Benn)

growth & development: life span

bruise (verb)

bruised feelings

but the decision has ~ here (by church, to...)

bruised some egos

he ruffled some feathers and ~ (a general)

feeling, emotion & effect: color / health & medicine / mark / sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

bruised

left the Administration bruised

the experience ~ (diplomacy)

feeling, emotion & effect: color / health & medicine / mark / sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

bruising (adjective)

bruising (political) attacks

after days of ~ on his tax returns and his record...

bruising election

it was a ~

bruising encounter

another ~ with a beast of a wave (Nazare surfing)

bruising encounter

he was finding college a ~ (depression, etc.)

feeling, emotion & effect: color / health & medicine / mark / sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

brush (characterization)

same brush

it is wrong to paint them all with the ~ (a few bad cops)

brush stroke was too broad

for some, the ~ (cancel culture includes Abe Lincoln)

characterization: picture

brush aside (verb)

brushed aside their hosts

the Titans ~ (NFL football)

dismissal, removal & resignation: hand / verb

brush off (verb)

brushed off concerns

he ~ about his security

brushed off their concerns

he angrily ~ (a manager)

brushed off his protest

they ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: hand / verb

brush-off

gave me the brush off

she ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: hand

brush up against

brushed up against this story

I was amazed I had never ~ (author / camels in US)

fictive meeting & seeing: verb

brutality (noun)

brutality of storms

the suddenness, the ~ now, it is different (NYC mayor)

force: violence

bubble (verb)

bubbling here

there has been a long-term democracy moment ~

bubbling (just) under the surface

conflict is ~

bubbled to the surface

all those feelings and emotions ~ again (abuse)

activity / initiation: bubble / heating water / temperature / verb / water

bubble (bubble canopy, etc.)

bubble canopy

its ~ gave a superb, all-around view (a plane)

resemblance: bubble

bubble (activity)

investment bubble

their current popularity is an ~ (NFTs)

stock bubble

but now that the ~ has burst (1990s)

dot-com bubble

the ~

housing bubble

the ~ will eventually pop (housing market)

in an (influence) bubble

we are in ~ (the advertising industry)

boom and bust of (Iceland's tourism) bubble

the ~

bubble has burst

but now that the stock ~... (1990s)

bubble burst

then the ~, and investors lost fortunes (stocks)

bubble has deflated

Iceland's tourism ~

activity: bubble / water

substance & lack of substance: bubble / water

bubble (isolation)

bubble of this isolated leadership

Trump pierced the ~ (North Korea)

bubble of affluent cosmopolitans

Said inhabited a ~ (in Cairo)

bubbles and (self-reinforcing social-media) silos
our filter ~

Canberra bubble

he and the whole ~ face a much more persistent issue

Washington bubble

NPR needs to get out of the ~

filter bubble

the term ~ was coined by Eli Pariser (Wikipedia)

tailored web searches put users in a ~

our ~s and self-reinforcing social-media silos

their own bubble

they can't see outside of ~ (Facebook leaders)

information bubble

liberal journalists have constructed their own '~

~s are powerfully self-reinforcing (the media)

media bubble

the ~ caused blind spots and groupthink (politics)

the insular American ~

insular (Silicon Valley) bubble

that ~ burst when... (Google's woke image generator)

overprotective bubble

so many parents now raise their children in an ~

in a bubble

the people who live ~ (partisan, cultural identity)

he is an arrogant footballer living ~ (soccer snark)

built a bubble around herself

she had ~ that was cutting her off from reality (a boss)

live in a bubble

the people at Facebook ~

lives in a bubble

she ~, away from reality the rest of us face (a celebrity)

living in a bubble

he is an arrogant footballer ~ (soccer snark)

bubble burst

that insular Silicon Valley ~ when... (image generator)

pierced the bubble

Trump ~ of this isolated leadership (North Korea)

get out of the (Washington) bubble

NPR needs to ~

♦ "Sixty-eight percent of tweets between journalists who work at The Washington Post, NPR, [and the] New York Times... are to each other." ("How Journalists Congregating Into 'Microbubbles' Affects Quality Of News Reporting," NPR, All Things Considered, August 12, 2020.)

♦ "By their nature, information bubbles are powerfully self-reinforcing, and I think many *Times* staff have little idea how closed their world has become, or how far they are from fulfilling their compact with readers to show the world 'without fear or favour.'" ("When the New York Times lost its way" by James Bennet, *1843 Magazine (The Economist)*, Dec 14th 2023.)

♦ "Officially, the groups are all independent. In practice, everyone seems to be everyone else's co-author, drinking buddy, former mentor, or

romantic partner.” (Groups like Justice Democrats, Sunrise, and Data for Progress. From “The Left Turn” by Andrew Marantz, *The New Yorker*, May 31, 2021.)

♦ “I feel like podcasting is still small enough...but podcast is still small enough where we all know each other. In the sense like we either went to each other’s wedding, or we interned together, or we used to work for so-and-so, or we went to college with them... We’ve all made projects for each other, too.” (Podcast producer Jesse Baker, interviewed by podcast producer Carolina Groppa.)

♦ “Thom kind of lives in his own world, of his own making. I call it the champagne bubble. That’s why I’d never wear anything other than Thom. Why would you want to leave the bubble?” (The jewelry designer and former model Sarah-Jane Wilde about the fashion designer Thom Browne.)

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. A shocked young man, his cellphone ringing, is saying to his equally shocked woman, “Oh, God, outside is calling.” (*The New Yorker*, March 6, 2023. Millennials and Zoomers, of course, don’t phone.)

♦ see also *incestuous* (adjective)

isolation & remoteness: bubble / container / water

avoidance & separation: bubble / container / water

bubble (quarantine)

“Bubble Boy”

the ~ was described in a documentary in the mid ‘70s
gene therapy to treat ~disease (SCID)

bubble experiment

for the NHL, the ~ paid off (sports goes on in pandemic)

quarantine bubble

some TV shows have continued to shoot in ~s

social bubbles

the pros and cons of ~ or pods... (COVID-19)

one-way ‘bubble’

~ opens between Australia and New Zealand (Covid-19)

COVID-Free Bubbles

sleep away camps offer ~ for remote learning

in a bubble

when you’re ~ for 100 days, it’s tough (COVID-19)

in the Bubble

David Vetter became “the Boy in ~” (1984)

in the (NBA) bubble

what it’s like to be one of the chefs cooking for athletes ~

created a bubble

the college has ~ to keep COVID-19 out

stay in their “bubble”

NBA playoffs are underway as players ~

♦ Beijing will be “bubble-ized,” there will be “bubble-ized” flights... (A sports columnist about the Beijing Winter Olympics.)

isolation & remoteness: bubble / container / water

avoidance & separation: bubble / container / water

protection & lack of protection: bubble / container / water

bubble up (verb)

bubble up

the Troubles continue to ~ in unexpected places (Ireland)
this issue has been brewing, and they knew it would ~ again

activity / appearance & disappearance / initiation: bubble / heating water / prep, adv, adj, particle / temperature / verb / water

bubbling (adjective)

bubbling, unsolved mystery

his case remained a ~ for years (Kim Philby)

activity / initiation: bubble / heating water / temperature / water

bubbly (personality)

chatty, bubbly and (unfailing) polite

~, she is comfortable in the spotlight (Emma Raducanu)

character & personality: bubble / water

buccaneer (person)

individualist, a buccaneer

Amundsen was an ~ (not a public servant)

buccaneers, outsiders, (political) pirates

they want to be seen as ~ (opposition researchers)

taking & removing: boat / crime / person / sea

person: boat / crime / sea

character & personality: boat / crime / person / sea

buck (verb)

bucked his party

he ~ (John McCain / politics)

resistance, opposition & defeat: horse / animal / verb

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: horse / animal / verb

bucket (category)

police bucket

maybe this shouldn’t be in the ~ of things

neat buckets

the motivators don’t fit into ~ (mass-casualty incidents)

‘toxic’ bucket

lumping all workplace issues into the same ~

essential and nonessential buckets

it’s hard to put things in ~

divide things into three buckets

Biden and Pope Francis can ~ (issues)

put them in the same bucket

but with Snowden & Assange, I do ~

taxonomy & classification: container

buckle (give way)

buckled

instead of doubling down on the policy, he ~

destruction / failure, accident & impairment / resistance,

opposition & defeat: infrastructure / ruins / verb

buckle (attachment)

buckle on the strap
Vicksburg was the ~ that held the Confederacy together

buckle of the Bible Belt
they landed at the ~ (Fujianese workers in Oklahoma City)

♦ A belt often has a buckle. See *belt* (area).

attachment / configuration: clothing & accessories

buckle up (buckle in, strap in, etc.)

buckle in
~, everybody, this is going to a really long 2-parter series

buckle up for this journey
so I need all of you to ~ we're about to go on (podcast)

♦ "So I need all of you, including you, Candice, to buckle the f*** up for this journey we're all about to go on." / "Okay, I'm buckled in... I am ready." (A podcast episode about "Who TF Did I Marry.")

♦ "2024...Strap in...it's going to be an incredible year!" (Riyadh Season sports events. Super!)

readiness & preparedness: mechanism

bud (nipped in the bud)

nipped in the bud
the plot had been ~ at the zero hour
sedition has been ~ (a plot)

curtailment / growth & development: plant

appearance & disappearance: plant

budding

budding adventurer
the ~ claimed she was not afraid (Abby Sunderland, 16)

budding career
her ~ came to a screeching halt (a Nike runner)

budding ("heritage language") movement
the ~ in education

budding relationship
they managed to keep their ~ a secret (guy / girl)

budding romance
the innocence of a ~ (teens)

growth & development: plant

appearance & disappearance: plant

budge (verb)

budge
the negotiators won't ~, they are immovable

budging
Ukraine wants a boycott, but ballet companies aren't ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: movement / verb

position, policy & negotiation: movement / verb

commitment & determination: movement / verb

budget (attention budget, etc.)

attention budget
ads take a toll on the user's ~ (internet)

constraint & lack of constraint: money

buffet (noun)

buffet of injustices
that place was a virtual ~ (Southern Poverty Law Center)

♦ "It was like a buffet table laid out for me, about interesting and strange stuff. I was very lucky..." (Hari Kunzru about attending Wadham College, University of Oxford. "Hari Kunzru, Giving Day 2022 Series.")

alternatives & choices / amount: food & drink

group, set & collection: food & drink

buffeted

buffeted by the news
for readers ~... (pandemic)

force: fist / violence / wave / wind

bug (enthusiasm)

acting bug
he took some drama classes and developed an ~

skating bug
he caught the ~ at age 8 (ice-skater Rudy Galindo)

ballet bug
if she hadn't been bitten by the ~...

travel bug
she said she got the ~ from her father...

bitten by the bug
and so I really got ~ (acting, in high school)

bitten by the (cycling) bug
as a youth he played soccer before he was ~

get the (acting) bug
when people ~, there's really nothing you can do about it

♦ "I have to say I was a seventeen-year-old freshman at Harvard, sitting in a lecture hall right around the corner, in Harvard Hall, and I was taking a class on contemporary Chinese politics, and I caught the China bug..." (From "Evan Osnos delivers the 2013 Joe Alex Morris Jr. Memorial Lecture" on YouTube. As he says, he began to study Mandarin, flew to Beijing, and the city "astonished" him, he found it absolutely "irresistible." Of course, so did Matteo Ricci, and so many others...)

enthusiasm: insect

build (create)

build an (international anti-terror) coalition
they seek to ~

build confidence
rehearsals ~ and improve performance (military)

build his confidence
he needs time to ~

build my confidence
rehearsals ~ and improve performance (military)

built a (drug-trafficking) empire
he ~ in the Caribbean

built a (nationwide freight-hauling) empire
Johnnie B. Hunt, who ~

build the future
the motto was *Pro futuro aedificamus*—we ~ (school)

build a (secure) future
~ for their children

build interest
Leslie's dunk will ~ in the WNBA

build a (16-point) lead
~ (basketball)

built a good life
we ~ together

build muscles
some bodybuilders use GHB thinking it will ~

build opposition
he participated in clandestine meetings to ~

build (a series of working) partnerships
~ (federal agencies)

built a (fragile) present
they ~ out of pieces of the past (Balkans diplomacy)

build rapport
a personable style of communication that aims to ~

builds (close) relationships
the chaplain ~ with prisoners (prison)

built her reputation
she ~ as an educator over two decades (fired)

build a reputation
you can't ~ on what you are going to do (Henry Ford);
Cotto continues to ~ (the boxer)

build (deductive) skills
~ early in doctors' training

build (company) solidarity
he pays for Caribbean cruises to ~

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

build (community) ties
people don't stay long enough to ~

building a better tomorrow
we are ~

build trust
you can ~ by... (dealing with kid's separation anxiety)

build a (peaceful) world community
they seek to ~

built her reputation over two decades
she ~ (an educator)

building a case one block at a time
they are ~ (for conspiracy)

build self-esteem
some argue that the best way to ~ is to...

anger is building
the ~ here (oil spill)

aims to build
a personable style of communication that ~ rapport

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

failure to build
his government's ~ a healthy economy

time to build
he needs ~ his confidence

hard to build
the company's reputation, ~, easy to destroy

creation & transformation: infrastructure / verb

building block

building block of society
the tribe is the ~ (rural south Iraq)

use the experience as a building block
you can ~

bases: infrastructure

build up (verb)

building up
a lot of anger is ~

increase & decrease: infrastructure / verb

built

built around the church
his life was ~

configuration: infrastructure

built in

built in
is there an assessment tool that is ~

downtime built in
their jobs have extended ~ (firefighters)

built-in incentive
stock options provide a ~

attachment: infrastructure

identity & nature: infrastructure

configuration: infrastructure

bulb (dim bulb, etc.)

brightest bulb
he is not the ~, his IQ is in the seventies...

dim-bulb crooks
~ whose stupidity makes them more dangerous

dim-bulb gangsters
he faces off against a gang of ~ (some film)

considered to be a dim bulb
he's widely ~ (a politician)

♦ "Despite sitting at the low-wattage end of the dim-bulb scale..."
(Stupid.)

♦ "While the brain is one of the most power-hungry organs of the human body, it still has a modest power consumption of around 12 watts. (Kevin Henney, "Scaling False Peaks.")

♦ see also *light bulb* (and *lightbulb*, *bulb*)

insult / person: electricity / light & dark
consciousness & awareness / comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark / sign, signal, symbol
idea / knowledge & intelligence: light & dark / sign, signal, symbol

bulge (shape)

youth bulge
population trends will dramatically increase the Yemeni ~

increase & decrease: shape

bull (bull in a china shop)

bull in a china shop
she's a ~

bull-in-a-china-shop reputation
he showed a tactical skill which belied his ~ (politician)

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. There is a funny cartoon in *The New Yorker*, Feb. 1, 2021. Somehow a bull has become an employee at a China shop. The bull is standing behind the counter, carefully holding a cup by its hooves in order to display it to a customer. Two people are looking on and one is speaking. The "Finalists" for the best caption are (1) "You were right—putting him on commission changed his attitude" (2) "Now he breaks stereotypes instead" and (3) "He doesn't charge as much as he used to." Suggested, respectively, by J.F. Martin, Naples, Fla.; Ray Joyce, Acton, Mass.; and Alex Merrett, London, England. Funny!

force: animal / cows & cattle

bulldog (person)

bulldog attorneys
Harvard called in ~ to protect Dr. Claudine Gay

♦ "In the Big Rock Candy Mountains, all the cops have wooden legs, and the bulldogs all have rubber teeth, and the hens lay soft-boiled eggs." (Harry "Haywire Mac" McClintock's hobo song. Heard in the 2000 film *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*)

♦ see also *pit bull* (person)

attachment: animal / dog / teeth
character & personality: animal / dog / teeth
behavior / coercion & motivation / commitment & determination: animal / dog

bulldoze (verb)

bulldozed him
Wilder then fell again as Fury ~ (boxing)

bulldoze me
he tried to ~, but I resisted...

bulldozing values
critics say he is ~ that Americans hold dear (politics)

destruction: tools & technology / verb
force: tools & technology / verb

bulldozed

bulldozed through the parliament
the bold reforms were ~ (India)

force: tools & technology

bulldozer (epithet)

nicknamed "the Bulldozer"
he was ~ for his toughness on corruption (John Magufuli)

epithet: force
character & personality: epithet / force / tools & technology

bulldozer (noun)

expect a bulldozer
if you took on Joe McCarthy, you could ~ coming your way

destruction / force: tools & technology

bullet (velocity)

bullets of sound
acoustic weapons can fire ~

bullet train
at the controls of a Japanese ~

speed: bullet / weapon

bullet (shape)

bullets, needles, prisms, columns
snowflakes come in shapes: ~, stars cups, and plates

shape: bullet / weapon

bullet (magic bullet)

see *magic bullet*

bullet (silver bullet)

see *silver bullet*

bullet (dodge a bullet)

dodged a bullet
we ~ here (car bomb ignites but fails to explode)

dodged a (big) bullet
we ~ (hurricane misses refineries)

fate, fortune & chance: bullet / weapon / verb

bullet (take a bullet for somebody)

take a bullet for the president
he has said he would ~ (a lawyer)

♦ "I've never seen an athlete in my generation take the bullets in the way he has taken the bullets. Metaphorically speaking, he is a martyr." (The broadcaster Craig Mitch about Raheem Sterling, and the latter's efforts to fight racism in football and the media.)

♦ "I'm ride or die brother—I'd jump on a grenade for you." (An Elon Musk supporter.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: bullet / weapon / verb
commitment & determination: bullet / weapon / verb

bullet (bite the bullet)

bite the bullet

we're going to have to ~ (pay the tariff)

commitment & determination / survival, persistence & endurance: bullet / verb / weapon

bulletproof (adjective)

bulletproof

your logic is ~

our story was ~ (investigative reporter)

the case against him needed to be ~ (expensive lawyers)

ironclad, waterproof, bulletproof, (legally) binding

we need ~ guarantees (Sergey Ryabkov / diplomacy)

seemed bulletproof

he ~ just a few weeks ago (politician under fire)

flaws & lack of flaws: bullet / weapon

bullied

bullied by a liberal media

we won't be ~ (politics)

bullied by the north

southerners complain of being ~ (Sudan)

getting bullied

Twitter is ~ by the government

coercion & motivation: school & education

oppression: school & education

bullpen (group)

"bullpen" of comic-book writers and artists

Marvel's famed ~...

group, set & collection: baseball / sports & games

bull's-eye (shape)

"bull's-eye" rash

the disease is characterized by a ~ (Lyme disease)

shape: target / weapon

bull's-eye (target)

bull's-eye on his back

he has a ~ (a wanted terrorist)

put a bull's-eye on the city

the hurricane has ~ (New Orleans 2012)

target: weapon

bully (verb)

bullied colleagues

there are charges that she ~ (administration)

bully the (national) judiciary

his comments are a shameless effort to ~

bully the president into backing down

the Republicans are trying to ~ on reform

let the US bully it

China will not ~

coercion & motivation: school & education / verb

oppression: school & education / verb

bully (person)

bully in their region

Israel was the classic ~ (Egyptians / 1973 war)

bullies on the block

the Patriots are no longer the ~ (NFL football)

bully tactic

the letter is a ~ (impeachment trial)

Hollywood bullies

other ~ are being sidelined, but not...

internet bullies

people who have been harassed by ~

regional bully

many see Saudi Arabia as a ~ (its neighbors)

technological bully

Google's co-founders reviled Microsoft as a ~

stood up to the (schoolyard) bully

he ~ (student vs. record-industry lawyers)

♦ "Add 'online bullying' to the list of phrases rendered completely meaningless by applying it to everything." (An online commenter about Sydney Sweeney, who considers nude screenshots of her online to be "bullying.")

♦ An actor who has a legitimate beef with Hollywood and is fighting back is Gina Carano. Read "Gina Carano on Getting Sacked From Star Wars and Her Grudge Match With Disney" by Seth Abramovitch, *The Hollywood Reporter*, March 14, 2024. Before Carano became an actor, she was a MMA fighter. It's an excellent article, and hopefully Carano will win big.

♦ A boy shall learn to fight, or let him put skirts about his knees. This boy has never been taught to fight, but he shall have his first lesson to-night. We will see if the National Schools can beat a Morgan... Now, a good straight left is the bully's downfall. That is lesson one from the book. Like this." (*How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn. Huw had been beaten up by a bully after his first day in class at a new school.)

coercion & motivation: school & education / person

oppression: school & education / person

person: school & education

bulwark (resemblance)

sandstone bulwark

the Ennedi is a ~ in the middle of the Sahara (Chad)

resemblance: fortification

bulwark (protection)

bulwark against (Republican) excesses

he was a ~ (a politician)

bulwark against (religious) extremism
he had been a ~ (deposed leader)

bulwark against (government) tyranny
the Second Amendment is a ~ (right to bear arms)

bulwark against vice
playgrounds provide a ~ (urbanization)

bulwark of stability and democracy
India represents a ~ compared with Pakistan

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

bump (speed bump)

speed bumps
there have been a few ~ (negotiations)

speed bump of the land
so as soon as it gets over the ~ (hurricane / Yucatan)

hit a speedbump
his investigation ~ when he met with...

♦ "This is just a speed bump, Steven, I'll make it better." (Relationship issues. From the funny 1996 film *The Cable Guy*.)

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

flaws & lack of flaws: journeys & trips

bump (bump in the road, etc.)

bump in the road
this is just a ~ (personal setback)
it was just a ~ of their ideal lives

bumps in the road to toilet training
many families encounter ~

encounter bumps in the road
many families ~ to toilet training

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

flaws & lack of flaws: journeys & trips

bump (increase)

bump in business
the films saw a ~ following their Tony wins

bump in earnings
the company has seen a ~

increase & decrease: shape

bumper (bumper crop)

bumper crop
what a ~ (of works / Public Domain Day)

amount: farming & agriculture

bumpy (adjective)

bumpy ride
consumers are in for a ~ this year (customer service)

bumpy road
the economy is on the ~ to recovery

flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land

bunker (noun)

bunker mentality
England must discard its ~ after Chennai defeat (cricket)

♦ "It'll be the most comfortable apocalypse ever." ("Bunker mentality: How Mark Zuckerberg, Kim Kardashian, Tom Cruise and other celebs are prepping for doomsday" by Lauren Elkies Schram and Isabel Keane, *The New York Post*, March 9, 2024.)

♦ "When we dug bunkers we saw how the dead lay in layers one above the other." (*The Storm of Steel* by Lieutenant Ernst Junger, quoted in *The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter England.)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

buoy (verb)

buoy the movement
Trump's rhetoric continues to ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb / water

buoyant (feeling)

buoyant
the Russian mood is definitely ~
the German fans are ~ and singing (soccer game)

buoyant about ending
they were ~ their opponents' unbeaten streak (sports)

buoyant mood
the members of the expedition were in a ~

buoyant music
she loved the musical's ~

buoyant optimism
he expressed ~ that...

buoyant and hopeful
her depression had lifted, and she felt ~

buoyant, lively (m)
it was a ~ performance (music)

felt buoyant
people who have ~ in the economy (housing market)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / water

buoyant (personality)

buoyant 70
he is a ~ (years of age)

buoyant confidence
she projects a ~

buoyant personality
she has a ~ given her circumstances (illegal immigrant)

buoyant temperament
she has a ~

character & personality: direction / water

buoyant (strong)

buoyant

voters supported him while the economy was ~
Asian economies remain resilient, even ~

buoyant demand

the offering has seen ~ from investors

buoyant (job) growth

we are seeing rapid, ~

keeps prices buoyant

the rarity of such collectibles ~

increase & decrease: direction / water

buoyed

buoyed with hope

he seemed ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / water

survival, persistence & endurance: direction / water

burden (verb)

burden his wife with (toilsome and difficult) work
a man should not ~, based on her abilities and custom

burden our grandchildren with this debt

it is wrong to ~

affliction / oppression: burden / weight / verb

burden (noun)

burden

some view stress as a challenge rather than a ~
that's a big ~ to carry (guilt, responsibility)

burden of expectation

she suffers from the ~

burden of guilt

they share a ~

burden of history

the special ~ that contemporary Greece has to deal with

burdens of leadership

the ~ are heavy (politics)

burden of the past

future generations won't suffer the ~

burden of proof

the ~ is on the FDA to show...
the sedition charge requires a high ~

burden (of paperwork) on researchers

the ~ can be great

debt burden

she couldn't get out from under her crushing ~
~ keeps poor countries from healing their sick

tax burden

the ~ still falls on the shoulders of regular Americans

the local ~ on the mall store

financial burden

we must reduce the ~s on patients (health care)
a wedding can be a huge ~ (Arab countries)

heavy burden

he carries a ~ of responsibility (ruler)
the ~ of this mammoth job (Man U manager)
the stigma of AIDS is still a ~

physical and emotional burdens

the ~ of child-rearing (on grandparents)

blessing and a burden

patients see choice as both a ~

burden falls

the ~ on the shoulders of those least able to bear it
the ~ primarily on women (health-care decisions)

carry the burden

some kids ~ of extra responsibility (autistic sibling)

ease the burden

how can we ~ of the poor

get out from under her crushing (debt) burden

she couldn't ~

shoulder the burden

locals must ~ after regime change (Rumsfeld)

shoulder the (financial) burden

the government should ~

shouldering a (heavy) burden

he has been ~ for Golden State all season (Stephen Curry)

affliction / oppression: burden / weight

burgeoning (adjective)

burgeoning influence

they wish to allay fears about its ~

burgeoning momentum

a 3-week break stopped Baylor's ~ (basketball)

♦ This verb form relates to the new growth of buds and branches.

growth & development: plant

increase & decrease: plant

buried (dead and buried, etc.)

dead and buried

the peace process is ~
Spurs looked ~ when Ziyech scored against them, but...
Switzerland were ~ but kept fighting (Euro 2020)
they looked ~ at half-time, but never write off this team

condition & status / destruction: burial / death & life

buried (concealment)

buried

it's the past, it's ~, we don't want to dig it up again

buried in the archives

the information was ~

buried in the past
it is ~...

buried in a (158-page) report
the information is ~

buried in the navigation bar
the link was ~ (poor Web site design)

buried facts
~ about the (plutonium) contamination

buried secrets
~ have teeth (Ad for Truth be Told TV series)

stay buried
the past did not ~ (The Troubles and Brexit)

♦ "Secrets, long buried, sometimes don't stay that way." (Dateline NBC.)

♦ "The past is sometimes best left buried."

**concealment & lack of concealment: ground, terrain & land
buried (buried in debt, etc.)**

buried in debt
are you ~

buried in work
homicide detectives were ~ (leads)

buried under a (huge) mountain of debt
they were ~

buried away
she was ~ in the U.S. Department of Agriculture

**involvement / oppression: burial / ground, terrain & land
burn (reputational burn, etc.)**

reputational burn
the ~ of this is enormous (crypto company collapses)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire

burn (crash and burn)

see *crash (crash and burn)*

burned (impressed)

burned into our (collective) consciousness
fairy tales or folktales ~

impression: fire / mark / sensation

burned (hurt)

burned by their (past) investments
they were ~ in failed projects (tech industry)

got burned
many investors ~ (fraud)

♦ **Once burned, twice shy!**

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation

burned-out (and burnt-out)

burnt out from years
he felt ~ of working on...

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation

burner (front burner)

put the environment on the front burner
they seek to ~ (election)

put having more fun on the front burner
maybe it's time to ~ (ad for a cruise ship)

**importance & significance / priority / superiority &
inferiority: center & periphery / direction / position**

burning (burning desire, etc.)

burning desire
the ~ to be the best (basketball)
he has a ~ to get the facts (human rights investigator)

burning question
she has one ~ (what did my son die for in Iraq war)

burning righteousness
she pays a price for her ~ (a play)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation

burning (slow-burning)

slow-burning rebellion
the nation is in the grip of a ~ against the regime

slow-burning war
the Troubles, the ~ in Northern Ireland

activity: fire

burnish (verb)

burnished his credentials
his work in Beijing ~ (a politician)

burnished his reputation
his sermons have ~

♦ **If you burnish something, you rub it until it shines.**

increase & decrease: light & dark / verb

burnished

burnished and tarnished
reputations were ~ (2021 Trump impeachment trial)

increase & decrease: light & dark

burn off (verb)

burn off her (abundant) energy
your toddler needs to ~

burn off stress
exercise is a great way to ~

amelioration & renewal: fire / verb

burn out (verb)

burn out

he warns that troops will "~" and leave the service

burned out

what happens to adjuncts once they've ~

burn out from the environment

people who ~ (technology and computers)

burn out or fade away

playboating didn't ~ (whitewater rodeos, etc.)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb

decline: fire / verb

burnout (noun)

burnout

the new IN thing is "~" (a *Times-Picayune* columnist)

Women's Burnout

~: *How to Spot It, Reverse It, Prevent It* (a book)

competitive burnout

he quit the tour, citing ~ (a surfer)

digital burnout

with the Web, people started talking about "~"

avoid burnout

maintain a happy work / life balance and ~

contribute to burnout

three key factors ~...

♦ The concept of "burnout," originally coined to describe the way many drug addicts felt in the late 1960s, has been expanded to *Achilles in the Bronze Age*. (See "It's Just Too Much" by Jill Lepore, *The New Yorker*, May 24, 2021. An excellent article by an excellent writer. The use of modern contempo-speak in a historical context is a form of presentism.)

mental health: fire

feeling, emotion & effect: fire

burn through (verb)

burning through cash

Boeing has been ~ at a significant rate

consumption: fire / verb

burrito (shape)

"burritos"

~, long, sand-filled tubes covered by heavy fabric

sand burritos

~ contribute to beach loss (Sunset Beach, Oahu)

shape: food & drink

burrow (burrow into)

burrowing into the coal industry

Communists are ~, newspapers and shipyards

burrowing their way into the computer networks

hackers were ~ of government agencies (SolarWinds)

concealment & lack of concealment: animal

subterfuge: animal

burst (activity)

burst of negotiating

the crisis signaled a fresh ~

burst of recognition

you're getting a ~ (an old Blues singer)

activity: explosion

burst (burst into tears, etc.)

burst into applause

the staff ~ (teachers)

burst into laughter

she ~

burst into tears

I ~, assuming...

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb

burst (burst into violence, etc.)

burst into violence

lingering tensions ~

initiation: explosion / verb

burst on / onto the scene, etc.

burst into our consciousness

she's ~ (tennis player Emma Raducanu)

burst into the headlines

the conservatorship ~ this week (#FreeBritney)

burst on the scene

he ~ in 1991 (independent politician Ross Perot)

burst onto the stage

he was one of several poets who ~ in the 60s (Russia)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / coming, arriving, staying,

leaving & returning: explosion / verb

bury (conceal)

buried it

the Coast Guard sat on it and then they ~ (a report)

buried the report

Harvard found the same thing but ~ (race issue)

bury it

catch and kill is buying the rights to a story to ~

bury the truth

the government is trying to ~

bury (radio) listings

newspapers ~

♦ "I and many of us we were angry very upset that this was a document that spelled out exactly what the culture was, provided a road map of how we can improve the culture, and the coast guard sat on it, and then they buried it." (Retired Coast Guard Commander and whistleblower)

Kimberly Young-McLear, a Black Queer woman, about the report "Culture of Respect (COR) Integrated Process Team (IPT) Phase I Report.")

concealment & lack of concealment: burial / death & life / light & dark / ground, terrain & land / verb

bury (bury oneself in something, etc.)

buries herself in her phone
whenever they're together, she ~ (teen and father)

absorption & immersion: burial / verb

bury (kill)

bury any chance
annexation moves would ~ of peace (Middle East)

destruction: burial / death & life / verb

curtailment: burial / death & life / verb

bus (throw somebody under the bus)

threw him under the bus
the police chief ~ (a policeman)

threw us under the bus
I felt like he ~ (a politician)

♦ In a 2013 playoff game in Alabama, the McAdory High School football team played the Pinson Valley High School "Indians." The McAdory cheerleaders prepared a "bust thru" banner which read, "Hey Indians. Get ready to leave in a Trail of Tears. Round 2." Following criticism, school officials later apologized for the banner and sought to deflect responsibility: "The person who would normally be responsible for approving such signs is out on maternity leave" and "The cheerleading squad will be disciplined." Of course, throwing the girls and their pregnant leader under the bus only provoked further criticism!

♦ "NPR has not really responded to the community's concerns beyond passing the blame to the individual producer." In other words, NPR simply through the producer under the bus. ("An Analysis of NPR's Depiction of Hindus in 2019" by Vamsee Juluri, *Pragyata*, September 17, 2019. An excellent article worth reading and thinking about.)

*** analysis

♦ Geoff Nunberg talked about this idiom in "Primaries Toss Some 'Under the Bus,'" on Fresh Air, April 22, 2008.

♦ In 2019, NPR's All Things Considered gave the expression a "1-Minute Listen" with examples, dates of usage, and its use in a rap song. In that 1-minute listen, Ammon Shea at Merriam-Webster points out that the expression is not usually, if ever, used as a direct threat: "I will throw you under the bus!" certainly does sound odd. ("The Origins Of 'Throw Him (Or Her) Under the Bus,'" NPR, All Things Considered, November 11, 2019.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: violence / verb

bus (get on the bus, etc.)

getting on the bus late
you are ~

♦ "If you are just now gnashing your teeth about what has happened to *Sports Illustrated*, you are getting on this bus very, very late."

♦ Like *bandwagon*...

unanimity & consensus: mechanism

bus (control / allegiance)

bus driver
~ means that it is your team (= you lead it / NBA)
he must win a championship as the "~" (sports talk)

on the bus
you're either ~ or not on the bus, and I'm driving the bus

driving the bus
I am ~ to make sure we get this country back on track
it doesn't really matter who is ~, Ole, Rangnick, Ten Haag

♦ This is like the politician who said, "This is my truck, and in my truck we go by my rules."

allegiance, support & betrayal / control & lack of control / unanimity & consensus: mechanism

bus (park the bus)

park the bus for so long
you can only ~ before getting found out (soccer)

parked bus on edge of own box
first 70 mins we ~ (Leicester City fan, about loss)

♦ "Parking the bus" in soccer is a defensive tactic and often considered a negative tactic.

action, inaction & delay: engine / movement

busy (active)

busy with groups of hikers
unlike the previous day, the path was ~

busy hurricane season
it's expected to be a ~

activity: movement

bust (oil bust, etc.)

oil bust
historic oil bust delivers a gut punch to Texas county

boom and bust
Argentina is used to ~ (the economy)

activity: explosion
cost & benefit: explosion

butcher (verb)

butchered his presentation
he ~

failure, accident & impairment: meat / verb

butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)

the Butcher
the rank and file troops call him ~ (Ukrainian general)

Butcher of Baghdad
ridding the world of the ~ (Saddam Hussein)

Butcher of Ethiopia
General Rodolfo Graziani, the ~ (Yekatit 12, 1937)

Butcher of Fezzan
the Arabs called him "the ~" (Graziani, 1930-34, Libya)

Butcher of Khan Yunis
Yahya Sinwar, the ~ (Hamas leader / Gaza)

butcher of Mosul

the execution of Shukair Farid, "the ~" (Iraq)

Butcher of the Monks

the general became known as the ~ (Zhao Erfang)

quisling butcher

he was a ~ (Croatia / Jasenovac)

criminals and butchers

the terrorists are ~ (Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia)

cast Grant as a "butcher"

Southern historians ~ (revisionism)

nicknamed the Butcher

the general, ~, seized power in a coup (Gwangju Uprising)

♦ "The Duce will have Ethiopia, with or without the Ethiopians." (The Italian General Rodolfo Graziani.)

♦ AVENUE DU BOUCHER BUGEAUD (A defaced street sign in Paris. Thomas Robert Bugeaud was instrumental in the subjection of Algeria in the 1830s and 40s.)

♦ "The duke, though not much of a general, was undoubtedly a man of courage, of energy, and steadiness of purpose; but his manners were boisterous and brutal, his temper hasty, harsh, and tyrannical, his passions coarse and violent. He was detested by the people of England, who believed him capable of any atrocity; while the deeds that were to come in Scotland gained him the name of 'The Butcher,' and have stamped his memory to the present hour with an infamy that is indelible." (The Duke of Cumberland, who led the King's forces at Culloden in 1746. From *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

♦ "So they were had into the palace and showed the whole art of the sword for two hours at a stretch, before King George and Queen Carline, and the Butcher Cumberland..." ("I Hear Of Red Fox" from *Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson.)

♦ Yahya Sinwar, the Hamas leader, is referred to by his fellow Palestinians as "the Butcher of Khan Yunis." He earned his nickname by rooting out and executing anyone suspected of being an Israeli informant. Yahya Sinwar spent 22 years in Israeli prisons, but was released, along with more than 1,000 other Palestinian prisoners, in exchange for the single captured Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit.

epithet: person

death & life / military / oppression: epithet

military: meat

butchery (war)

butchery in the gully

the ~ ended only when units of Third Brigade came up

survived the day's butchery

the soldiers who ~ are forever marked by it

♦ "It was the Somme in miniature. To the Finns who witnessed these attacks, it seemed beyond belief that any army, no matter how fatalistic its ideology or inexhaustible its supply of manpower, would continue to mount attack after attack across such billiard-table terrain. / In some battles the Finnish machine gunners held their fire until the range was down to fifty meters; the butchery was dreadful. In a number of cases Finnish machine gunners had to be evacuated due to stress. They had become emotionally unstable from having to perform such mindless slaughter, day after day." (Taipale. From *Frozen Hell: The Russo-Finnish Winter War Of 1939-40* by William R. Trotter.)

military: meat

butterfly (shape)

butterfly ballot

the ~ confused many voters (2000 presidential election)

"butterfly" mines

PFM-1 ~ scattered from the air (Afghanistan);

children think ~ are toys

shape: animal / insect

butterfly (social butterfly)

social butterfly

she's a ~

person: insect / society

character & personality / society: insect / person

butterfly (butterflies in stomach)

had butterflies in my stomach

I ~ (a nervous performer before a performance)

♦ "They'll be excited, there will be some butterflies, some early jitters..." (A team in the MLB playoffs.)

feeling, emotion & effect: insect / stomach

button (push a button / action)

big button

we pressed the ~ with rescue helicopters, the Red Cross...

easy button

we never had any time for that, we just pushed the ~

push the button

officials must decide when to ~ (COVID circuit-breaker)

♦ "We pressed the big button with rescue helicopters, rescue dogs, the Red Cross, the civil defense, fire, health and police." (A Norwegian, speaking in Norwegian, about eight homes that were swept into the sea by a mudslide. His speech was translated by the BBC, which showed the video of the astonishing event. Amazingly, nobody was injured in the disaster.)

♦ "We never had any time for that, we just pushed the easy button." (US in Afghanistan.)

♦ "We threw everything at it, search teams, dogs, aerial units, the whole nine." (A kidnapping.)

action, inaction & delay / initiation: mechanism / verb

button (push a button / emotion)

buttons

he knows what ~ to push (to provoke reaction)

he knows how to push ~ (Jake Paul / boxing)

pushes South Africa's racial buttons

rugby ~

pushed my button

that's what ~ too far (a suspension)

push people's buttons

I like to ~ (George Carlin / comedian / taboos)

he likes to ~ (get them upset)

♦ "You gotta push guys' buttons, I live rent free in AJ's head, I got his button." (The provocateur Jarrell "Big Baby" Miller, from Brooklyn, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, for the Day of Reckoning boxing card.)

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: mechanism / verb

button (pause button)

hit the pause button

we need to ~ (gene editing)
it never really ended, we just ~ (Korean War)

action, inaction & delay: mechanism
starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

button (panic button)

panic button
I was scared, I hit the ~
hit the panic button
it's not time to ~ yet

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

button (hot button)

hot buttons
he addresses love, expectation, and other ~ (writer)
he addresses jealousy, grief, and other ~ (writer)
he addresses disappointment, fidelity and other ~

hot-button issue
another ~ at the WTO was dumping
let's talk about some of the ~s (politics)

hot-button subject
it's a ~ (racism and bias)

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / temperature

buttress (verb)

buttress Ethiopia against threats
a better approach is to ~ to its survival by...
buttress its argument
Eritrea produced Italian colonial-era maps to ~
buttressed his case
he has ~ with science's latest discoveries about...

buttress European influence
the pipeline will ~ all the way to Azerbaijan

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / mining / verb
strength & weakness: infrastructure / verb

buttress (resemblance)

buttresses of (dark, gabbro) rock
these peaks and ~ are called the Black Cuillin

resemblance: infrastructure

buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.)

Buttress Point
~ is a point in New Zealand

Castle Buttress
~ is a peak in KwaZulu-Natal

Porcupine Buttress
the ~ is a series of promontories (Western Cape)

proper name: infrastructure
geography: infrastructure / proper name

buy (time)

see *time* (*buy time, etc.*)

buy (buy into something)

buy in to the company
workers who ~ (enthusiasm vs. apathy)

bought into the bravado
he initially ~ (claims of a corporation)

bought into the (e-wallet) concept
parents that have ~

buy into the stereotype
does this guy ~ that Asian women are generally weak

acceptance & rejection: money
allegiance, support & betrayal: money

buy (accept)

buy their argument
do you ~ that...

buy the (Democrats') semantic argument
even some on the left don't ~ (bank rescue isn't bailout)

buy the "bad apples" argument
I don't ~ (combat, war, and atrocities)

buying his excuses
his colleagues are not ~ (ethics violations)

buy it
Tyer didn't ~ (an explanation)

acceptance & rejection: money / verb

buy-in (noun)

buy-in
~ is acceptance, support, participation (employment)

employee buy-in
companies that demand ~
~ is a major part of some corporate cultures

buy-in from parents
we didn't have enough of a deep ~ (school)

loss of buy-in
several factors can lead to a ~ (enthusiasm turns to apathy)

♦ A BBC *Worklife* article about buy-in included the following expressions:
get on board; drinking the Kool-Aid; go all in...

acceptance & rejection: money
allegiance, support & betrayal: money
commitment & determination: money

bypass (verb)

bypass Congress
the President will try to ~ to get what he wants

bypass the gatekeepers
the internet allowed people to ~ who controlled music

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

buzz (sound)

buzz with the sound
forests ~ of chain saws

sound: insect

buzz (activity)

buzzing with anticipation
the students were ~ (school assembly)

buzzing with excitement
the city is ~ ahead of next month's World Cup

buzzing with questions
my mind was ~

buzzed with possibilities
my mind ~

buzzed with rumors
the school ~

buzzing with shoppers
Rockefeller Center is ~

activity: insect / sound

buzz (attention)

buzz
the ~ this years is that...

buzz about the (new) hotel
there was a lot of ~ (a Japanese robot hotel)

buzz and excitement and a coming together
there's a ~ for the city (Super Bowl LVI (56) / Cincinnati)

buzz about the Nationals
there has been a lot of ~ (sports team)

audience buzz
the TV show is getting critical acclaim and ~

water-cooler buzz
the ~ is underway (a controversy)

most buzz
which story is getting the ~

negative buzz
the group survived the initial ~

generated quite some buzz
this has ~ in the last 24 hours or so (politics)

♦ *Buzzword* has morphed to *fuzzword* (social-justice language, feminism, etc.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: insect / sound

buzz (sensation)

beer buzz
I like a good ~ in the morning

euphoria or buzz or high
inhaling to get a sensation of ~ (toluene abuse)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / sound
buzzed (buzzed about, etc.)

buzzed about
this is a company that is ~ and for good reason

attention, scrutiny & promotion: insect / sound
buzz saw (noun)

hit the buzz saw
we were one of them that ~ (industry loses funding)

ran into a buzz saw
Minnesota went to Iowa and ~ (football loss)

walked into a whole bunch of buzz saws
he ~ (promoted above his level, forced to resign)

♦ "Up to about the time of the Civil War, trees were cut down by axes, which was slow, laborious work. The arrival of the crosscut saw speeded this process immeasurably, and the cant hook and peavey, perfected in the pineries of Maine at about the same time, made it much easier to handle the logs... In the same way the equipment at the sawmills was vastly improved... and the mill's capacity for processing logs was almost unimaginably increased... So over most of the state of Michigan the forest was destroyed." (*Waiting for the Morning Train: An American Boyhood* by Bruce Catton.)

♦ According to Merriam-Webster, a buzz saw is the same as a circular saw, and its first known use was in 1847.

destruction / force: tools & technology

buzzword (noun)

buzzwords about things
~ like attachment styles ("therapy TikTok")

buzzwords like *accredited*, *internationally recognized*
~ (the TEFL industry)

buzzword-laden
Kendall's ~ corporate-speak (the TV series *Succession*)

preferred buzzword
his ~ was "hardcore" (Elon Musk)

commonly used buzzwords
one of the ~ at Twitter was "psychological safety"

psychobabble buzzwords
an hour and a half of ~ (an online celebrity therapy session)

nonprofit and social justice buzzwords
all the ~ (Race2Dinner, a for-profit)

just a buzzword
is Web3 the future of the Internet or ~
it's ~ everyone uses ("toxic" workplace)

sacred buzzwords
~ like "learning styles" and "learner centered" (education)

usual buzzwords
there is a heavy helping of the ~ (Cornell University)

become a buzzword

mindfulness has ~ in current mainstream culture

♦ **Buzzword** has morphed to **fuzzword** (social-justice language, feminism, etc.)

♦ "Politics, Pundits And The Problem With The Word 'Pivot'" is a very nice opinion piece by Scott Simon. (NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, June 11, 2016.) Simon rightly characterizes the word as a buzzword.

♦ "To keep class discussion buoyant, lecturers are told to 'encourage students to practise the verbalisation aspect of knowledge'. Multiple 'learning outcomes', sacred buzzwords before the pandemic, have been supplemented with 'learner journeys', promising against the odds a positive experience as well as a realistic hope of achieving something." ("Diary: On Quitting Academia" by Malcolm Gaskill, *London Review of Books*, 24 September 2020. "In May, I gave up my academic career after 27 years...")

♦ "Kyle was not an active shooter, that is a buzzword the state wants to latch onto because it excuses the actions of that mob." (Defense attorney Mark Richards, an attorney defending Kyle Rittenhouse. The jury found Kyle not guilty on all counts.)

♦ "The kids haven't read anything longer than a TikTok. They know everything by way of buzzwords. They learn these words like 'colonizer...'" (The comedian Bill Maher, speaking to John Cleese on the former's podcast, *Club Random*.)

♦ "They think we're supporting genocide, we're supporting colonialism. They know the keywords but they don't really know what they mean." (A Jewish merchant.)

♦ see also *boilerplate* (noun), *doublespeak* (noun), *ese* (legalese, etc.), *funny language*, *gobbledygook*, *language* (types), *lip service* (pay lip service, etc.), *newspeak* (noun), *speak* (NASA-speak, etc.), *supersizing* (linguistic supersizing), *talk* (mediator talk, etc.), *word salad*

speech / substance & lack of substance: sound language: speech

buzzy (adjective)

buzzy campaign

Skims dropped another ~ starring Kim Cattrall...

buzzy (electric vehicle) market

skeptics take aim at ~

buzzy new restaurant

this ~...

buzzy (new) role

Anne Hathaway talks ~

buzzy (new AI) technology

ChatGPT is a ~ (as is GPTzero)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

by (death by chocolate, etc.)

death by

see *death* (*death by PowerPoint, etc.*)

trial by

Amber Heard and Johnny Depp's "~ TikTok"

♦ "Eighty years on, how should the desire to move on be balanced with the need to remember?" ("Ukraine's forgotten 'Holocaust by Bullets,' BBC, 27 Sept 2021.)

language: prep, adv, adj, particle

bygone (adjective)

bygone days

reliving ~ of going to drive-in movie theaters (pandemic)

bygone era

hallmarks of a ~

he dressed and sounded like he had stepped out of a ~
in modern-day America, there is no such thing as a ~

♦ **Ago** also means "gone by."

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

past & present / time: movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

byproduct (noun)

byproduct of (Mexico's) culture

domestic violence is an ugly ~ of machismo

byproducts of the war

renditions and torture are ~ (US in Iraq)

ugly byproduct

domestic violence is an ~ of Mexico's culture of machismo

product / relationship: manufacturing

creation & transformation: manufacturing

Byron (epithet)

Byron of the antipodes

the 33-year-old ~ (D'Arcy Wentworth)

character & personality: allusion / epithet

allusion: books & reading

byzantine

byzantine (Third World) bureaucracy

solutions have been impeded by a ~

byzantine formula

fees are calculated according to ~s

byzantine (asylum) process

he navigates a ~ to finally get a court hearing

byzantine regulations

~ are difficult for the outsider to navigate (Egypt)

the ~ are stifling

byzantine tax law

he relied on Smith's knowledge of ~

Byzantine twist of fate

in a ~...

often-byzantine

navigating America's ~ health care systems

complexity: history

C

cadence (noun)

flight cadence

vehicles will have a ~ of once per week (Virgin Galactic)

launch cadence

the Falcon 9 vehicle contributed to a faster ~

faster (launch) cadence

the Falcon 9 vehicle contributed to a ~

♦ "SpaceX's Falcon 9 vehicle contributed to lower prices, a faster launch cadence, and has helped attract investment..."

♦ I want to be an Airborne Ranger / I want to be an Airborne Ranger / I want to live a life of danger / I want to live a life of danger / I want to kill the Viet Cong / I want to kill the Viet Cong / Sound off / One two / Sound off / Three four / Bring it on down / One two three four one two THREE FOUR! (Vietnam War-era cadence at Fort Knox. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is called the American War.)

♦ Wiii-iiide River / Wiii-iiide River / River of Saigon / River of Saigon / Wiii-iiide River / Wiii-iiide River / Oh! One more river to cross / Oh! One more river to cross... (Vietnam War-era cadence at Fort Knox. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is called the American War.)

♦ Go to Cam Ranh Bay / Go to Cam Ranh Bay / Chasing Charley all the way / Chasing Charley all the way / Wiii-iiide River / Wiii-iiide River / Oh! One more river to cross / Oh! One more river to cross... (Vietnam War-era cadence at Fort Knox. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is called the American War.)

speed: military / walking, running & jumping

Caesar (Chinese Caesar, etc.)

Chinese Caesar

the “~, ” the precocious King Cheng (c. 221 BC)

history / military: epithet

comparison & contrast: epithet

cage (a gilded cage, etc.)

silent cage

nonspeakers with autism are locked in a ~

in a (gilded) cage

the 4 Russian princesses lived ~ (isolated in a palace)

♦ "Then there is the other idle man, who is idle in spite of himself, who is inwardly consumed by a great longing for action, because he seems to be imprisoned in some cage. A just or unjustly ruined reputation, poverty, fatal circumstances, adversity—they are what make men prisoners. And the prison is also called prejudice, misunderstanding, fatal ignorance of one thing or another, distrust, false shame. One cannot always tell what it is that keeps us shut in, confines us, seems to bury us, but nevertheless, one feels certain barriers, certain walls. Such a man does not always know what he can do, but he feels by instinct: Yes, I am good for something; my life has an aim after all; I know that I might be quite a different man! There is something inside of me; what can it be? / Do you know what frees one from this captivity? It is..." (*Dear Theo: The Autobiography of Vincent Van Gogh*, Edited by Irving and Jean Stone.)

♦ "As the girl ages, she starts to realize she's really a Rapunzel who's trapped in a tower and longs to experience the outside world." ("'Poor Things' review: Emma Stone is a sex-crazed science experiment" by Johnny Oleksinski, *New York Post*, December 11, 2023. Three out of four stars.)

constraint & lack of constraint: animal

cage (jail, prison)

threw my boy in a cage

they ~ with those wild animals...

oppression: animal / justice / sign, signal, symbol

cake (icing on the cake, etc.)

cherry on the top of my career

you want to talk about a ~ (an actor)

icing on the cake

for a career in the sciences, the Nobel Prize is the ~

icing on the Treble cake

it's the ~, sweet...

“put the icing on the cake” of his performance

he then scored a goal to ~ (soccer)

♦ "You want to talk about a cherry on the top of my career..." (The extraordinary Jenifer Lewis, talking to Sam Sanders about her role on *Blackish*. ("From 'Black-ish,' Jennifer Lewis: 'The Mother of Black Hollywood,'" NPR, it's been a minute, Nov. 28 2017. It is an enjoyable and uplifting interview.)

♦ "So amusing to read the ridiculous vitriol aimed at City on here. It's the icing on the Treble cake—sweet." (An online commenter on a BBC HYS. CTID.)

♦ "I'm not even sure I'd call it the icing on the cake. It's like the cherry on the icing." (A tax credit for paid family leave.)

consumption / feeling, emotion & effect: taste

cakewalk (dance)

cakewalk

this election is not going to be a ~ for...

England are well placed, but it has not been a ~ (cricket)

no Indy 500 is a ~, it's a massive challenge (motorsports)

military intelligence suggested the campaign would be a ~

♦ For the history of this word, see "The Extraordinary Story Of Why A 'Cakewalk' Wasn't Always Easy" by Lakshmi Gandhi, NPR, Code Switch, Race and Identity, Remixed, December 23, 2013. The title says it all.

attainment / difficulty, easiness & effort: food & drink

California (California of Europe, etc.)

California of Europe

Portugal, the ~ (beaches, wine, laid-back lifestyle, etc.)

comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

calculus (noun)

calculus of subsidizing

for China, the ~ green industries is quite different

complicated calculus

it is a ~ (universities try to reopen during pandemic)

cynical (political) calculus

the racist language they used was part of a ~ (politicians)

economic calculus

the recent rise of shale drilling has changed the ~

mental calculus

he committed an instant ~ (a sports player)

new calculus

for many Mexicans looking north, a ~ favors home

political calculus

the recent ~ hasn't resulted in a winning calculus

regional calculus

the ~ has swiftly and dramatically altered (diplomacy)

shrewd calculus

Vladimir Putin's ~

strategic calculus

we cannot change Pakistan's ~

moral and financial calculi
the ~ (a degree in humanities / the underclass)

part of our calculus
that was ~, if we... (war strategy in Afghanistan)

altering the calculus
changes in Cairo are ~ of the entire region

changed that calculus
her string of stumbles ~ (that she could win easily)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: number
strategy: number

calibrate (adjust)

calibrate its use
it must ~ of force (a country)

amelioration & renewal: tools & technology / verb
measurement: tools & technology / verb

calibrated (adjusted)

calibrated to the moment
his temperament was exquisitely ~ (soldier)

amelioration & renewal: tools & technology
measurement: tools & technology

Caligulan

Caligulan dissoluteness
Toghon Temur Khan, a man of ~ (last Mongol Emperor)

behavior / character & personality: history
comparison & contrast: affix

call (Orwell called, etc. / sarcasm)

Orwell called
~, he says he wants his 1984 manuscript back

♦ "Wonderful double speak from the @AP. Orwell called, he said he wants his 1984 manuscript back....." (An online commenter about the AP's proscription of "pro-life, pro-choice, or pro-abortion" unless they are in quotes or proper names. As a writer once wrote, "Much of life should have quotes around it.")

fictive communication: speech / verb

call (the mountains are calling, etc.)

mountains calling him
he longs to return to Patagonia, there are so many ~

appeal: sound / speech / verb
fictive communication: sound / speech / verb

call (call to arms)

call to arms for everyone
this is a ~ who may have a hospitalized relative

call to arms against the epidemic
the report was a ~ (Koop / AIDS)

troll call to arms
her followers saw it as a ~ (criticism)

wake-up call, cri de coeur, call to arms
his book is a ~ (about language)

appeal / message: military / sound

call (close call / judgment)

close call
this was not a ~, there was no case (a judge)

scientific close call
this was a ~, and it was my call to make (CDC director overturns her advisory panel)

judgment: baseball / sports & games

call (the right call)

right call
he remains convinced that he made the ~ (a judge)

judgment: baseball / sports & games

call (call of duty, etc.)

call of duty
his extraordinary heroism, above and beyond the ~

call of fads
don't give in to the siren ~ (tattoos you can live with)

call of the wild
it heard the ~ and disappeared (a pet deer)

call to action
boredom should be a ~

call to duty
men and women who feel the ~

God's call
he has answered ~ to preach the Gospel (Billy Graham)

clarion call
his legacy is a ~ to pursue creative freedom (Dirk Bogarde)

siren call
don't give in to the ~ of fads (tattoos you can live with)

answered the call
she ~ of duty and lost her life (RCMP officer)

♦ "Chou has not abandoned the mountains entirely, though. He still feels their call." (The remarkable Chou Yeh-Cheng of Formosa. From "Can Taiwan become Asia's next great hiking destination?" by Joe Henley, BBC, Travel, 14 December 2021.)

appeal / attraction & repulsion: speech / sound

call (appeal)

calls (for the FBI) to share
~ information

calls for the abolishment
Iraqi leaders have rebuffed ~ of the death penalty

calls for democracy
universal ~ and human rights

calls for his head

there have been ~ (a government official)

call for help
that night they got a ~ (climbing)

call for jihad
his out-and-out ~

call for a (mass) protest
a ~ against anti-Semitism and racism (France)

calls for (peaceful) protests
despite ~, trouble broke out

calls for resistance
~ emanate from mosque loudspeakers (Iraq)

calls for revenge
rival families would issue ~

call for equal rights
the ~ was heard all over the country (civil rights)

calls for democracy and human rights
universal ~

heed his call
I wish more gays would ~ (gays shouldn't assimilate)

rebuffed calls
Iraqi leaders have ~ for the abolishment of the death penalty

appeal: speech / sound

call (cattle call)

political cattle call
all the Democrats will try to stand out at the ~ (Iowa)

assembling: animal / theater

call for (appeal)

calls (out) for (decisive) action
the crisis ~ (terrorism)

called for a ban
he ~ of anti-personnel mines

call for (immediate) intervention
these situations may ~ (medicine)

calls for the removal
another option ~ of the population (Nauru)

called for a summit
Yeltsin ~ among the superpowers

appeal: speech / verb

call for (a recipe can call for something)

calls for flour
when a gravy, sauce, soup, or stew recipe ~

fictive communication: speech / verb

call (wake-up call)

wake-up call

this death is a ~
the oil spill has been a ~

wake-up call to world leaders
Greta's message is a ~ everywhere (Greta Thunberg)

wake-up call to the Saudis
the bombings are a ~ (terrorists)

wake up call for the colonized world
it was a bit of a ~ (Russo-Japanese War for Egypt, Indians)

wake-up call, cri de coeur, call to arms
his book is a ~ (about language)

♦ "Maybe it is a wake-up call, or maybe we'll just hit the snooze button."

consciousness & awareness / warning: sleep

calling card

calling card
the way he positions his victims is his ~
the way the body was left amounted to a ~ (murder)
bravado, cunning and carelessness are his ~s
her openheartedness has always been her ~ (a singer)
toxic comments and blown deals are his ~s (Kanye West)

calling card of many (neo-Nazi) groups
the swastika is still the contemporary ~

calling card of a monstrous storm
debris everywhere, tossed and scattered, the ~ (hurricane)

calling card for one's personality and lifestyle
weddings serve as a ~

grim calling card
mesothelioma has become the substance's ~ (asbestos)

microscopic call cards
touch DNA, the ~ we leave behind (murder)

became his calling card
the film ~ in Hollywood (an actor)

♦ A calling card was a visiting card. Calling cards were once very important in the days of "society." They would include a name, perhaps an address, and a lady's "day at home." Cards were left at balls, receptions and teas. Those arriving in a new city might inform members of society there by sending calling cards.

evidence: object

call out (verb)

calls out trolls
Taylor Swift ~ questioning if she's bisexual

call his teammates out
he isn't afraid to ~ publicly (NFL quarterback)

called them out
the students ~, we go on the ground and rallied (protest)

accusation & criticism: speech / verb

judgment: speech / verb

callout (criticism)

callout

not every ~ escalates into a full-scale dragging

callout question

well, that is a bit of a ~ (aggressive BBC interviewer)

callouts, draggings, and pile-ons

some Y.A. books are targeted in intense social-media ~

accusation & criticism / judgment: speech

calm (emotion)

calm in a sea

he is ~ of performative-anger posers (election candidate)

calm atmosphere

in a ~, we tend to win the debate

oasis of (relative) calm

it provides an ~ within Iraq (Kurdish region)

keep calm

~ and carry on

remained calm

the atmosphere on the plane ~ (hijacking)

stay calm

~, there is no reason for alarm

♦ Keep calm and carry on (Great Britain, World War II)

♦ Keep calm and chive on (KCCO)

♦ Keep calm and wear a mask (The COVID-19 pandemic)

♦ Keep Calm and Call Drew! (Drew Cochran, criminal defense, Maryland State Bar. The exclamation mark seems to contradict the message)

♦ Keep calm and f*** off (on handbags, backpacks, etc. / Etsy)

feeling, emotion & effect: water / wind

calm (activity)

calm

right now, things are ~

calm before the storm

this is likely to be the ~ (lull in computer hacking)

this is still the ~ (pandemic cases)

activity: water / wind

calm (verb)

calm traffic

the aim is to ~ (low traffic neighborhoods / LTNs)

a radar speed display, or "speed trailer," can ~

♦ "Roundabouts are one example of the modern effort to make urban roads safer by reducing speeds. Other tactics include traffic calming and road diets, such as the narrowing of Charlotte Street from four lanes to three." ("Embrace the age of roundabouts" by Bill McGoun, Columnist, *Asheville Citizen Times*, Sunday, August 1, 2021.)

amelioration & renewal / control & lack of control / feeling,

emotion & effect: animal / verb

calvary (suffering)

calvary of fatigue, brain fog, imbalance

she has endured a ~... (mysterious illness)

♦ "Ken Melvoen was a helicopter crew chief with the first Air Calvary." ("Memorial Day Comes As Troops Fight In Afghanistan" by NPR Staff and Wires, May 30, 2011. A sophomore mistake.)

♦ Even the BBC has made this sophomoric mistake: "The horses from the Household Calvary Regiment were taken into Hyde Park..."

♦ "He filled his band's ranks with a calvary of women." (An eggcorn? Funny!)

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

calve (verb)

calved from the Ronne ice shelf into the Weddell Sea
a giant iceberg has ~ (A-76)

calved from the east of the continent

D28 ~ (Antarctica)

calve (immense serac) avalanches

hanging glaciers ~ (Everest base camp)

calve icebergs

tidewater glaciers ~

calve underwater

glaciers can ~, causing an iceberg to leap up

creation & transformation: animal / birth / cows & cattle / glacier / snow & ice / verb

calving

calving of icebergs

the ~ by glaciers

calving of an iceberg

the ~ can create a huge wave

creation & transformation: animal / birth / cows & cattle / glacier / snow & ice

camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.)

camel's nose in the tent

he sees the decision as the ~ (a judicial case)

♦ "In August 1942 a single reinforced US Marine division splashed ashore on Guadalcanal Island... [Ernest J.] King knew full well that it would also be the camel's nose under the tent. That once you put one division ashore...it would have to be supported, and supplied, and reinforced. It would draw more equipment and men and materiel like a black hole into Guadalcanal and that is exactly what did happen." (The Guadalcanal Campaign violated the "Germany First" US policy and almost failed for lack of materiel. From "World War II at Sea: A Global History," presented by Craig L. Symonds to the New-York Historical Society, May 17th, 2018.)

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds / tent

starting, going, continuing & ending: doors & thresholds / tent

camel (break the camel's back)

broke the camel's back

this was the straw that ~ (a shooting leads to riots)

breaks the camel's back of economic globalization

the pandemic could be the straw that ~

♦ An inconsequential event, after a series of indignities, causes an extreme reaction.

♦ "This for me was like the one drop that made the bucket overflow." (Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp, after receiving a red card for berating a referee's assistant.)

♦ "We probably are seeing the result of a lot of long time increased ocean warming there, it's just been melting and melting. And then last week's warming probably is something like, you know, the last straw on the camel's back." ("A previously stable ice shelf, the size of New York City, collapses in Antarctica.")

♦ "You know at some point there's a straw that breaks the camel's back." (A Supreme Court Justice, about an argument.)

♦ "It appears that the threat of taking her child using child protective services was the last sanity straw that was broken." (It seems to conflate "the straw that broke the camel's back" and the related "the last / final straw.")

♦ Never abuse a camel, for the camel has a wonderful memory and will never forget an insult. Long after you have forgotten what you did to the camel, the camel will grab your shoulder and crush it. Every Bedouin knows this.

♦ see also *straw (last straw / final straw)*

development: weight

cameo (noun)

celebrity cameos

the film featured a cavalcade of ~

necklace of (burnished) cameos

his book affords a ~ (*Germany: Memories of a Nation*)

♦ "Confusing Batman Cameos" by Jay Martel, *The New Yorker*, September 26, 2022. Batman intrudes in: (1) Top Gun: Maverick (2) Waiting For Godot (3) Casablanca (4) the relationship between Freddie Mercury and Paul Prenter (5) The Glass Menagerie and (6) Hamlet. FUNNY!

♦ "2023 was the year of the mic-drop cameo at the movies" by Dan Heching, CNN.

characterization: clothing & accessories / picture

camouflage (verb)

camouflage my disability

growing up, I was always trying to ~ (polio victim)

concealment & lack of concealment: military / verb

subterfuge: military / verb

camouflage (concealment)

camouflage

"boring" is his ~ (criticism of a vice president)

'social camouflage'

~ may lead to underdiagnosis of autism in girls

concealment & lack of concealment: military

subterfuge: military

camp (division)

camps of advisers and loyalists

frictions between their ~ (politicians)

two camps

there will be ~, just as there are now (a debate)

the fault lines break people into ~ (computers)

split into (rival) camps

our fear that America is ~ (Red / Blue)

division: military

camp (math camp, etc.)

training camp

the actors took part in a breath hold ~ (*Avatar* sequel)

band camp

Oh, and this one time, at band camp, I... (*American Pie 2*)

boot camp

see *boot camp (education, etc.)*

cowboy camp

after "~" training, the cast would come to Nic's Bar...

math camp

I went to ~ when I was 14 (*Weapons of Math Destruction*)

Mathcamp

Bankman-Fried attended Canada/USA ~, a summer program

Sleep Camp

"~: Miami luxury resort offers high-tech snoozing (NYP)

♦ "I went to math camp when I was fourteen and came home clutching a Rubik's Cube to my chest... I majored in math in college and went on to get my PhD..." (Cathy O'Neil, author of *Weapons Of Math Destruction: How Big Data Increases Inequality And Threatens Democracy*. Chapters are titled: Bomb Parts; Shell Shocked; Arms Race; Propaganda Machine; Civilian Casualties; Ineligible To Serve; Sweating Bullets; Collateral Damage; No Safe Zone; and The Targeted Citizen. *The New York Times Book Review* praised her for her "gift for analogy.")

knowledge & intelligence: military

can (kick the can down the road)

kicked the can down the road

they just ~ (negligent doctor not dealt with)

kicked the can down the road for a year

they ~ (a troubled NFL team)

♦ "We just continue to kick the can down the road, and the problem gets worse and worse." (The high cost of education, rising tuition and costs, the burden of student debt, the inequality of the debt, etc.)

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

canal (birth canal, etc.)

birth canal

push the baby through the ~

a woman can die if her baby becomes stuck in the ~

alimentary canal

the ~ extends from the mouth to the anus

anal canal

the sigmoidoscope is introduced into the ~

auditory canal

sound waves go through the external ear into the ~

♦ "On a turnpike four horses could draw in a day three thousand pounds a distance of 18 miles; on the canal four horses could draw in a day a boat loaded with two hundred thousand pounds of goods a distance of twenty-four miles." (The US in 1825. From *A New American History* by W.E. Woodward.)

♦ "There is but one way to enter life, but the gates of death are without number."

route / shape / transportation: canal / infrastructure
route: water

canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)

canary in the coalmine

brook trout are the ~ (for water quality)

Jews are the ~ and they are raising the alarm (hate, etc.)

canaries in the coal mine

they are the ~, super-sensitive to warming (corals)

canary in the cave about rationing challenges

it's the ~ (changes to who gets a transplant kidney)

canary in the coal mine for disconnected societies

Japan's lost generation could be the ~ (*hikikomori*)

canary in the coal mine in terms of a free speech problem

antisemitism at Harvard is also the ~ (Sam Lessin)

♦ "In the room where we changed our clothes there were several cages of canaries. These have to be kept there by law, to test the air in cases of explosion. They are sent down in the cage, and, if they do not faint, the air is all right. / The Davy lamps give out a fair amount of light... Each lamp when full will burn for 8-12 hours, and they are locked, so that if they go out down the pit they cannot be relighted. Miners are searched for matches before going down the pit." ("The Road to Wigan Pier *Diary*," 31 January-25 March 1936, by George Orwell.)

evidence: animal / bird / mining

cancel (groups, etc.)

cancel

we don't have to ~, to dismiss or silence... (books)

cancel John Audubon

will the National Audubon Society ~

CancelColbert

the #~ hashtag is trending (2014)

cancel Harry Potter

~, drag her (J.K. Rowling)

cancel Walt Whitman

should we ~

cancels or erases

I want to assure people this in no way ~ history

♦ "Good point. 'Cancel' alludes more power than they have. they're just boycotting." (On a discussion board.)

♦ "Every step I've taken has gaslighted those whom I love... I am not a culture vulture. I am a culture leech. You should absolutely cancel me, and I absolutely cancel myself." (Rachel Dolezal, an academic who claimed "identities of color," including Black Caribbean, North African Blackness, US rooted Blackness, Caribbean rooted Bronx Blackness, *Boricua*...)

♦ "In our current moment of racial reckoning, Faulkner is certainly ripe for rigorous scrutiny." (Drew Gilpin Faust, currently a contributing writer for *The Atlantic*. Compare with quotation above.)

♦ See "The strange journey of 'cancel,' from a Black-culture punchline to a White-grievance watchword," by Clyde McGrady, *The Washington Post*, April 2, 2021. Then compare with quote immediately below.

♦ "Cancelling is what comes out of Black discourse, it's what comes out of Black Queer discourse... If this had remained something that just stuck within Black communities, within Latinx communities, then this wouldn't really be a story. But because it has crossed over..." (Meredith Clark, who teaches media studies at the University of Virginia. From "Cancel Culture Debate Has Early '90s Roots: Political Correctness," NPR, All

Things Considered, July 9, 2021. Compare with McGrady's article cited directly above.)

♦ "Gen Z cancels LOL in favor of new acronym: IJBOL." ("I just burst out laughing," pronounced eej-bowl. I just burst out laughing.)

inclusion & exclusion: judgment / verb

cancel culture (groups, etc.)

cancel culture

~ is leading us to an Orwellian dystopic society

cancel-culture cops

the miserable ~ have come for Snow White's dwarfs (2024)

cancel culture people

the ~, the woke people... (the beloved John Cleese)

"cancel culture" and "language orthodoxy"

she shares her thoughts on ~ (Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie)

left-wing cancel culture

the case has provoked allegations of ~ (France)

constitutional cancel culture

this is ~ (Trump's second impeachment trial)

victims of cancel culture

the Free Speech Union supports people who are ~

pushback against cancel culture

a ~ (students are rethinking university education)

♦ "It was ironic, it was arch, so it felt like, 'Oh My God! they're using this against us!'" (Ruth Perry, who founded the Women's Study Department at MIT in 1984, about the term "political correctness." From "How Cancel Culture Became Politicized—Just Like Political Correctness," NPR, All Things Considered, July 26, 2021.)

♦ "Honestly, I think we should probably retire the phrase 'cancel culture' at this point. Because it's losing its meaning...when people just use it to mean, 'I resent your drawing attention to my crazy ideas.'" (Mona Charen, the *Bulwark*.)

♦ "I realize I'm in the crosshairs of the woke mob right now, so before the final nail gets put in my cancel culture casket, I'd like to set the record straight..." (The NFL's Aaron Rodgers, employing nice alliteration.)

♦ "The philosopher Oliver Traldi has described the phenomenon often known as 'cancel culture' as a combination of 'widespread precarity, unclear social norms, distributed surveillance, and the presence of lots of small and fervent groups which can organize to exert a great deal of pressure on people through social media.'" ("The Scapegoat" by Helen Lewis, *The Atlantic*, November 2022.)

♦ "Straight white people have to worry about cancel culture. Almost no one else does." (An online commenter.)

inclusion & exclusion: judgment

cancellation (groups, etc.)

cancellation

many Broadway pros aren't too torn up about his ~

cancellation culture

this ~ is the SJW McCarthy moment (of Walt Whitman)

fourth or fifth cancellation

I must have been on my ~ by then (J.K. Rowling vs trans)

aggressive unnecessary cancellations

one of the most ~ in Hollywood history (see quote below)

act of cancellation

the ~ is still mostly conceptual or socially performative

♦ “You won’t find a perfect person in me, but you will find a person who was doing her absolute best under one of the most aggressive unnecessary cancellations in Hollywood history.” (Gina Carano, about being cancelled and blacklisted by Hollywood. From “Gina Carano on Getting Sacked From Star Wars and Her Grudge Match With Disney” by Seth Abramovitch, *The Hollywood Reporter*, March 14, 2024. It’s an excellent article. Gina was a MMA fighter before being noticed by Steven Soderbergh and cast in the lead of the 2011 film *Haywire*. Her next role was in *Fast & Furious 6*.)

♦ Lynchings and running people out of town on a rail after having tarred and feathered them have been replaced by doxing, swatting, pile ons, and cancellation. Ain’t we civilized!

inclusion & exclusion: judgment

cancelled (groups, etc.)

cancelled

Chris should not be ~ (the comedian Chris Rock)
this holy priest is ~ while... (a bishop about Frank Pavone)

cancelled no more

the program got cancelled, but she is ~ (Mary Funk)

♦ “sorry, henry david Thoreau—ya (sic) cancelled” (Gerry Canavan of Marquette University, Wisconsin. According to a ratemyprofessors comment, “His Afrofuturism class is uber-interesting and a piece of cake...”)

♦ “It hasn’t been cancelled, to use a common parlance.” (English culture writer Alice Vincent about *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt.)

♦ “John James Audubon’s racism is the albatross rotting around the necks of those who would hold him in reverence. It is past smelling foul and beginning to reek.” (“What Do We Do About John James Audubon?” by J. Drew Lanham. Which begs the question, “What Do We Do About J. Drew Lanham?” The answer: give him a Macarthur Genius Award. See the Wikipedia entry “J. Drew Lanham.” “This article may be in need of reorganization to comply with Wikipedia’s layout guidelines.”)

♦ “The program got cancelled, but she is cancelled no more.” (The presenter for Blue Origin’s *New Shepard* flight, referring to Mary Wallace “Wally” Funk. Her real name seemed to have gotten cancelled in all of the publicity. She was almost exclusively referred to as “Wally Funk” by the media.)

♦ “Some nights at the bar I would descend into discussions with cosmologists and other[s]... and discover that Doctor Seuss meant more to them than a menagerie of imagined animals and a vivid and troublesome cat.” (“The Science of Dr Seuss,” BBC, Sounds, with Robin Ince. Seven Doctor Seuss books were cancelled in 2021.)

♦ “I shudder, I really shudder, at the thought that great swathes of art and literature would suddenly be under pressure to the point of being outlawed because sentiments that a character might have expressed normally 100 or even 50 years ago have made the whole work toxic. Do I want *Huckleberry Finn* to be altered or put on some kind of restricted list? The answer is no.” (The playwright Tom Stoppard. From Talk by David Marchese, *The New York Times Magazine*, December 4, 2022.)

♦ “‘Philip Guston Now’ isn’t cancelled, just postponed.” (The art exhibit / retrospective.)

inclusion & exclusion: judgment

cancer (noun)

cancer

this is a ~ that has been allowed to metastasize (issue)
government corruption is a ~ that destroys from within

cancer of our time

fake news is the ~

cancer on our society

Wall Street is a ~

cancer on the Internet

Facebook is a ~ (parent of teen)

cancer has metastasized

the ~ into a regional crisis (terrorism)

cut out this cancer

there is a need to ~ that we found (misconduct)

considers hacking a cancer

the Chinese government ~ to the whole society (Internet)

affliction: health & medicine

growth & development: health & medicine

cancerous (adjective)

cancerous growth

how can we stop the ~ of hate radio

affliction: health & medicine

growth & development: health & medicine

candle (candle of hope, etc.)

candle of hope

we need to light a ~ (victims of mass shootings)

♦ The lighthouse is an important symbol and icon to certain groups of Christians.

♦ Florence Nightingale was known as “the Lady with the Lamp.” She was not, in fact, a nurse. She was an administrator, logistician, statistician, advocate, reformer, founder, writer, etc. And beloved by all those to whom she administered “stump pillows.” There’s a collocation for you.

♦ “She became the center and the hope of the sick men’s lives. Their letters home were filled with her, and through these letters her name became a byword in thousands of English homes. ‘What a comfort it was to see her pass even,’ wrote one of her men, in the most famous of all letters about Florence Nightingale. ‘She would speak to one and nod and smile to as many more; but she could not do it to all, you know. We lay there by hundreds. But we could kiss her shadow as it fell, and lay our heads on the pillow again, content.’ / This was the passage that inspired the American poet Longfellow to write the poem on which the popular image of Florence Nightingale is based: Lo! in that hour of misery / A lady with a lamp I see / Pass through the glimmering gloom, / And flit from room to room. / And slow, as in a dream of bliss, / This speechless sufferer turns to kiss / Her shadow as it falls / Upon the darkening walls.” (From *Florence Nightingale* by Ruth Fox Hume.)

♦ “We stopped killing whales for oil only when kerosene and finally electric bulbs provided better and cheaper lighting.”

♦ “We will make electricity so cheap that only the rich will burn candles.” (Thomas Edison, December, 1879.)

♦ “An attendee holds up a digital candle on her phone as a moment of silence is taken for the victims during a vigil at the University of Idaho...” (Caption of a picture.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: light & dark / sign, signal, symbol

can do (ability)

‘can do’ attitude

the ~ that defines Hong Kong

ability & lack of ability: part of speech

candy (noun)

eye candy

see *eye candy (noun)*

“goose candy”

replacing Kentucky blue grass, called ~

mantel candy

the Oscar is the world's most desirable piece of ~ (films)

- ♦ "By the mid-'30s, the statuette of a nude bronze man sketched in 1928 by the legendary MGM designer Cedric Gibbons had become the world's most desirable piece of mantel candy."
- ♦ This idea is also expressed as "sugar."

attraction & repulsion / consumption: food & drink / taste

cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.)

Cannibal

his nickname is "the ~" because he chews up his rivals

Cannibal

in snowy weather, 'The ~' took off... (Eddy Merckx)

'Corsa Cannibals'

~ can strip Vauxhall Corsas of their parts in just minutes

- ♦ "Timothée Chalamet has reunited with *Call Me By Your Name* director Luca Guadagnino for this budding cannibal romance..." (Nicholas Barber's review of *Bones and All*.)
- ♦ "The victim responded to a posting placed by Mr. Meiwes on the Internet seeking a person willing to be killed and eaten." (Armin Meiwes killed the willing victim in 2001, ate parts of his body, and was sentenced to a few years in prison. There was an uproar about his "light" sentence, and he was re-sentenced to life in prison.)

epithet: person

destruction: epithet / person

cannibalism (noun)

democrat cannibalism

~ is a beautiful thing to watch (politics)

cultural cannibalism

~ (poet Oswald de Andrade / 1928)

- ♦ The modernist Brazilian poet Oswald de Andrade, in his 1928 "Cannibalist Manifesto," wrote about Brazil's propensity for "cultural cannibalism" (*canibalismo cultural*), or the mixing of various cultures to create something new, which he considered a very good thing indeed.
- ♦ "Like Saturn, the revolution eats its children." (See the Wikipedia entry for "Jacques Mallet du Pan.")
- ♦ "America must not devour her own children." (1950s anticommunist hysteria.)
- ♦ "They eat their own; they get eaten by their own; they cannibalize themselves, please don't stop; Woke cannibalism! Sweet!; democrat cannibalism is a beautiful thing to watch..." (Snarky comments at Breitbart about infighting at *The Washington Post* that led to a suspension and a firing.)
- ♦ "Hollywood eating its own. Love it." (An online commenter about the 2023 SAG-AFTRA strike.)
- ♦ "In 1809 [the Maoris] captured the vessel *Boyd*, further up the coast, and killed and ate its crew..." (The *Boyd* massacre in New Zealand. From *The Fatal Impact* by Alan Moorehead. See the Wikipedia entry.)
- ♦ "I collected here a great many specimens of the beautiful *Paradisea Guilielmi*, in my opinion one of the most exquisite of all the *Paradisea*; also a great number of rare and new papilios. After spending a few days here we returned to Simbang in time to catch the *Ysabel*, which took us back to Stephansort." (*Through New Guinea and the Cannibal Countries* by Herbert Cayley-Webster, 1898.)
- ♦ In World War I, the western part of the Island of New Guinea was controlled by the Dutch (neutral), the southeast was controlled by Britain, and the northeast was controlled by Germany. Hermann Philipp Detzner wrote a book about his adventures: *Four Years Among the Cannibals in the Interior of German New Guinea under the Imperial Flag, from 1914 until the Armistice*.
- ♦ "When an Edwardian anthropologist told her Nenets hosts the story of Captain Oates's heroic 'I am just going outside; I may be some time,' they refused to believe her. Scott, they objected would surely have eaten

him." (*The Shaman's Coat* by the great journalist Anna Reid. This refers to survival cannibalism.)

- ♦ "That period confirmed the ancient proverb, 'man is a wolf to man.' Traveler turned off the road at the sight of traveler, stranger meeting stranger killed for fear of being killed. There were isolated cases of cannibalism. The laws of human civilization were suspended. The jungle law was in force. Man dreamed the prehistoric dreams of the cave dweller..." (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.)

destruction / creation & transformation: consumption

cannibalize (verb)

cannibalized (canonical) art history

he ~ (the figurative painter Robert Colescott)

cannibalizing other formats

that fear that e-books were ~ in the book world

cannibalizing the sale

library lending is ~ of e-books (borrowed for free)

taking & removing: verb

cannibalized

cannibalized

the buildings had been ~

taking & removing: consumption

cannon (loose cannon)

loose cannon

there are a lot of ~s out there (crazy people)
police are calling him a ~ (man on crime spree)
had he appointed a ~ who would wreck the system

person: military / weapon

behavior / character & personality / control & lack of control / restraint & lack of restraint: military / person / weapon

cannon fodder (military)

used as cannon fodder

the prospect of being ~ makes many conscripts defect

- ♦ Merriam-Webster dictionary gives 1847 for the first use.
- ♦ "There is a very real sense in which the modern world—our world—was born between 1914 and 1918. Something changed in human sensibility. Soldiers wouldn't be willing to engage in such slaughter. Toward the end of the first World War, even, tolerance for past norms had begun to end. In 1917, much of the French Army mutinied and refused to attack. They would defend but not attack. The days of cannon fodder were over forever as a result of that war..." ("Why World War I Resonates," by William Boyd, NYT, Jan. 21, 2012. At the beginning of the Battle of the Somme, on July 1, 1916, the British Army suffered 60,000 dead and wounded—in one day. It was arguably the worst butcher's bill in military history.)
- ♦ The Butcher of Baghdad; Cannon fodder; Hamburger Hill; lambs to the slaughter; fresh meat... (Warfare.)

military: animal / consumption / farming & agriculture / plant

cannon fodder (other)

cannon fodder

West Ham has been ~ for years now (EPL)
written off as ~, they triumphed (World Series)

cherry picked cannon fodder
all his early fights were ~ (the boxer Anthony Joshua)

worth & lack of worth: military

canon (literature)

canon of (English) literature
certain authors occupy a central place in the ~

canon of "great books"
who decides what the ~ is (literature)

standard canon
defenders of the ~ often agree to its expansion (lit)

traditional canon
the battle between defenders and detractors of the ~

parallel, oppositional canons
establish ~ of work by women, gays...

concept of the canon
many would repudiate the ~ entirely (literature)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

canon (other)

culinary canon
a native ~ embraces rice, persimmons, corn, bison (US)
vegetables are certainly part of his ~ (Niklas Ekstedt)

canon has been blasted apart
but that ~ (doctors withhold prognosis)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

canonical (adjective)

canonical
his Cold War scholarship is ~ (John Lewis Gaddis)

canonical example
it was a ~ of what a computer couldn't do

canonical greats
reissuing the work of ~ like Kurt Vonnegut (publishing)

canonical rules
it breaks many of the ~ of the series (a film)

canonical songs
they cover some of Waits' ~

canonical (theatrical) works
~ such as those of Shakespeare

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

canonize (verb)

canonized him
since his suicide, his fans have ~ (an author)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion / verb

canter (noun)

canter

at a ~, take us through the voyage... (radio show)

at a canter

he should beat Jake Paul ~ (Tommy Fury)
City won ~ versus a strangely passive West Ham
City ended winners ~ (won easily)

win (the league) by a canter
Man City will ~ (soccer)

difficulty, easiness & effort: animal / horse / movement / speed / walking, running & jumping

speed: animal / horse / movement / walking, running & jumping

movement: animal / horse / speed / walking, running & jumping

canter (verb)

cantering to their first league title
Liverpool is ~ since 1990 (soccer)

♦ "Humphrey, the whole national health service is an advanced case of galloping bureaucracy." / "Certainly not. Not galloping. A gentle canter at most." (The TV series *Yes Minister*, "The Compassionate Society.")

difficulty, easiness & effort: animal / horse / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

speed: animal / horse / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: animal / horse / speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

canyon (resemblance)

urban canyons
narrow ~ created by the form and arrangement of buildings

resemblance: ground, terrain & land

cap (tip one's cap)

tip their cap to Duke Ellington
younger musicians like Sonny and Max Roach always ~

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / hat / verb

cap (feather in one's cap)

another feather in its cap
this moon touchdown is ~ (Jaxa / 2 asteroid landings)

with this feather in their cap
they want to go to elections ~ (BJP / India)

achievement, recognition & praise: bird / hat

cape (superhero)

wear capes
not all heroes ~ (cop killed in line of duty)

♦ "Not all heroes wear capes, and Chris definitely was a hero to this community. He just didn't have a cape." (The cousin of a police officer killed in the line of duty.)

♦ "Rodri showed the world that gunslingers don't always wear cowboy hats." (The online commenter Amin Yashed about Man City 3-1 Red Star. Smart use of language.)

♦ "Warriors don't always carry guns." (Why We Serve. Native American women veterans, to include nurses during the Vietnam War. God Bless You!)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation, sign, signal, symbol

capital (value)

capital in the bank

any study, any work you do on your voice is ~ (an actor)

creative capital

how the hip-hop generation aimed to own their ~

cultural capital

leveraging the ~ of barbershops to promote wellness
Pierre Bourdieu, Jean-Claude Passeron coined the term ~
the humanities' loss of ~ (in academia, versus STEM)

human capital

we must invest in ~

political capital

he is willing to spend ~ on the issue
when you're president you have a limited amount of ~
why would Obama spend his time and ~ defending...

symbolic capital

the desire to acquire ~ (vs. knowledge / TESOL acronyms)

capital evaporated

in the last 2 weeks his political ~ (resigned)

converted into social capital

identity-based suffering, or merely the claim, can be ~

♦ The French sociologist Pierre Bourdieu wrote "The forms of Capital" in 1986. He talked about economic, cultural, and social capital. Cultural capital is knowledge, social capital is your network.

♦ "As a Black woman, I see things through color... race is a lens for me, and it's a lens that my children experience as well and I think for someone to say, "Well, I don't see skin color, I just see who you are," I think you're leaving out a really big part of who I am, you're leaving out my cultural capital." (Gina Parker Collins, founder of RIISE. From "The Trials of Critical Race Theory," CBSN Originals.)

♦ "Others, though, suggest that the humanities' loss of cultural capital has been hastened by the path of humanities scholarship itself... Now, you might write a paper about how the text enacts a tension by both constructing and subtly undermining the imperial patriarchy through the descriptions of landscape. What does this have to do with how most humans read?" ("The End Of The English Major" by Nathan Heller, *The New Yorker*, March 6, 2023.)

♦ "Wokeness is not just a social philosophy, but an elite status marker, a strategy for personal advancement. You have to possess copious amounts of cultural capital to feel comfortable using words like *intersectionality*, *heteronormativity*, *cisgender*, *problematize*, *triggering*, and *Latinx*..." ("How The Bobos Broke America" by David Brooks, *The Atlantic*, September 2021.)

♦ "Jackson believes that social media, a gathering threat for many years, tore open our collective reality in 2020; it created 'an alternate universe' in which identity-based suffering—or merely the claim to such, however implausible or vicarious—could be converted into social capital. In the theater world in particular..." ("The Radical Self-Awareness of Michael R. Jackson" by Thomas Chatterton Williams, *The Atlantic*, March 2024.)

♦ "Leveraging the cultural capital of barbershops to promote wellness." (trapmedicine.org / barberswithout borders. "Are you a barber interested in partnering with us?")

♦ "Maybe I'll lean into the pain narrative, write that and get a good advance, ya'll pay me for that, right." (Fantasy author L.L. McKinney.)

cost & benefit / worth & lack of worth: money

inclusion & exclusion: possession

capital (capital of the world, etc.)

capital of the dancing world

it boasted it was the ~ (Barrowland Ballroom / Glasgow)

world's capital

the ~ of advanced yachting (Monaco / megayachts)

world's turkey capital

Cuero, Texas, the ~ (disputed by Worthington, MN)

"cherry capital of the world"

Traverse City bills itself ~ (Northwestern Michigan)

cowboy capital of the world

they call it the ~ (Stephenville, Texas)

Crawfish Capital of the World

Breaux Bridge is the ~ (Louisiana)

"Gem Capital of the World"

Franklin, North Carolina, the ~

golf capital of the world

Myrtle Beach, the ~ (South Carolina)

Granite Capital of the World

Elberton is billed as the ~ (state of Georgia in US)

hockey capitals of the world

Toronto, one of the great ~...

"Live Music Capital of the World"

Austin bills itself as the ~ (Sixth Street, etc.)

Loon Capital of the World

Mercer, Wisconsin promotes itself as the "~"

"ostrich capital of the world"

Oudtshoorn, the ~ (South Africa)

perfume capital of the world

Grasse is known as the ~ (France)

Shark Bite Capital of the world

Volusia County, Florida, has been dubbed the ~

stabbing capital of the world

Alice Springs now holds the unenviable title of ~ (2008)

Storytelling Capital of the World

Jonesborough bills itself as the "~" (Virginia)

waterfowl hunting capital of the world

Katy, Texas, ~

geography / superlative: epithet

capital (Black Bear capital, etc.)

capital of America

San Francisco was the car-break-in ~

Capital of (the fucking) California

so that was like the big ~ really (DVI Tracy)

capital of Canada

Thunder Bay is the murder ~

capital of crime

Detroit has a reputation as the ~

capital of the White emigration

France was the world-wide ~ (from Russia / White emigres)

capital of happiness

it's unofficially known as Brazil's ~ (Salvador de Bahia)

cardoos capital

Vaulx-en-Velin is known as the ~ of France

Back Bear Capital

Pine Mountain is claimed to be the ~ of Kentucky

coal capital

Blackwater, the ~ of Queensland (Australia)

Crip capital

so that was like the big ~ of the fucking California really

gem capital

Ratnapura is known as the ~ of Sri Lanka

Golf Capital

Crossville the ~ of Tennessee

lightning capital

Nasa has declared it Earth's '~' (Catatumbo, Venezuela)

murder capital

Thunder Bay is the ~ of Canada

poultry capital

Namakkal, Tamil Nadu, the ~ of India

surf capital

Scheveningen is known as the ~ (Holland)

shark attack capital

New Smyrna Beach is known as the ~ (Florida)

Trout Capital

boosters say Jackson County is the North Carolina ~

Whale Capital

the town calls itself the ~ of Iceland (Husavik, Iceland)

next crypto currency capital

Texas is becoming the ~

financial capital

an earthquake rattled Italy's ~ of Milan (no injuries)

♦ "It's like maybe like thirty-five hundred inmates, half the line was Crips, so that was like the big Crip capital of the fucking California really, so, you know, no red allowed..." (Keefe D reminiscing about DVI Tracy. See YouTube Keefe D—Full Interview, UrbanCityTV.)

♦ "Some online influences are calling Zibo 'China's outdoor barbecue capital.'"

geography: epithet

capital punishment

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this was the political equivalent of ~ (calls for resignation)

career capital punishment

an apology should have sufficed, not ~

punishment & recrimination: justice

capstone (noun)

capstone of his career

the banking overhaul was the ~ (politician)

he wants health-care legislation to be the ~ (politician)

capstone of the peace treaty

the independence vote is the ~ (Sudan)

capstone to his agenda

the ratification of the treaty was the ~ (president)

capstone to his career

his present job is the ~ (service to his homeland)

capstone for the neighborhood

it will be the ~ (architectural project)

capstone (warfighting) doctrine

AirLand Operations is the Army's ~

legal capstone

the case puts a ~ on a historic election (court)

♦ Two pillars often support a capstone, which is the stone at the top.

importance & significance: infrastructure / height

captive (held captive, etc.)

captive to its own delusions

the Party was a ~

captive to its past

America, once forward looking, is now ~ (1619, etc.)

held captive

an anxious nation suddenly ~ by crisis (a pandemic)

possession / taking & removing: crime

constraint & lack of constraint / control & lack of control:

crime

captivity (noun)

live in captivity

child stars ~ (US female celebrities)

♦ "Animals in captivity are not themselves."

possession / taking & removing: crime

constraint & lack of constraint / control & lack of control:

crime

capture (verb)

captured him on a phone in the airport

security cameras ~ (terrorist)

captured it on video

no one had ~ until now (citizens videoing cops)

captured Oscars

it ~ for best picture, director and actor (film)

captured (people's) attention

I think he's ~ (boxer Jarrell "Big Boy" Miller in Riyadh)

captured (national) attention

the case has ~ (Joshlin Smith, in South Africa)

captured (the world's) attention
airstrikes in Baghdad ~

capture headlines
it goes on every day but doesn't ~

captured my heart
the first time I saw him, he ~ (an orphan)

captured my imagination
that speaks to me, that ~ (a quotation)
the mountain ~ (Machhapuchhare)

captured the imagination
the job of fire watcher has long ~
he has ~ of fans (an athlete)
the young Mancini has ~ of boxing fans everywhere
climbing films have ~s of movie goers (*Free Solo*, etc.)

captured imaginations
theories about what happened have ~ for decades (Earhart)

captured the (public's) imagination
what has most ~ is...
he is riding on a new artistic wave which has ~ (Doug Hyde)

captured the (public) imagination
the film character ~ (Dirk Bogarde as Simon Sparrow)

captured the (nation's) imagination
her rise and sudden downfall ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

capture the loyalty
it has managed to ~ of working women (WNBA)

captures our minds
the story encapsulates how outrage ~ (viral online clip)

capture ("impulse") moviegoers
advertising to ~

captures the plight
Scott Adams's Dilbert ~ of the cubicle slave (cartoon)

capture market share
~ while the market is small

captures (satellite) signals
the GPS receiver ~

captures the uncertainty
she ~ that comes with big life changes (a songwriter)

captured the (post-pandemic) zeitgeist
the notion of quiet quitting has ~

captured the hearts and minds
he has ~ of Americans (Olympic athlete)

failed to capture
they ~ audio of the landing , but... (Perseverance / Mars)

- ◆ "Now that we have captured your imagination, don't make us come after the rest of you. (A clever TV advertisement from the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation promoting tourism on their reservation in Cherokee, North Carolina.)
- ◆ "California Highway Patrol Captures Runaway Emu After 30 minutes... The Highway patrol said no one was hurt..." / "A [Chapel Hill] emu on the

run in North Carolina was most recently seen jumping on the hood of a car. It's been loose for weeks..." (NPR. So many emus on the run. Emu?)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

capture (noun)

carbon capture

Wyoming has invested heavily in ~ (coal)
there are two types of ~ (point-source and direct air)

hard capture

~ is complete (SpaceX crew capsule docks with ISS)

regulatory capture

this is an example of ~ (Boeing and FAA)

◆ "We can confirm hard capture is complete." (SpaceX's Crew Dragon capsule attaches itself to the International Space Station.)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

fictive possession: hand

captured

captured by an anti-intellectual, illiberal mob

Brearely has been~ (the school / obsession with race)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

fictive possession: hand

caricature (noun)

caricature, a stereotype

he is a ~

criticism, accusation, memes, caricature

she shrugged off the ~ (Dolly Parton)

◆ "The NAACP said that it was problematic... but, if you're looking at the Zulu Club within the tradition of masquerading and masking, painting one's face is a part of Carnival, or it's a part of a masquerade, and the Zulus will say that they could not afford masks. It was cheaper and it was accessible for them to actually paint their faces black... I mean, it's a caricature, it's Mardi Gras, it's like everything is exaggerated, if you look at even Mardi Gras Krewe's that are traditionally white, they also have these caricatures of white people and European features, and so, it's an exaggeration. And while it's connected to minstrelsy historically, I think that it was more rooted in this idea of a masquerade, a mask. People are really dismissive [of outsiders protesting the Zulus' black face], to be honest with you. I think that New Orleans understands New Orleans' traditions. The city has been very insular, right? A lot of our traditions have just existed without the participation and the scrutiny of people outside of New Orleans, and so I think that for the average black person in New Orleans, including those members of my family, they just simply do not connect the Black Face in Zulu with minstrelsy or making a mockery of black people and most certainly are not looking at it as an offensive tradition." ("In New Orleans, The Fight Over Blackface Renews Scrutiny Of A Mardi Gras Tradition," NPR, All Things Considered, 3 March 2019. The Zulu Club was founded in 1909.)

◆ "It is fatal for a caricaturist to see too much."

characterization: picture

carapace (protection)

carapace of privacy

he wore a ~ (Kenneth Branagh)

subjects' protective carapaces

her job is to cut her ~ down to the bone (a journalist)

armoured carapace

I wished I was inside its (a Sherman tank / combat)

♦ "Branagh was reminiscent of Eric /Thompson in other ways, too. He created the same seclusive climate around himself, wore a carapace of privacy, which Thompson compared to a walnut: 'hard to pry open.'" (The actor Kenneth Branagh. From "Acting Up: Emma Thompson's third act" by John Lahr, *The New Yorker*, November 14, 2022.)

♦ A carapace is the exoskeleton of a chelonian like a turtle, or a crustacean such as a lobster, crab, shrimp or prawn, or an arachnid (8-legged creature vs. a 6-legged insect) like a spider or scorpion.

protection & lack of protection: animal

isolation & remoteness: animal

carcass (noun)

carcass of a tank

he stood by the burned-out ~

destruction / resemblance: animal

card (in the cards)

in the cards

that's not ~

if you're a Congolese, you know a life of comfort is not ~
a permanent revival is just not ~ (the coal industry)

fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (guilt card, etc.)

compassion card

Democrats are playing the ~ (unemployment benefits)

evidence card

they had the race card, we were playing the ~ (O.J. trial)

gender card

stop playing the ~, the fact you're a woman... (politics)

guilt card

the ~ works—if they have any guilt (Internet suck sites)

nationalist card

playing the ~ is a convenient tactic across North Africa

race card

he played heavily on the ~ (Peru)

some accused the lawyer of playing the ~ to the jury

they had the ~, we had the evidence card (O.J. trial)

he'll probably pull out the ~ next (a boxer who lost)

sympathy (get-out-of-jail) card

no ~ for this case, go straight to jail

get out of jail card

no sympathy ~ for this case, go straight to jail

political cards

but the New Left never had any ~ to play (students)

he played his ~ right and got a plum job

policy and philosophical cards

they will have to show their ~ (party in power)

strategy: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (play one's cards)

played his cards very carefully

he ~, negotiating a deal that... (Ahmed Zaki Yamani)

play my cards right

if I ~, I could be head cheerleader

played his (political) cards right

he ~ and got a plum job (Secretary of State)

strategy: cards / gambling / sports & games / verb

card (hold one's cards close)

holds his cards close to his vest

he ~ and knows just when to play them (an official)

character & personality / concealment & lack of

concealment: cards / gambling / sports & games / verb

card (dealt cards)

dealt some cards

they were ~ they can't play (under-privileged)

♦ "They were dealt some cards they can't play to this day. Fortunately, I was dealt cards and somehow managed to play the right hand." (Olympic champion speaking of his heroin-addict mother and step-father.)

♦ "It's not the cards you're dealt, it's how you play your hand."

fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (strong card)

strong card

we don't have ~s but... (negotiations)

fear is a ~, if not a trump card (national security / politics)

his only ~ is that he...

it would be a ~ to play, but not perhaps a winning one
literature was never his ~

strong card in Afghanistan

he is the Pakistan Army's ~ (network leader)

Administration's (last) strong card

the ~ is to maintain economic sanctions against...

hold one strong card

we ~

strength & weakness: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (trump card)

trump card

this was her ~ (an endorsement for her)

fear is a strong card, if not a ~ (national security / politics)

pulled his trump card

the assistant prosecutor ~ (damning evident at trial)

strength & weakness: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (hold all the cards)

hold all the cards

when prosecutors ~, can any defendant get a fair trial

strength & weakness: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (cards on the table)

cards on the table

~, I can't say... (I won't lie to you)

concealment & lack of concealment / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (the cards are stacked against us, a stacked deck, etc.)

get more cards stacked against you
you couldn't ~ (Fauci about the pandemic / US divisions)

obstacles & impedance: cards / gambling

career (noun)

career of the metaphor
a case study of the ~ (*weaponization*)

growth & development: life span

caretaker (role)

caretaker government
the ~ is fragile and weak
Israel's ~ can only make limited decision (2019)

caretaker manager
a ~ will be appointed
he met with ~ Michael Carrick (the new interim manager)

caretaker PM
Hassan Diab is currently serving as ~ (Lebanon)

caretakers of the land
farmers are ~

help & assistance: infrastructure / person

carnage (noun)

carnage
the ~ let behind in the dot-com bust

carnage in football
~ pays (Georgia Tech wins 22-0 / a "slaughter")

carnage in the oil industry
low prices cause ~

convention carnage
TV brought the ~ into our living rooms (Chicago 1968)

American carnage
this ~ stops right here (President Trump)

complete carnage
~ in coastal areas (Typhoon Rai / property damage)

economic carnage
they should be spared the worst of the ~ ("Frugal Four")
as the ~ from the coronavirus pandemic continues...

greater carnage
Obama and Clinton saw even ~ (midterm losses)

jobs carnage
~ mounts: 17 million file for unemployment (COVID)

Young Thug, Carnage and Meek Mill

~ ("feasting and beasting")

brunt of the carnage
Black communities face the ~ (illegal drug overdoses)

extent of the carnage
in the coming days we'll see the ~ (pandemic)

carnage that ensues
novels about marriages failing and the ~

carnage being waged
NPR conveniently skips the ~ (social justice demos)

let the carnage begin
so ~ (review of Roman Polanski's 2011 film *Carnage*)

♦ "Mothers and children trapped in poverty in our inner cities, rusted out factories scattered like tombstones across the landscape of our nation, an education system flush with cash but which leaves our young and beautiful students deprived of all knowledge. And the crime, and the gangs, and the drugs that have stolen too many lives and robbed our country of so much unrealized potential. This American carnage stops right here and stops right now." (President Trump, from his inaugural address, Friday, January 20, 2017. NPR's Mara Liasson characterized Trump as "bitter," "bleak," "dark," "divisive," "hard-edged," and "negative." Listen to "How Trump's Inauguration Speech Compares To His First Year In Office" by Mara Liasson, NPR, All Things Considered, January 18, 2018.)

♦ "The word carnage moved up to us through Italian and French from the Latin term *carnaticum* signifying "flesh" or "meat." Once carnage meant the time for eating meat and was also the name for the flesh thrown to the dogs after a hunt. Later on, the word was applied to the heaps of carcasses on a battlefield, finally to any massacre or butchery." (*Word Origins And Their Romantic Stories* by Wilfred Funk, Litt.D.)

*** **military**

♦ "Nearly the whole of the Highland wounded were destroyed by the butt-end of the musket, or the bayonet. On the day after the battle, the houses of the peasantry were searched, and every wounded Highlander who could be found was dragged out and murdered in cold blood. To be found wearing tartan was sufficient to ensure death. In one place seventy-two were butchered together. In another, forty were enclosed in a hut, which was then fired, and all within were burned to death. The whole road to Inverness was strewn with the bodies of the slain..." (*British Battles On Land and Sea* by James Grant. Culloden, 1746. "Such is the story of Culloden, happily the last battle fought on the soil of Great Britain.")

♦ "John J. Hardin, an Indiana volunteer, found it 'dreadful...to see the poor soldier just thrown in a ditch and covered over without any box.' / Burials like these dehumanized the dead and appalled many of the living. A Union chaplain observed that in pit burials bodies were 'covered over much the same as farmers cover potatoes and roots to preserve them from the frost of winter; with this exception, however: the vegetables really get more tender care...' Frequently, corpses were quite literally naked... Soldiers desperate for clothing robbed the dead... and thieves and scavengers appeared on battlefields immediately after the end of hostilities... / Soldiers worried that the piles of dead might include those still living, unable to speak..." (*The Republic of Suffering, Death And the American Civil War* by the great American historian Drew Gilpin Faust.)

♦ "On Sept. 19, 1862, just two days after the Battle of Antietam, Alexander Gardner, an employee of the photographer Mathew Brady, began documenting the battle's grim aftermath. One of Gardner's photographs, titled 'Dead Horse of Confederate Colonel: both killed at Battle of Antietam,' depicted a milky-white steed lying on the field in an eerily peaceful repose...[The Horse] very likely belonged to Colonel Strong, and it became something of a landmark among the Union soldiers left on the field because of its strangely peaceful appearance. Gen. Alpheus Williams wrote, 'The number of dead horses was high. They lay, like the men, in all attitudes. One beautiful milk-white animal had died in so graceful a position that I wished for its photograph. Its legs were doubled under and its arched neck gracefully turned to one side, as if looking back to the ball-hole in its side. Until you got to it, it was hard to believe the horse was dead.' / Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr. saw the horse four days after the battle while searching for his wounded son. Later, Holmes examined Gardner's photograph and said it was the

same horse." ("The Dead of Antietam," by Terry L. Jones, *The New York Times*, September 24, 2012.)

♦ "Soon we strike the scene of conflict. As we emerge from a body of woods, our eyes are met by the sight of scores of dead and wounded Federal Zouaves, whose blood-red pants mark them out conspicuously wherever they lay on the sloping field and little meadow before us. Over these we rush at a double-quick and on the opposite hill we see a battery of artillery which our men have just captured. The pieces are still pointed towards us, but around them are strewn numbers of the enemy, dead and wounded. At one of the pieces, as our line passes between them, we see what can never be effaced from our memory—a pile of artillery horses, all harnessed together, shot down manifestly just as they were in the act of moving a gun, one or more apparently dead, the others living, but bleeding profusely and writhing in apparent agony, the sight presenting a horrible spectacle of war." (*War Talks of Confederate Veterans*, compiled and edited by Geo. S. Bernard, Petersburg, VA.)

*** analysis

♦ Attack ads; battleground states; blood; political bombshells; crash and burn; campaigns; carnage; crosshair; drop dead; fire away; catch flak; gun ("they bring a knife, you bring a gun"), outgunned; kill (and killing); lock and load; marching orders; take no prisoners; shoot down; shot through; target; war rooms... ("How traumatic Events Change Our View of Language," Geoff Nunberg, NPR, Fresh Air, January 20, 2011.)

destruction: military

military: meat

Carnegie Hall (epithet)

Carnegie Hall of Broadway

onstage at the Shubert Theatre, the ~

♦ "Thialf Oval in the Netherlands is the Yankee Stadium of speed skating." (NPR's Tom Goldman.)

comparison & contrast / superlative: epithet

carnival (noun)

carnival

boxing has always been a bit of a ~, a con (Jake Paul)

carnival of hysteria

the ~ hampered the investigation (U.K. Nicola Bulley case)

♦ "The carnival of hysteria over Nicola Bulley shows us the very worst of human nature."

♦ Jock Colville, Churchill's private secretary, in Bayeux, witnessed the humiliation of *les tondues* (shorn women, also referred to as horizontal collaborators) in the aftermath of World War II. ("An ugly carnival" by Antony Beevor, *The Guardian*, Thursday 4 June 2009.)

♦ Tyburn Fair (execution day at Tyburn gallows); the Hanging Psalm (Psalm 51, which the condemned had to recite at the foot of the gallows); the dismal ditty (a conventional speech of repentance following the Hanging Psalm, optional); "He died with Cotton in his ears" (Cotton was the name of the praying sexton at Newgate Prison); the Paddington spectacles (Tyburn was in Paddington Parish, and this refers to the hood put over the condemned persons head); dancing the Paddington frisk (spasmodic jerking after the drop); the three-legged mare (the Tyburn gallows had three posts, linked by cross-bars); the wooden mare and "to ride a horse foaled by an acorn" (the Tyburn gallows were made of oak)... (*The Fatal Shore: The Epic of Australia's Founding* by Robert Hughes. The public executions took place in a carnival-like atmosphere.)

performance / resemblance: circus

attention, scrutiny & promotion: circus

carpet (verb)

carpets the (rolling) highlands in emerald and gold
cheatgrass ~

carpeted the meadow
flowers ~

cover / resemblance: carpets & rugs / verb

configuration: carpets & rugs / verb

carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.)

carpet of ash

a ~ covered the city (eruption)

carpet of (low-rise) buildings

a ~ cover the seven hills (Istanbul)

carpet of color

wildflowers create a ~ (Arctic summer)

carpet of flowers

a ~ has been left (a memorial for dead fans)

carpet of frogs

there was a ~ (on a road in Greece)

lush carpet

the bird nests in the ~ of moss and vines (in a crater)

thick carpet

a crew laid down a ~ of insulation

carpet of wildflowers

the ~ in subalpine meadows (Mt. Rainier)

cover / resemblance: carpets & rugs

configuration: carpets & rugs

carpet (under the carpet, etc.)

brush it under the carpet

they will try to ~

brushing it under the carpet

it's a whitewash, they're ~ (education / PS752)

sweep it under the carpet

we can't any longer ~ (educational issue)

♦ "The problem with brushing things under the carpet is that they are still there and one day someone is going to lift that carpet up and all you are going to feel is shame and embarrassment." (A celebrity who committed suicide, who had been trolled mercilessly on social media.)

♦ see also *rug* (*under the rug*)

concealment & lack of concealment: carpets & rugs

carpet (Operation Magic Carpet, etc.)

Operation Magic Carpet

service members were repatriated by ~ (1945-1946)

Operation on Wings of Eagles, also known as ~ (1949)

the White Helmets were rescued in ~ (2018)

proper name: carpets & rugs / magic

military: proper name

carpet (magic carpet / other)

magic carpet

a ~ made of steel (a train)

magic carpet into a (serious intellectual) life

librarians were her ~

magic carpet away

Azerbaijan is a magical land, just a ~

♦ "On a train, I sit on the top of a two-story magic carpet..." (Nat Read, who has ridden every mile on the Amtrak rail network. From "A loyal Amtrak rider says his best travel memories happened aboard trains," NPR, All Things Considered, August 4, 2023. With Sacha Pfeiffer, host.)

♦ "Feel the wheels rumbling 'neath the floors / And the sons of Pullman Porters / And the sons of Engineers / Ride their fathers' magic carpet made of steel..." (City of New Orleans. Arlo "The Apple Doesn't Fall Far From the Tree" Guthrie at Wolf Trap, 1993. With Pete Seeger onstage. Select, right click, search the following:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WYjOMiki6qs>

transportation: carpets & rugs / magic

carpetbagger (person)

carpetbagger

Canada's Olympic team has the most ~s (born elsewhere)

carpetbagger politicians

~ adopt Florida as their native land

East Coast carpetbagger

he is an ~ (Montana politics)

gentrifying carpetbaggers

he accuses his neighbors of being ~

opportunistic carpetbagger

he accused her of being an ~ (politics)

social carpetbagger

he's a ~, always code-switching to blend in

♦ "He is a carpetbagger disconnected from the state's residents and culture." (Politics.)

♦ "Her strategy drew howls of carpetbagging." (A politician who chose to run for reelection in a different district.)

♦ "He calls himself an activist investor, and I would call him a carpet bagger, and one who is trying to spread a climate of fear that pushes studios to want to make only tent poles... He's trying to manipulate the market... Hedge fund guys do not create jobs, and we do." ("George Clooney To Hedge Fund Honcho Daniel Loeb: Stop Spreading Fear At Sony" by Mike Fleming Jr, *Deadline*, August 2, 2013.)

♦ "But, of course, the new South had embraced all of this [commercial strips, huge parking lots, motels, fast-food places, discount store, car dealers, nightclubs, etc.], not quickly, as we had done up North, but embraced it nonetheless. And in some strange way, the garish commercial strip was now more associated with the South than with anywhere else in the country. The carpetbaggers have finally taken over." (*The General's Daughter* by Nelson DeMille.)

♦ Isn't it interesting how a Southern Reconstruction-era slur against Northerners persists as a slur?

character & personality: history / person

identity & nature: history / person

carpeted

carpeted with flowers

the meadow was ~

carpeted with wild blueberry plants

the tiny island is ~

carpeted (at the base) with starfish and mussels

we drifted into an inlet alongside cliffs ~

carpeted eastern Washington

old-growth forests once ~

cover / resemblance: carpets & rugs

configuration: carpets & rugs

carried away

get carried away

it is no time to ~ (panic over virus)

control & lack of control: movement

feeling, emotion & effect: movement

fictive transportation: movement

carried off (died)

were carried off

one third of the population of Europe ~ (the Black death)

death & life: euphemism

carrot (reward)

carrot

offering ~s and wielding sticks to persuade people to...
amid the ~s, there will be some sharp sticks

carrot of membership

the EU is dangling the ~ in front of the two countries

♦ "The carrot of a clash is dangling." (Oleksandr "the Ukrainian Cossack" Usyk versus Tyson "the Gypsy King" Fury.)

coercion & motivation: fruits & vegetables / plant

carrot-and-stick

carrot-and-stick approach

it requires a ~ (a zoning alternative)
using a ~ to the millions moving into the fire zone
commanders say a ~ is necessary (military occupation)

♦ "The carrots do not work much. Now, we're seeing more pressure coming from the other side." (Dr. Arthur Caplan, about requiring COVID vaccinations in the US.)

coercion & motivation: fruits & vegetables / plant

carrousel (noun)

carrousel of helicopters

this constant ~ flying over the reactor (Chernobyl)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / movement:

sports & games

carry (carry me away, etc.)

carry me away

I let my emotions ~

carry the memory of my half-brother with me

I ~ every day (murdered)

carry the pain

families still ~ 19 years later (9/11 memorial)

feeling, emotion & effect: movement / verb

fictive transportation: movement / verb

carry (transport)

carry this loss

while I will ~ for a long time, it will motivate me

carries some privilege
any white person ~ due to their skin color

carries a (maximum) sentence
Count Fourteen ~ of 20 years imprisonment

carry viruses
smuggled pangolins have been found to ~

carry weight
such recommendations do ~ (a government taskforce)

fictive transportation: verb

carry (assist)

carried this team
he ~ like we needed him to (Olympic basketball)

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

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother."

help & assistance: burden / verb / weight

carry on (verb)

carry on
I got injured, but you still got to ~

**resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival,
persistence & endurance: burden / journeys & trips / prep,
adv, adj, particle / verb**

cart (cart off)

carted (31) Christians off to the station
police ~

carted him (off the field) on a stretcher
they ~ (injured player)

transportation: animal / verb

cartwheel (do cartwheels, etc.)

doing cartwheels
the NBA must be ~ (glad about exciting post-season games)

feeling, emotion & effect: movement / verb

carved out

carved out of the Middle East
Jordan was ~

carved out of the Maasai land
the Masai Mara was ~

carved out by the British
Jordan was ~

carved out in the 1920's
Jordan was ~

creation & transformation: blade / knife

carve out (verb)

carve out an Islamic state

they want to ~ in Mindanao

carve a Muslim state out of the south
the group is fighting to ~ (Mindanao)

carve out a future
young Brazilians are trying to ~

carve out her own lane
she has managed to ~ (singing, fashion, etc.)

carve out (decent) lives
homesteaders tried to ~ (North Dakota)

carve out a living
wolves are forced to ~ on the steeper slopes

carved out (new) markets
some entrepreneurs have ~ by selling...

carve out a new role
Britain wants to ~ (post-Brexit)

♦ Carve out, fashion, shape...

creation & transformation: blade / knife / verb

Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.)

Casanovas in the rear
they cursed the ~ who tried to make off with soldiers' wives

determined bovine Casanova
a feat impossible for even the most ~ (insemination)

Serbian Casanova
Dusko Popov, a ~... (a double agent for MI6)

♦ "Casanovas who have clocked up serious bedroom mileage; Lotharios with thousands of notches on their bedposts; The Sun's shagger of the Year; three- and foursomes; 'And their mothers...'; [He] has kept the traffic between the sheets busier than the M25; 4,600 bedpost notches; his bulging little black book; 'I don't pay prostitutes for sex, I pay them to leave...'" ("The Lovers' League" by Lauren Windle, *The Sun*, 14 August 2016.)

♦ "Well, he has one girl per book, approximately, and that's one a year. He's a bachelor, and he moves around the world pretty rapidly. And umm I don't see any great harm in that myself." (Ian Fleming speaking about his fictional creation James Bond to Roy Plomley on BBC's Desert Island Discs in 1963.)

♦ The NBA player Wilt Chamberlin famously boasted of having intercourse with over 20,000 women.

♦ "I was hardly Casanova, but I was a tad more experienced than she was..."

allusion: books & reading

sex / character & personality: allusion / epithet / books & reading

cascade (verb)

cascade through generations
negative attitudes ~

movement: direction / water

cascade (noun)

cascade of decisions
the computer models triggered a ~ (transportation)

cascade of disasters

we have seen a ~ lately

cascade of (damaging) events
head injury can initiate a ~

cascade of honors
throughout this time there was a ~ (an academic scholar)

cascade of problems
the events combined to create a ~

cascades of white death
the 22 natural avalanche chutes are ~ (pass and highway)

set off a **cascade**
the decision has ~ of accusations and counter-accusations

trigger a **cascade**
these chemicals ~ of allergic symptoms (food allergies)

amount & effect: water

cascade (a cascade of hair, etc.)

cascade of strawberry-blond hair
she has pale skin and a ~

resemblance: water

cash in (verb)

cashing in
the economy is growing, but not all are ~

cash in on the experience
a failure is a man who blundered but is not able to ~

cash in on his fame
opportunists who want to ~ (sex-abuse accusers)

cash in on those investments
early success could position her to ~ (candidate's hard work)

♦ "They are monetizing, they know what the game is." (A lawyer for a singer accused of sex abuse.)

cost & benefit: money / verb

cash (money)

cash cow
see *cow (cash cow)*

cash machine
see *cash machine (noun)*

cash machine (noun)

cash machine
Hearn must find himself another ~ (AJ loses second time)

♦ "It's bye bye cash cow." (A gleeful reference to a boxing promoter and his fighter's shock defeat.)

♦ "The Glazers treat Manchester United like a cash machine." (Gary Neville.)

worth & lack of worth: mechanism / money

Cassandra

Cassandra
for years he was a ~, his message ignored

Cassandra of the Internet Age
"I Talked to the ~" (Michael Goldhaber)

♦ "Go Ahead! regardless of the consequences and indifferent to the value of human life." (A diarist in the 1840s about science, technology, and the use of steam for power.)

message: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

cast (cast of candidates, etc.)

cast of candidates
a whole new ~ will be onstage at their debate (politics)

group, set & collection: theater

cast (cast doubt)

cast doubt on the (confession's) accuracy
the defense ~

cast doubts on such assumptions
the hearings ~ (politics of abortion)

cast doubts on plans
the difficulties could ~ to reopen New Orleans

cast (any) doubt on (Hamilton's) skills
she said she did not want to ~

casts (serious) doubt on another theory
the new finding ~ that had...

casts (some) doubt on a (popular) theory
the report also ~ that...

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

cast (light)

cast a beam
reflectors ~ (lighthouse)

cast a (dark) shadow
the tragic accident ~ over US-Korean relations

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

cast (other)

cast blame
officials can ~ only so much before the backlash starts

cast a curse
somebody must have ~ on his camel

cast discredit
the government alleges the paper ~ on the courts

cast a net
the authorities have ~ for the escapees

cast a pall
Chen's death ~ over the mountain (climbing)

cast a spell
at times he seemed to ~ on the ball (Ronaldo)

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

cast (characterize)

cast Grant as a "butcher"

Southern historians ~ (revisionism)

cast the debate as a class struggle
they have ~

cast the problem as a health issue
she has ~ (TV violence, etc.)

characterization: manufacturing / verb

cast (characterized)

cast as a hero

a guard ~ was recast as a villain (Richard Jewell)

characterization: manufacturing

cast aside (verb)

cast your fears aside
and you ~ (song)

cast security aside
at 48, he ~ to pursue his passion (left his profession)

dismissal, removal & resignation: arm / verb

castaway (person)

Hollywood castaways

mix with ranchers, fishermen and ~ (Livingston, Mont.)

homeless castaways

a dystopian future where children are ~ (a song video)

life's castaways

she gives ~ the gift of merriment (film *River of Grass*)

society's castaways

~—hookers, addicts, the homeless...

♦ A castaway usually becomes one by shipwreck. In cases of mutiny, a person or persons might be cast adrift or left marooned on a deserted shore. Alexander Selkirk is a famous example of a voluntary castaway. He spent 4 years 4 months on one of the Juan Fernandez Islands in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Chile before being rescued. He probably inspired Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*.

♦ Classic castaway stories include *Robinson Crusoe* and *The Swiss Family Robinson*. The TV show *Gilligan's Island* ran for 3 seasons. The film *Cast Away* with Tom Hanks was very popular. People remember his companion, Wilson, a soccer ball, and the scene where he removes a rotten tooth with an ice skate.

♦ Tromelin Island in the Indian Ocean got its name from the captain who rescued a group of castaways from that place. The whole story is quite amazing!

person: island / society

isolation & remoteness / society: island / person / sea / throwing, putting & planting

caste (noun)

caste society

America as a ~

caste system

lodgings follow a kind of unwritten ~ (officials)

the airlines use a ~ (paying more gets better treatment)

warrior caste

Marine pilots are an insular ~

professional military caste

the ~ will retain its grip (in time of war and conscription)

♦ "It's a caste system, and we are the untouchables of academia." (An adjunct professor.)

♦ "Major Sleeman reveals the fact that the trade union and the boycott are antiquities in India. India seems to have originated everything. The 'sweeper' belongs to the bottom caste; he is the lowest of the low—all other castes despise him and scorn his office. But that does not trouble him. His caste is a caste, and that is sufficient for him, and so he is proud of it, not ashamed... A footnote by Major Sleeman's editor, Mr. Vincent Arthur Smith, says... 'The sweepers cannot be readily coerced, because no Hindoo or Mussulman would do their work to save his life, nor will he pollute himself by beating the refractory scavenger.' They certainly do seem to have the whip-hand... Just like a milk-route; or like a London crossing-sweepership." (*Following the Equator: A Journey Around the World* by Mark Twain.)

division & connection / hierarchy: society

society: person

castle (protection)

castle

a man's home is his ~

castle doctrine

Texas has a ~ which extends to your vehicles (force)

~ is similar to "stand your ground" (deadly force)

♦ "Unlike a lot of people that criticize NPR, you're not throwing stones from outside the castle." (Bari Weiss talking with Uri Berliner. From "NPR Editor Speaks Out: How National Public Radio Lost Americans' Trust," Honestly with Bari Weiss.)

♦ "Warning / Castle Doctrine / "No Duty to Retreat" (A sign / decal / sticker.)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military / royalty

castle (Castle Peaks, etc.)

Castle

the Smithsonian is popularly known as the ~ (D.C.)

Castle Peaks

the ~ are peaks in Queensland, Australia

Castle Valley

~, Utah, is east of Arches National Park

Baboons Castle

the ~ is a mountain in KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa)

New Castle

they were arrested in ~, Indiana (a town)

White Castle

~ is an oasis for late-night customers (hamburgers)

♦ This word often appears in geographical place names, as well as cities. For example, Castle Creek / Islet / Mountain, Pass / Peak / Point / Rock, etc.

proper name: fortification

castrated

castrated on the evening news

~ (see red text below)

♦ Atlanta mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, in her press release announcing that she would not run for reelection as mayor, decried the possibility of Atlanta officials being "castrated on the evening news." One would assume the word was "castigated," but no correction was ever made.

attenuation: health & medicine

force / strength & weakness: health & medicine

castration (noun)

"castration" of the CIA

they also lament the ~ by the 1975 Church Committee

attenuation: health & medicine

force / strength & weakness: health & medicine

casualty (noun)

casualty of the (real-estate) boom

the development was an early ~

casualty of the current political climate

she says she's a ~ (politics)

casualties of Covid-19

this is one of the biggest ~ (great boxing match, no fans)

casualty of his own faith

he became a ~ (Columbus and geography)

casualties of the internet

RIP to the great magazine era, one of the unfortunate ~

casualty of the (slimmed-down) plan

the proposed sum is an apparent ~ (\$ for VA hospitals)

casualty of early stardom

he could have become Basquiat, a ~ (Jean Michel Basquiat)

casualty of the culture wars

she is yet another cautionary ~ (Gina Carano blacklisted)

too many casualties

there have been ~ (man touches female athletes)

among the casualties

So, I was ~ today at *Sports Illustrated* (mass layoff)

one of the first casualties

the low price of petrol has become ~ (pandemic recovery)

♦ "Two bass boats collided at night and there was a casualty."

♦ Deaths from COVID have been described as a *body count*.

♦ "So you were like a casualty of the circumstances." (Gang-banging in L.A. Took a beating because of an incident the previous night that he was not involved in.)

♦ "The FTA was actually supposed to boost India-Canada trade to much higher levels... That's one casualty." (A commentator about sour relations between India and Canada, after Canada claimed India had been involved in the murder of a Sikh separatist on Canadian soil.)

♦ There were great husky men crying with the pain of gaping wounds and dreadfully swollen, discolored trench feet, who sank down exhausted the moment they stopped. There were strings of from eight to twenty blind boys filing up the road, clinging tightly and pitifully to each other's hands, and led by some bedraggled limping youngster who could still see... I wonder if I'll ever be able to look at marching men anywhere again without seeing those blinded boys, with five and six wound stripes on their sleeves, struggling painfully along the road." (*Sister: The War Diary of a Nurse* by Helen Dore Boylston.)

failure, accident & impairment: death & life / military

cat (cat and mouse)

see *game (game of cat and mouse)*

cat (cat out of the bag, etc.)

cat was (already) out of the bag

the ~, it already spread (virus)

concealment & lack of concealment / pursuit, capture & escape: cat / container

catalogue (list)

catalogue of failures

the report describes a ~ (an air crash)

catalogue of problems

it's one of a ~ caused by unplanned overdevelopment

amount: money

catalyst (noun)

catalyst

he was the ~, not the cause of the problem

this is a bill that will jump start, jolt, be a ~ (business)

the ~ for the government shutdown was...

Auschwitz was the ~ that made him into a great writer

catalyst of the team

he's been the ~

catalysts in this conflagration

Lincoln and his cronies were the ~ (US Civil War)

catalyst for change

disaster can be a ~

art can be a ~

catalyst for (economic) growth

the software industry could be a ~ (India)

catalyst for a (cultural) shift

snowboarding was a ~ in the world of skiing

catalyst for moving

the Morton case is going to be a ~ reforms forward (law)

economic catalyst

she said the museum would be an ~

served as a catalyst

the crash served as a ~ to mend relations (Poland-Russia)

initiation: chemistry

catalyze (verb)

catalyzed them to come forward

other accusers said that she ~ Me Too Movement)

initiation: chemistry / verb

catapult (verb)

catapulted Western Europe to (global) dominance

the industrial revolution ~

catapulted him to fame
his admission ~

catapulted Obama into the White House
the type of voter who ~

catapulted into the ranks
the company has ~ of top tech companies

catapulted over (more veteran) officials
she ~ (government promotion)

catapulted from an unknown to a superstar
he ~

throwing, putting & planting: mechanism / verb

catapulted

catapulted to the forefront
he has been ~ of the death-penalty debate

catapulted to stardom
she was plucked from obscurity and ~ (talent show)

catapulted out of obscurity
he was ~ (a politician who won an election)

catapulted into the limelight
after the broadcast, he was ~ (sports doping)

catapulted from obscurity to (prime-time) fame
he was ~ (an actor)

throwing, putting & planting: mechanism

catch (catch the imagination, etc.)

catch the (national) imagination
his account of the aerial voyage would ~

caught FitzRoy's imagination
but it was the sea that had ~

caught the (national) imagination
his account would be published in the *Times*, where it ~

caught my interest
it really ~ so I started researching (a mine disaster)
the team ~ after I watched the game against Celtic

♦ "Now that we have captured your imagination, don't make us come after the rest of you. (A clever TV advertisement from the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation promoting tourism on their reservation in Cherokee, North Carolina.)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

catch (marriage)

seemed the perfect catch
when she met him, he ~ (marriage / murdered by him)

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting / love, courtship & marriage

catch (catch and release)

catch and release
they basically had a ~, they should have been arrested

why the repeated ~, was he an informant

pattern of catch and release
it supports the ~ (interference to protect informant)

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

Catch-22

in a Catch-22
he's ~ (the rapper Bobby Shmurda and police protection)

allusion / alternatives & choices / situation: books & reading

catchment (noun)

catchment area
about 1/3 of the state falls within our ~ (medical examiner)
the ~ of these books is huge (NCERT textbooks / India)

extent & scope: river / water

catch on (verb)

catch on
I thought the slogan would ~, but it didn't...

transmission: verb

catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.)

caught up to him
his past finally ~
the allegations have trailed him, and today the claims ~
by 2008, the truth had ~ (Bernie Madoff)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

past & present / time: hunting / verb

catch up (catch up to something)

catching up to men
women are ~ in their number of partners

catching up to science fiction
reality is finally ~ (AI)

catching up in submarines
China is ~ (to the US)

competition / progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

catch up (catch up with something)

catch up with the technologies
standards have begun to ~ (biometrics)

catch up with the outside world
Fanning Island is anxious to ~ (Kiribati)

♦ "Let's keep moving, guys. Keep the line tight and keep it moving. United 8114, I need you to catch up with the group." (An air-traffic controller, directing planes.)

progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running & jumping / verb

catchy (attention)

catchy headlines
these are ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: hunting

catechism (noun)

Cold War catechism
the ~ dictated that...

script / unanimity & consensus: religion

cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.)

Cathedral Cave
large elliptical cupolas have been found in ~ (Australia)

Cathedral Mountain
we visited ~ (Tasmania)

Cathedral Room
~ is 204 feet high (Marvel Cave, Missouri)

proper name: religion

geography: proper name / religion

cathedral (resemblance)

cathedral of water
the 16th-Century cistern has been likened to a “~”

calcite cathedrals
these flooded caves are spectacular ~ of stalactites...

♦ The Palombaro Lungo, a manmade 16th-Century cistern, has been likened to a “cathedral of water.” (Matera Sassi, Italy.)

resemblance: religion

cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.)

cathedral
mountains are truly ~s (“Big” Jim Whittaker)
it's my church, it's my ~ (Yosemite on foot in winter)

cathedrals of American culture
gaining admittance to the high ~ (the Met, etc.)

cathedrals of (late 19th- and early 20th-century) design
Berlin’s *Hallenbader* are veritable ~

cathedral of the Russian underground
the club was a religion, the ~ (the Leningrad Rock Club)

cathedral of stock-car racing
Daytona track, the ~...

cathedral of Mexican popular music
El Tenampa is a sort of ~ (Plaza Garibaldi / Mexico City)

cathedrals for fly fishermen
the waters here are ~ (Montana)

cathedral to the sport
Gold’s Gym in Venice, this ~ (bodybuilding / California)

♦ It's not unusual to see a power-company truck and even a pizza delivery van parked in a cutout along Big Snowbird Creek outside

Robbinsville in Graham County, western North Carolina. Presumably, the employees are on their lunchbreaks...

enthusiasm / reverence: place / religion

catnip (attraction)

catnip of big oil money
the ~ is sort of wafting around...

catnip to (post World War I) audiences
adultery and divorce were ~

catnip to screenwriters
it has proved ~ (*The Turn of the Screw*)

catnip for (avid) travelers
lost and abandoned places are ~

box-office catnip
he was ~ (Dirk Bogarde)

cinematic catnip
the Cinderella story has been ~ (*Pretty Woman*, etc.)

theatrical catnip
he is ~ (Shakespeare’s character Richard III)

catnip of big oil money
the ~ is sort of wafting around...

♦ “The catnip of big oil money is sort of wafting around and everybody is interested in this infusion of capital.” (Oil money in tennis, soccer, etc.)

♦ “Rumors became the catnip that drove reporting.” (“I’ve Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here’s How We Lost America’s Trust” by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.)

attraction & repulsion: cat / plant

caught (other)

caught in the middle
civilians are ~ (war)

caught in the open
3 people ~ suffocated in the dust storm (Kansas / 1935)

caught in a (lightning) storm
they were ~ on a mountainside

caught in a (ferocious) storm
they were ~ near the summit of Les Droites

caught in a rip current
if you become ~, swim parallel to shore

caught in the drift ice
we'd be ~, but it was all right (fishing)

caught in a crossfire
three soldiers were ~

caught on film
unsuspecting women ~... (Internet porn)

caught on the back foot
police admit they have been ~ by the protests

become caught
if you ~ in a rip current, swim parallel to shore
the straps of his river sandals ~ on a rock

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

fictive possession: hand

caught out

caught out by public reaction

he seemed to be ~ (a leader)

♦ Many associate this with the game of cricket.

failure, accident & impairment: ball / sports & games

caught up (in or by something)

caught up (again) in drugs

they go back out on the streets and get ~

caught up in the film

I was ~ and didn't hear the door open

caught up in a web

~ of drug addiction and crime

caught up in red tape

his expedition got ~

caught up in the drinking

I just got ~ and the drugs and fighting

don't get caught up in that

~ (weight loss / low self-esteem)

got caught up in red tape

his expedition ~

involvement: hunting

pursuit, capture & escape / situation: hunting

cauldron (the Cauldron, etc.)

the Cauldron

the Stalingrad pocket, or ~ (World War II)

♦ "And so [Hitler] ordered Paulus to remain inside what would thereafter be referred to as the Stalingrad Pocket to history and the Cauldron to the men who fought there." (The Battle of Stalingrad, Wars of the World, YouTube.)

epithet: container / fire / heating water / temperature

cauldron (noun)

cauldron

it's going to be a ~ in there on Saturday (boxing match)

cauldrons of contagion

wet markets are ~ (coronaviruses, etc.)

cauldron of (internal) controversy

the Republican party is a ~

cauldron of grievances

a ~ bubbles beneath the surface

cauldron of noise

the Lusail Stadium was a ~ (Argentina v. Mexico in Qatar)

cauldron of socialization

the school bus used to be a ~

cauldron of (sectarian) violence

the country has become a ~

cauldron of war, violence and brutality

the US has hurled Afghanistan into the ~

witch's cauldron

the US is a ~ of unemployment and poor education

bubbling cauldron

the country has become a ~ since Ben Ali left (Tunisia)

simmering cauldron

you've got this ~ of hatred and revolution (Paris)

ethnic cauldron

the Balkans are a confused, often violent ~

red-hot cauldron

the Middle East is a ~ (protests, etc.)

revolutionary cauldron

many emerge from the ~ to become conservatives

send its children into that cauldron

a humane society would not ~ (war)

♦ "It was known as the cauldron to those who fought there." (The Stalingrad pocket, World War II.)

environment: container / fire / heating water / temperature

caustic (adjective)

caustic characterization

the leaked cables contained ~s of world leaders

caustic comment

she made a few ~s

caustic observation

she offered some ~s about their qualifications

caustic remark

they direct a lot of ~s and mockery

caustic welcome

he got a ~ (politics)

blunt and (sometimes) caustic

he defended his ~ style (governor)

feeling, emotion & effect / speech: chemistry / materials & substances / sensation

caustically

caustically critical

she is now ~ (about school reform)

once a supporter, she is now ~ (an educator)

caustically funny

she is ~ (comic)

caustically intelligent

he is ~

caustically witty

his song is ~

caustically described

she ~ him as a figurehead

caustically dismiss
some scientists ~ his claims

said caustically
but he ~, "On a political level, ..."

speech: chemistry / materials & substances / sensation cavalcade (noun)

cavalcade of (Nashville) artists
she is joined by a ~ (an album)

cavalcade of (celebrity) cameos
the film featured a ~

cavalcade of evidence
this is just the start of a ~ undermining the president

cavalcade of arm gestures
his every sentence is punctuated by a ~ (a politician)

cavalcade of people
there's going to be a ~ saying you were wrong

♦ "We stood up now and then to get our circulation going, and it was always the same: the wind was always blowing, there was always a semblance of moon... and in front of the moon a fantastic cavalcade of ragged clouds..." ("Bear Meat" by Primo Levi, translated by Alessandra Bastagli.)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / group, set & collection: horse / movement

cavalier (adjective)

cavalier attitude
he had a ~ towards going to war (a hawk)

cavalier and disrespectful
Pelosi said Barr was ~ (at a Senate hearing)

♦ The root is from *caballus*, Latin for horse, with the meaning of supercilious. The rider has traditionally been dominant over the man who walks.

character & personality: height / horse
hierarchy / superiority & inferiority: height / horse
cavalry (mechanized cavalry, etc.)

Air Cavalry
the U.S. Army's 1st ~ Division (Vietnam)

mechanized cavalry
today's ~ means mobility and speed (military)

♦ "It was only fitting and proper that airmobile operations should have been first tried in combat by the First Cavalry Division, of World War II and Korea fame. Riding helicopters instead of horses or mechanized vehicles, it was renamed the First Cavalry Division Airmobile." (Vietnam. Commonly referred to as the First Cavalry Division. The patch is iconic.)

♦ "We were going to Vietnam as "straight leg" infantry, not as a mechanized infantry battalion." (No APCs. The First Infantry Division, known to all as the Big Red One.)

♦ "Tanks had replaced the cavalry of former wars with a vastly more powerful and far-ranging weapon, and in many aspects their manoeuvres resembled naval warfare, with seas of sand instead of salt water. The fighting quality of the armoured column, like that of a cruiser squadron, rather than the position where they met the enemy, or the part of the horizon on which he appeared, was the decisive feature. Tank divisions or brigades, and still more smaller units, could form fronts in any direction so swiftly that the perils of being outflanked or taken in rear or

cut off had a greatly lessened significance. On the other hand, all depended from moment to moment upon fuel and ammunition, and the supply of both was far more complicated for armoured forces than for the self-contained ships and squadrons at sea... / The personal interventions of the two Commanders-in-Chief were as dominant and decisive and the stakes on both sides were as high as in the olden times." (*The Grand Alliance* by Winston S. Churchill. "Operation 'Crusader': Ashore, Aloft, and Afloat.")

♦ Before "mechanized infantry" it was "motorized infantry."

♦ "There was now a dramatic episode which recalls 'Jeb' Stuart's ride round McClellan in 1862 on the Yorktown Peninsula in the American Civil War. It was however executed with an armoured force which was an army in itself..." (Rommel's Raid Nov. 24-28, Second Battle of Sidi Rezegh. From *The Grand Alliance* by Winston S. Churchill. "Operation 'Crusader': Ashore, Aloft, and Afloat.")

♦ "Once, after a gunnery exercise, Novikov and Getmanov had stopped in front of the winning tank. As he answered their questions, the soldier in command had gently caressed the side of the tank. Getmanov had asked if he had found the exercise difficult. / 'No, why should I? I love my tank very much. I came to the training school straight from my village. The moment I saw her, I fell in love. Impossibly in love.' / 'So it was love at first sight, was it?' said Getmanov. He burst out laughing. / There was something condescending in Getmanov's laughter—as though he were criticizing this young man's ridiculous love for his tank." (*Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman, translated by Robert Chandler, New York Review Books.)

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. It's World War II. An old cavalry sergeant's jeep has broken its axle. The old sergeant has turned his back to his busted down jeep, his left hand covers his eyes in grief, and his right hand is pointing a .45 behind his back at the engine, as if he were putting his beloved horse out of its misery. (*Up Front* by Bill Mauldin, World War II. The text about the cartoon reads, "Once I thought I did a very funny cartoon. It was a picture of an old-time cavalryman shooting his jeep, which had a broken axle. It is one of those cartoon ideas you think up rarely; it has simplicity, it tells a story, it doesn't need words. It is, I believe, the very best kind of cartoon... I shall keep reviving that cartoon until somebody appreciates it." (Compiler's note: MUCH appreciated, brother, from the 21st century!)

♦ see also *warhorse* (and *war horse*)

military: horse

cavalry (noun)

cavalry
the ~ has come, God bless you all (military aid in disaster)
the ~ is on the way (regulation of online abuse)

called in the cavalry
he ~, the FBI, ATF, State Police, US Marshalls (murder)

♦ "He claimed his newspaper had ridden heroically to the rescue of the campaign."

♦ see also *day* (*save the day*)

♦ "There's no cavalry, no one will magically appear and save you." (The need to be self-reliant when mountain climbing.)

help & assistance / resistance, opposition & defeat: horse / military

cave (isolation)

cave
unless you are living in a ~, you know...

♦ "It's a big like mending the plumbing. You have to get into awkward positions and fiddle with things that lie in muddy water." (Extreme caver Richard Gregson about what it feels like underground.)

isolation & remoteness: mountains & hills

cave in (verb)

caved

instead of doubling down on his policy, he ~
 caved in
 I ~, just as Jean knew I would (and admitted truth)
 cave in to his fears
 he refuses to ~ (a stock-market investor)
 cave in to (Serb) pressure
 Europe will ~ (diplomacy)
 caved in under the weight
 the regime finally ~ of its impossible contradictions
 cave to threats or fear
 he did not ~ (from MS-13 members)
failure, accident & impairment: mining / verb
resistance, opposition & defeat: mining / verb
cavernous (adjective)
 cavernous headquarters
 as we left the ~, only we were in the lobby (pandemic)
resemblance / size: ground, terrain & land
comparison & contrast: affix
ceasefire (noun)
 Ceasefire on Immigration
 Clergy urge ~ (politics)
 ceasefire in the war
 there needs to be a ~ of words (dispute)
 judicial ceasefire
 the DA's office has offered to declare a ~ (drop charges)
conflict: military
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: military
starting, going, continuing & ending: military
ceiling (glass ceiling)
 glass ceiling
 the ~ is alive and well on Wall Street
 glass ceiling for women in politics
 there is a perceived ~ (Massachusetts)
 glass ceilings and other barriers
 ~ barring women
 Japan's glass ceiling
 she has helped to crack ~ (Toshiba team leader)
 Oscars' glass ceiling
 Kathryn Bigelow broke the ~ (Best Director)
 age barrier, (no) gender gap, (no) glass ceiling
 no ~
 break the glass ceiling
 success is the best way to ~
 broke the (Oscars') glass ceiling
 Kathryn Bigelow ~ (first woman Best Director)

raise the glass ceiling
 quotas could ~ (employment)
 shatter that glass ceiling
 women can ~ once and for all
 ♦ Related is the glass cliff. That refers to putting a woman or minority in a position of power in a bad organization, in which they are bound to fail.
 ♦ "There are studies that suggest that women are more likely to get jobs at a point at which a company is in crisis. And I wonder if you think that might be an issue as well." / Jill Abramson: "It definitely was bad times, I mean it was very soon after I became executive editor that we had one of the biggest waves of staff reduction which, you know, creates pain and misery throughout a newsroom." ("Transcript: Former 'New York Times' Editor Jill Abramson Addresses Book Allegations," NPR, All Things Considered, February 7, 2019.)
 ♦ "The 'Tear The Paper Ceiling' Campaign to raise awareness..." (The Ad Council and its STARS, which stands for "Skilled Through Alternative Routes." The "paper" ceiling refers to workers who are blocked from advancement because they lack a bachelor's degree.)
 ♦ "The concrete ceiling describes the additional barriers that women of color face, compared to white women, when it comes to workplace advancement." (3 Ways To Transform Your Workplace To Be More Equitable" by Janice Gassam Asare, Senior contributor, *Forbes*, October 25, 2023. "Concrete floor" is mentioned as a related idea in the Wikipedia entry for "Glass ceiling.")
 ♦ Neither "paper ceiling" nor "concrete ceiling" are listed in the "Derived terms" section of the Wiktionary entry for "ceiling." However, that list includes many variant sorts of ceilings that are barriers to advancement, for example, "pink ceiling" and "bamboo ceiling.")
obstacles & impedance: infrastructure
constraint & lack of constraint: infrastructure
concealment & lack of concealment: infrastructure
inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection
ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.)
 debt ceiling
 politicians battle over budget deficits and the ~
 biological ceiling
 120 years old is the ~ for human longevity
obstacles & impedance: infrastructure
constraint & lack of constraint: infrastructure
ceiling (high point)
 ceiling and the floor
 his numbers have been durable, the ~ (president's popularity)
increase & decrease: direction / height / house
celebrate (groups)
 celebrate women in birding
 she founded World Girl Birders, to ~
 celebrate Hamas in the name of 'decolonization'
 U.S. students ~ and 'progressivism'
 celebrate my body
 I'm able to ~ (a *Sports Illustrated* model)
 celebrate Black children
 her books for very young readers ~
 celebrate your differences
 her goal is to help you acknowledge, accept and ~

celebrate these differences
 every child is different, and you know, we should ~

celebrates Black excellence
 in Newark, a drive-in movie theater ~

celebrates itself
 the night Hollywood ~ (the Oscars)

celebrate Juneteenth
 Americans ~ after it becomes a national holiday
 NPR employees ~

celebrate (Black History) Month
 this week we ~ with an episode featuring...

celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month
 Alt. Latino and Tiny Desk ~ (NPR)

celebrates Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month
 how NPR ~

celebrated multiculturalism
 Elizabeth never ~ in a meaningless, smarmy way

celebrate their (childhood) neighborhood
 2 cousins ~ in 'Dream Street' (a children's book)

celebrate my sexuality
 I'm a sexual being, and I wanted to ~ (singer Ari Gold)

celebrates powerful women
 on 'Celia,' Tiwa Savage ~

celebrates the cultural heritage, triumphs, adversities
 Black History Month ~ that are part of our history

celebrates all shapes and sizes
 a growing body positivity movement ~

celebrate, educate, and empower
 we ~ African American/Diverse people (arts & counseling)

celebrate and (we) honor
 we ~ the women who made history...

accepts and celebrates
Sports Illustrated ~ you for being you (swim model)

centered and celebrated
 a museum that ~ queer stories (LGBTQ+ VR Museum)

preserve, celebrate
 she uses social media to ~ Inuit throat singing

rouse, unite, celebrate and call to action
 American Anthem, songs that ~ (NPR)

♦ "The thin ideal is definitely a white ideal... So celebrating a thin white body as the ideal body is a way to 'other' and demonize Black and brown bodies, bigger bodies, anyone who doesn't fit into that norm. So this is really about maintaining systems of white supremacy and patriarchy..." (Journalist Virginia Sole-Smith. Interview highlights. From "Diet culture can hurt kids. This author advises parents to reclaim the word 'fat,'" NPR, *Fresh Air* (Tonya Mosley), April 25, 2023.)

♦ "My son was suicidal, and I knew that celebrating who he was, and his gender and his authenticity was the piece that was going to keep him alive. So we leaned into that celebration. We threw a party the day we changed the name and pronouns." (A mother.)

♦ "What I wanted to do in this book was to create those kind of poems of celebration for places and people that were denigrated, right? So they're also poems of reparation for me." (Joshua Bennett. From "Owed": Poems That Celebrate Denigrated Places And People," NPR, *All Things Considered*, September 23, 2020.)

♦ "How to properly celebrate Juneteenth in the age of commercialization" by Destinee Adams, NPR, *Race*, June 20, 2022.

♦ "Sandra Oh on celebrating Pixar, puberty and periods."

♦ "Megyn Kelly celebrated MSNBC's decision to fire Tiffany Cross." (Kelly had referred to Cross as "the most racist person in all of TV.")

♦ "It's kind of disappointing to see our work getting attacked by someone we thought would celebrate it." (Film producer John Martinez O'Felan, responding to criticism by John Leguizamo about a casting decision. "I don't got a prob with Franco but he ain't Latino!" Leguizamo had written on Instagram, along with a call to boycott O'Felan's film.)

♦ "We celebrate her spirit and the gift that we all received in knowing her." (A teen found in her car in a lake after a party, drowned.)

♦ "Well, it's a moment we're celebrating." (Tom Goldman on NPR, about two Black quarterbacks starting Super Bowl 2023.)

♦ "Fashion is a form of self-expression and Barbicore celebrates living boldly and authentically." (Kim Culmone, senior vice president and global head of design for Barbie and fashion dolls at Mattel Inc. The summer of 2023 was the summer of "Barbenheimer.")

♦ "Elizabeth never "celebrated" multiculturalism in the smarmy way of college presidents or HR functionaries. But she often acknowledged how Britain was changing, never once disparaged it, and found within it a plausible case for continuity." ("The Petulant King: Charles III can't keep the myth of monarchy alive" by Caitlin Flanagan, *The Atlantic*, December 2022. Caitlin hates Charles III. She is quite the contrarian. See her Wikipedia entry.)

♦ "The Florida Gators are no longer celebrating Aaron Hernandez. / The University Athletic Association, which funds the school's athletic programs, has removed all reference to Hernandez in and around the football stadium. The latest and most public one came Thursday when construction workers pulled up a granite plaque commemorating Hernandez as a first team All-American selection in 2009. The brick was cemented into the ground outside Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. / 'We didn't feel it was appropriate to celebrate Aaron Hernandez,' the UAA said in a statement. 'We put together an immediate plan after the initial news broke to remove his likeness and name in various private and public areas in the facility, such as the South End Zone team area, locker room, football offices, Heavener Complex Kornblau Lobby and the brick display entrance to the football facility. / We were able to implement some of the changes immediately, and this (brick removal) was a more complex process to complete with our vendors.'" ("Florida removes all references to Aaron Hernandez," AP, July 25, 2013.)

♦ "We all want to be here together, we all want to experience something where we celebrate the amazing life of our queen..." (David Beckham, having stood 12 hours in line to see Queen Elizabeth lying in state.)

♦ "I heard the chief monarch of a thieving raping genocidal empire is finally dying. May her pain be excruciating." (Uju Anya of Carnegie Mellon University, about Queen Elizabeth II. Carnegie Mellon is a private research university in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, established in 1900 by Andrew Carnegie. The state of Pennsylvania, or "Penn's forest or Penn's woods," was founded in 1681.)

♦ Who gives a fuck; I'm not sure why we're celebrating this; Who.the.fuck.cares; Why is this a celebrated achievement; attention whore I guess... (Members of the climbing community respond to an article about the first non-binary climber to send a 5.14 trad at East Coast Fist Bump in Sedona, Arizona.)

♦ "Already, conscientious objectors—bakers, florists, Web designers—have had to spend years and fortunes trying to defend their right not to celebrate same-sex marriages." (*National Review*, December 19, 2022.)

♦ "U.S. students celebrate Hamas in the name of 'decolonization' and 'progressivism.'" (The Hamas attacks on Be'er I Kibbutz, Nir Oz Kibbutz, the Re'im music festival massacre, etc.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "Swiss Celebrate Tradition Of Blowing Up Snowman To Ring In Spring."

♦ In the old days, the people and the nation celebrated birthdays, national holidays, military victories and the end to wars ("V-J Day in Times Square" photograph), important men and women, and customs. Nowadays, anything is worthy of "celebration."

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation / verb

celebrated (groups)

celebrated

Black lives are ~ in her extraordinary quilts

connected, celebrated and supported

all employees are ~ (LGBTQ+ / Silicon Valley Bank)

♦ "Harry Potter star Tom Felton has been trolled by trans rights activists after praising JK Rowling and saying her work should be celebrated."

♦ "He was celebrated as a scourge of Nazis, Communists, and subversives." ("When J. Edgar Hoover Was a National Hero" by Jack Goldsmith, *The Atlantic*, December 2022.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "Fosters / Australia's Famous Beer Brand / Founded In Australia / Brewed In The USA / Celebrated Worldwide."

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

celebration (groups)

celebration of what

exercise is now a ~ my body can do (lost 4 dress sizes)

Celebration of Stimming

Flap Your Hands: A ~ (by Steve Asbell)

celebration of (Boston's unique) accents

a ~

celebration of (Black) artists

the Black Opry is a ~

celebration of (Indian-American) cuisine

Bollywood Kitchen is a ~ (a cookbook)

celebration of cultures

it's a ~ (a dress worn at a Met Gala)

celebration of diversity

Waiting for the Waters to Rise is a ~ (a book)

celebration of heritage

the event is a ~ (Nottingham Carnival, W. London)

celebration of (gay-marriage) law

in New York, a ~

celebration of the margins

the ~ (Blacks, women, queers)

celebration of (Haitian) music

Rasambleman (Red Moon) is a ~ (an album)

celebration of (indigenous) resilience

the forest will be renamed as a ~

celebration of (uninhibited) self-expression

queer joy is a ~ free from expectations...

celebration of women

In Defense of Witches is a ~ (a book)

celebration of (Southern) rap

the South got something to say: a ~

celebration of love, inclusion and strength

it's a ~ (Jon Batiste's "FREEDOM")

celebration of uniqueness, individuality, representation

Pride is a ~ and so much more...

Neurodiversity Celebration

~ Week (BBC sport / "share your experiences")

♦ "There can be celebration and joy, and also purpose in protest." (Jennifer Pizer, Lambda Legal.)

♦ "The celebration of the margins—black bodies in motion, women's voices centered, black queer voices centered—is what ultimately vanquishes the state, represented by a NOPD car." ("We Slay, Part 1" by Zandria F. Robinson @ New South Negress about Beyonce's "Formation.")

♦ "You couldn't even see the beach in places." (Cleaning up tons of trash after a Brighton Beach "Pride" weekend. Trash included broken glass bottles, cans, plastic bags, food wrappers, disposable barbecues, feather boas, parts of costumes, nitrous oxide canisters, and balloons which can be deadly to wildlife.)

♦ "We're all sinners. These pilgrims teach us how to be joyful and tolerant." (A Ukrainian, about the annual pilgrimage of Hassidic Jews to Uman, Ukraine. The pilgrimage includes drunkenness, fighting, nudity, etc.)

♦ "We thought this was a fun way to invite Vol Nation to continue in the celebration. We had heard before and during the game that the fans would support a celebration, no matter the cost, so we leaned into that enthusiasm." (Athletic Director Danny White at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee, seeking donations from fans to replace the goalposts that fans tore down after a victory over Alabama. Chase McGrath hit a 40-yard field goal with no time remaining to win the game, and fans stormed the field. The suggested contributions were: (1) \$16 (# of years since Vols beat Alabama) (2) \$52.49 (the final score) and (3) \$1,019.15 (# of sold-out crowd at Neyland Stadium). Members of the Vol Nation donated \$50,000 almost immediately, 35% of the goal of about \$143,000. In addition, Tennessee faces a \$100,000 fine for allowing fans to rush onto the field. Now, that's a nation!)

♦ "It's world sleep day, a celebration of an activity we don't do enough." (NPR.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "LeBron James, Lakers have champagne-soaked celebration after In-Season Tournament win."

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

cement (verb)

cemented it in the public consciousness

the book really ~ (*Helter Skelter* scenario / Manson Family)

cemented his position

he has ~ as front-runner in the race (politics)

cemented his status

the show ~ as Britain's best rapper (Glastonbury)

cement her surge

she is looking to ~ in opinion polls (politician)

attachment / strength & weakness / survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances / verb

cemented

cemented in the American consciousness

how did this narrative become ~ (Manson Family murders)

attachment / strength & weakness / survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances

cemetery (things)

graveyard for (Antarctica's greatest) icebergs
South Georgia is something of a ~

bell cemeteries

collection points, known as *Glockenfriedhofe*, or ~

spacecraft cemetery

Point Nemo, also known as the ~ (remote Pacific Ocean)

♦ Between 1939 and 1945, 175,000 bells across Europe were taken by Nazi Germany. They were transported to collection points, known as *Glockenfriedhofe*, or bell cemeteries, the biggest of them in Hamburg. ("The seizing of Europe's bells" by Stephen J. Thorne, *Legion: Canada's Military History Magazine*, November 21, 2018.)

♦ see also *graveyard (things)*

place: burial / death & life

cemetery (people)

biggest cemetery

the ~ in the world (the Mediterranean)

♦ "The Mediterranean has been described as the biggest cemetery in the world." (Migrants.)

♦ see also *graveyard (people)*

death & life: burial

center (center their voices, etc.)

center the movie on Bobby

it was a clever move to ~ (queer visibility)

centered the (interwoven) intersectionalities

she ~ inherent in our fight for equality (Urvashi Vaid)

center myself

it's not to ~, it's not... vanity, but... (Chaedria LaBouvier)

centers female pleasure

as the culture adopts a sexual politic that ~ (female hip-hop)

center their voices

this was an opportunity to ~ in this conversation

centered and celebrated

a museum that ~ queer stories (LGBTQ+ VR Museum)

♦ The New Lines Institute is a think tank that centers authentic voices.

♦ "My belief is that we should be centering the voices and the experiences of the most marginalized people and communities at all times. So when I think about what fat liberation looks like to me, I think about centering the voices of those who live in and who maneuver through spaces and institutions in a fat body." (Zyahna Bryant, activist, who has partnered with the soap and beauty company Dove to promote fat liberation, or size freedom.)

inclusion & exclusion: messaging / verb

center (center her family, etc.)

center her family

she has chosen to ~ (politics)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: center & periphery / position / verb

center (society)

center

you drive people from the ~ towards the fringes (extremism)

society: center & periphery

centered (survivor-centered, etc.)

centered around the Black American person
representation ~ (Bethany C. Morrow)

centered on equity

a global response that is ~ (monkeypox)

centered on whiteness

two shows so ~ (an Eric Deggans' review)

advocacy-centered

helping LTAs become ~ organizations (ELT)

African-centered

the decline of ~ schools is a loss (Detroit)

Asian American-centered

Reappropriate, an ~ race and gender blog

Black-centered

one of the most influential ~ films (Super Fly)
a burgeoning, ~ film and theater movement (NYC)
mentorship and building ~ community

female-centered

fast-paced, ~ adventure (The Testaments)

gay-centered

gay kids connecting on ~ sites (All Tech Considered)

human-centered

I believe in ~ AI to benefit people (Fei Fei Li)

immigrant-centered

local Asian and ~ groups joined forces to...

indigeneity-centered

~ organizing... (indigenous peoples)

monogamy-centered

~ media suggests that... (versus a "Throuple")

patient-centered

~ health care ("gender-affirming care")

survivor-centered

Special Victims Division is ~ and trauma-informed

trans-centered

we pulled together a really strong ~ education campaign

White-centered

the narratives are still pretty ~ (an Eric Deggans' review)

♦ "The celebration of the margins—black bodies in motion, women's voices centered, black queer voices centered—is what ultimately vanquishes the state, represented by a NOPD car." ("We Slay, Part 1" by Zandria F. Robinson @ New South Negress about Beyonce's "Formation.")

♦ "The ways that whiteness is centered in the workplace are endless." ("3 Ways To Transform Your Workplace To Be More Equitable" by Janice Gassam Asare, Senior contributor, *Forbes*, October 25, 2023.)

♦ "He's the sort of guy who would announce his own engagement during his best friend's wedding ceremony." (Self-centered.)

♦ "It's not all about you."

♦ see also *adjacent* (pop-adjacent, etc.), *centric* (Afro-centric, etc.), *me* (like me, look like me, speak like me, be like me, etc.)

contempo-speak: affix

inclusion & exclusion: affix / center & periphery / messaging

centering (white centering, etc.)

white-centering

~ is often left unexamined and unchecked (DEI)

♦ "White-centering can be thought of as a system that prioritizes white dominant culture to the detriment of non-white groups and cultures.../ White-centering has been given many names including the white gaze and whiteness as the default." ("3 Ways To Transform Your Workplace To Be More Equitable" by Janice Gassam Asare, Senior contributor, *Forbes*, October 25, 2023.)

♦ "Centering people's humanity, blah-blah-blah-blah-blah, it was vapor." (A politician.)

inclusion & exclusion: center & periphery

center of gravity

center of gravity of Europe

Vienna had become the musical ~, drawing to it...

center of gravity for so many important developments

Asia and China are going to be the ~ in the 21st century

industry's center of gravity

the ~ has since shifted to Europe (fashion / from NYC)

left's center of gravity

elite schools are the ~ (antisemitism, wokeism, etc.)

political center of gravity

Buffalo is not the ~ in New York State

bases: astronomy

attraction & repulsion: astronomy

centerpiece (noun)

centerpiece

its ~ is the Inc. record label (a studio)

a ~ of their argument is... (scientific evidence)

centerpiece of the Circumpolar North

the Arctic Ocean is the ~

centerpiece of his agenda

he has made it the ~ (crime bill)

centerpiece of our (domestic) agenda

health care is the ~

centerpiece of her campaign

her support of Medicare was the ~ (politician)

centerpiece of their culture

the camel is the ~ (Arab Bedouins)

centerpiece of their lives

for many people, work is the ~

centerpiece of their plan

city officials see the pier as the ~ to unify various sites

importance & significance: center & periphery / position

central (adjective)

central

the military is ~ (in Egyptian society)

importance & significance: center & periphery / position

central nervous system (basis)

central nervous system of modern life

the internet is the ~

bases: back / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

centric (Afro-centric, etc.)

Afrocentric

so-called "~- " hair styles

Anglocentric

the conventional ~ narrative is that... (the Alamo)

body-centric

minimize ~ content in your feed (females)

the algorithm is pushing ~ content to you (girls, etc.)

buttocks-centric

an extremely ~ bit of choreography for "Rude Boy"

customer-centric

Earth's most ~ company (Amazon)

Dunne-centric

fans held up signs... (teen boys / LSU's Olivia

Dunne)

ethnocentric

I'm ~, I think my race is the superior one

Eurocentric

he upends the ~ narrative (*In the Forest of No Joy*)

the ~ narrative will always discount African trauma

this ~ stereotype ignores the diversity of a group...

heterocentric

Miller's ~ assumptions are widely shared

London centric

the ads only appeal to a ~ audience

member-centric

a ~ approach to prepare... (webinar / register today)

pop-centric

shamed for being a Black woman who made ~ music

queer-centric

the ~ podcast 'Hot White Heist' (Nick Quah)

reader-centric

BookTok, the ~ corner of TikTok (#ACOTAR)

tech-centric

CNET a ~ website, has reportedly been using AI...

woman-centric

she keened in a way that was ~ and matrifocal

womancentric

films I labeled ~ (Bob Mondello on NPR / 2016)

zither-centric score

The Third Man's ~ score (NPR's Linda Holmes)

actor-director-centric

we were focused on creating an ~ process (*Avatar*)

♦ "She keened in a way that was woman-centric and matrifocal." (The great Irish singer Sinéad O'Connor.)

♦ see also *adjacent* (*pop-adjacent*, etc.), *centered* (*survivor-centered*, etc.)

contempo-speak: affix

inclusion & exclusion: affix / messaging / center & periphery

centricity (heterocentricity, etc.)

heterocentricity

unexamined ~ (Adrienne Cecile Rich)

♦ "Microsoft Word marks "heterocentricity" as a spelling error: "no reference information." Wikipedia has not entry. It is recognized by Wiktionary.

contempo-speak: affix

inclusion & exclusion: affix / messaging / center & periphery

cesspit (noun)

cesspit of snarky poison

you know how social media and twitter in particular is a ~

cesspits of arguments, misinformation

the comment threads are absolute ~

environment: hygiene

corruption: smell

cesspool (noun)

cesspool

the neighborhood is a ~ that breeds crime

cesspool of corruption

college sports are a ~

cesspools of fraud

the federal mortgage agencies are ~

cesspool of hate

the website is a ~

cesspool of negativity

the Internet can be a ~ (consumer reviews, comments)

cesspool of character assassination

the Web site is a ~ (gossip site in rural towns)

reality-show cesspool

it's hard to stand out in the ~ (TV)

ethical cesspool

he is disgusted by the ~ of Albany (New York politics)

moral cesspool

this is indicative of the ~ that is America (nudity on TV)

notorious cesspool

comments sections are ~s (online)

political cesspool

finally somebody was doing something to clean up the ~

social cesspool

the tenements are ~s (1903)

clean the cesspool

they are trying to ~ (Web)

drain this (stinking) cesspool

he wants to ~ (New York politics)

environment: hygiene

corruption: smell

Ceuta and Melilla

linguistic Ceutas and Melillas

stranded like ~ (fuzzy semantics)

division & connection: history

chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff)

separate the wheat from the chaff

we need to ~ (real cases vs. imagined of a syndrome)

separating the wheat from the chaff

G-2 had great difficulty ~ (military intelligence)

searching & discovery: farming & agriculture / verb / wheat

worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / verb / wheat

dismissal, removal & resignation: farming & agriculture / verb / wheat

chain (configuration)

chain of camps

the porters established a ~ up the mountain

chain of islands

the southern end of the ~ known as Lofoten (Norway)

chain of mountains

this great ~ (Caucasus Mountains)

human chain

policemen formed ~a (Hajj)

arriving police formed a ~ (rescue boys in river)

island chain

a nearby ~ was evacuated (typhoon)

an ~ that is part of the Antarctic peninsula

mountain chain

the Rwenzori ~ includes Africa's third highest peak

750-mile chain

a ~ of rugged mountains (the Caucasus)

divided into four chains

Tonga is composed of 140 islands ~

configuration: chain

chain (chain of events)

chain of events

the ~ that caused the airliner to crash

problems in this ~ (conception and infertility)

chains of events

describing hypothetical ~, he noted if...

chain of critical events

disasters are triggered by a ~ (engineering, crashes, etc.)

bizarre chain of events

in a ~, a passenger was killed... (NJ Transit Train)

surprise and sadness at the ~ (astronaut arrested)

fatal chain of events

the ~ began at 10:04 (car wreck)

falling debris started the ~ (loss of shuttle Columbia)

hypothetical chains of events

describing ~, he noted if...

sequence: chain

chain (oppression)

people's chains

we must break the shackles of an oppressed ~

invisible chains

she was exploited by “~” (sex trafficking)

constraint & lack of constraint / oppression: chain

chain (other)

chain of command

see *chain of command (and chain)*

chain of custody

drug screeners must follow the ~

chain of evidence

a ~ ties him to the crime

the ~ must be preserved (rape)

chain of (massive) explosions

Lagos struggled to recover from a ~ (ammo)

chain of transmission

we need to break the ~ (COVID-19)

chain of trial and error

behind every discovery is a long ~ (astronomy)

cold chain

the ~—keeping the vaccine refrigerated (for measles)

food chain

see *food chain*

supply chain

they have a very efficient ~ (Wal-Mart)

the army's ~ across the open desert is vulnerable to attack

there's a whole ~ that feeds the production of the plane

link in the (global) chain

you're only as secure as the weakest ~ of information

predators in the chain

they were the top ~ (Iraqi terrorists)

break the chain

we need to ~ of transmission (COVID-19)

sequence: chain

chain of command (and chain)

chain of command

contact your immediate ~ if you believe...(military)

requests go through the normal ~ (military)

he forwards the report through the ~ (military)

the information went up the ~ to President Bush

program's chain of command

the ~

launch-control chain of command

those in the ~ (NASA)

top-down chain of command

older workers are used to a ~ (business)

military chain of command

federal military forces remain under the ~

level in the chain of command

the highest appropriate ~ must address...

disregard for the chain of command

his ~ could have gotten him fired (government)

chain of command (soon) broke down

the ~ (Suvla Bay / Gallipoli)

complained (for months) to the chain of command

he ~ about the poor gear

come down from the chain of command

a memo had ~ that said...

forwarded it on up the ladder

the intelligence officer immediately ~ (a letter)

run it up the chain

Irving told him he'd have to ~ (a request for troops)

went outside of his chain of command

he was removed after he ~ (Navy captain)

♦ “You can jump the chain of command if you want and take the consequences, you can disobey the chain of command and take the consequences, but there is no, no situation where you go to the media...” (Acting SECNAV Thomas Modley on his decision to reassign Captain Brett Crozier from command of the nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS *Theodore Roosevelt*.)

♦ “Miller’s incursions extended to the communications department. For example, he requested photos of detained immigrants with tattoos, presumably to suggest that most of those crossing the border were hardened criminals. When he faced pushback, Lauren Tomlinson, a senior DHS communications aide, told me, ‘a phone call would go to someone else further down the chain, and the next thing you know, they’ve got the photos.’” (“We Need to Take Away Children” by Caitlin

Dickerson, *The Atlantic*, September, 2022. The Federal government. Usually a person jumps the chain of command, but you can also descend the chain of command. Federal politics.)

♦ “Chain of command is everything, and it was not there.” (A responder to the Uvalde school shooting. In law enforcement, the IC is the incident commander, and the OIC is the officer in charge.)

♦ Martin Sheen character: “Who’s the commanding officer here?” / Heavily involved machine gunner: “Ain’t you?”... / (Later) Martin Sheen character: “Hey soldier. Do you know who’s in command here?” / The Roach: “Yeah.” View on YouTube: [Apocalypse Now: the Do Long Bridge Roach Scene](#)

hierarchy: direction / chain / military

chain reaction

chain reaction

the ~ can go on for centuries (cyanide pollution)

chain reaction of car hitting car

a ~ (traffic pileup)

chain-reaction accident

a ~ that involved 125 vehicles (fog in Georgia); low visibility caused a number of ~s (dust storm)

chain-reaction crash

the ~ happened in a snowstorm (highway)

chain reaction wreck

16 cars had a ~

chain reaction, a snowball effect

this will create a ~ (falling in a crowd crush)

sequence: chain

chainsaw (noun)

take a chainsaw to regulations

he wants to ~ (politics)

destruction / force: tools & technology

chalice (poisoned chalice)

poisoned chalice

the United job is a ~ (English soccer)
the prime ministership has been a ~ (Truss resigns)

poisoned chalice of naval command

Baltaoglu vanished, and the ~ passed back to Hamza Bey

poisoned chalice of a job

it’s a ~ (Thomas Tuchel sacked by Chelsea)

poisoned chalice club

Manchester United join Chelsea as a ~

biggest prize and a poisoned chalice

the job is both the ~ (being the mayor of Rome)

inherit a poisoned chalice

the next U.S. Speaker will ~ (politics)

♦ “It is not yet clear who will succeed Ms Lambrecht in a job which is considered such a poisoned chalice that many refer to it as ‘the ejector seat.’” (The position of Germany’s Defense Minister.)

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / food & drink

appearance & reality: allusion / food & drink

destruction / subterfuge: health & medicine challenge (TikTok, etc.)

blackout challenge

parents sue TikTok over deaths of 2 girls following ‘~’

‘door-kicking’ challenge

masked strangers are terrorizing homeowners in ~

‘Footloose’ dance challenge

Kevin Bacon and Kyra Sedgwick do the ~

headline challenge

the ~ is very artificial (*Love Island*)

internet challenges

~ have been a growing source of panic (injuries / fatalities)

internet drug ‘challenge’

15 students in Mexico treated for ~

Keepy Uppy Challenge

Euro 2020 ~ (soccer / see Wikipedia “Keepie uppie”)

Ledyard Challenge

his friends said he didn’t engage in the famous “~” (died)

online challenge

he may have been taking part in an ~ that went wrong

python challenge

a ~ has done little to reduce the invasive species (Florida)

TRY NOT TO LAUGH Challenge

99% lose this ~ (BabiezTV)

YouTube challenge

girl arrested for falsely reporting friend was kidnapped in ~

video challenges

~ can harm people and even cause death (FDA)

♦ The blackout challenge encourages social media users to choke themselves until they pass out. Twelve-year-old Archie Battersbee may have been participating in this challenge. See the Wikipedia entry, “Archie Battersbee case.”

♦ “Fifteen grade school students in Mexico have been treated after apparently taking part in an internet ‘challenge’ in which groups of students take tranquilizers to see who can stay awake the longest.” (AP. Guanajuato State.)

♦ The milk crate challenge; the Benadryl challenge; the blackout challenge... (Dangerous social-media challenges.)

♦ Silly and unappetizing; very unsafe; inhaling the medications while cooking could cause high levels of the drugs to enter your body; it could hurt your lungs...” (The FDA about a challenge that encourages people to cook chicken in NyQuil. The FDA had previously called attention to the Benadryl challenge, which also involved an over-the-counter medicine.)

♦ “[Gallagher’s] friends insisted he did not engage in the famous ‘Ledyard Challenge.’” (“Dartmouth graduate who died near campus bridge identified as police launch investigation” by Clara McCourt, Boston.com, August 9, 2022. The Ledyard Challenge is a ‘beloved Dartmouth summer tradition’ that is also a ‘calculated risk’—a student drowned while participating in the challenge in 2005. In the Ledyard Challenge, a Dartmouth student streaks (runs naked) across the bridge to Vermont, and then swims back across to Hanover, New Hampshire, avoiding legal loopholes in both states. Gallagher was in town to attend the delayed Class of 2020 commencement ceremony, postponed by the pandemic. He was 24 years old.)

♦ “Authorities are blaming a social media challenge for an alarming rise in car thefts.” (Hyundai and Kia cars.)

- ♦ "Car crash that killed 4 teens in Buffalo may be linked to TikTok challenge." (The "Kia challenge." Stealing a car and then joyriding in it.)
- ♦ "NYC subway-track deaths soar, driven by social-media dares."
- ♦ "Chandra, who didn't know the teens, testified at trial that one of the boys rang his doorbell and exposed his buttocks before running away..." ("California man guilty of killing 3 after 'ding dong' prank," the Associated Press, April 28, 2023.)
- ♦ "The teens were participating in a dangerous TikTok challenge where social media users use flammable aerosols to create miniature flamethrowers." ("TikTok challenge leaves teen disfigured with nearly 80% of body burned.")
- ♦ "Challenges like a sculpting contest in which couples try to accurately re-create the male partner's erection out of modeling clay..." ("Trouble in Paradise" by Anna Peele, Vanity Fair, July / August 2022.)
- ♦ "STRAIGHT PEOPLE GO SEE BROS CHALLENGE." (An advertisement campaign to drum up box office for the gay romcom. The film's marketing roll-out was budgeted higher than the production of the film.)
- ♦ Pornhub features "challenges."
- ♦ Dares, pranks, challenges...
- ♦ "Now he's doing the hospital challenge!!!" (A typical disparaging online commenter about a high-school boy who did one of the TikTok "fire" challenges, resulting in an induced coma, multiple debridement surgeries, multiple skin grafts, etc.)
- ♦ World War I (gassed); the flu pandemic; hunger; the depression; World War II... (The challenges faced by my grandfather...)

behavior: society

chameleon (change)

cultural chameleon

he's a ~ (Jack Harlow / demographics)

style chameleons

celebrities tend to be ~, changing their looks...

political chameleon

he was a ~ who charmed France (Jacques Chirac)

social chameleon

I was a ~, I went from group to group...

describe Liz Truss as a (political) chameleon

you ~, what do you mean by that

- ♦ "One of his nicknames was the Chameleon, his career was a stylistic kaleidoscope." (The musician Chick Corea.)
- ♦ Ari Shapiro: You describe Liz Truss as a political chameleon. What do you mean by that? / Ben Judah: Liz Truss has made her career by telling whatever audience she was right in front of at a given time what they wanted to hear. ("The United Kingdom's next prime minister could be a foreign policy hardliner," NPR, All Things Considered, September 2, 2022.)
- ♦ "I'm so glad I was a Canadian in a way, because the Canadian can take the best of the British, and the best of the American school, and uh we're rather good at that, we're kind of like chameleons, in that respect, that's why there's so many good Canadian comics." ("Remembering 'Sound of Music' Star Christopher Plummer," NPR, Fresh Air, Feb 12 2021, originally broadcast in 2007.)
- ♦ "[Chameleons] can camouflage themselves well... but they ultimately did not outsmart the X-Ray machine." (Smuggled chameleons from the Usambara Mountains of Tanzania discovered in a suitcase at the Vienna airport.)

appearance & reality / character & personality / creation & transformation / identity & nature: animal

chameleonic (adjective)

chameleonic

her transformation was so ~ (Taylor Swift's *The Man* vid)

chameleonic and controversial

to the public, she's been a ~ celebrity (Angelina Jolie)

surprisingly chameleonic

the series has proved ~ (*Fast & Furious* films)

appearance & reality / character & personality / creation & transformation / identity & nature: animal
comparison & contrast: affix

champagne (money)

champagne corks

the metaphoric ~ will be popping at Nato (accessions)

Champagne Johnny

his high living earned him the nickname ~ (John Osborne)

champaign lifestyle

she led a ~ built on lies (Anna Sorokin)

champagne socialist

~s are far removed from reality (politics)

champagne wishes

"~ and caviar dreams" (*Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*)

- ♦ "He wants champagne on beer money." (An online commenter about the owner of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.)
- ♦ "Does Gary not understand that most of these players came to the EPL for more money. They are now leaving for the same reason. Neville is a champagne socialist and not a very bright one." (A BBC HYS commenter about players going to Saudi Arabia. 1897 thumbs up. 324 thumbs down.)
- ♦ "Well I ain't never been the Barbie doll type / No, I can't swig that sweet champagne, I'd rather drink beer all night..." (Gretchen Wilson—Redneck Woman--YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82dDnv9zeLs> Hell yeah!)
- ♦ "Collaborating with these gentry was a mixed crowd of wide-minded, wide-mouthed Liberals, who darkened council with pious but disintegrating catch-words, and took care to live very well indeed." (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling.)
- ♦ "The bubbly was flowing..."

money: sign, signal, symbol

champion (verb)

championing women's voices

we have been ~ (a publisher)

allegiance, support & betrayal / attention, scrutiny & promotion: Middle Ages / verb

champion (noun)

champion of social justice

he was a ~

champion of justice and equality

she was a giant in the law, a ~ (RBG)

its champions

each one has ~ (translations of Dante's *Divine Comedy*)

allegiance, support & betrayal / attention, scrutiny & promotion: Middle Ages

championed

championed by authors, consultants, and startup gurus
gamification is ~

allegiance, support & betrayal / attention, scrutiny & promotion: Middle Ages

change (sea change)

sea change for Saudi Arabia
it's a ~ (ending reliance on oil)

political sea change
there has been a ~ in Virginia (election)

amount & effect / creation & transformation / reversal: sea change (pocket change)

pocket change for most oil and gas companies
the fine is ~ (methane emissions)

amount: money
money: purses & wallets

channel (direct)

channeled (corporate) donation to Texas state races
he ~ (a convicted politician)

channeled his fears in music
he ~ (sickness therapy)

channel his (mental) illness to stay
he learned how to ~ functional

channels (more) money to (local) health centers
his plan ~ (reform)

channeled her unhappiness into writing
she ~

directing: verb / water

channel (through channels)

through administrative channels
submit requests ~ (military)

through diplomatic channel
India informed the US ~s that...

through operational channels
send NBC reports ~ (military)

through proper channels
a request has to go through ~

submit requests through administrative channels

informed the US through diplomatic channels
Spain ~ that...

go through proper channels
a report has to ~

route: water

channel (back channel)

back-channel operation
he was alarmed by a ~ in Ukraine (diplomacy)
supply chains, ~s, costs and cycle times

route: water

channel (distribution channel, etc.)

distribution channel
a new ~ has arisen (e-commerce)
supply chains, ~s, costs and cycle times

route: water

channeled

channeled to paramilitaries
US dollars have been ~

channeled through the I.S.I.
Pakistan wants talks with the Taliban to be ~

channeled to militants
it is not clear how much money is ~

channeled and exploited
people's anger is being ~ by corporate interests (politics)

directing: water

chaotic (adjective)

chaotic
Fury's life has been ~

chaotic home
they were raised in a ~ with lots of siblings

flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene

chaperone (role)

worldly chaperone
he positioned himself as the grownup in the room, the ~

control & lack of control / experience: person
person: school & education

chapter (close a chapter, etc.)

close a chapter
the decision helps ~ on a painful period (Baylor University)

close a (tragic) chapter
the resolution will help ~ in Balkan history (apology)

close that chapter
we want to ~ in the department (remedy for racism)
it was time to ~ of my life (quit job)

close this chapter
it is time to ~ in our history (discrimination)

close this (dark) chapter
we would rather ~ of our history and move on

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: books & reading

chapter (other)

chapter

I'm definitely glad that ~ is over (in a career)

chapter of the (euthanasia) debate

ending that ~

chapter of history

we are spectators in a ~ (a significant labor dispute)

chapter of their lives

as they venture into this next ~ (retirement)

chapter of your life

it's kind of sad to end a ~ (breakup of band)

chapter of our (not-so-recent) past

that troubling ~

chapter in a career

fans witnessed another bizarre ~ that... (Mike Tyson)

chapter in his life

he started a new ~

chapter in the (still-unfolding) story

a ~

concluding chapter

the play was the ~ in a spellbinding story (series of plays)

troubling chapter

that ~ of our not-so-distant past

bizarre chapter

fans witnessed another ~ in his career (a boxer)

dark chapter

we would rather close this ~ of our history and move on

darkest chapter

his capture was one of the country's ~s of the war

final chapter

the war against terrorism is not near its ~

last chapter

a bizarre ~ in a divorce battle (townhouse explodes)

latest chapter

the ~ in the long, checkered history of...

this ~ has only tightened the family bonds (injury)

this is the ~ in the tragedy that is Haiti (epidemic)

new chapter

he is poised to write a triumphant ~ (Obama)

next chapter

as they venture into this ~ of their lives (retirement)

painful chapter

it was a ~ in Indian history (white boarding schools)

dark and forgotten chapter

it was a ~ in history (Kinkaseki POW camp / Taiwan)

succession of chapters

the lives of athletes are a ~ (playground, NBA, China)

chapter (of Alpine rescue history) was written

a ~ (Riesending cave rescue / 2014)

begin the (next) chapter

he will ~ of his distinguished career

close a chapter

the decision helps ~ on a painful period (Baylor University)

close a (tragic) chapter

the resolution will help ~ in Balkan history (apology)

close that chapter

we want to ~ in the department (remedy for racism)

it was time to ~ of my life (quit job)

close this chapter

it is time to ~ in our history (discrimination)

marks a new chapter

his win ~ in American history (election)

write more chapters

it's been a storybook season, hopefully we can ~ (team)

write a (new) chapter

the protests could ~ in Arab politics

write his most glorious chapter

on Sunday he could ~ (Raheem Sterling, Euro 2020)

♦ "It closes the chapter but hasn't ended the story, has it? I mean, clearly there will be further trials connected to the violence of 2015... Even during this trial there was more violence..." (BBC Newshour for 16 Dec 2020, "Fourteen people convicted in Charlie Hebdo trial.")

♦ "It is a book as old as time: a good young person makes a mistake, chapter two is a good, young person is full of remorse. Chapter three is a good young person learns from the mistake and becomes a better person." (Australia Olympic team boss Ian Chesterman, following the bad behavior of some Australian athletes at the Tokyo Olympics and on their way home.)

development: books & reading

character (non-human)

character in all his films

Scott has described the 'environment' as a ~ (Ridley)

character in her work

fashion is as much a ~ as everyone else (music videos)

character and a symbol of dislocation

Hong Kong itself becomes a ~ (*Expats* / Nicole Kidman)

becomes a character

the music is woven into the documentary and ~

♦ Nonhuman and nonliving things can have biographies, autobiographies, obituaries, eulogies, and even be characters.

♦ "Hong Kong itself becomes a character and a symbol of dislocation." (Amazon Prime's *Expats*.)

♦ "The year is 1925, and the place is Montana, which is played onscreen by Campion's native New Zealand. Whether it fulfills the role convincingly...is a question that only Montanans will be qualified to answer." ("All In The Family: *The Power of the Dog* and *King Richard*" by Anthony Lane, *The New Yorker*, November 29, 2021. Consider the 2003 film *Cold Mountain*. Most inhabitants of western North Carolina who loved the book by Charles Frazier and looked forward to the movie had their hearts broken when much of the film was shot in Romania.)

♦ "Scott has described the 'environment' as a character in all his films... / To play the role of Waterloo, Scott's team scouted dozens of fields in England—'tromping around in Wellington boots in muddy fields, avoiding cowpats,' Max recalled—before settling on a farm in Berkshire." ("Napoleon Complex: Does Ridley Scott see himself in the hero of his epic new film?" by Michael Schulman, *The New Yorker*, November 13, 2023.)

person: books & reading

charade (noun)

Charade of Changing the World

Winners Take All: The Elite ~ (a book)

stop this charade

we need to ~ ("rubber rooms" for bad teachers)

performance / subterfuge: sports & games

substance & lack of substance: sports & games

charge (in, into, ahead, etc.)

charged ahead

the president ~ with his plans to...

charging forward

she is ~ with a civil case (a lawyer)

charging into (one of the country's) leading debates

the leading philanthropy is ~ (Mellon / monuments)

commitment & determination / driving force / eagerness &

reluctance: horse / military / movement / verb

charge (lead the charge, etc.)

leading the charge

Republicans are ~ (for fiscal responsibility)

the young people are ~ (new media)

led the charge

he disappeared when he should have ~ (a politician)

led the (political and rhetorical) charge

the NRA ~ (guns and 2nd Amendment)

led the charge to go

Republicans ~ to war with Iraq

leading the charge to make

she is ~ mandatory (systemic racism / high schools)

led the charge to overturn

he ~ the ban

led the charge for restricting

the three organizations have ~ immigration

led the charge against the notion

he ~ of human-caused global warming

led the charge against charter schools

school boards have ~

led the charge for (educational) reform

he ~

led the charge for (greater) regulation

Democrats have ~

driving force: military / verb

charged (highly charged, etc.)

charged with desperation and despair

the words, recently so ~...

emotionally charged

true and misleading information, ~ language

highly charged

these are ~ issues (protests)

there was a ~ atmosphere in Kenosha (rioting)

in this ~ atmosphere the bombings started (Saudi Arabia)

♦ "The words 'I'm hungry,' recently so charged with desperation and despair, only slowly reverted to their old function of expressing an ordinary desire for lunch." (*Leningrad* by the great writer Anna Reid.)

♦ see also *loaded*

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

charisma (attraction)

a lot of charisma

he has ~ (a politician)

attraction & repulsion: religion

charm (verb)

charmed New Yorkers with his humor

the mayor ~

charmed everyone with her culture, grace and beauty

she ~

charmed her with his good humor

he ~

charmed his way into homes and shops

he ~ (the photographer Peter Seika)

charm the pants off (just about) anyone

he could ~ (politician Ronald Reagan)

charmed the audience

he ~ (a dancer)

charmed fans

Baghdatis ~ at the 2006 Australian Open (tennis)

charms people

with his gentle manner, he ~ wherever he goes (a boxer)

charmed reporters

while he has ~, others find him abrasive

charmed and impressed

she ~ colleagues with her low-key style and commitment

feeling, emotion & effect: magic / verb

attraction & repulsion: magic / verb

charm (noun)

charm bracelet

her ~ spelled out "LOVE"

one of the year's hottest jewelry fads is the ~

charm campaign
Sudan's ~

charm school
beauty pageants and charm schools

charm and beauty
for centuries, visitors praised Basra's ~

charm, warmth and vivacity
stories of her ~ are innumerable

period charm
set in 1980, the show has a certain ~

attraction & repulsion: magic

charmed (charmed life, etc.)

charmed circle
teachers compete to enter the ~ of tenured academe
they spend their time in a ~ (acquaintances, etc.)

charmed existence
he enjoyed a ~, and then his family was poor

charmed life
she led a ~ (affluent)

charmed run
their ~ finally ended (sports team)

charmed years
for a few ~, he was on top (success)

fate, fortune & chance / protection & lack of protection: magic

charmed (charmed by something, etc.)

charmed by the architecture
he was ~ (buying a house)

charmed by the (rugged) beauty
we were ~ of New Mexico

charmed by his speeches
voters were ~ and inspired by his vision (Obama)

charmed by the terrain
the young artist was ~ (the desert)

charmed by her good-heartedness
we were ~

attraction & repulsion / feeling, emotion & effect: magic

charming (people)

charming
he was cute, he was ~, he was very athletic... (psycho)

utterly charming
she could be ~ (a narcissist)

attraction & repulsion / character & personality: magic

chart (verb)

chart its own course

Iraq is free to ~

chart a (fresh) course
helping convicted felons ~

charted a (new) course
President Obama has ~ for the next two years

chart the future
Iraqis will ~ of Iraq

chart a new path
the leader is trying to ~

direction: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

chase (verb)

chase after their dreams
artists and actors ~

chase (small) effects
studies ~ (unable to replicate)

chase headlines
scientists who manipulate data and ~

pursuit, capture & escape: walking, running & jumping / verb

chase down (verb)

chase it (all) down
but what is the implicit comedy of that song, if you ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: walking, running & jumping / verb

chasm (noun)

chasm between Africans and African-Americans
the ~ (in Ghana)

widen into a chasm
the cracks could ~ (politics)

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

chatter (signals intelligence, etc.)

far-right chatter
experts tracking ~ online said...

speculation and chatter
there's a lot of ~ on social media (an issue)

jump in (suspicious) chatter
there has been a ~

activity / analysis, interpretation & explanation / surveillance: sound / speech

chatterbox (person)

chatterbox
I was a ~ (MLB's Keith Hernandez playing first base)

♦ A box full of chatter...

person: speech

speech: container / person

cheap (words are cheap, etc.)

cheap

words are ~, let's see what they do

♦ "Talk is cheap, budgets show the true willingness to act." (A congressman.)

♦ "Talk is cheap. All eyes will be on what AJ does with his hands and not his mouth." (Boxing.)

worth & lack of worth: money / speech

speech: money

cheap (life is cheap, etc.)

cheap on those streets

life is very ~ (parts of Essex County, New Jersey)

getting (very) cheap

life is ~ (gang violence)

death & life / worth & lack of worth: money

cheap shot

cheap shot

he may have thought his ~ was funny, but it wasn't his comment was a ~, totally unwarranted (insult)
his insinuation is unsubstantiated and a ~
~s get cheap laughs

cheap shot against him

that was a real ~ (a comment in newspaper)

cheap shot against the White House

she has taken a ~ (political commentary)

cheap-shot artist

he's a clever ~ (a political comedian)

cheap shot and dirty trick

he has bashed him with every ~ in the book (politics)

takes a cheap shot

she ~ at him when she says...

♦ In sports, a cheap shot refers to an unnecessary and vicious hit on a defenseless player.

accusation & criticism / behavior / speech: sports & games / violence / weapon

check (in check)

in check

we have to keep North Korea ~

control & lack of control: chess / movement / sports & games

checkmate (verb)

checkmate the West's harshest sanctions

the Kremlin can ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: chess / sports & games / verb

checkmate (noun)

checkmate

your American critics say you have run out of moves, ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: chess / sports & games

checkbook

open their checkbooks

a few companies may ~ (reparations for slavery)

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

checkpoint (at a checkpoint)

at progress checkpoints

assign a grade or points ~ (projects / schools)

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement

cheer (verb)

cheer

some of you may ~ and others will boo

judgment: sound / verb

achievement, recognition & praise: sound / verb

cheer (noun)

cheers and boos

the judge's decision drew ~

achievement, recognition & praise / judgment: sound

cheerlead (verb)

cheerlead for big projects

volunteers are less likely to ~ (Peace Corps)

enthusiasm: school & education / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: school & education / verb

cheerleader (person)

cheerleader

Roger Ver is its most visible ~ (Bitcoin Cash)

cheerleaders for the Pentagon

some say they served as ~ (reporters)

cheerleader for the city

he is a ~ (mayor of Las Vegas)

cheerleader for the industry

she was a ~, no matter what it was selling (Louella Parsons)

cheerleader for the superiority

she is a ~ of all things American

cheerleader for war

he was the exile ~ (an Iraqi)

cheerleaders for war

women have often been ~ (Spartan mothers)

cheerleader role

he is in the ~, he wants the economy back up (pandemic)

♦ "In Aristophanes' comic play, *Lysistrata*, the women go on sex strike as a way of ending the Peloponnesian War. Do you think we would be as warlike if women were in charge?" [Delighted laughter and clapping from the audience.] / "It's such a good question. My brief answer is no. [Nervous laughter from audience.] You know, the Peloponnesian war, it was the Spartan mothers who said, 'Come back bearing your shield or on it...' I'm not sure that women are by nature kinder or gentler." (Margaret MacMillan, "War and Humanity," the Reith Lectures, BBC.)

♦ "Wars are almost always begun with gaiety and lightness of spirit, with cheers and songs. The day after the surrender of Fort Sumter the entire land, both North and South, blazed with an ardent and confident patriotism, although the patriotism of the South was precisely opposite to that of the North. The streets of the cities were colorful with flags and smart uniforms. Ladies waved handkerchiefs and threw kisses. The barrooms did the largest day's business in the history of the nation, up to that time... The churches were kept open all day for the saying of bloodthirsty prayers. God, as usual, was on both side." (*A New American History* by W.E. Woodward.)

♦ "Cheerleaders are dancers—who have gone retarded." (The silly 2000 Film *Bring It On*.)

person: school & education

attention, scrutiny & promotion / enthusiasm: person / school & education

cheer on (verb)

cheered him on

everybody ~ (musician who abused underaged girls)

cheering her on for years

her mother and father have been ~ (a tennis phenom)

enthusiasm: sound / verb

Che Guevara

"Africa's Che Guevara"

the murder of the man known as ~ (Thomas Sankara)

found an unlikely Che Guevara

in Pospisil, the P.T.P.A. ~ (tennis reform)

disruption: allusion / history

Chekhov (Chekhov's gun, etc.)

Chekhov's gun of the American experiment

after Bush v. Gore, ISLT became a potential ~

♦ See the Wikipedia article, "Chekhov's gun." It is comprehensive. Wikipedians are wonderful! If you introduce a gun in the first act, it must go off by the third act.)

♦ "Chekhov's trip to Sri Lanka left an indelible mark on him." (Of course it did!)

♦ "He is a Quixote, an obstinate fanatic, a maniac..." ("Neighbors" by Anton Chekhov, translated by Constance Garnett.)

♦ "Chekhov took a Volga cruise for his honeymoon in 1901. His wife was Olga Knipper, the actress for whom he wrote *The Cherry Orchard*. He was however, already suffering from consumption, and his doctors had ordered a 'koumiss cure'. Koumiss is fermented mare's milk, the staple of all steppe nomads and remedy for every kind of sickness." ("The Volga" from *What Am I Doing Here* by Bruce Chatwin.)

♦ George Orwell; John Keats (at age 25, who also lost his mother and his brother to the disease); Joseph Rodman Drake (an early American poet, considered part of the Knickerbocker group); Anton Chekhov (dead at the age of 44); the three Brontës; Camus; Bukowski... (Famous writers who contracted tuberculosis.)

♦ "And so, Vityenka, I got ready. I took a pillow, some bedclothes, the cup you once gave me, a spoon, a knife and two forks. Do we really need so very much? I took a few medical instruments. I took your letters; the photographs of my late mother and Uncle David, and the one of you with your father; a volume of Pushkin; *Lettres de mon moulin*; the volume

of Maupassant with *Une Vie*; a small dictionary...I took some Chekhov—the volume with 'A Boring Story' and 'The Bishop'—and that was that, I'd filled my basket. How many letters I must have written to you under that roof, how many hours I must have cried out at night—yes, now I can tell you just how lonely I've been." (Anna Semyonovna to her son Viktor Pavlovich Shrum, about her removal to the ghetto, knowing full well that the course of her life was leading to an anonymous interment in some pit in the "holocaust by bullets." Her son would keep the letter in his pocket. From *Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman, Part 1, Section 18, translated by Robert Chandler, New York Review Books.)

allusion: books & reading

chemistry

chemistry of the team

he insists the ~ is fine (troubled NFL team)

chemistry between client and therapist

~ is crucial (psychotherapist)

chemistry between a boxer and a trainer

the ~ is crucial

Dream Team's chemistry

the ~ turned out to be the hallmark to their success (1992)

screen chemistry

the two actors have so much ~ (movie)

on-screen chemistry

they had great ~ (Donna Reed and John Wayne)

team chemistry

his top priority is to improve ~ (sports)

good chemistry

teams, actors, orchestras require ~

are teams good because they have ~

do teams have ~ because they are good

~ sometimes trumps outright talent (sports team)

lack of chemistry

a ~ is blamed for failure

wealth of chemistry

a ~ is credited for success

chemistry can trump talent

good ~ (sports teams)

have chemistry

in sports, good teams ~

hurt the (team) chemistry

he ~ (an athlete)

♦ "Chemistry is when you hang around each other when you don't have to. That's us." (Chris Weber, speaking of the Sacramento Kings, an NBA team.)

functioning / mixture: chemistry

Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.)

Party's Chernobyl

a few thought COVID might be the Communist ~

rainforest Chernobyl

Texaco created a ~ (toxic waste in Ecuador)

comparison & contrast / destruction / failure, accident & impairment: epithet / history / nuclear energy / place

cherubic (adjective)

cherubic preteen
a ~ with a gentle smile

appearance: creature / religion / sign, signal, symbol
comparison & contrast: affix

chess (noun)

playing chess
he was ~ (Larry Bird of the NBA)

♦ "He was playing chess and everybody else was playing checkers. He was three moves ahead of everybody else." (Tommy Heinsohn, Celtic broadcaster, about the great Larry Bird from French Lick, Indiana.)

strategy: chess / sports & games

chess (chess game)

see *game (chess game)*

chessboard (noun)

North Korean Chessboard
"The ~: What Next for The Main Players" (Wapo)

complex geopolitical chessboard
trying to figure out Putin's next move on a ~

strategic chessboard
Truman and the Soviets were arranging pieces on a ~

off the board
the two other members of the ISIS cell are already ~ (one killed, one in prison)

moves on the chessboard
these were big ~ in Asia (US versus China)

pawns on a chessboard
they must stop being used as ~ (migrants)

square in (Europe's Military) Chess Board
Sweden's Gotland is a crucial ~

removed Mary from the chessboard
Elizabeth's statecraft eventually ~ (history)

shift its pieces around the chessboard
the U.N. has had to ~ (troops in DRC)
♦ "The Democrats wrote the rules, then set up the chessboard. We are now playing in the chessboard with the rules they set up." (Voter drop-boxes, which became controversial during the 2020 presidential election.)

strategy: chess / sports & games

chess match (noun)

chess match
so far this match has been a ~ (Arguello vs. Ray Mancini)

strategy: chess / sports & games

chest (beat one's chest, etc.)

chest-thumping cartoons
liberals dismiss conservatives as ~

chest-thumping passion
his ~ with a full-throttle style (Jurgen Klopp)

thump his chest
of course he's going to ~ during an address to parliament

thump his chest about that
I think he likes to kinda ~ a bit (a politician)

stand up and beat their chests
terrorists want to take credit, they want to ~

conflict: animal / gesture / standing, sitting & lying
performance: animal / gesture / standing, sitting & lying
attention, scrutiny & promotion: animal / gesture / standing, sitting & lying

chew (and chew up)

chew barbed wire in Flanders
is there an alternative to having our armies ~

chews up his rivals
his nickname is "the Cannibal" because he ~ (cycling)

chewing our way
we were reduced to "~...inch by inch" (combat)

♦ "His nickname is "the Cannibal" because he chews up his rivals." (The great Eddy Merckx)

♦ "Are there not other alternatives than sending our armies to chew barbed wire in Flanders?" (Winston Churchill, in a letter of advice to Prime Minister Herbert Henry Asquith. The alternative turned out to be Gallipoli.)

♦ "I think there will be no home leave for a long time. I don't expect to see Hanna and the children this year. The Fuher has ordered us to hold Rome at all costs. This shouldn't be too hard if you have any idea of the kind of country here. It is made for defence and the Tommies will have to chew their way through us inch by inch, and we will surely make hard chewing..." (From the letter of a dead German to a friend on the Russian front. From *And No Birds Sang* by Marley Mowat. Italy. World War II. See the quote directly below.)

♦ "The prophecy contained in the dead paratrooper's letter became a harsh reality, as winter drew in. Our approach to Campobasso...slowed to a crawl in the face of increasingly tough enemy opposition, rugged terrain and steadily worsening weather. Veritably, we were reduced to 'chewing out way...inch by inch.'" (From *And No Birds Sang* by Marley Mowat. Italy. World War II.)

♦ "No, they will fight more actively with empty bellies, and, besides, it would be a bad omen. You remember what a dessert they got to their dinner at Falkirk." (The Duke of Cumberland on whether to allow his army its noontime meal prior to the Battle of Culloden. From *British Battles On Land and Sea* by James Grant. Culloden, 1746. "Such is the story of Culloden, happily the last battle fought on the soil of Great Britain.")

consumption / experience: food & drink / verb

chew over (verb)

chew it over with relish
the old women ~ (a bit of gossip)

♦ "The speech has just finished—and we'll be chewing over what's in it..." (BBC live news coverage of King's Speech.)

consumption: food & drink / verb

Chicago (China's Chicago, etc.)

Chicago of China

six hundred miles up the Yangtze lies Hankow, "the ~"

China's Chicago

the city they call ~ (Wuhan)

modern-day Chicago

the leaders of Chongqing hope to turn it into a ~ (2007)

♦ "With all these fake Chinese Chicagos, how can anyone use the phrase, "the Chicago of China" with any confidence or authority? Fact is, nobody can." ("The Chicago(s) of China" by Lauri Apple, the *Chicago Reader*, August 17, 2010. Her delightful article mentions Chongqing (Chungking, the "Chicago on the Yangtze); Hankow (now part of the larger area of Wuhan, also on the Yangtze River); Zhengzhou (Chengchow, on the Yellow River, referred to as the "Chicago of the East); and Shanghai. She includes a link to "Chinese City's 'Chicago' Hopes Face Obstacles," the *Wall Street Journal*, July 27, 2007, which lists good and interesting reasons why Chongqing deserves the epithet.)

♦ US newspaper readers knew Hankow as the Chicago of China in 1918 and also in the 1930s. The city was mostly forgotten until the 2019 COVID pandemic, associated with Wuhan.

comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

chicken (game of chicken)

see *game (game of chicken)*

chicken (chicken and egg)

see *chicken and egg*

chicken (come home to roost)

chickens are coming home to roost

but the warnings were ignored, and now the ~

chickens coming home to roost

this is a sort of ~ (political battle)

chickens would come home to roost so soon

Kennedy never foresaw that the ~ (Malcolm X)

they came home to roost

these chickens took a very long flight before ~ (scandal)

Justice of Roosting Chickens

On the ~ (notorious book blaming the West for 9/11)

♦ The legend of the "Brazen Bull" (Wikipedia) is instructive. Perillus of Athens invented and built it for Phalaris, Tyrant of Sicily. Its first victim was its inventor and its owner ended up within it.

♦ "This rude automaton is a tiger, killing and about to devour a European, who lies prostrate under the savage beast. In the interior of the tiger there is a rude kind of organ, played upon by turning a handle, like our street hand-organs, and the notes produced are intended to represent the growls of the tiger and the moans of the dying man." (Charles Macfarlane, in *Our Indian Empire*, quoted by James Grant in *British Battles on Land and Sea*. Tipu Sultan, the Tiger of Mysore, met his end at the Battle of Seringapatam, 1799.)

♦ "Yep, could be called a 'shooting pandemic'... Unfortunately the planets are lining up and the chickens are coming home to roost." (Fredrika Wade to Rick Chase on ABC's "Join the Discussion" about the latest mass shooting.)

♦ "We misuse our military power, and the chickens came home to roost."

♦ "The hate is coming home to roost."

♦ Karma; what goes around comes around; live by the sword, die by the sword; you made this bed, now lie in it..

fate, fortune & chance / judgment / responsibility / reversal: animal / bird / justice / verb

chicken and egg

chicken and egg

this is the ~ that has plagued rural America (housing)

chicken and the egg

it's kind of the ~ (support for a losing team)

chicken and egg problem

it's a ~

chicken-and-egg problem

it's a ~ (plants need oil, oil refineries need power)

chicken-and-egg question

a ~ for you... (what caused what)

chicken and egg situation

so, there's kind of this ~ (NPR political punditry)

chicken or egg thing

it's kind of a ~, what comes first...

♦ "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?"

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. God is sitting on his throne on a cloud in heaven, and far off in space the small orb of the Earth is just visible. A chicken stands in front of the throne, next to an egg. God is commanding the chicken, "Make sure that both of you get there at the same time."

♦ A FUNNY JOKE. "My pal Billy P. ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon to see which came first." (The great sports columnist Phil Mushnick.)

relationship: bird

chicken-hearted

chicken-hearted

he is ~ (afraid)

courage & lack of courage: animal / bird / heart

heart: bird

chicken out (verb)

chickened out

he ~ and never gave her the letter

courage & lack of courage: animal / bird / verb

chieftain (noun)

corporate chieftain

~s who sell off shares of their companies (ethics)

banking industry chieftain

a former ~

power: person / military

child (spoiled child, etc.)

West's spoiled child

Israel is the ~

petulant child

he's a ~... (a boxer)

♦ "He's a petulant child in a hulking body builder's frame." (A BBC HYS commenter about Anthony Joshua after Joshua's second loss to Oleksandr Usyk.)

♦ That is a really childish comment but you probably think it is clever How old are you? (A commenter on a BBC soccer HYS.)

♦ "Fernandez should be playing in the under 8's." (An online commenter about Man Utd 0-7 Liverpool.)

♦ "10 year olds can manage it, but not the grown ups? Really?" (An online commenter about the soccer rule that says a player must not touch a referee.)

growth & development: life span

behavior / character & personality / insult / person: baby

child (child of the Soviet Union, etc.)

child of the Victorian era

Churchill freely conceded that he was a ~

child of Soviet and post-Soviet Russia

he was a cynical ~

child of Bill Cosby

I was a ~, he was part of the wallpaper of Black America

children of the same (foul) spirit

they are ~ (domestic and international terrorists)

child of the underground

I, too, was a ~ (Zionist Palestine)

identity & nature: family / person

child (bastard child)

bastard child, the second class citizen

creative non-fiction is no longer the ~ (to literature)

♦ "He was now Fortune's pet instead of her stepson." (Change in fortune to good fortune from awful fortune.)

person / relationship: family

worth & lack of worth: family / person

chill (feeling)

chill

I get ~s thinking about it (an exciting event)

feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bones / temperature

chill (oppression)

sent a chill through the academic world

the sentences ~ (police arrests)

oppression: temperature

chilling (adjective)

chilling

the accusations against him are ~ (a terrorist)

chilling account

he has written a ~ of the murder (writer)

chilling development

it is the latest ~ in this chilling case (sniper murders)

chilling effect

this will have a ~ on the coal industry (project vetoed)

these bills will have a ~ (Internet regulation)

chilling incident

there have been two ~s (religious attacks)

chilling message

it was a ~

chilling street name

the crimes have a ~, "Guat-bashing" (Guatemalans)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

chilly (adjective)

chilly toward women's soccer

England has been ~

chilly reception

she received a ~ (a politician)

chilly response

he got a ~ from... (meeting / law-enforcement officers)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

chime in (verb)

chimed in that

he ~ he does the same thing (conversation)

chimed in on the controversy

readers ~

chimed in with his own statement

he has ~

chimed in from Haiti

he ~ (a reporter)

involvement: sound / verb

speech: sound / verb

chimera (noun)

chimera work

UNC has no oversight of the ~ (virus)

creation & transformation: allusion / creature

chimeric (and chimerical)

chimeric coronaviruses

the NIH grant was used to construct two ~

chimeric virus

a ~ is one that combines fragments of different viruses

♦ "Proponents of what became known as gain-of-function research claimed it would help prevent pandemics by highlighting potential threats. Critics argued that creating pathogens that didn't exist in nature ran the risk of unleashing them." ("Risky Business" by Katherine Eban, *Vanities Fair*, June 2022.)

♦ "In their mythology the Greeks had a fire-eating monster called a chimaira that was believed by some to have the body of a goat, the head of a lion, and the tail of a serpent. When this word finally came into English we began to use it in a poetic way. A chimera with us can be a foolish fancy. When we speak of a scheme as being chimerical, we mean that it is visionary and won't work, that it is as much of a fantastic figment of the imagination as the old chimera itself. It may be comforting to know that a hero by the name of Bellerophon eventually slew this

terrifying but imaginary beast." (Word Origins and Their Romantic Stories by Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., 1950. Publishers Grosset & Dunlap New York. Every high-school student in the country should be required to study it.)

creation & transformation: creature

chin (take something on the chin)

took the news on the chin

she ~ (Naomi Wolf)

feeling, emotion & effect / force: boxing

chin (chin up, etc.)

chin up ladies

~ (England loses)

♦ "We've been here before. The media convincing the public that all we have to do is turn up to the final and collect our trophy. Chin up ladies." (An online commenter on a BBC HYS about Spain's victory against England in the final of the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup. To which a commenter responded: "Chins' would be more appropriate, judging by the shape some of them are in...")

resiliency: direction / head / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

Chinatown (the film)

"forget it, Jake, it's Chinatown"

a fatalistic ~ notion...

allusion: film & TV

feeling, emotion & effect: allusion / film & TV

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / film & TV

chink (chink in one's armor)

chink in her opponent's armor

she uncovered a critical chink in her ~

chink in his armor

she found a ~

the one ~ has been... (an athlete)

he has not been able to find a ~ (tennis)

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

chink (flaw)

chink in conditioning

any ~ could mean defeat (Olympic swimming)

chink of vulnerability

he hasn't shown a ~

flaws & lack of flaws: hole

chip (bargaining chip)

bargaining chip

the proposals are on the table as a ~

bargaining chip in (peace) negotiations

the fleet was a ~ (World War I)

used as a bargaining chip

he was kidnapped to be ~ with Washington

position, policy & negotiation / strategy: gambling

chip (chips fall, etc.)

let the chips fall where they may

let's have the hearing and ~ (investigation)

let the chips fall where they will

I'll say what I have to say, and ~ (Jordan Bernt Peterson)

chips may fall

the ~ in ways that are uncomfortable for all sides

fate, fortune & chance: tree

chip away (verb)

chip away at an employee's confidence

he uses insults to ~ (bad boss)

chip away at our information

these companies will never stop trying to ~ (Internet)

chip away at personal privacy

big tech companies continue to stifle speech and ~

chipping away (at the edifice) with hammer or chisel

lawyers are ~ (of personal responsibility)

taking & removing: blade / verb

chloroform (noun)

chloroform in print

Young Adult Literature is ~ (paraphrase of Mark Twain)

consciousness & awareness: health & medicine

chocolate (African Americans)

'chocolate cities'

~ should be viewed as America's heartland (Ernest Owens)

identity & nature: color

choir (preach to the choir)

preaching to the choir

they are ~ (sympathetic audience)

we are ~ (a drug program / parents)

"preaching to the choir" problem

the genre has a ~ ("cli-fi" books, films)

message / unanimity & consensus: religion

choirboy (behavior)

choirboy

he was a ~ compared to some of Hernandez's other friends

behavior: person / religion

person: religion

choke (verb)

choking on its own success

China is ~ (pollution)

choke on those words

Sanders would ~ (perfect is the enemy of good)

acceptance & rejection / affliction / consumption /
obstacles & impedance: bodily reaction / breathing / food
& drink / throat / verb

choke (fail)

chokes during pressure
she ~ (an athlete)

success & failure: breathing / verb

choke chain (noun)

choke chain around its neck
the Kim regime has an international ~, and we can tug it

♦ "Choke collar" is an entry in the dictionary I use, but not "choke chain."
Dictionary entries of words and phrases can be maddening! "Dollar yoke"
also appears in the article that uses this phrase.

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / breathing / chain /
dog / pressure / violence

choked

choked with emotion
..., he said, his voice ~

choked with people
the prisons are ~ who stole to eat (Mexico)

choked with traffic
crowded intersections ~ (Brooklyn)

boulder-choked
the ~ Cheoah River in Graham County, North Carolina

briar-choked
as a boy, he explored the ~ woods behind his house

cholesterol-choked
he needs an operation for his ~ arteries

smoke-choked
the firefighters ascended the ~ stairwell

traffic-choked
it has been an average, ~ rush hour (Los Angeles)

weed-choked
behind the house was a ~ garden
the footbridge cross a ~ stream

obstacles & impedance: breathing

chokehold (noun)

chokehold on television
Homer and Bart have had a ~ ever since... (Steve Inskeep)

chokehold on the zeitgeist
the film *Barbie* had a ~ (NPR's Aisha Harris)

♦ "I used the word chokehold as a metaphor for how law and public
policy work to keep black men down." (Georgetown University Professor
Paul Butler about his book, *Chokehold: Policing Black Men*.)

♦ "I grabbed his arm and put him in a choke hold. ...I'm just happy I was
able to get him down to the floor." (David Gonzalez, a former corrections
officer, about subduing a madman aboard JetBlue Flight 191.)

♦ "Then I grabbed the AK-47 (Kalashnikov), which was at this feet, and
started muzzle-bumping him in the head with it,' Skarlatos said.

'Everybody just started beating the guy while Spencer held the
chokehold until he went unconscious.'" ("Obama: Trio Who Thwarted
Paris Train Attack 'Represent The Very Best Of America'" by Laura
Wagner, NPR, The Two-Way, September 17, 2014.)

oppression: breathing

chokepoint (noun)

choke points, bridges, tunnels
identify ~ (military)

choke point or kill zone
as the enemy moves into the ~

chokepoints in the Northwest Passage
include one off Barrow, Alaska, and in Canada

choke points on interstates
~ and state highways

world's choke points
the ~—the Suez and Panama Canals, the Bab el Mandeb
the ~—the Straits of Gibraltar, and the Malacca Strait

oil choke point
Hormuz is the most important ~ in the world

important chokepoint
it is one of the world's strategically ~ (Strait of Hormuz)

migratory chokepoint
the Central Valley is an incredibly important ~ for birds

♦ This word seems to have arisen during World War II. Other words
derived from warfare include *blockbuster*, *breakthrough*, *breakout*, and
basket case.

obstacles & impedance: breathing

choose (chose me, found me, etc.)

domesticated humans
some say wheat ~

chose him
history, in its many meanings, ~ (John Hope Franklin)

chooses me
the part ~, I don't choose it (actor Peter O'Toole)

chose me
golf ~, it's the most fun thing I have (Aditi Ashok)
tennis ~ (Bernard Tomic)

found me
boxing ~, I didn't have to look for it (Bilal Fawaz)

found him
Tommy has never sought notoriety, it just sort of ~

shape us
we shape our buildings and afterwards they ~

♦ "Tennis chose me. It's something I never fell in love with." (The
extraordinary Bernard Tomic.)

♦ "History, in the many meanings of the term, chose him." ("John Hope
Franklin: Race & the Meaning of America" by Drew Gilpin Faust, *New
York Review*, December 17, 2015.)

♦ This idea, once so fresh, is becoming quite a cliché nowadays.

alternatives & choices: verb

chop (get the chop, etc.)

getting the chop

kids' shows are ~ as Netflix swings the ax (programming)

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

chopping block (on the chopping block)

on the chopping block

their heads will be ~ the next election (politics)

my neck is ~ (accountability)

many social services are ~

their collective-bargaining rights are ~ (teachers)

put the school on the chopping block

officials have ~ (underperforming)

fate, fortune & chance: ax / blade / head / neck

destruction: ax / blade / head / neck

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / head / neck

chopping block (other)

keep the program off the chopping block

supporters are trying to ~

saved from the chopping block

19 schools were ~

taken off the chopping block

some bus routes will be ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / head / neck

fate, fortune & chance: ax / blade / head / neck

destruction: ax / blade / head / neck

chops (expertise)

chops to do the job

she proved she had the ~ (Pelosi / politics)

acting chops

the film only rarely allows Elba to show his ~ (*Beast*)

curatorial chops

she proved her ~ (an art show)

narrative audio chops

NPR is looking for editors with ~ (job advertisement)

foreign-relations chops

any candidate will have to show their ~ (election)

experience / knowledge & intelligence: music

ability & lack of ability: music

chops (lick one's chops)

licking their chops

energy companies are ~ at the prospect of new oil pipelines

these guys are ~, they want to eat up the defense (NFL)

eagerness & reluctance: animal / bodily reaction / mouth

chord (evidence)

chord of jealousy

some Russians detect a ~ (attitudes to immigrants)

evidence: sound

chord (strike a chord)

struck a chord with her book

she clearly ~

struck a chord with the (American) public

these cases have always ~ (capital cases)

striking a strong chord

his message is ~ with voters (about corruption)

striking the wrong chord

I'm terrified of ~ (a writer and cultural appropriation)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: sound / verb

choreographed

meticulously choreographed

the Jan. 6 hearings were ~ (politics)

♦ "Instead, the Jan. 6 hearings were meticulously choreographed... Unlike typical congressional hearings, these would have a script. 'Every word was intentional,' one senior staff member recalled. 'Nothing was spontaneous.'" ("Inside the Jan. 6 Committee" by Robert Draper and Luke Broadwater, *The New York Times Magazine*, January 1, 2023.)

directing / performance: theater

chorus (chorus of critics, etc.)

chorus of (outraged) denunciation from liberals

the term brought a ~ (Asianization)

chorus of critics

every four years a ~ calls for an end to conventions

Greek chorus

the media becomes a ~, oracles of doom (doubts about...)

joined a chorus

she ~ of Democrats who have called on Mr. Barr to resign

led a chorus

Iran's Javad Zarif ~, calling the picture inappropriate

♦ "Eli Manning has veered from the chorus on the turf vs. grass debate... Manning... zagged to the other side." ("Veered from the chorus" is an odd collocation. Maybe "broken from the ranks"? "Is out of tune with"? "Jumped off of the bandwagon"? Three suggestions after examining *unanimity & consensus (1)*, in the thesaurus of this work. Or how about simply "deserted the chorus"?)

amount & effect: music / speech

unanimity & consensus: music / speech

chorus (resemblance)

dawn chorus

birdlife, we had this incredibly vibrant ~ (extinction)

resemblance: music

Chris Farley (Chris Farley of silent cinema, etc.)

Chris Farley of silent cinema

"Fatty" Arbuckle was the ~ (beloved, pratfalls, etc.)

allusion: film & TV

comparison & contrast: epithet

christen (verb)

christened it the "green hell"
travelers ~ (Mato Grosso)

christened the plane the A320neo
Airbus ~

characterization: religion / verb

Christmas

Christmas

May is the ~ of the limousine business (proms)

Christmas list

see *Christmas (Christmas list)*

superlative: epithet / day

epithet: day

Christmas (Christmas list)

Christmas list of unrelated progressive spending
the bill is a ~ (politics)

amount / wants, needs, hopes & goals: day

chum (noun)

chumboxes

Outbrain and Taboola specialize in ~ (clickbait)

internet chum

he pulled up a Blogspot page bloated with ~

political chum

Biden and his allies use that as ~ ("fund the police")

♦ "A mysterious gut doctor is begging Americans to throw out 'this vegetable' now. But, like, which?" by Kaitlyn Tiffany, *Vox*, May 8, 2019.

♦ see also *clickbait (noun)*

attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting

chunk (amount)

chunk of that traffic

people in the US are the biggest ~ (to Pornhub)

amount: materials & substances

church (noun)

church

it's my ~, it's my cathedral (Yosemite on foot in winter)

♦ "It has become my church, my therapists, my playgrounds, and my gym." (Bradley Noone, a 10th Mountain Division veteran about Camp Hale, recently designated a National Monument. Bradley served in Afghanistan.)

enthusiasm / reverence: religion

Churchillian (adjective)

Churchillian expressions

he was fond of ~ like "our flesh and blood..." (a Zionist)

military: epithet

comparison & contrast: affix

churn (move)

churned up the coast
a winter storm ~

churn through the (criminal justice) system
millions of people ~

movement: force / verb

force: movement / verb

churn out (verb)

churn out books

she continued to ~, among other pursuits (comic)

churn out so much content

there is pressure to ~ (films post-COVID)

churn out (unneeded advanced) degrees

universities continue to ~

churn out jobs

small firms also ~ (economy)

churns out (around six and a half gallons of) milk
the cow ~ a day

churns out misinformation

the rumor mill ~

churning out the (popular) model

Boeing has been ~ at a breakneck rate (a plane)

churn out products

factories ~

churn out great product

I ~ (Questlove)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / tools & technology / verb

cide (ecocide, etc.)

domicide

"~," or the widespread destructions of homes (conflict)

"~" doesn't appear in the Geneva Conventions

ecocide

~, should killing nature be a crime...

femicide

~ is not tracked in the U.S.

~ cases jumped 145% (Mexico)

"Italian women call for action against '~'" (NPR)

Francocide

~, the murder of French people by immigrants

genocide

see *genocide (noun)*

gynocide

deliberate ~ (historic European witch persecutions)

Scholasticide

the event was called, “Stop ~” (Duke University)

scholasticide

“~” the systematic destruction of Palestinian education

Karma Nabulsi coined the term “~” in 2009

the “~” protest included a song, poems, candles, pictures

♦ “There’s a name for the killing of women because of their gender: femicide.” (Mexico.)

♦ “Femicide” seems to relate to husbands, boyfriends, partners, either current or former, who kill a female. It also seems to be a particular problem in places like South America or Southern Europe, and in other areas with “macho” cultures.

♦ “At least he’s putting words to the problem.” (A Frenchman at an Eric Zemmour rally about the term ‘Francocide,’ or the murder of French people by immigrants.)

♦ A mother or father who murders his or her son or daughter is a filicide. Filicide seems to be on the increase in the United States.

♦ “I’m drunk asf and don’t play with me right now lmfao.” (A text message of filicide suspect Persia Nelson, 24, Schenectady, New York. Her daughter was Halo.)

♦ “Some researchers and human rights advocates say the destruction amounts to ‘domicide,’ or the widespread or systematic destruction of homes, often during conflict.” (“What is ‘domicide,’ and why has war in Gaza brought new attention to the term?” by Becky Sullivan, NPR, February 9, 2024.)

♦ *Domicide: Architecture, War and the Destruction of Home in Syria* by Ammar Azzouz.

destruction: crime / death & life

inclusion & exclusion: affix

Cinderella

Cinderella of Tech

she was hailed as the ~ (Sophia Amoruso)

Cinderella Man

the real-life ~ (Steve Bunce talks about Maxi Hughes)

Cinderella story

T.M. Landry school has become a viral ~

Cinderella team

France will play Morocco, the ~ of the tournament (Qatar)
we’re a ~, they say we don’t belong (NCAA championship)

♦ This story relates to unjust oppression and triumphant reward; a persecuted heroine; remarkable fortune; the cruelty of a stepmother and stepsisters; a fairy godmother; someone whose attributes are unrecognized; unexpected recognition and success after obscurity and neglect; good character, etc.

♦ “T.M. Landry school has become a viral Cinderella story, a small school...whose predominantly black, working-class students have escaped the rural South for the nation’s most elite colleges. A video of a 16-year-old student opening his Harvard acceptance letter last year has been viewed more than eight million times.” (“Louisiana School Made Headlines for Sending Black Kids to Elite Colleges. Here’s the Reality” by Erica L. Green and Katie Benner, *The New York Times*, Nov. 30, 2018.)

♦ “It’s been six years of trying times—so strange when one day you’re Cinderella, so to speak, and then in 0.6 seconds, you’re Quasimodo.” (The actor Johnny Depp, about how people’s attitudes towards him have changed.)

♦ “They didn’t consider themselves to be a Cinderella, an underdog... (A College football team.)

♦ “FAU doesn’t want to be called a Cinderella because they believe they are good enough to be here and good enough to keep winning.” (The NCAA college basketball tournament. A cute headline in *The Washington Post* reads, “FAU doesn’t want the slipper, it wants March Madness crown.”)

♦ “The Diamondbacks’ Cinderella story isn’t ready to turn into a pumpkin quite yet.” (An underdog MLB sports team continues to win against the odds in the post-season tournament.)

♦ “The Bucks had the best regular season record, it was the Miami Heat that beat them, and then they took game one of the Knicks on the road in New York, I’m like, they’re the lowest seeded team left, so are the Heat the slipper-wearing Cinderella team of the playoffs?” (A Martinez, from “NBA playoffs enter round 2 with no clear favorite,” NPR, Morning Edition, May 2, 2023.)

♦ The Cinderella story has been cinematic catnip... (*Princess Diaries; Ever After; Two Weeks Notice; Ella Enchanted; Made In Manhattan; Pretty Woman*, etc.)

oppression / success & failure: allusion

allusion: books & reading

circle (verb / predation)

circling

his rivals are ~ (politics)

the vultures are already ~ on the web (health of official)

behavior: animal / bird / predation / shark / verb

circle (a circle can close)

circle is closing

the ~ (around Saddam’s regime / Iraqi Freedom)

a ~ (memories of Holocaust dim)

a ~ (Israeli Holocaust survivor returns to free Berlin)

♦ This expression seems to relate to the completion of a development, to something being finished.

development / fate, fortune & chance / reconciliation,

resolution & conclusion: geometry / shape

circle (full circle)

full-circle moment

it’s very much this ~ (vagaries of fate)

comes full circle

this week she ~ (ends career where it started)

development: geometry / shape

circle (vicious circle)

see *vicious circle*

circle (run circles around somebody)

running circles around us

China is ~ (in technology)

superiority & inferiority: verb / walking, running & jumping

circle (go in circles)

going in circles

we’re just ~

failure, accident & impairment / progress & lack of

progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

circle (virtuous circle, etc.)

virtuous circle

it’s a ~ (see red text below)

♦ "The bottom of the river is developing a coat of the right kind of weed. The clearer the water, the more the weed grows, and then the weed filters the water to make it even clearer—it's a virtuous circle." (Bill Francois of the Paris fishing federation, about the Seine River in Paris, which will feature in the 2024 Paris Olympics. Super!)

♦ see also *loop* (noun / other), *spiral* (other)

relationship: shape

circle back (judgment)

circled back to you

this has all ~ (sex abuser gets long sentence)

judgment / responsibility / reversal: justice / verb

circled

circled by a (jogging) trail

the park is ~

circled with (high) walls

the towns are ~ (Palestine)

configuration: shape

circuit breaker (noun)

circuit breaker

a ~ is a short period of tightened restrictions (COVID)

circuit breakers

can ~ stop rumors on Facebook or Twitter

used as "circuit breakers"

lockdowns should be ~ (pandemic)

control & lack of control: electricity / tools & technology

curtailment: electricity / tools & technology

circus (media circus, etc.)

circus

this case was a ~ (O. J. Simson trial)

the ~ that is now our political system (New Age candidate)

boxing is a ~ at times (sanctioning bodies / rankings)

circus of the literary circuit

he found the ~ insufferable

circus act

he's a ~ and he's killing boxing (a troubled boxer)

circus trick

oh my gosh, that girl is doing all those ~s (porn)

2019 circus

the ~ led directly to casualties (crowding on Mt. Everest)

travelling circus

the heavyweight division is little more than a ~ (boxing)

walking circus

he is seen as a ~ by some (a flamboyant boxer)

media circus

he became the attention of a ~

publicity circus

he is a one-man ~ (Richard Branson)

unbelievable circus

most Americans won't watch this ~ (government hearing)

♦ "The heavyweight division used to be the pinnacle of the sport but now it's little more than a travelling circus where the ring masters behind the scenes lift your wallets by putting on a clown show." (Captain Y-Fronts, on BBC's HYS about the Fury-Schwarz fight.)

♦ "The circus is back in town, might be a new ringmaster but the clowns are still all there." (Manchester United 1-Brighton 2.)

♦ "Tottenham is a circus and the clowns are in charge." (Soccer snark.)

♦ "The thing that keeps the whole circus moving is money." (The English Premier League / soccer.)

♦ "Celebrity trials are relatively frequent, and they are often media circuses." (Harvey Weinstein, Danny Masterson, Johnny Depp versus Amber Heard, Gwyneth Paltrow, etc. From "Gwyneth Paltrow's Trial Is Her Best Role in Years" by Naomi Fry, *The New Yorker*, March 30, 2023.)

♦ "Oh my gosh, that girl is doing all those circus tricks..." (A female consumer of porn.)

♦ "On July 30, 1883, John and Anna Wilson's Great World Circus, long expected and universally welcomed, finally arrived in Batavia. / They had been to Batavia many times before, the canny Scotswoman Mrs. Wilson well knowing they could be certain of a grand colonial crowd... / And so every imaginable act was on hand: tightrope-walkers, fire eaters, a pigeon charmer, an American who could somersault over eight horses, the Nelson Family of Acrobats, Hector and Faue the Lords of the Trapeze, Fraulein Jeanette and Her Amazing Bareback Riders, William Gregory the Gymnast King, the Well-Known Sweetheart from Earlier Years, Miss Selma Troost... / John Holtum, known around the world as the Cannonball King, was perhaps the stellar attraction..." (*Krakatoa* by Simon Winchester, who mentions two other incidents that occurred during that visit. First was a tremendous bar fight that broke out between members of the circus at the Hotel des Indes, "said to be the grandest hotel in the entire Dutch empire." Second was an incident at the same hotel involving a Miss Lochart and a small elephant. She had moved the elephant into her rooms, and it had gone berserk.)

behavior / performance / resemblance: circus

attention, scrutiny & promotion: circus

cis (affix)

cis-Alpine

~ Italy (versus trans-Alpine Italy)

cisgender

~ (versus transgender)

cislunar

we've kicked open the door for a ~ economy (IM-1)

♦ In Latin, *cis-* means "this side of" and *trans-* means "the other side of, beyond."

♦ "We've kicked open the door for a robust thriving cislunar economy in the future. That's compelling." (Steve Altemus, Chief executive officer and co-founder of Intuitive Machines, about its lunar lander, IM-1 / *Odysseus* / *Odie*.)

language: affix

citadel (the Citadel, etc.)

Citadel LLC

~ is one of the world's largest asset managers (\$35 billion)

the Citadel

~, the Military College of South Carolina

Operation Citadel

~ was the German attack that initiated the Battle of Kursk

proper name: fortification

citadel (noun)

citadel of our democracy
the Capitol is the very ~

citadel of segregation
whites detected a crumbling in the ~ (the South)

citadels of free inquiry
universities are supposed to be ~ but... (campus censorship)

attacks on citadels
this was only one of Valla's ~ of orthodoxy

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

citizen (as verb)

citizen
"to ~" is to participate, understand power
"to~" is to value the collective, invest in relationships

How To Citizen
his podcast is ~, he uses it as a verb (Audi Cornish)

♦ "First, to citizen is to participate. It's a verb, not a noun, not an adjective. It's to show up. All right?" ("How To Citizen With Baratunde," a production of iHeartRadio Podcasts.)

inclusion & exclusion: part of speech

civil war (noun)

civil war within the world
it's nothing less than a ~ football (proposed ESL league)

conflict: military

claim (stake a claim)

staking his claim to be the moderate
he is ~ (a politician)

laid claim to the feminist mantle
she has ~

possession: boundary / ground, terrain & land / surveying

claim (kill)

claimed the life
a devastating accident ~ of Jacopo Venzo (cycling)

claimed (an estimated) 10,000 lives
a killer heat wave ~ (France)

claimed (more than) 16,000 lives
the virus has ~

death & life: euphemism

claim (take)

claimed another big scalp
Palace ~ (victory against Tottenham Hotspur)

claim a seat
the drive was on to ~ at the table (minority poets)

claimed victory
he ~ in a photo finish (Mathieu van der Poel)

taking & removing: hand / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

claim (groups / verb)

claim their joy
Renaissance gives people permission to ~ (ballroom)

♦ "Indigenous leaders and activists have mixed feelings about land acknowledgments. While some say they are a waste of time, others are working to make the well-meaning but often empty speeches more useful... They've been parodied on TV, in series like *Reservation Dogs*..." ("So you began your event with an indigenous land acknowledgement. Now what?" by Chloe Veltman, NPR, All Things Considered, March 15, 2023.)

♦ "If it becomes routine, or worse yet, is strictly performative, then it has no meaning at all. It goes in one ear and out the other." (Kevin Gover, about indigenous land acknowledgments.)

inclusion & exclusion: possession / verb

clamor (verb)

clamoring for an investigation
they have been ~ of the investigators (politics)

clamor for playlists and show lineups
listeners ~ that reflect diversity (Blacks, gays, etc.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / verb

clampdown (noun)

clampdown
flights have been cancelled since the ~ began (eruption)

clampdown by the authorities on credit
a new ~ could hurt domestic demand

clampdown on opponents
the arrest are part of a broader ~

government clampdown
the ~ includes a strict curfew

major clampdown
security forces engaged in a ~

vicious clampdown
the ~ has estranged millions from the regime

promoted a clampdown on intellectuals
the government ~

pressure: tools & technology

coercion & motivation: pressure

oppression: pressure

clamp down (verb)

clamp down on criminal activity
we must ~ in the informational sphere (ransomware)

pressure: tools & technology / verb

coercion & motivation: pressure / verb

oppression: pressure / verb

clap (noun)

claps from 49 people

~ for "A message from Coinbase CEO..."

achievement, recognition & praise: sign, signal, symbol / sound

clap back (contempo-speak / verb)

claps back at (Lightfoot's) comments

Chicago alderman ~ about his father

clapping back at criticism

she is ~ of her looks (an actor)

claps back at critics

Kristin Davis ~

claps back at haters

she ~ over her wrestling name (Scissor Melong)

clapped back at the person

she ~ for being sexist (accused her of wearing vulgar dress)

♦ Tagged by Wiktionary as African-American Vernacular and gay slang.

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / gesture / verb

contempo-speak: language

clap back (contempo-speak / noun)

satisfying clap back

Oh this is a very ~ (Greta Thunberg's vs. Andrew Tate)

♦ The verb is tagged by Wiktionary as African-American Vernacular and gay slang.

♦ Andrew Tate's response to Greta Thunberg's clap back has not gotten the credit it deserves. It was, "How dare you?!", which Greta herself had said previously, in a different context, and which is a meme. Funny! Who can keep up?

♦ "Sam [Sanders of NPR] has been writing recently about tweetstorms, and we used that as part of a broader conversation about the culture place and execution of the 'clapback' (whether it still needs quotation marks is up for debate, but we'll play it safe)." ("Pop Culture Happy Hour: 'Fate Of The Furious' Plus Clapbacks and Feuds" by Linda Holmes, NPR, Pop Culture Happy Hour, April 21, 2017.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / gesture / verb

contempo-speak: language

clarify (verb)

clarify details

law enforcement attempted to ~ Thursday (Uvalde)

amelioration & renewal / comprehension &

incomprehension: light & dark / verb

clarity (adjective)

clarity on how

we need full ~ such a tragedy happened (Flight 752)

clarity of purpose

without scrutiny, there could be no ~ (war)

concealment & lack of concealment: eye / light & dark

clash (verb)

clashed with the network

but he ~ and resigned (a reporter)

clashes with these local laws

what happens when free speech ~ (Twitter in India, etc.)

conflict: sound / verb

clash (noun)

clash

the ~ showed how a small spark could ignite another war

clash with Henry Kissinger

he left government after a ~

generational clash

this is a ~ between two progressives (politics)

maritime clash

the ~ has hardened opinion

wild clash

a ~ erupted during a motorcycle rally

conflict: sound

claw (verb)

fought and clawed

once you've ~ your way up the tenure ladder (academia)

scratch and claw

she is going to ~ for the maximum she can get (politics)

conflict / difficulty, easiness & effort: animal / verb

behavior / conflict: animal / verb

claw (noun)

claw of the pincer

he wanted to see the southern ~ on the map (war)

tooth and claw

Nature, red in ~

♦ "In those days, nothing could be worse than to be an animal without claws or teeth yet no inclination to be devoured." (*The Betrothed* by Alessandro Manzoni.)

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / predation

clay (noun)

soft clay

he is ~, you can manipulate him (politics)

creation & transformation: materials & substances

character & personality: materials & substances

clean (verb)

clean the cesspool

they are trying to ~ (of the Web)

clean our shame

kill yourself and ~ or we will kill you first (honor killing)

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / verb

clean (computer / verb)

clean

confirm tracker removal ~

computer: hygiene / verb

clean (come clean)

came clean

he ~ and confirmed what many had suspected

come clean

if you're a sinner, ~ (a preacher)

instead of letting the questions fester, why not ~

come clean about the origins

they have refused to ~ of the coronavirus

come clean with the information

they should ~ they have (nuclear power plant)

♦ "If boxing wants to come clean they should refuse to sanction this rubbish." (Ngannou versus Joshua)

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / verb

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: hygiene / verb

clean (a clean record, etc.)

clean

my name is ~ (falsely convicted, then exonerated)

she has been ~ for two years (an addict)

clean of corruption

he is widely viewed as ~ (government)

clean (final) draft

the writer finally produced a ~ (on a typewriter)

clean money

it's hard to separate dirty money from ~ (sports)

clean, evocative prose

he crafts imaginative narratives using ~

clean (driving) record

I have a ~

flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene

clean out (verb)

clean them out

if there are any VC in there, that will sure as hell ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: hygiene / verb

cleans (make clean)

cleans language of any trace

~ of privilege, hierarchy, bias, or exclusion

cleansed him of his sins

being Obama's vice-president ~ (Joe Biden)

♦ "The murk of the trenches cleansed his rhetoric of cliché." (Wilfred Owen.)

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / verb / water

dismissal, removal & resignation: hygiene / verb / water

cleans (violence)

cleans the area of agents

we must ~

cleans the Foca area of Muslims

the purpose of the Serb campaign was "to ~"

cleansing their enemies

they are ~ (government loyalists against protesters)

violence: euphemism / hygiene / verb

cleansing (ethnic cleansing)

victims of ethnic cleansing

they claim they are the ~

violence: euphemism / hygiene

clean up (speech)

cleaned up the language

they have ~ to make Mark Twain available to schools

speech: hygiene / verb

clean up (improve)

clean up your act

you need to ~

clean up your document

review and ~ (text document)

clean up its image

in a drive to ~, the club holds charity events (bikers)

clean up L.A.

he unsuccessfully ran on a law-and-order platform to "~"

clean up the mess

he has had to ~ the previous administration created

we need to ~ in government (politician)

cleaning up this mess

we're ~ (diplomacy)

clean up (Mexico's human rights) record

Fox has promised to ~, but...

clean up her reputation

if the book is seen as an attempt to ~...

clean up their resumes

even engineers have learned to ~

clean up the sport

it may be impossible to ~ of cycling (Tour de France)

clean up the (education) system

it will be difficult to ~

♦ "Some day a real rain will come and wash the scum off the streets." (The film *Taxi Driver*.)

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / verb

cleanup (military)

cleanup operation

she was a victim of a government ~ against the rebels

violence: euphemism / hygiene / military

clear (crystal clear)

crystal-clear
it was ~ that...

crystal clear
the Second Amendment is ~

crystal-clear (m)
the trouble is the show doesn't have a ~ message

certainty & uncertainty: eye / light & dark
comprehension & incomprehension: eye / light & dark

clear (perception)

clear picture
confused parents have no ~ of their kids

clear seeing
the crystal was the symbol of the mind and of ~ (Navaho)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / light & dark
comprehension & incomprehension: eye / light & dark

clear (clear conscience)

clear conscience
you can sell them to widows and orphans with a ~

guilt: light & dark

clear (in the clear / into the clear)

out of the woods and into the clear
we are not ~ yet (pandemic)

♦ An ABC news reader, speaking about a resurgence of COVID, warned, "Another reminder that we are not out of the clear just yet." Surely, she meant, "out of the woods and into the clear."

♦ "You can only go halfway into the darkest forest, then you are coming out the other side." (Chinese.)

danger / obstacles & impedance / survival, persistence & endurance: forest / journeys & trips

clear (unambiguous)

clear
it was not ~ how many would take the advice
it is not ~ if...
it's not ~ how long the warming cycle will last
make it ~ that it was nobody's fault
as many writings of the frontier era make ~
the specific target of the threats was not ~ (terrorism)
dirty air is often blamed, but its role isn't ~ (asthma)
the cause of the blast was not immediately ~

clear to him
what was ~ was invisible to others (native tracker)

clear how
it's not ~ one would deter an attack like 9/11

clear whether
he did not make ~ he supported a timeline or a deadline

clear if
it is not ~ they are using any sterile technique at all

clear directions
the nurse must give ~ (when delegating tasks)

clear evidence
we see ~ that...

clear goal
the decisive use of force with a ~ (military)

clear indication
the results from this testing provided the first ~ of...

clear link
no ~ between thimerosal and autism has been found

clear objectives
establish ~ (warfare)

clear (but unstated) objective
the ~ was to...

clear proof
the company had ~ the drug was dangerous

clear provenance
museums should refuse antiquities without a ~

clear sign
take it as a ~ he's not interested

clear signal
no ~s from the miners had been heard since... (cave-in)

clear strategy
we need a ~ to achieve those goals (Iraq)

clear threat
the town seemed under ~ of destruction (wildfire)

clear warnings
the pilot missed ~ and crashed (airport)

clear warnings
signs should give ~ of the end of the detour (military)

clear directions and instructions
did the nurse give ~

clear guidelines
have ~ on what behavior is not acceptable

clear, concise (m)
the commander issues ~ orders and guidance

clear, concise, and complete
make the text ~ (military message)

clear and consistent
be ~ (disciplining a toddler)

clear and convincing
there is no ~ proof that...

clear and present
experts see a ~ danger (terrorism / Olympics)

clear and thorough
explains information in a ~ manner (nurse assistant)

clear, unambiguous

provide ~ instructions (teachers)

become clear

it has ~ that reversing it will require... (global warming)

make clear

as many writings of the frontier era ~

he did not ~ if he supported a timeline or a deadline

make it clear

~ that it was nobody's fault

made his position clear

he ~

certainty & uncertainty: eye / light & dark

comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark

clear-eyed (adjective)

clear-eyed about the risks

we are ~

consciousness & awareness: eye

clear up (verb)

clear (all) this up

he could ~ by releasing the records (controversy)

amelioration & renewal: light & dark / verb

click (verb)

clicking

the team is ~

functioning: sound / verb

clickbait (noun)

clickbait

~ is being replaced by subscriber bait (paywalls)

~ will be with us always

clickbait headlines

NPR is posting fewer ~ (Elizabeth Jensen / 2017)

clickbait stories

the mandate was writing ~ to pump up traffic for ad revenue

video clickbait

“ripped from the headlines” docs can function as ~

forms of “click bait”

catchy headlines and other ~ (information and warfare)

dismissed the claims as clickbait

McGraw's personal attorney ~

referred to the article as “clickbait”

he ~ (a sports controversy)

♦ ‘Explosive sex’ wins top wildlife photo award (BBC)

♦ Scientists discover clitorises in female snakes (BBC)

♦ Do Dolphins living near Wales have a Welsh accent? (BBC)

♦ Farmer survives crocodile attack by biting back (BBC)

♦ Gorilla Behaves Weird, Then Staff Notices His... (Yahoo)

♦ A Tasty Looking Moon And Sharing Caring Chimpanzees (NPR)

♦ “Hundreds of golden retrievers gather in the Highlands.” (BBC, “Most Watched.”)

♦ “4,000 beagles find their forever families.”

♦ “I’m spoiling my dying dog with hotel stays and steak dinners—it’s like losing a child.” (The New York Post.)

♦ “Airlines hate when you do this (but can’t stop you)!” (Substitute anything for “Airlines.” Tiresome.)

♦ Space sleeping bag to stop squashed eyeball disorder (BBC)

♦ Teachers ‘should not be crawling on ice for money (ABC)

♦ “Want to quickly spot idiots? Here are five foolproof red flags.” (The first foolproof red flag is if you click on this.)

♦ “You’ve been spreading butter wrong your whole life.”

♦ “Have you been pooping wrong your whole life? Doctor reveals ‘hack.’”

♦ “Is your neighbor a serial killer? Beware of these warning signs.”

♦ Canada’s 6,000-year-old ‘Silk Road’ (BBC. The article is about the Nuxalk-Carrier Grease Trail in British Columbia, which is 279 miles long.)

♦ “In the disinformation world, we know that those questioning headlines are just clickbait.” (For example, “Can you have sex while pregnant?” Many pregnancy apps not only spread misinformation but also have the malign intent to make money off of pregnant women.)

♦ “Yet another clickbait title and I fell for it.” (An online commenter reacting to an article about Sydney Sweeney. So did I!)

♦ “Nobody pays any attention to this gibberish outside of media looking for clicks. Which of course worked on me.” (Clicker’s remorse.)

♦ “Ridiculous clickbait. BBC is in the gutter with everyone else.” (An online commenter, about yet another useless article about Manchester United.)

♦ “Extremists and political opportunists trying to get clicks...”

♦ Occasionally, excellent articles and authors are defiled by outlandish clickbait. A good example is “Space telescope records baby star’s first screams” by Jonathan Amos, science correspondent, BBC, November 3, 2023. Amos is a superb science reporter.

♦ To paraphrase the great Sir Edmund Hillary, “It’s all clickbait on the internet these days.” (In 2003, Hillary told the *Guardian*, “It’s all bullshit on Everest these days.”)

♦ see also *chum* (noun)

attraction & repulsion / computer / pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

cliff (glass cliff)

got pushed off a glass cliff

she ~ (set up to fail)

♦ This is a variation of the glass ceiling. It refers to putting a woman or minority in a position of power in a bad organization, in which they are bound to fail.

destruction: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.)

eviction cliff

the bill will prevent them from falling off an ~ (relief)

fiscal cliff

the country is headed off a ~ of runaway spending

on the edge of the cliff

we’re ~, we don’t have much time to back away (diplomacy)

dropped off a cliff

I noticed that sales just ~ (online fake negative reviews)

fell off a cliff

but then demand ~ (poor economy)
 fallen off a cliff
 venture capital investing ~ (low returns)
 fallen off an economic cliff
 we have just ~ (recession)
 going over a cliff
 the economy is ~
 push American off a (fiscal) cliff
 political paralysis may ~
 fall off a cliff tomorrow
 we're not going to ~ in terms of vaccine efficiency
 (mutations)
 ♦ "He has put himself on a one-way road heading toward a cliff and there is no turning back."
 ♦ "Social Media made everyone narcissistic. I feel like the world went off a cliff around 2007/2008." (An online commenter about 4 maternity nurses who got fired for disparaging patients on TikTok.)

decline / destruction / fate, fortune & chance: direction / ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills / verb

climate (work climate, etc.)

climate of cooperation
 a ~ between the media and police
 climate of fear
 there is still a pervasive ~ (Basra under Baath control)
 climate of (growing) hostility
 coming of age in a ~ to immigration
 climate of intimidation
 an election marred by low turnout and a ~
 climate of violence
 a ~ has always run through American politics
 climate of fear and anxiety
 people are living in a ~
 climate of fear and intimidation
 people live in a ~ (Iraq / Baath party)
 climate of backlash
 today in the ~ against bilingual education
 climate review
 Harvard College conducted what it referred to as a "~~"
 Zimbabwe's poisonous political climate
 the report details ~
 command climate
 our ~ surveys measure toxic leadership (military)
 you are accountable for true ~ (military officers)
 investment climate
 the nanotechnology ~ is warming up
 work climate
 a negative ~ is created
 classroom climate

establish a ~ that supports learning
 create a ~ that is accepting, comfortable, and noncompetitive
 revenue-driven climate
 UCLA is in a ~ (coach fired for losing record)
 bitter (political) climate
 the increasingly ~ ahead of elections next summer
 negative (work) climate
 a ~ is created
 new climate
 in this ~ (Black Lives Matter, race, DEI, etc.)
 poisonous (political and rhetorical) climate
 politics suffers from a ~
 political climate
 the increasingly bitter ~ ahead of elections
 a reporter asked him if he was afraid, given the ~
 racial climate
 the ~ in our country today
 social climate
 the ~ is bad there (a black / U-Michigan)
 tense climate
 the ~ following the terrorist attacks
 toxic (command) climate
 he fostered a ~ (military)
 create a (classroom) climate
 ~ that is accepting, comfortable, and noncompetitive
 fostered a (toxic command) climate
 he ~ (military)
 improve (class) climate
 ~ through incentives or rewards (teachers)
 maintain a climate
 we struggle to ~ that meets our expectations (rape in military)
 ♦ "In 2009, Sullivan had become the first Black person to be appointed a faculty dean at Harvard College, and he presided over Winthrop House, an undergraduate residence. Dozens of students protested his defence of [Harvey] Weinstein and called for his resignation as dean. Although a majority of the law-school faculty signed a petition defending Sullivan, Harvard College conducted what it referred to as a 'climate review' of Winthrop House, and on My 23th announced that Sullivan's position as dean would not be renewed, adding that his dismissal was not directly caused by his representation of Weinstein." ("Harvey Weinstein's Last Campaign" by Ken Auletta, *The New Yorker*, June 6, 2022.)
 ♦ A FUNNY CARTOON (that is not so funny, actually). In the *Chicago Tribune*, on August 2, 2012, the Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Dick Locher published a cartoon that relates the weather to the US climate of violence. It shows a TV weatherman, pointing to a weather map of the US with highs and lows. The caption reads, "LIGHT TO MODERATE GUNFIRE WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS OF AUTOMATIC WEAPON FIRE COUPLER WITH INTERMITTENT GUN SALES ACTIVITY AND SCATTERED DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS."
environment: air / atmosphere / weather & climate
feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / weather & climate

climax (noun)

climax

antagonism reached a ~ in 1994 (illegal immigrants)

climax of the Hajj

the Standing on Mount Arafat is the ~

climax of my career

covering Hajj is the ~ (a journalist)

climax of the (religious) festival

Shia pilgrims flocked to Karbala for the ~ (Ashura)

climax of the pilgrimage

the short trek to Mount Arafat, marking the ~

marks the climax

the ceremony ~ of the summer season (battlefield)

nearing a climax

the drama is ~ (who to select as goalkeeper)

reached its climax

partisan politics ~ with the impeachment

development: theater

climb (scale)

climbed a (well-worn) immigrant ladder

Chaudri ~ (dishwasher, cab driver)

way to climb

the people of Africa have a long ~

attainment / progress & lack of progress: direction / mountains & hills / movement / verb

climb (increase)

climbed to 612

as Los Angeles' murder count ~ for the year

climbed to 40 degrees

as the temperature ~

climbed in velocity

the wind suddenly switched in direction and ~ (ship)

climbed 21%

Nokia earnings ~

climbed to \$70

the price of a barrel of oil ~

continued to climb

as gasoline prices ~ last week

continues to climb

the online population ~

started climbing

in the 1980s the numbers of TV deaths in the US ~

earnings climbed

Nokia ~ 21%

increase & decrease: direction / number / verb

climb (roads, etc.)

climbs the (green) slopes

Highway 37 ~ of Haleakala (Hawaii)

route: direction

fictive motion: verb

climb down (verb)

climbed down from his decision

he has ~ to expel US diplomats

climb down from all this

how do you ~ (diplomatic problem)

reversal: direction / verb

climbdown (noun)

climbdown came

the ~ after threats from FIFA (no "OneLove" armbands)

reversal: direction

climber (social climber, etc.)

determined climber

he was a ~ (a young drug lord)

society: person

cling (verb)

cling on

he tried to ~ by offering new elections

cling to the belief

some parents ~ that vaccines cause autism

cling to their faith

the people here ~ (after Uvalde school shooting)

clings to her

it's a deeply embarrassing episode that still ~ today (singer)

cling to hope

families ~ as the search for survivors continues

clung to his innocence

a large minority ~ (guilty verdict)

cling to their own language

in this region of China, where Tibetans ~ (Qinghai)

clings to life

Paret in coma, ~ (Benny Paret / boxing)

clinging to life

he is in the hospital, ~

he is critical and ~ (shot)

clung to the marriage

she ~ for longer than she should have

cling to the past

it's foolish to ~ (an opinion)

clinging to power

how is he ~ (Maduro)

cling to their language and customs
the Berbers in the Kabylia region ~

clung to the hope
some convicts ~ of a last-minute pardon

clung to the traditions
Trinidad has ~ of carnival

clung to the (fading) values
he ~ of honor and omerta (mobster)

attachment / possession: hand / verb

survival, persistence & endurance: hand / verb

clingy (adjective)

possessive and (more) clingy
he got more ~ towards her (abusive relationship)

**feeling, emotion & effect / possession: hand
attachment / character & personality: hand**

cloak (conceal)

cloaks itself in "Christian" values
the party cynically ~

cloak a bully's identity
the Internet can ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing &
accessories / verb**

cloak (under a cloak)

under a cloak of secrecy
she arrived in Yemen ~ (government official)

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing &
accessories**

cloak (in a cloak)

in the cloak of journalism
gossip is dressed ~

in the cloak of reform and patriotism
scoundrels shroud themselves ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing &
accessories**

cloak (cloak of secrecy, etc.)

cloak of legality
judges twisted the law to give a ~ to crimes

cloak of respectability
a deal built on rank expediency needed a ~ (Kenya)

cloak of secrecy
the White House has reaffirmed the ~ (Area 51)
the air force hung a ~ over the mission (X-37B)

cloak for (business-friendly) politicians
reform can provide a ~ to appear respectable

invisibility cloak
Tor's protocol is a kind of digital ~

cover themselves in the (righteous) cloak
they ~ of religion (blasphemy laws)

reformer cloak
he has donned the ~

constitutional cloak
club members wrap themselves in a ~ (men only club)

hung a cloak (of secrecy) over the mission
the air force ~ (X-37B)

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing &
accessories**

cloaked (covered)

mist-cloaked
the dispute centers over the ~ region of Tawang (India)

configuration / cover: clothing & accessories

cloaked (concealed)

cloaked in the mantle
blasphemy laws are ~ of religion

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing &
accessories**

cloak and dagger

cloak and dagger meetings
there were ~ (private business negotiations)

cloak-and-dagger precautions
they took elaborate ~

subterfuge: clothing & accessories / sign, signal, symbol

clobber (verb)

verbally clobber
Rock used his comedy special to ~ Smith for slapping him

accusation & criticism: fist / verb

clobbered (by rain, etc.)

clobbered by (relentless) rain
San Diego has been ~

storm: force

clock (turn back the clock)

turn back the clock
you can't ~ (return to the past)
maybe we can ~ (relationship)
we don't want to ~ (plunging vaccination rates)

turn the clock back
how do you ~ at this point (Gibraltar and sovereignty)

turn back the clock some twenty years
one needs to ~ to understand how... (history)

turn back the clock (about) a hundred years
when we ~...

turn back the clock on aging
a wrinkle cream that promises to ~

turn back the clock on (racial) progress
they accuse him of helping to ~ (a judge)

turn back the clock on voting rights
they are trying to ~ (Supreme Court rejects early voting)

try to turn back the clock
are we going to stay quiet as they ~ (a protest)

past & present / time: clock / direction / verb

clock (types)

body clock
the best way to follow your natural ~

ticking (biological) clock
her pursuit to satisfy the ~

biological clock
jet lag and the ~
her ~ is ticking (motherhood)

reproductive clocks
men's ~ are also ticking as they age (low sperm counts)

time: clock

clock (race with the clock, etc.)

in a race with the clock
we are ~

racing the clock
we are ~ trying to prevent another tragedy (serial bombs)
they were ~, tying up their oyster boat (hurricane)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock

competition / time: clock

clock (clock winds down, etc.)

clock is winding down
the ~ to the strike deadline

clock has run out
now the ~ (Brexit negotiations)

clock runs out
concerns about what happens when the ~ (diplomacy)

time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock

clock (clock is ticking, etc.)

clock in the back of your head
you have this ~ of how much time you can spend (Everest)

ticking clock
he filed the notice to gain the advantage of a ~ (legal)
they are also facing a ~ since... (an investigation)

clock is ticking

and now, the ~ (to a royal wedding)
the ~ (legal decision setting a deadline)

clock is ticking on his benefits
the ~ (unemployed)

clocks are (also) ticking
men's reproductive ~ as they age (decreasing sperm counts)

♦ "The urgency of this moment is clear. The clock is no longer just ticking, it is banging." (Vice President Kamala Harris at COP28.)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock

time: clock

clock (around the clock)

work around the clock
we will ~ to fix the problem

direction: clock

clock (reset the clock)

clock has been reset
the ~ (deadline extended)

time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock

clock (run the clock, etc.)

run out the clock
the strategy is to punt to the courts and ~ (politics)

run the clock down
all the Giants had to do now was ~ (NFL game)

♦ "Do they think they're winning and they just have to not screw it up, and are they running the clock?" (Republican operative Dan Senor on Biden's debate strategy and election campaign.)

action, inaction & delay: clock / football / sports & games / verb

clockwork (noun)

clockwork universe
the metaphor of a ~ (Bishop Nicole d'Oresme)
the ticks and tocks of a ~ (savagery)

understand the (entire) clockwork
now we ~ better than ever before (Polarstern MOSAiC)

operation: mechanism

clog (noun)

clog
such ~s affect users (distributed denial of service)

clog disappeared
highway officials added one lane and the ~ (traffic)

obstacles & impedance: water

clogged

clogged with people
Mexico's courts and jails are ~ like Hurtado
the roads were just ~ (refugees / convoy of tears)

clogged with rubbish

alleyways ~

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

clogged with (cheap Chinese) motorbikes
streets are ~

clogged artery
Boston's ~ (the Central Artery)

clogged roads
he is perturbed by ~ (Seattle)

Mercedes-clogged
we snaked our way through the ~ streets

snow-clogged
a ~ mountain pass
keeping commuters off ~ streets and highways (blizzard)

traffic-clogged
at the intersection of a ~ street

streets are clogged
~ with cheap Chinese motorbikes (Ho Chi Minh City)

obstacles & impedance: water
amount & effect: water

cloister (verb)

cloistered himself in his (hotel) room
he ~ (from reporters)

avoidance & separation / division & connection / isolation
& remoteness / protection & lack of protection: religion /
place / verb

cloistered

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

cloistered place
the Senate chamber is a ~ (the US Capitol)

remain cloistered
the Wakhis ~ in their world of wind and ice

avoidance & separation / division & connection / isolation
& remoteness / protection & lack of protection: religion /
place

close (close to, etc.)

close to losing
I was ~ my temper

proximity: distance

close (future)

close
the deadline is ~

proximity: distance
future / time: distance

close (feeling)

close
we're very close (relationship)

close family
we're such a ~ (ethnic Puerto Rican-American)

keeps memories of her late grandfather close
she ~

♦ "You don't get close to your lieutenants because they're going to die."
(A captain. Heavy combat. The Vietnam War.)

proximity: distance

division & connection / feeling, emotion & effect /
relationship / social interaction: distance / proximity

close (and close-run)

close-run thing
reaching the depots in time was often a ~ (in Antarctica)
that was a pretty ~ (death sentence commuted)
I think it will be a ~ (vote of confidence / Parliament)

nearest-run thing
the ~ you ever saw in your life (Wellington / Waterloo)

fate, fortune & chance: proximity
competition: horse

close call (danger)

close call
I could have died, it was a ~

danger / fate, fortune & chance: proximity

close-minded (adjective)

called his critics close-minded
he ~

mind: container

close shave

close shave
it was a ~ (narrow escape)

♦ "Death is as close as your jugular and as far away as the ends of the earth." (Fate.)

danger: blade / hair / proximity
fate, fortune & chance: blade / hair / proximity

closet (secret)

closet homosexual
some people speculate that Hitler was a ~

closet radical
he is a ~ (accusation of one politician by another)

closet rapist
who would have though he was a ~ (Harvey Weinstein)

family closet
ghosts and phantoms from the ~

in the closet

living ~ brought her pain (a lesbian)

skeleton in the closet
see *skeleton (secret)*

emerging from the closet
more and more gay celebrities are ~

pushed back into the closet
the fear of being erased or ~ (gays in education)

concealment & lack of concealment: house

clothes (the emperor has no clothes)

emperor has no clothes
look, the ~, you got nothing (a consulting firm)
it's been obvious for years now that this ~ (Tottenham FC)

substance & lack of substance: allusion / clothing & accessories

clothes (deception)

dressed in scientific clothes
exploration now had to be ~

appearance & reality / subterfuge: clothing & accessories

clotheslined

get clotheslined
you can ~ by a fence, cable, bar, swing, or a person

failure, accident & impairment: clothing & accessories

cloud (verb)

clouded his judgment
drugs ~

consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud / verb

cloud (cast a cloud)

cloud has been cast
a ~ over much of his work (fabricated data)

oppression: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow
feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow

cloud (under a cloud)

under a cloud
she has left the Olympics ~

under a cloud of suspicion
he lived ~

under a cloud of uncertainty
they continue to work ~

under a legal and ethics cloud
he is ~ because of the affair (politician)

lived under a cloud
he ~ of suspicion

get out from under the cloud

he couldn't ~ of suspicion

feeling, emotion & effect / oppression: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow

cloud (dark cloud, etc.)

cloud
I had a ~ over my head
there is a ~ over the White House

coronavirus storm clouds
given that these ~ have gathered...

dark cloud
there are still ~s on the horizon (economy)

economic cloud
he acknowledged ~s on the horizon

ethical cloud
he left under an ~ (government)

storm clouds
if there are some ~ on the horizon, they could come...

clouds have gathered
given that these coronavirus storm ~...

cloud has been lifted
the ~ over this presidency

cloud (hanging over the President) has been removed
the ~ by this report

♦ "I had a cloud over my head, and I knew that was a cloud that wasn't going to go away." (Problems at work.)

feeling, emotion & effect / oppression: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow

cloud (resemblance)

cloud street
~s can indicate thermals (hang gliding)
~s are rows of cumulous clouds

bat cloud
radar can estimate the number of bats in a ~

resemblance: atmosphere / cloud

cloud (consciousness)

clouds of depression
antidepressants can help part the black ~

part the (black) clouds
antidepressants can help ~ of depression

consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud

cloud (sign)

war clouds
as ~ gathered over the region (Iraqi Freedom)

clouds gathered
but ~ quickly

evidence: atmosphere / cloud

clouded

clouded by drugs
his thinking was ~

clouded in mystery
his past is ~

consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud

cloudy (consciousness)

cloudy with drugs
his mind was ~

consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud

cloudy (certainty)

become cloudy
news can ~ when information is controlled (rumors)

certainty & uncertainty: cloud / light & dark

clout (noun)

clout of financial journalists
the ~ can affect the corporate bottom line

Washington's clout
~ is fading (diplomacy)

economic clout
Boeing has tremendous ~ (economy, jobs, etc.)

global clout
China's ~

immense clout
the business network carried ~ with investors

power: fist / violence

cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.)

cut from different cloth
scientists are not ~ (self-interest)

cut from a different cloth
entrepreneurs are ~

cut from the same cloth
you and he don't seem to be ~ (husband and wife)
he is ~ as Steve Jobs (entrepreneurship)
Hussein, Gaddafi, Assad, Chavez, Kim, they're all ~
you and I, we are ~

character & personality / identity & nature: cloth

taxonomy & classification: cloth

clown (verb)

clowning around
stop ~

behavior: circus / verb

clown (person)

clowns
plane was designed by ~ supervised by monkeys (Boeing)

clown show
the current heavyweight division is a ~ (boxing snark)

class clown
he was the ~, always dancing, singing, and joking
he survived bullies by acting as the ~ (Richard Pryor)

utter clowns
the upper echelons are ~ (Maine State Police)

overrated, overhyped clown
he's an ~ (said by a boxer about another boxer)

clowns are in charge
Tottenham is a circus and the ~ (soccer snark)

♦ "The circus is back in town, might be a new ringmaster but the clowns are still all there." (Manchester United 1-2 Brighton.)

♦ "Tottenham is a circus and the clowns are in charge." (Soccer snark.)

♦ "The upper echelons of the Maine State Police Major Crimes Unit and Command Staff are utter clowns and I wouldn't hire them to manage the morning rush at Dunkin Donuts much less an investigation of this size." (A Facebook post by a veteran local cop about the 48-hour manhunt for mass murderer Robert Card.)

♦ "The heavyweight division used to be the pinnacle of the sport but now it's little more than a travelling circus where the ring masters behind the scenes lift your wallets by putting on a clown show." (Captain Y-Fronts, on BBC's HYS about the Fury-Schwarz fight.)

♦ "Fury is a clown, his days are numbered, the circus is over." (An online commenter about Usyk-Fury.)

♦ "There were dozens of clowns; and on August 22 the Batavia Cricket Club staged a match against the Clown's First Eleven, all of them wearing their circus costumes. The Cricket Club won, handsomely." (John and Anna Wilson's Great World Circus, which arrived in Batavia on July 30, 1883. From *Krakatoa* by Simon Winchester.)

♦ "Everyone involved is a buffoon." (Politics.)

character & personality: circus / person

insult / person: circus

club (noun)

boy's club
see *boys' club* (*boy's club*, *boys club*)

coach (noun)

certified coach
a ~ focused on empowering others (LinkedIn)

Dating Coach
Imad Jbara is a ~ for NYC Wingwoman LLC
New York City ~ Connell "Hitch" Berrett)

parenting coach
Los Angeles ~ Oona Hanson

boundary coach
Kami Orange, ~ (how to set interpersonal boundaries)

brain coach
Jim Kwik, a "~" who sells speedreading workshops

breakup coach

Dr. Andrea Liner, a clinical psychologist and ~
 burnout coach
 I'm a ~, here are tips for a better work-life balance

business success coach
 Dan Pena, a self-styled “~”

career coach
 ~ answers questions about job hunting during pandemic
 ~ shares tips on how to work from home (pandemic)
 Ken Coleman calls himself “America’s ~”
 ~ and resume writer Laura DeCarlo... (on NPR)
 a ~ unlocks the secret to acing your job interview

communication coach
 she’s a speech therapist and ~

dialect coach
 to help Jessie with her accent, she sees a ~
 the acclaimed ~ Joan Washington (acting)

dialogue coach
 Frawley Becker was the ~ on the film
 Brian Peck wasn’t just a ~ to child actors

Executive Coach
 ~ and Learning and Development Consultant (Linkedin)

influencer coach
 ~ Samantha Dixon

lactation coach
 the postnatal resort has massage and ~s (Ahma & Co.)

life coach
 how this ~ gets students into Ivy League schools...
 Alden Cass, a psychologist and ~ (addiction, mental health)

mental health coach
 Lyra Health ~... (Linkedin)
 everyone’s got a ~, a cook, a trainer (a Hollywood film)

Mental Health Coach
 a ~ (Heather)

neurodiversity coach
 Sullivan is a ~ (autistic and agender)
 she’s a 37-year-old ~ (autistic and agender)

performance coach
 FTX’s former in-house ~ George Lerner (Bankman-Fried)
 Andrew Herr, an elite ~ who’s worked with pro athletes
 I’ve got a ~ that works with all the big dogs on Wall Street

relationship coach
 she acted as her fans’ ~, advising them on their heartbreaks

sleep coach
 Camilla Stoddart, a ~, advises smiling (to get back to sleep)

sober coach
 my ~ failed me (an alcoholic)

sobriety coach
 Weinstein sent drafts of his statement to a ~ (sex addiction)

success coach

the self-described “~” (the influencer Andrew Tate)

voice coach
 she still works as a ~ in Manhattan (Atarah Hazzan)

Health & Wellness Coach
 a National Board Certified ~ (Heather)

Leadership and Resilience Coach
 as a ~, she enjoys supporting others (Heather)

financial coach
 new parents get help from a trained ~ (pediatric clinic)

ontological coach
 Valerie Mrak is a certified ~ (Mrakulous Productions)

vocal coach
 her mother worked as a ~ (singing)

♦ “Imad Jbara is a Dating Coach for NYC Wingwoman LLC, a relationship coaching service based in New York City. ‘NYC Wingwoman’ offers matchmaking, wingwoman services, 1-on-1 Coaching, and intensive weekend bootcamps. Imad services 100+ clients, men and women, to improve their dating lives through authentic communication skills. He has a BA in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.”

♦ “Being playful through improv is the secret weapon to becoming a better dater.” (New York City dating coach Connell “Hitch” Barrett, 52, founder of Dating Transformation. Payment plans for every income level.)

♦ “In addition one of Heather’s passions is coaching, and as a National Board Certified Health & Wellness Coach, Mental Health Coach, and Leadership and Resilience Coach, she enjoys supporting others in enhancing their well-being and emotional intelligence to make desired changes in their lives. She is also a Certified Nature and Forest Therapy guide...”

directing: sports & games

coach (verb)

coached her on how to answer
 the sheriff ~ to the FBI

directing: sports & games / verb

clumsy (speech)

clumsy remarks
 her ~ (Jill Biden)

clumsy term
 it’s a very ~ (“systemic racism”)

clumsy words
 I apologize for the anger I caused by my ~

clumsy writer
 at first she was a ~

♦ “The fact that a speechwriter wrote this, thought it was perfect for the first lady and didn’t expect Latinos to take offense says it all.” (Susanne Ramirez Arellano, journalist and cultural critic, NBC Think, July 13, 2022.)

ability & lack of ability: movement

flaws & lack of flaws: speech

speech: functioning

coal (rake somebody over the coals)

rake him over the coals

let's not ~s for a remark he made 30 years ago

punishment & recrimination: fire / verb

speech: fire / verb

coalface (and coal face)

coalface

this is the real ~ that we're dealing with

♦ "It's quite tough sometimes when I have phone calls from players I used to play with and against and they're in a really dark place. There have been a few where we've had to get professional help to their house on a Sunday evening. This is the real coalface that we're dealing with with some of these players." (Former Wales forward Alix Popham about serious brain injury, including early onset dementia and probable CTE, in rugby players. Wales is traditionally known for its coal mines and miners.)

experience / place: mining

coarse (speech)

coarse word

it's a ~ (*asshole*)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

speech: materials & substances

coast (coast is clear)

coast is clear

let's wait 2 weeks until we say the ~ (epidemic)

danger: boat / sea

coast (coast to victory, etc.)

coasted to victory

the team ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: movement / verb

attainment: movement / verb

coast (noun)

third coast

Atlanta is the ~ of rap (vs. LA, NY)

♦ "Atlanta artists and producers were trying to establish the local scene as the 'Third Coast.' / 'We wanted to make y'all eat this Southern fried chicken,' says Breeze. 'Not chicken cordon bleu. Not pineapple chicken.' / So Breeze sat down with the pen. Someone made the West wild, he reasoned. He was going to make the South dirty. Over time Dirty South, not Third Coast, became a banner for artists throughout the region." ("Derivation of Dirty South" by Tony Rehagen, *Atlanta Magazine*, Nov 1, 2012. The *dirty* in Dirty South reflects the *soil* of the South, the red clay, etc.)

♦ "Sometimes called the 'Third Coast' of the US, this place is nowhere near an ocean." (A Microsoft screen picture of Chicago. Search this work for *St. Joseph and Put-in-Bay*.)

center & periphery: ground, terrain & land / sea

cobble together (verb)

cobbled together a living

for a while she ~ acting and waitressing

cobbled together a resume

I ~ and was invited to interview

cobbled together a video

he ~ with claims of an 'amazing cancer cure'

creation & transformation: clothing & accessories / verb

cockroach (noun)

cockroach

he is an autocrat, a "~," despoiling the country (a leader)

insult / violence: animal / insect

cocktail (noun)

cocktail of (psychoactive) drugs

he downs a daily ~ (mental illness)

cocktail of (childlike) qualities

he had this whole ~ (Paul Reubens as Pee-wee Herman)

cocktail of things

it's a ~, it's never one thing (what makes serial killers)

cocktail of ash, acids, aerosols

the cloud, a toxic ~ (pollution / S. Asia)

Disney's cocktail

~ of morality, stereotypes and magic (animated films)

drug cocktail

new ~s make living with HIV a reality

Molotov cocktail

see *Molotov cocktail*

toxic cocktail

the cloud, a ~ of ash, acids, aerosols (S. Asia)

♦ "Phase 4 (of the inquiry) has pulled back the curtain on the decades of the great post office cook-up and coverup. The disdain and dislike of sub-postmasters by the post office and their employees, a refusal to investigate the Horizon system because of what that would reveal, what an awful cocktail. A Molotov cocktail." (A lawyer for a group of the sub-postmasters. See the Wikipedia entry, "British Post Office Scandal.")

mixture: alcohol / bird / food & drink

cocoon (verb)

"cocoon" in their homes

they were asked to ~ (elderly in Ireland during pandemic)

♦ "Wordplay games force introverted men to de-cocoon." (A New York City dating coach.)

avoidance & separation / division & connection / isolation

& remoteness / protection & lack of protection: insect / verb

cocoon (isolation)

cocoon of high expectations

it was a ~ and harsh discipline (black school)

cocoon of seclusion

she maintains a ~ through the burqa (in public / Afghan)

cocoon of sorrow, rage and despair

he began to emerge from the ~ that had enveloped him

digital cocoon

she gets lost in her ~

ideological "cocoon"

the digital age makes it easy to spend your time in ~

security cocoon

he was wrapped in a tight ~ (president)

spiritual cocoon

I was in a ~ (a nun in her pre-social justice period)

emerge from the cocoon

he began to ~ of sorrow, rage and despair

peel away the (thick) cocoon

I started to ~ I had built around my life (gay comes out)

avoidance & separation / division & connection / isolation & remoteness / protection & lack of protection: insect

cocoon (resemblance)

cocoon of air bags

it bounced down in a ~ (Mars "Spirit")

resemblance: insect

cocooned

cocooned in (protective) boxes

three of the volumes, ~... (T.S. Eliot Foundation)

cocooned in privilege

a metropolitan elite ~ (Great Britain)

cocooned in a (dignified) silence

the stadium is now ~ (memorial to dead fans)

avoidance & separation / division & connection / isolation & remoteness / protection & lack of protection: insect

coffer (noun)

campaign coffers

she'll have to replenish her ~ quickly

money: container / sign, signal, symbol

coffin (death / actual)

coffin or the suitcase

it is the choice between the ~ (Algerian Civil War)

♦ "Suitcase or prison." The headline of a Le Monde article, on why Algerian human-rights campaigners feel impelled to emigrate. From an article in *The Economist*, November 19 2022.)

death & life: sign, signal, symbol

coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.)

coffin of the Voting Rights Act

the case could put the final nail in the ~

standards coffin

the nails went into the ~ when... (education)

Razor Ruddock's (career) coffin

Tommy Morrison put the final nail in ~ (boxing)

nail in the coffin of the party

the immigration issue will be the final ~

final nail in the coffin

that was the ~

nail in the coffin came

the ~ when the army dropped him (a leader)

coffin isn't nailed shut

the ~ on her possible return to the series (tennis)

driven "a big nail in the Coffin

Grant thought his victory had ~ of rebellion" (Chattanooga)

put the (final) nail in the coffin

he ~ when he... (sports victory)

♦ "I think that was the final nail in the coffin... that the church could no longer offer to subsidize these schools. But that was just the final straw..." (Decline of Catholic schools.)

♦ "I realize I'm in the crosshairs of the woke mob right now, so before the final nail gets put in my cancel culture casket, I'd like to set the record straight..." (The NFL's Aaron Rodgers, throwing three perfect on-target spirals of alliteration.)

♦ "David Denby in *New York* magazine was just one of the many critics who hammered their own personal nails into the coffin." ("Al Pacino looks sallow and exhausted..." From *Al Pacino: A Life On The Wire* by Andrew Yule.)

destruction / fate, fortune & chance: burial

cog (cog in the machine, etc.)

cog

Evans was a ~ (one of thousands of government workers)

cogs in that machine

he creates a machine and the players are just ~ (ten Hag)

cog in the (Norwegian pedagogical) machine

he thinks of himself as a ~

cogs of a (bloodthirsty) war machine

making soldiers into the interchangeable ~

cog in a (vast, capitalist) machine

everyone was just a ~, it was brutal (1930s Hollywood)

cog in the machinery

he was a fossilized bureaucrat, a ~ for decades

important cog

I had always felt I was an ~ in the medical machine

interchangeable cogs

making soldiers into the ~ of a bloodthirsty war machine

vital cog

Reynolds remains a ~ in the Joshua operation (boxing)

♦ Alice Evans was just a cog, a "mote among drab-seeming thousands...only a cow bacteriologist buried away in the U.S. Department of Agriculture... nothing more than a pleasant-looking girl bacteriologist, anonymous among insignificant boy and girl microbe hunters...destined to no famous end...plodding...her specialization...Ford-factoryish." (And yet, she made an important contribution to science. From *Men Against Death* (1932) by Paul De Kruif.)

♦ "On the playing field of medicine, with all its established positions and specialized players, I felt increasingly like the man from the moon, the man playing left-out. Nobody dwelled on what it was like to be in my shoes, they were merely thankful that they were not. / This was a new situation for me. I had always felt I was an important cog in the medical machine. An underpaid cog, perhaps, but still part of the team..." (*My Own Country: A Doctor's Story* by the remarkable Abraham Verghese, who selflessly took care of HIV-AIDS patients in the U.S. in the 1990s. Kerala, southern India, is famous for exporting such exceptional people. In Verghese's case, it was via Ethiopia.)

♦ see also *machine* (*publicity machine, etc.*)

functioning / importance & significance / operation:
mechanism

cognitive dissonance

cognitive dissonance

~ was not pathology, it was policy (US in Afghanistan)
the ~ was exhausting (inability to reconcile before, after)

♦ "I distinctly remember the NFL game between the Vikings and the Green Bay Packers was on the TV the whole time. It's just so American, [our] capacity for cognitive dissonance. If it's something that we love, we can look past the evils because we love it." (Reid Forgrave, author of *Love Zac*, interviewing the family of Zac Easter. Zac, age 24, shot himself in the chest and donated his brain to science. A football player, he was diagnosed with CTE.)

♦ "I guess we all deal with cognitive dissonance in sports in our own way." ("The cognitive dissonance of Fox's NFL Theme Song, 'Injury Version'" at hillmansburger.com.)

♦ "In the memoir, the juxtaposition of their testimonies with Newman's self-analysis produces a sort of cognitive dissonance." (The actor Paul Newman said he was nothing special. Others said differently. From "Becoming Paul Newman" by Louis Menand, *The New Yorker*, October 24, 2022.)

♦ "But when a reader who knows Laxness only from 'Independent People' encounters his contemporaneous political writing, in which mere human beings seem to count for nothing compared with the success of the socialist project, the cognitive dissonance is enough to crash the operating system of the brain." ("A Rower on the Open Sea: The rediscovery of Halldor Laxness" by Salvatore Scibona, *The New Yorker*, July 11 & 18, 2022.)

♦ "this is a perfect example of the zeitgeist of cognitive dissonance permeating our devolving society." (An online commenter about "NJ transgender woman transferred from women's only prison after impregnating 2 inmates, report says" by Stephen Sorace, Fox News, July 17, 2022.)

♦ "A man who spent decades in prison before starting a new chapter as a high-profile advocate for criminal justice reform has been arrested and charged in the brutal murder and dismemberment of a Bronx man. / Sheldon Johnson, 48, was arrested..." ("Formerly incarcerated advocate for NYC criminal justice reform arrested for murder" by Zoe Sottile, Sabrina Souza and Mark Morales, CNN, March 8, 2024. Prior to his arrest, he had spoken of his "journey through the criminal justice system" on the Joe Rogan Show, where he had described himself as "a product of intergenerational incarceration." On his *LinkedIn* profile, he claims to be a co-founder of the group Formerly Incarcerated Citizens Against Recidivism (FICAR), which is "geared toward dismantling recidivism and stemming the pipeline of mass incarceration.")

♦ Foreign supporters of groups who commit atrocities are often unable or unwilling to believe that the side they support could commit atrocities and deny they ever took place. The cognitive dissonance is too great.

♦ Didn't expect it, doesn't compute...

♦ OLD: What! I can't believe it...! / NEW: cognitive dissonance...

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, which is tagged as "social psychology."

disruption / feeling, emotion & effect: music / sound

contempo-speak: language

coin (verb)

coined the term

he ~ ("virtual reality")

creation & transformation: money / verb

coin (side of a coin)

two sides of the same coin

obesity and hunger are ~ (nutrition)
affluence and poverty should not be ~

relationship: money

coin (double-sided coin)

double-sided coin

it's a ~ (trust can help or hurt you)

relationship: money

coined

coined in the early 1980s

the term "serial killer" was only ~

coined in the early 1990s

the acronym, ~, is pedagogical vapor (STEM)

creation & transformation: money

cold (feeling)

cold feeling

a ~ just came over me

cold and hard

administrators can seem ~ (high school)

cold and impersonal

the big city can be ~

cold and calculating

she is ~

emotionally cold

I'm pretty much ~ (a marine)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

character & personality: temperature

cold (in the cold)

left out in the cold

the West will be ~ (by Russian diplomacy)

leave (excellent) workers out in the cold

requirements for degrees ~

acceptance & rejection / dismissal, removal & resignation:

society

isolation & remoteness / society: ground, terrain & land

cold (cold case, etc.)

cold case

~s can rip open the wounds of the past

gone cold

his trail had ~ (crime)

went cold

the case ~ for a decade (murder solved by DNA)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: temperature

activity: temperature

coldblooded (and cold-blooded)

cold-blooded one

it was a "one-off incident," a hot-blooded crime, not a ~

seemed as coldblooded

Biden ~ as Nixon (Afghanistan / Vietnam withdrawal)

character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

cold feet

cold feet

the Saudi leaders were getting ~
she got ~ (bride-to-be who disappeared)

cold feet about testifying

he was getting ~

getting cold feet

he was ~ about testifying

got cold feet

he ~ (a reporter's source)

eagerness & reluctance: foot / temperature

coldhearted (adjective)

coldhearted person

she is a ~

coldhearted or cowardly

their decision was not ~ (climbers)

heart: temperature

empathy & lack of empathy: heart / temperature

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / temperature

coldly

coldly dismissed

she was ~ by the all-male institutions (explorer)

watched coldly

diplomats ~ as the family was dragged away

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

empathy & lack of empathy: temperature

cold shoulder

cold shoulder from members

I received the ~

received the cold shoulder

I ~ from the members of the group

gave the cold shoulder to the Russians

Georgia let the US help and ~

♦ Some say this refers to offering a visitor a cold shoulder of meat, as opposed to a more hospitable hot meal. This must have been before the invention of the microwave.

acceptance & rejection: temperature

cold war

cold civil war

America is in a state of ~ (black vs. white history)

cold war and zero-sum

the bill is full of ~ thinking (Chinese criticism of US)

tech cold war

this ~ matters (US vs. Huawei and 5G network)

long-running cold war

a ~ between news and opinion (at Fox News)

♦ "It is neither a cold nor hot war, in those terms' traditional sense. It is a simmering war that sometimes boils over and other times remains warm." (Alan Dershowitz and Andrew Stein. From "Enough with the Band-Aids, Biden—we need to stop Iran now," *The New York Post*, Jan. 17, 2024.)

conflict: allusion / history / temperature

collapse (verb)

collapsed mentally and physically

Cherry-Garrard had ~ (in Antarctica)

destruction: infrastructure / ruins / verb

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / ruins / verb

collapse (noun)

collapse

the system will reform itself or face its own ~

collapse of the (oil) boom

but with the ~

collapse of communism

since the ~ in 1991

collapse of the (cod) fishery

the ~

collapse of the (Iraqi) government

the situation could lead to the ~

collapse of (stock) prices

with the ~ (Silicon Valley)

collapse of talks

the ~ between... (two companies)

collapse of Taliban rule

since the ~ (Afghanistan)

collapse in their self-esteem

men who experienced a near ~ (financial crisis)

company's collapse

an internal probe into the ~ shows...

colony collapse (m)

a new bee problem, called ~ disorder (honeybees)

price collapse

because of the ~ of commodities (sub-Saharan Africa)

catastrophic collapse

secrecy can make a system prone to ~

economic collapse

engulfed Russia (following fall of communism)

prone to (catastrophic) collapse

secrecy can make a system ~

on the brink of collapse

the government is ~ (Northern Ireland)
 on the edge of collapse
 the air travel network teeters ~ (Unfriendly Skies)
 on the verge of collapse
 the provincial government is ~ (Iraq)
 probe into the (company's) collapse
 an internal ~ shows...
 collapse engulfed Russia
 economic ~ (following fall of communism)
 faced collapse
 the company asked for government intervention as it ~
 lead to the collapse
 the situation could ~ of the Iraqi government
destruction: infrastructure / ruins / verb
failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / ruins / verb
collateral damage (noun)

collateral damage
 we don't want to talk about the ~ he has done (behavior)
 collateral damage in trade wars
 farmers are tired of being ~
 collateral damage of (pandemic-era) measures
 considering the ~ (kid's education, mental health, etc.)
 collateral damage of the pandemic
 mental health has been the ~ (CEO of CVS Health)
 collateral damage on the Swiss financial market
 the bankruptcy of Credit Suisse would have had a huge ~
 acceptable collateral damage
 the white poor were ~ (see quote below)
 cultural collateral damage
 the ~ was felt at the orchestra (tour cancelled)

♦ "Many of the devices the southern states used to do so (to disenfranchise emancipated Blacks)—poll taxes, literacy tests—disenfranchised poor whites as well. (It was not the first or last time that the white elite would see the white poor as acceptable collateral damage in the fight for white supremacy.) ("The Next Reconstruction" by Adam Serwer, *The Atlantic*, October 2020. View his Wikipedia entry, "Adam Serwer.")

♦ "Her ambition was voracious and it brooked no interference. If there was collateral damage on her way to riches and fame, so be it." (*Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup* by John Carreyrou. The final two sentences of the Epilogue.)

♦ "Brady just happened to be the blowback. He got caught up in the blowback, Skip, the collateral damage, that's what Brady is. And so, it was a blast radius. He dropped the bomb, 'I got BA [Bruce Arians], I got the Tampa medical staff, I got...' and Tom Brady and Guerrero, they got caught up in that, Skip, the blast radius." (Shannon Sharpe talking with Skip Bayless on their great sports show "Undisputed" about the Antonio Brown controversy of January 2022.)

♦ "Parents and the left are in an all-out war, and the kids are collateral damage" by Andrea Peyser, Opinion, *New York Post*, August 21, 2022.)

♦ "I think we do forget that, and that was something I was really at pains to try and look at, the collateral damage, the wives, the children, the friendships that gradually get destroyed, the teaching jobs, all sorts of things." (Olivia Lang speaking about her book *The Trip To Echo Spring*. Her book is about six great American writers who struggled with alcoholism: Hemingway; Fitzgerald; John Cheever; John Berryman;

Tennessee Williams; and Raymond Carver. Truman Capote might have been included, also the great American poet and writer James Dickey.)

♦ "War sounds dramatic, but that's what it feels like, being caught in the middle of, and my business is collateral damage." (An English businesswoman losing orders and facing complaints due to industrial action by postal workers.)

♦ In a report about the rescue of a failing bank, the words "collateral damage," "contagion," and "domino effect" were all used.

***** war, conflict, the military**

♦ "The mission received reports...of a strikingly high percentage of patients with severed legs... The amputations mostly occurred at waist height in children, generally lower in adults... Where the amputation took place, the flesh was cauterized... The patients... had no shrapnel wounds... The Mission understands such injuries to be compatible with the impact of DIME weapons." (From the Goldstone Report on Israel's "Operation Cast Lead" in Gaza in late 2008 and early 2009. DIME weapons are a focused blast explosive full of a dense inert metal like tungsten. They were developed by the US Air Force to minimize collateral damage.)

♦ "When the elephants fight, the grass gets trampled."

destruction: military / ruins

collide (verb)

collide with (ancient) traditions
 modern mores often ~ (Africa)

generations collide
 when ~ at work (boomers / Gen X)

conflict: crashes & collisions / verb

collision (noun)

collision between the human and animal world
 the bear's death highlights the ~

collision of cultures
 the dispute was a result of a ~ (temple bell vs. condo)

collision of (all these different) cultures
 it was a ~ (1930s Shanghai)

conflict: crashes & collisions

collocation (language)

NOUN plus verb

heart started like beating
 so my ~ (college coed about home invasion / thudding?)

marriage formed
 the ~ a few years ago (*was brokered / was consummated*)

NOUN plus preposition

accusations of her
 we had been hearing terrible ~ for decades (*about?*)

attention on this
 there's a lot of ~ (*about?*)

battle of social media
 we're fighting a ~ (*with?*)

NOUN plus adjective

high amount
 a ~ of kids... (wrong on at least two levels)

high odds

the ~ against her (*long odds?*)

VERB plus noun

making a party

we are ~ (South Florida / *having, holding, throwing?*)

make the steps

I was finally able to ~ (*take the steps?* / Trans)

VERB plus preposition

arrived to

when officers ~ the 12th floor (*arrived at?*)

when we ~ Black Star Square in Ghana...

exhausted many Americans of medicine

the pandemic has ~ (David Wallace-Wells / *sounds wrong*)

fasting from

~ food and drink (*abstaining?* / Black academic)

punched from

I was ~ a random man on the street (*by?*)

say on it

there's nothing I can ~ (*say about it?*)

steer clear from

~ him (*steer clear of him?*)

talked down upon

I see a lot of women being ~ (*to?*)

teased him of

some Swifties ~ his "dad" moves (Jaclyn Hendricks)

VERB plus adjective

sound big

now, you might think five hours, that doesn't ~ (*long?*)

ADJECTIVE plus preposition

bored of

and then the otter got ~ me and... (a surfer / *with?*)

capable to

~ (*capable of?*)

consistent of

injuries ~ a fall from NYC high-rise (*from? with?*)

exhausted at

I'm so ~ these white folk (*by? with? tired of?*)

excited for

the extra level of protection, that's what we're ~ (*about?*)

excited of

they were so ~ my return (Chicago to Guinea Bissau)

intent to

those who are ~ attacking (*on?*)

respectful of

it means being ~ your parents (*to?*)

PREPOSITION plus noun (prepositional phrase)

at a rapid pace

he was losing blood ~ (*rate?* / an "eggcorn"?)

in military bases

Afghans are living ~ (*on / at?*)

on accident

he knocked her phone out of her hand ~ (*by accident*)

I found out about her ~ (NYT bestseller Ariel Lawhon)

on chance

for a seminar ~ she reads *Nadja* (Jennifer Wilson / NYT)

on Walmart

we see you ~, we're gonna stop and talk to you (*at?*)

on Camp 2

tents are pitched ~ (*at?* / photo caption / Mount Everest)

on their homes

assess the damage ~ (*damage to?* / NPR's Leila Fadel)

in the end of the day

so, ~ I guess... (*at the end of the day?*)

in a (2004 Suzuki) motorcycle

Collins, ~... (*on a motorcycle*)

in a later time

I will take any and all questions ~ (*at?*)

nearby of

when the stars were ~ one another (*near one another?*)

amid low visibility

jet crashed while approaching airport ~ (*in?*)

on shallow water

he was ~ (reporter meant *in* / report of a downing)

on another hand

but, ~, there is still... (*on the other hand?*)

into sunbathers

cicadas were falling from the sky ~ (*onto?*)

PREPOSITION plus adverb

on tomorrow

we will have a staff meeting ~

on today

a heavy airstrike ~ (AP / NBC) (MSM / *astonishing*)

mangled cliches

beats to his own drum

he ~ (*marches to the beat of his own drum*)

adding fire to the fuel

I'm just ~ (*adding fuel to the fire*)

close the wagons

we're seeing them ~ (*circle the wagons*)

expression of speech

it was an ~ (*figure of speech*)

rocket surgeon

he's not a ~ (*rocket scientist / brain surgeon*)

pit in my stomach

I feel that same ~ (feeling in the pit of my stomach)

- ♦ “The marriage between crypto and sports *formed* a few years ago and has only strengthened since...” sounds odd to me. Marriages don’t ordinarily “form” in the sense that ice forms, for instance. “Consummated” might be more natural. A marriage *can* certainly strengthen, though.
- ♦ “The lawsuit alleges that the women felt uneasy by Langford.”
- ♦ “Atlanta man arrested *on* after arriving to hospital with gunshot wounds.” (The *New York Post*.)
- ♦ “Kyler is his own individual. He’s his own person, he beats to his own drum.” (One NFL player about his quarterback. Presumably, “marches to the beat of his own drum.”)
- ♦ “I’m just adding fire to the fuel.” (NFL player Ja’Marr Chase, denigrating another team.)
- ♦ “We’re seeing them close the wagon so to speak...” (Michele Steele, ESPN, on NPR. Presumably, “circle the wagons.”)
- ♦ “It was an expression of speech.” (Instead of “a figure of speech.” “Crazy Plane Lady” Tiffany Gomas about her viral American Airlines meltdown: “That motherf-ker is not real.”)
- ♦ “He’s not a rocket surgeon.” (A comment about an athlete’s intelligence. Heard on the sports radio show the Sportsocracy, “your daily dose of dumbassery.” Conflates “rocket scientist” and “brain surgeon.” Funny!)
- ♦ “I feel that same pit in my stomach as so many of you today do.” (Governor Jared Polis of Colorado, expressing grief after a mass shooting at a gay bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This usage is becoming increasingly common. Is it an eggcorn?)
- ♦ “From Carlin he headed south in a zigzag on rough dirt roads, avoiding cops and people, feeling the pit in his gut grow.” (“The Machine Breaker: Inside the mind of an ‘ecoterrorist’” by Christopher Ketcham, *Harper’s Magazine*, November, 2023.)
- ♦ “When we arrived to Black Star Square in Ghana...” (Attributed to Rashad Robinson, the president of the racial-justice advocacy group Color of Change. Quoted in the article “In Search of Kamala Harris” by Astead W. Herndon, *The New York Times Magazine*, October 22, 2023.)
- ♦ “Eli Manning has veered from the chorus on the turf vs. grass debate... Manning... zagged to the other side.”
- ♦ “The incident happened in the popular bar-strewn area of Milan called Navigli.” “Strewn” sounds odd to me.
- ♦ “So you know how to *take* the reservation, you just don’t know how to *hold* the reservation, and that’s really the most important part of the *reservation*.” (“I Know Why We Have Reservations—Seinfeld. Comedy based on collocation. Funny!)
- ♦ In the audio, the speaker in Crossville, Tennessee says, “We see you *on [italics mine]* Walmart, we’re gonna stop and talk to you...” But the transcript reads, “We see you *at [italics mine]* Walmart...” (“MIT, Yale, and other elite colleges are finally reaching out to rural students,” NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, January 7, 2023.)

*** analysis

- ♦ “If you’re hanging out in South Florida, you might hear someone say that they are making a party instead of throwing a party. Or that they are getting down from the car instead of getting out of one. You might find these expressions just a little odd but researchers say these adaptive phrases, translated word for word from Spanish, are part of a new dialect of English.” (“A new South Florida dialect is forming in real time,” Ayesha Rascoe, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, June 18, 2023. It’s possible that this is not simply first-language interference but is being picked up by second generation immigrants and even being acquired by larger speech communities e.g. the general public. Similar story: “New dialect known as ‘Miami English’ appearing in Florida, linguists say—here’s what it sounds like” by David Landsel, *The New York Post*, Feb. 2, 2024.)
- ♦ *On* today, *on* yesterday, *on* tomorrow... (The website “Pain in the English: Proofreading on Demand” at painintheenglish.com has a wonderful article about this entitled “On Tomorrow.” The online commenters say everything there is to say about the usage.)
- ♦ This sort of language has many possible explanations.

language: collocation

Colonel Blimp

Colonel Blimp-ish figure
in person, Fisher cuts a ~...

- ♦ The cartoon appeared in 1934.

allusion: books & reading
character & personality: allusion / history
military: sign, signal, symbol
colonial (groups)

colonial record keeping
paper documentation or ~ (a birth certificate)

colonial retaliation
help protect Palestinians from “~”

colonial violence
he condemned Harvard for welcoming agents of ~
feigning indigenous identity is a form of ~ (pretendians)

hurtful, ignorant, colonial—and racist
the accusations are ~ (about Buffy Sainte-Marie)

settler-colonial
the website claims Zionism is a racist ~ ideology

- ♦ “He condemned Harvard for welcoming agents of colonial violence.” (Josh Willcox of Harvard’s Palestine Solidarity Committee, 2023.)
- ♦ “Buffy is our family. We chose her and she chose us. We claim her as a member of our family and all of our family members are from the Piapot First Nation. To us, that holds far more weight than any paper documentation or colonial record keeping ever could.” (“Statement from the Piapot Family” about Buffy Sainte-Marie.)

inclusion & exclusion: possession
colonialism (data, etc.)

carbon colonialism
to some environmentalists, the mangrove project is ‘~’

data colonialism
this is called ~ (zero-rating WhatsApp)

digital colonialism
the company engages in “~” (WhatsApp)

control & lack of control / possession / taking & removing:
ground, terrain & land

colonialism (groups)

#86colonialism
a black T-shirt that read ‘~’ on the back

Zionist Colonialism
~ in Palestine (by Fayez A. Sayegh)

- ♦ “Bearstail, like the rest of the staff, wore a black T-shirt that read ‘#86colonialism’ on the back. Eighty-six, in kitchen slang, indicates that a dish is sold out. A month earlier, Bearstail, who is a member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, in North Dakota, had moved from Fargo to Minneapolis to work at Owamni. His previous job was at a Red Lobster. ‘Sometimes I have to pinch myself,’ he said.” (“Tribe To Table: A Minneapolis restaurant reconceives Indigenous cuisine” by Carlynn Kormann, *The New Yorker*, September 19, 2022.)
- ♦ “They think we’re supporting genocide, we’re supporting colonialism. They know the keywords but they don’t really know what they mean.” (A Jewish merchant.)

♦ “Colonialism itself is a taking—it is about taking resources, land, culture and language and children. Now, it’s taking identity.” (Crystal Fafard, a lawyer from Yellow Quill First Nation in Canada, speaking about pretendians.)

inclusion & exclusion: possession

colonialization (groups)

form of colonialization

he called poverty in Kenya a “new ~” (Pope Francis)

♦ Older people think of colonialization in terms of history—the *actual* colonialization of Africa and Asia, etc., particularly in the 19th century—not of anything connected to the 21st century.

inclusion & exclusion: possession

colonization (groups)

colonization of beauty

reflect on the ~ and reconsider the Eurocentric beauty ideals

colonization of one’s self and one’s sex

actively carrying out the ~ (“pick me” girls)

colonization weapon

asexual reproduction is the ticks’ ‘~’

sex colonization

the pathology of ~ (sociologist Kathleen Barry)

ideological colonizations

gender ideology, today, is one of the most dangerous ~

♦ “The thing about colonization is this: It is predicated upon gaslighting everyone, both those colonized and those colonizing, into a mental prison which maintains colonization is best and the colonizer is superior. After colonization, after the colonizer has left, the colonizer is still a part of us; our cultures have become a new thing.” (“Within A Legacy Of Colonization, ‘Postcolonial Love Poem’ Empowers Native Voice” by Hope Wabuke, NPR, Book Reviews, March 6, 2020. Wabuke reviews *Postcolonial Love Poem* by Natalie Diaz.)

♦ “Being uncomfortable with the human body is colonisation / brainwashing. It’s just a body. We all got em.” (Zoe Kravitz, about the revealing Saint Laurent crystal mesh dress she wore to the 2021 Met Gala. Presumably she is referencing the missionaries who clothed indigenous peoples in places like Tahiti, etc.)

♦ “Beware of the new ideological colonization that tries to destroy the family. It’s not born of the dream that we have from God and prayer—it comes from outside and that’s why I call it a colonization.” (“Pope Warns Of ‘Ideological Colonization’; Praises Catholics in Caucasus” by Rebecca Hersher, October 2, 2016. Pope Francis opposed rich countries foisting gender theory, contraception and gay marriage on poorer countries in return for development aid.)

♦ The government is allowing the Islamic colonization of Western Europe.” (The mass murderer Anders Behring Breivik.)

*** **nature**

♦ “Asexual reproduction is the ticks’ ‘secret colonization weapon.’” (The Asian longhorned tick, which is spreading in the United States.)

inclusion & exclusion: possession

colonize (take)

colonize Chatwin into the gay world

she felt a gay biographer might ~ (Bruce Chatwin’s widow)

colonized my medicine cabinet with her hygiene products

I discovered that she had ~...

colonized nearly every other genre

Marvel, meanwhile, has ~ (M.C.U. / including comedy)

colonized (nearly every academic) discipline

leftists have ~ (U.S. universities)

♦ “It’s just that I’m half-English and sometimes the English in me colonizes everything else.” (“Is it really offensive to say ‘the French?’” by Arwa Mahdawi, Opinion, *The Guardian*, 30 Jan 2023. Funny!)

♦ “Kathy Hochul colonizing Long Island with housing order, NY GOP pols say” by Zach Williams, *New York Post*, Feb 3, 2023. The article is about Governor Kathy Hochul’s “imperial-like” plan to increase Nassau County’s density and turn the county into New York City’s ‘sixth borough.’”

♦ I guess I knew it wouldn’t work out when I discovered that she had colonized my medicine cabinet with her feminine hygiene products...

control & lack of control: verb

taking & removing: verb

possession: verb

hyperbole: verb

colonize (groups)

colonized and sacrificed

Some Okinawans feel that Japan and the U.S. have ~ them

♦ “I was in the Tatte Bakery & café... In the back behind the stairs there is a small space with a few chairs and a couch. Since there was no space large enough for the 8 people in the group I said, ‘let’s colonize this area’ indicating that we should take the available seats and expand as people left. My colleagues from Harvard were aghast... I have training in microbiology, they were political. I thought it was funny, they thought I should be more careful.” (The online commenter “Some Dude” in *The Harvard Crimson*.)

♦ “One falsehood begets another and another in the line of succession, until the father of them all shall have colonized his whole progeny upon the congenial soil of this new Dark Continent.” (“COLUMBUS” by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ see also *decolonize (verb)*

inclusion & exclusion: possession / verb

colonized

colonized

British English has been ~ (by American English)

colonized country

I too come from a ~ (Melissa Barrera, pro-Palestinian)

colonized takes

~ on indigenous ingredients (restaurant politics)

oppressed and colonized

the way they were ~ by the British (Ireland)

a collective feeling of sorrow to having been ~ (Korean)

♦ “In August, Siebert left Owamni. Some employees felt that she hadn’t been the right fit—that she pushed specials featuring colonized takes on Indigenous ingredients. ‘I do have a European background in cooking, but so does Sean,’ Siebert said. ‘He taught himself how to decolonize his own food, and I was still in the process of that.’ Soon afterward, a bartender was fired, in part for drinking on the clock...” (“Tribe To Table: A Minneapolis restaurant reconceives Indigenous cuisine” by Carolyn Kormann, *The New Yorker*, September 19, 2022.)

♦ “I too come from a colonized country” (The pro-Palestinian Mexican actress Melissa Barrera. Mexico achieved its independence from Spain in 1821. By way of comparison, the United States achieved its independence from Great Britain in 1783.)

inclusion & exclusion: possession

colonizer (groups)

colonizer

resistance against the ~s (Israel-Hamas war)
Christopher Columbus was a ~

colonizer's influence

one cannot fully eradicate the ~ (Hope Wabuke)

♦ "The kids haven't read anything longer than a TikTok. They know everything by way of buzzwords. They learn these words like 'colonizer...'" (The comedian Bill Maher, speaking to John Cleese on the former's podcast, *Club Random*.)

*** nature

♦ "Thoughtline": How rats became one of Earth's most successful mammalian colonizers" by Lawrence Wu, NPR, Morning Edition, April 26, 2022.)

inclusion & exclusion: possession

color (verb)

color the residents (of the Gulf Coast) unimpressed
~ by the government reaction to the disaster

colors his perspective

he is a wealthy small businessman, and that ~

colors his thoughts

his negativism ~

colors his views

his vegetarianism ~ of certain countries

perception, perspective & point of view: picture / verb

color (color outside the lines, etc.)

color outside the lines

back then, you could ~ (boxing marketing)

constraint & lack of constraint: color / line / picture / verb

color (communities of color, etc.)

colors

all races, creeds and ~ have racists in their groups

color barrier

Jackie Robinson broke the ~ (baseball)

activists of color

vegan ~

authors of color

some ~ write historical romance about people of color

children of color

the mental health crisis among American ~

communities of color

failing water systems in ~ (Flint MI, Jackson MS, etc.)

promote financial literacy amongst ~

~ are overpoliced

create spaces for artists, especially LGBTQIA ~

consumers of color

corporations sell Juneteenth branded products to ~

deals with Black celebrities expand their ~

dancers of color

Alvin Ailey and ~

farmers of color

~ are still waiting on billions in debt relief

girls of color

four young ~...

identities of color

Rachel Dolezal claimed "~" with...

immigrants of color

NPR's new series featuring ~

kids of color

anxiety and depression among ~ surging

neighborhoods of color

'pharmacy deserts' are common in Chicago ~

owners of color

there are few ~ in the NFL

people of color

satisfaction surveys don't track how well hospitals treat ~

~ crying out for help has [sic] always been ignored...

missing person cases involving ~

~ are more likely to be killed by police

this is not a safe space for ~ (sorority disbands)

misidentifying ~ in majority white spaces (work, media)

the creator reclaims the genre space for ~ (a horror film)

a less than welcoming place for ~ (NPR)

you do start to see other ~ as rivals rather than as allies

person of color

'Dr. Who' casts a ~ in the main role (Ncuti Gatwa)

NASA can't put the first ~ on the moon until 2025

mall shooting revives talk of what attracts a ~ to extremism

Professionals of Color

TESOL ~: Past, Present, Future (TESOL 2023)

skin of color

dermatologists advancing better care for ~

students of color

the pandemic widened the education gap for ~

welcome and safe space to ~ (high schools)

a peer mental health program for ~ (Well Being In Color)

voters of color

to build support among ~... (politics)

women of color

criminalization of pregnancy and ~

few ~ are pilots

4 NPR hosts quit last year, 3 were ~

Womxn of Color

she won WWU's ~ Empowerment Faculty Award

workers of color

~ are disproportionately affected

youth of color

the generational cycle of incarceration and ~

skin color

white ~ equals entitlement and privilege

- ♦ “To weaponize a panel of Black bodies of color to do your filth is insane. This is insane And this is how institutional white supremacy works.” (Chaedria LaBouvier, calling out a Guggenheim Museum panel during a Q&A. From “The Scapegoat” by Helen Lewis, *The Atlantic*, November 2022. “Weaponize.” “Black bodies.” “Of color.” “Institutional white supremacy.”)
- ♦ “some of the most racist people I’ve met or known have been of color.” (An online commenter.)
- ♦ “He had to deal with being the only young person of color in Narcotics Anonymous meetings.”
- ♦ “How do I become something I don’t see?” From this simple question, The Delta Project was born. The Delta Project exists to break the generational cycle of incarceration by reconnecting youth of color and their families to community relationships through mentorship, coaching and storytelling. Help young men see what they can become. Take action. thedeltaproject.co/action. (A full-page advertisement for The Delta Project in *The Atlantic*.)
- ♦ “People of color at ‘New York Times’ get lower ratings in job reviews, union say,” by David Folkenflik, NPR, August 23, 2022.
- ♦ “Absolutely, So we have our community going missing at an alarming rate. Typically, when families are going to law enforcement, their cases are often dismissed. Our children are classified as runaways and runaways does [sic] not meet the criteria to initiate an Amber Alert. And when it’s adults, oftentimes their disappearance is associated with some sort of criminal activity. And it really dehumanizes and desensitizes the fact that these are valuable members of our community.” (“Ebony Alert” legislation could help address racial disparity in missing persons cases, advocates say” by ABC News, May 3, 2023.)
- ♦ “Look, I mean voters of color don’t talk about voters of color. Who the hell lives in communities of color? The people I know live in neighborhoods. Right, so there’s this whole you know sort of rhetorical lexicon the left of the Democratic party has become obsessed with and insists on using. Which basically just alienates normie voters, including normie non-white voters. I mean, we have people in and around the Democratic Party talking about how all white people have white privilege, and how this is a white supremacist society, and so on, and I just don’t think this is the way people think about the world, including you know normie non-white voters.” (The political scientist Ruy Teixeira. From “Hispanic and minority voters are increasingly shifting to the Republican party,” NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, July 23, 2022.)
- ♦ “I don’t know of a single person that thinks of themselves as a ‘person of color.’ I really don’t...” (James Carville, sounding honestly regretful on “Conversations with Bill Kristol.”)
- ♦ “‘People of color’? What an incredibly ignorant and offensive thing to say. Just exactly who are the people you believe do NOT have a color? There are none... Ditch the racist rhetoric. America deserves better, and you should KNOW better.” (An online commenter.)
- ♦ “White, Black, brown, yellow, red, we all bleed red.” (The military.)

inclusion & exclusion: color

colored

colored by their relationship

countries’ views are ~ with Iran (on an issue)

perception, perspective & point of view: picture

colorful (language)

colorful language

we learned and delighted in ~ (New York City)

I apologize for my ~ (expletives)

speech: color

colorful (politician, etc.)

colorful history

Eagles fans have a ~ (Philadelphia)

colorful language

we learned and delighted in ~ (New York City)

colorful (British) politician

the ~ Boris Johnson

character & personality: color

colorism (groups)

colorism

how ~ haunts *In The Heights* (Lin-Manuel Miranda film)

~ within U.S. Latino and Latin American culture

she recalls experiencing racism and ~ growing up

Thandiwe Newton opened up about ~ in the film industry

the anti-Blackness and ~ that’s common among Latinos

Other People’s Skin highlights ~ in the Black community

colorism in the (Black) community

Other People’s Skin highlights ~ (a book)

colorism and racism

~ exist among Latinos from every country

anti-Blackness and colorism

the ~ that’s common among Latinos

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection / color

colors (true colors, etc.)

true colors

he didn’t show his ~ until after the wedding (abusive)

peoples’ true colors

hardships often bring out ~

showed his true colors

he ~ with his shameful, dishonest attacks on a great man

he ~ by walking out on his team with five minutes left

♦ “His true colours have come out once again, he just can’t help himself, can he.” (A BBC HYS comment about Anthony Joshua’s bizarre post-fight antics following his second loss to Oleksandr Usyk.)

♦ “We weren’t trying to indulge in provocation. We have a lot of respect for the haka. But by nailing our flags to the mast, we wanted to show how proud we were of wearing our country’s colours.” (French rugby captain Rafael Ibanez after his team stood toe to toe with the All Blacks as they did the Haka prior to their quarter-final of the 2007 Rugby World Cup. The game, played in Cardiff, Wales, ended 20-18. See SUPER Haka! New Zealand vs France, Rugby World Cup 2007.)

♦ “At 10:30 p.m., the decks of both ships are a scene of ‘carnage, wreck and ruin,’ in Jones’s words. Captain Pearson strikes his colors. It is an act of utter humiliation, for Pearson had been so intent on not surrendering that he had personally nailed the flag to the rail so that it would become a permanent part of his ship.../ ‘If you have struck, haul down your ensign,’ [Commodore John Paul Jones] barks at Pearson. / Pearson rips down the flag, its fabric tearing loudly as it separates from the nails holding it in place. / The *Serapis* is boarded.” (*Killing England* by Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard.)

♦ “Captain Pearson was now under the necessity, which must ever prove painful and humiliating to a British seaman, of ordering the colors to be struck, on which the firing ceased; and with his first lieutenant he was escorted on board *Le Bon Homme Richard*, where he was received with the courtesy his courage merited, by the famous Paul Jones. / The frigate which had also engaged the *Serapis* was the *Alliance*, 40 guns and 300 men; so every way the contest had been most unequal...” (*British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant, “Flamborough Head, 1779.” The account goes on to say, “Upon Captain Pearson’s return to England, His Majesty conferred upon him the honour of knighthood...” Whereas, John Paul Jones “was permitted to close an adventurous and extraordinary life in obscurity and penury, at Paris, in 1792.”)

♦ "Bearing on, the fleet came to anchor in the recent scene of Nelson's glory, the Bay of Aboukir...; the fleet consisted of 175 sail of all kinds. / Broken and squally weather rendered the attempt to land impracticable for a week; and in the meantime a French frigate, which, by capturing some British ships, had become acquainted with our private signals, and daringly accompanied the expedition as if she formed part of it, suddenly shot ahead of the fleet, and, hoisting the tricolour, ran safely into the harbour of Alexandria, with a reinforcement for General Menou." ("Alexandria, 1801" from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

♦ "Duncan Gordon Boyes, Royal Navy, Midshipman of Her Majesty's Ship *Euryalus*... He carried a Colour with the leading company, kept it in advance of all, in the face of the thickest fire, his colour-sergeants having fallen, one mortally, the other dangerously wounded...The Colour he carried was six times pierced by musket balls." (From the citation, in the *London Gazette*, for Boyes' Victoria Cross, for his actions at Shimonoseki, Japan, in 1864. Born in Cheltenham, Glos., England, Boyes joined the Royal Navy at the age of 14. He received his VC at the age of 17. Later, he was kicked out of the navy for ill-discipline and went to New Zealand. Suffering from depression and alcoholism, he committed suicide at the age of 22.)

♦ "These colors don't run." (A T-shirt with an American flag.)

identity & nature: flags & banners

colossal (adjective)

colossal (national) disaster
the situation is a ~ (nuclear-power-plant failure)

colossal failure
it was a ~

colossal misunderstanding
the message led to a ~

colossal problem
we have ~s

**size: allusion / statue
amount & effect: size**

colossus (noun)

colossus
Weir was a ~, what an inspiration (Scottish Rugby)

Antarctic colossus
the ~ is melting at a rapid rate (Thwaites Glacier)

business colossus
the rise and fall of a ~ (Carlos Ghosn)

trading colossus
the East India Company was a ~

♦ A colossus was a gigantic statue. The Colossus of Rhodes was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

size: allusion / statue

importance & significance: allusion / size / statue

Columbus (Chinese Columbus, etc.)

Chinese Columbus
but Cheng Ho, the ~, had no successors (isolation)

found its Columbus
in Dr. Schliemann the science of classical antiquity ~

♦ "Ali never doubted that his victory against Sonny Liston in Miami was legitimate and repeatable. 'In Miami I was Columbus,' he would say. 'I was traveling to the unknown. I had to be cautious because I didn't know what to expect. Now I know.'" (*King of the World* by David Remnick.)

history / searching & discovery: epithet

comatose (adjective)

comatose
"~, " the term for servers using energy but doing no work

comatose demeanor
his ~ at a G-7 meeting generated criticism

comatose state
the system is in a ~ (healthcare in Zimbabwe)

politically comatose
they pronounced him ~ (a politician who later revived)

**activity / condition & status / consciousness & awareness /
functioning: health & medicine / mechanism / sleep**

comb (verb)

combed the area on hands and knees
police ~

combed the foothills in a (futile) search
they ~ for the girl

comb (former) battlegrounds for artifacts
hobbyists ~ (Civil War buffs)

combed the (city's famed) canals for bombs
authorities ~ (Venice)

combing the roadsides for evidence
volunteers were ~ (murderers)

combed the slope for signs
Anker ~ of his missing friends (avalanche)

comb (Arabian) Desert for suspects
unmanned US planes ~

comb the seas for bluefin tuna
fishermen from New Zealand to Libya ~

comb through (decades-old) cases
detectives are beginning to ~, hoping...

comb through (international travel) records
analysts began to ~ (terrorism)

combed (abandoned) buildings
police ~ (for missing woman)

combed the school
the Jackson County Health Department ~ (rash)

combed the region
police ~

combed the countryside
volunteers ~, on A.T.V.'s and on horseback (for girl)

combed the foothills
they ~ in a futile search for the girl

searching & discovery: hair / verb

combat (verb)

combat the disease

he ordered a broad mobilization to ~ (SARS / China)

combat (street) homelessness

it remains the principal tool to ~ (supportive housing)

combat boredom and tension

they play Monopoly to ~ (soldiers / Iraq)

tool to combat

it remains the principal ~ street homelessness (supportive housing)

conflict: military / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

combat (noun)

political combat

he relished ~ (a politician)

waging (political) combat

he has been ~ with Democrats (politics)

♦ "In our social media age, disagreement can feel like combat." (A cultural critic.)

♦ "Fear and filth went hand in hand." (*With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa* by E. B. Sledge.)

conflict: military

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

combative (adjective)

combative moments

this triggered several ~ today (a House hearing)

got combative

he was apologetic but he also ~ at times (at a hearing)

conflict / feeling, emotion & effect: military

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

comparison & contrast: affix

combustible (adjective)

combustible (recent Carter) interview

perhaps the most ~ aired over the weekend

initiation / speech: fire / temperature

come (winter is coming, etc.)

coming

the future is ~, whether we like it or not

a time is ~ when all will suffer under the terror...

coming our way

a new kind of war is ~

come again

it's a time and style that will not ~ (Mississippi steamboats)

came around

I didn't get to sleep that night till the morning ~

comes around

when the anniversary ~ every year (9/11)

coming up

a big week is ~ (politics)

coming next

what is ~ is using machine learning (medicine)

come and go

see *come and go* (time)

good days are coming

the worst part is behind us, we are seeing a new dawn, ~

♦ "Every year, we know it's coming, the birds sing differently..." (Kay Oxendine, a member of the Haliwa Saponi Tribe in North Carolina, about the spring powwow season.)

♦ "About the year, my folks would say, "This year," or "next year," but I couldn't discover what they meant. I used to wonder what it meant, when they said, "A year." Sometimes they would say, "One year," or "Two years," and sometimes, "Many years." I wondered what a year was, and where it was. I used to think, "It must be around here." But I couldn't see it. I always thought that the year must have arms and legs and a head. It must have a body like an animal. I used to wish that I could see it when it came around. But I never saw the year." (*Old Man Hat, A Navaho Autobiography*.)

future / time: direction / movement / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement / verb

come (a time comes along)

came a time

then ~ when the meat supply ceased...

came along

nobody saw a virus until the electron microscope ~

comes along

just when things are improving, this new crisis ~

Knott came along

before ~, fishermen caught lobsters the same way...

psychoanalysis came along

until ~, the accepted antidote to hysteria was rest

time came

when the ~, Russian industrialization turned the tide of the war

♦ "Like most creatures of the Wild, the grey cub early experienced famine. There came a time when not only did the meat-supply cease, but the milk no longer came from his mother's breast." (*White Fang* by Jack London.)

past & present / time: direction / movement / verb

come (come before / at an earlier time)

came before me

I am very thankful for the women who ~ and helped...

past & present / time: direction / movement / verb

come (come after / at a later time)

come after me

I hope the women who ~ will get more chances to succeed

future / time: direction / movement / verb

come (occur, develop)

come

it should not have ~ as a complete surprise (oil bust)
with Empire had ~ immense problems of security (UK)

come along

see *come along* (*appearance*)

came in the evening

the phone call ~

came with the airing

the final straw ~ of *The Shop*

came with a (heavy) price

fame ~

comes every year

influenza is an old enemy, one that ~

♦ "It seemed like there was light at the end of the tunnel, and then the Delta variant came along, the Omicron variant came along..."

appearance & disappearance / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / development / occurrence / relationship: direction / movement / verb

come (come a long way)

come a long way

we have ~ (a business)
we have ~, but we have much further to go
we have ~, but not far enough
we've ~, when I first got here, this team wasn't where it is

come a long way in race relations

we have ~, but we keep going backwards

come a long way since the 1990s

Kosovo has ~

come a long way from its (humble) beginnings

the company has ~

come a long way in four decades

the sport has ~

♦ "We were very poised, we stayed together, we knew we could do it. We've come a long way; when I first got here, this team wasn't where it is." (Jaylyn Sherrod about her team's basketball win over the defending national champion LSU Tigers.)

development / progress & lack of progress: distance / journeys & trips / movement

come (to come)

to come

more hearings are ~

yet to come

there are changes ~ (global warming)
it does make you wonder what is ~ (politics)
the best is ~

sure to come

change is ~

decades to come

we are left with this legacy for ~

future to come

they are waiting for the ~, but it's already here

generations to come

these issues will affect ~
what we do will echo through ~ (2020 election)

months to come

there will be ups and downs in the ~

more (Inside Edition) to come

there is ~

things to come

this is a sign of ~

past, present, and to come

other artists ~...

future / time: direction / movement

come (for a time to come)

for years to come

the problem will occupy botanists ~

for decades to come

he may last ~ (a leader)

for centuries to come

shrinking coastlines will be the new normal ~

future: direction / movement

come (see something coming)

saw it coming

see *see* (*see something coming*)

come (come out swinging)

came out swinging

the president ~
she ~ against her critics

came out swinging hard

Ramaswamy ~ (in a political debate)

accusation & criticism / conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat / speech: boxing

come after (and come for)

coming after our children

they are ~ (culture wars)

come after your guns

everybody's trying to ~ (gun control)

come after their studios next

we're going to ~ (a demonstrator)

come after you

if you speak up, the immigration system will ~ (an activist)

coming for you

we're ~, the party is over (cops versus gang)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

come along (appearance)

came along

and when the war ~, they went South (West Pointers)

come along very often

opportunities like this don't ~ (quite job for a better one)

appearance & disappearance: movement / verb

come and go (currency)

come and go

trendy eateries ~

fashion trends ~ (normcore)

come and gone

technological fads have ~ in schools

I admire AJ but his time has ~, my money is on Usyk

came and went

other American intelligence warnings ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / movement / verb

come and go (time)

came and went

four more years ~ (murder investigation)

come and gone

the years have ~ (old family photos)

year has come and gone

a ~ since we heard the news about Billy Joe...

2021 has come and gone

well, ~

future / past & present / time: movement / verb

come away with (verb)

came away with

the message I ~ is that...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

come back (to bite, haunt, etc.)

come back

I never thought it would ~ again (convicted of cold case)

come back to haunt

what you do on the computer can ~ (queries)

come back to bite the president

a lot of that conduct and those words may ~

come back to bite us

this will ~ (no test to get driving license)

come back to haunt the Ethiopians

such tactics may ~ (torture / rebels)

come back to haunt you

gossip can ~

♦ "Be careful about sharing intimate gossip in a party situation—you may find it comes back to haunt you..."

reversal: animal / teeth / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: verb

judgment: verb

come back (resiliency)

came back to level it

the defending champions ~ (Olympic basketball)

come back stronger

I'm going to ~ than ever

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: direction / movement / verb

come back (from extinction, etc.)

coming back

the Atlantic cod is ~ after strict catch limits

appearance & disappearance / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: direction / movement / verb

comeback (noun)

comeback kid

he's not the ~, he's Lazarus (a politician)

comeback trail

they are on the ~ after serious injuries (skiers)

the genre is on the ~ (hard rock music)

spark for his comeback

the rivalry was the ~ (a rapper)

made a comeback

he ~

♦ Turning setback to comeback...

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: direction

come down on (verb)

came down (hard) on his critics

President Trump ~

accusation & criticism: direction / verb

oppression: direction / verb

come down to (verb)

comes down to greed

a lot of this just ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation / bases: direction / verb

come forward (verb)

came forward

dozens of women ~ and said... (sex abuse)

come forward

she decided to ~, despite the publicity (accusation)
police have appealed for any witnesses to ~

come forward with allegations

4,000+ people have ~ of sexual assault (Australia)

appearance & disappearance: direction / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / verb

come from (origin)

come from

where does his temper ~ (a politician)

comes from dishonesty

nothing good ever ~

♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (An Arab proverb.)

origin / product / relationship: verb

come from (analysis)

come from

where did all this ~ (stigmas and stereotypes)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: journey & trips / verb

come from (emotion)

coming from

he understood where their anger was ~ (an official)

I just want people to understand where you're ~ (mom died)

feeling, emotion & effect: place / verb

come out (verb)

coming out

people ask why I'm ~ now (male on male historical abuse)
now the truth is ~ (an expose that was quashed)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / verb

come out (as nonmonogamous, etc.)

came out

when I ~ I was mainly nervous (Meta VR advertisement)

when I ~, there was a lot of really negative reaction

when I ~ it was kind of unsafe for me (Meta VR ad)

comes out as nonmonogamous

Georgia lawmaker ~

♦ "Bakhtiar said that too often stories like theirs will come out 'in a scandal.' / 'But we're openly showing it and proud of it,' Bakhtiar, 34, said during a video interview, as Brown and Al-Khayyal sat on either side. 'It should be destigmatized. It's a very valid familial structure that people should embrace.'" ("Georgia lawmaker comes out as nonmonogamous: 'I'm in love with two wonderful people'" by Jo Yurcaba, NBC, Sept. 28, 2022.)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology / verb

come out (against something)

come out against anti-Semitic tropes

we felt the need to ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: movement / verb

comer (up-and-comer, etc.)

up and comer

I know he's an ~ so... (Ray Mancini about Connor Benn)

up-and-comers

there's a long list of ~ bringing fresh sounds to the city

up-and-comer from Chattanooga

in 2013, Rashad was still a relatively unknown ~

up-and-comer artist

~ Gemma Laurence (sapphic folk music / w/w)

Republican up-and-comer

from Texas underdog to ~ (Ted Cruz / politics)

♦ See *up-and-coming (and up and coming), arrive (attainment)*

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / movement

come to (come to an answer, etc.)

come to

what decision did they ~

came to his decision

he asked for an assessment and that's how he ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / movement / verb

come to (development)

come to mean

"gaslight" has ~ a type of psychological manipulation

came to a head

it all ~ in December (conflict)

come to a (prickly) stalemate

the debate has ~ (prescription v. description / language)

coming to

impeachment is crazy, what is this ~ (politics)

development: movement / verb

come through (verb)

still came through

Italy was not at its best but it ~ (a Euro 2020 game)

came through for people

I ~ (the great Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini / Youngstown)

obstacles & impedance / success & failure / survival & perseverance: journeys & trips

come up (appear)

come up

that's an option that has ~

appearance & disappearance: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

come up with (discovery)

come up with nothing

they have dug through and ~ (investigation)

searching & discovery: direction / ground, terrain & land / verb

come up on (a date, etc.)

coming up on a new trial

he is ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement future / time: direction / movement / verb

coming (in the coming months, etc.)

in the coming months

a series of reports is expected ~

in the coming years

such events will become more frequent ~ (droughts)

future / time: direction / movement

coming out (party, etc.)

coming out party

this was his ~ to set up big money (Brit boxer fights in US)

experience: love, courtship & marriage / sex

come with (and come along with / attachment)

comes with being

her poems involve the cultural baggage that ~

come with its territory

his book avoids the pitfalls that ~ (a biography)

come along with that

there are questions that ~ (athlete's drug-taking)

come with the sudden wealth

leeches ~ (pro athletes)

attachment / relationship: journeys & trips / movement / verb

comfort food (noun)

nostalgia comfort food

consumers are demanding ~ (popular culture, film, TV, etc.)

♦ (1) "You crave it." (A Native American on the delight of fry bread.) (2) "Fry bread is found on dinner tables, at lunch stands, at powwows and festivals all across Indian country." (3) "At the powwow you are sure to find / everybody's in that proud proud red line." (For fry bread. From the song, "Fry Bread line" by the Jim Boyd band.) (4) "Fry Bread Power." (Message on a T-shirt.)

♦ "The only people who don't like poutine are people on a diet. It's the first thing you want when you go back, a real late-night post-drinking thing." (Siobhan O'Connor, on the "gloppy, caloric layering of French fries, fresh cheese curds and gravy that is Canada's junk-food shame.")

♦ "A tall, middle-aged woman of distinctly Soviet aspect sternly paced the kitchen, cross-examining the staff on their preparations. Then she came across a glass of *toplennoe moloko*, milk that has sat in a hot *pech* [a traditional peasant oven] for several hours until it is the color of *crème*

brûlée and has the faintest suggestion of caramel. She drank it down in a few long gulps. 'Oh, that is so good,' she said, closing her eyes and wiping off the milk mustache with the back of her wrist. 'That's the taste of childhood.'" ("The Borscht Belt, Rediscovering Russia's lost culinary heritage" by Julia Ioffe, *The New Yorker*, April 16, 2012.)

♦ Do you have a favorite comfort food that you eat when you are sad, weak, sick, hungover, homesick, cold, or want to take your mind off your troubles?

consumption / feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink

command (deserve and get)

commands (an annual) rent

the space ~ of \$800 a square foot

commands respect

she ~ (a veteran teacher)

commands the highest prices

sweet crude ~... (oil)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: speech / verb

fictive communication: speech / verb

common denominator

common denominator

music is a ~ (vs. class, race, ability)

division & connection: number

commodity (noun)

commodity

in Hollywood, sex was a ~ (Harvey Weinstein's lawyer)

most precious commodity

time was now Scott's ~, and time was running out

questionable commodity

for all his talent, he is still a ~ (athlete)

scarcest commodities

time is one of your ~ (owners of small businesses)

limited and precious commodity

time is a ~

treat virginity as a commodity

men should not ~

worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture

consumption / product: farming & agriculture

community (groups)

communities of color

failing water systems in ~ (Flint MI, Jackson MS, etc.)

promote financial literacy amongst ~

~ are overpoliced

create spaces for artists, especially LGTBQIA ~

communities of victimhood

NPR seeks to perpetuate ~

community of women and gender-expansive folks

there's a ~ who believe you and love you

community standards

“Libs of TikTok” violated ~ (on Facebook)

community and sympathy
I found ~ online (gender dysphoria)

racially marginalized communities
people from poor, immigrant, and ~

Black community
I used it in the way it’s used in the ~ (Lizzo about “spaz”)
~s face the brunt of the carnage (illegal drug overdoses)
~s are not a monolith

black community
the black body, the black family, the ~, the black nation

Latino community
what the shooting in Uvalde has meant for the ~ (NPR)
host more mental health conversations in the ~

Latinx community
within Black communities, within ~s

queer community
Muna (the band) represents all things joyful in the ~

indigenous community
this is a ‘death warrant’ for ~s (COVID policy)

mental health community
the plan was a big deal in the ~ (mobile units, etc.)

furry community
the ~ still endures negative stereotypes (cosplay / fetish)

remarkable and resilient community
this ~ (Dr. Sharon E. Roberts about “furrries” / cosplay)

LGBT community
suicide prevention in the ~

LGBTQ+ community
Kendrick Lamar’s new song divides the ~

in community
people who are not ~ with us (LGBTQ+)
be ~ with us (Jules Gill-Peterson, John Hopkins)

colorism in the (Black) community
Other People’s Skin highlights ~ (a book)

platform and an audience and a community
building a ~ on Twitter

create a (sense of) community
~ for our LGBTQ+ employees and allies (SV Bank)

divides the (LGBTQ+) community
“Kendrick Lamar’s new song ‘Auntie Diaries’ ~” (NPR)

empower the (Deaf) community
she hopes her appearance can ~ (Raven Sutton)

♦ “To raise funds for trans communities, an artist has pledged to do 1,000 pansy tattoos.” (The tattoo artist Cedre Csillagi. They call their project “A Thousand Pansies.” To get the tattoo, participants must donate \$500 to a designated charity. From “To raise funds for trans communities, an artist has pledged to do 1,000 pansy tattoos” by Halisia Hubbard, NPR, Culture, Nov. 25, 2022.)

♦ “For me, there were so many Trans people who were not in the history books. Many trans people that people who are not in community with us will never know about.” (Angelica Ross, actress & activist, she/her.)

♦ “You know, when we talk about our children—I know for this group, we all believe that when we talk about the children of the community, they are a children of the community.” (Vice President Kamala Harris / word salad.)

♦ “Blackline is a hotline geared towards the Black, Black LGBTQ+, brown Native, and Muslim communities.”

♦ “My belief is that we should be centering the voices and the experiences of the most marginalized people and communities at all times. So when I think about what fat liberation looks like to me, I think about centering the voices of those who live in and who maneuver through spaces and institutions in a fat body.” (Zyahna Bryant, activist, who has partnered with the soap and beauty company Dove to promote fat liberation, or size freedom.)

♦ “While regrettable instances do happen in the sex-positive community, we have very specific rules and procedures put in place to keep safety in the forefront.” (New York City’s Hacienda sex club, responding to a number of complaints.)

♦ “Look, I mean voters of color don’t talk about voters of color. Who the hell lives in communities of color? The people I know live in neighborhoods. Right, so there’s this whole you know sort of rhetorical lexicon the left of the Democratic party has become obsessed with and insists on using. Which basically just alienates normie voters, including normie non-white voters. I mean, we have people in and around the Democratic Party talking about how all white people have white privilege, and how this is a white supremacist society, and so on, and I just don’t think this is the way people think about the world, including you know normie non-white voters.” (The political scientist Ruy Teixeira. From “Hispanic and minority voters are increasingly shifting to the Republican party,” NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, July 23, 2022.)

♦ “At a time when there are calls for greater scrutiny of the police, today’s developments will be viewed with concern by *some communities* [italics mine].” (BBC Six O’Clock News, 24/09/2023. The “Shooting of Chris Kaba.”)

♦ “There were a lot of people saying, it’s best just to leave this particular issue alone. I got told I was *bringing the community down* [italics mine] by talking about these issues, and they didn’t want me to talk about this or raise these issues.” (Mohammed Shafiq, Ramadhan Foundation. From *The Betrayed Girls: The Rochdale Scandal—2017 Documentary*. See also the Wikipedia entry, “Rochdale child sex abuse ring.” Also, “The heroes who helped bring down the Rochdale grooming gangs” by Frankie Elliott, *Daily Mail*, 16 January 2024. See also the report, “Independent assurance review of the effectiveness of multi-agency responses to child sexual exploitation in Greater Manchester, Part Three, The review into Operation Span and the investigation of non-recent child sexual exploitation in Rochdale” by Malcolm Newsam CBE and Gary Ridgway, January 2024.)

♦ “The crowd rose to its feet—but it felt more like an act of politeness. Unlike in Orlando, where the audience was at rapt attention, the version of Harris in Boston more resembled the version I saw in Munich. It served as a reminder that Black communities are not a monolith and that their assumed kinship to Harris—or to the Democratic Party—cannot be taken for granted.” (“In Search of Kamala Harris” by Astead W. Herndon, *The New York Times Magazine*, October 22, 2023.)

♦ “‘Community’ is one of those words that have been hijacked and ruined, like ‘preferred,’ ‘appropriation’ and ‘equity,’ among others.” (“Sorry, progressives: There is no ‘trans community’” by Rich Lowry, Opinion, *The New York Post*, April 3, 2023. “Preferred” is not entered in this work, but presumably it refers to collocations such as “preferred pronouns” and “preferred gender identity,” and “preferred words” as determined by NPR, the AP Style Guide, universities, etc.)

♦ “[O]bscure ‘experts’ who purport to speak for vaguely defined ‘communities’...” (“The Moral Case Against Euphemism” by George Packer, *The Atlantic*, April 2023.)

♦ “Texas mall shooting revives talk of what attracts a person of color to extremism,” NPR, Morning Edition, May 12, 2023.

*** analysis

♦ “There are all sorts of Black people, we are not monolithic.” (NPR’s Ayesha Rascoe.)

♦ “‘Black America’ is a ridiculous abstraction.” (The linguist John McWhorter.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

companion (noun)

companion of time

change is a constant ~ (said by a diplomat)

companion to a (bewitching) city

for me, the book was a perfect ~ (Kaplan / Kim / Lahore)

companion for 105 days

the wind was a pretty constant ~ (Antarctica)

constant companion

exhaustion is a ~ (work at nursing homes)

cruelty is their ~ (untouchables / India)

constant companions

thirst and hunger were their ~

modern life and ancient traditions are ~ (Bangkok)

a camera and tape recorder were his ~ (a filmmaker)

near companion

death was always a ~ (diseases / British Raj)

turns a poem into a companion

memorization ~ (Billy Collins)

♦ "It's a respected companion." (Fear. See the Wikipedia entry for "Hilaree Nelson.")

relationship: person

compass (within / outside the compass)

within the compass of that subpoena

if there are papers that are ~

♦ "Keep within compass and you shall be sure to avoid many troubles which others endure." (An illustration of a virtuous woman, inside the legs of a compass. The compass is not a nautical one, but the one used to inscribe a circle, the drawing tool. The idea is that correct behavior is circumscribed by precise boundaries.)

♦ "Slowly, her world was becoming more circumscribed." (Friends and mentors die, etc. She becomes more and more isolated from the larger world.)

extent & scope: boundary / tools & technology

compass (moral compass)

moral compass

a friend with a stronger ~ (told police of crime)

so many are intelligent, with decent ~s (teens / dating)

~ can point you in the right direction

his own inner moral compass

he had lost sight of ~

strong moral compass

her proper, small-town upbringing had given her a ~

compass was (badly) askew

there's no question that her moral ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

compass had shifted

the moral ~ 180 degrees (seduction is abuse)

compass went off course

tell us about a time your moral ~

lacks a moral compass

he is a menacing creature who ~ (a dictator)

lose their moral compass

they are so mired in bad fortune they ~

♦ "The world's MORAL COMPASSES have become DEMAGNITIZED thus producing an UNSTABLE society that is LOST and RUNNING AMOK." (Karan Prather on the Breitbart website about the latest school shooting. Possibly one metaphor too far...)

♦ "Clearly in this case, his moral compass doesn't matter. And as much as I believe he's amazing and a good person, even if he weren't, that does not matter because..." (Mr Jefferson Bosela, who quit his job to assume the role of family spokesman, about the "Shooting of Chris Kaba.")

♦ "[B]oth Mr. Riach and the captain were singularly patient. I could not but fancy they were making up lee-way with their consciences, and that they would scarce have been so good with me if they had not been worse with Ransome." (*Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson.)

***** analysis**

♦ The metaphor of a compass is a very trendy cliché in writing and speaking nowadays, and it is obvious that almost everyone utilizing the word has never needed, owned or used one. The compass doesn't waver, the compass *needle* does. The compass doesn't go off course, the *user* of the compass does. What in the world does it mean to "realign" a compass "once wires get crossed," or to be "tuned in to" your moral compass, as though the compass were a radio? Is there really a compass or something like it *inside* us? Are compasses ordinarily distinguishable as "strong" or "weak"? How can a compass "waver off true north" when its sole job is to *indicate* north! Read or listen to "Resetting Your Moral Compass After An 'Ethical Slip,'" NPR, Talk of the Nation, April 8, 2013.

behavior / direction: tools & technology

compass (other)

trusted her own compass

Williams has always ~ (the actor Michelle Williams)

behavior / direction: tools & technology

competence (metaphoric competence, etc.)

competence-based

~ education (CBE)

~ programs define learning in terms of specific skills

communicative competence

grammar, vocabulary and ~ (language education)

cultural competence

medical schools don't focus on ~ (healthcare)

the need for greater diversity and ~ (in education)

metaphoric competence

"The development of a ~" (Regina Gutierrez Perez / Regina Gutiérrez Pérez)

pragmatic competence

the ability to understand a speaker's intended meaning is ~

social competence

students with "~ deficits" (autism, etc.)

♦ See "The development of a metaphoric competence" by Regina Gutierrez Perez / Regina Gutiérrez Pérez, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla.

♦ "Knowing something about the fights—being good with your hands, or maintaining an opinion about the welterweight division or fixed bouts or how to beat a southpaw—was a very common piece of equipment in the

tool box of American cultural competence, especially the section of it devoted to masculinity." (Carlo Rotella, quoted in "'Money' And 'Canelo' Punch It Out For Black And Latino Fans" by Gautham Nagesh, NPR, Code Switch, September 13, 2013.)

- ♦ "Beware, Monsieur, of the memory of the illiterate man!" ("The Bull That Thought" by Rudyard Kipling.)
- ♦ "Ability has no school." (Turkey.)
- ♦ "Time teaches more than books." (*Po but siklos bersentar sar ilentar / Roma.*)
- ♦ "A whale-ship was my Yale College and my Harvard." (*Moby Dick* by Herman Melville.)
- ♦ "The Eskimos were right!" (An excited scientist in a helicopter in 1994, noticing a bow whale swimming with a group of beluga whales. This is but one example of traditional ecological knowledge.)
- ♦ "*The New York Times* has zero cultural competency." (Alyson Krueger / Travis Kelce invented the "fade" haircut. Funny!)
- ♦ compare with *literacy* (noun), *literate* (adjective), *illiterate* (adjective)

ability & lack of ability: school & education

complex (euphemism / adjective)

complex (football) culture

Australia's ~ (lesbians)

complex (rock-and-roll) icon

the ~ (Little Richard, *I Am Everything*)

complex life

the ~ of Leonard Bernstein (married, bisexual)

nuanced and complex

the challenges Brockton High School is facing are ~

- ♦ "Lisa and Rhali: We see you and we hear you." (Football Australia (FA) chief executive James Johnson, responding to their accusations of "women protecting women who abuse women," presumably lesbians. From "Lisa De Vanna's allegations highlight tensions in Australia's *complex* [italics mine] football culture" by Samantha Lewis, ABC Australia, Analysis, Sport, 18 Oct 2021. Australia was the gayest team at the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)
- ♦ "Bradley Cooper's 'Maestro' fully captures Bernstein's charisma and complexity." (The headline for Justin Chang's review.)
- ♦ "Throughout the past year, as multiple complex situations arose..." ("Our Throuple Fell Apart. What Are the Rules of the Breakup?" Name withheld, The Ethicist, Kwame Anthony Appiah, *The New York Times Magazine*, April 30, 2023.)
- ♦ "The challenges Brockton High School is facing are nuanced and complex." (The once exemplary school outside Boston. It has become so violent and out of control that the school committee requested that the National Guard be sent in to guard the hallways and help maintain good order and discipline. Schools can now only expel students as a last resort, because they are usually students of color.)
- ♦ "We're headed in a direction where we want people to feel more comfortable bringing their lived experiences into the hosts' chairs." (Sarah Gilbert, NPR's vice president over its newsmagazines. From "NPR hosts' departures fuel questions over race. The full story is complex" by David Folkenflik, NPR, media, January 12, 2022.)
- ♦ "Too many times we think of things like 'this is racism' and 'this is mental health,' and they're separate. But in reality, it's really *complex* [italics mine] and they inform one another." (Kristi Oshiro, an assistant professor at Belmont University who has studied racism and its impact on athletes. From "Why mental health matters for athletes—even as they give their all to win" by Leah Asmelash, CNN, July 26, 2022. Consider also "Dumped NBA Star Goes After Team Therapist Who Exposed Him" by Josh Fiallo, *Daily Beast*, Nov. 04, 2022, about the NBA player Joshua Primo. At one time Primo's lawyer accused the therapist of trading in "racial stereotypes.")
- ♦ "The thing that is so extraordinary about this installment of the series is that it explores the feminine or the female and the masculine and the male that is in all of these character including the women in a way that is

so complex." (Jodie Foster, a lesbian, about the TV show *True Detective: Night Country*.)

- ♦ "Complicated" may also be used as a euphemism, for example, "It's a complicated legacy," speaking about Martin Luther King, Jr.'s politics or his sexual predilections. Another example, "My father is also complicated, and sometimes angry." Another example, "People are complicated," having to do with an issue of race. Or "For People Of Color, Relationships With Police Are Complicated" by Gene Demby, NPR, Morning Edition, August 15, 2014. Or "Is Being A 'Girl Boss' a Bad Thing? It's Complicated" by Paige Skinner, Los Angeles Magazine, May 13, 2021. Or, "Bonus: Remembering the iconic, complicated Andre Leon Talley," NPR, Code Switch, Jan. 23, 2022. Or, "Is Barbie a feminist icon? It's complicated," by Rachel Treisman, NPR, Morning Edition, July 27, 2023. Or, "O J Simpson remained a fascinating and a complicated figure." (NPR's Mandalit del Barco, about his death.) See the quote below.
- ♦ "The word 'complicated' always hovers in the stories of Pretendians." ("A Professor Claimed To Be Native American. Did she know she wasn't?" by Jay Caspian Kang, *The New Yorker*, February 26, 2024.)
- ♦ "Sensitive" may also be used as a euphemism, as in the following: "Social media platforms are being weaponized by far-right groups and individuals who are exploiting *sensitive* [italics mine] public and social issues."
- ♦ "Problematic" also fits the bill. Consider the following: NPR's Debbie Elliott: What might this mean for UN aid operations in Gaza? / NPR's Greg Myre: Yeah, Debbi, it's very problematic..." ("Israeli military claims an underground tunnel links Hamas with the UNRWA," NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, February 11, 2024.)
- ♦ Or "schizophrenic"? "League executives admit their marketing efforts have been schizophrenic." (The Women's National Basketball Association, about fans who are "fluid," "progressive," and "eclectic," in other words, lesbian, etc.)
- ♦ Or "difficult"? "And I'm like, 'Wait a minute.' The same people, all of us, that played in college, we're the same people in the WNBA. So if you liked us in college, like why didn't you follow us in the WNBA? And it is [long pause] probably one of the more interesting and maybe more difficult questions to answer [ending with high upspeak]. I have my theories..." (Sue Bird, talking with Terry Gross about why the popularity of women's NCAA basketball doesn't translate to the WNBA. A bit later in the interview Bird answers her own question.)
- ♦ Or what about the following: "The dynamic between them becomes *harder to parse* [italics mine]." (Bob Mondello's review of the 2024 film *Femme*. About the film, he speaks about "these vibrantly conflicted characters" who are "performing who they are." According to his Wikipedia entry "Bob Mondello," he came out when he was 25.)
- ♦ "Problematic" is also a good way to say nothing and cover your ass: "Also on view is a problematic portrait bust of a Black man..." (Goings On About Town, "Art," *The New Yorker*...)
- ♦ *One Night In Miami* is a wonderful film, and a feel-good film, and a boxing film, but almost all of its real-life characters and their offspring had sad or violent fates that didn't get mentioned.
- ♦ see also *elephant* (*elephant in the room*, etc.)

language: euphemism

complex (military-industrial complex, etc.)

action industrial complex

Hollywood's ~

celebrity industrial complex

by the 1950s, he was a big face in the ~ (Dirk Bogarde)

celebrity-media complex

the ~ has always found room for nepo babies

college-industrial complex

the ~'s next trick (college admissions)

conspiratorial-industrial complex

a ~ has eroded American democracy

deadline-industrial complex
we buy in to the ~

Democrat-media complex
the full ~ was on display (politics)

Democrat-Media Complex
the ~ lives in the past... (historical debate)

fertility industrial complex
the dark side of the ~ (US)

literary-industrial establishment
he objected to the ~ (analysis, schools, etc.)

“Lolita” industrial complex
the ~ (film adaptations, fashion shows, podcast, etc.)

media-industrial complex
the best-of-the-decade ~ (2019-2020)
she represents the ~ (Kristen Hentschel)

medical-industrial complex
Duke University Medical Center—a ~... (Abraham Verghese)

migrant-industrial complex
NYC’s ever-expanding (cost of immigrants to city)

movie industrial complex
its CGI feats put the superhero ~ to shame (*Avatar* sequel)

nonprofit-industrial complex
we got a crash course in the ~ (drag queen)

pharmaceutical industrial complex
Aaron Rodgers talked about the ~ (vaccinations)

prison industrial complex
the ~ is profit driven (for-profit incarceration)
what she refers to as the “~” (Angela Davis UC Santa Cruz)

progressive-media-government complex
all the petty potentates of the ~

romance-industrial complex
a word tragically co-opted by the ~ (“love”)

Wedding Industrial Complex
“Breaking down the Jennifer Lopez ~ Canon” (NPR)

‘Wellness-Industrial Complex’
breaking down the ~ (the podcast *Maintenance Phase*)

tragedy-industrial complex
the printed press and its ~ (the film *Ace in the Hole*)

♦ “Dwayne Johnson is one of the most likable hulks in Hollywood’s action industrial complex.”

♦ “The term the wedding-industrial complex entered the vernacular in 2007, around when Rebecca Mead published her takedown of the wedding industry, *One Perfect Day*.” (“Confessions of a Luxury-Wedding Planner: Lies, panic, and ponies” by Xochitl Gonzalez, *The Atlantic*, July / August 2023.)

♦ Dwight D. Eisenhower used the term “the military-industrial complex” in his Farewell Address to the Nation on January 17, 1961.

♦ “There is no military-industrial complex: it’s just the industrial system operating under one or another pretext.” (The linguist Noam Chomsky.)

power: allusion / history

language: affix

complex (like syndrome)

Bambi complex
the ~, a dangerous desire to regard nature as benign

god complex
the sniper had a ~ (DC sniper)
there’s a little bit of the ~ (CIA does what it wants)

‘white savior’ complex
Hollywood’s ~ (the 2009 film *The Blind Side*)

♦ “Unsurprisingly, ‘Bambi’ has long been unpopular among hunters... Nor is the film a favorite among professional wilderness managers, who now routinely contend with what they call ‘the Bambi complex’: a dangerous desire to regard nature as benign and wild animals as adorable and tame, coupled with a corresponding resistance to crucial forest-management tools such as culling and controlled burns.” (“Eat Prey Love: The unsettling book behind a classic children’s movie” by Kathryn Schulz, *The New Yorker*, January 24, 2022.)

affliction: health & medicine

conceived

conceived, born and raised
Nature was ~ to serve polemic purpose (the magazine)

creation & transformation: birth

conciierge (person)

conciierge-style
a ~ (health care) start-up with offices in...

Book Conciierge
NPR’s annual literary recommendation tool ~

♦ Wealthy Bobos expect to be catered to by Sherpas, concierges, elementary schools, universities, etc.

help & assistance: person

concoct (verb)

concocted such a (wild artistic and musical) gumbo
few have ~ (Van Dyke Parks)

concocted an (escape) plan
she ~ (to get away from a cult)

♦ Originally, this meant to cook together. As such, it is congruent with *cook up*.

creation & transformation: cooking / mixture / verb

concoction (noun)

plot-driven concoction
State of Terror is a ~

creation & transformation / mixture: cooking / food & drink

concrete (noun)

concrete
their thinking becomes less ~ and more abstract (kids)

concrete actions
what are the ~ you’re gonna take (an activist)

concrete evidence

for now, there was no ~ linking... (terror attack)

concrete examples

some ~ will illustrate this point

concrete information

he didn't give any ~ about the crime

concrete offer

I haven't gotten any ~s (job search)

concrete question

unable to answer ~s about...

concrete results

we need ~ from this conference (U.N.)

substance & lack of substance: materials & substances

concretize (verb)

concretize what's going on

trying to ~ today (racial attitudes)

concretize (possible) approaches

steps designed to ~ to the problem of...

concretized the connection

Foucault further ~ between knowledge and power

concretized a Palestinian national identity

the Nakba ~ post-1949

concretizes it

if everybody knows about it, it ~ (death of a person)

concretize the opinion

the bumper sticker helps to ~ of the driver (or "firm up")

concretize these points

to help ~, consider a few data... (*National Review*)

concretized our solidarity

the connection ~ (Ferguson / Gaza) (BLM / Hamas)

concretize or literalize

I want to ~ something that is happening (an author)

♦ The Merriam-Webster online dictionary defines this as simply "to make concrete, specific, definite."

♦ "PLEASE SET ASIDE SOME TIME TO READ THIS OUTSTANDING, ENGAGING PIECE ON COLONIALISM, THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND THE MECHANICS OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCE... IT CONCRETIZES A LOT." (The favorable comment from @MirandaKSMassie in the *New York Times Magazine*, August 14, 2022, about a previous article by Abrahm Lustgarten. The illustration by Giacomo Gambineri, however, directs itself to the idea of taking a "slice" of time, NOT the idea of making something "concrete." An opportunity missed!)

♦ Wikipedia redirects "Concretization" to "Abstract and concrete." It relates to metaphysics.

contempo-speak: language

concretized

concretized

once a clear definition is ~ (academia)

contempo-speak: language

condemn (verb)

condemned his men to march or die

he had ~ (Robert Falcon Scott / logistics)

condemned Scott as a "sentimentalist"

Meares ~ (Antarctica)

judgment: justice / verb

conduit (noun)

conduits for contributors

Visa and PayPal refused to be ~ (to WikiLeaks)

conduit for refugees from Tibet

the passes into Sikkim became a ~ after 1950

conduit between publishers and consumers

originally the company was to be a ~ (Amazon)

communications conduit

he acted as a ~ (terrorist messenger)

media conduit

the group acts as a ~ for the ALF

vital conduit

the Gulf of Aden is a ~ for Middle East oil

route: water

confetti (noun)

turned the insulation into confetti

the machine-gun fire ~ (an aircraft)

resemblance: waste

conflagration (noun)

financial conflagration

proprietary trading added tinder to the ~ (2008)

added tinder to the (financial) conflagration

proprietary trading ~ (2008)

avoid a conflagration

the US and the UN are seeking to ~ (in Sudan)

ignite a (larger) conflagration

Somalia could ~ across the Horn of Africa

provoked a conflagration

nationalists ~

amount & effect: fire

confluence (noun)

confluence of agendas

a "~" between Algeria and the West (terrorism)

confluence of (natural and manmade) disasters

the ~ (war, drought, etc.)

confluence of events

the odd ~ (volcanoes erupt on same day)

the ~ occurring in Iran is very sad (Hillary Clinton)

a ~ brought the Web site down
where is this ~ taking all of us (news-show host)

confluence of factors
a ~ has contributed to the spike in lethal violence (U.S.)

confluence of (several) factors
a ~ is likely responsible (falling crime rates)

confluence of two problems
many cities struggle with the ~ (coronavirus / homelessness)

odd confluence
the ~ of events (volcanoes erupt on same day)

♦ "Many different streams of migrants were to make their confluence in the future United States. But the British stream flowed first and remained foremost. From the beginning its leaders were out of sympathy with the Government at home..." (*A History of the English-Speaking Peoples*, Volume 2, "The New World," by Winston S. Churchill.)

division & connection: river

conga line

conga line of headlamps
climbers create a long ~ in the dark (Mt. Everest)

conga line of storms
a ~ is heading towards the US

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement

connect (verb)

connect
two lonely teens meet and try to ~

connect the distant parts
migrating birds ~ of the world

social interaction: tools & technology / verb

division & connection: tools & technology / verb

conquer (verb)

conquer social anxiety
ways to ~

conquer coronavirus
how Iceland clamped down to ~

conquered (some of the world's) deadliest diseases
the science and medical innovations that ~

conquer their fears
students ~ at the outdoor adventure center

conquer her stage fright
he helped her to ~

conquered Yosemite's Half Dome
how two skiers ~

conquer hate
only love can ~ (arguable)

conquering Hollywood
digital de-aging is ~

conquered the world

he ~ of American entertainment (Marvin Hamlisch)

conquered all in Middlesbrough
she ~ (Miley Cyrus / 2019)

love conquer
can ~ travel bans (coronavirus pandemic)

♦ "Here's how to conquer the responsibilities on your to-do list."

♦ "Conquer anywhere, anytime!" (An email from Microsoft Copilot.)

♦ "Veni, vidi, vici." (Julius Caesar.)

resistance, opposition & defeat / success & failure: military / verb

conscious (aware)

conscious of the value
people are more ~ of relationships (post-9/11)

conscious of what
I've always been very ~ I eat, how much I exercise

conscious (and unconscious) beliefs
their ~ (stereotyping)

conscious decision
some people make a ~ to go missing, start a new life

conscious and unconscious (m)
their ~ beliefs (stereotyping)

budget-conscious
~ parents

celebrity-conscious
Los Angeles is America's most ~ town

cost-conscious
a ~ chef

ecology-conscious
an ~ audience

fashion-conscious
~ customers

party-conscious
his move could alienate ~ Democrats (politics)

safety conscious
kayakers are usually ~

safety-conscious
NASCAR is extremely ~ (auto racing)

security-conscious
this year's Academy Awards will be the most ~ ever

status-conscious (m)
~ people are stuck up

style conscious
Gabriella was ~ and had expensive taste

technology-conscious
in ~ San Francisco

weight-conscious

data on nearly 500 ~ women

earthquake-conscious
Japanese are the most ~ people

environmentally conscious
an ~ business
in an ~ world

ethically conscious
ethically conscious investors

consciousness & awareness: health & medicine

conscript (noun)

warriors and conscripts
its ~ are always looking for new battles (culture wars)

allegiance, support & betrayal: military

constellation (noun)

constellation of folks
C-PAC is this ~ (pundits, politicians, conspiracists, etc.)

constellation of symptoms
the ~ at the end of life
he had another patient with the same bizarre ~ (AIDS)

♦ "Greek constellations (myths), Latin constellation names and Arabic star names." (*Stargazing: Astronomy Without a Telescope* by Patrick Moore.)

♦ It took him a very long time, but he finally identified it, from the shore of the Red Sea south of Jeddah: Kemble's Cascade, a brilliant white rivulet among the stars that made him think of Appalachia... He went to sleep very satisfied and slept soundly, only waking for a moment to feel the dew precipitating on his body. In the morning he woke well rested, fresh, and relaxed.

configuration: astronomy

group, set & collection: astronomy

construct (social construct, etc.)

constructs of Blackness
overfamiliar ~ infect his expression

construct of "compulsory heterosexuality"
the ~ or "comphet"

construct of (human) society
fault is just a "~"

construct of race and power
the institutionalized ~

man-made construct
a ~ that needs to be enforced (freedom of the seas)

artificial construct
this notion of genre is an ~ anyway (Rachel Yoder)

new construct
it's a relatively ~...

psychological construct
the "Locus of control" is a ~ with a long history of research

religious constructs
witches are bound up with many ~

social construct
gender is a ~ (versus biology)
race is a ~ and difficult to pin down (mixed races, etc.)
many academics have argued that race is a ~

social and cultural constructs
biological sex and heterosexuality are merely ~

gender, race, religion, and other (social) constructs
negative generalizations involving ~ (LLMs)

♦ "Biological sex and heterosexuality are merely social and cultural constructs. (1990s queer theory.)

♦ "Deep belief in racial equity work and challenging the institutionalized construct of race and power. Intentional career focus on increasing my depth of knowledge of the intersection of social welfare, social justice and 'access' as a civil right..." (A licensed clinical social worker describing herself on LinkedIn.)

♦ "The 'influencer' phenomenon is purely a construct of our social media based society." (Annabelle Ham.)

♦ "Well, geez, if gender is just a 'social construct' shouldn't ethnicity be as well? By the progressive tenants of gender identity she should be able to identify as any ethnicity she pleases." (An online commenter about "Activist Raquel Evita Saraswati has faked her 'Arab and Latin' racial identity as far back as 2004: reports" by Ben Kesslen, *The New York Post*, February 21, 2023. The article states that the activist has been referred to online as "the new Rachel Dolezal.")

♦ "He clearly felt sorry for himself, but recognized that others might feel even sorer for themselves. He really didn't like to blame himself for anything; he didn't particularly like to blame anyone else, either. 'I'm a utilitarian,' he wrote. 'Fault is just a construct of human society. It serves different purposes for different people. It can be a tool to discourage bad actions; an attempt to recover pride in the face of hardship, an outlet for rage, and many more things. I guess maybe the most important definition—to me, at least—is how did everyone's actions reflect on the probability distribution of their future behavior.'" (Sam Bankman-Fried. From *Going Infinite: The Rise And Fall Of A New Tycoon* by Michael Lewis.)

♦ "You know, this whole teenager-coming-of-age thing, I mean it's a relatively new construct. They came up with it in the 50s, so..." (The silly and fun 2009 film *I Love You, Beth Cooper*, with Paul Rust and Hayden "Hello" Panettiere. Free with ads on YouTube.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "Because freedom of the seas, in our lifetime, has seemed like a default condition, it is easy to think of it— if we think of it at all—as akin to Earth's rotation or the force of gravity: as just the way things are, rather than as a man-made construct that needs to be maintained and enforced." ("America's Future Is At Sea" by Jerry Hendrix, *The Atlantic*, April, 2023.)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

constructed (socially constructed, etc.)

constructed, reconstructed, read and misread
the many way in which black masculinity is ~ (rap)

socially constructed
gender is ~
race is ~
rights are always ~ (legal rights for environment)

♦ "There's a great deal of hope in knowing that all of the inequality we see has been constructed. That means it's not natural. It's not innate. It doesn't have to be that way." (Nikole Hannah-Jones, on ABC, talking about the Hulu docuseries based on the 1619 Project.)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

construction (of gender, etc.)

construction of race
the story of the social ~

construction of reality
we're always in a constant state of social ~ (an academic)

social construction
issue regarding the ~ of gender (feminism)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

consume (emotions)

consumed him
guilt and shame ~ (financial infidelity)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb

consume (consumption)

consumed books
Melville ~ and was consumed by them

consuming the media
people are ~ differently nowadays

consumed no news
many had ~ about the case (jurors)

consumed online
what they ~ warped and narrowed their vision of the world

consumption: food & drink / verb

consume (destroy)

consumed 4 Turkish divisions
Yemen ~ in the 19th century

destruction: fire / food & drink / predation / verb

consumed (emotion)

consumed by envy
I was not ~, but it was there (a boy)

consumed by an uncontrollable rage
someone ~ (girl stabbed 40 times)

consumed by thoughts of revenge
he was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: fire

consumed (destroyed)

consumed in confidence
your wisdom is ~

consumed by a fight
today will be ~ over the rules of the trial

destruction: fire / food & drink / predation

consumer (of information, etc.)

consumers of culture
we're not just ~ but producers of culture (U.S. Muslims)

consumers of information
I want people to be critical ~

consumers of media

~ in a capitalist, money-obsessed country love a fraudster

consumers of (social) media
the rules will have implications for U.S. ~ (data privacy)

consumers of news
it would be a disservice to ~ for me... (CNN's Bernard Shaw)

consumers of (fake) news
what is going on with ~

consumers of (mobile) technology
Blacks and Latinos are heavy ~

main consumers
women are the ~ of true crime narratives

fans and consumers
girls have always been crucial ~ of rock (music)

♦ *People are a commodity to be exploited in the U.S.*

consumption: food & drink / person

consumption (noun)

media consumption
~ and loneliness in the midst of hyper-connection

public consumption
everything is on social media, for ~ (a scandal)

♦ *"While they've mostly shed their fusty reputation, documentaries still give the impression of being more nutritious than the average TV treat."*

consumption: food & drink

contagion (noun)

contagion
if the ~ spreads widely... (failing economies of states)

contagion of meaninglessness
this ~ (the word *progress* applied to Afghan War)

contagion of stupidity
he described what happened as a ~ (mass beach brawl)

'turnover contagion'
a chain reaction known as ~ (mass resignations)

social contagion
~ and peer influences (friends / transgender-identification)
the TikTok mental health explosion is a modern version of ~

risk of contagion
regulators were worried about the ~ (Silicon Valley Bank)

lead to contagion
amplification in the media can ~ (names of mass shooters)

♦ *A report on the Credit Suisse Bank failure and bailout used the words "collateral damage," "contagion," and "domino effect."*

affliction / corruption / transmission: health & medicine

contagious (emotion)

contagious
the girl's lack of ambition was ~ (to high-school boy)
feelings are ~

she had a laugh that was ~
overconfidence can be ~ (teams)
winning is ~ (sports teams)
his boldness and confidence were ~ Alex Honnold)

contagious energy

he is a versatile player who brings a ~ (NBA)

feeling, emotion & effect / transmission: health & medicine

contaminate (verb)

contaminated the inquiry

the media ~ (Amanda Knox)

contaminate the interrogation

interrogators can ~ by providing details

corruption: materials & substances

contamination

contamination

~ is the primary factor in wrongful convictions

corruption: materials & substances

contaminated

contaminated

confessions are ~ when interrogators supply details

corruption: materials & substances

contest (noun)

contest of measure and countermeasure

it's a grim ~ (IEDs / Iraq)

popularity contest

he was bound to lose the ~

grim contest

it's a ~ of measure and countermeasure (IEDs / Iraq)

lose the (popularity) contest

he was bound to ~

competition: sports & games

contour (noun)

contours of it

we know some basic ~ now (from the Muller Report)

basic contours

we already knew the ~ of both sides' arguments (politics)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / area / environment:

ground, terrain & land

shape: ground, terrain & land

control (in control)

in control of his emotions

he is not ~

more in control

I always enjoy leading and it helped me feel ~ (kayaking)

felt (very much) in control

she ~ (a positive job interview)

feeling, emotion & effect: control & lack of control

control (out of control)

out of control

the \$100 billion timber industry is ~

the perception that juvenile violence is ~

he's ~ (behavior)

our wireless bills are ~

out-of-control drivers

laws against ~

out-of-control person

an ~

out-of-control quality

a wild, nervy ~ to his writing

out-of-control rebel

the angry, ~

out-of-control shopper

an ~

out-of-control (urban) sprawl

~ (Austin)

blossom out of control

the consequences can ~ (problems on 767 jetliner)

feel out of control

badly designed intelligent technology makes us ~

getting out of control

things were ~

the situation seems to be ~

got out of control

they were away and the kids ~

spinning out of control

digital downloading and copying is ~

his personal life seemed to be ~

Nairobi is ~ (crime)

spinning (faster) out of control

Hernandez was ~

spun out of control

the argument ~

spiraled out of control

Rye's junior prom ~ (drunk teens)

spiraling out of control

in danger of ~

spiral out of control

medical expenses can often ~

his life seemed to ~ (drug addict)

restraint & lack of restraint: control & lack of control

control (under control)

under control
everything is ~
I've got everything ~

restraint & lack of restraint: control & lack of control

control (behavior)

under control
he can get his erratic behavior ~
get his (erratic) behavior under control
he can ~

behavior: control & lack of control

control (out of one's control)

out of your control
some things are ~

fate, fortune & chance: control & lack of control

conversation (groups, etc.)

conversation
is this mainly a ~ that takes place among a select group
there's never a ~ about it (race and slavery in the U.S.)

conversations where
we're having these dishonest ~ children... (race)
have these ~ people can you know choose mental health...

conversation about what
a new chapter in the American ~ racial justice / inequity...

conversation about whether
the result will provoke a ~...

conversation about race
it's time to retire the "serious ~" (SCAR)
her work helped change the national ~ (1619 Project)

conversation about these shows or plays
collectively, the industry must have ~ that are problematic
(the rape and murder of girls and women)

conversations on Black Language education
she is a national leader in ~ (a Black academic)

conversation on police reform and race
his death jumpstarted a national ~

conversation between Black men
a ~ (ABC News with T.J. Holmes)

conversation around Native Hawaiians
he is working to change the ~

water cooler conversation
see *water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)*

thousand conversations
this acutely argued book will engender a ~ (blurb)

growing conversation
there has been a ~ about the mental health of athletes

broader conversation
there's a ~ happening around Critical Race Theory
there's a ~ taking place, there's a hot debate... (CRT)

"courageous conversations"
the office hosted a series of ~ about race (education)

cultural conversation
it's provoked a conversation that has dominated the ~
(#FreeBritney)

difficult conversation
the ~ about Bill Cosby

environmental conversation
she brought the ~ to petrolheads (Leilani Munter)

familiar conversations
he tells stories that follow ~ into unfamiliar territory (ad)

fearless conversations
the ~ about race you've been waiting for (NPR)
~ about race (CODE SW!TCH® RACE. IN YOU FACE.)

hard conversations
I had to have these kind of ~ with myself about... (marriage)

honest conversation
it's time for a more ~ (linguist John McWhorter)

intentional conversations
~ between partisans could be a catalyst for national healing

national conversation
her work helped change the ~ about race (1619 Project)
the ~ has become so binary and simplistic
her reporting always advances the ~ (NPR's Tovia Smith)

necessary conversation
engage in a ~ about how to avert these risks

open conversations
we have to start having more ~ about this (ageism)

parallel conversations
I think we need to have two ~ (about Elon Musk's Twitter)

public conversation
make this a public shaming and ~ (online petition site)

ridiculous conversation
but ultimately this is a ~ (a teacher who used racial slurs)

sophisticated conversation
society has to have an even more ~ about how the roots of...

tricky conversations
it's important not to shy away from ~ (reintroducing wolves)

uncomfortable conversation
you have to be ready to have the ~

gatekeeper of (public) conversation
Twitter has become this ~ (India, Turkey, etc.)

part of the (national) conversation
the video became ~ over police responses

rise of conversations
with the ~ around police brutality...

weight in this conversation
it's crazy he has ~ at all (Clooney about an investor)

conversation has (really) given us space
the ~ to say, "I don't agree with what's going on"

conversation go next
where does this ~ (sports and mental illness)

conversation has to translate
when ~ (policing reform)

conversation is long overdue
this ~ (about porn and the U.S.)

add something (of substance) to the conversation
journalist scrutiny would ~ (Ronan Farrow)

advance the conversation
I wrote the book to encourage and ~ about race

advances the (national) conversation
her reporting always ~ (NPR's Tovia Smith)

belongs in the conversation
he will have to win to prove that he ~ (MMA)

bring families into the conversation
discretion in terms of when to ~ (school counselors)

brought the environmental conversation to petrolheads
she ~ (Leilani Munter)

changed the conversation
the #MeToo movement ~ around sexual assault

change the (national) conversation
her work helped ~ about race (1619 Project)

dominated the (cultural) conversation
it has provoked a conversation that has ~ (#FreeBritney)

dominating the conversation
inflation is really ~ right now (politics)

drive more conversation
it's important we help ~ about these drugs (son died)

elevate the conversation
the more we ~ of how Black women are maligned...

encourage (and advance) the conversation
I wrote the book to ~ about race (Rachel Dolezal)

enter the conversation
where exactly did that word ~ ("manliness" / politics)

erase me from my own (Defacement) conversation
mediocre bitch... trying to ~ (Chaedria LaBouvier)

have this conversation
we think it's time to ~
those who have been reluctant to ~ (trans people in sports)

host more (mental health) conversations
Camila Cabello wants to ~ in Latino community

lead the (national) conversation
we will continue to ~ on gun safety reform (Gov. Newsome)

left out of the conversation
the hospitality industry has been ~ about ending lockdown

move the conversation forward
the way to ~ is for others to talk about it

opening up a conversation
it is ~ for people (about mental health)

prompt conversations
we hope our expert report will ~ among... (a think tank)

provoke a conversation
the result will ~ about whether...

provoked a conversation
the documentary has ~ about tabloids and celebrities

provoking the conversation
I'm glad he's asking the questions and ~ (about Bill Cosby)

rate the quality of this conversation
how would you ~ (very toxic / toxic / neither / healthy / very healthy)

retire the ("serious) conversation
it's time to ~ about race" (SCAR)

spark conversation
it will ~ and educate people (Aboriginal flag on bridge)

spark conversations
the shootings should ~ about mental health, violence...

sparked a conversation
his death has ~ around the treatment of sumo wrestlers

start these conversations
workers can ~, move these conversations, ignite that fire

stays in the conversation
making you wonder is how he ~ (politics / Trump)

take on this (national) conversation
as we continue to ~ about systematic racism and...

***** groups, activists, etc.**

♦ "We do support the independence of museums and heritage organizations, this is just the start of a conversation about working together to protect heritage." (Government statement after it threatened to withhold funds from museums and was rebuked by the Museums Association.)

♦ "That was a direct result of her uplifting our space during her conversation." (Fawn E. Pochel, who identifies as First Nations Ojibwe, about a speech by Cutcha Risling Baldy at Dominican University that resulted in \$200 in "unexpected" donations to the First Nations Garden.)

♦ "[Her case] is opening up this space to have these conversations where people can you know choose mental health over you know necessarily you know showing up to work when they're feeling miserable." (ABC, "Naomi Osaka Steps Away.")

♦ "I think it's more than a conversation now, I think it's a movement. (Osaka, Biles, etc., about mental "health.")

♦ "It does open up a conversation because it's her using her voice and her platform to really call out systemic change, which she has done before. I think she can show other girls and women who look like her how to empower them to stand up for themselves in ways that I think we haven't always been able to see." (C. Vaile Wright, PhD, a clinical

psychologist and the American Psychological Association's Senior Director of Health Care Innovation, about Naomi Osaka and mental health.)

♦ "[W]e are spending a lot of time on erasure, and these are great conversations to have with children..." ("Born on the Water" puts the '1619 Project' into kids' hands," NPR, All Things Considered, February 17, 2022.)

♦ "We need you to talk. We need you to stop sitting around the dinner table acting like everything's great because it's not. Just because you aren't experiencing it doesn't mean it's not happening. Your role in this is to help change the system." (Jillian Hanesworth's advice to white people about systemic racism. From "Buffalo's poet laureate calls for change" by Raquel Maria Dillon, NPR, Race, May 17, 2022.)

♦ "White silence is complicity. If you are white, today is the day to start a conversation in your community." (NPR's CEO Katherine Maher, in 2020.)

♦ "I want to change the conversation for the better. Everyone should reconsider the ways they think and talk about athletes."

*** analysis

♦ "Of course, one man's negotiation is another man's conversation is another man's ransom." ("A Metaphor Meltdown At The White House," NPR, It's All Politics, Ari Shapiro, October 10, 2013.)

♦ "The 'good' conversation versus the 'sexual assault' conversation." (About Bill Cosby.)

♦ "Why It's Time To Retire The 'Serious Conversation About Race,'" with Damon Young, 1A, WAMU, NPR, July 16, 2020.

♦ "We should have that conversation; We need to have that conversation; What an interesting idea, I think we should have that conversation..." (Excellent ways not to say yes or no, to make no commitment, while at the same time sounding sympathetic.)

♦ "She was not in the quote unquote conversation." (*New Yorker* writer Michael Schulman about the actor Andrea Riseborough and the 2023 Oscars.)

♦ "It's commonplace today to speak of our 'national conversation.' This metaphorical phrase seems almost insincere, especially when you consider that it necessarily entails the three subjects normally considered conversationally taboo: politics, religion, and money. These subjects sow division. And so it seems unlikely that any 'national conversation' will meet Emerson's standard of 'wise, cultivated, genial conversation' amounting to 'the last flower of civilization.' Let's hope it's not the last flower." ("Conversation As One of the Fine Arts" by Bryan A. Garner, *National Review*, August 1, 2022.)

♦ "Much of the conversation about antisemitism has nothing to do with antisemitism, it's actually about influencing and controlling the conversation inside the Jewish community. It's an arms race to define what is antisemitism in the Jewish community, which is, of course, stupid and it's a waste of resources." (Andres Spokoiny, president of the Jewish Funders Network. From "Dark money, questionable partners behind new group fighting antisemitism" by Arno Rosenfeld, *The Forward*, April 22, 2021.)

♦ "it is becoming an idiotic buzz word." (John Schreiber, in 2011! National Public Radio (NPR) never got the memo, apparently.)

♦ "Isn't it silly to think you can uncomfortable conversation yourself to empowerment and/or riches?" (Noah Berlatsky. A very creative use of "conversation" as a verb. 2024.)

♦ The tenor and implied message of many of these "conversations" is that you need to change the way you think and talk. End of conversation!

♦ CONVERSATION, n. A fair for the display of the minor mental commodities, each exhibitor being too intent upon the arrangement of his own wares to observe those of his neighbor." (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ "In any event, what all committeemen like to call 'conversations' could now go forward." (January 1, 1635. Martin Gerritsen gets down to trade business with the Oneida Indians on the Mohawk River. From *The Mohawk* by Codman Hislop. His book is about the river.)

♦ "This is a ridiculous conversation."

♦ "It's time for a more honest conversation."

♦ see also *talk* (talk about something / groups, etc.)

inclusion & exclusion: messaging

convert (person)

backcountry converts

many are ~ (at Bluebird Back Country skiing resort)

out for converts

he is a culinary evangelist ~ (chef)

won many converts

he ~ to his ideas

message / enthusiasm: person / religion

person: religion

conveyor belt

conveyor belt of assistants

a ~ rotates in and out (an abusive Hollywood assistant)

conveyor belt of houseguests

a ~ didn't staunch the loneliness

talent conveyor belt

he is just one to come off the club's ~ (Lochend boxing)

♦ The Lochend Boxing and Fitness Club welcomes anyone. It has produced many fine boxers, Josh Taylor being but one.

♦ "To examine his case is to watch a conveyor belt leading in a single direction..." ("This Is Not Justice: The story of C.J. Rice" by Jake Tapper, *The Atlantic*, November 2022.)

♦ see also *assembly line* (noun)

movement: mechanism

creation & transformation: manufacturing

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: mechanism / movement

convulse (verb)

convulsed in a spasm

for 3 minutes the casino ~ of violence (biker riot)

convulsing with change

Ethiopia has been ~

convulsed India

globalism and capitalism has ~

convulsed the country

waves of anti-foreign sentiment ~

affliction: health & medicine / movement / verb

activity: health & medicine / movement / verb

convulsed

convulsed by nationwide protests

the US has been ~

convulsed by (ethnic) strife

the area is ~

affliction: health & medicine / movement

activity: health & medicine / movement

convulsion (noun)

financial convulsion

a breakup of the EU would cause a ~

affliction: health & medicine / movement

activity: health & medicine / movement

cooked up

cooked up at Eglin Air Force Base
the planes were armed by a new bomb ~

creation & transformation: cooking

cookie jar (noun)

cookie jar of jobs, concessions, contracts
Daly wants to protect the ~ (politician)

got caught with his hand in the cookie jar
he ~ (corruption)

money: sign, signal, symbol

cook up (verb)

cooked up a plan
he and Tomaz ~ to climb Nuptse by a new route

cooked up the story
they ~ to get the reward (murder case)

♦ "Phase 4 (of the inquiry) has pulled back the curtain on the decades of the great post office cook-up and coverup. The disdain and dislike of sub-postmasters by the post office and their employees, a refusal to investigate the Horizon system because of what that would reveal, what an awful cocktail. A Molotov cocktail." (A lawyer for a group of the sub-postmasters. See the Wikipedia entry, "British Post Office Scandal.")

creation & transformation: cooking / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

cool (cool off / activity)

cool off
his career began to ~ (a singer)

activity: temperature / verb

cool (feeling)

maintain their cool
they need to ~ (a team)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

cool down (verb)

cool down
I got a postponement, it will give things a chance to ~

♦ "Let me take my own advice and cool the temperature in the room a little bit." (An upset Michael Van Der Veen at the impeachment trial in 2021. He paused, sighed, and then continued in a less emotional tone of voice.)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb

coolheaded (and cool-headed)

coolheaded killer
he is a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: head / temperature
character & personality: head / temperature**

coolly (adverb)

coolly
she looked at me ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

cool off (verb)

cooled off
he regrets what he did now that he has ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb

coop (fly the coop)

flying the coop to Mastodon
Twitter users are ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: bird / verb

cooped up

cooped up in the White House
an active man, he felt ~ (President Grant)

cooped up (in his study) since six o'clock
he's been ~ this morning

cooped up indoors
he loved the outdoor life and hated being ~

**constraint & lack of constraint / isolation & remoteness:
bird**

coopt (and co-opt)

coopt and control
elite, white-led institutions ~ the historical narrative

♦ "It was ironic, it was arch, so it felt like, 'Oh My God! they're using this against us!'" (Ruth Perry, who founded the Women's Study Department at MIT in 1984, about the term "political correctness." From "How Cancel Culture Became Politicized—Just Like Political Correctness," NPR, All Things Considered, July 26, 2021.)

♦ "My body, my choice': How vaccine foes co-opted the abortion rallying cry" by Rachel Bluth, NPR, Public Health, July 4, 2022.

♦ "The property was stolen from us because it was bringing Black and white people together to preserve democracy. The land should be repatriated, back to the Highlander Folk School, which is now the Highlander Research and Education Center." (Ash-Lee Woodard Henderson. From "Fight over future of library that sparked civil rights ideas" by Travis Loller, AP, September 3, 2022. A very interesting article.)

♦ According to the Wikipedia entry, the term "moral distress" originated in the 1980s in reference to health-care workers. Through "concept inflation" or "co-option," the construct has since been applied to soldiers, police, firefighters, EMTs, legal defenders and lawyers, people in child and adult protective services, and even to veterinarians, leading inevitably to the construct's disparagement: "moral injury Olympics."

♦ The concept of "burnout," originally coined to describe the way many drug addicts felt in the late 1960s, has been expanded to *Achilles* in the *Bronze Age*. (See "It's Just Too Much" by Jill Lepore, *The New Yorker*, May 24, 2021. An excellent article by an excellent writer. The use of modern contempo-speak in a historical context is a form of presentism.)

♦ "The push to expand the trained workforce coincides with a growing understanding of trauma's effect. The National Council for Behavioral health, a nonprofit organization of mental health care providers, calls trauma a "near universal experience" for people with mental and behavioral health issues." ("Not Just For soldiers: Civilians With PTSD Struggle To Find Effective Therapy" by Caroline Covington, NPR, May 20, 2019.)

♦ “They co-opted our idea. Candy Cane Malört is our baby.” (Val Capone, Chicago. You’ve been warned.)

*** analysis

♦ The term is coopted (and perhaps modified) by others groups. “Black lives matter” becomes “Blue lives matter,” “All lives matter,” “Black Dykes Matter,” etc. “Homophobia” becomes “hot phobia.” “Ghosted” becomes “zombied.” Doing anything “while black” morphs to NPR’s Selena Simmons-Duffin’s “Talking while Female.” The term is picked up by corporate advertisers, looking to appeal to specific groups and make profits. The term is used by aging news hosts and anchors, dowager readers, and ancient pundits. The term is used by politicians. The term is repeated from the pulpit. Dialects, it turns out, are the *only* way corporations and pastors and military leaders and the like can reach target demographics. In the media, the term might be used first with quotes, but later the quotes will be dropped. The term begins to occur in the captions of cartoons: a real estate agent showing an apartment to a hip young couple says, “The refrigerator isn’t just smart, it’s woke!” (*The New Yorker*.) Finally, the term becomes a porn category: “Lesbian ASMR,” etc..... (Some of the stages of linguistic cooption that weaves a cliché into the fabric of society.)

♦ You can “weaponize” absolutely anything nowadays. Mental health might refer to a gymnast’s “twisties” or a mass shooting. What doesn’t “matter” nowadays? What animal can’t be an “emotional support animal” nowadays? What can’t cause “harm” or “PTSD” or “trauma” nowadays? Who isn’t a “survivor” or “someone who has experienced something” nowadays? Who or what can’t be a “hero” nowadays?

♦ When everything “matters,” nothing matters.

♦ see also *appropriate (groups), appropriation (groups), misappropriate (groups), misappropriated, misappropriation (groups, etc.), reappropriate (groups), reappropriation (groups), reclaim (groups), reclaimed (groups), take back (take back one’s life, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: possession

cop (good cop, bad cop)

played the good cop to King’s bad cop
Boies ~ (*Bad Blood* by John Carreyrou)

role / subterfuge: crime

cop (continuity cop, etc.)

see *police (and cop, etc.)*

copybook (noun)

copybook case
it was a ~ of child abuse (born with cleft palate)

script: school & education

copycat (noun)

copycat of a terrorist attack
the shooting was initially feared to be a ~

copycat acts
officials feared publicity would trigger ~

copycat films
The Omen (1976) inspired sequels and ~

copycat Hollywood
audiences starved for originality in ~

copycat threats
students charged in rash of ~ after Oxford High shooting

♦ Merriam-Webster identifies the first known use as 1896. Others identify first use as 1887. The idea of a *copycat crime* seems to come from the 1960s and seems to have achieved acceptance by the 1980s.

repetition: cat

core (basis)

true down to the core

Hey I’m solid, Hey I’m steady, Hey I’m ~

at its core

~, this issue all boils down to money

♦ “Hey I’m solid, Hey I’m steady, Hey I’m true down to the core.” Listen to: Toby Keith *American Soldier* (Radio Edition)

bases: center & periphery

core (cottagecore, etc.)

balletcore

she brought ~ to the Met Gala red carpet
the ~ aesthetic (a pastel ensemble)
~ can be red carpet or casual

Barbie core

~, the 80s-inspired unapologetically pink aesthetic...

Barbiecore

the ~ trend is an homage to Barbie’s pink style and aesthetic
~ is the summer’s latest fashion trend (2023 film)
~ celebrates living boldly and authentically (Kim Culmone)

Bloomcore

~, the floral homeware trend taking root in our living rooms

cottagecore

~ is a fashion aesthetic (teens, young adults)
~ enthusiasts shared videos of themselves baking bread
lesbians have particularly been fond of ~
~ was a reaction to the pandemic (COVID)

cringecore

~ (TV / *Nathan for You*, *The Rehearsal*, etc.)
a new genre of cringe comedy called ~

Digicore

~ is made up of mostly queer people of color

fairycore

whimsigoth, and grunge ~, which is quite similar

litcore

Zadie Smith hats, Fellini tops, the rise of ~

little Mexican girl-core

the popularization of aesthetics like “~”

Nardcore

he was part of the ~ scene in Oxnard (Cola Boyy)
~ is a hardcore punk movement (Oxnard suburbs)

nightcore

~ is a genre that increased the pitch and tempo of songs

slowcore

the ~ trio Codeine... (music 1990)

tenniscore

‘~’ trend serving sporty, elegant looks...

thrift-core

a shift from label obsession to ~

♦ *Grandmacore, farmcore, goblincore, fairycore...*

♦ see also *aesthetic (and aesthetics)*

contempo-speak: affix

corkscrew (verb)

corkscrewed above the airport
he took off and ~ until we reached 8,000 feet (plane)

direction / movement: shape / verb

corkscrew (shape)

corkscrew ascents and descents
~ to evade fire (Iraqi Airways)

direction: shape

corner (spring is just around the corner)

Halloween is around the corner
~ and guess what that means

victory is around the corner
officials insist ~ (war)

spring is just around the corner
~ and I can't wait

just around the corner
planting season is ~
Christmas is ~

proximity: corner / distance

future / time: corner / distance

corner (in remote corners, etc.)

in the corners of the internet
the theories began ~ and made it into mainstream news

in the dark corners of cyberspace
~ (child pornography)

in some corners of the humanities
there is resistance to such analysis ~

in the (more) paranoid corners of the Internet
he posted messages ~

in many corners of the West
uranium mining boomed ~

in some corners of the book world
there is opposition ~

area: center & periphery / corner

corner (other)

from all corners of the (political) spectrum
he received criticism ~

shines light into some of the darkest corners
the book ~ of M15

ventured into remote corners
he ~ (a photographer)

area: center & periphery / corner

corner (turn the corner)

turned the corner
we have ~ (economic upturn after downturn)
this month he ~, and made a profit (businessman)
so has America finally ~ (economic downturn)

turned a corner
United fans hoped their club had ~ (loss after 3 wins)

turn the corner on unemployment
we are beginning to ~

beginning to turn the corner
we are ~ on unemployment

♦ "More corners turned than every car running in every grand prix last season." (A BBC HYS commenter about "Aston Villa 1-2 Man Utd: 'Momentum' with Red Devils as they hunt down top-four rivals" by Simon Stone, BBC, 11 February 2024. A person quoted in the article suggested that Manchester United had "turned a corner.")

progress & lack of progress: corner / verb

development: corner / verb

corner (in a tight corner, etc.)

tightest corner
United somehow got out of the ~ in Paris (soccer win)

backed ourselves into a corner
we've sort of ~ (war strategy)

boxed himself into a corner
he has ~ on tax increases (a politician)

painted himself into a corner
he has ~ (world leader)

movement: corner

constraint & lack of constraint / situation: boxing / container / corner / movement

corner (in one's corner)

in my corner
she supports me, she's ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: boxing / corner

corner (cut corners)

cut corners
oil companies ~ to maximize profits

cut any corners
in this business we don't ~ (helicopter tours)

difficulty, easiness & effort: corner / distance / journeys & trips

corner (corner cases, etc.)

edge and corner
it doesn't take long to find ~ cases (grammar rules)

division & connection: boundary

cornered (adjective)

felt cornered

the boss ~ and that person ended up quitting (pay dispute)

♦ "If you bait a cornered dog, he will bite."

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

cornerstone (noun)

cornerstone of the BBC

impartiality is a ~

cornerstone of the collection

the painting will be the ~ (a new museum)

cornerstones of the economy

blue-chip companies, once considered ~... (recession)

cornerstone of identity

Egyptians increasingly emphasize Islam as the ~

cornerstone of (US) policy

Egypt is the ~ in the Middle East

cornerstones of terrorism

unemployment creates one of the ~ (Prince Talal)

cornerstone of (addiction) treatment

Alcoholics Anonymous remains the ~ in the US

cornerstone of Roma life

child marriage is a ~ (tradition)

cornerstone of academic culture

peer review is a ~ (publishing)

cornerstone of the scientific method

replication is a ~

emphasize Islam as the cornerstone

Egyptians increasingly ~ of identity

bases: infrastructure

cornucopia (variety)

cornucopia of (political) books

this fall's ~ features two kinds...

cornucopia of candidates

the debates have featured a ~ (Democratic politics / 2020)

cornucopia of goods

a ~ flooded the American marketplace (post-WWII)

cornucopia of (educational) opportunities

colleges have traditionally offered a ~ (in good times)

cornucopia of shit

it's a ~ basically (dialogue from *Words On Bathroom Walls*)

make a cornucopia

climate change could ~ out of frigid, unproductive land

♦ From *cornu*, Latin for horn, and *copia*, plenty: the horn of plenty. Based on a Greek myth involving the goat Althea who nursed the infant Zeus.

alternatives & choices / amount: allusion / food & drink

group, set & collection: allusion / food & drink

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: allusion / food & drink

coronation (noun)

veritable coronation

the Chicago convention was a ~ of Grant (Republicans)

achievement, recognition & praise: royalty

corps (group)

AmeriCorps

~ is the national equivalent of the Peace Corps

American Climate Corps

the ~ was launched in 2023 by the Biden administration

Peace Corps

she was raped while serving in the ~

♦ Squad; platoon; company; battalion; regiment; brigade; division; corps; army...

group, set & collection: military

corral (verb)

corralled her family

she ~ (husband and 8 kids / and fled house / war)

corral multiple fires

fire crews rushed to ~

corralled a group

five people were arrested after cops ~ of squatters who...

corral him

Georgia has to find a way to ~ (Bryce Young / football)

corral the far left

can she ~ in her party (politics)

corral all 50 members

he is still trying to ~ to agree... (politics)

corral their models

scientists need real-world data to ~ (for realistic outcomes)

corral the (necessary) support

he is still working to ~ for his bid to be speaker (politics)

corrals (a range of) voices

Women on Food, a book that ~ (Charlotte Druckman)

corral wildfire

winds frustrate effort to ~ near lake Tahoe

corralled politicians, executives, and officials

for nearly six months, she ~ (Deborah Birx / pandemic)

paywalls corral readers

~ like cattle into the subscriber pen

♦ "So, what we did was, just get shoulder to shoulder...and started pushing the people back to the other side of the airstrip, corralled them there... That turned into two and a half days of a constant bitter struggle..." (Marine Lt Col Chris Richardella on the events of August 15, 2021, at the Kabul airport.)

♦ "Wild new video shows a deer in the elementary school over the weekend, jumping on bookcases and desks while forcing a team of cops to try and corral it."

♦ "Cow escapes trailer, gallops down highway."

♦ "Movin', movin', movin', / Though they're disapprovin' / Keep them dogies movin', rawhide! / Don't try to understand 'em, / Just rope 'em, throw, and brand 'em, / Soon we'll be livin' high and wide... / My heart's calculatin' / My true love will be waitin' / Be waitin' at the end of my ride..." (The song "Rawhide.")

conflict / control & lack of control: animal / cows & cattle / horse / verb

corralled

corralled in left field
the speedy cat was ~

♦ "The speedy cat evaded the grounds crew before being corralled in left field." (Yankees vs. Baltimore Orioles at Yankee Stadium.)

control & lack of control: animal / cows & cattle / horse

correct (political correctness)

see *political correctness (groups)*

correct (politically correct)

see *politically correct (groups)*

corridor (route)

commuter corridors
the ~ have become the "covid corridor" (East Coast)

"covid corridor"
the commuter corridors have become the ~ (East Coast)

drug corridor
Interstate 44 is a ~ (Missouri)

migration corridor
the Bering land bridge served as a ~ for people

travel corridor
the region is a ~ for illegal immigrants

ventilation corridors
natural landscape features can function as ~ (heat / cities)
~ are very relevant for large, dense coastal cities

pedestrian and bicycle-friendly corridors
~ (urban planning)

I-95 corridor
heroin goes down the ~ to secondary markets (from NYC)

maritime humanitarian corridor
3 more grain ships departed through the ~ (Ukraine War)

route: infrastructure

transmission: infrastructure / route

corridor (area)

wildlife corridor
nature preserves provide a ~ for birds and animals

high-technology corridor
the metro services Northern Virginia's ~

commercial corridor
the Metro revitalized the sagging ~ between...

green corridor
in places the ~ is only 50 feet wide (along river)

strategic corridor
Georgia is a ~ for Western oil companies

31-mile corridor
deforestation occurs in a ~ on either side of roads

tiny corridor
oil exports are squeezed through this ~ (Strait of Hormuz)

area: shape

corridor (Siliguri Corridor, etc.)

corridor between the Eastern and Western hemispheres
the Aleutian Islands form a natural ~ (W.W. II)

Gansu Corridor
the ~ between Suchow and Chang 'an (Xi'an / Silk Road)

Hexi corridor
the narrow, 600-mile defile known as the ~ (Gansu)
the ~, the passageway for traders from the outer west...

"Lachin corridor"
the ~ links Stepanakert to Armenia

Lachin Corridor
the ~ connects Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh

Neum corridor
a 9km-long section of Bosnian coastline known as the ~

Siliguri Corridor
the ~ is also known as the Chickens Neck

National Heritage Corridor
the Blackstone River Valley ~

Wakhan Corridor
the ~ (Afghanistan)

geography / proper name: infrastructure

corridor (corridors of power)

corridors of power
ordinary Americans are kept out of the ~ (politics)

Australia's corridors of power
allegations of a toxic work culture in ~

in the corridors of power
the religious right is flexing its muscles ~
the fine line between persuasion and intimidation ~

access to the corridors of power
the reporter has unrivalled ~ (Bob Woodward)
he loved his ~ (a media person)

gain admittance to the corridors of power
once women ~

kept out of the corridors of power

ordinary Americans are ~

power: infrastructure / sign, signal, symbol

corrosive (adjective)

corrosive for democracy

rich contributors are ~ (money)

corrosive effect

corruption was perhaps the most ~ of communism

corrosive role

the ~ of money in politics (rich special-interest groups)

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

corrupting

corrupting force

the tabloids portrayed her as a ~

corruption: health & medicine

corruption (noun)

moral corruption

TV and radio promote ~

corruption: health & medicine

coruscating (adjective)

coruscating observations

he had room to make his ~ (TV)

superlative: light & dark

cosmetic (adjective)

cosmetic measures

it's "greenwashing," minor ~ (aviation industry)

cosmetic things

it's not enough to do some ~ (solving a problem)

◆ "You don't even need glasses to see and analyse where the problems are. It's not enough to do some minor amendments—cosmetic things. In medicine you would say this is an operation of the open heart.' The problem for Rangnick was that no everyone at United agreed such surgery had to happen." (Manchester United: The problems facing Erik ten Hag at Old Trafford" by Simon Stone, BBC Sport, 30 October 2023.)

◆ Women are always looking for something new in cosmetics.

appearance & reality: breadth / materials & substances

cost (verb)

cost them

the editor knew all along it would ~ (controversy)

cost me my hand

one tiny wound ~ (a firefighter)

cost him his job

the revelation ~ (child porn on computer)

his failure to deliver on his promise ~ (a coach)

costs you nothing

it ~ but your time (a free Internet program)

costing teachers their jobs

budget cuts are now ~

cost him his life

his drug habit very nearly ~ (a musician)

his diligence ~ (a police officer)

cost the climbers a shot

helping the other group ~ at the summit

cost him his (boxing) title

his refusal to serve ~ (Muhammad Ali)

cost Unsoeld his toes

that night ~ (high-altitude bivouac)

cost the state thousands of jobs

his economic policies have ~

cost you an arm and a leg

this vacation getaway won't ~

cost the team big time

the mistake ~

cost the lives

the civil war ~ of 100,000 Maya Indians (Guatemala)

cost her votes

the proposal could ~ in a general election (politics)

cost & benefit: money / verb

cost (at a cost)

at the cost of his life

Sfc. Ashley's bravery ~ was in the highest traditions of...

at enormous cost

gold is wrung from the earth ~

even at the cost

they are desperate to flee their country ~ of their lives

cost & benefit / judgment: money

cost (at all costs, etc.)

at all costs

Czech hedgehogs symbolized "defense ~" in the USSR

protect (passengers) at all costs

air marshals must ~

hold Stalingrad at any cost

we are to ~, Comrade Stalin knows best

commitment & determination / cost & benefit / resistance, opposition & defeat: money

cost (cost time, etc.)

see time (cost time, etc.)

cost (other)

costs of Vietnam

the ~ remain with us (troubled vets, sons, etc.)

cost of his life

absorbing the grenade blast at the ~

cost of war

let us not forget the terrible ~

costs of war

the ~ and the price of peace (soldiers)

costs of gambling

the hidden ~ (divorce, etc.)

cost to having

there is a ~ an overload of choice

hidden costs

the ~ of gambling (divorce, etc.)

environmental cost

war has not only a human cost, but a tragic ~ as well
gold is wrung from the earth at enormous ~

human cost

war has not only a ~, but a tragic environmental cost

political cost

both leaders are paying a ~ at home for... (foreign policy)

reputational cost

the wars have carried a ~ (civilian casualties)

tragic (environmental) cost

war's ~

financial and human cost

the ~ was enormous (the Ugandan Railway)

cost & benefit / judgment: money

costly (adjective)

costly

you have laid so ~ a sacrifice... (Lincoln)

politically costly

it's ~ to criticize Jews (US elections)

cost & benefit: money

couch (casting couch)

casting couch

Hollywood's seedy underbelly, the ~

spoke out against the casting couch

she ~ (Maureen O'Hara)

sex: euphemism

cough (snark / noun)

Cough AJ

~ (reply to an online commenter)

♦ Commenter 1 (AJ): Yarde's gum shield kept falling out of his mouth—to get a breather. Could they not have glued it on... / Commenter 2: Too many fighters rely on the old juice in the ring. Then they gas because their lungs can't cope with the extra muscle. / Commenter 3: *Cough* AJ. (Wicked boxing snark on a BBC HYS about Beterbiev vs. Yarde.)

language: sarcasm

cough up (verb)

cough up more money

the US wants its allies to ~ (for world defense)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bodily reaction

countdown (noun)

countdown

the ~ starts now (ad for big game in future)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock / number

counted out (boxing)

counted out

he was ~, but... (Trump wins Republican primary)

resistance, opposition & defeat / starting, going, continuing & ending: boxing / sports & games

counterattack (verb)

cold counterattacked

then the ~... (Antarctica temperatures fall)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

counterattack (noun)

counterattack

the Embassy began a ~

the besieged politicians have started a ~ (politics)

preparing a counterattack

the gas industry was ~

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: military

counterbalance (verb)

counterbalance his dependence

he is trying to ~ on the US by dealing with China

counterbalance Western media

Al Jazeera was founded to ~

equilibrium & stability: scale / verb

amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / scale / verb

counterbalance (noun)

counterbalance to industry

the FDA is the ~

counterbalance to the presidency

the Supreme Court is a ~

counterbalance to the US press

Al Jazeera is an excellent ~

counterbalance to the liberal Western order

he wants to establish Russia as a ~ (Putin)

counterbalance to corporate power

unions are a ~

generational counterbalance

the mothers of nominees provided ~ (Academy Awards)

liberal counterbalance

she will serve as a ~ to the conservative wing

amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / scale

equilibrium & stability: scale

counterweight (noun)

counterweight

the international media is biased, there must be a ~

counterweight against Britain and France

he needed a ~ (Bismarck at the Berlin Conference)

counterweight to Iran

US forces remain as a ~ (on the Arabian Peninsula)

political counterweight

he was there to serve this ~ function (Joe Biden)

amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / scale

equilibrium & stability: scale

count on (count on me, etc.)

count on me

you can always ~

♦ "You can always count on me, for sure, that's what friends are for." (Dionne Warwick with Gladys Knight, Stevie Wonder, and Elton John. 137 million views and counting.)

♦ "A friend in need is a friend indeed." (This means, "A friend who helps you when you are in great need is a friend indeed. For example, if you need money. But the true friend is the one who will die for you.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: number / verb

coup (power)

coup

I was fired, it was basically a ~ by... (political job)

the impeachment process is a ~ (President Trump)

board coup

she had survived an aborted ~ and was back in power

boardroom coup

the son deposed his father in a ~ (Budweiser beer)

the ~ was shrouded in mystery (Tata / India)

Reuters called it "a ~" (by Bill Ackman)

parliamentary coup

the opposition leaders are calling this a ~ (Venezuela)

dismissal, removal & resignation / power: military

coup (achievement)

publicity coup

Kipchoge's achievement is a ~ for Ineos (marathon)

diplomatic coup

the conference was a ~ for Iran

great coup

workers hailed the decision as a ~ (unionization)

pulled off a (massive) coup

the Clippers ~, by signing... (the best free agent / NBA)

achievement, recognition & praise / success & failure:

military / violence

coup de grace (deathblow)

coup de grace

facing down Biden was the ~ on her evening (politics)

courtroom coup de grace

his political adversaries were hoping for a ~ (report)

destruction: death & life / violence / weapon

coupled

coupled with love

high expectations ~ is a gift (child-rearing)

division & connection: tools & technology

relationship: tools & technology

courage (groups)

courage not to go

it's about ~ to the Vietnam War... (Ken Burns on Ali)

extraordinary courage

PM David Cameron praised her ~ (Megan Bhari / charity)

incredible courage

we think Amber has demonstrated ~

true courage

he's shown ~ by acknowledging where he is at (troubled)

in awe of my courage

many said they were ~ to follow my dream (female blogger)

find the courage

they had to ~ to come forward (female gymnasts)

♦ "Logging 50 hours of supervised driving time, an Illinois requirement, takes a lot of time, patience and courage." (Dana Westreich Hirt, a Parent Coach "helping increase positive outcomes and decrease anxiety.")

♦ "My children can have an example of what courage looks like in real time, not in history." (Dr. Carl L. Hart of Columbia University, author of *Drug Use for Grown-Ups*, about being a regular heroin user.)

♦ "I know this has been a difficult decision for him. He's shown true courage by acknowledging where he is at and acting on it. We will support him in any way we can..." (Wallabies coach Dave Rennie about Australian captain Michael Hooper, who determined he was not in the right 'mindset' to play and returned home.)

♦ "We think Amber has demonstrated incredible courage..." (Larry Komp, attorney for his client Amber McLaughlin, 49, the first openly transgender woman to be executed in the U.S.)

♦ "Still, Hutchinson was the only witness, female or male, around whose testimony an entire hearing would be built. She was visibly nervous. Muldavin told her that her coming forward to testify was a show of courage that women and girls would look up to: 'You're going to be iconic.'" ("Inside the Jan. 6 Committee" by Robert Draper and Luke Broadwater, *The New York Times Magazine*, January 1, 2023.)

♦ "The ferocity—and, if you were a *supporter* [italics mine], the courage—of LaBouvier's denunciation simply made the Guggenheim the most high-profile art-world target during a summer of discontent." (Chaedria LaBouvier. From "The Scapegoat" by Helen Lewis, *The Atlantic*, November, 2022.)

♦ A "crass exploitation play... I think this is just a play to pump up the audience, the way lots of things are put on television to attract eyeballs— not because of the validity but because of whatever the kind of gawker

factor is." (Bob Costas on Caitlyn Jenner receiving the 2015 Arthur Ashe Courage Award.)

♦ The mascot of the North Carolina Courage, currently based in Cary, North Carolina, is a lioness, to "reflect the team as a group of professional women."

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

courageous (groups)

courageous to go take a penalty
it's ~ (USWNT captain Lindsey Horan, after Sweden loss)

courageous conversations
the office hosted a series of "~" about race (education)

Courageous Conversations
"~: Racism and Linguistic Well-being in ELT" (TESOL)

visible, courageous and present
LGBTQ folks have been so ~

call courageous
she put on a performance I think it's safe to ~ (Simon Biles)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

courageously

courageously sharing
the NFL family is proud of Carl for ~ his truth (gay)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

course (over the course / time)

over the course of the next month
Alabama will experience a steep increase in cases ~

over the course of a month
anxiety following a trauma that fades ~ isn't depression

time: journeys & trips / movement

course (run its course, etc.)

run its course
Carley's relationship with Russ had ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / route / verb / walking, running & jumping

course (on course)

on course for victory
they looked ~ when... (sports)

direction: journeys & trips

course (off course)

steers us off course
sometimes life ~

veer off course
it is easy for a dictionary user to ~ as they try to...

went off course
tell us about a time your moral compass ~

direction: journeys & trips

course (on a collision course)

on a collision course
the two countries are ~

on a collision course
people and the natural world are ~

on a collision course with his boss
he was ~ (Navy top brass)

on a collision course with the clerics
the royal family is ~ (Saudi)

on a collision course for the finals
they are ~ (two teams)

conflict: crashes & collisions

course (change course, etc.)

course correction
the country is heading in the wrong direction, we need a ~
we can't move forward without a ~ (bribery scandal)
this could create a real ~ in the tech industry (fraud trial)

fresh course
helping convicted felons chart a ~

changed the course
their testimony has ~ of the investigation (police)

chart a (fresh) course
helping convicted felons ~

charted a new course
he has ~ and tacked to the center (politician)

corrected course
the agency has ~ on asylum detentions

change course
he didn't hesitate to ~ (a politician)
we are skeptical that Iran will ~ (diplomacy)

direction: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

course (stay the course)

stay the course
he vowed to ~ (general leading war)
it is unacceptable to ~ (pandemic response)
they are urging the PM to ~ (U.K. politics)

stays the course
once he makes up his mind, he ~ (businessman)

direction: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

course (reverse course)

change course
he was forced to ~ (government policy)

reversed course

Iran ~ and reopened its nuclear labs
the President ~ and grounded the plane (Boeing problem)

reversal: direction / boat / journeys & trips / map / verb
direction: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

course (development)

course of the conflict
we cannot predict the length or the ~ (military)

course of the disease
we can sometimes slow the ~
the challenge is to identify patients earlier in the ~

course of HIV infection
the ~ is characterized primarily by latency

course of the war
during the ~ (Gulf War)

disease course
we are here to help them through the ~

relentless course
as the epidemic follows its ~ (AIDS)

length or the course
we cannot predict the ~ of the conflict (military)

follow its (relentless) course
if we sit back and let the epidemic ~...

run its course
the common cold will ~ within seven days

slow the course
we can sometimes ~ of the disease

development: journeys & trips / route

course (course of action, etc.)

course of action
we thought the best ~ was to...
I could think of no other ~
is this the right ~ (government policy)

similar course
see if other schools should follow a ~ (sex ed)

safest and wisest course
the ~ to follow (alcohol and pregnancy)

follow a (similar) course
see if other schools should ~ (same-sex classes)

took the (politically risky) course
he ~ of prosecuting a member of government

direction: journeys & trips

course (course of justice, etc.)

course of justice
he was charged with perverting the ~

take its course
the law must ~

operation: journeys & trips

court (verb)

courting Hispanics with (Spanish) advertising
the company is ~

courting danger with his rhetoric
he is ~ (racist stereotypes)

courting rebellion by pushing ahead
he is ~ with his plan (political party)

courted adventure
when she was young she ~ (hitchhiking, etc.)

court controversy
he has been known to ~ (Joe Rogan)

court (resource-rich) countries
China, India ~ like Nigeria and Kazakhstan

courted death
he ~ with his use of drugs and wild lifestyle

courting (economic) disaster
we are ~

courting its favor
both Democrats and Republicans are ~ (N.R.A.)

courting veterans
for-profit colleges are ~

court the Black vote
Democratic politicians ~ and then fail to follow through

courting (younger) voters
the party is ~ (politics)

courted and won
he ~ popular acceptance (a musician)

actively courted
they ~ publicity (two feuding pop stars)

aggressively courting
he has been ~ endorsements (running for office)

assiduously courted
he has ~ mainstream support (a politician)

feverishly courting
she has been ~ black voters

publicly courting
the president has been ~ him (a politician)

quietly courting
he has been ~ contributors (for a political run)

attraction & repulsion / pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / verb

court (in the court)

in the world court
they have been convicted ~ of public opinion (doping)

in the (world) court of public opinion
they have been convicted ~ athletes / doping)

tried in the court
he has been ~ of public opinion

judgment: justice

court (hold court)

held court for 90 minutes at the press conference
he ~ (the great boxing promoter Don King)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: royalty

court (other)

court of public opinion
the ~ condemned him

judgment: justice

court (the ball is in someone's court)

ball is in Russia's court
(see *ball (the ball is in somebody's court)*)

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / position, policy & negotiation / responsibility / social interaction: ball / sports & games

courthouse (Devil's Courthouse, etc.)

Devil's Courthouse
the first person to climb ~ (a rock outcropping)

Majlis al Jinn
the ~ (the assembly of the devils, a cave in Oman)

proper name: infrastructure

courtship (noun)

courtship of Africa
both India and China have stepped up their ~

economic courtship
Sino-Israeli ties, strong after a decade of ~...

stepped up their courtship
both India and China have ~ of Africa

**attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage
pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage**

cousin (relationship)

cousin
open-wheel racing and its stock-car ~, NASCAR

cousin of Ebola
Lassa fever is sometimes described as a ~

cousin of estrogen

BPA is a chemical ~

cousin to smallpox
Vaccinia, a ~ which can cause illness

cousin of Turkish
Uighur is a ~, but it's an Arabic script (the language)

dictionary's cousin
it's like the ~ (the thesaurus)

its cousin
fame and ~, paranoia (male rappers / Danyel Smith)

American cousins
our ~ speak the wrong kind of English (Brits)

British cousins
tell our ~ I'll meet them in Eindhoven (WWII)

Nepali cousin
K2 and its ~, Mount Everest

potato cousins
incredible ~ still survive in the Andes (wild potatoes)

chemical cousin
BPA is a ~ of estrogen
EPO and its ~s became rampant in sports

closest cousin
denial is associated with its ~, *addiction*

distant cousin
it's a ~ of true cinnamon (bark of cassia tree)

larger cousin
the mudpuppy looks a lot like its ~, the Eastern Hellbender

older cousin
archaeology and its far ~, tomb robbing

ugly cousin
sarcasm is anger's ~
the Razzies are the "~ to the Oscars" (the worst films)

xenophobic cousin
the lab-leak hypothesis is a ~ to anti-vaxxism and ...

white concrete cousin
the Obelisk, a ~ of the Wash. D.C. Monument (Buenos Aires)

♦ "The mudpuppy is relatively rare and looks a lot like its larger cousin, the Eastern hellbender. (WNC anglers: Seen any mudpuppies lately?" by Karen Chavez, *Asheville Citizen-Times*, USA TODAY Network, Sunday, December 27, 2020. Hellbenders are also known as "snot otters" and "water dogs.")

person / relationship: family

cover (under cover)

under cover of darkness
the attacks began ~
the convoys move both in daylight and ~ (Iraq)

living under cover
Al-Khilewi, who was granted asylum, is now ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth

covered up

covered up

his pedophilia had been known for years but ~ (priest)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth

subterfuge: cloth

cover up (verb)

cover up his crime

he smashed his own head and face to ~

covers up violations

Saudi Arabia ~ of human rights abuses

covered up (security) shortcomings

the FAA ~ for years (airports)

covered up (widespread) doping

officials ~ by... (sports)

cover up the killing

their attempts to ~ were unsuccessful (Saudi police)

covered up for the (cheerleader) coach

cops allege the school's principal ~

covered up for him

when they finally did land in court, she ~ (abuse)

cover up for "honor killings"

deaths are ascribed to suicide in order to ~

covered it up

the Army ~ (contamination from weapons depot)

tried to cover up

they ~ what they had done... (tribal vengeance)

he also ~ the crime... (tribal vengeance)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / verb

subterfuge: cloth / verb

coverup (noun)

cover-up

a ~ to conceal the affair

cover-ups and corruption

investigations marred by official ~ (Mexico)

government coverup

charges of a ~

failed cover-up

prison terms for colluding in the ~ (mine disaster / China)

politically motivated cover-up

a ~

official coverups

investigations marred by ~ and corruption (Mexico)

allegations of a cover-up

officials will investigate the ~ (China / storm)

charges of a (government) coverup

they have been ~

mystery and cover-up

dealing with the UFO ~

denied a cover-up

local officials have ~ (no typhoon warning)

♦ "Phase 4 (of the inquiry) has pulled back the curtain on the decades of the great post office cook-up and coverup. The disdain and dislike of sub-postmasters by the post office and their employees, a refusal to investigate the Horizon system because of what that would reveal, what an awful cocktail. A Molotov cocktail." (A lawyer for a group of the sub-postmasters. See the Wikipedia entry, "British Post Office Scandal.")

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth

subterfuge: cloth

covey (group)

covey of bureaucrats

what's needed is a ~ to better govern the country

covey of (industry) tycoons

a ~ and their wives assembled

group, set & collection: animal / bird

cow (bell cow)

bell cows

give the running backs a chance to be ~ like they want

♦ "You have yet to give the running backs a chance to be bell cows like they want." (Emmitt Smith about running backs.)

♦ Recognized by Wiktionary, with excellent citations.

direction: animal / cows & cattle

cow (cash cow)

cash cow

brand AJ fails again, he's a ~ and nothing else (boxing)

cash cow for universities

online education is a ~

cash cow for publishers

textbooks are the last ~

cash cow of (American) ballet

the *Nutcracker* is the ~

Boeing's (long term) cash cow

~ is the 737

company's cash cow

the drug is the ~

Microsoft's cash cow

Windows is ~

as a cash cow

he needed Clay ~ and recruitment vehicle (boxer)

♦ "Hearn must find himself another cash machine." (AJ loses second time.)

♦ "The Glazers treat Manchester United like a cash machine." (Gary Neville.)

♦ Asa W. Morris in California owned the legendary Tilly Alcartra, known as "the Queen of Holsteins" for her milk production. Was she a victim of

an anthrax outbreak, destroyed and buried along with thousands of others to prevent the spread of that disease?

worth & lack of worth: animal / cows & cattle

cowboy (person)

Cocaine Cowboys

the cartels' ~ turned the market (1970s Florida)

person: animal / cows & cattle / horse

behavior / character & personality / control & lack of

control: history / person

cower (verb)

cower in the face of (NCAA) abuses

universities ~ (sports)

cowered before demands

the publishing industry has ~ to cancel books

♦ If a dog can't bite, it licks. (An insult.)

dominance & submission: standing, sitting & lying / verb

courage & lack of courage: bodily reaction / verb

coy (adjective)

coy about the idea

China has been ~ (of an East Asia Community)

coy about the year

she is ~ of her birth

coy on the subject

he has been ~ (about retiring)

a bit coy

he's a ~ about how much he can raise (a politician)

surprisingly coy

politicians can be ~ about asking direct questions

being coy

she is not ~ about wanting to win (a politician)

playing coy

many possible candidates are ~ about running

remaining coy

most potential candidates are ~ for now (presidency)

eagerness & reluctance: love, courtship & marriage

coyote (predation)

gangs of "coyotes"

~ smuggle people in from Mexico

character & personality: animal / person / predation

cozy (adjective)

cozy with Boeing

the FAA was too ~

cozy relationship

he has a ~ with the prince

too cozy

the agency was ~ with the company

♦ "There's a great coziness or familiarity between all the parties." (The U.S. and Boeing.)

feeling, emotion & effect: proximity / temperature

relationship: proximity / temperature

social interaction: proximity / temperature

crab (crab in a bucket, etc.)

crabs in a barrel

oh, ~, I say, to hell with them all (St. Simons Island)

crab mentality

~ is, "If I can't have it neither can you"

crab-basket quarrels

he had managed to avoid the ~ and ignore the slights

crab bucket syndrome

when others hold you back is the ~

♦ Filipinos notice this behavior in the Philippines. Crabs in a bucket or pot instinctively grab at things above them. Thus, no crabs can climb out of a pot.

♦ "Ladies, we are supposed to be rooting for one another not pulling one another down." (Britney Spears about Alyssa Milano.)

behavior / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity /

unanimity & consensus: animal

crack (attempt)

crack at it

we'll take another ~

attempt: sound

crack (verb)

cracked

their relationship ~ under the pressure

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances / verb

crack (verb / emotion)

cracked

I ~ under the pressure

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances / verb

crack (division)

crack

the ~s could widen into a chasm (politics)

crack in the coalition

the Arab League statement is a worrying ~ (Libya)

cracks in (military) solidarity

there have been few ~ (Venezuela political unrest)

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

crack (flaw)

cracks

the ~ were beginning to show (troubled corporation)

cracks in Bierenbaum's façade
~ started to appear (surgeon convicted of murder)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

crack (fall through the cracks, etc.)

dropped through the cracks
Cho had ~ of the university bureaucracy

dropped through the cracks
Cho had ~ of the university bureaucracy

fell through the cracks
she ~ (foster system)

slipped through the cracks
he has ~ (terrorist)
many sex sites have ~ (Internet)

failure, accident & impairment: ground, terrain & land / verb

crackdown (noun)

crackdown on corruption
the government has launched a ~

crackdown against (unlicensed) Internet Cafes
authorities kicked off a nationwide ~ (China)

draconian crackdown
he has presided over the most ~ on leaks in US history

racist crackdown
Tunisia's ~ on migrants (NPR)

coercion & motivation: violence / whip
punishment & recrimination: violence / whip
oppression: violence / whip

crack down (verb)

crack down on party-goers
Florida police ~ on spring break

cracked down on the opposition
the government has ~

cracking down on immigration
they are ~

cracking down on both men
judges are ~ (investigation)

coercion & motivation / oppression / punishment & recrimination: verb / violence / whip

cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)

kill any (climate-change) bill in its cradle
he will ~ if he has a chance (legislator)

strangled in its cradle
Bolshevism must be ~ (Winston Churchill on Russia)

strangle the experiment in its cradle
if nobody watches, it will ~ (TV show)

♦ "I think the critics felt, we mustn't knock this new venture too much, we've waited so long for a national theatre we can't kill it at birth."
(William Gaskill, about Peter O'Toole as Hamlet at the Old Vic, 22 October 1963. Directed by Laurence Olivier.)

curtailment / destruction: baby

cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)

coronavirus cradle
Wuhan, the ~, has partially reopened

"Cradle of (U.S. Navy) Aviation"
Pensacola is known as the ~

cradle of Islam
Saudi Arabia is the ~

cradle of civilization
the Caucasus was a ~

cradle of (ancient) civilizations
the plateau is a ~

cradle of (Chinese) civilization
Hubei and Henan provinces, the ~
the Yellow River is known as the ~

cradle of (Serbian) civilization
Serbs claim Kosovo as the ~

cradle of independence
Dolores Hidalgo is known as the ~ (Mexico)

epithet: baby

origin: baby / birth / epithet / sign, signal, symbol

cradle (symbol)

cradle-to-grave
the ~ work force

from the cradle to the grave
she gave advice on problems people face ~

death & life: sign, signal, symbol

craft (ringcraft, etc.)

Bushcraft
Discover ~ aims to help women learn bushcraft skills

court craft
she was nicknamed 'the Magician' for her ~ (tennis)

icecraft
the subtle science of snow and ~ (Edmund Hillary)

junglecraft
he was very adapted at ~ (a Tamil Nadu bandit)

ringcraft
the ~, the intelligence, the mentality... (a boxer)

spellcraft
her rigor and ~ (Karina Longworth / podcaster)

spycraft
technology is redefining ~ for a new era

stagecraft

he is vigilant about the ~ of statecraft (SecDef)
it was a highly charged piece of ~ (by President)

statecraft

conservatism requires skilled ~ (foreign affairs)

tradecraft

some of the ~ was damn sloppy (CIA)
per policy, we cannot discuss ~ (A.T.F.)

witchcraft

villagers said it was ~ (Prey Rognieng / Cambodia)

♦ "She was nicknamed 'The Magician' for her court craft. (The tennis player Aga Radwanska.)

♦ "The ringcraft, the intelligence, the mentality, just think about it." (Oleksandr Usyk's performance against Anthony Joshua.)

ability & lack of ability: affix

crank up (verb)

cranked up the pressure on the manager
a defeat would have ~ (soccer)

increase & decrease: mechanism / verb

crap (noun)

dog whistle crap

he called concerns about Afghan refugees "~~"

♦ "He called worries about Afghan refugees 'dog whistle crap.'" (Gov. Tony Evers of Wisconsin, about the Afghan refugees at Fort McCoy, after 2 refugees were charged with crimes.)

worth & lack of worth: waste

crash (crash and burn)

crash and burn

so what role did he play in making it all ~ (politics)

crashed and burned

you know the Democratic Party has ~ when...

♦ "While the Twitter Blue rollout was turning into a *Hindenburg*-level flameout..." (*Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson.)

♦ "Trudeau complained of 'Russian disinformation,' as if that were to blame for this optics *Hindenburg*." (A Canadian political kerfuffle. The reference is to the *Hindenburg* airship disaster on May 6, 1937.)

♦ "It's starting to rain again. It—The rain had slacked up a little bit. The back motors of the ship are just holding it just enough to keep it from—It burst into flames. It burst into flames. And it's falling. It's crashing. Watch it. Watch it. Get out of the way. Get out of the way. Get this Charlie, get this Charlie. It's crash—and it's crashing. It's crashing. Terrible. Oh, my. Get out of the way, please. It's burning and bursting into flames, and it's falling on the mooring-mast. And all of the folks agree that this is terrible. / This is the worst of the worst catastrophes in the world. And all the people. It's crashing. Oh, 400, 500 feet into the sky. It's a terrific crash, ladies and gentlemen. There's smoke and there's flames now, and the frame is crashing to the ground, not quite to the mooring-mast. All the humanity and all the passengers screaming around here. I told you, it—I can't even talk to people whose friends are on there. Oh, I can't talk, ladies and gentlemen...." (Herbert Morrison's eyewitness broadcast on radio of the crash of the *Hindenburg* in Lakehurst, New Jersey, on May 6, 1937.)

♦ "Oh Quenty-quee, oh Quenty-quee.." (Theodore Roosevelt mourning in a stable of horses the death of his youngest son, Quentin. From "World War I Letters Show Theodore Roosevelt's Unbearable Grief after the Death of his son" by Andrew Carroll, *Smithsonian Magazine*, April 3, 2017.) / "The death of his beloved 'Quenikins' devastated Roosevelt.

Months after the news had reached him at Sagamore Hill, friends had glimpsed him alone in his barn one day, his arm around his horse's neck, sobbing..." (*River of Doubt* by Candice Millard. Within 6 months Theodore "Teddy / T.R." Roosevelt would be dead, at the age of 60.)

destruction: crashes & collisions / fire / flying & falling / plane / verb

crash (car crash)

car crash of an interview

this was a ~ (sexual abuse)

walked away from more car crashes

he has ~ than any other sitting president

destruction: crashes & collisions

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions

crash (crash down)

came crashing down

she was the youngest female billionaire before it all ~
his empire ~ (a company)

destruction: direction / infrastructure / ruins / verb

crash (crash course, etc.)

crash course

an eight-day ~

he took a ~ in genetics

crash diet

~s can be dangerous

haste: crashes & collisions

crash (population crash, etc.)

crash and bleed-out

what they call the ~ (Ebola virus)

computer crash

the data disappeared after 2 ~s (voting records)

population crash

a ~, part of the natural cycle

likely to cause an unprecedented ~

stock-market crash

the ~

ecological crash

you're going to see an ~ (marmots / Mongolia)

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions

functioning: crashes & collisions

crash-land (verb)

crash-landed on (hard) facts

his theory ~ and common sense

crash-landed in Suffolk County

10 cold cases had suddenly ~ (Gilgo Beach murders)

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / plane / verb

crater (verb)

cratered

demand and prices have ~ (oil)

cratered oil prices

massive supply with almost no demand ~ (pandemic)

travel cratered

global ~ during the pandemic

decline: direction / flying & falling / plane / verb

increase & decrease: number

crave (fans crave the bout, etc.)

craved it

the media wanted it, fans ~ (a boxing matchup)

crave stories, memories, (behind-the-scenes) morsels

fans crave ~ (podcasts by athletes)

enthusiasm: addiction / food & drink / health & medicine / verb

crave (verb)

so craves

the legacy he ~ will suffer (sports doping)

craved fame

he ~

enthusiasm / wants, needs, hopes & goals: addiction / food & drink / health & medicine / verb

crawl (activity)

crawling with reporters

our hotel was ~

activity: animal / insect / verb

crawl (time can crawl, etc.)

crawl

boredom makes time ~, interest makes it race

minutes crawled by

the ~

speed: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

time: movement / speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

crawl (skin can crawl, etc.)

crawling

my skin is ~ (disgust)

feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

crawl (noun)

crawl to (Aug.12) peak

Perseid meteor shower begins slow ~

crawl phase

having accomplished the ~ (military training)

crawl, walk, run

instruction should follow a ~ sequence (military)

news crawl

run a ~ across the bottom of the screen (TV)

slow crawl

Perseid meteor shower begins ~ to Aug. 12 peak

slowed to a crawl

the market for initial public offerings has ~

the storm's movement has ~

slow to a crawl

the ambush was set where the convoy had to ~

brought to a crawl

traffic was ~ in Cincinnati (snow and ice)

movement / speed: walking, running & jumping

craze (noun)

craze of the 80's

the cocaine ~

craze in the 1920s

tree sitting was a national ~, like phone-booth stuffing

craze in Japan

platform shoes are the ~

craze in clothes, music, illegal drugs

the latest teen ~

craze for (sudoku) puzzles

the worldwide ~

cocaine craze

the ~ of the 80's

crossword craze

the First World War was the start of the ~

dance craze

the mambo fueled a brief but intense American ~ (1940s)

fitness craze

cash in on the ~

teen craze

the latest ~ in clothes, music, illegal drugs

cowboy craze

the '80s ~ (urban cowboys)

snake meat craze

snakes are disappearing due to the nationwide ~ (China)

tail-fin craze

the designer behind the ~ (cars)

extreme sports craze

encouraged by the ~

Internet craze

the ~ is causing distortions

worldwide craze
the ~ for sudoku puzzles

skateboarding craze
a few years later the ~ was over

Stanley drinking cup craze
the ~ shows no sign of abating

current craze
the ~ is tread and shred (exercising)

international craze
its triumph as a full-blown ~ in the 60's (folk music)

latest craze
the ~ is... (sports)

national craze
tree sitting was a ~ in the 1920s, like phone booth stuffing

new craze
platform shoes are the ~ in Japan

♦ Laksa fever; "everyone's just contracted this laksa fever"; "the love child of Malaysian, Indonesian and Singaporean cuisine"; love for laksa; a thing that people love; craving a fix (for laksa); the mania (for laksa); a city obsessed (with laksa); the laksa obsession; the faithful; a giant shrine is erected (for monthlong laksa festival); laksa ice-cream / smoothies / cheesecake / sausage / crocodile dumplings / beer; the Laksa Festival Hall of Fame; the Golden Bowl award for best laksa... ("How laksa fever took hold in this Australian city" by the wonderful writer Tiffanie Turnbull, BBC, October 31, 2023. Life at "The Top End" of Oz. Super!)

behavior / enthusiasm: mental health

crazed (sex-crazed)

sex-crazed
college students are often portrayed as ~

sex: mental health

crazed (crazed fans, etc.)

crazed fan
~s scoured the Web ("Blair Witch Project")

cricket-crazed
the ~ countries of the former British Empire

media-crazed
the ~ public...

soccer-crazed
the World Cup is a huge even in ~ countries

seafood-crazed
in this ~ country, tuna is king (Japan)

behavior / enthusiasm: mental health

crazy (behavior)

crazy
you must be ~...
are you ~ or what...

crazy boss

coping with a ~

crazy town
another ruling from ~ (the Fifth Circuit Court)

crazy and hostile
Boston Celtic fans are ~ (NBA)

crazy and wild
it was ~ (wedding in non-traditional location)

too crazy
his ideas were rejected as ~ by the grant process (a scientist)

stupid, crazy or not cool
"gay" as an adjective to describe anybody ~

wild and crazy
he was ~, young and dumb

wild and crazy
the NFL has its ~ side

act crazy
scream and run or ~ (date-rape-prevention strategies)

acting crazy
you got so many kids out here ~ (South LA gangs)

drive me crazy
I need a lover who won't ~

drive you crazy
I like to tease you and ~

driving me crazy
the itch is ~

rejected as (too) crazy
his ideas were ~ by the grant process (a scientist)

♦ "It's going to be chaos with Republican leadership. And, sadly, the crazy caucus has grown among the Republicans." (Representative Adam Schiff, Democrat-California, on the possibility of losing his position as chair of the House Intelligence Committee after Republicans took control of the House of Representatives.)

♦ "The Fifth Circuit is ready to adopt the politically most conservative position on almost any issue, no matter how implausible, and no matter how much defiling of precedence it takes. Not every one of them was delivered from crazy town [chuckles from the audience]. But it would be shocking if at least some of those decision are not reversed." (Irv Gornstein, director of the Georgetown University Supreme Court Institute, speaking before an audience.)

♦ "In 2012, Nina Totenberg of NPR was criticized by mental-health advocates for asking the question, "So, is your client a nut case?"

♦ To say that she is half-crazy is to be half-right.

♦ "He's nuttier than a peach-orchard boar."

behavior / character & personality / control & lack of control: mental health

crazy (enthusiasm)

crazy to do
you have to be a little ~ it (ice canoeing / Quebec City)

crazy about that dog
she's ~ (a woman and a pit bull)

crazy about her

I'm ~ (man about his female friend)
 crazy about hunting
 he was ~ and loved to gather trophies
 basketball-crazy
 the Philippines is a ~ country
 Internet-crazy
 ~ Americans
 boy crazy
 girls may become "~" (preadolescence)
 a little crazy
 you have to be ~ to do it (ice canoeing / Quebec City)
 get crazy
 I can't ~ about... (don't care, not moved by...)
 goes crazy
 while the rest of the world ~ over the World Cup
 ♦ The word *balletomane* comes from the Russian for ballet and mania.

behavior / enthusiasm: mental health
crazy (and mad / as adverbs)

crazy ambitious
 that sounds ~, I understand that (Abigail Disney)
 Crazy Delicious
 he served as a judge on Netflix's ~
 crazy jealous
 he'd be ~ and paranoid about what I'd been up to
 crazy strong
 the winds are ~ up there (Mount Everest)
 mad respect
 crazy stuff, ~ for everyone sending it that day (surfing)
 mad impressed
 I was ~ by that (a scene from a movie)
 mad crazy
 some people go ~ about him (gay talk)
 mad funny
 he called him a snake ~ bc (because)...
 ♦ "I was mad impressed by that." (Jimmy "I'll mispronounce your name" Whisman about the scene in the 1994 film *The Chase* in which Charlie Sheen and Kristy Swanson have sex in the driver's seat while fleeing the cops. The film predicated by a few month's O.J. Simpson's low-speed chase of the same year.)

superlative: part of speech

crazy (as noun)

crazy
 was it just her ~ showing, or did she have help (drugs)
 bit of crazy
 a ~ can be good (Morocco WC coach Walid Regragui)
 in between the crazy
 ~, she likes to... (biography of mom with 3 kids)

battled his crazy
 AB's talent has constantly ~ for years (the NFL player)
 get the crazy out of me
 it took 31 years to ~...
 married crazy
 it started when he realized he ~ (erectile dysfunction)
 understand crazy
 you can't ~ (Nashville suicide bomber)
 ♦ "I'm not crazy. But it's a crazy life. I was raised in a crazy family and it took 31 years to get the crazy out of me." (Anne Heche, speaking to ABC News. Her 2001 memoir is called *Call Me Crazy*. She died crashing into a house in her car and setting car and house on fire. Crazy...)
 ♦ "Do we have the results back from the blood samples? Was she drunk, was she high, what was in her system. Was it just her crazy showing, or did she have a little help?" ("Nicole Linton Was Involuntarily Committed Multiple Times Before LA Crash, Attorney Said" by Kui Mwai, yahoo news, August 16, 2022.)
 ♦ "That's how crazy works..." (A disparaging remark.)

character & personality: part of speech

cream (superlative)

cream of (Irish country music) artists
 Daniel O'Donnell introduces the ~
 France's intellectual *crème de la crème*
 ~ have attended the elite Ecole Nationale d'Administration

superlative: food & drink

creature (creature of habit, etc.)

creature of his era
 he was a ~ (Frank Kameny)
 creature of habit
 he is a ~
 creature of the hollers
 when we meet Raylan Givens, he's a ~ (*Justified*)
 creature of Fleet Street
 a former ~ ... (a new TV interviewer)
 creature of the theater
 he was a ~ (George M. Cohan)
 creatures of their own time
 like Luther, they were ~ (slavery and Southern Baptists)
 funny creatures
 actors are ~ ("My dear boy, why don't you try acting?")
 rare creature
 she's a Beethoven figure, a genius, a ~ (precocious student)
 unique creature
 he was a ~ in absolutely every department (Marlon Brando)
 ♦ "Crowds are very dynamic creatures and can change rapidly." (A bullet point on a Minneapolis Police training slide.)
character & personality / identity & nature / taxonomy & classification: animal / creature

creature comfort

creature comforts

our campsite and all its ~ (Mt. Everest guided trip)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: creature

creep (mission creep, etc.)

creep of politics into the newsroom's journalism

this ~ (at the *New York Times*)

Christmas creep

"Why stores are starting the '~' earlier than ever"

mission creep

there's a real ~ in what tech companies are doing

nudity creep

'~' in streaming TV reveals more of its stars

"torture creep"

interrogators get sneaky, thus ~

mission drift

that's too big an issue, it's ~ (saving environment *and...*)

♦ In *Churchill: Walking With Destiny*, Andrew Roberts says that Churchill, in 1940, "vigilantly guarded against *mission-creep*." That phrase struck a very wrong note with me. Luckily, Wikipedia has an entry: "The phrase first appeared in 1993, in articles published in the *Washington Post* and in the *New York Times* concerning the United Nations peacekeeping mission during the Somali Civil War." Roberts *could* have put the phrase in quotation marks, or added "in what is today called X," as he rightly did when he used "groupthink" in another part of his book, but for some reason he didn't. This is a form of presentism.)

♦ Reasonable missions have a way of creeping...

increase & decrease: movement

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement

creep (verb)

creep westward

the storm continues to ~ at 1 mph (hurricane)

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

speed: verb / walking, running & jumping

creep up (numbers)

crept up

gradually the thermometer ~ towards -20 degrees C.

increase & decrease: number

crescendo (noun)

crescendo of anti-abortion legislation

the Alabama law tops a ~

steady crescendo

the ~ of questions led him to release a statement...

amount & effect: music / sound

development: music / sound

cricket (sound)

clackers or "crickets"

whistles, bells, sirens, ~, and horns (military signals)

sound: insect

crickets (silence)

crickets

no blacks were involved, so ~

crickets chirping

hello, where are you on this violence, ~ (criticism)

crickets on the Supreme Court

but after the decision, it was essentially ~ (gun rights)

♦ The slang expression "crickets" has come to mean silence, based on the sound of crickets in films to indicate dead silence.

♦ Bailey Olive: "In the last two days there has been a mass shooting in Chicago and Philadelphia, too but they are, like this one, not one white involved, so crickets." / Bluejay to Bailey Olive: "Did you hear that from voices in your head?" / bibleexpert to Bailey Olive: "So crickets? Then how did you find out about them?"

♦ "But after the landmark decision and an adjunct case two years later, it was essentially crickets at the court on the subject of how far states may go in regulating guns." (Nina Totenberg, "High Court To Hear 1st Major Gun Rights Case In More Than A Decade, NPR, Morning Edition, April 27, 2021.)

♦ "As Carole sat down at the grand piano... and curled her hands over the keys, the noise receded to cricket-hearing silence." (The great Carole King. From *Girls Like Us* by Sheila Weller.)

♦ Check out playgrounds today: when I grew up, 50s and 60s, had 100 kids playing in the playground...Now..Crickets in most." (A comment on an article about body positivity, weight, models, etc.)

♦ "It's radio silence from Kamala and Kamala World." (A political donor, about the Vice President and her plans post-Biden.)

sound: film & TV / insect

cri de coeur

wake-up call, cri de coeur, call to arms

his book is a ~ (about language)

appeal: heart / sound / speech

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart / sound / speech

crime (fashion crime, etc.)

no crime

it's ~ to be selfish sometimes

it's ~ for those who were right to feel a little superior

fashion crime

wearing socks with sandals is considered a ~

judgment: crime / justice

criminalization (groups)

criminalization of rap lyrics

the Change.org petition addresses the ~

criminalization of prostitutes and insane people

her dissertation examined the ~ and the "mad narratives..."

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

criminalize (groups)

criminalize

we ~ poverty and mental illness

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection / verb

criminalized (groups)

criminalized

Black creativity and artistry is being ~ (RICO)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

cringe (verb)

cringing

I was ~, he embarrassed himself so badly (boxer AJ)

cringed when I heard

I ~ what he said (a comedian)

laugh and cringe

what makes you ~ reveals your hidden biases

makes some cringe

a 9/11 key chain ~ (9/11 Memorial store)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / gesture / verb

cringe (as adjective)

cringe

the writing is usually ~ (by non-specialists)

I nearly had to turn it off it was ~ (AJ vs Usyk)

cringe comedy

~, without the laughs (a review of a movie)

so cringe

this is ~ (Kahn pose in NYT mag photo)

super cringe

~ (Anthony Joshua's behavior after 2nd loss to Usyk)

♦ "Around that time, I also learned—from watching the British version of 'The Office'—that the word 'cringe' could be an adjective, as in the phrase 'so cringe.'" ("Affective Disorder" by Nikhil Krishnan, *The New Yorker*, August 8, 2022.)

♦ "Cringe. If they had term worse than 'cringe,' I'd use it here." (A commenter about a "dirty / creepy old man President.")

feeling, emotion & effect: part of speech

cringe-worthy (adjective)

cringe-worthy

the ~ beginnings of a relationship

the video was criticised as being tone deaf and ~

finds the self-promotion cringeworthy

he ~ (a climber about climbing videos / documentaries)

♦ Pathetic and cringeworthy; cringeworthy to watch... (Anthony Joshua's bizarre post-fight antics after his second loss to Oleksandr Usyk.)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / gesture

cringey (adjective)

cringey

it was ~ because it was true (TV series *In Living Color*)

in the ~ first 20 minutes of the movie... (negative review)

cringey jokes

there were a few ~ (U.S. presidential "debate")

cringey sex

while having ~ with Robert... (the film *Cat Person*)

cringy video

making fun of a ~

cheesy but not cringy

ahhh, the era when movies were ~ (2011 *Monte Carlo*)

scary and disturbing and cringey

this is actually so ~

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / gesture

cripple (verb)

cripples networks

they sow malware that ~ (ransomware gangs)

crippled the city

23 inches of snow ~

cripple his presidency

Biden's critics say this will ~ (Afghanistan withdrawal)

cripling our society

unemployment is ~

functioning: health & medicine / movement / verb

crippled

crippled by (economic and political) troubles

Zimbabwe remains ~

crippled reactor

the damage at the ~ is worse than thought

remains crippled

Zimbabwe ~ by economic and political troubles

functioning: health & medicine / movement

cripling

cripling blow

his death dealt a ~ to his network (a terrorist)

cripling fear

~s of loss and disaster (children of divorce)

cripling poverty

the ~ among mountain people (United Nations)

cripling, paralyzing

I do not favor ~ sanctions (Russian President)

finds it crippling

he ~ to be aware of what other designers have done

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

crisis (mid-life crisis)

unpredictable mid-life crisis

democracy isn't dying, but it's having an ~

growth & development: life span

critical mass (noun)

'critical mass' of allegations
the ~ prompted NBC to cancel the Cosby project

critical mass of companies
but I do think that there is a ~ making pledges... (activism)

critical mass of people
a ~ began to believe that...

critical mass in the culture
her personality has achieved a ~ (Miley Cyrus / James Parker)

reach critical mass
as long as the protests don't reach ~, the regime won't change

reached a critical mass
awareness may have ~ (something or other in the EU)

♦ "Inclusive language is not about critical mass, it's about possibility."
(NPR Public Editor Kelly McBride, about the use of "pregnant people" versus "pregnant women.")

initiation: explosion / nuclear energy

Cromwellian (adjective)

Cromwellian air
his railings lent a ~ to his leadership (mixed swimming)

oppression: allusion / history

comparison & contrast: affix

crooked (adjective)

crooked
the election was ~

crooked books
crooked auditors certified the ~

crooked business
insurance is a ~

crooked cops
the force must root out ~

crooked dealer
~s take advantage of young soldiers (autos)

crooked employers
~ pay less, and make workers work more

crooked governors
two ~ in a row have been sent to prison (Illinois)

crooked politician
~s steal our money

straight and crooked
he knew the difference between ~ work (a farmer)

behavior / character & personality: direction

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: direction

crop (noun)

crop of (American) offspring
the first postwar ~

good crop
we've got a ~ that's just behind her (boxing prospects)

growth & development / product: farming & agriculture

crop (remove)

crops empire out of the picture
the story ~ (a history of W.W. II)

dismissal, removal & resignation: picture / verb

crop up (verb)

cropped up in its Proton rockets
the Russians must fix problems that have ~

problem cropped up
the ~ just hours before liftoff (space shuttle)

questions crop up
legal ~, too

continually crop up
look for keywords that ~ in ads

appearance & disappearance: farming & agriculture / plant / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

cross (cross someone)

cross him
he got even with people he perceived to have ~ (a boss)

conflict: sword / verb

cross (a bridge can cross a river, etc.)

bridge crosses the river
a ~ there

fictive motion: verb

cross (bear that cross, etc.)

bear that cross
I'll ~ with honor

♦ "And I will always do my duty / Not matter what the price / I've counted up the cost / I know the sacrifice / Oh, and I don't wanna die for you / But if dying's asked of me / I'll bear that cross with honor / 'Cause Freedom don't come free." Toby Keith—American Solider (Radio Edit)

affliction: burden / religion / verb / weight

oppression: burden / religion / verb / weight

survival, persistence & endurance: burden / religion / verb / weight

crossfire (noun)

rhetorical crossfire
the purpose of the bill has been lost in the ~

caught in the crossfire
sensible people are ~ (far left and right / gun control)

conflict: weapon

cross hair (in the cross hairs)

in the cross hairs

another Arab dictator is ~ (Bashar al-Assad of Syria)
he is ~ (a wanted terrorist)

in the crosshairs of a (Justice Department) lawsuit

Google is ~

in the crosshairs of the woke mob

I realize I'm ~ right now (NFL's Aaron Rodgers)

in the crosshairs of the NCAA

it's not the first time USC's basketball program has been ~

in regulators' crosshairs

the firm is ~ (for fraud)

in the (trade war) crosshairs

the company is ~

in our crosshairs

he's ~ (a pedophile)

found himself in the crosshairs

he has ~ between the left and the right over... (economy)

end up in the crosshairs

I don't want to ~ of somebody who wants to clean house

♦ In 2011 in the US, the figurative versus literal meaning of this word caused a political controversy when the politician Gabby Giffords was shot. The opposition had indicated her district on a map with a cross-hairs icon. In 2019, Roger Stone apologized to Judge Amy Berman Jackson for posting an Instagram photo of her next to a rifle scope's crosshair. In 2022, a court heard a case involving the original icon and *The New York Times*. The USS *Gabrielle Giffords* is named after Gabby Giffords, and her husband is Mark Kelly, astronaut. The original shooter was mentally ill, with access to a gun.

♦ "Trump in the Crosshairs: Will the former President be prosecuted?" by Jane Mayer, A Reporter at Large, *The New Yorker*, March 22, 2021.

target: weapon

cross-pollination (cross pollination)

cross-pollination

there's so much ~, hyping each other (Black Hollywood)

cross-pollination of languages

the natural ~ where they intersect

cross-pollination of networks and sports

the ~ has ended independent long-form sports journalism

cross-pollination between the classics and pop culture

that ~ has characterized my writing (Daniel Mendelsohn)

growth & development / transmission: insect / plant

crossroad (Crossroads of the World, etc.)

Crossroads of America

since 1937, Indiana's state motto has been "The ~"

crossroads of the Pacific

the ~ (Honolulu)

Crossroads of the World

the ~ was packed with tourists and revelers (Times Square)

crossroads for Africa, Asia, and Europe

Zanzibar is a small island that is also a major ~

at the (strategic) crossroads of Europe and Asia

Adrianople, ~

♦ London 9490 miles; San Francisco 2090 miles; Tahiti 3366 miles; New York 6720 miles; Los Angeles 2230 miles; New York 6720 miles; Manila 4870 miles; Sydney 4420 miles... (The famous "Crossroads of the Pacific" sign in Honolulu circa 1941.)

♦ Wikipedia has a very nice entry at "fingerpost." The iconic fingerpost from the beloved US TV show *M*A*S*H* shows the directions and distances from that little base in Korea to places in the larger world.

♦ Beirut; Santiago; Moskva (19613 km); Cairo; Houston Texas; Vukovar (km 13.877); Munster 13,794 km, Rio de Janeiro 4.101 kms... (Signposts in Punta Arenas, Chile, near the tip of South America and the traditional gateway to the Antarctic.)

♦ According to the Wikipedia entry "Sign Post Forest," the signpost forest in Watson Lake, Yukon, "was started by a homesick GI in 1942." We've all been there before!

♦ Panama has been called the crossroads of the world. It was certainly a crossroad between Spain and its Pacific Empire. Otherwise... Meh. These crossroad designations are often Chamber of Commerce hallucinations.

♦ see also *road (fork in the road, etc.)*

geography / place: epithet

crossroad (at a crossroad)

at a crossroads

his career is ~

the South was ~ (Civil War)

South Sudan is ~ (elections for secession)

America is ~ (midterm elections)

at a midlife crossroads

he is at a ~ (a character in a film)

at a political crossroads

he finds himself ~ (president)

at a crossroads of his presidency

he is ~

stands at a crossroads

the US ~ (support or non-support for dictators)

♦ "We're at a crossroad, and there is a right side." (Wearing masks during the COVID pandemic.)

♦ see also *road (fork in the road, etc.)*

alternatives & choices: journeys & trips

development / direction: journeys & trips

crossroad (other)

crossroads in his life

he'd reached a gloomy ~

crossroads fight

this is a ~ for Andy Lee (vs. John Jackson / 2014)

crossroads moment

the government is at a ~ (crisis)

♦ see also *road (fork in the road, etc.)*

alternatives & choices / development / direction: journeys & trips

crow (verb)

crowed that

he ~ he had forced the president to decide (politics)

crowding about its (online holiday) sales

the company was ~

♦ "Foreign Minister Erko was vilified as a crowing rooster, a writhing serpent, and a phobic rat." (*Frozen Hell: The Russo-Finnish Winter War of 1939-40* by William R. Trotter.)

♦ "Kahgahgee, the King of Ravens, / With his band of black marauders." ("The Song of Hiawatha.")

speech: bird / verb

crowd (society)

crowdsourcing

~ can get you many things...

follow the crowd

be honest with yourself and don't ~

society: sign, signal, symbol

crown (superlative)

'worst traffic' crown

~ passes from L.A. to new city (New York-Newark)

jewels in the crown

they are the ~ of public education (elite NYC high schools)

contending for that crown

Don Bongino is ~ (king of right-wing media)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / superlative: royalty

crowned (verb)

crowned at the (party) convention

the eventual Democratic nominee will be ~ in July

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity royalty

crown jewel

crown jewels of the RAF

the Red Arrows are among the ~

crown jewel of their empire

the building is the ~ (a business)

crown jewel of the system

Banff is the ~ (Canadian National Park)

superlative / worth & lack of worth: royalty

crucible (noun)

crucible of anxiety

how to handle the ~ (college admissions)

crucible of power

Kandahar has been the main ~ in Afghanistan since...

crucible of suffering

in this ~ (Arctic exploration)

crucible of (free-market) thought

he got his degree from the University of Chicago, the ~

crucible of (Nobel Prize) Winners

the *Institut Curie* became a ~, producing 4 more

crucible for young actors

it was a noted ~ (the Pasadena Playhouse / Hoffman, etc.)

war's (hottest) crucible

the British were sent into the ~ (Sangin, Afghanistan)

environment: container / fire / manufacturing / temperature

crucified

crucified by the media

she has been ~

♦ "In the old days, Yamamoto would have had to commit ritual disembowelment." / "No, he wouldn't have been given the honor! He would simply have been crucified!" ("The Emperor's Code: Breach Of Protocol Spurs Debate in Japan" by Lucy Craft, Nov. 13, 2013.)

accusation & criticism: religion / violence

punishment & recrimination: religion / violence

crucifixion (noun)

media crucifixion

Des Christy of *The Guardian* called it a '~' (BBC's Wogan)

♦ "The Bayonet Tree got its name when one of Herkimer's men was crucified on it. George Walter lay beside a spring, pretending to be dead while an Indian ran a scalping knife around his skull, tearing off, finally, hair and skin from the bloody head. The Senecas captured Robert Crouse, the tallest and strongest man in Tryon County. They trussed him up, and then, in order to cut him down to their size, they whittled his legs off below the knees, cut the ropes holding him, and told him to walk." (*The Mohawk* by Codman Hislop. His book is about the Mohawk River.)

accusation & criticism: religion / violence

punishment & recrimination: religion / violence

crucify (verb)

crucify cops

lawyers, politicians stand ready to ~ for taking action

crucify him

the media will be quick to ~ when his form dips (soccer)

crucify me

they are going to ~ this season (on a reality show)

I feel like this town is gonna ~ (murder trial)

♦ "Stations of the cross" can be used figuratively for the process leading up to a figurative crucifixion.

accusation & criticism: religion / verb / violence

punishment & recrimination: religion / verb / violence

crude (speech)

crude language

he used ~ to deride the investigation (politics)

he used unusually ~ for a public appearance (politician)

flaws & lack of flaws / speech: materials & substances

cruel (adjective)

cruel

football is ~ sometimes (play better but still lose)

cruel disease

it's a ~, but it was especially cruel to him (AIDS)

cruel sea

they face the ~

cruel sport

it's true, it's a ~ (a boxing career)

Cruel Way

Everest the ~ by Joe Tasker (a book)

cruel and absurd

life is ~

unjust, cruel

an ~ world

♦ "[T]he poem has already entered the language. This time last year, for instance, if you had opened the business section of the London *Sunday Times*, you would have found an article with the headline 'I never like buying shares in September—its the cruellest month for stocks.' (Eliot, who worked at Lloyds Bank from 1917 to 1925, might have frowned at this financial counsel, though what would have vexed him sorely is the lack of an apostrophe.) You may not know "The Waste Land," and you may not like it if you do. But it knows you." ("On The Rocks: A hundred years of 'The Waste Land' by Anthony Lane, *The New Yorker*, October 3, 2022. Of course, the allusion is to "April is the cruellest month, breeding / Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing / Memory and desire, stirring / Dull roots with spring rain.")

character & personality / oppression: person

crumb (amount)

crumb of comfort

if the team were looking for a ~... (loss)

crumbs of hope

the ~ were so few and far between (a singer)

♦ "When I think back now to those years, I'm flabbergasted. What the hell was keeping me going? The crumbs of hope were so few and far between." (The singer Sam Ryder on his life before recognition.)

amount: food & drink

crumble (verb)

crumbled

their relationship has ~ (enmity)

in 1968, the Democratic Party ~ (Nixon elected)

crumbling

the regime is ~ (protests)

life crumbled

my ~

marriage (to Charlie) was crumbling

her ~ (the great Carole King)

began to crumble

in the off-season, his world ~ (troubled pro athlete)

his world ~ last October, when...

decline / destruction / failure, accident & impairment:
erosion / ruins / verb

crunch (crunch time)

crunch time

in terms of the school year, it's ~ (tests)

as we head into November, ~ (college football)

it was ~, end of the month (military recruitment)

this is ~, we're in the home stretch (election campaigning)

crunch time in the fields

it's ~ (harvesting Christmas trees)

crunch time in college football

it's ~

in crunch time

the team is ~, trying to reach the playoffs...

comes down to crunch time

I think when it ~ he will choose... (athlete must pick college)

♦ "Crunch-time culture is rampant throughout Oberlin College." (Deadlines.)

situation: pressure

timeliness & lack of timeliness: pressure

crunch (cash crunch, etc.)

budget crunch

most states are in the middle of a horrific ~

cash crunch

the agency found itself in a ~

the bank faced a ~ (Silicon Valley Bank shut down)

power crunch

the ~ has eased (after previous rolling power outages)

stave off a cash crunch

options to ~ include bankruptcy protection

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: pressure

timeliness & lack of timeliness: pressure

crunch (crunch the data)

crunch the data

the pandemic may have peaked, depending on how you ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: verb

crusade (on a crusade)

on a crusade to document

he is ~ underage model sites (porn)

campaign: Middle Ages / religion

message: Middle Ages / religion

crusade (in a crusade)

act in (his anti-government) crusade

it was the final ~ (Oklahoma City bombing)

engaged in an (undercover) crusade

she has ~ to document teen porn sites

campaign: Middle Ages / religion

message: Middle Ages / religion

crusade (noun)

crusade to improve

her ~ the city parks she loved (M.M. Graff / NYC)

crusade of violence

a ~, intimidation and harassment (animal rights)

crusade for a bargeway

the ~ on the Red River

crusade for Ms. Katz

finding terrorists has become a ~ (on Internet)

mothers' crusade

the ~ (to find serial killer of their daughters)

anti-government crusade

it was the final act in his ~ (Oklahoma City bombing)

anti-bullying crusade

an ~ (schools)

anti-cockfighting crusade

successful ~s in Missouri and Arizona

moral crusade

a harsh and intolerant ~

personal crusade

he used his seniority to further his ~s (politician)

political crusade

a grieving mother's ~ (son killed in Iraq)

signature crusade

he made health-care reform the ~ of his career

successful (anti-cockfighting) crusade

~s in Missouri and Arizona

undercover crusade

she has engaged in an ~ to document... (teen porn)

unlawful crusade

stop an ~ of violence, intimidation, harassment

harsh and intolerant (moral) crusade

a ~

crusade has sparked a backlash

his ~ (make school lunches more healthful)

engaged in an (undercover) crusade

she has ~ to document... (teen porn)

campaign: Middle Ages / religion

message: Middle Ages / religion

crusader (role)

crusaders for change

articulate ~ (victims of child abuse by clergy)

crusader for peace

she is a ~ (against war in Iraq)

crusader for human rights and harmony

he was a ~ among creeds and races (Tutu)

crusader for miners' rights

Mother Jones, a ~

environmental crusader

Erin Brockovich, the ~ who...

anti-drug crusader

Angela Dawson was an ~ (East Baltimore)

campaign: Middle Ages / person / religion

message: Middle Ages / person / religion

person: religion

crush (love)

crush on him

I had the biggest ~

feeling, emotion & effect: force / love, courtship & marriage

crush (destroy)

crushed Brazil 3-0

France ~ in the final (soccer)

crush (Chechnya's) bid

the latest campaign to ~ for independence

crush dissent

the government justifies the tactics it uses to ~

crushed (political) protest

he has ~ (King Mswati)

crush the rebels

Ethiopian officials vowed to ~ (Ogadenis)

crush the rebellion

the government vows to ~ (in Darfur)

crushed the revolt

Hussein's loyal military units ~ (Iraq / Shiites)

crush the uprising

a swift military response would ~

vowed to crush

Ethiopian officials ~ the rebels

destruction: fist / hand / verb

crush (confidence, spirit, etc.)

crushes (a child's) confidence

nothing ~ faster than unkind words

crush the human spirit

realities in life that almost ~

feeling, emotion & effect / oppression: destruction / hand / verb

crush (verb / accomplishment)

crushed it

dude, we ~ today, bro... (kayaking Rhondu Gorge)

the first famous Cuban in the US that ~ (Desi Arnaz)

crushing it

we are ~ in the five-star-review game (a hair product)
N.K. Jemisin is ~ (Hugo Award winner)

crushing the market

these German hearing aids are ~ (an internet ad)

crushing that market

SpaceX is ~ (space)

crushing it academically

he's an excellent student, he's ~

♦ "They are killing it, they are crushing KFC." (Chick-fil-A versus Kentucky Fried Chicken, according to a professor of marketing at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, also known as Wharton Business School. The University of Pennsylvania is a private Ivy League university in Philadelphia, established in 1881.)

♦ "Science is awesome, now go crush that test." (The 2009 film *Fired Up!*)

♦ "7-year-old girl who slayed the makeup game is back." (An online ad from Brightly Creative.)

success & failure: death & life / fist / force / hand / verb

crushed (feeling)

crushed

when she heard the restaurant had closed, she was ~
I was ~ (gay coach loses support)

feeling, emotion & effect: force

crushed (destroyed)

had been crushed

how I felt like all of my dreams ~

must be crushed

stubbornness ~, and crushed it shall be (kids)

destruction: force

crushing (adjective)

crushing blows

a string of ~ to this community

crushing (debt) burden

she couldn't get out from under her ~

crushing debt

they are in ~ and facing financial ruin

crushing defeat

Stalingrad ended in a ~ for the Germans

destruction: force

crutch (noun)

crutch

sleep is a ~ (military-training bravado)

crutch of metaphor

people lean on the ~ (technology)

victim crutch

we'd be far better off without the ~ (race)

permanent crutch

a crutch can become a ~ (controlled economies)

lean on the crutch

people ~ of metaphor (technology)

use genetics as a crutch

alcoholics ~ to explain their behavior

turned assistance into a crutch

the welfare state has ~

**amelioration & renewal / dependency / help & assistance:
standing, sitting & lying**

cry (verb)

cried the Chicago Herald and Examiner

"Radio Fake Scares Nation," ~

♦ see also *scream* (*scream "premium," etc.*)

♦ "Radio Listeners in Panic, Taking War Drama as Fact," declared *The New York Times*. "Radio Fake Scares Nation," cried the *Chicago Herald and Examiner*. "US Terrorized By Radio's 'Men From Mars,'" said the *San Francisco Chronicle*. ("The Halloween myth of the War of the Worlds panic" by Professor W Joseph Campbell, BBC, 30 October 2011.)

fictive communication: speech / verb

cry (cry foul, etc.)

crying foul

Democrats are ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / verb

speech: sound

cry (cry for help)

heartbreaking cry for help

a ~

appeal: speech

cry (rallying cry)

rallying cry

"economic empowerment" has become the ~
its "best in the world" ~ (U.S. Olympic skiing team)
his comments are more of a ~ than a concrete plan

rallying cry in education

the ~ has been...

♦ "My body, my choice": How vaccine foes co-opted the abortion rallying cry" by Rachel Bluth, NPR, Public Health, July 4, 2022.

appeal: military

crybaby (person)

crybaby

don't be a ~

crybaby in the schoolyard

Carl Ichan called Bill Ackman "a ~" (two billionaires)

cry-baby scientist

Harry Truman described J. Robert Oppenheimer as a ~

just a crybaby

she is ~ looking for sympathy (celebrity trial)

just another crybaby

he is ~ hiding behind his lawyer's skirt

called Musk a 'crybaby'

Dan O'Dowd ~ (the Dawn Project)

♦ "[President Truman] later told Dean Acheson, 'I don't want to see that son-of-a-bitch in this office ever again.' Even in May 1946, the encounter was still vivid in his mind, he wrote Acheson and described Oppenheimer as a 'cry-baby scientist' who had come to 'my office some five or six months ago and spent most of his time wringing his hands and telling me they had blood on them because of the discovery of atomic energy.'" (*American Prometheus: The Triumph And Tragedy Of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.)

♦ "He dishes it out often, but gets crybabyitis any time it's his turn to take it." (A comment about two feuding tech CEOs.)

♦ "Neymar is a real crybaby. One minute he's fouling someone and then the next he's playing the victim. No one is allowed to touch him." (Marco van Basten in *Le Parisien*.)

♦ Baby; big baby; petulant baby; crybaby; Grow up, you baby; it's not all about you; a little boy; a man-child; "the incredible sulk"; selfish; self-centered; self-obsessed; spoilt brat; whiner; preening prima donna; bad loser; "He'll go blind if he keeps winking..."; "News just in..... The world cup is now over for everyone as they were playing with Ronaldo's ball and he has taken it home with him." (World Cup soccer snark about a player.)

♦ "My hope is that the Competition Committee looks at this in the next set of meetings, and, you know, we take the dresses off." (Ex-quarterback and NFL Hall of Famer Troy Aikman about a roughing-the-passer call he disagreed with. He was accused of being sexist, and one commenter posted, "the 60s called, they want their chauvinist back.")

♦ "Dump Rodgers, she's a prima donna, and doesn't get the TEAM culture." (Shade against the great future Hall of Famer Aaron Rodgers of the NFL Green Bay Packers, using a female pronoun!)

♦ "Really tricky situation, FA, Prem and FIFA only had 12 years to prepare. You do wonder who ties shoelaces for those in charge." (A sarcastic commenter about "tired, overworked" soccer players and the Qatar Soccer World Cup.)

♦ "Bleating millionaire wimps. How about grow a pair." (An online commenter about "tired, overworked" soccer players and the Qatar Soccer World Cup.)

♦ Man up!

♦ "So, in the eyes of her classmates, Nelle's taking on the job of guardian angel to Truman Streckfus Persons... was further proof of her particularity: Truman, as surely as every kid at Monroeville Elementary knew that night followed day, was a sissy, a crybaby, a mamma's boy, and so on. Moreover, if he had worn a sandwich board to school with the words HATE ME painted on it two feet tall, the advertisement would have been redundant. His clothes extended that invitation from a block away. It was the 1930s, the Great Depression...A girl in a flower-print dress of cotton made from a fifty-pound flour sack had nothing to be ashamed of then... Consequently, when Truman's Aunt Jennie, the owner of a millinery in town, outfitted Truman in Hawaiian shirts, white duck shorts, blue socks, sandals, and Eton caps from the best department stores in Mobile and Montgomery, he looked, as one teacher expressed it, 'like a bird of paradise among a flock of crows.' The implied insult to the other children could not be ignored. Boys gave him his comeuppance by rubbing cockleburs into his fine blond hair and bruising his milky skin." (*Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee* by Charles J. Shields. It's a wonderful portrait of an amazing woman.)

♦ "'Mama's boy' is a flex, not an insult." (According to NPR's Neda Ulaby.)

♦ see also *apron strings*, *baby (insult)*, *brat (insult)*, *child (spoiled child, etc.)*, *mama's boy (and mummy's boy, etc.)*

growth & development: life span

behavior / character & personality / insult / person: baby

cry out (verb)

cries out for attention

it ~ (immigration policy)

cried out for a canal

the narrow isthmus for centuries ~ (Corinth)

crying out for a Grealish

I think this game is ~ (Euro 2020 final)

cried out for a (legal) remedy

the injustice ~

crying out for positive stories and new stars

athletics is ~ (running)

appeal: speech / verb

fictive communication: speech / verb

crystal ball

crystal ball

I don't have a ~ (speaking about what might happen)

stock analysts are fortunetellers looking into ~s

fate, fortune & chance / future: magic

time: magic

cub (noun)

cub reporter

I was a ~ at the time (mid-70s England)

experience: animal / wolf

cudgel (noun)

cudgel against people of color

when civility is used as a ~

political cudgel

they use the term as a ~ against liberals (*cancel culture*)

rhetorical cudgel

the word *socialism* has often been used as a kind of ~ (US)

turned into this kind of a cudgel

eventually the term was ~ and mockery (*politically correct*)

use the rising rates of fatness as a cudgel

we ~ to get folks to lose weight (and spend money)

wielded COVID-19 as a cudgel

he ~ against China (Trump)

coercion & motivation: speech / violence / weapon

oppression: speech / violence / weapon

cue (noun)

taken cues from Trump

his campaign has ~

repetition / script / unanimity & consensus: theater

cul-de-sac

cul de sac

his job was another ~ for him (unable to be creative)

gone down cul-de-sacs

they've got it wrong, taken wrong turns, ~ (a company)

success & failure: journeys & trips
failure, accident & impairment: journeys & trips
progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips

cull (noun)

cull
the ~ includes plans to... (news job cuts)

BBC's (brutal) cull
~ (headline / 450 job cuts)

mass cull
a ~ will affect follower numbers (Twitter bot accounts)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal

cull (verb)

cull the (primary) field
Iowa will ~ (2020 election caucus)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / verb

cult (noun)

cult of the outlaw
its air of Western romance and ~ (Wyoming)

group, set & collection / reverence: religion

cult (cult following, etc.)

cult classic
his book became a ~ among academics (*Orientalism*)

cult following
the film has a ~ (*Caddyshack*)

enthusiasm: religion

cultivate (verb)

cultivates allies
he assiduously ~ (a promoter and businessman)

cultivated a (laissez-faire) approach
the unit ~ (psychiatric ward)

cultivate the habit
~ of proper hand washing

cultivated that image
he probably ~ (James Le Mesurier / T. E. Lawrence)

cultivated informants
he ~ on the streets (military intelligence)

cultivating a relationship
the Russian agent was ~ with a prominent Democrat (US)

cultivate (long-term) relationships
~ with preferred customers

cultivated a role
she ~ of her own (versus her husband's role)

cultivate their (financial) support
we must grow our audience and ~ (WBUR)

cultivate a (less conformist) taste
give her the courage to ~ (teens)

cultivate trust
the killings are a blow to the alliance's efforts to ~

cultivated a circle of (devoted) friends
she ~

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / verb

cultivated

carefully cultivated
their ~ image was exposed (royals)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

cultivation (noun)

cultivation of the mind
~ versus career training (the humanities)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

curate (verb)

curate examples
~ (lexicography / ColloCaid)

curate lists
sites like MTV ~ (of songs)

curates the narrative
he carefully ~ around his exploits to enlarge them

curated NPR's home page
he wrote and edited feature news coverage and ~

curate information
~ (lexicography / ColloCaid)

studied and curated
at the Harvard College Observatory, women ~ the night sky

♦ The Merriam-Webster online site has an excellent article in its Usage Notes entitled, "Can You 'Curate' Anything? Or can it only be art?"

♦ "I curated it like I curate a show or DJ gig." (Questlove, touting his documentary *The Summer of Soul*.)

♦ Some internet language is just odd. Like, "Curating 'friendscapes' post-Covid..."

♦ "Gen Z, the new curators of our country's youth culture..." (An ABC report on doxing, activism, protest, etc.)

♦ "Curate your social media feed to limit content that makes you feel bad."

group, set & collection: picture / verb

contempo-speak: language

curated

curated for you
trending meme templates, ~

curated by enthusiasts
it's ~ from around NPR Music (the Heat Check playlist)

curated by NPR
great reads, thoughtfully ~ (the Books We Love)

curated examples

carefully ~ (lexicography / ColloCaid)

curated list

we create a ~ of 100 books (a reader poll)

curated selection

the Drudge Report provides users with a ~ of links (news)

Tribeca-curated

membership offers year-round access to ~ events...

artistically curated

young people crowd its ~ cafes (Matanzas, Cuba)

carefully curated

~ examples (lexicography / ColloCaid)

highly curated

the duo is building ~ pop sounds (Magdalena Bay)

lovingly curated

On Girlhood is a ~ anthology celebrating... (Liveright)

meticulously curated

The Wing is a ~ space (private women-only club)

perfectly-curated

the ~ Instagram profile of the wellness blogger

non-curated

~ concordances (lexicography / ColloCaid)

♦ "Like cruise ships or nursing homes, New York's luxury buildings have waged an amenities arms race, trying to lure buyers with perks such as a pool with an underwater soundtrack curated by Carnegie Hall..." ("Can A Building Be Too Tall?" by Bianca Bosker, *The Atlantic*, January / February 2023.)

♦ "Designed for the cultured, connected, and curious, Tribeca Membership offers year-round access to Tribeca-curated events, including..." (Love the alliteration...)

♦ "View the incredible work of X and over a hundred handpicked, independent artists... Shop online 24/7 at (a website)..." (A full-page ad in *Harper's Magazine* that did NOT use "curated.")

♦ OLD: we have selected / handpicked / chosen some wines you might like... / NEW: we have curated a list of wines you might like...

group, set & collection: picture

contempo-speak: language

curation (noun)

lexicographic curation

~ (ColloCaid)

♦ "Developing a writing assistant to help EAP writers with collocations in real time" by Ana Frankenberg-Garcia, Robert Lew, Jonathan C. Roberts, Geraint Paul Rhees, Nirwan Sharma, 10 August 2018. "This research is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), UK, ref. AH/P003508/1. Funded value £563,356.)

group, set & collection: picture

contempo-speak: language

curb (kick somebody to the curb)

kicked to the curb

executives are now ~ for bullying (toxic workplaces)

♦ "Toxic twosome these 2 are. Everyone is kicking them to the curb. I see they're disliked even by their so-called friends." (Online snark about a celebrity couple.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: waste

curdle (corruption)

curdled

on her second day, however, the atmosphere ~

curdled into arrogance

his confidence ~ (a politician)

curdled into queasiness

my initial excitement ~

curdle into resentment

their joy will ~ (sports fans)

♦ "What started out as indifference and apathy soon curdled into obstinance, willful ignorance and corruption." ("How Not to Catch a Killer: For 13 years, the police failed to scrutinize the man now accused of the Gilgo Beach murders" by Robert Kolker, *The New York Times Magazine*, October 22, 2023.)

corruption: food & drink / verb

cure (verb)

cures

spanking causes more problems than it ~

cure the men of their loneliness

the bar scene fails to ~

cures fears

real knowledge of what's outside one's garden ~

"cure" homosexuality

you can't ~

cures problems

aid often causes rather than ~ (in Africa)

♦ "Ten Hag still has many ills to cure but he is at least prescribing the sort of medication that is returning Manchester United to something like their former health." (Phil McNulty, Chief football writer for the BBC. Five of the words in that single sentence relate to health.)

♦ "But talking cures no ills..."

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / verb

cure (noun)

cure

the ~ would be worse than the disease (solution)

cure for boredom

poor, uneducated youths use heroin as a ~ (Butuo)
joining a club is a good ~

cure for (the world's) problems

a ~

magic cure

there is no ~ (for kid fire-setting behavior)

miracle cure

there's no ~ on the horizon (brain tumors)

disagree on the cure

experts and leaders ~ (world economy)

use heroin as a cure

poor uneducated youths ~ for boredom (Butuo)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

cure-all

technological cure-all

all too often planners seek ~s (computer security)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

curious (bi-curious, etc.)

“bi-curious”

~ is now considered uncool (in 2014)

Buddhist-curious

our gatherings will appeal to the ~

“canna-curious”

the new product is for the ~ (seltzer with THC)

crypto curious

Gensler’s class on Blockchain is popular with the ~

firearm curious

we’re looking to bring the ‘~’ into the fold (NRA)

sober curious

why Gen Zers are growing ~ (hangovers, mental health)

cheers to a Dry January and a ~ lifestyle (New Year’s)

trans-curious

~ means to be interested in one’s potential transness

♦ “Bi-curious” is a Wikipedia entry. Merriam-Webster also lists it and gives first use to 1984. It is also listed by Wiktionary.

♦ “Trans-curious” is listed in the Wiktionary and tagged “LGBT.”

♦ “Bay Curious is a podcast about the unexplored San Francisco Bay area. Each week we take a deep dive into the mysteries that make this area quirky, delightful and, at times, dysfunctional...” (KQED Podcast.)

♦ “The pawpaw-curious arrived and sat in a semicircle around Judd.” (Yasmine AlSayyad, Dept. Of Foraging, Pawpaws For The People, “The Talk Of The Town,” *The New Yorker*, September 19, 2022.)

♦ “The North Koreans, I call them crypto-curious, they do everything, they try everything...” (An *FBI agent* investigating the Axie Infinity crypto theft.)

♦ “Although it might not be entirely fair to describe Charles as feudalism-curious, his world view does appear to incorporate an implicit defense of his monarchical position.” (“King Me: Charles tried to be a philosopher-prince. But a British monarch must keep quiet” by Rebecca Mead, *The New Yorker*, May 8, 2023. Such use of contempo-speak is a form of presentism. Other examples from her article include, “In time, they grew closer, partly because of a mutual love of art. It can happen”—about the marriage of Charles I and Henrietta Maria in 1625—and “primogeniture is a bummer”—about Prince Andrew. She also mentions that “There are no glamorous teenage or twentysomething royals for the TikTok generation to scroll through...” Mead is certainly *au courant* for a 56 year old!)

♦ “Curiosity killed the cat.”

inclusion & exclusion: affix

contempo-speak: affix

curiouser and curiouser

curiouser and curiouser

it was all about to get ~

Curiouser and Curiouser

“~: Curiosity Rover Finds Piles of Silica on Mars”

♦ This is an allusion to *Alice in Wonderland*.

♦ “Although the weather was growing rapidly colder, no winter clothing had been received from London. Many units were now at half strength or less, the remaining soldiers reduced to skin and bone. The guns were rationed to two shells a day. Munro’s first sight of Suvla Bay confirmed his worst fears. ‘Like Alice in wonderland,’ he was heard to murmur, ‘curiouser and curiouser.’ The following day he sent Kitchener his recommendation.” (Lt. Gen. Sir Charles Monro had been sent to advise on whether the Gallipoli Peninsula should be evacuated or not. From *The Middle Sea* by the wonderful historian John Julius Norwich.)

♦ “Large animals that hopped, foxes that flew, fish that climbed—this was the world of Edward Lear and his *Book of Nonsense*.” (Cook and his men in Australia, on first contact with kangaroos, flying foxes, and mud-skippers. From *The Fatal Impact* by Alan Moorehead. *The Book of Nonsense* by Edward Lear was published in 1846. *Alice in Wonderland* was published in 1865.)

fantasy & reality: allusion / books & reading

allusion: books & reading

currency (worth)

currency

friendship is ~ and Gen Z is going broke

attention has always been ~ (the attention economy)

currency in its negotiations

China can use its relationship with Korea as ~ with the US

online currency

friendship in 2023 has become ~

gaining currency

terms like “systemic racism” are finally ~, thank goodness

♦ “Attention has always been currency, but as we’ve begun to live our lives increasingly online, it’s now *the* currency.” (“I talked to the Cassandra of the Internet Age” by Charlie Warzel, *The New York Times*, Feb. 4, 2021. The attention economy.)

cost & benefit / worth & lack of worth: money

current (swim with the current, etc.)

swimming with the scientific currents

Newton was ~ of his time (vs. Galileo)

orientation: direction / river

difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / orientation / river

current (swim against the current, etc.)

beat on against the current

I applaud women like Hou who ~ (competitive chess)

swim against the current

he had to ~ his entire life

they thought he would somehow ~ (have just one wife)

swim against the current of chaos

how is it possible to ~ in life and still remain calm

swim against the current fiscally

the economy has shrunk, so it is hard to ~, so to speak

♦ “It isn’t easy to swim against such a polluted current but here I am.” (Politics.)

orientation: direction / river

difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / orientation / river

current (noun)

current of racism

the underlying ~ is still very real

deep current

a ~ of fear is running through Iraq's Christian minority

force: river

current (feeling)

current passes

no ~ between this Macbeth and Lady Macbeth (Coen's film)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

curse (Curse of Caricola, etc.)

Curse of the Bambino

the ~ finally ended in 2004 (Boston)

Curse of the Billy Goat

the ~ mortified Cubs fans for decades (Chicago)

Curse of Caricola

the club has since been haunted by the ~ (own goal)

Kardashian Curse

the "~" derails the lives of the men who enter their lives

Forbes 30 under 30 'curse'

the ~ (see quote below)

Sports *Illustrated* cover jinx

the ~ (see the Wikipedia article)

♦ "Pava LaPere's grisly murder sparks fresh fears of Forbes 30 under 30 'curse'" by Jesse O'Neill, *New York Post*, Sept. 28, 2023. Murder, suicide, and fraud. One online commenter noted, "30 under 30 is the new 27 club." That alludes to famous entertainment celebrities and stars who died age 27. See the Wikipedia article, "27 Club.")

fate, fortune & chance: epithet

curse (noun)

curse

the bureaucracy, already a ~, is getting worse (Russia)
it's my gift, and my ~ (an athlete about his personality)

curse of Somalia

clan rivalries have been the ~

curse of capitalism

materialism is the ~

curse of the taigá

the ~, flies (gnus / Ussuria)

oil's (historic) curse

~ (a hollow economic boom, followed by bust)

salmon's curse

it is the ~ to be so nutritious (bears, eagles, etc.)

resource curse

Venezuela suffers from the ~ (has energy, blackouts)
break the so-called ~ (wealth siphoned off by corruption)

terrifying curse

"The ~ of Ellen DeGeneres' Oscars selfie 10 years later"

blessing and a curse

these gems have been a ~ (Sierra Leone diamonds)

the annual rains are a ~ for the subcontinent (monsoon)

gift and a curse

having a good platoon, it's both a ~ (combat medic)

break the (Alabama) curse

it seemed Georgia would not be able to ~ (2022 / football)

break the (so-called) resource curse

~ (mineral wealth siphoned off by corruption)

carries a curse

for women climbers, K2 ~

comes with a curse

many believe the position ~ (Grateful Dead keyboardist)

♦ "Jaguars' Trevor Lawrence breaks hex, finally wins at Superdome."

♦ "We approached the hull, where a bottle of spumante hung from a ribbon in Italian colors. Two members of the family pulled back the bottle and slung it against the yacht. It bounced off and failed to shatter. 'Oh, that's bad luck,' a woman murmured beside me. Tales of that unhappy omen abound. In one memorable case, the bottle failed to break on *Zaca*, a schooner that belonged to Errol Flynn. In the years that followed, the crew mutinied and the boat sank; after being re-floated, it became the setting for Flynn's descent into cocaine, alcohol, orgies, and drug smuggling. When Flynn died, new owners brought in an archdeacon for an onboard exorcism." ("The Floating World: Outrageously luxurious superyachts are attracting political scrutiny—and buyers in record numbers" by the brilliant writer Evan Osnos, *The New Yorker*, July 25, 2022. About Errol Flynn, one appreciative women is reputed to have said, "He was hung like a horse and could go all night.")

♦ "About the breaking of a bottle to baptize a new megayacht or warship, has nobody thought to fabricate a flimsy, thin-skinned bottle for just this purpose? Considering the cost and the stakes, really? WTF!" (An online commenter.)

♦ "Mud is a curse which seems to save itself for war." (*Up Front* by Bill Mauldin, World War II.)

♦ see also *evil eye*

affliction: magic / religion

fate, fortune & chance: magic / religion

cursed

cursed with allergies

I am ~

cursed with droughts

the area is ~

cursed by weak leadership

the country is ~

cursed team

it seemed that Brazil was a ~ (soccer)

seemingly cursed

she belongs to a ~ family

felt cursed

he ~ by the poker gods

♦ I have been cursed with an adventurous life.

affliction: magic / religion

fate, fortune & chance: magic / religion

curtain (pull back the curtain, look behind the curtain, etc.)

looked behind the curtain

I ~ to see what data the apps were collecting (on kids)

pull back the curtain

he is expected to ~ on the president's business dealings

pulled back the curtain on the coverup

Phase 4 has ~ ("British Post Office Scandal")

pulled back the curtain on his secret life

the video has ~

pulled back the curtain on dozens

he ~ of failed analyses (scientist)

pulls back the curtain on the media

the *Confider* ~ (*Daily Beast* newsletter)

pulled back the curtain on spycraft

he wrote novels that ~ to reveal how things really got done

pulled the curtain back on who

this database ~ was responsible (corporate opioid pushing)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / theater

searching & discovery: cloth / theater

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / theater

curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.)

con man behind the curtain

Americans have now seen the ~ (politics)

♦ "It's kind of, don't look behind the curtain, you know?" (Noam Chomsky about the "culture wars" that beset the United States.)

♦ This is a reference to the beloved 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*.

subterfuge: cloth / film & TV

allusion: film & TV

curtain (lower the curtain, etc.)

final curtain

this might be the ~ for the Gypsy King (boxer's final fight)

lower the curtain on his (half-century) career

it's just about time to ~ in American politics (election)

dismissal, removal & resignation: theater

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

curtain (curtain wall, etc.)

curtain walls

old castles and modern buildings may utilize ~

protection & lack of protection / resemblance: cloth

curtain call

made a curtain call

he ~ and tipped his hat (baseball)

brought winter back for a curtain call

the spring snowstorm ~

appearance & disappearance: theater

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: theater

curtain raiser (noun)

last night's curtain raiser

after ~, VAR took center-stage (start of soccer season)

season curtain-raiser

Iowa is the primary season ~ (US elections)

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

curtains (the end)

curtains for the (main) franchise

Fast X: Part 2 may be ~ (Fast & Furious)

dismissal, removal & resignation: theater

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

curve (behind / ahead of the curve)

ahead of the curve

we have been ~

stay ahead of the curve

we need to ~ (deep-fake videos / fake news)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: geometry

curveball (noun)

curve ball

this a ~ that we don't believe they saw coming

latest curveball

the ~ in the winding saga (murder, trial, etc.)

throws a curveball

nature always ~ (Covid vaccine)

throws a curveball at you

every day is different, every fire ~ (wildfire fighter)

♦ "She furrowed her brow. It was a question from left field... / Now they were the ones thrown a curveball... / This was another question out of the blue..." (police procedural.)

♦ "Oh, golly. Every day is different, that's part of the fun, you never know what you're going to get. Every fire throws a curveball at you." (A Federal wildland firefighter.)

subterfuge: ball / baseball / sports & games

cushion (verb)

cushion the blow

the official tried to ~ (son grievously wounded in war)

amelioration & renewal / attenuation: hardness & softness

cushion (noun)

cash cushion

corporations are sitting on ~s

economic cushion

his savings provided him with an ~

financial cushion

did you save a ~ for yourself

amelioration & renewal: hardness & softness

cuspid (on the cuspid)

on the cuspid of adulthood

her child died ~

she plays high schoolers ~ (an actor)

on the cuspid of (finally) getting

Golding was ~ a book deal (*Lord of the Flies*)

proximity: astronomy / star

division & connection: astronomy / star

custodian (role)

custodian of this democracy

we should expect the president to be the ~

custodians of hope

we can be ~ (environmental activism)

custodian of this lost history

she saw herself as a ~

custodians of America's pastime

the various ~ (BASEBALL)

♦ "Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques" is a Wikipedia entry.

help & assistance: infrastructure / person

cut (road cuts, etc.)

cut inland

the Via Appia itself ~ and headed further east

fictive motion / resemblance: blade / knife / verb

cut (a person from a team, etc.)

cut Hernandez

the Patriots ~ (NFL team and player)

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / knife

cut (budget cuts, etc.)

deep cuts

he wants to make ~ in programs for the poor

curtailment: ax / blade / knife

cut (cut the budget, etc.)

cutting the cord

people are ~ (paid TV subscriptions)

cut taxes

he wants to ~ (a politician)

curtailment: ax / blade / knife / verb

cut (cut both ways)

cuts both ways

the Western concept ~ (human rights)

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / knife

cut (a thousand cuts)

death by a thousand cuts

he's suffering ~ (a prosecutor with weak case)

a ~ is the future (restricting right to abortion)

death by 1,000 paper cuts

EPA regulations amounted to "~"

suicide by a thousand cuts

the company is committing ~ (failing)

♦ This references an *actual* form of torture. See the Wikipedia entry "Lingchi."

affliction: blade / knife

cut down (killed)

cut down

he was ~ in his prime (killed in battle)

♦ Death traditionally has been associated with reaping, "cutting down," sickles, and scythes. The Grim Reaper, for example, is often shown carrying a scythe.

death & life: farming & agriculture

cut off (verb)

cut off (diplomatic) relations

Venezuela ~ Colombia

curtailment: blade / knife / verb

dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / knife / verb

cut off (speech)

cut me off

I tried to tell her but she ~

speech: blade / knife / verb

cut short (verb)

cut short

his life was tragically ~

curtailment: blade / farming & agriculture / knife / verb

cutthroat (competition)

cutthroat behemoth

antitrust regulators depict it as a ~ (a tech company)

cutthroat business

back then in Russia, it was a ~ (oil)

cutthroat game

he wasn't there to play the ~ (*Survivor*)

'cutthroat' (dating) scene

NYC's ~

cutthroat techniques

he's using the same ~ he honed at his hedge fund

cutthroat world

in the ~ of college admission applications

so cutthroat

admissions are ~ right now (colleges)

♦ "It ain't for the weak Drama, ghosting and tales of misery on NYC's 'cutthroat' dating scene: 'We're all out for ourselves.'" (The New York Post.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: blade / knife / violence

behavior: blade / knife / violence

competition: blade / knife / violence

cutting edge (on the cutting edge)

on the cutting edge

Californians are ~ (exercises)

on the cutting edge of outbreak surveillance

the Medical Center is ~

driving force: blade

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: blade

cutting edge (other)

cutting-edge drug

a ~ like Zofran

cutting-edge field

the ~s of computer engineering

cutting-edge research

the chase to produce ~

cutting edge can grow dull

his life reminds us that the ~ (Hugh Hefner)

driving force: blade

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: blade

cyclone (noun)

cyclone of chaos

disinformation experts are bracing for a fresh ~

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

activity: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

Cyclops (creature)

Cyclops eye

the dim ~ of the military

♦ "[The Soviets] turned the dim Cyclops eye of their military on the people themselves. They destroyed any village the mujahidin were spotted in. They carpet-bombed the Panjshir Valley..." (From *Fire* by Sebastian Junger, the chapter entitled "The Lion In Winter (2001)," about the great Ahmad Shah Masoud, the Lion of Panjshir.)

♦ In the *Odyssey*, Odysseus outwits the Cyclops Polyphemus and ends up blinding him, in a great win for the "nobodies."

allusion: books & reading

oppression: allusion / books & reading / creature / eye / Iliad & Odyssey

cylinder (fire on all cylinders, etc.)

firing on all cylinders

the team was ~ (won championship game)

imagine Tyson ~ (the boxer Tyson Fury)

we weren't ~ (a relationship)

it was a fantastic month, the economy was ~

she was ~ (Vondrousova beats Svitolina / tennis)

humming on all cylinders

her program is ~ (coach Dawn Staley, SC Gamecocks)

functioning: engine / mechanism

czar (and tsar)

czar of the movies

Hays's first major act as "~" was to ban Arbuckle

climate tsar

John Kerry, the Biden administration's ~

coronavirus czar

Dr. Ashish Jha, new White House ~

homelessness czar

she has already appointed a ~ (mayor of Los Angeles)

rat czar

New York City crowned Kathleen Corradi its first ~

cybersecurity czar

Dick Clarke, a former ~

Covid-testing Czar

Dr. Tom Inglesby, the ~ at the White House

anti-trust tsar

the president might create an ~ (and break up Big Tech)

♦ "He's a former leak Czar at the Department of Justice." (NPR's "A" Martinez introducing Brandon Van Grack to talk about the latest government security leak.)

power: history / person

government: person

D

daddy (and zaddy, etc.)

big daddy

see *big daddy* (authority)

granddaddy

see *granddaddy* (and *grandfather*)

Zaddy

~, an older 'Daddy' who is attractive, has extra swag...

♦ "Oof, Y'all, Dictionary.com Just Added Over 300 New Words and Definitions" by Josie Fischels, NPR, Pop Culture, July 16, 2021. One of them is "Zaddy." The word "zaddy" is at Wiktionary, tagged as "African-American Vernacular, slang." Not (yet) recognized by Merriam-Webster.

♦ "So basically Harry Styles would be classified as a Daddy, and George Clooney a 'Zaddy.'" ("My fling wanted me to call him Daddy and really turned me off" by Jana Hocking, news.com.au, March 10, 2023.)

relationship: father

dagger (insert the dagger, etc.)

dagger to this Cameroon side

that is a ~ (third English goal in World Cup)

dagger blows

we must deal sharp ~ to the terrorists

3-point dagger

he sealed the deal with a ~ with 5 seconds left (basketball)

inserted the dagger

he ~ with a 15-foot-jumper (basketball)

put the dagger in

you get a chance to shoot the three, ~ (basketball)

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

♦ "Leroy Jones [carried] a rusty shank of disdain for the lassitude of white America."

♦ "Quoted sources suggested... that more than one knife was out for him." (PM Boris Johnson / politics.)

♦ "Antwerp was often described as a 'dagger pointed at the heart of England.'" (The Napoleonic wars.)

♦ "Korea is a dagger pointed at the heart of Japan." (Japan fights Russia for control of the Korean Peninsula during the Russo-Japanese War.)

♦ "Those who stormed this Capitol, and those who instigated and incited, and those who called on them to do so, held a dagger at the throat of America, and American democracy... I will stand in this breach, I will defend this nation, I'll allow no one to place a dagger at the throat of democracy." (President Joe Biden, in a speech on January 6th, 2022.)

♦ A rich, stupid city man insulted a Bedouin. Twenty years later, the Bedouin wiped the man's blood from his dagger, thinking regretfully, "Why was I in such a hurry to kill him?"

destruction / feeling, emotion & effect: blade / death & life / knife / violence / weapon

dam (psychological dam, etc.)

air dam

shave one inch off their front ~ (NASCAR)

deflection dams

avalanche fences and ~

dental dams

male condoms, ~, and female condoms (public health)

psychological dam

a flood of memories burst through the ~ he had built

crack in the dam

this bill was the ~... (right-to-repair bill / PIRG)

♦ "I could feel the unity of tens of millions of brothers and sisters, rising to join the fight, creating a living dam to block the invaders' path..." (Vasily Grossman, author of *Life and Fate*.)

♦ "I was a dam-builder / cross a river deep and wide / where steel and water did collide / a place called Boulder on the wild Colorado / I slipped and fell into the wet concrete below / they buried me in that great tomb that knows no sound / but I am still around..." (The Highwaymen—Highwayman (American outlaws: Live at Nassau Coliseum, 1990. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMdeg-WKt1U>)

obstacles & impedance: dam / river / water

constraint & lack of constraint: dam / river / water

dam (water over the dam)

water over the dam

technically all of us are living on Indian land, but it's ~

past & present: dam / movement / river / water

time: dam / movement / river / water

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: dam / movement / river / water

damage (collateral damage)

collateral damage

see *collateral damage* (noun)

damage (noun)

damage to Amanda

the TV show is causing real ~ (a murder case)

ongoing damage

there is an ~ (a TV show about murder case)

threat of damage

there is a ~ (to a murder case, by a TV show)

destruction: ruins

damaged (mental illness)

this very damaged woman

what a life of turmoil, abuse and sadness ~ has lived

damaged and lonely

she was almost 40, ~...

mental health: euphemism

damage control

damage control

he is not a seasoned politician who knows how to do ~

attempted damage control

she attempted ~ a day after her message sparked the vitriol

do damage control

the CEO went on CNBC to ~ (about product safety)

♦ "It wasn't the Exocet that sank HMS *Sheffield*, it was poor damage control." (The Falklands War.)

amelioration & renewal: boat / military

damn (damn with faint praise)

damned him with faint praise

critics ~ (a film actor)

♦ "There is much to be said for failure. It is more interesting than success." (Max Beerbohm.)

language: sarcasm

damning (adjective)

damning

the verdict was ~ as the team finished sixth (Olympics)

damning (internal) documents

~ leaked by a whistleblower

judgment: religion

dampen (verb)

dampen a man's (sexual) arousal

the smell of a woman's tears will ~ (a study)

dampen the (smoldering) discontent

they couldn't ~

dampen the enthusiasm
heavy security didn't ~ of fans (Olympics)
the weather did not ~ at the fair

dampened (people's) spirit
the wet weather has ~ (France)

feeling, emotion & effect: water / verb

attenuation: water / verb

dampening (adjective)

dampening effect
this will have a ~ on reporting (nurse convicted of error)

attenuation / obstacles & impedance: mechanism

damper (noun)

damper on our sex life
taking care of a baby put a real ~

attenuation / obstacles & impedance: mechanism

dance (coordination)

dance between the telescope and the dome
it's a ~, they work together (Giant Magellan Telescope)

♦ "But Panasonic's top leaders were hesitant. They had never had that type of partnership, and Musk (understandably) did not strike them as an easy guy to dance with." (*Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson.)

relationship: music

dance (dance with death, etc.)

dance with death
high-altitude climbing is a constant ~ (K2, etc.)

fate, fortune & chance: love, courtship & marriage

dance (resemblance)

dance across the flats
whirling dust devils ~ (Nevada)

heat waves danced
down in the valley the ~

resemblance: verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

dance (dance around something)

dancing around partisan gerrymandering
the Supreme Court has been ~ for years

danced around the issue
he ~

dance around it
we ~, but I want to come back to it (women's language)

avoidance & separation / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: verb / walking, running & jumping

dance (last dance)

last dance
Phil Jackson called that season the ~ (Jordan's Bulls)

last dance at the World Cup
this is his ~ (the great Lionel Messi in Qatar)

Last Dance scenario
that sets up a potential ~ this season (two NFL players)

starting, going, continuing & ending: music

dandelion (character)

dandelions
most kids tend to be like ~, fairly resilient and able to cope

orchid or a dandelion
is your child an ~

♦ Compare with *teacup* and *snowflake*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*; a *pansy*; a *wallflower* or *wilting flower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

person: plant

character & personality / resiliency / strength & weakness: person / plant

dangle (verb)

dangled this inducement
he ~ (diplomacy)

dangled military aid as a way to press
he ~ Ukraine to...

dangled a White House visit as leverage to get
officials ~ Ukraine to...

attraction & repulsion: hunting / verb

coercion & motivation: arm / verb

Dantesque (adjective)

Dantesque horror
it was a scene of ~ (surgery during genocide)

♦ "Had the museum looked more closely at LaBouvier's feed, its board might have seen her complaints as part of a longstanding pattern of excoriating others who were interested in *Defacement* or Basquiat, even when they sought out her opinion. Back in June 2017, LaBouvier had complained about a 'lightweight' Basquiat exhibition in London, which did not feature *Defacement*, by tweeting that a curator involved was a 'mediocre bitch...trying to erase me from my own *Defacement* conversation' and that she belonged to a 'special ring of yoga-feminist hell.' When the woman emailed offering to thank LaBouvier in the exhibition's acknowledgments, she tweeted: 'Lol, #bitchplease.'" (Chaedria LaBouvier. From "The Scapegoat" by Helen Lewis, *The Atlantic*, November 2022. "Erase." "Conversation.")

♦ "It's Dante, it's inconceivable, it's an inferno." (An Israeli reminiscing about the 1973 tank battle around Hushniya, in the Golan.)

♦ "We lack the vocabulary of such pain." (U.S. Attorney Raj Parekh paraphrasing Dante's *Inferno*, about El Shafee Elsheikh, an ISIS "Beatle." Presumably Parekh is referring to *Dante's Inferno*, Canto XXVIII 3-5.)

♦ "It is *another* path that you must take / if you would leave this savage wilderness."

environment / situation: allusion / religion

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

Danton

raging Danton
his views were still liberal, he was no longer a ~

disruption: allusion / history / violence

daredevil (person)

daredevil

more executives should be ~ (risky hobbies)

daredevils and cautious persons

~ and everything in between

hot dog, a daredevil

he's not a ~, he takes it seriously (Stockton Rush)

thrill-seekers, daredevils, and adrenaline junkies

the psychology of ~

♦ "Samuel Patch was America's first daredevil." (See the Wikipedia entry "Sam Patch." He died jumping from the High Falls of the Genesee River in 1929 in front of 8,000 people.)

♦ "Up there you feel that you're standing on the line between life and death—your life is hanging by a thread—that if something goes wrong you may die... What's the point of being scared? [Death] is inescapable. It comes to us all." (The remarkable Siberian daredevil Alexander Chernikov, a then 23-year-old living on the outskirts of Barnaul, 4,000 kilometers east of Moscow. He specialized in jumping off of buildings into snowbanks.)

♦ "[Muhammad] Ali... peeked out the window, where a crowd stood waiting to see a young man named Gary Wells attempt to jump the water fountain at Caesars on a motorcycle, the same jump that had almost killed stunt rider Evel Knievel. Ali turned away. / 'I don't want to see nobody get his head ripped off,' he said. 'They encourage him, but I know what people want to see when they watch something like that.' / Ali... lay down on this bed and his rubdown man, Luis Sarria, closed the curtains... / An hour later, the young man on the motorcycle missed his landing ramp and nearly killed himself crashing into a brick wall at eighty-five miles an hour." (*Ali: A Life* by the great writer Jonathan Eig. His latest book is the 2023 *King: A Life*, about Martin Luther King Jr.)

♦ "People love to see people crash." (The great Mike Metzger, a pioneer of freestyle motocross. He once sustained 4 concussions in two months, has broken his back 3 times, has broken his arms and legs, and lost a testicle after crashing.)

character & personality / fate, fortune & chance: circus / person

dark (in the dark)

in the dark on that

we were ~ (Iran nuclear purchases)

in the dark about how

the US was ~ events would unfold (diplomacy)

in the dark about the fraud

they claimed to be ~

completely in the dark

our communications are down, we're ~

groping in the dark

doctors were really ~ (cures for infection in the 1800s)

keep the opposition in the dark

it's a way to ~

kept families in the dark

the nursing home ~ (Covid pandemic / war veterans)

kept the public in the dark

he denied he ~ about... (official)

kept in the dark

lawmakers complained they were ~ (politics)

many officials were ~ about the journey (secret visit)

he thought that the Pope was being ~ regarding key events

even her father was ~

left in the dark

transparency was never there, the community was ~

she ghosted me and I was ~ (as to why)

concealment & lack of concealment / comprehension & incomprehension / consciousness & awareness / knowledge & intelligence: light & dark

dark (dark mood, etc.)

dark

that period of life was a ~ (a struggling writer)

darkest chapter

his capture was one of the country's ~s of the war

dark decade

the so-called ~ (1992 onwards / Algeria)

dark history

Germans remember their ~ (the Holocaust)

darkest hour

we are now in the ~ of our political existence

the U.S. will stand by Israel in its ~ (2023)

dark mood

she returned in a ~

darker mood

a ~ is setting in, it's not a happy place at the White House

dark name

Antwerp was to be a ~ among British military failures

dark obsession

his hatred for him had become a ~

dark place

see *place (mental)*

dark predictions

there are ~ that Boeing will lay off even more workers

dark secret

I realized that people are carrying around ~s (pastor)

dark space

see *space (mental)*

dark stuff

there's just a lot of ~ in your head (bad things happen)

dark times

you keep on going even through the ~ (musician)

dark tradition

the Pacific Northwest's ~ of serial killers

dark truth

there is ~ in what you are saying (a harsh conclusion)

dark, complicated

the HBO show follows the ~ lives of a groups of teens

dark and honest

Vasily Grossman's ~ account of the battle of Stalingrad

got very dark

I was a no-hoper kid, things ~ for me (Simon Reeve)

looks (very) dark

his future ~ indeed

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark

mental health / oppression: light & dark

dark (go dark, etc.)

go dark

a lot of radio stations would ~ without public funding

gone dark

he had ~ (investigative reporter unable to contact source)

several of the hospitals have ~, it's difficult to reach people

went dark

the station's FM signal ~ (shut down by government)

when he tried to pull out his money, Mitchel ~ (a conman)

a month after the disaster the OceanGate website ~

live or die, survive or go dark

they can decide which Web sites ~ (Web hosts)

♦ "Under Israeli bombardment, communications go dark, return, and go dark again." (An NPR journalist, in *Israel*, unable to phone her contact in Gaza.)

♦ "[S]everal (of the hospitals) have gone dark already, so it's very difficult to reach people there directly. But we do know that..." (NPR's Aya Batrawy, in *Cairo*, reporting on hospitals in Gaza. Presumably, she had no cellphone access.)

♦ see also *black hole*

curtailment: light & dark / verb

dark (concealment)

dark art

the methods used have always been a ~ (party obedience)

dark money

these so-called ~ groups

dark web

on the ~, he shared tens of thousands of images (paedo)

drugs, death and the ~

he tried to buy grenades and Semtex on the ~ (a terrorist)

♦ "Black books, dark arts, and quiet words..." (How political parties enforce obedience.)

♦ "Natalegawa's stories constitute a primer on the dark arts of diplomacy, including the value of ambiguity, the cultivation of personal relationships with fellow leaders, creative word and punctuation choices, the profligate use of the passive voice—and just showing up." (A review of his book, entitled "Does ASEAN Matter? A View From Within," *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2019.)

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark

Dark Ages (in the Dark ages)

in the dark ages

in those days, medical knowledge was ~

~, when you and I were growing up (rotary phones)

in the dark ages of (personal) computing

~, if you wanted to...

in the predigital dark ages

~, before computers...

keep (medical) science in the dark ages

the fundamentalists would ~

take us back to the dark ages

the fundamentalists would ~

past & present / time: history

decline / growth & development: history

knowledge & intelligence: history

Dark Ages (other)

Dark Ages of ignorance

the Republican's stem-cell policy represents the ~

ideological dark ages

this is a step forward from the ~ (education issue)

out of the dark ages

we're ~, women have equal rights (surprise rough sex)

dark age had begun

the electric vehicle ~ (1920 / gas engine triumphs)

return to the dark ages

this is a ~

sinking into the dark ages

the country is ~ (immigration)

brought our country out of the dark ages

he ~ (Sultan Qaboos bin Said)

past & present / time: history

decline / growth & development: history

knowledge & intelligence: history

Dark Continent

dark continent of the atom

man had opened the ~ (Hiroshima)

searching & discovery: map

dark (Dark Matter, etc.)

Dark Matter or Dark Energy

the Standard Model can't explain ~ (physics)

comprehension & incomprehension: physics

darken (verb)

darkened

his outlook ~

darken his mood

the stressful process seemed to ~ (troubled soldier)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / verb

oppression: light & dark / verb

darkness (depression)

in darkness

there are a lot of people still ~ (the boxer Tyson Fury)

climb out of this deep darkness

that was the moment I started to ~ (Mark Whetu)

found my way out of that same darkness

I once ~ ("A Letter to College Sports")

navigate my way out of the darkness

I was able to ~ ("A Letter to College Sports")

mental health: light & dark

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark

darknet (computers)

darknet

the "~," a private swath of the Internet

the ~ is beyond the reach of law enforcement

building the "darknet"

Freenet is one of several technologies that are ~

join a darknet

to ~, a potential user must be trusted (file sharing)

computer: light & dark

Dark Star

Dark Star of obligation

expectations have produced a massive ~ (US weddings)

oppression: allusion / astronomy / light & dark

darling (noun)

darling of the (Obama) Administration

the solar company Solyndra was a ~ (failed)

darling of conservationists

the spoon-billed sandpiper has become a ~

darling of the family

Zygmunt, bright second child and only son, was the ~

darling of the judges

Alvarez brushed off the notion that he is the ~ (boxing)

darling of Wall Street

rapid growth made the company the ~ (addictive pain meds)

darling of Silicon Valley

she was the ~, a woman who could do no wrong (Elizabeth Holmes)

biscuit darling

Lesley Riley, "the ~" (founder of Mama's Biscuits)

tech darling

Theranos was on the cusp of becoming a ~

indie darling

it hits similar beats as movies by other ~ directors

progressive darlings

he won the endorsements of ~ Sanders, Warren and...

**attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / person
pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / person**

dart (throw darts, etc.)

throw more darts

he logged back in to ~

accusation & criticism / affliction: weapon

dart (dart about)

darts about

the staff ~

activity / movement / speed: verb / weapon

Darwinian (adjective)

Darwinian

the process is ~ (casting boys for a popular play)

Darwinian competition

women live in ~ with one another for rich men

Darwinian reality

the ~ of capitalism (investing during pandemic)

Darwinian situation

street hailing can create ~s (cabs)

Darwinian system

it's a very ~, Marty was out for himself (career)

Darwinian (insurance) system

sick people are further stricken by a ~ (US)

Darwinian view

this ~ of the workplace is widespread

Darwinian world

the ~ of the bond market

competition: allusion

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

dashboard (noun)

national test dashboard

the CDC launched its ~ two weeks ago (pandemic)

see the dashboard

go to the state's website to ~ (coronavirus info)

measurement: tools & technology

daughter (noun)

daughter of Hope and Fear

Religion is a ~ (Ambrose Bierce)

daughter roots

the roots produce offshoots called ~ (fig tree bridges)

product / relationship: family

daughter (daughter of Brooklyn, etc.)

daughter of Brooklyn

she told the audience that she was a proud ~

identity & nature: family / person

David (David and Goliath, etc.)

David

a ~ in a situation where there's a Goliath (politics)

I'm essentially the ~ taking on the Goliath (whistleblower)

David-and-Goliath affair

major league bat making is a ~ (Louisville Slugger is #1)

David-and-Goliath battle

waging a ~ against Time Warner

David versus Goliath situation

this is definitely a ~ (a coach of a team)

David overcame Goliath

despite long odds, ~ (American independence)

David coming up against Goliath

it's brilliant when you get a ~ (Leicester City football)

♦ "We felt like David, without a slingshot." (A naval officer facing the Japs in the Leyte Gulf.)

♦ see also *Goliath* (Bible)

strength & weakness: allusion / Bible / religion

size: allusion / Bible / religion

dawn (verb / comprehension)

dawning on him

it was ~ that...

dawn on me

it didn't ~ at the time that...

dawned on her

it eventually ~ that...

dawning on us

it was slowly ~ the Germans had killed them all (Holocaust)

comprehension & incomprehension / consciousness &

awareness: day / light & dark / verb

dawn (verb / start)

2021 dawned

they were hoping for better times as ~

♦ "A new day is dawning on the horizon." (The Democrat Nancy Pelosi. The final 3 words fall flat.)

starting, going, continuing and ending: day / verb

future / time: day / verb

dawn (from / since the dawn)

from the dawn of Japanese TV

~, every sumo tournament has been broadcast live

since the dawn of the Petroleum Age

~ more than a century ago...

starting, going, continuing & ending: day

dawn (noun)

dawn of a new (pandemic) age

it's the ~

dawn of a new era

today marks the ~ (a political speech)

this is the ~ in human spaceflight (SpaceX Crew Dragon)

Midway was the ~ in naval warfare (World War II)

dawn of the Roaring Twenties

it was the ~ and Dempsey was just getting started (boxing)

false dawn

there have been many ~s leading to frustration (unity)

it may be a building block or a ~ (a rare Man U win)

the Old Trafford side have had some ~s, difficult years...

new dawn

the worst part is behind us, we are seeing a ~, hold on...

♦ "All right, friends, you have seen the heavy groups, now you will see morning maniac music. Believe me. Yeah. It's the new dawn." (Grace Slick at Woodstock.)

starting, going, continuing & ending / time: day

day (have one's day)

had its day

the German shepherd has ~ (the dog breed)

had their day

cats have ~ (on the Internet)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (today is my day, etc.)

my day

today is ~ (a happy Joseph Parker after beating Wilder)

success & failure: day

day (win the day, carry the day)

carried the day

so Michigan's defense really ~ (college football champs)

won the day

even if the government ~, it is unclear if...

conflict / success & failure: day / military

day (in the old days, etc.)

early days of YouTube

it was a viral sensation, 2010, the ~ (Usman Ahmed)

in Nelson's day

cannons didn't recoil inboard, as in ~ (the Armada)

in his day

he was admired by millions ~ (Walter White / NAACP)

in its early days

radio astronomy was still ~

in my day

~, this would never have been allowed

in the better days

we were in Beirut, Beirut ~, and we were playing cards (O'Toole and Sharif)

in the old days

the reverence accorded ~ to Joe Hill (Kentucky)
~ it was known as Happy Top (area of Andrews, NC)
~ racial hatred was common
~ costumes were very heavy (ballet at the Mariinsky)
~, before salt blocks for sheep... (Navaho)

in the old old days

back ~ of TV, before streaming or cable...

in the old days of coal

this couldn't have happened ~ (mountaintop removal)

in the "bad old days"

~ of Times Square (porn sleaze)

life in the old days

~ was perhaps not so good

♦ "In my day, this would never have been allowed." (An online commenter about Kayla Lemieux and her Z-cup breasts in Canada.)

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (old days)

old days

many are speaking fondly of the ~
just think back to the ~ when people didn't have...

bad old days

memories of the ~ of Suharto (Indonesia)
this is a step backwards to the ~ of the 1980s (policy)

good old days

I heard quite a bit of talk of the so-called ~, when...
in the ~, which was just a few months ago (Brexit)

return to the "old days"

what he really wants is a ~ (Pakistani Christian)

faces from the old days

seeing the familiar ~ (a windsurfer)

spoke (fondly) of the old days

he ~ (reminiscing)

♦ "Just the one minute of added time. Like the good old days." (A commentator at the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar. The tournament was notable for the amount of extra time attached to all periods of play.)

♦ "The good old days were never that good."

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (back in the day)

back in the day

~, a teacher could keep a bottle of whiskey in her desk
the first time I heard it was ~, with my Mum (Billy Jean)

listened to back in the day

that's the music I ~

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (days of yore)

days of yore

the parents yearned for those ~ (when the family was rich)

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (latter-day)

latter-day Mary Magdalene

a sexually adventurous mother, a ~

♦ "Of present or recent times."

past & present / time: day

day (day after tomorrow)

day after tomorrow

it feels like it might be the ~ but there's still 2 years to go

today, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow

we are well prepared ~ (German response to pandemic)

future / time: day / distance / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

day (at the end of the day)

at the end of the day

but ~ the true beauty of the stone remains
but ~ they support our lives (sheep / herders)
but ~, he has been repudiated (politician loses election)
~, you can't put a price on that (happiness in career)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: day

day (early / late in the day)

early in the day

it's still ~ (the progress of a war)

late in the day

it's rather ~ to be suggesting a change to the plan

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

day (the day after)

lays out a plan for the day after

the Egyptian proposal aims to end the war and ~

future / time: day

day (of one's day / of its day)

astronauts of their day

whalers were the true ~

spaceships of their day

whaling ships were the ~

moonshot of its day

the Brooklyn Bridge was the ~

Panama of its day

the Miracle Canal was truly a ~ (Qin dynasty)

♦ "Entrepreneurs in the auto industry and other innovators made the Midwest the Silicon Valley of its day." ("Recovering The Heartland" by Hendrik Meijer, *National Review*, December 19, 2022.)

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (of the day)

government of the day

we occupy the towns to show that the ~ is unfair (IS)

problem of the day

if they don't react to whatever the ~ is... (politicians)

topic of the day

what the media tells us is the ~ (criticizing the media)

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (the light of day)

saw the light of day

the report never ~ (government)

seen the light of day

the story might not have ~ if...

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark

day (these days)

these days

~, when Chevron signs a contract...

Africans ~ are quicker to express their anger

but few people are buying baskets ~ (famine)

~, we eat once or twice a day (Zimbabwe)

many marginally qualified climbers flock to Everest ~

past & present / time: day

day (those days)

those days

~ are obviously long gone (dumb workers)

~ are over (no running water)

that was the way we operated in ~ (journalism)

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (dark day)

darkest days of the pandemic

the ~ could lie ahead

dark day in the history

it's a ~ of the church (pedophilia scandals)

darkest day in the club's history

it was the ~ (Munich air disaster / Manchester United)

dark day for Muslims

a leading Swiss Islamic group said it was "a ~" (referendum)

feeling, emotion & effect: day / light & dark

day (a new day)

bright new day

Hubert Humphrey promised America a ~

new day has come

a ~

♦ "A new day is dawning on the horizon." (The Democrat Nancy Pelosi. The final 3 words fall flat.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: day

future / time: day

day (save the day)

saved the day

NASA's Lidar ~ (range finders failed / lunar landing)

saving the day

we're not ~ but we add capacity (field hospitals)

♦ Call in the cavalry!

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

day (glory days, etc.)

"Those were the days"

I don't look back and think, ~

glory days are back

the ~ at this hotel (restored 1891 hotel)

return to better days

I want to help my hometown club ~ (soccer)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (early days)

early days for the organization

it's still ~

early days for making

it's still ~ a direct comparison (a new virus)

early days still

it's ~ and you cannot write them off (Man City falters)

in the early days

it's still ~, there's a lot we don't know (Omicron variant)

growth & development: day

starting, going, continuing & ending: day

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

day (day has arrived, etc.)

day has arrived

the big ~ (heavy-weight boxing match)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: day /

direction / movement / verb

past & present / future / time: day / direction / movement

/ verb

day (modern day)

modern-day Noah's Ark

Norway's Global Seed Vault is a ~ for plant seeds

modern-day P. T. Barnum
he is sort of a ~ (an arena builder and promoter)

modern-day hermits
in Japan half a million people live as ~ (*hikikomori*)

modern-day lepers
we treat them like ~ (fat people)

past & present: day
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day
day (call it a day)

call it a day
it's time to ~ (a boxer retires)

♦ "He needs to call it a day before he takes too much damage. Heavyweight boxing might need to call it a day too if it can't get the best fighters to actually fight each other." (An online commenter about Joe Joyce's second loss to Zhilei "Big Bang" Zhang. The 107 upvotes indicated that this comment struck a chord among fight fans.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: day
day (last day / final day / death)

until her last day
she believed he would be caught ~ (Michelle McNamara)

death & life: day

daylight (division)

daylight between the two men on the issue
there is not much ~

leave little daylight
his campaign has worked to ~ for primary challengers

division & connection: light & dark / proximity / shadow
daze (in a daze)

in a daze
he was ~ (news of murder)

feeling, emotion & effect: force
consciousness & awareness: sensation

dazzle (verb)

dazzled the delegates
he ~ (a politician)

dazzled him
the kid ~ (Zion Williamson, basketball player)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / verb

de (defund, etc.)

decentering
see *decentering (decentering whiteness, etc.)*

defund
~ the police

dename
it's time to ~ Winthrop House (*The Harvard Crimson*)

inclusion & exclusion: affix

dead (status)

dead
reform is ~

dead and buried
the peace process is ~
Spurs looked ~ when Ziyech scored against them, but...
Switzerland were ~ but kept fighting (Euro 2020)
they looked ~ at half-time, but never write off this team

all but dead
the Cape Horn route was ~ (due to the Panama Canal)

deal is dead
the ~ (boxing negotiation)

appears to be dead
Joshua versus Fury now ~ (Usyk beats Joshua / boxing)

♦ "[T]he many moving tributes to cursive leave me convinced that it is far from dead, and not going quietly." (The great historian Drew Gilpin Faust's response to letters about her October 2022 article "Gen Z Never Learned To Read Cursive: How will they interpret the past?" in *The Atlantic*. Cursive writing used to be taught in the third grade.)

condition & status: death & life

dead (functioning)

dead
the rocket has been ~, following the laws of gravity...

went dead
the line ~ before a reporter could get more details

functioning: death & life

dead (feeling)

felt (kind of) dead
I ~ inside (mundane job, etc.)

mental health: death & life

feeling, emotion & effect: death & life

dead (activity)

dead
we got downtown, but it was ~

activity: death & life

dead (dead on arrival)

dead on arrival
a month ago the initiative looked ~
the film is ~ (critic did not like film)

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine

dead (dead in the water)

dead in the water
the initiative is now ~
the Iran nuclear deal is not quite ~ but... (trouble)
that ship is ~ (a legal case)
they economy was ~, they were doomed to failure

condition & status: boat / movement

progress & lack of progress: boat / movement

dead (rise from the dead)

rose from the dead

they ~ (a winning football team)

amelioration & renewal: religion / verb

dead (dead and gone)

dead and gone

it won't make much difference to the ~

death & life: journeys & trips / movement

dead end

dead ends

most of the tips turned out to be ~ (investigation)

dead-end job

characters with ~s

whiling away productive years at a ~

dead end scientifically

drugs to remove amyloid may be kind of a ~ (Alzheimer's)

disappointing dead ends

there were many ~ (hunt for missing girl)

wrong turns and dead ends

the series had some ~ (a TV show)

led to dead ends

attempts to find his birth mother ~

led to a dead end

every lead ~ (missing hunters)

success & failure: journeys & trips

failure, accident & impairment: journeys & trips

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips

deadening (effect)

mind-deadening

~ checks

sound-deadening

install ~ windows

feeling, emotion & effect: death & life

dead heat

dead heat

the presidential run-off is a ~, too close to call

statistical dead heat

he is in a ~ with Bernie Sanders (election)

competition: horse

deadly

politically deadly

if the accusations are true, this would be ~ for him

destruction: death & life

dead man walking

dead man walking

Steve Nash was a ~ from day 1 (sports talk / coach fired)

destruction: death & life / justice

dead weight

deadweight

get rid of Pogba, he is ~ 80% of the time (soccer snark)

worth & lack of worth: weight

deadwood (and dead wood)

deadwood

as the lowest-ranking official, I felt like ~

cut away the dead wood

BBC is very slow to ~

♦ "BBC is very slow to cut away the dead wood—always has been. They just let them die of old age or be arrested." (An online commenter's reply to "why is Sam [Samantha] Smith continuing to commentate? She is so irritating!")

worth & lack of worth: tree

deaf (adjective)

blind, deaf and dumb

terrorists are ~ to all reason and decency

♦ "It's horrific that somebody died. It would be even worse if the sport stood with its fingers in its ears and its eyes closed." (Ice hockey broadcaster Seth Bennett, about the interest in neck guards following the death of hockey player Adam Johnson in Sheffield, England, after his neck was slashed by Matt Petgrave.)

consciousness & awareness: ear

deal (done deal)

done deal

just three weeks ago, his nomination looked like a ~

certainty & uncertainty: money

deal (close the deal)

close the deal in the playoffs

they were a good team, but they could never ~ (NBA)

attainment / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion /

success & failure: money / verb

dean (person)

Dean of American Cookery

Turgeon nicknamed Beard "the ~"

dean of Middle Eastern correspondents

she has been described as the ~ (Liz Sly)

dean of American medicine

William H. Welch, known as the ~

William Osler, the ~... (diagnostician / internal medicine)

dean of American landscape painters

Asher Brown Durand, the ~ (after death of Thomas Cole)

dean of legal reporters

she is the ~ covering the Supreme Court (Nina Totenberg)

♦ "Wilson, the dean of southern studies, has given us a monumental interdisciplinary and multicultural reassessment of a fabled and oft-troubled region." (A blurb for a book in *Harper's Magazine* "celebrating the newest releases from Ferris and Ferris Books. Learn more about Ferris & Ferris Books at... (a website)."

epithet: school & education

person: school & education

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet / person / school & education

death (Death Valley, etc.)

nicknamed the Korangal Valley 'Death Valley'

troops ~ (Kunar Province, Afghanistan)

military: epithet

death (to death)

love her to death

I ~ but she gets a little crazy... (a brother about sister)

love it to death

I grew up with doo-wop and Motown, and I ~

scared me to death

it ~

bored to death

I'm ~, let's do something

scared to death

I was ~ during the encounter

thrilled to death

I was ~ at his success

hyperbole: death & life

death (to the death)

fight to the death

see *fight to the death* (verb / conflict)

death (death by PowerPoint, etc.)

death by a thousand cuts

see *cut* (a thousand cuts)

"Death by hydrofracture"

the iceberg experienced ~ (A68)

death by possession

sideways passing and its attempt to inflict ~ (Spanish soccer)

death by PowerPoint

they call it ~ (not *another* slide)

Death by Chocolate Trifle

this ~ recipe is rich, decadent, and crazy delicious

hyperbole: death & life

death (cheat death)

cheated death

by recovering from such severe wounds, she ~

fate, fortune & chance: death & life

death (decline and death)

death of journalism

digital journalism is the ~

death by a thousand cuts

he's suffering ~ (a prosecutor with weak case)

a ~ is the future (restricting right to abortion)

deathbed

see *deathbed* (noun)

death march

see *death march* (noun)

death rattle

see *death rattle*

death spiral

see *spiral* (death spiral)

death and rebirth

the primordial pageant of ~ of light (solar eclipse)

social death

ostracism is a form of ~ (academia)

valley of death

see *valley of death* (figurative)

dying a slow death

VHS is ~ (film fans prefer DVDs)

condition & status / decline / destruction: death & life

death (Angel of Death, etc.)

see *Angel of Death* (actual death)

deathbed (noun)

on its deathbed

American democracy is in peril and may even be ~

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine

deathblow (noun)

death blow to my enterprise

I realized it was the ~

deathblow to our hopes

we were dealt a ~

campaign's death blow

the ~ came weeks earlier, in Michigan (elections)

deliver a deathblow

the army is trying to ~ to the militants

dealt a deathblow to both ideas

the financial meltdown ~ (foreign policy)

dealt the hospital a deathblow

Hurricane Katrina ~

destruction: death & life / violence / weapon

death march (noun)

death march for the future of U.S. human spaceflight
the president's proposed NASA budget begins the ~

♦ "The president's proposed NASA budget begins the death march for the future of U.S. human spaceflight." (Senator Richard Shelby of Alabama, after President Obama cancelled NASA's Constellation program at the end of 2009. Of course, this didn't turn out to be true. Elon Musk and SpaceX proved the senator utterly wrong.)

♦ "*Blonde* feels like a slow-motion death march." (The film critic Justin Chang's negative review.)

♦ The phrase is used much like the word "adventure." You might visit the Boundary Waters area and have a real adventure with bears, or you might find yourself saying, "My trip to the grocery store turned into a real adventure!"

♦ See the Wikipedia entry "Death March." There have been many.

♦ Older Americans associate the phrase "Death March" with the Bataan Death March of World War II. Many Native Americans will associate it with a "Trail of Tears."

destruction: military

death rattle

death rattle of the American dream
dystopian rap is the ~

decline / destruction / resistance, opposition & defeat / starting, going, continuing & ending: bodily reaction / breathing / death & life / sound

death sentence (figurative)

melting "death sentence"
Greenland's ice faces ~ (global warming)

economic death sentence
the bill would be an ~ for Maine's lobster industry

destruction: death & life / justice

death sentence (literal)

death sentence
he thought it was a ~, but... (accidental needle stick)

death sentence for whales
getting tangled in fishing gear can be a ~

automatic death sentence
H.I.V. is no longer an ~

no longer a death sentence
AIDS is ~ (antiretrovirals)

♦ "I just signed your death warrant." (A judge, sentencing a man to a long term that meant he would die in prison.)

death & life: justice

death warrant (literal)

signed his own death warrant
he effectively ~ by planning attacks (terrorist killed)

signed his death warrant
when he signed those accords, he essentially ~ (Sadat)

♦ "I just signed your death warrant." (A judge, sentencing a man to a long term that meant he would die in prison.)

death & life: justice

death warrant (figurative)

death warrant of capitalism
the president has signed the ~ (a senator against FDR)

'death warrant' for indigenous communities
the strategy amounts to a ~ (COVID / Maori)

death warrant for the Trans-Pacific Partnership
on his first day in office President Trump signed the ~

death warrant for us
anything over 2 degrees is a ~ (Marshall Islands / climate)

destruction: justice

debris (noun)

debris of a failed season
fans have been left to sift through the ~

sorting through the debris
Democrats are ~ left by Republican wave (election)

destruction: ruins

debt (in somebody's debt)

in his debt
America is deeply ~ (a US politician)

in your dept for visiting us
we are ~ (Russian President)

deeply in his debt
America is ~ (a US politician)

obligation: money

debt (obligation)

debt of gratitude
we can never repay the ~ owed to our nation's veterans
I owe a ~ to... (writer / acknowledgments)

debt to society
he has paid his ~ (released from prison)

debt to soldiers
the nation's ~ who fight abroad

debt to the (Hollywood) musical
the choreography owes a clear ~ (filmmaker John Woo)

nation's debt
the ~ to soldiers who fight abroad

sleep debt
racking up a large ~ during the week
one of the first signs of ~ is irritability

paid his debt
he has ~ many times over (44 years in prison)

owes a (clear) debt
the choreography ~ to the Hollywood musical (film)

repay the debt

we can never ~ of gratitude owed to our nation's veterans

♦ The vast majority of Americans give credit where credit is due.

obligation: money

debutant (noun)

debutant Joe Burrow

it was heartbreak for ~ (close loss in his first NFL game)

tournament debutants

the US team showed no mercy against the ~

youngest-ever Bundesliga debutant

he became the club's ~ (Kai Havertz)

experience: person / love, courtship & marriage / sex

decapitate (verb)

decapitate al-Qaida

our goal is to ~, to dismantle it

decapitate the nation's military center

he told undercover agents he wanted to ~ (Pentagon)

decapitate any future discussion

imposing new sanctions would ~ with Pakistan

decapitate the cartels' leadership

he has deployed troops to ~ and reclaim their territory

decapitate the management

it's just an effort to ~ (media leader / security law)

decapitated a terrorist organization

we ~ by killing him (targeted killing)

decapitate me professionally

the NFL tried to ~ (the renowned Dr. Bennet Omalu)

decapitate (the agency) and eviscerate (its capacity)

opponents worked to ~ to execute the law (politics)

♦ "Don't simply uncork your bottle, decapitate it!" (*Sabrage*.)

♦ "One of the medics I'd met had responded to the strike; it had been the first time, he said, that he'd seen shrapnel decapitate somebody." ("Underworld: The unrelenting horrors faced by infantrymen on the Zero Line" by Luke Mogelson, *The New Yorker*, May 29, 2023.)

destruction / dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / head / neck / verb

decenter (decenter norms, etc.)

decenter (white workplace) norms

measures we can put in place to actively ~ (DEI)

actively decenter

~ white workplace norms (DEI)

inclusion & exclusion: center & periphery / verb

decentering (decentering whiteness, etc.)

decentering whiteness

~ in the workplace (DEI)

process of (actively) decentering

what can be done to start the ~ whiteness in the workplace

♦ *decentering whiteness in the workplace: A Guide for Equity and Inclusion* by Janice Gassam Asare, PhD.

♦ "I would say this: It's obvious that the senator has no idea what decentering whiteness actually means..." (Janice Gassam Asare, Ph.D., responding to criticism by U.S. Senator J.D. Vance.)

inclusion & exclusion: center & periphery

deck (deck is stacked)

deck is stacked against them

the ~

deck is stacked on every hand

what if the ~ (justice for the poor)

fate, fortune & chance: cards / sports & games

deck (re-shuffle the deck)

re-shuffle the deck

it's totally going to ~ (effects of political controversy)

disruption: cards

declare (verb)

declared *The New York Times*

"Radio Listeners in Panic, Taking War Drama as Fact," ~

label (printed on the interior of the pocket) declares

a ~: "the only kind made by White Labor" (Levy Jeans)

♦ "Radio Listeners in Panic, Taking War Drama as Fact," declared *The New York Times*. "Radio Fake Scares Nation," cried the *Chicago Herald and Examiner*. "US Terrorized By Radio's 'Men From Mars,'" said the *San Francisco Chronicle*. ("The Halloween myth of the War of the Worlds panic" by Professor W Joseph Campbell, BBC, 30 October 2011.)

fictive communication: speech / verb

decode (verb)

decodes what it means

Want Me kinda ~ to reclaim desire for yourself

analysis, interpretation & explanation: verb

decolonization (groups)

discourse of decolonization

the ~ (Princeton academic Eddie Glaude Jr.)

decolonization, DEIA, and antiracism

~ in ELT (the TESOL 2023 Convention)

'decolonization' and 'progressivism'

U.S. students celebrate Hamas in the name of ~

represents decolonialization

a powerful man who ~ (an Oglala Lakota chef)

♦ "I think that a lot of people appreciate the face that Sean puts out front. He's the epitome, right? Long braids, a powerful man who represents decolonialization." ("Tribe To Table: A Minneapolis restaurant reconceives Indigenous cuisine" by Carolyn Kormann, *The New Yorker*, September 19, 2022.)

♦ "U.S. students celebrate Hamas in the name of 'decolonization' and 'progressivism.'" (The Hamas attacks on Be'erit Kibbutz, Nir Oz Kibbutz, the Re'im music festival massacre, etc.)

- ♦ “young people parrot empty catchphrases about decolonization” (An online commenter about the Israel-Hamas War.)
- ♦ Decolonization is conventionally thought of as the *actual* independence movements and struggles following World War II. When I think of decolonization, I think of Algeria, Vietnam, Indonesia, India, etc., not of anything connected to the 21st century.

inclusion & exclusion: possession

decolonize (verb)

decolonize the campus

reaction to Hamas massacre shows it's time to ~

“decolonize” their collections

the idea that museums needed to ~

decolonize the (birding) experience

I'm seeking to ~ (Tykee James, a “Birding activist”)

decolonize his own food

he taught himself how to ~ (an Oglala Lakota chef)

decolonize the (Thanksgiving) meals

I've tried to ~ by eating a variety of food (a Potawatomi)

decolonizing her own mind

she's sort of ‘~’ (Nigerian designer Bubu Ogisi)

decolonize museums

what does it mean to “~” (a webinar)

decolonizing philanthropy

we are ~ (a group accused of corruption)

Decolonize This Place

Amin Hussain, a founder of the radical activist group ~

♦ “I'm seeking to decolonize the birding experience.” (Tykee James, a “birding activist” and co-founder of Freedom Birders. From “Monuments And Teams Have Changed Names As America Reckons With Racism. Birds Are Next” by Jeff St. Clair, NPR, June 5, 2021.)

♦ “I've tried to decolonize the Thanksgiving meals by eating a variety of food.” (A Potawatomi who works for NPR.)

♦ “In August, Siebert left Owamni. Some employees felt that she hadn't been the right fit—that she pushed specials featuring colonized takes on Indigenous ingredients. ‘I do have a European background in cooking, but so does Sean,’ Siebert said. ‘He taught himself how to decolonize his own food, and I was still in the process of that.’ Soon afterward, a bartender was fired, in part for drinking on the clock...” (“Tribe To Table: A Minneapolis restaurant reconceives Indigenous cuisine” by Carolyn Kormann, *The New Yorker*, September 19, 2022.)

♦ “Reaction to Hamas massacre shows it's time to decolonize the campus” by Steven F. Hayward, *New York Post*, Oct. 22, 2023.)

♦ “*Decolonize* is not a metaphor.” (Jewish Voice for Peace, a radical anti-Israel activist group, according to the ADL.)

♦ “The Harvard online course catalog has a search box. Type in ‘decolonize.’ That word...is in the title of seven courses and the descriptions of 18 more.” (“Reaping What We Have Taught” by Harvard Professor Harry R. Lewis, Contributing Opinion Writer, *The Harvard Crimson*, January 8, 2024.)

♦ see also *colonize (verb)*

inclusion & exclusion: possession

decolonized

decolonized

there are persistent demands the curriculum be “~”

decolonized rule

Owamni breaks its ~ with coffee, beer, and wine

describes the food as decolonized

Sherman ~ (Owamni restaurant, Minneapolis, Minnesota)

inclusion & exclusion: possession

decolonizing (noun)

decolonizing therapy

she embraces a practice of ‘~’ (Eden Teng)

♦ “The Healing Humanities: Decolonizing Trauma Studies from the Global South.” (An upcoming Princeton University class to be taught by Assistant professor Satyel Larson.)

inclusion & exclusion: possession

decompression (noun)

decompression

after a day at work, all I'm thinking about is ~

decompression time

it's real important to have ~ (rescued POWs)

amelioration & renewal: pressure

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure

deconstruct (verb)

deconstructed the (show's) finale

the creators and producers ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure / verb

deconstruction (noun)

pop deconstruction

her podcast is an intensive project of ~ (diet culture)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure

decry (verb)

decried the move

the oil and gas industry ~, saying... (a windfall tax)

decried the sale

groups have ~ of these dangerous products (infants)

decried ‘nativism’ and ‘bigotry’

the ex-president ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / verb

accusation & criticism: sound / verb

conflict: sound / verb

deep (adverb)

deep into

see *into (be into something)*

delves deep

the story ~ into what he sees as...

dig deep

see *dig deep (analysis)*

dig deep

see *dig deep (determination)*

dive deep
see *dive deep* (analysis)

deep (person)

deep
she's ~ (opposite of *shallow*)

♦ "Still waters run deep."

character & personality: depth / water

person: depth / water

deep (deep past, etc.)

deep past
apparently, in the ~, Neanderthals...
questions about the ~ are hard to answer
the Great Rift Valley acts as a history book of the ~

deep in winter
a hike ~...

♦ "Deep into the rat race, far from the finish line of retirement."

time: depth / water

past & present / time: distance

deep (emotion)

deep alienation
she began to feel a ~

deep care
he was remembered for his "~" (James "Buster" Corley)

deep desire
bound by a ~ to have meaning in our lives

deep passion
she had this ~ for issues she cared about

deep sense
they have a ~ of sadness

run (especially) deep
fears of Moscow ~ in Poland (2009)

runs deep
Wright's admiration for the marines ~ (correspondent)
the sense of allegiance to the Catholic Church ~
resentment of the US ~ (Arabs)
support for the insurgency ~ (Kandahar)

runs deepest
in places where anti-American sentiment ~ (Iraq, etc.)

feeling, emotion & effect: depth / water

deep (deep sleep, etc.)

deep in thought
we drove in silence, both of us ~

deep coma
he was in a ~ for 16 days, and he was tube-fed...
when EMTs brought him to the hospital, he was in a ~
the 3-drug cocktail puts the prisoner into a ~ (execution)

deep depression

a lot of athletes fall into a ~ after the Olympics
he sank into ~ and thought about ending his own life
he fell into a ~, and his addiction spiraled out of control

deep sleep
he fell into a ~

consciousness & awareness: depth / water

deep (situation)

deep in debt
he was ~

deep trouble
he was in ~ before he won (an exciting tennis match)

neck deep
see *neck-deep* (in debt, etc.)

extent & scope / involvement / situation: depth / water

deep (extent and scope)

deep connections
he had ~ in Washington with politicians (Biden)

deep dive
see *dive* (*deep dive*)

deep divide
the ~ between the haves and have-nots (*The White Tiger*)

deep ecology
books about ~

deep (foreign affairs) experience
he had this ~ (a politician)

deep knowledge
what makes them such good cooks is a ~ of food
he may have ~ about him, but he is a proven liar (politics)
she integrated her ~ of folk music into the opera

deep play
find your ~ ("Rest actually takes hard work" / TIME)

deep roots
they have ~ in the community (Croatians / Louisiana)

deep work
"~, " as Cal Newport calls it...

deep-work
more ~ time, less times in meeting (4-day work week)

♦ A Cognitive Study of Spatial Metaphors in English "Deep" and Chinese "Shen" by Yanting Wu is a wonderful paper. It is available online at ERIC at EJ1342324.

extent & scope: depth / water

substance & lack of substance: depth / water

deep (in deep)

in deep
he is ~ and I can't get him out (financial problems)

getting in deeper
you're ~ every moment you're gone (*Thelma and Louise*)

involvement / situation: depth / water

deepen (verb)

deepened the mystery
the new information ~

extent & scope: depth / water / verb

deeply

deeply in his debt
America is ~ (a US politician)

deeply embarrassing
it's a ~ episode that still clings to her today (singer)

deeply troubling
the allegations are ~

deeply disappointed
he was ~ that...

deeply entrenched
lighting fireworks to celebrate is a ~ custom (Peru)

deeply moved
to watch them was to be ~ (old soldiers)

deeply troubled
he was a ~, haunted by demons (Timothy Treadwell)

deeply woven
Arab Americans are ~ into the fabric of America

deeply loyal
like many in the force, he is ~ to her (Dame Cressida Dick)

extent & scope: depth / water

deep-rooted (adjective)

deep-rooted problems
the company must overcome its ~

bases: depth / plant

deer (deer in the headlights)

deer in the headlights
the first time I was a ~ (MMA fighter wins rematch)

♦ "Anthony Joshua lacked ambition, and he was like a deer in the headlights from the start, and he never wanted to get going." (Carl Froch, commenting on Usyk-Joshua.)

behavior: animal / hunting

defang (verb)

defanged the (country's once-feared religious) police
he has ~ (MBS in Saudi Arabia)

defang them
he wants to demystify deadlines in order to ~ (a writer)

defang the consumer watchdog
the administration wants to ~

strength & weakness: animal / snake / verb

attenuation: animal / snake / verb

deficit (noun)

attention deficit
children diagnosed with ~ hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

information deficit
there's an ~ right now (vaccine controversy)

innovation deficit
the US has an ~ (less funding for science, etc.)

nature deficit
suffering from ~ disorder (forest bathing)

trust deficit
the UN chief says the world has "~ disorder" (Guterres)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: money

define (verb)

defines himself in opposition to those around him
he ~

define me
I refuse to let it ~ (sex abuse)
I won't let this event define me (drugged, blacked out)

defined my youth
I loved the Spice Girls, they ~ (actress Lilly James)

identity & nature: verb / writing & spelling

definitely (contempo-speak)

definitely make me laugh
they ~ (a cashier at checkout counter about senior citizens)

definitely your next binge
'Sort of' is ~ (HBO Max series)

definitely a dream
Yeah, that's ~ of mine (play basketball in the pros)

definitely famous
from 'almost famous' to ~, Billy Crudup is...

definitely actually
see *actually* (contempo-speak)

definitely do
see *do* (emphasizer)

definitely does
see *does* (emphasizer)

definitely kind of
see *kind of* (contempo-speak)

definitely maybe
see *maybe* (contempo-speak)

definitely not
see *not* (not happy, not good, not OK, etc.)

definitely obviously
see *obviously* (contempo-speak)

definitely pretty

see *pretty* (*contempo-speak*)

definitely probably

it's ~ more difficult (a white male athlete, interviewed)

definitely really

see *really* (*gushing*)

definitely sort of

see *sort of* (*contempo-speak*)

definitely very

see *very* (*contempo-speak*)

absolutely, definitely

and sure enough, ~, they contained...

he's ~ not going to run (politics)

Almost Definitely

"Fragile Rock: ~ The World's First Puppet Emo Band"

Almost Definitely

"Beyonce's Baby Is ~ Cooler Than..." (NPR)

I think definitely

~ that we are self-aware students, no need to baby us

~ things changed for the better, I felt like...

~, one of the inspirations is... (music)

just definitely

I would ~, you know, recommend...

I was ~ a fan of the music and culture

people who are ~ in love with...

like, definitely

it was ~ a homophobic environment

like definitely

artists are ~ dabbling in other genres

it's ~ a massive historical moment in my journey (award)

really definitely

but it ~ felt like it...

really, definitely

it was ~, clearly time for us to...

sort of definitely

you got the impression that they were ~ enjoying...

♦ "It really is definitely a pattern." (An NPR pundit.)

♦ "The 'Weird' Al Yankovic (definitely not-at-all exaggerated) biopic" (NPR.)

*** analysis

♦ "'Yep. Nope. Very definitely.' Kathryn Schulz, a writer for *The New Yorker*, heard that seemingly-contradictory response to a question recently..." ("No, Yes, Definitely: On The Rise Of 'No, Totally' As Linguistic Quirk," NPR, All Things Considered, April 12, 2015.)

♦ "He chuckles particularly, he says, over the discovery that society seems to consider the word 'definitely' so necessary to a sophisticated conversation, when the fact happens to be that the average English scrubwoman or 'dustman' uses it continually." (Wilfred J. Funk of Funk & Wagnalls. From the article "Ten Overworked Words" in the newspaper *The Day*, New London, CONN., Thursday Afternoon, April 1, 1937. *Plus ca change.*)

♦ see also *actually* (*contempo-speak*), *obviously* (*contempo-speak*), *really* (*gushing*)

contempo-speak: adverb

deflate (emotion)

deflated a nation

the loss ~ where... (Mexico / soccer)

deflates them

having pumped the rookies up, he now ~ (NFL)

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / verb

deflate (pressure)

deflated some criticism

by admitting his mistakes, he has ~ (politician)

deflate (unrealistic) expectations

he would try to ~

deflate a stereotype

people can ~ by embracing it (Hillbilly Days Festival)

attenuation: air / pressure / verb

deflated

deflated

does your job or land of one have you feeling ~

bored and deflated

he sounds ~ despite the Zolofit

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere

defrock (verb)

"defrock" Oppenheimer

Lewis Strauss and his like-minded friends had managed to ~

♦ "For a few years after World War II, scientists had been regarded as a new class of intellectuals, members of a public-policy priesthood who might legitimately offer expertise not only as scientists but as public philosophers. With Oppenheimer's defrocking, scientists knew that in the future they could serve the state only as experts on narrow scientific issues." (*American Prometheus: The Triumph And Tragedy Of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion / verb

defuse (verb)

defuse her anxiety

try to ~ (separation anxiety / toddler)

defuse crises

promote regional stability and peace and ~ (military)

defuse (volatile) crises

he was sent in to ~ (FBI hostage negotiator)

defuse the disagreement

he is trying to ~ among his allies (coalition)

defuse the issue

the first thing to do is ~ by backing off... (toddlers)

defuse the situation

he tried to ~ (and got shot)

Melissa Arnot intervened to ~ (on Everest)

the agents attempted to calmly ~ (at an airport)

he tried to ~ by...

defused the situation
tribal elders ~

defuse tensions
the US has urged the Russians and Georgians to ~
a move to ~ between the traditional rivals (China / Japan)

amelioration & renewal: explosion / verb

deleted (groups)

deleted from history
women who have been ~ (scientists, politicians, artists)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

delicious (adjective)

delicious dollop
his concern for disclosure is a ~ of hypocrisy (politics)

delicious novels
here are three ~ (romance)

delicious (Gothic) romance
a ~ strikes just the right balance (book review by Caitlyn)

delicious, raunchy
Bridgerton is a ~ tale (wealth, lust, and betrayal)

how delicious
you have something to confide, ~ (two women)

♦ *9 1/2 Weeks* (strawberries); *Tom Jones* (chicken bones, apples, oysters); *Jamon Jamon* (prosciutto or Serrano ham); *Women in Love* (figs). (Films that associate food with sex, and vice versa.)

♦ "In their hotel room she was staggered at the sight of a watermelon of incredible size. It was Komarov's housewarming gift, and to her it was symbol of his power and wealth. When he thrust a knife into this marvel, and the dark green globe split in half, revealing its icy, sugary heart, she was frightened, but she dared not refuse a slice. The fragrant pink mouthfuls stuck in her throat, but she forced herself to swallow them." (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.)

♦ "The significance of sex and food is reversed between the Siriono and us Westerners: the Sirionos' strongest anxieties are about food, they have sex virtually whenever they want, and sex compensates for food hunger, while our strongest anxieties are about sex, we have food virtually whenever we want, and eating compensates for sexual frustration." (The Siriono Indians live in Bolivia. From *The World Until Yesterday* by Jared Diamond.)

consumption: food & drink / taste

attraction & repulsion: food & drink / taste

delirious (adjective)

delirious (Korean) fans
millions of ~, aptly known as the Red Devils (soccer)

delirious celebration
scenes of ~ at Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium (World Cup)

♦ "Can we play you every week!" sang the delirious Brighton fans." (Brighton 3-Man Utd 1 at Old Trafford. Brighton's starting eleven, which cost 17 million pounds, beat Manchester United's, which cost 347 million. As *The Guardian* described it, Brighton fans were "cock-a-hoop.")

behavior / enthusiasm: health & medicine

delirium (noun)

delirium of his fans
he raised an arm aloft to acknowledge the ~ (a boxer)

behavior / enthusiasm: health & medicine

deliver (verb)

deliver a deathblow
the army is trying to ~ to the militants

deliver despair
they promise hope and ~ (a Mexican gang)

deliver on his promise
his failure to ~ cost him his job (a coach)

deliver a knockout blow
the air campaign failed to ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

delivered a (passionate) response
she ~

deliver tonight
anything can happen in boxing, boy did they ~

fictive transportation: verb

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb

Delphic (adjective)

Delphic pronouncements
he hands out index cards inscribed with ~ (self-help guru)

comprehension & incomprehension: allusion / religion

deluge (noun)

deluge
the trickle became a ~ (customer orders)

deluge of (electronic) data
how to organize and search through a ~

deluge of (holiday) orders
companies couldn't handle the ~

deluge of refugees
Tunisia is struggling to cope with a ~

deluge of tips
the public has responded with a ~ (hunting terrorists)

amount & effect: flood / water

movement: flood / water

deluged

deluged with advice
you'll be ~ (about how to potty train your toddler)

deluged with complaints
they are being ~ from residents and merchants

deluged with questions
Hale has been ~ about Islam (9/11)

deluged with (thousands of) requests
the office was ~ (for a pamphlet)

drug-deluged
a ~ neighborhood

amount & effect: flood / water

delusion (under a delusion)

under no delusion

I'm ~ this will stop everyone from cheating, but...

fantasy & reality: mental health

delusion (other)

mass delusion

a ~ renders drivers blind to their faults (a study)
the "better-than-average effect" points to a ~

delusion, denial and fantasy

they seek refuge in ~ (the Middle East)

fantasy & reality: mental health

demand (verb)

demands your attention

Mr. Whitfield, there is a matter that ~

fictive communication: speech / verb

demand (noun)

demands of history and destiny

none of us can escape the ~

fictive communication: speech

demented

demented policy

the Republicans are committed to a ~ of failure

fantasy & reality: health & medicine / mental health

behavior: health & medicine / mental health

demesne (control)

gang's demesne

children serve as lookouts on the frontline of the ~

area / control & lack of control: ground, terrain & land

demic (infodemic, etc.)

epidemic

see *epidemic (noun)*

infodemic

the WHO has called the spread of misinformation an "~~"

triple-demic

the so-called "~~" of flu, RSV and COVID-19
Thanksgiving gatherings could accelerate a "~~"

twindemic

flu this winter raises fear of a '~~' (flu + Covid)

affliction: affix / health & medicine

increase & decrease: affix / health & medicine

language: affix

demise (death / actual)

demise

he discharged one round, causing his ~

demise of a subject

this officer-involved shooting resulted in the ~

death & life: euphemism

demise (political demise, etc.)

demise of the (old-style) demolition derby

the ~ (at county fairs, etc.)

coal's demise

~ was predicted in the 1980s

show's demise

a corporate spokesperson confirmed the ~ (CNN)

political demise

the recall vote resulted in his ~

political and personal demise

the ~ of congressman Jackson

rise and demise

the ~ of the league (US Football League)

rumors of my demise

~ may be a little exaggerated (politics)

faces its demise

the mental health model ~ (the Trieste model)

♦ "For years, flapper information displays, known as Solari boards, were a fixture in railway stations, airports and bus terminals. Now, most are gone. New Haven's board is the last of its kind on the Metro-North line. But officials say it's hard to maintain, and they're replacing it with two electronic panels." ("Train Station Board's Demise Is Sign Of The Times" by Diane Orson, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, January 3, 2010.)

**destruction / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence:
death & life**

demolition (noun)

demolition job

a packed Manchester arena witnessed a ~ (boxing)
this was an absolute ~ (Liverpool 4, Man U 0)

destruction: infrastructure / ruins / tools & technology

demon (mental health)

inner demons

due to ~, it didn't work out (talented football player)

personal demons

her life has been plagued by drugs and other ~
he certainly had some kind of ~ (Nashville bomber)

drugs and other (personal) demons

her life has been plagued by ~

fight those demons

I had hoped he'd be able to ~ (dead of overdose)

get rid of the demons

he has to get a rematch and ~ (boxer who lost in upset)

had (similar) demons

we both ~ (a boxer, a trainer, and drugs)

haunted by demons

he was a deeply troubled man, ~ (Timothy Treadwell)

shake her demons

she couldn't ~ (singer dies of drug overdose)

stared down his (personal) demons

he ~

♦ When minorities OD they're labeled junkies. When celebrities OD they have "demons" Move on nothing to see here (An online commenter.)

mental health: creature

demon (affliction)

demons of the past

we must exorcise the ~ (Island of Gorée and slavery)

demons of (political) disorder, extremism, and cruelty

WWI unleashed the ~

threatening demon

another ~ of the Greek male, feminism...

exorcise the demons

~ of the past... (history)

unleashed the demons

WWI ~ of political disorder, extremism, and cruelty

♦ "I'm not a saint but I'm not a demon or anything either." (A man acquitted of the murder of Tina Fontaine, an indigenous girl.)

affliction: creature

demonic (adjective)

demonic explosion

there was a ~ (ethnic conflict)

feeling, emotion & effect: creature

comparison & contrast: affix

demonization (noun)

demonization of a black Muslim woman

over-the-top ~ (Omar Ilhan)

accusation & criticism / characterization: creature

demonize (verb)

"demonize" the rich

he promised not to ~ (politics)

demonize all Southerners

she did not ~, or beatify all Northerners (Harriet B. Stowe)

"other" and demonize

celebrating a thin white body as the ideal is a way to ~ us

♦ "Demonize government, make government into the enemy, demonize journalists, make them the enemy." (Politics.)

accusation & criticism / characterization: creature / verb

demonized

demonized in the press

Ms. Maxwell has been ~ (trial)

idolized and demonized

he has been alternately ~ by the press (a boxer)

accusation & criticism / characterization: creature

den (den of thieves, etc.)

den of dysfunction

they described is presidency as a ~ (politics)

den of spies

Vienna has long been a ~

place: animal / house

dent (noun)

dent in spending

they want to make a big ~ and the deficit

making a dent in that (appalling) statistic

they are ~ (death in childbirth)

put a dent in the deficit

he wants to ~ (a politician)

feeling, emotion & effect: mark

depression (mental illness)

depths of depression

as one nears the penultimate ~ (before suicide)

touchstone of depression

loss in all of its manifestations is the ~

fell into a depression

she ~

fell into a (deep) depression

he ~, popping pain pills and swilling tequila

♦ "When I was first aware that I had been laid low by the disease, I felt a need, among other things, to register a strong protest against the word 'depression.' Depression, most people know, used to be termed 'melancholia,' a word which appears in English as early as the year 1303 and crops up more than once in Chaucer, who in his usage seemed to be aware of its pathological nuances. 'Melancholia' would still appear to be a far more apt and evocative word for the blacker forms of the disorder, but it was usurped by a noun with a bland tonality and lacking any magisterial presence, used indifferently to describe an economic decline or a rut in the ground, a true wimp of a word for such a major illness. It may be that the scientist generally held responsible for its currency in modern times, a Johns Hopkins Medical School faculty member justly venerated—the Swiss-born psychiatrist Adolf Meyer—had a tin ear for the finer rhythms of English and therefore was unaware of the semantic damage he had inflicted by offering 'depression' as a descriptive noun for such a dreadful and raging disease. Nonetheless, for over seventy-five years the word has slithered innocuously through the language like a slug, leaving little trace of its intrinsic malevolence and preventing, by its very insipidity, a general awareness of the horrible intensity of the disease when out of control. / As one who has suffered from the malady in extremis yet returned to tell the tale, I would lobby for a truly arresting designation. 'Brainstorm,' for instance, has unfortunately been preempted to describe, somewhat jocularly, intellectual inspiration. But something along these lines is needed..." (*Darkness Visible: A Memoir of Madness* by William Styron.)

mental health: direction

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / flying & falling / height / hole

depth (substance)

depth and experience

the soccer team has ~ at virtually all positions

♦ "In terms of being analytical, many students are suffering from this syndrome of the internet generation of skimming everything on the surface, horizontal reading it's called, and not going into depth..." (Niklas aka "The Social Media Professor" Myhr—pronounced Mear, rhymes with "beer," a Swede—at Chapman University, southern California.)

♦ "They think we're supporting genocide, we're supporting colonialism. They know the keywords but they don't really know what they mean." (A Jewish merchant.)

♦ "From breadth through depth to perspective." (Motto of State University of New York at Binghamton.)

♦ "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing!"

substance & lack of substance: depth

depth (out of one's depth)

out of our depth

we were way ~ (ignorance)

out of their depth

they realized they were ~ and consulted psychiatrists

out of my depth in this matter

I'm ~ (lacks expertise)

out of his depth during engineering discussions

he was ~

ability & lack of ability: depth / water

knowledge & intelligence / experience: depth / water

situation: depth / water

depth (depths of winter, etc.)

in the depths of (the arctic) winter

they had to find a way to survive ~

time: depth / water

depth (extent)

depths of their bitterness

grasp the ~ (Turks on death fast)

depth of its (fiscal) distress

accounting obscured the ~ (hospital)

depth of his knowledge

they came away impressed with the ~

depth of your sorrow

we cannot imagine the ~ (daughters murdered by MS-13)

extent & scope: depth / water

descend (verb)

descended into mob rule

the confirmation hearing ~ (protests)

descended into violence

a peaceful mass rally ~

behavior: direction / verb

derail (verb)

derailed AGAIN

the hype train ~ (England soccer / Qatar 2022)

derailed his career

laziness ~ (athlete)

derail a professor's career

it's just as likely that a student can ~ these days (sex)

derail (health-care) reform

the Republicans tried to ~

derail her story

he is trying to ~ (a celebrity)

derail our strategy

the insurgents will not ~

derail this (vulnerable economic) upturn

a conflict with Iran could yet ~ (in US)

♦ [Mr. Webb]: Well, she's late. Reckon she might've jumped the tracks. / [Loretta Lynn]: Oh, Daddy, them things [trains] don't do that. Do they? / [Mr. Webb, grimly]: They've been known to. (From the great film, *Coal Miner's Daughter*.)

failure, accident & impairment: train / verb

derailed

derailed

the hype train was ~ (a Y.A. book, by sensitivity readers)

derailed by an avalanche

the murder trial was nearly ~ of prejudicial comment on social media

career and life were derailed

her ~ when she met Ray...

failure, accident & impairment: train

dervish (activity)

dervish of activity

in the weeks before the election, Milley was a ~

person: religion

activity: movement / person / religion

descend (descend on)

descend on Iowa

candidates ~ ahead of crucial caucus (election)

descend on London

a million tourists will ~ (Olympics)

behavior: insect / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: insect / verb

descendant (come after / down)

descendants of the (US-backed) mujahedeen

some consider the Taliban the ~

♦ de- = "down," "down from," "away."

past & present / sequence / time: direction / height / history / mountains & hills

descendant (noun)

direct descendants

Blade Runner and Battlestar were ~ of Frankenstein...

relationship: family

descent (decline)

descent into alcoholism

she herself began a gradual ~

descent into (pugilistic) dementia

his slow and steady ~ (Mike Quarry)

descent into despair

her public ~ (suicide at MIT)

descent into intolerance

this is a sad milestone on our ~ (murder)

descent into (Webcam) pornography

he described his ~

broadcaster's descent

the ~ into the fever swamps of identity politics (NPR)

public descent

her ~ into despair (suicide at MIT)

slow and steady descent

his ~ into pugilistic dementia (Mike Quarry)

decline / feeling, emotion & effect: direction

desert (verb)

deserted the village for the (big) towns

his own grown children have ~ (Indonesian Borneo)

deserted him

his smooth putting stroke ~ ("the yips" / golfing)

allegiance, support & betrayal: military / verb

desert (food desert, etc.)

maternity care deserts

one-third of U.S. counties are ~ (a report)

'~' force families to relocate for childbirth (rural areas)

child-care deserts

about half of Americans live in ~

higher education "deserts"

13 million people live in ~ (long commutes)

food desert

~s have little access to fresh food (urban areas)

~s are poor areas bereft of fresh-food grocers

food-desert

the ideal store for ~ residents is a chain supermarket

"fresh food deserts"

nutritious food is hard to find and expensive in ~ (Bronx)

green desert

that's a ~, nothing living in it ("rewilding" agriculture)

internet deserts

~ in rural America make it hard for people...

library desert

countless families live in ~s (no reachable library)

news desert

Youngstown is a ~ (*Daily Vindicator* ceases)

she tracks ~s (no local news)

he tried to fight back against the encroaching ~, but...

news "deserts"

~ are growing (local newspapers go out of business)

'pharmacy deserts'

~ are the new front in the race to vaccinate (COVID)

transit deserts

traveling to or from the various "~" (boroughs of NYC)

food and health care deserts

many people live in so-called ~ (US)

cultural desert

the third- and fourth-tier cities are no longer ~s

dental desert

~s, where there is little or no access to NHS care (U.K.)

the area is known as a ~ (NHS care / UK)

digital deserts

rural communities are stuck in ~ (broadband)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: desert / ground, terrain & land

desert (environment)

turning huge swathes of rainforest into desert

the illegal gold mining is ~ (Peru)

♦ "The view from the highest range of these dunes, the Hills of the Singing Sands, is unforgettable. Dawn is the best time to climb: the sky (like the lake) is invariably crystal-clear, the robin's egg blue of early morning. The lower dunes rise and fall and glitter, immense sharp-sculptured waves of pale yellow crystal, as far as it is possible to see. The sun rises fast over a white-hot horizon. To the west, toward the trackless wastes of the Taklamakan and Lop deserts, all is still dark, but cloudless, and the summits of the distant dunes are tricked out with gold as the sun catches their edges." (*The Man Who Loved China* by Simon Winchester.)

♦ "The living glow of the desert dawn wrapped a blue turban around the mountain's lofty peak" (From *Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ "The green was heaven's gift in the desert." (A desert pasture with fodder for a camel. From *Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ "In the desert, the soul empties and clears and becomes free and brave in the process. And so it enables you to defy the endless open space, challenge the horizon, and explore the emptiness that leads beyond the horizon, beyond the desert void. It invites you to face the other world, the hereafter. It was here, only here, in the labyrinths of never-ending desert plains, that the extremes converge—open expanse, horizon, and desolation—to form a firmament that expands outward, toward eternity, toward the afterlife." (*Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni. The desert plays a central role in the three Abrahamic religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.)

♦ "This processional way greater than imagination." (Wadi Rumm. *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, Chapter LXII, by T.E. Lawrence.)

♦ "Two days later an old man came into our camp. He was limping, and even by Bedu standards he looked poor... The Rashid pressed forward to greet him... I wondered at the warmth of their greetings... Bin Kabina said to me: 'Once he was one of the richest men of the tribe, now he has nothing except a few goats... His generosity ruined him. No one ever came to his tents but he killed a camel to feed them. By God, he is generous!' (*Arabian Sands* by Wilfred Thesiger.)

♦ "The Bait Kathir prayed at dawn. A little later, I would hear bell-like notes as someone pounded coffee in a brass mortar, varying his stroke to produce the semblance of a tune..." (*Arabian Sands* by Wilfred Thesiger.)

environment / resemblance: desert / ground, terrain & land
despair (groups)

climate despair

"5 ways to deal with ~" (Angela Haupt, *TIME*)

joy, despair and anxiety

"Teens share the ~ of college admissions on TikTok"

♦ "Forget climate anxiety: many people are in flat-out climate distress..." ("5 ways to deal with climate despair" by Angela Haupt, *TIME*, February 26, 2024.)

♦ "The mental adjustment took longer. It was a continual surprise to encounter no queues at food shops—'like a man who braces himself to pick up a heavy suitcase,' wrote Ginzburg, 'and finds it empty.' The words 'I'm hungry,' recently so charged with desperation and despair, only slowly reverted to their old function of expressing an ordinary desire for lunch." (*Leningrad* by the great writer Anna Reid.)

♦ see also *grief (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine / mental health

destabilize (verb)

upend and destabilize

sports podcasts often ~ stereotypes about black athletes

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb

disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb

destabilizing (adjective)

destabilizing effects

Michael Goldhaber warned of the attention economy's ~

destabilizing standoff

US officials scrambled to defuse the ~ (in Iraq)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

disruption: equilibrium & stability

destigmatize (groups)

destigmatize being lonely

Gen Zers are doing their best to ~ by talking about it

destigmatize (mental) illness

a crisis hotline, a campaign to ~... (veterans)

destigmatize periods

free bleeding trend is positive because it helps ~

clarify and destigmatize

my goal was to help ~ autism (Julia / Sesame Street)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection / verb

destigmatized (groups)

destigmatized

it should be ~ (nonmonogamous)

♦ "Bakhtiari said that too often stories like theirs will come out 'in a scandal.' / 'But we're openly showing it and proud of it,' Bakhtiari, 34, said during a video interview, as Brown and Al-Khayyal sat on either side. 'It should be destigmatized. It's a very valid familial structure that people should embrace.'" ("Georgia lawmaker comes out as

nonmonogamous: 'I'm in love with two wonderful people'" by Jo Yurcaba, NBC, Sept. 28, 2022. Yurcaba's story reads like fiction and is the urtext for these sorts of things.)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

destroy (emotion)

destroyed him

it just ~, he would melt down in my office (death of father)

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: destruction / ruins

destroy (verb / accomplishment)

destroying the (\$300 million) industry

he's ~ (YouTube ad for a new flashlight)

success & failure: force / verb

detached (emotions)

completely detached

emotionally I was ~ (denial)

feeling, emotion & effect: distance / proximity

detangle (verb)

detangle from technology

our lives are impossible to ~

complexity / involvement: cloth / rope / verb

detective (person)

detectives

editors are gatekeepers, not ~ (fraudulent studies)

armchair detective

an ~ is a fictional character who solves crimes

Kar is the typical ~ (a murder investigation)

the ~s out there on social media (a quadruple murder)

~s who had read the story ("In the Footsteps of a Killer")

~s and internet sleuths are sharing their own theories

~s and keyboard warriors piled on (Nicola Bulley case)

keyboard detectives

~ might disagree with me (a murder case)

searching & discovery: person

person: justice

dethrone (verb)

dethrone New Zealand

they produced a fine performance to ~ (rugby)

dethroned Anthony Joshua

he ~ with an incredible performance (Usyk)

dethrone the champs

this is the start of their quest to ~ (NBA)

dethrone (cultural) gatekeepers

the digerati effort to ~ (Web)

dethrone the king

Yildirim will be attempting to ~ (Saul 'Canelo' Alvarez)

dismissal, removal & resignation / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty / verb

dethroned

outboxed and dethroned

Taylor had been ~ in his own backyard (still got decision)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty
dismissal, removal & resignation: royalty**

detonate (verb)

detonated (national) outrage

the manner of his killing ~ (hate crime)

primed to detonate

the film was ~ this weekend (open)

ready to detonate

a blast is ~ (the Kyoto Protocol)

initiation: explosion / verb

detonator (noun)

detonator

she was handling unstable explosives, and that letter was the ~ (a relationship)

initiation: explosion

detour (noun)

inexplicable detour

to me, it's an ~ that your life took (musician works as currency trader)

course / direction: journeys & trips

detox (and detoxification, etc.)

digital detox

CEO Marc Benioff took a 10-day '~' (on Polynesian resort)

♦ According to a BBC article, the term "digital detox" first occurred in 2010. Related words and phrases in that article included "tech obsession," "tech abstinence," and "detangle from technology."

amelioration & renewal: addiction / health & medicine

mental health: addiction / health & medicine

Detroit (India's Detroit, etc.)

India's Detroit

Chennai is ~, an auto-industry hub

comparison & contrast: epithet

devastated (emotion)

devastated

everyone was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: destruction / force / ruins

devastating (feeling)

devastating blow

loss of the coral reefs would be a ~

devastating course

the cholera epidemic is now waning, having run its ~

devastating incident

this ~ that happened (police shooting)

devastating rape

the ~ of Indonesia's forests

devastating turn

and then the case took a ~ (missing woman found murdered)

beyond devastating

this is ~ (hospitals ban visitors during pandemic)

feeling, emotion & effect: destruction / force / ruins

devil (Lady Devils, etc.)

Devil's Playground

The ~ (book by James Traub / Times Square circa 2004)

Devil Dogs

leathernecks, jarheads, ~ (U.S. Marines)

Lady Devils

~ Take 5 Set Win Over Andrews (Bryson City, NC)

Red Devils

Korea's fans, aptly known as the ~
the ~ (Manchester United fans)

epithet: creature / religion

group, set & collection: creature / epithet / religion

devil (Devil's Falls, etc.)

Devil's Backbone

the road is called El Espinazo del Diablo—the ~...
the ~ on the Great North Road (Sydney)

Devil's Bridge

~ Trail (Sedona, Arizona)

Devil's Courthouse

the first person to climb ~ (a rock outcropping)

Devil's Elbow

the ~ trail parallels the river (Panthertown, NC)

Devil's Falls

~ (Wales)

"Devil's Glacier"

as the ~ it remains to this day on the maps (Antarctica)

Devil's Gulch

the family was found dead in the ~ area of the forest

Devils Hole

the ~ (both a cave and a North Sea undersea feature)

Devil's Home

the ~ (a stony hill / Udehé)

Devil's Nose

the ~ (a section of the Mokelumne River)

Devil's Path

the ~ (bleak desert terrain in the Southwest of the US)

Devil's Pulpit

the ~ (an outcrop in a gorge)

Devil's Staircase

the ~ Wilderness is named after a waterfall (Oregon)

Devil's Throat

~ is a must (Iguazu Falls)

Devils Tower

~, the otherworldly butte in northwest Wyoming

Devil's Courthouse

the ~ (a rock outcropping)

Devil's Highway

the ~ (a 5-turn section on bobsled track)

the ~ runs between Yuma and Ajo, Arizona

Devils Thumb

the ~ is a striking summit on the Alaska-BC border

the NW face of the ~ has never been climbed

the NW face of the ~ rises from the Witches Cauldron

the NW face of the ~ is 6,700 feet

Devil's Thumb

are pets allowed at ~ Ranch Resort & Spa (Colorado)

Espinazo del Diablo

El ~ (the Devil's Backbone, a road in Durango, Mexico)

Majlis al Jinn

the ~ (the assembly of the devils, a cave in Oman)

♦ There are Devil's Backbones in New Zealand, Ireland and South Africa.

proper name: creature / religion

geography: religion

devil (behavior)

devil

he can be a real ~ at times (a toddler)

comma-shaped devils

a man-killing dose of those ~ (cholera microbes)

behavior / character & personality / person: creature / religion

devil (deal with the devil)

devil's bargain

the ~ was that...

make a deal with the devil

you want something so badly you're willing to ~

♦ "The devil's half of the bargain was that Siegfried & Roy could become the grandest version of themselves only by surrounding themselves with the instruments of their potential destruction." (From "The Original Tiger Kings: The Improbable Rise And Savage Fall Of Siegfried & Roy" by Chris Jones and Michael J. Mooney, *The Atlantic*, November 2022. Roy was famously mauled by the tiger he and Siegfried called Mantecore.)

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / religion

devil (evil)

devil personified

he was the ~ (a serial killer of women)

affliction / insult: creature / religion

devotee (person)

devotee of (a particular) theory

he's no ~ (a coach)

orchid devotees

as other ~ will attest...

trout fishing devotees

~ worship Snowbird Creek (Graham County NC)

enthusiasm: person / religion

person: religion

devour (devour the classics, etc.)

devoured these books

I ~ (on mountaineering and travel / Heinrich Harrer)

devoured the classics

I ~

devoured *Dracula*

he had ~ by the age of five

devoured these films

this generation of adults ~ as children (Disney)

devoured (HG Wells') *War of the Worlds*

as a child, Brunner ~ (the writer)

devour Christie's work

readers continue to ~ (Agatha Christie)

devoured them

he stumbled onto books and completely ~ (Melville)

consumption: food & drink / verb

devour (destroy)

devoured hundreds of acres

the fire ~

devoured 20,000 buildings

the fire ~ (Great Chicago Fire of 1871)

devoured a pine forest

a wall of fire ~ and threatened villages (the Gironde)

destruction: animal / food & drink / predation / verb

devoured (by an emotion, etc.)

devoured by anxiety

she is ~ when she's not working (magazine editor)

devoured by guilt

Caldwell was ~ (the climber Tommy Caldwell)

mental health: animal / consumption / predation

destruction: animal / food & drink / predation

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / food & drink / predation

diabolical (adjective)

diabolical

gamification is thoughtless at best and ~ at worst

behavior / character & personality: creature / religion

diagnosis (noun)

diagnosis

the ~ is wrong, and the prescription is malpractice

diagnosis for America's ills

it has made equality a ~ (the Democratic Party)

American diagnosis

they share the ~ but not the prescription (Quad nations)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: health & medicine

dial down (and dial back)

dial it back

don't drink every day, ~ (alcohol)

dial back arrests, incarcerations

we need to ~ (reform)

dial down the rancor

we need to ~

dial down speculation

they reviewed the investigation in an attempt to ~

refused to dial down

he has ~ his wolf-warrior diplomacy (diplomacy)

increase & decrease: direction / mechanism / verb

dialed in

dialed in

if he gets back ~, he can help his team (troubled athlete)

target: weapon

dialogue (global dialogue, etc.)

global dialogue

we are hoping to change the ~ around mental health

attention, scrutiny & promotion: speech

dial up (increase)

dial it up to eleven

you see an effort to ~ every night (media "rage inflation")

increase & decrease: direction / mechanism / verb

dial up (order)

dial up more passing plays

why didn't Clint Kubiak ~ (NFL game)

initiation: direction / mechanism / verb

diarrhea (and diarrhoea / speech)

verbal diarrhoea

the constant ~ from the know it alls (commentators)

♦ "Can we have a mute button on the commentators please. Lets just listen to the crowd and normal match noise you get. Why do we have to listen to the constant verbal diarrhoea from the know it alls." (An online BBC HYS commenter about the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)

worth & lack of worth: speech

speech: bodily reaction

dice (noun)

roll of the dice

publishing is a constant ~, a gamble

it's a ~, I suppose (correctly controlling development)

throw of the dice

the substitution was a late ~ (soccer)

roll the dice

the Air Force is going to ~ (new plane)

okay, if you want to ~, go ahead (take the chance)

we're going to ~ and see what happens

you know I like to ~, but this is going too far

I don't think we should ~ and take that risk

every time we go out, you ~, it's life or death (*Hurt Locker*)

♦ "A lady doesn't leave her escort: / It isn't fair, it isn't nice. / A lady doesn't wander all over the room / And blow on some other guy's dice." (Frank Sinatra sings "Luck Be A Lady.")

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games

Dickensian (adjective)

Dickensian character

he was a ~, a poor immigrant adopted, then rejected

Dickensian childhood

his ~ may have fueled his ambition (poverty)

she survived a ~

Dickensian poverty

she lived in ~

Dickensian (rags-to-riches) story

the film is a ~

Dickensian tenements

he rose out of the city's ~ (India)

Dickensian times

these are ~ indeed (class and class mobility)

Dickensian world

a ~ of haves and have-nots

Dickensian warehouses

its orphanages became famous as ~ (Romania)

♦ "It's a hard-knock life for us / it's a hard-knock life for us..." (The wildly successful musical *Annie*, based on the 1885 poem by James Whitcomb "the Hoosier Poet" Riley. Everyone involved in the production and audience gets to go home and eat what they want.)

♦ "This adaptation feels staler than Miss Havisham's wedding cake." (Cute writing by Hollie Richardson about Steven Knight's TV adaptation of *Great Expectations*.)

♦ "Today the book reads unevenly and, in a strange way, un-Dickensianly. It billows, it sags, it contracts suddenly to a point of diamond hardness..." ("David Copperfield's Wild Ride: Armando Iannucci's mad, loving, and brilliant adaptation of Dickens's novel" by James Parker, *The Atlantic*, September 2020. James: please go immediately to your doctor and have yourself checked out for Mad Hatter's disease. James Parker is *not* George Packer.)

♦ "Please sir, can we have no more: NYC must nail ringleaders behind 'Oliver Twist' child Thieves." (*A New York Post* editorial, 2023.)

♦ "Maybe there is just a bit of desire to find a way out of this, and an offramp..." (A BBC commentator about a threatened UK rail strike in 2022. One "bit of desire" the commentator mentioned was the fact that Christmas was approaching. What man wishes to be unemployed at Christmas, having to worry about money to pay the heating bills and also buy gifts for his wife and children?)

♦ "Then children began to die. / The processions over the mountain were long at first, and sometimes two and three a day. Then they grew shorter, and the hymns fewer, for the people had no strength. / July, August, September, October. / November. / The cold was on us and the snow was thick in the very first week. People were burning wood, and some of the men went down to the colliery to get coal and were stopped by the watchmen, but they took no notice and loaded up. Next morning, police came by brake and went to live in the lamp house. Two men who were caught were taken over the mountain and had six months in jail. So those who had no money for coal went up on the mountain for wood, and since all the people in other valleys were looking for wood, there was soon no wood to be had, except standing trees. But they were green and not to be lit by anything but a fire. / More and more children were dying, and now women were dying, and men. No more were coffins built by Clydach. A sheet had to do, and did. / Two, three, and four families went into one house to eat and have warmth together. Windows were boarded to keep out cold. Even Mr. Gruffydd had trouble to keep the men from a riot, and going down to the colliery and killing the police..." (*How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn. The Welsh coal miners were on strike.)

environment: allusion

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

dictate (verb)

dictated (just) one course of action
military logic ~

dictate the narrative
we will not let Trump ~ (politics)

fictive communication: speech / verb

did (emphasizer)

did do

what she ~ was use her instincts to...
Oh, we ~ something...
what our editors ~ was remind colleagues...
the company did do some inappropriate things
even if you ~ everything right, it still wouldn't matter

did need

but we ~ to slow the process down (politics)
but we ~ to understand that the legacy of...

did want

did you think that they really ~ to hear from you
but I ~ to let you know that...
so I ~ to do big stunts
one of the reason why I ~ to write this book was because...
the tweet confirmed that he ~ to see some change...
but I ~ to ask you about North Korea because I think...
I know it can't be easy, but I ~ to ask you about the night...

did feel like

see *feel like* (*feels like, felt like*)

did kind of

see *kind of* (*contempo-speak*)

did really

see *really* (*gushing*)

did so

see *so* (*gushing*)

did sort of

see *sort of* (*contempo-speak*)

actually did

it ~ make a huge difference in the world of...
the group ~ serve meals to underserved kids...
time to reflect on what jobs they ~ want
she ~ not pick up the sport until...
he ~ believe in something

definitely did

the program ~ influence the way that I approach art and...
he ~ say the "i-word" ("indict" or "indicted")
I ~ take a few minutes pause to think about that...
she ~ not want to call the police
he ~ encourage me
we ~ not stick to our original itinerary

kind of did

actually, they ~ make a movie of Rick Ankiel...

really did

I ~ do a school project on Sasquatch (NPR host)

really, really did

and they ~ share, nearly 100 wonderful responses...

actually really did

the CFPB ~ lead the charge here... (consumer protection)

♦ "We had to create a space that was more of a neutral zone, where I wasn't always accusing him and feeling angry and he wasn't always feeling like I didn't appreciate what he did do, because men do do work..."

♦ "Do" and "does" and "did" provide yet a further way to emphasize, or "gush."

♦ see also *do* (*emphasizer*), *does* (*emphasizer*)

contempo-speak: language

die (hyperbole)

dying to meet him

I'm just ~

die from boredom

we were just about ready to ~

dying back here

can we turn up the AC, I'm ~ (car)

died laughing

I nearly ~

innovate or die

"~" has long been the mantra in the computer world

hyperbole: death & life

die (non-human)

die

the fire would not ~ (civil rights)
where do statues go when they ~ (cancel culture)

Die

How Democracies ~ (by Steven Levitsky, Harvard U.)

died

the rumors never ~ (of marital infidelity)

dies

no good thing ever ~ (*Shawshank Redemption*)

died in France

Alfie ~ (the film *Alfie*, which did not do well in France)

dying at a rate of 2 each week

US newspapers are ~

die hard

dreams ~
old habits ~
race-based voting traditions ~ here

dreams die

~ hard

habits die

old ~ hard

project died

the ~ before it got off the ground

traditions die

race-based voting ~ hard here

come to die

Washington, D.C. is a city where ideas ~

go to die

South Georgia is where many big icebergs ~
it's a graveyard where all good things ~ (US Senate)
the hidden life of garbage and where old PCs ~
this is where huge ships ~ (Indian scrap yards)
this is where championships ~ (football / Iowa)

goes to die

Florida is the place where woke goes to die (Ron DeSantis)

needs to die

the phrase "people of color" ~ (Damon Young)

seemed (to many people) to be dying

New York in 1968 ~ (crime, closed theaters, etc.)

♦ "Every time a language dies, it's the equivalent of a bomb being dropped on the Louvre." (The linguist Lera Boroditsky, attributing the quote or sentiment to the linguist Ken Hale. This sounds very much like "When an old man dies, a library burns to the ground." A variation is "When an elder dies." And that is generally attributed as "African.")

♦ "The balance beam is where Russia's gold medal hopes have gone to die in recent years." (Commentary about the Tokyo Olympics.)

♦ "You know, the cowboy in me just ain't gonna die." (A 92-year-old black ex-rodeo rider.)

♦ "Soldiers who die are taken to a holding area, where they are made to do manual labor to underscore the point that dying is never fun." (Military training.)

♦ "I'll tell you a funny thing about [the film] *Alfie*. Well, I had a very close friend who was a Frenchman. And *Alfie* died in France, it was the only place in the world where it died. And I said to this very close French friend of mine, *Alfie* died in France, you know. He said I know it did. I said why do you think that is, and he said no Frenchman could believe that an Englishman could seduce ten women." (The great actor Michael Caine speaking about the 1966 film *Alfie*. From "TimesTalks: Michael Caine: Five Favorite Films, The New York Times" on YouTube. The sentence, "*Alfie* died in France, it was the only place in the world where it died," must present quite a problem in natural language processing!)

♦ "Internet Explorer, the love-to-hate-it web browser, has died at 26."

♦ "Why the #DiedSuddenly movement must die."

♦ "It is very hard to die in a modern ICU [intensive-care unit] these days. This can make it harder for families to accept that there is no chance a fatally ill patient will recover." (End of life issues, "pulling the plug," religion, ethnicities, health-care costs, etc.)

♦ "When I eat, I live. When I drink, I die. What am I?" (A fire, of course!)

♦ Cattle die / Friends die / Thou thyself shalt die / I know a thing / That never dies / Judgement over the dead

condition & status / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

die (the die is cast, etc.)

die is cast

there is nothing more, the ~ (eve of battle)

♦ In *Word Origins and their Romantic Stories*, Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., devotes a couple of paragraphs to "the die is cast." He mentions that "even today hundreds of loaded dice, be they clay, wood, or bone, are still being dug out of Roman ruins."

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games

die down (verb)

hype dies down

once the media ~ (elections)

opposition has not died down

~ (Chechnya)

wind had died down

the ~

gunfire died down

after the ~...

eventually died down

the uproar ~ (dismissal of coach)

decline: death & life / fire / verb

die out (end)

fire is dying out

we've used up all our wood, and the ~

faded or died out

knowledge of the language has ~ (Cherokee)

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / fire / verb

diet (noun)

diet of him

none of us wanted a steady ~ (a dominant golfer)

diet of left hooks and right hands
he fed Mayorga a steady ~ (De La Hoya)

media diet
the questionnaire focused on each juror's ~ (trial)

social-media diet
how to manage your ~ (Life Kit / Mayowa Aina)

steady diet
none of us wanted a ~ of him (a dominant golfer)

fed on a (steady) diet
we are ~ of gruesome news (terrorism, etc.)

fed Mayorga a (steady) diet
he ~ of left hooks and right hands (De La Hoya)

served up a steady diet
evangelists ~ of jargon stew (the Ethereal Summit)

♦ "If it means swallowing some humble pie, and it means eating some of your words, I can't think of a more excellent diet." (Prime Minister David Cameron, on his coalition government formed with the Liberal Democrats.)

♦ "In the course of my life I have often had to eat my words, and I must confess that I have always found it a wholesome diet." (Winston Churchill about the volte-face in his attitude to Nehru, from dislike to complete approval.)

♦ Man U have been force-fed their fair share of humble pie and it's done them good. Now, as a neutral, I see their recovery under Ten Hag. Good for them (A commenter on a BBC HYS.)

consumption / experience: food & drink

dig (search for)

dig deep
see *dig deep* (determination)

dig deep
see *dig deep* (analysis)

digging for (more) information
we are ~ (TV news story)

dig beneath the surface
documentaries are the ideal way to ~ of sports

searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

dig deep (determination)

dig deep
they had the determination to ~, overcome adversity...

dug deep
Italy was less than perfect, but Mancini's side ~ (soccer)

dig deep to avoid
they had to ~ a heavy defeat (Wales / Euro 2020)

♦ "I don't think Beterbiev has ever had to dig as deep as he's had to dig tonight." (A commentator after the exciting Beterbiev versus Yarde boxing match.)

commitment & determination: depth / ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

dig deep (analysis)

dig deeper
~ (command to a detective)

dig (a little) deeper
as we ~, we discover...

dig deep into the story
in this series we ~ of his senseless murder (podcast)

dug deep into the science
he has ~ of spices

analysis, interpretation & explanation / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

digest (verb)

digest the facts
it was hard to ~

digesting the news
veterans are still ~ that all troops will leave Afghanistan

♦ "How do you think this will be processed going forward, how do you think what has happened will you know sort of be metabolized?" (NPR's Lulu Garcia-Navarro. From "'Jewish Telegraphic Agency' Commemorates Members Of the Community Lost to COVID-19, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020.)

consumption: food & drink / verb

comprehension & incomprehension: food & drink / verb

digestible (adjective)

digestible form
he did a good job distilling the big issue into a ~ (debate)

consumption: food & drink

comprehension & incomprehension: food & drink

dig in (verb)

digging in
he is ~ (embattled leader)
he is firing back and his legal team is ~

♦ "He likes to fight, he digs in, and he doesn't give up." (The billionaire activist investor Bill Ackman.)

protection & lack of protection / resistance, opposition & defeat / survival, persistence & endurance: fortification / ground, terrain & land / military / verb

dig into (verb)

dug into actions
investigators ~ and uncovered crimes

digs (deep) into their lives
he ~ until they... (TV therapist Phil McGraw)

dig into a word's history
it's fun to ~ (etymology)

dug into the community's past
residents ~ (local history)

dig into this
now to ~ more... (talk show)

♦ "You know what, we need to dig in a little bit deeper, so this year we decided to go underneath the covers and peel back some of the layers." (Megan Bigelow, about a survey of Portland, Oregon, women in technology.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

dig up (verb)

dignity of work

job-shaming and the ~ (celebs in menial jobs)

right to dignity

the Palestinian people's ~ and self-determination

peace and safety and dignity

these people deserved to live lives of ~ (war dead)

self-esteem and dignity

dealing with attacks on their ~ (stereotypes, etc.)

♦ "I also spoke with President Abbas, the Palestinian Authority and reiterated that the United States remains committed to the Palestinian people's right to dignity and to self-determination. The actions of Hamas terrorists don't take that right away." (President Biden's address to the nation from the Oval Office on Thursday, October 19, 2023.)

♦ "A shared project, a sense of dignity, and a sense of agency goes a long way in motivating vulnerable populations..." ("Israel Could Lose" by Jon B. Alterman, csis.org, November 7, 2023. Notice the employment of the contempo-speak buzzwords "dignity," "agency," and "vulnerable.")

♦ "As someone who truly lives the politics of human dignity..." (Chaedria LaBouvier. From "The Scapegoat" by Helen Lewis, *The Atlantic*, November 2022.)

♦ "Dignity" is NOT mentioned in the U.S. Declaration of Independence or the U.S. Constitution, or in the Pledge of Allegiance. The contemporary usage of "dignity" as a human right seems to stem from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948. See the Wikipedia entry, "Dignity."

*** analysis

♦ "A quality almost non-existent in society but often touted as an ideal. Defined by its absence." (A definition of "dignity" in the spirit of *The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ "Old age ain't for sissies."

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

dig out (verb)

dig our way out of this problem

we must think how we will ~

dug herself out of the hole

she finally ~ (financial)

situation: hole / verb

dig through (verb)

digs through (bargain) bins

he ~ for rare music tapes

dig through my crates

I'm gonna ~ for your old funky tapes

dug through the (old case) files

he ~ (police)

dug through a pile of (shiny) rocks

they ~ at a gem stand

searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

dig up (verb)

digs up documents from Web sites

she ~

dug up (a lot of) information at the library

I ~

dug up this citation from an old magazine

he has ~

dig it up

it's the past, it's buried, we don't want to ~ again

analysis, interpretation & explanation / appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

diluted (weakened)

heavily diluted

calls for his power to be ~ (Zuckerberg of Facebook)

attenuation: water

dim (decline)

hope is dimming

I imagine that ~ (survivors in collapsed building)

memories dim

~ over time (criminal cases)

star (of Lucy Lunsford) dimmed

how the ~

decline: light & dark / verb

dim (the dim past, etc.)

dim and distant

the ~ past

time: distance / eye

dim (overshadow)

dim the event

every year some crisis threatens to ~ (awards show)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / superiority & inferiority: light & dark / shadow / verb

dim (hope, etc.)

hope dimmed

~ for two lost, injured whales (swam upriver)

hope dimming

is your ~ as you watch things play out

optimism dimmed

their ~ fairly quickly (government watchdogs)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / verb

din (attention)

add their voice to the din

students are eager to ~ (campus sex policies)

heard above the din

she is doing her best to be ~ (running for president)

you don't get ~ by arguing politely or with ambivalence

♦ "Was this that? Where is that conversation right now? I mean in this particular moment... Okay! How come?... Shore... What does that look like?" (NPR.)

♦ "This is it's so funny just because I mean literally yesterday you were doing..." (The Gayly Prophet podcast.)

♦ "Like everything else with the state's case and investigation, it's full of sound and fury, but signifying nothing." (The lawyer for Hannah Gutierrez-Reed. He also referred to a "Star Chamber.")

♦ "[Life] is a tale / told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, / signifying nothing." (*Macbeth* by Shakespeare.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / obstacles & impedance / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

dinosaur (noun)

dinosaur

pull those old ~s from the shed (retro rodeo / kayaking)

many like to argue that libraries are ~s (WRONG!)

the network news anchormen are ~s

we're ~s (rely on old technology)

it's a ~, a concrete monster (an old sports stadium)

she thinks I'm a ~, which I am, I guess (generations)

they said I was behind the times, a ~ (early critic of...)

DVDs are really ~s (Netflix ends DVDs by mail)

dinosaur comment

it's a ~ (Eddie Hearn about something Bob Arum said)

dinosaur feminist

I'm sounding like a ~, but...

dinosaur radios

those ~ (the German military / SEM 80-90)

footballing dinosaur

fans call him a ~ (Coach Allegri / Juventus / poor tactics)

walking dinosaur

it's like I'm a really cute ~ (older actor Lucy Lawless)

called the (downtown) landmarks dinosaurs

the mayor has ~

go the way of the dinosaur

frats and sororities should ~ (yet another hazing death)

remain a dinosaur

times change, you either ~ or move with the times (boxing)

viewed the (conventional) machines as dinosaurs

they ~ that would soon be rendered extinct

♦ "It's clear that there are still a few crusty old misogynists clinging on. St Barnabas Church would surely be a much better place if it had a woman priest. Some of the local people who have left might return, but we now see that the dinosaurs have won yet again." ("Male only vicar job advert 'misogynistic,'" BBC, 27 September 2018.)

♦ "Behind dusty oaken doors / six robed dinosaurs / conspired to wage a holy war / over our bodies." Sung to the tune of "My Country, 'Tis Of Thee" by Reina del Cid / Elle Cordova. From "5 protest songs that have taken on new meaning post-Roe" by Ari Shapiro, Noah Caldwell, Jonaki Mehta, NPR, Music, July 2, 2022.)

♦ "As I'm becoming more and more of a dinosaur in this league at 31 years old, I've got to do every little thing I can to get the ball to go just a little bit farther." (Baltimore Ravens kicker Justin Tucker, about his record 66 yard field goal. He took an extra step or two back to get more power.)

♦ "Sunny and Elizabeth viewed [that lab's] conventional machines as dinosaurs that would soon be rendered extinct by Theranos's revolutionary technology, so they called it 'Jurassic Park.'" (*Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup* by John Carreyrou.)

♦ "And I mean it's also embarrassing to German soldiers if they are coming to an exercise or into common missions with armed forces of other NATO countries and ours are coming with those dinosaur radios." (SEM 80—90 German military radios in 2023. A 1980s analog radio system, not digital, not encrypted.)

♦ "We're really in a golden age of dinosaurs." (Finding new species, computer modeling, theories about dinosaur behavior based on birds, shows like *Prehistoric Planet* with David Attenborough, etc.)

♦ "For a group of reptiles that went extinct 65 million years ago, dinosaurs are really good at staying in the news." And in the language!

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal
past & present / time: animal

dip (decrease)

dip

temperatures should start to ~ by the end of the week

decline / increase & decrease: direction

increase & decrease: number

dip (a route can dip)

dipped southeastward

the route ~ through the Dzungarian Gap

fictive motion: direction / verb

dip (noun)

dip in (American) deaths

after a ~ last spring, fatalities are rising

decline / increase & decrease: direction

increase & decrease: number

diplomacy (noun)

model of diplomacy

a woman who had been a ~ began to cry

politeness and diplomacy

~ are often the enemies of action (vs. being rude)

behavior / role: government

diplomat (noun)

best diplomat

sport is the ~ we have (Qatar hosts event)

person / representation: government

diplomatic (adjective)

more diplomatic

you should have been ~

♦ "DIPLOMACY, n. The patriotic art of lying for one's country." (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

behavior / role: government

comparison & contrast: affix

direction (in every direction)

lurks in every direction

danger ~

extent & scope: direction

direction (a new direction, etc.)

in another direction

I'm going ~

in a new direction

a study that takes stress research ~

course: direction

direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.)

in the right direction

they are going ~

they are heading ~ (a company)

the talks are moving ~ (negotiations)

the trends are moving ~

we're moving ~ (research on brain tumors)

I trust you will get the team pointed ~

from what I hear, it's a step ~

the decision is a small step ~

in the wrong direction

this is a step ~

Washington is headed ~ (politics)

70 percent of the public believes the country is heading ~

they are going ~ (a losing sports team)

Washington is headed ~ (politics)

he was a high-priced 1st-round draft pick heading ~ (athlete)

the numbers are heading ~

**course / decline / failure, accident & impairment /
progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips**

direction (course / on a course)

direction of (scientific) research

who determines the ~

direction of his life

he wanted to change the ~

direction in their lives

those who lack purpose and ~

future direction

China's ~

in a direction of hope, unity, conviction

he said he would take Britain ~, and common purpose

change the direction

he wanted to ~ of his life

determines the direction

who ~ of scientific research

follow the direction

the investigation will ~ the evidence leads...

led you in that direction

and what ~ to start writing (an actor)

take Britain in a direction

he would ~ of hope, unity, conviction, and...

take Britain in a historic new direction

we will ~ (elections)

course: direction / journeys & trips

direction (purpose)

purpose and direction

those who lack ~ in their lives

course: direction / journeys & trips

direction (symbol)

directions

~ are historically metaphors

♦ "The cardinal points are always, historically, metaphors. West is the area of promise for Westerners—follow the sun. The allure of the north—it's the gate to Heaven, as native people say. The fear of the south starts with Captain Cook. The east is always behind you, you know where you came from." (The photographer Thomas Joshua Cooper, from "The Ends of the Earth" by Dana Goodyear, *The New Yorker*, October 7, 2019.)

♦ "As the sky breaks open its fans around him, and shimmers / And into its northern gates he rises / Snarling, complete, in the joy of a weasel..." ("For the Last Wolverine" by James Dickey. A beautiful description of the aurora borealis.)

♦ "Gog and Magog were generally located in the extreme north." (Early maps, based on the Bible.)

♦ "The destination, and the real north of life is that you're here only for a short time." (The Mexican filmmaker Guillermo del Toro.)

♦ "I'm goin' way down south... / Way down to Mexico way... / Ain't no hangman gonna / He ain't gonna put a rope around me..." ("The Jimi Hendrix Experience—Hey Joe (1967) SUPER! Given the choice, he enlisted in the Army. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUPifXX0foU>)

♦ "Why care for these dead bodies? They really have no friends but the worms or fishes. Their owners were coming to the New World, as Columbus and the Pilgrims... I saw their empty hulks that came to land; but they themselves, meanwhile, were cast upon some shore yet further west, toward which we are all tending, and which we shall reach at last..." ("The Shipwreck" by Henry David Thoreau, writing about the Irish immigrant ship *St. John*.)

♦ "It's a mile to your objective now, but it's a mile of thrills... A one-pounder in a hedge scares you with several well-placed shots before it 'goes west' [is destroyed]." (A member of a tank crew in World War I.)

♦ "The Montana doctor, McCray, had tried to find a serum to guard his fellow citizens and one morning woke up with bloodshot eyes and an ache in his bones. In ten days McCray had gone West to join McClintic..." (McCray died, as had McClintic before him. From *Men against Death* by Paul De Kruif.)

♦ "The East signified luck to the ancient soothsayers; the sunrise represented life and the beginning of things. These old time prophets judged the future by the flight of birds. If the sacred birds flew east when the priests released them from their cages, it meant good fortune. This superstition was taken over by the Christians [in the architecture of early churches]. In these ancient Roman augurs, however, if the sacred birds happened to fly west it presaged disaster, for the early fathers associated the setting sun with death and destruction." (*Word Origins and their Romantic Stories* by Wilfred Funk, Litt.D.)

♦ "With the morning came the minatory prayers, the hoarse clanging bells and the procession westward along the busiest streets of London, from Newgate to Tyburn, the present site of Marble Arch. Each condemned man sat in the cart facing the rising sun, with a noose bound to his chest." (*The Fatal Shore: The Epic of Australia's Founding* by Robert Hughes.)

course: direction / journeys & trips

dirty (worthless)

dirty

his name is ~ in the journalism world (disgraced)

reputation / worth & lack of worth: ground, terrain & land

dirty (political dirt, etc.)

political dirt

this is top-grade ~

dig up dirt

he hired a firm to ~ on his accusers and reporter

reveal some dirt

critics hoped the report would ~ on the President (politics)

sought political dirt

he ~ from a foreign source (politics)

accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land

content: ground, terrain & land

dirty (dirty people, etc.)

dirty people

the Harif are a ~ (disparaging remark about a tribe)

♦ "He's a great competitor but just a dirty human being." (The MMA fighter Leon Edwards about Colby Covington, after Covington's "trash talk" got too personal. Edwards defeated Covington in the ring.)

insult: hygiene

dirty (dirty energy, etc.)

dirty coal

we need clean energy, not ~

dirty money

how easy it is to hide ~ in the UK (Pandora Papers)

it's hard to separate ~ from clean money (sports)

dirty truth

the ~ is that they are... (social-media companies)

♦ "Boxing is a very dirty business, the sport can be full of broken promises." (The boxer Savannah Marshall.)

flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene

dirty (behavior)

dirty player

he is not a ~ (an NFL teammate about a dirty player)

dirty tricks

Democrats have always had double standards over ~

dirty war

in the 1970s, Argentina fought a "~" against subversion

"dirty war"

the ~ in Northern Ireland (English against the IRA)

get dirty

we're all in the mud and have to ~ (intelligence)

playing dirty

he is ~ (a politician)

some online retailers are ~ (fake negative reviews)

behavior: hygiene

dirty (sex)

dirty

what she did was ~ (sex)

♦ "[Ben] Bolch on Monday wrote on social media that he 'failed miserably' with his choice of words and he wanted to sincerely apologize to the LSU and UCLA programs. The piece referred to UCLA as 'America's sweethearts' and 'milk and cookies.' Conversely, it referred to LSU as 'dirty debutantes' and 'Louisiana hot sauce.' Bolch said he tried to be clever with alliteration but didn't understand at the time how the connotations were deeply offense." ("LA Times edits column and apologizes after drawing the ire of LSU coach Kim Mulkey" by Thomas Schlachter, CNN, April 1, 2024. The article quotes Mulkey, "Take your phone out right now and google 'dirty debutantes' and tell me what it says. 'Dirty debutantes?' Are you kidding me?" The original article was entitled, "UCLA-LSU is America's sweethearts versus its basketball villains." The offending parts of the article have been erased.)

sex: hygiene

dirty (dirty word)

dirty word

Obama has made profit seem like a ~

speech: hygiene

dirty laundry

dirty laundry

the divorce is over with no ~ being aired...

aired a lot of the group's dirty laundry

the bankruptcy trial ~

exposed some of our dirty laundry

this video ~, as Latinos (colorism)

hung their dirty laundry out to dry

he dug into their claims and ~

sorting through (weeks of) dirty laundry

Depp-Heard jury still ~

♦ "*Dirty Laundry* (on Dropout), a dishy game where groups of friends have to guess each other's dirty little secrets." (Lily Du.)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories / hygiene

disappear (from the scene, etc.)

disappear

you turn 35, and you ~ (Doree Shafir, author)

disappeared

taco trucks ~ (gentrification)

disappeared into obscurity

he ~, he just faded away... (L.A.'s William Mulholland)

disappeared into (relative) obscurity
the group ~ the following year

disappeared from online learning
students who ~ (during the COVID pandemic)

disappeared from the limelight
after the success of those films, he largely ~

disappeared from the scene
accused of plagiarism, he ~ (composer Osvaldo Golijov)

appearance & disappearance: eye / verb
attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / verb

disappear (extinction)

disappeared
since 1970, roughly 30% of North American birds have ~

appearance & disappearance: death & life / verb
disappear (oppression / transitive verb)

disappeared (six of) the opposition candidates
he has ~ (Daniel Ortega)

disappearing into prisons
many of those arrested are ~ (Nicaragua / incommunicado)

euphemism / oppression: death & life / verb
disappear (as transitive verb)

disappear the bruises
just eating the nice parts of the apple doesn't ~

disappear problems
prisons do not ~, they disappear human beings

disappear race
dark-washing characters won't ~ (Namwali Serpell)

♦ "Just eating the nice parts of the apple doesn't disappear the bruises." (An article by Raven Smith at *Vogue* about the murder of the 16-year-old transgender girl Brianna Ghey in England. Raven Smith has been described as "the UK's wittiest millennial writer." Watch "Raven Smith reads from RAVEN SMITH'S MEN—live at Hay Festival Tales 2022.")

♦ "Prisons do not disappear problems, they disappear human beings. And the practice of disappearing vast numbers of people from poor, immigrant, and racially marginalized communities has literally become big business." (Prison abolitionist Angela Davis, distinguished professor emerita at UC Santa Cruz. From "History Is A Weapon: Masked Racism: Reflections on the Prison Industrial Complex.")

♦ "Dark-washing characters won't disappear race, nor will believing that brown kids are our future. / Yet this kind of magical thinking will no doubt continue to meet with success in an era obsessed with the conviction that we are all in a moment of racial reckoning." ("A World Without White People: Mohsin Hamid's empty parable of race transformation" by Namwali Serpell, *The Atlantic*, September 2022. A negative review of *The Last White Man*. Serpell gives a superb inventory of works relating to the "tradition of stories about race transformation" going back to 1931, yet astonishingly leaves out *Black Like Me* (1961. Namwali Serpell is an English professor at Harvard.)

♦ "Prisons do not disappear problems, they disappear human beings." (A T-shirt, available for sale on the internet.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence / verb
disappearance (oppression)

Involuntary Disappearances

the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or ~

murders and disappearances
his death was just one of many unsolved

oppression: death & life
disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.)

"disappeared" after being kidnapped
up to 30,000 were ~ (Argentina dictatorship)

forcibly disappeared
he was ~ after making allegations...

arrested and disappeared
the elected mayor was ~ (BBC Six O'Clock News)

dead and disappeared
as the number of ~ rise (violence in Indian country)

♦ "By the time he walked away, the man had already disappeared two of the shrimp and was about to get to work on the quesadilla." ("The Iceman" by Emma Cline, *The New Yorker*, August 23, 2021.)

death & life / oppression: euphemism / presence & absence

discard (verb)

discard the possibility
don't ~ of appendicitis (diagnosis)

dismissal, removal & resignation: cards / verb
disciple (person)

Disciples
New Nordic Cuisine Draws ~

disciple of the furniture maker Ward Bennet
he was a ~ (an interior designer)

enthusiasm: person / religion
person: religion

disconnect (noun)

generational disconnect
there is a ~ (society)

division & connection: tools & technology
discordant (adjective)

discordant friendships
the ~ ring quite true

disruption: music / sound
disease (affliction)

disease of grade inflation
the ~ has infected the educational system

disease of intolerance
the attack was a part of a greater ~ (terrorism)

♦ "Initially the word *disease* was introduced to try to force open the doors of hospitals and otherwise get medical treatment for people with addiction... The term is messy." (Carl Erik Fisher, author of *The Urge: A History of Addiction*, a memoir and history. From "The Urge" says calling

addiction a disease is misleading," Jeevika Verma, NPR, Morning Edition, January 20, 2022.)

affliction: health & medicine

disease (enthusiasm)

disease

it's a bit of a ~ (Jay Leno about collecting cars)

sickness for flight

his wife accused him of having a ~ (Mark Stucky)

♦ "When Jay Leno was 19, he showed up at a mechanic shop in his hometown of Boston and started doing odd jobs. After 3 days, the manager realized Leno wasn't on the payroll and hired him. Now that he is rich and famous, he owns so many cars, he has lost count...The comedian's motor pool consists of about 105 cars, plus 85 motorcycles, he guesses...They include a hot rod built around a V12 tank engine. 'I take my Model T to work all the time,' he said. 'I enjoy the pursuit of the unusual driving experience. It's a bit of a disease.'"

enthusiasm: health & medicine

diseased

fundamentally diseased

the tax code is ~

condition & status: health & medicine

disequilibrium (noun)

fallen into disequilibrium

academic publishing has ~ and needs a new approach

equilibrium & stability: scale

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability

dish (revenge is a dish best served cold)

dish

revenge is a ~ best served cold

♦ A rich, stupid city man insulted a Bedouin. Twenty years later, the Bedouin wiped the man's blood from his dagger, thinking regretfully, "Why was I in such a hurry to kill him?"

♦ "It must be understood that neither by word nor deed had I given Fortunato cause to doubt my good will. I continued, as was my wont, to smile in his face, and he did not perceive that my smile now was at the thought of his immolation." ("The Cask of Amontillado" by Edgar Allen Poe. A just-as-creepy-and-nefarious contemporary version is Thomas McGuane's short story, "Balloons.")

♦ "If you dig a hole for your brother, you will fall down in it." (Said in Saudi Arabia, about revenge.)

♦ He who seeks revenge digs two graves.

revenge: food & drink

dish (gossip / verb)

dish family secrets

she continues to ~ (a "celebrity")

gossip: food & drink / verb

dish out (verb)

dished out abuse to the children

nuns ~

dishes out advice to millions

she ~ of people

dished out a beating to Margarito

Pacquiao ~ (boxing)

dished out (ice-cold) revenge on his enemies

he ~ (a media magnate)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink / verb

disinfect (verb)

disinfect the computers

French police were able to ~ (a global pirate botnet)

computer: health & medicine / hygiene / verb

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / health & medicine / verb

disinfectant (noun)

disinfectant of public scrutiny

gangs operate where the ~ struggles to reach (poor neighborhoods)

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / health & medicine

disintegrate (verb)

families have disintegrated

~ (as jobs have moved out of area)

marriage had disintegrated

evidence indicated that their ~

respect is disintegrating

when human ~ (the song "Eve of Destruction")

began to disintegrate

as Enron's house of cards ~ (bankrupt company)

failure, accident & impairment: erosion / verb

destruction: erosion / verb

disintegration

disintegration of authority

the ~, courtesy and the English language (email, etc.)

failure, accident & impairment: erosion

destruction: erosion

dismantle (verb)

dismantle (legal and de facto) discrimination

the government should ~

dismantled the (social) safety net

he ~ (Pinochet / Chile)

dismantle the old order

he hopes to use EU membership to ~

dismantle the (terrorist) threat

a campaign to identify, disrupt and ~

dismantle the 'strong Black woman' trope

Black women are working to ~

identify, disrupt and dismantle

a campaign to ~ the terrorist threat

dismissal, removal & resignation: infrastructure / verb

curtailment: infrastructure / verb

dismember (verb)

dismember Turkey

a nation taught of how the West tried to ~

destruction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

dismembered

dismembered into a scattered collection

the Byzantine empire was ~ of Frankish states and Italian colonies

destruction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

dismemberment (noun)

dismemberment of the Chinese nation

the treaty would begin the ~ (1842 Treaty of Nanking)

destruction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

Disneyland

NOT Disneyland

Venice is ~ (Venice mayor about surfers on canals)

calls the record a "Black Disneyland"

he ~ (Terrace Martin / *Drones*)

turn this site into Disneyland

we as a royal commission will never ~ (Jordan / Elijah's Hill)

♦ "Sometimes foreigners don't completely understand that Bali is still a home for people. They see it as just this Disneyland that's there for their enjoyment and their pleasure."

♦ "It is an extremely important place, not a playground or theme park like Disneyland." (Sammy Wilson about Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.)

♦ "Ninety-five people are now confirmed to have come down with the measles, part of a growing outbreak that originated at Disneyland [in California]."

fantasy & reality: place

environment: place

dispirited (adjective)

dispirited voters

many ~ stayed home

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

dissect (verb)

dissected the case

she ~ in a book (a murder)

dissected his sound

I really ~ (a singer)

dissect every rumor

blogs are always ready to ~

dissecting, analyzing

we are ~ the blood-testing company Theranos

research and dissect

the hosts ~ someone's leap into stardom (*Who? Weekly*)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: death & life / health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

dissection (noun)

Pauline Kael's dissection

~ was fully up to her usual standards (a negative review)

destruction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

dissolve (verb)

dissolve into anarchy

celebration could ~ (Gaza)

dissolves into predictability

the movie's unpolished charm ~

appearance & disappearance: water / verb

dissolve (break up)

dissolved in a wave of dissension

the team ~ (World Cup soccer)

appearance & disappearance: water / verb

dissolve (fade away)

culture dissolved

the hunting ~ and many Sami became settlers

appearance & disappearance: water / verb

dissolve (emotions)

dissolved into tears

when his Mom tried to leave, he ~ (toddler)

feeling, emotion & effect: verb / water

dissolve (terminate)

dissolve her marriage

a judge may ~ (Islam)

dissolve Parliament

he is considering giving himself the power to ~

dissolved the system

in 1993 Yeltsin ~ of village councils

curtailment: water / verb

dismissal, removal & resignation: water / verb

dissolved (ended)

have her marriage dissolved

she has the right to ~ (Muslim ruling)

curtailment: water

dissonance (noun)

cognitive dissonance

see *cognitive dissonance*

distance (verb)

distanced themselves from him
colleges have ~ (college admissions fraud)

distanced themselves from the star
companies and organizations have ~ (Morgan Waller)

avoidance & separation: distance / proximity / verb

division & connection: distance / proximity / verb

distance (noun)

distance between the two sides
the ~ is so great that... (politics)

no distance
there is ~ between us (in our opinions)

division & connection: distance / proximity

distance (feeling)

emotional distance
his ~ has caused problems

feeling, emotion & effect: proximity

distance (time)

distance of time
when I think of Bombay now, at this ~...
she can joke about it with the ~

at this distance
~, one cannot say... (a historian)

past & present / time: distance

distance (go the distance)

go the distance
they just couldn't imagine that he could ~ (Trump ./ 2016)

survival, persistence & endurance: distance / horse / sports & games

distant (feeling)

distant father
she didn't get support, love or acceptances from her ~

grown distant
she hand her son had ~

feeling, emotion & effect: proximity

distant (past)

distant America
rare film is a glimpse of a ~ (*Daughter of Dawn* 1920)

distant dream
retiring at 60 has become a ~

not-so-distant history
the ~ of radio jingles

past & present / time: distance

distant (future)

not-so-distant future
they imagine a ~

not too distant future
we hope to improve this feature in the ~

seems distant
a deal ~ (politics)

future / time: distance

distant (separation)

distant from our everyday experience
climate change seems ~

division & connection: distance

distant (relationship)

distant cousin
she is a ~

relationship: distance / proximity

distant (a distant second, etc.)

distant second
Biden was a ~ in Nevada (electoral election)

extent & scope: distance

distaste (noun)

distaste for such associations
he has a ~

enthusiasm: taste

distill (verb)

distill the big issue into a digestible form
he was able to ~ (a politician at a debate)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: chemistry

distress (mental, etc.)

economic distress
people are mired in ~

fiscal distress
accounting obscured the depth of its ~ (hospital)

mental distress
we develop new language around ~ (Project LETS)

moral distress
I didn't know it, but I was experiencing ~ (a doctor)
~ and moral injury were fist used in a military setting
~ explains feelings of guilt, sadness and defeat (healthcare)

deep financial distress
she was in ~ (a court-appointed private lawyer)

anguish and distress
~ plays to the gallery (aggrieved groups)

chaos, distress and horror
psychiatric hospitals, referred to as snake pits for their ~...

fear and distress and anger
terrorists know that headlines sow ~

harm or distress
we had no intention to cause any ~ (BBC apology / gays)

♦ "In *Between Us: How Cultures Create Emotions* (Norton), the Dutch psychologist Batja Mesquita describes her puzzlement, before arriving in the United States, at the use of the English word *distress*. Was it 'closer to the Dutch *angst* (anxious/afraid),' she wondered, 'or closer to the Dutch *verdriet/wanhoop* (sadness/despair)?' It took her time to feel at home with the word..." ("Affective Disorder: Some psychologists contend that our emotions are culturally specific. How should we feel about that?" by Nikhil Krishnan, *The New Yorker*, August 8, 2022.)

♦ According to the Wikipedia entry, the term "moral distress" originated in the 1980s in reference to health-care workers. Through "concept inflation" or "co-option," the construct has since been applied to soldiers, police, firefighters, EMTs, legal defenders and lawyers, people in child and adult protective services, and even to veterinarians, leading inevitably to the construct's disparagement: "moral injury Olympics."

♦ "There were far-going Arab dhows on the pearly waters, and gaily dressed Parsees wading out to worship the sunset. Of their creed I knew nothing, nor did I know that near our little house on the Bombay Esplanade were the Towers of Silence, where their Dead are exposed to the waiting vultures on the rim of the towers, who scuffle and spread wings when they see the bearers of the Dead below. I did not understand my mother's distress when she found 'a child's hand' in our garden, and said I was not to ask questions about it. I wanted to see that child's hand." (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling, which he wrote "Looking back from this my seventieth year." At the time, he was a boy of perhaps four, in 1869.)

♦ "I am distressed and disappointed with the tenor of this conversation."

♦ "Distressed bear cub rescued after its head was trapped in a plastic container."

♦ OLD: debt... / NEW: financial distress...

♦ "Every horror that could make war hideous attended this retreat; distress, conflagration, death in all modes... And the spirit of cruelty smote even the brute creation, for the French general, to lessen incumbrances, ordered beasts of burden to be destroyed, and the inhuman fellow charged with the execution hamstrung 500 asses, and left them to starve. They were found so by the British; and the mute, sad, deep expression of grief and pain visible in the poor creatures' looks excited a strange fury in the soldiers—no quarter would have been given at that time..." (Napier on combat against the French in 1811 on the Iberian Peninsula. Quoted in *British Battles on Land and Sea*.)

♦ "After weeks of incessant but minor cannonading, the grand attack was made on the 13th of September, 1782... / By evening the ship cannonade began to slacken; rockets, as signals of distress, were seen soaring into the air, while boats were rowed about the disabled men-of-war, in which our artillery must have made the most dreadful havoc, for, during the short intervals of cessation, a strong, indistinct clamour, the mingled sound of groans, and cries, and shrieks, came floating upward to the ears of the garrison... (*British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, "SOS."

♦ "Eternal Father, strong to save, / Whose arm hath bound the restless wave, / Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep / Its own appointed limits keep; / O hear us when we cry to Thee, / For those in peril on the sea." (The Navy Hymn. See the Wikipedia entry, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save.")

*** analysis

♦ In the old days, ships foundering at sea or being blown onto a rocky coast were in distress. Nowadays, *anyone* can feel distress, for any reason. A pair of *jeans* can be distressed!

mental health: boat

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine / mental health

ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.)

stuck in a ditch
while our students are ~, the world is moving ahead

get out of the ditch
we're just spinning our wheels, hoping to ~ (war)

pull the government out of the ditch
he seeks to ~ (a politician)

obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress:
movement / ground, terrain & land

diva (person)

diva behaviour
critics branded her decision "~~" (a tennis player)

diva role
she chose to perform her ~ to the hilt (celebrity trial)

talented but troubled diva
the ~ wore out his welcome (football player)

called the player a "diva"
Bruce Arians ~ (Antonio Brown)

person: theater

behavior / character & personality / performance: person / theater

dive (analyze)

diving into the details
she has been ~ of the bill

dive deep
see *dive deep* (analysis)

♦ "NPR Congressional correspondent Kelsey Snell has been diving deep in the details of the bill, she has resurfaced, and she joins us now, 'Hey Kelsey.'" (Mary Louise Kelley, NPR, All Things Considered.)

absorption & immersion / analysis, interpretation &
explanation: verb / water

dive (noun)

stock market's dive
the ~ proved temporary

decline: direction

dive (deep dive)

deep dive into how
Megan takes us on a ~ far-right actors (the radical right)
for a ~ COVID-19 may have first begun...

deep dive into what
a ~ is known about the coronavirus
NPR takes a ~ the Mueller report reveals...
her new album takes a ~ it means to love (Jill Scott)

deep dive into (plant-focused) diets
his latest cook is a ~

deep dive into everything

“13: A Taylor Swift Fan Podcast” is a ~ Taylor Swift
deep dive into her life
investigators and reporters would be doing a ~ (murdered)
Deep Dive Into The Science
‘Invisibilia’ Team Takes A ~ Of Desire
monthly deep-dive
BTM takes a ~ behind the scenes of the arts and sciences
do a deep dive
let’s ~ right into this (news show)
did a (really) deep dive
these researchers ~ to analyze alcohol consumption
takes a deep dive
OPB Politics Now ~ into the hottest political topics
takes us on a deep dive
Michael ~ into the rallies undertaken by the far right

♦ “The OPB Politics Now podcast offers the inside scoop, in-depth analysis, insight, rousing conversation, and, of course deep dives into the hottest political topics of the week.”

*** analysis

♦ “Along with host Augusta Dell’Omo, Natalie takes us on a deep dive into... In other episodes Michael takes us on a deep dive into... Sophie takes us on a deep dive into... Simon takes us on a deep dive into... Ashton takes us on a deep dive into... Ashley takes us on a deep dive into... Julia takes us on a deep dive into... (Right Rising / RR on Stitcher. That’s a lot of divers and deep diving! The repetition shows how a figurative expression can go from novel to cliché into the kind of boilerplate language you might find in a disclaimer or label that is too boring to read. Guests *break down, unpack, discuss, walk us through, give us an overview of, and help us* with their respective topics.

analysis, interpretation & explanation: water

contempo-speak: language

dive deep (analysis)

dive deep into policy issues
his willingness to ~ (Buttigieg)

dives deep into lives
The Pioneers ~ of Northwest Territory settlers

absorption & immersion / analysis, interpretation & explanation: verb / water

dive in (verb)

dive (right) in
too many friends just ~ giving advice before...

dove into politics
he ~

dove into peacekeeping
Clinton ~ and failed (diplomacy)

absorption & immersion / commitment & determination / involvement: verb / water

diverse (groups)

diverse dolls
Mattel has released a range of more ~ (vitiligo Ken, etc.)

neurodiverse
people use the term ~ to recognize the rich differences...

racially and sexually diverse
while the supporting cast is both ~...

♦ A hearing aid; a prosthetic limb; a wheelchair; the skin condition vitiligo; transgender; gender neutral; a Barbie doll with Down Syndrome... (New Barbie and Ken Dolls that are more diverse.)

♦ “While the supporting cast is both racially and sexually diverse, the characters are sometimes reduced to easy punchlines in a movie that focuses on two gay white cis men...” (Justin Chang’s review of the 2022 film *Bros* on Fresh Air.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

diversity (groups)

diversity in policing
does ~ address police brutality

diversity problem
the great outdoors has a ~ (*Christian Science Monitor*)

diversity, equity, and inclusion
embed ~ (DEI) more intentionally in TESOL activities

Gender diversity
“~ is welcome here” (sign on Twitter HQ toilets)

model diversity
~ and the ever-changing face of fashion

viewpoint diversity
NPR suffers from the absence of ~ (Uri Berliner)

aural diversity
a Public Editor bemoaned the lack of ~ on NPR (2005)

horizontal diversity
~ lets people in but not necessarily up (at NYT, etc.)

ideological diversity
~ (Democrats *and* Republicans)

linguistic diversity
the benefits of ~ (Francis Blanchette)
appreciate the ~ that surrounds you (Francis Blanchette)

neurodiversity
~ recognizes the rich differences...
she’s a 37-year-old ~ coach (autistic and agender)
share you experience of ~ in sport (BBC)

Neurodiversity Celebration Week
this is ~ (BBC Sport)

Neurodiversity
Unmasking Autism: Discovering the New Faces of ~

vertical diversity
~ lets people rise (vs. simply letting them in)

boxes of (so-called) diversity
there are easy ways to tick the ~ and not critically engage

drive for diversity
the ~ at flagship universities (US)

respect for diversity

build inclusion, belonging, and ~ (Georgetown Law)

reflect diversity

playlists and show lineups that ~ (music)

*** various groups, "woke" media, etc.

♦ "We need [a woman in Formula 1], we need diversity. (Caitlyn Jenner.)

♦ "There is a lack of representation of Black people in mountaineering and in high-altitude mountaineering." (Philip Henderson, leader of the Team Full Circle Everest, an American / Kenyan group, in 2022.)

♦ "Bringing diversity to Maine's nearly all-white lobster fleet," NPR, All Things Considered, Sept. 15, 2022.

♦ "Very few architects are Black. This woman is pushing to change that." (By Venessa Romo.)

♦ "I see my company (NPR) trying to better represent America with the voices we put on the air, and I'm looking at my own sourcing, and I get too much credit. Every voice I bring to the airways from India is a person of color. Check the box, you know. That's diversity from my bosses' point of view. But I'm looking at different types of diversity in India and thinking...caste." (NPR's Lauren Frayer, whose reporting on India has been controversial: "At first glance I thought this was India." She was also a co-host of "Love Commandos.")

♦ "Ideological diversity is often a dog whistle for anti-feminist, anti-POC stories about meritocracy." (NPR's CEO Katherine Maher.)

♦ "The screen flashes to five faces. Those invited. All white faces. But the criticism around who got a seat at the table goes a lot deeper than just a lack of diversity." ("Biden's meeting with historians over threats to democracy draws criticism" by Sandhya Dirks, NPR, All Things Considered, Sept. 1, 2022.)

♦ Economic injustice; the fragility of the social contract; white entitlement; indigenous and environmental dispossession; environmental crisis; sexual harassment; rape; cross-cultural irony; racial diversity and identity; her tween self; punk; sorta-bleak; sorta-gross; less loveable; "antics seem designed to alienate the reader"; raw; less compromising; 8-panel orgy of micturition (urinating); depressive; acid; ever-caustic captions; ambiguous characters; grotesque violence; horror; yucky... (Themes and adjectives from "These fall graphic novels reflect the diversity of the genre" by Etelka Lehoczy, NPR, Book Reviews, Oct 1, 2022. Lovely!)

*** corporations, advertising, getting on the bandwagon, etc.

♦ "SCIENCE DEMANDS DIVERSITY." (A full-page advertisement in *The Atlantic* (October 2020) for Genentech, A member of the Roche Group. Learn more at: [gene-com/diversity-inclusion](https://www.genecom.com/diversity-inclusion).)

♦ "Barbie knows that representation matters and is committed to continuing to increase diversity across collections, so that more people can see themselves reflected." (The trans Barbie doll, a Barbie doll with a prosthetic limb, the Ken doll with vitiligo, a Barbie doll with Down Syndrome, etc.)

*** criticism, problems, snark, disparagement, pushback

♦ "The way diversity at Riverdale was being practiced was to diminish people." (A parent who removed his children from the school.)

♦ Appallingly, blatantly, completely, excruciatingly, obviously, overwhelmingly, predictably, ridiculously, shamefully, typically, unbelievably BIASED... (Adverbs for "biased" on a BBC HYS about the women's tennis final at Wimbledon, 2023. One commenter posted, "Czechmate BBC." Another posted, "Well done Marketa / Beat Jabeur, the crowd and the commentators." These commenters detected a bias for Jabeur because she is Muslim. See the following quote.)

♦ "The media (and we all know the leanings) thought this was Christmas / Ons (and none of her fault) ticks almost every diversity box going and the BBC would have been wetting itself in anticipation..." (An online commenter about the defeat of Ons Jabeur by Marketa Vondrousova at Wimbledon 2023.)

♦ "Yanagihara's cast is as carefully diversified as the crew in one of those 1940s wartime bomber movies, however twenty-first-century their anxieties may be... Malcolm is all too obviously present to fill the biracial slot." ("A Whole Lotta Pain" by Daniel Mendelsohn.)

♦ "What is all this talk of diversity when no diversity of opinion is allowed?" ("Woke" universities.)

♦ "I don't want to hear one more peep out of them about diversity, equity, and inclusion. I don't wanna see any more of our C-suite execs

recommend books for women's history month. There were tangible actions they could've taken and they chose to perform these values. No thank you." (An underpaid employee with an Asian name who was repeatedly turned down for a raise. She finally applied for her job as a new hire at a higher salary, and her posts went viral.)

♦ "Go woke, go broke." (The Dylan Mulvaney "Bud Light" marketing fiasco.)

*** an international perspective

♦ "This points to a unique understanding of plurality of Indian society—it is more like a *thali* (an Indian meal comprising a selection of separate dishes served on a platter), rather than a melting pot." (Neha Sahgal, a lead author of a Pew study that found Indians support religious tolerance and religious segregation.)

*** the Olympics

♦ "The Olympic Games are universal. They stand above all differences that divide us. The Olympic Games unite humanity in all our diversity. In our fragile world, where division, conflict, and mistrust are on the rise, the Olympic Games always build bridges. They never erect walls." (Mr. Thomas Bach OLY, the President of the International Olympic Committee, speaking on October 18, 2021 in Ancient Olympia, Greece, at the marvelous torch-lighting ceremony for the 2022 Winter Olympic Games. See YouTube #Beijing2022 Olympic Flame Lighting Ceremony! Beautiful and inspiring during the COVID period. Full credit to China.)

♦ see also *inclusion (groups)*, *representation (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

divide (noun)

divide between him and his coaches

the ~ grew (an athlete)

left-right divide

another election isn't going to change the ~ (politics)

great divide

they stood on two sides of a ~ (Old and New Hollywood)

impossible divide

that may be an ~ to cross

cultural, gender and political divides

the battle rubbed raw the country's ~ (politics)

generational and ideological divide

this exposes a ~ (in the Democratic party)

divide (between him and his coaches) grew

the ~ (an athlete)

bridging the divide

ballet and baseball are ~ (between Cuba and the US)

bridge the divide

they want to ~ and find common ground (gun control)

divide to cross

that may be an impossible ~

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

dividend (pay dividends, etc.)

dividends of peace

the ~ are all around us (Belfast / Good Friday Agreement)

dividends in good-will

the new policy is paying ~

huge dividends

the concept has paid ~ (military uses drones to kill)

political dividends

his wooing of Jews will pay ~

paying dividends

the new policy is already ~

paid dividends

England's pressure ~ when Owen scored (soccer)

cost & benefit: money

divorce (noun)

divorce

Brexit was a ~, which was nothing to celebrate

Web divorce

NBC and Microsoft agreed to an amicable ~

diplomatic divorce

a trade war could lead to a ~ (US and Canada)

ugly divorce

the UK and the EU are having an ~

division & connection: love, courtship & marriage

relationship: love, courtship & marriage

starting, going, continuing & ending: love, courtship & marriage

divorce (verb)

divorced themselves from nature

cities have ~ (environmentalists)

divorce yourself from the past

you can't ~ (why a man helped a felon)

division & connection: love, courtship & marriage / verb

relationship: love, courtship & marriage / verb

dizzying (adjective)

dizzying (new) evidence

~ in human evolution provokes debates

dizzying changes

~ to our understanding (evolution)

dizzying developments

the ~ in Puerto Rican politics

♦ "This has been the most dizzying, jaw-dropping, eyeball-popping, head-spinning news conference I have ever attended. And I was at Bill Clinton's news conference in 1998 when he faced the press for the first time over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky." (John Soper for the BBC, following a press conference with President Trump on Monday, April 13, 2020.)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / sensation

DNA (in the DNA)

in their DNA to dive and moan

it's almost ~ (soccer snark about Italians)

in the DNA of the country

conspiracies are ~ (conspiracists)

in the English DNA

losing is ~ (soccer snark)

in her DNA

maybe tribalism is just ~ (politics)

in its DNA

the FBI had politics ~ back to its creation in 1908

in my DNA

he insisted, "stopping isn't ~" (boxer Anthony Joshua)

in my family DNA

it's ~, I'm a loyal Democrat (Evan Bayh / politician)

in our DNA

~, we are a company that builds tech to connect (Meta)

in their DNA

winning is ~ (Brazilian soccer team)

challenging death is ~ (Wallenda family)

not in my DNA

it's ~ (to be the center of attention)

not in our DNA

surfing is ~, but... (Scottish surfing)

in our DNA or mainstream consciousness

surfing isn't ~ yet, but this is changing (Scotland)

inscribed in our DNA

some places are ~ (Lake Ohrid, the Balkans)

♦ "It's sort of in our genetic makeup if you're from Pueblo." (In Colorado. The Arkansas River flood of 1921.)

♦ "It's in Larry Page's blood and Google's DNA to believe that A.I. is the company's inevitable destiny..." (2017.)

♦ "Surfing isn't in our DNA or mainstream consciousness yet though, but this is changing." (Mark Boyd, Scottish surfing champion, about surfing in Scotland. Drizzly fog and mist—smur / smirr. Freezing cold water. Thick wetsuits, to include hoods. Absolutely deserted beaches and coasts. No one else in the lineup.)

♦ "I love being involved in other people's projects. I never had an urge to be the center of attention, and I still don't. It's not in my DNA." (Jimmy Kimmel, host of his late-night chat show.)

identity & nature: biology

DNA (other)

nation's DNA

confrontation and conflict are hardwired into the ~ (US)

musical DNA

the depth and complexity of their own ~ (Egypt)

part of your DNA

as a football player, ~ is hard work and effort

share the same DNA

he believes the kitchen and bath industry ~ (House of Rohlf)

identity & nature: biology

do (emphasizer)

do believe

I ~ that what we're dealing with is...

I ~ that book banning is gunna go away...

do do

and I ~... that (comedian Sarah Silverman)
but you ~ things interacting with a touchscreen device
there are people who ~ the work (Black representation)
but if you ~ it early these measures work
and they ~ that...

do (naturally) gravitate

we ~ toward...

do practice

we ~ non-discrimination... (teacher)

do want

what we ~ to underscore is we do need to...
and I ~ to say I actually kind of liked...

do absolutely

see *absolutely* (*contempo-speak*)

do feel like

see *feel like* (*feels like, felt like*)

do kind of

see *kind of* (*contempo-speak*)

do really

see *really* (*gushing*)

do so

see *so* (*gushing*)

do sort of

see *sort of* (*contempo-speak*)

actually do

I ~ believe it is the most important...
I ~ believe it's on the wane
I ~ believe that tomorrow could be better
I ~ want to ask you another question about that (NPR)
things that we ~ want to do... (first do italicized)

definitely do

I ~ think that there is a...

kind of do

and I ~ take precautions now...
now, we ~ shape popular culture, but...

really do

some students ~ do better in a smaller environment (gays)
our relationships ~ seem to be more brittle (#toxic)
there are some people who ~ seem to be better at this
the measures ~ seem to be working (NPR punditry)
people ~ seem to be enjoying themselves
people ~ seem friendlier...
I ~ love a lot of these movies (2024 Oscars)

really, really do

but I ~ believe it's passed on (intergenerational trauma)
I ~ value that... (a strong work ethic)
I ~ believe there is a presence there of excellence
if we ~ believe in nonviolence... (Ta-Nehisi Coates)

actually really do

there are only 3 hours that you ~ need to be in class
people ~ perpetuate the existence of...

I ~ think I could do it (Gillian Flynn)

♦ "I think what we do want to underscore is we do need to..." ("Do" as
emphasizer used twice!)

♦ "We had to create a space that was more of a neutral zone, where I
wasn't always accusing him and feeling angry and he wasn't always
feeling like I didn't appreciate what he did do, because men do do
work..."

♦ "And I do want to say I actually kind of liked the segment because J.Lo
has this huge smile on." (= I like it because she was smiling.)

♦ "Do-do" speech...

♦ "Do" and "does" and "did" provide yet a further way to emphasize, or
"gush."

♦ see also *does* (*emphasizer*), *did* (*emphasizer*)

contempo-speak: language

do (do history, etc.)

doing (so-called) crime

people ~ (Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah)

do grammar

if you're one of those who would rather eat lint than "~"

do hair

how to ~ for Black women

do (intellectual) history

but Claremont doesn't ~ (Katherine Stewart)

do it

let's ~...

do (daily) journalism

the *New York Times* taught me how to ~ (in the past)

doing life

she gushed that she loves "~" with him (her husband)

did the meetings

after we ~ (a female)

doing music

you don't get a lot of him actually ~ (2023 film *Maestro*)

do opinion

the newsroom officially does not ~ (but does at NYT)

do writers' rooms

they don't really ~ in the U.K. (Donald Glover explains split
with Phoebe Waller-Bridge)

do a shot

come home at three, ~ of whiskey, and fall into bed

do this

let's ~...

do you

you ~, I do me...

do amazing

I think Vic ~ (one NBA player about another)

do complicated

but the Claremont Institute doesn't ~ (*The New Republic*)

do big

we don't just think big, we ~ (an Amazon advertisement)

♦ "If you're one of those who would rather eat lint than 'do grammar...'" (*Doing Grammar* by Max Morenberg, Third Edition.)

♦ "Ten Hag does not do hyperbole, but he does do blunt analysis." ("Aston Villa 1-2 Man Utd: 'Momentum' with Red Devils as they hunt down top-four rivals" by Simon Stone, BBC, 11 February 2024.)

♦ "I am ready, let's do this." (John Oates at the start of his interview with Jewly Hight. 874 views. And counting...)

♦ LFG... (High-pitched whooping. Women's soccer.)

♦ "Been doing Cowboy shit all day." (A T-shirt worn by Taylor Sheridan, on horseback, on the set of *Yellowstone*.)

♦ You do you, I do me... (See the Yale Grammatical Diversity Project in North America.)

contempo-speak: language

do (let's do this, etc.)

let's do it

~...

let's do this

~...

♦ "Are you ready? Okay. Let's roll." (Todd Beamer. See the Wikipedia entries for "Todd Beamer," "Let's roll" and "United Airlines Flight 93.")

♦ Let's do it; Let's do this; Just do it; Get at it; get some; let's rock and roll...

commitment & determination: verb

doctored

doctored

the photo has been ~

creation & transformation: health & medicine

dodge (verb)

dodged a (big) bullet

we ~ (hurricane misses refineries)

dodged a question

he also ~ about whether...

dodged the question

Karine Jean-Pierre ~ (White House press secretary)

dodged questions

both candidates ~, reverting to talking points (debate)

dodges questions

he ~ about where he gets his ideas

dodged a long prison term

she ~ (Anita Vestal)

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

dodo (noun)

going the way of the dodo

privacy may be ~ (Facebook, government, etc.)

white-male secretaries of state seem to be ~

the dealmakers are ~ (U.S. Congress)

gone the way of the Dodo

pay phones have ~

pension plans have ~

kind of gone the way of the dodo

the notion that we are the indispensable power has ~ (U.S.)

♦ "The Wake Island Rail became a victim of World War II. It was hunted and eaten to extinction after the Japanese forces who occupied this island in 1941 became cut off from the supply route in 1944." (Wikipedia entry for "Wake Island Rail.")

♦ "It's hard to put into words. To me they are a symbol of strength, endurance and the failure—the absolute failure—to go the way of the dodo bird. They were teetering, but now they're back." (Horse Capture Jr, a member of the Aaniiih Tribe, about the bison. From "Big Money Is Building A New Kind Of National Park In The Great Plains" by Nate Hegyi, NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, December 8, 2019.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal

past & present / time: animal

does (emphasizer)

does do

Ten Hag doesn't do hyperbole, but he ~ blunt analysis

does open up

it ~ a conversation because...

does absolutely

see *absolutely* (*contempo-speak*)

does kind of

see *kind of* (*contempo-speak*)

does really

see really (*gushing*)

actually does

the act of giving ~ improve your happiness

but I think it ~ come from a deeply misogynistic tradition

this is a bill that ~ cut spending (government)

funny enough, toothpaste ~ less work than you think

actually really does

it ~ work...

it ~ make a difference (Professor Corey Robin)

definitely does

and so it ~ have implications for...

he ~ represent a change of direction for the show

it ~ matter, what do you think

kind of does

it ~ give people this insight into...

it ~ makes sense that you would...

really does

she ~ seem like someone who could...

it ~ seem like a crisis

it ~ seem to matter...

really really does

it ~ sound the alarm (decline in college enrollment)

but sometimes it ~ feel as if the world is at stake...

but his book ~ (enter the realm of spy thrillers)

so Mitt Romney ~ need to... (political punditry)

♦ "Do" and "does" and "did" provide yet a further way to emphasize, or "gush."

♦ see also *do* (*emphasizer*), *did* (*emphasizer*)

contempo-speak: language

dog (afflict)

dog him

his health problems continued to ~

dogged him

asthma has ~all his life (the great boxer Shannon Briggs)

dogged her

her criminal record ~

affliction: animal / dog / verb

dog (dogs of war)

calling up the dogs of war

the US is ~ (against Russia in 2022)

♦ "War Dogs' Cries Havoc And Lets Slip The Dudes Of War," NPR, Movie Reviews, Mark Jenkins, August 18, 2016. (Clever!)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, "The dogs of war (phrase)."

affliction: allusion / animal / dog

dog (dogfight)

see *dogfight* (noun)

affliction: allusion / animal / dog

dog (big dog)

big dog

I'm the ~ here, whatever I say, goes...

big dogs on Wall Street

I've got a performance coach that works with all the ~

♦ "He's a young puppy, I'm a big dog here, whatever I say, goes." (Magic Johnson talking trash about Michael Jordan at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. The team was famous for its chemistry.)

♦ "Justice will be served and the battle will rage / This big dog will fight when you rattle his cage..." ("Courtesy Of The Red, White And Blue / The Angry American" by Toby Keith. Super!)

person: animal / dog

dominance & submission: animal / dog / person / size

dog (mad dog / epithet)

'Mad Dog' Marcio Freire

~ dies in surfing accident in Nazare, Portugal

"Mad Dog" Mattis

General ~ earned his spurs on the battlefield

Jim ~ was fiercely protective of his troops

Zinovy "Mad Dog" Rozhestvensky

Admiral ~ (he had a fiery temper / Russo-Japanese War)

"mad dog of the Middle East"

Reagan called him the ~ (Gadhafi)

♦ The Wikipedia entry for "Daniel Morgan (bushranger)" has an excellent section, "The epithet 'Mad Dog.'" The epithet seems to relate to the 1976 film *Mad Dog Morgan*, an "Ozploitation film," starring Dennis Hopper, who perhaps better deserves the titular epithet for his crazy behavior while filming.)

♦ "The Mad Dogs challenged the notion of what was possible." (A tribute to the great Marcio Freire and his group of Brazilian big-wave surfers.)

♦ "Only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun."

behavior / epithet / person: animal / dog

dog (attack dog)

attack dog

normally the vice-presidential nominee would be the ~

attack dog for the president

he has been an ~

attack dog for the Republicans

he is the ~ on the committee (impeachment trial)

♦ "Norman Tebbit, her minister and loyal Rottweiler..." (For Margaret Thatcher.)

♦ "In the Big Rock Candy Mountains, all the cops have wooden legs, and the bulldogs all have rubber teeth, and the hens lay soft-boiled eggs." (Harry "Haywire Mac" McClintock's hobo song. Heard in the film *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*)

coercion & motivation: animal / dog

person: animal / dog

dog (insult)

"Dogs!"

~ they yelled at the riot police (protesters)

mad dog

all he is, is a ~ now (ex-marine kills cop)

called him a dog

Chavez had ~ in the week of the fight (boxing)

♦ "When I have a mad dog in my yard there is only one solution." (A comment on a discussion board about a particularly heinous murderer.)

insult: animal / dog

person: animal / dog

dog (sex)

found out he was a dog

I'm glad I ~ (her fiancé)

♦ "Yeah, maybe most guys would take the bait, but the thing is just because a door opens doesn't mean you have to walk through it." (A private eye who uses a beautiful woman to entrap husbands and boyfriends. One woman said, "I'm glad I found out he was a dog, I'm gonna pack up my things tomorrow and just leave, I'm giving back the ring, and I can go on with my life.")

sex: animal / dog / person

person: animal / dog

dog (dog won't hunt)

dog will hunt

I don't think that ~ (legal challenge to president)

eagerness & reluctance / success & failure: animal / dog / hunting

dog (dog in the fight)

our dog in the fight is the fair trial

~ for Mister... (prosecutor to judge)

have a dog in the fight

I don't think you ~ at this point (judge to prosecutor)

he doesn't ~ (a witness in a trial)

don't have a dog in this fight

I am neither white or black, so I ~ (reader comment)

♦ "As someone who doesn't really watch F1 or have a dog in the fight..." (An online commenter about watching the inaugural Las Vegas race. He enjoyed it.)

♦ see also *horse* (*horse in the race*)

involvement: animal / dog / hunting

dog (black dog / mental health)

black dog starts howling

I gotta get out before my ~ (madness, not melancholia)

black dog returns

he might be useful to me if the ~ (a German doctor)

fend off the black dog

I am trying to hold on to my senses, to ~ (madness)

♦ The "black dog" is often associated with Winston Churchill. One website claims, "The phrase was later popularized by Winston Churchill, who was often quoted as referring to a 'black dog'..."

♦ However, Andrew Roberts in his book *Churchill: Walking With Destiny*, downplays the idea that Winston was clinically depressed, much less manic depressive. He mentions that Winston only used the term *once* in his writing. He also explains that the term was "used by Victorian and Edwardian nannies to describe their charges as out of sorts or ill-tempered."

♦ "Ridley once told me that he has been dogged by deep depression his whole life," Sammon said. "He calls it "the black dog," which is what Churchill called it." ("Napoleon Complex: Does Ridley Scott see himself in the hero of his epic new film?" by Michael Schulman, *The New Yorker*, November 13, 2023.)

feeling, emotion & effect: color

mental health: euphemism

dog-and-pony show (noun)

did a dog-and-pony show

other legislators ~

performance: animal / horse / theater

dog-eat-dog

dog eat dog

the rag trade was ~, survival of the fittest (clothing)

dog-eat-dog world

in a ~

♦ "The majority of the country doesn't want to see a dog-eat-dog world where everybody is angry all the time." (Barack Obama, urging Democrats to preach hope and unity.)

competition: animal / dog / predation

dogfight (noun)

dog fight

we knew it was going to be a ~ (NBA playoff game)

dogfight

fighter-bombers execute mock ~s

it's a ~ (competition for market share)

Sergio Aguero scored 64 minutes into the ~ (soccer)

dogfight among experts over the cause

there has been a ~ of the crash

competition / conflict: animal / dog

dogged (hounded)

dogged by accusations

like "Slave Play," the novel was ~ of sadism (*A Little Life*)

dogged by controversy

the company has been ~ (KBR)

dogged by questions

he is being ~ about whether he... (politics)

dogged by rumors

he has been ~ of drug and alcohol abuse (NASCAR)

he has been ~ of excessive drinking (a politician)

dogged with poor health

he had been ~ his entire life

affliction: animal / dog

dogged (determined)

dogged determination

our ~ sent an important message to our enemies

dogged persistence

justice arrives through ~ (social justice)

dogged (Iraqi) resistance

a day of fierce fighting and ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

commitment & determination: animal / dog

doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.)

Tom's doghouse

Gronkowski fell into ~ (NFL football)

in the doghouse

he's ~ (in trouble with his wife)

in the coach's doghouse

he started out ~ because of weight problems

punishment & recrimination: animal / dog

situation: animal / dog

dogleg (shape)

dogleg bend

wood with a natural ~ to it (for head of golf club)

dogleg turn

an icy, rutted ~ (downhill skiing)

♦ A dogleg is an abrupt angle or sharp bend. *Dogleg* is also an intransitive verb. Golf courses often have doglegs.

shape: animal / direction / dog

dogma (noun)

Republican dogma

the plan contains every ~ about political economy

centuries of (medical) dogma

he turned ~ topsy-turvy

trapped by dogma

don't be ~ (Steve Jobs / Apple Computer)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

doldrums (noun)

in the doldrums of middle age

she strives, ~, to defeat her own disappointment

stuck in the doldrums

the economy is ~

lead us out of the doldrums

it's Obama's job to ~ (poor economy)

mired in the doldrums

we remain ~ (poor economy)

went back into the doldrums

it would break my heart if Wales ~ (2019 Rugby)

progress & lack of progress: boat / sea / wind

dollar (million dollar question, etc.)

million dollar question

the ~ is how quickly...

the ~ to me is why...

that's the ~

“million dollar” smile

Lewis was a gentle giant with a ~ (a cop)

♦ “That's the \$100 question, we don't know what happened after she got out of her car.” (A police official about the “Carlee Russell disappearance hoax.” The low amount might well be sarcastic.)

worth & lack of worth: money

dollar sign (noun)

dollar signs in their eyes

companies with ~

see \$\$\$ signs

he can only ~ (a boxing promoter)

money: letters & characters / sign, signal, symbol

dollop (noun)

dollops of envy

I must admit large ~ for both groups (young Obama)

dollop of (international) intrigue

a Picasso, a yacht, and a ~

big dollop

her new album features jazz with a ~ of swing rhythm

delicious dollop

his concern for “disclosure” is a ~ of hypocrisy (politics)

generous dollop

the film adds a ~ of Jack Nicholson

♦ “Ma would serve it with a dollop of ghee and some spicy mango pickle and sweet potato fries on the side.” (*Khichuri*.)

amount: food & drink

dom (memedom, etc.)

fandom

the Potter-verse ~ has not dwindled over the years

fiefdom

see *fiefdom* (control)

guydom

Jason Segel explains the mysteries of ~

kingdom

see *kingdom* (control)

memedom

the dog remains immortal in the ~ (Question Hound)

Muscledom

John Grimek, “The Monarch of ~” (the bodybuilder)

officialdom

the presentation gave the accusations the veneer of ~ (at UN)

area / environment / language: affix

dome (shape)

granite dome

Half Dome is a ~ (Yosemite National Park)

salt dome

~s can rise to the surface

heat dome

experts are blaming what's known as a ~ (for heatwave)
the central US is baking in a ~ (2021)

shape: infrastructure / roof

dome (Iron Dome, etc.)

“Iron Beam”

Israel has successfully tested the new ~ laser interceptor

Iron Dome

many rockets were intercepted by the ~ air-defense system

proper name: infrastructure / roof / shape

protection & lack of protection: materials & substances / proper noun / shape

dome (Half Dome, etc.)

Castle Dome

~ is a summit in Cochise County, Arizona

Clingmans Dome

~ in Swain County is worth the visit (Great Smokies NP)

Craggy Dome

~ is near Asheville, off the Blue Ridge Parkway

Half Dome

~ is a granite dome (Yosemite National Park)

proper name: infrastructure / roof / shape

geography: proper noun / shape

domino (domino effect, etc.)

damaging domino effect

a series of minor setbacks created a ~ (suicide)

set off a domino effect

this ~ (economic collapse)

toppled a lot of racist dominoes

it ~ (boycott)

dominos began to fall

the ~ (fallout over athlete's death, firings, etc.)

♦ "The left started the dominoes falling, and now it has no way of stopping them." ("Hands up, don't shoot," Defund the Police, and increased crime.)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect / relationship / sequence: sports & games

done (over)

done

after the Battle of the Bulge, the Germans were ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: prep, adv, adj, particle primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj, particle

done and dusted

done and dusted

I thought the Troubles were ~ (Northern Ireland and Brexit)

another episode ~ and in the can (a podcast)

the game was ~ (but France blew its lead against Swiss)

starting, going, continuing & ending: cloth

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: cloth

Don Juan

Nordic Don Juan

Gran was tall, well-built, flamboyant, a ~

allusion: books & reading

sex / character & personality: allusion / epithet / books & reading

donkey (insult)

donkey

he's as stubborn as a ~

donkey job

it's a ~

"led by donkeys"

~ is a British expression for incompetent leadership

♦ "It is difficult to force or frighten a donkey into doing something it sees as contrary to its own best interest." (A comment on the alleged "stubbornness" of donkeys.)

♦ "I dislocated my arm a few months ago while pulling one of the donkeys." (A Jordanian at Petra.)

♦ "Donkeys are often shown in a silly light, as though they're somehow ridiculous."

♦ "They have a hard life and work their entire lives." (Ethiopian donkeys.)

♦ "Without a donkey, my wife and I become the donkeys." (A saying of Ethiopian farmers.)

♦ "Modestine [was] a stubborn, manipulative donkey he could never quite master." (The Wikipedia entry for "Travel with a Donkey in the Cevennes," written by Robert Louis Stevenson.)

♦ "Neither do I know if it would be right for me to refute such an accusation by following such advice as of becoming a baker, for instance... [I]t would be at the same time a foolish answer resembling more or less the action of a man who, when reproached with cruelty for riding a donkey, immediately dismounted and continued his way with the donkey on his shoulders." (*Dear Theo: the autobiography of Vincent Van Gogh* edited by Irving and Jean Stone. Of course, this refers to the old story about Nasreddin and the donkey, which is, of course, a funny fable about the stupidity of taking advice from people.)

♦ Better the ass that carries you than the horse that throws you!

♦ It is better be the head of a donkey than the tail of a horse.

behavior / character & personality / insult: animal

doomed

doomed

is longhand ~ (handwriting)

doomed to fall behind

they are ~ (certain categories of students)

agenda could be doomed

the president's climate change ~ (Build Back Better)

decline: death & life

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life

fate, fortune & chance: death & life

door (Durdle Door, etc.)

Durdle Door

~, the natural arch on Dorset's Jurassic Coast

proper name: doors & thresholds

geography: epithet

door (back door / computer)

backdoor

a ~ is a little portal into the software (SolarWinds hack)

backdoors to their networks

private encryption keys are the ~ (tech vs. cops)

computer: doors & thresholds

door (behind closed doors)

behind closed doors

they are conducting business ~ (politics)

~, without any sunlight whatsoever... (hearings)

♦ "The only way that I have been able to get anything done is behind closed doors, by hoarding favors, by bribing, by wheedling..." (The character played by Donald Sutherland in the great film *Citizen X*.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / concealment & lack of

concealment: doors & thresholds

door (closure)

shut its doors

he notified the charter school that it must ~...

the processing plant recently ~ (coronavirus cases)

curtailment: doors & thresholds

door (kick open the door, etc.)

kicked open the door

we've ~ for a...

♦ "We've kicked open the door for a robust thriving cislunar economy in the future. That's compelling." (Steve Altemus, Chief executive officer and co-founder of Intuitive Machines, about its lunar lander, IM-1 / Odysseus / Odie.)

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds

door (opportunity)

doors of opportunity

many died opening the ~ (civil rights)

opening the ~ to all God's children (Martin Luther King)

doors in life

many ~ open automatically for you when you're rich

open door

baseball offers a very good ~ for a better life (Latinos)

closes one door

if God ~, he opens a thousand others (Turkish proverb)

doors (in life) open

many ~ automatically for you (when you're rich)

knocking at the door

opportunity is ~ (the boxer Daniel Dubois)

open doors

going to school will ~ for you

money tends to ~

opened doors

it ~ I had never imagined (employment with Ford)

open all doors

good clothes ~ (a proverb)

opened the door

it ~ to a decent education for blacks (court decision)

it ~ to what could be done (penicillin and transplants. etc.)

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds

door (portal)

doors of the spirit world

the Shaman's aim is to throw open the ~ (Korea)

opened the door

he ~ to the rave world for us

portal: doors & thresholds

door (back door / front door)

rear door

I was back in Central Europe, albeit at the very ~ (Transylvania)

"back door" communication

the Cape Horn Route provided ~ (Japan / Germany)

created back doors

are the hackers lying in wait, having ~ to come and go

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds

door (back door / illegality)

back door for Russian spying

Italy has become somewhat of a ~

created back doors

are the hackers lying in wait, having ~ to come and go

going out the back door

all those fish are ~ illegally (poaching)

♦ "So where did you get it?" / "It fell off the truck." (Stolen, fenced goods...)

access & lack of access: crime

door (and doorway / access)

doorway to access

all children in Maine have a ~ a public education

open-door

I have an ~ policy (boss)

opened its doors

Saudi Arabia has ~ to foreign tourists

banging on the door

they are ~ of city government (Yimbies)

keep the door open

I wanted to ~ with him (an interviewer)

breaking down doors

she was ~ herself (a precocious college student)

broke down doors

she ~ in comedy (Phyllis Diller)

found the doors barred

those trying to escape to the US ~ (to them (Jews))

had (many) doors slammed in his face

he ~ (a black American)

kicks down the door

Dick Gregory ~, and Bill Cosby followed

♦ "I lift my lamp beside the golden door." (From the famous Emma Lazarus poem "The New Colossus," which is inscribed on a brass plaque and mounted inside the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty.)

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds

door (knock at / on the door)

outside the door

it's not as if war is just ~ (Sweden)

knocking on the door

death was ~

knocked at my door

the opportunity has ~ and I took it (boxer takes fight)

knocking at the door

we're ~ (a team a game away from the playoffs)

they are ~ (a pressing soccer team)

opportunity is ~ (the boxer Daniel Dubois)

♦ "It's not as if war is just outside the door." (Ex-prime minister of Sweden Magdalena Andersson, about a warning from military commander-in-chief General Michael Byden who said Swedes should prepare mentally for the possibility of war. The national children's rights hotline Bris reported worried calls from kids, who had heard about the possibility on TikTok.)

proximity: doors & thresholds / verb

door (at someone's door, etc.)

leadership's door

she placed much of the blame at the ~ (Labor defeat)

manager's door

he is injured and that has to come to the ~ (soccer)

laid the blame at Churchill's door

many ~ (the Battle of Leros / Dodecanese)

responsibility: doors & thresholds / proximity

door (get one's foot in the door)

get his foot in the door

he lied on his resume to ~

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: doors & thresholds / verb

door (open the door, etc.)

open door

the 1st virus weakens, the 2nd then has an ~ to sicken

open a door

appeasement may ~ to peaceful co-existence, or...

opens the door to future lawsuits

Monday's decision ~ (Supreme Court)

door opens

once that ~, who knows what will happen

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds

door (hold the door open, etc.)

hold the door open

he seemed to ~ for a change in Germany's policy

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds

door (leave the door open)

left open the door

the US has ~ for storing nuclear waste in the US

leave the door open

he seemed to ~ to the possibility of a change

left the door open

it ~ for an insanity defense

leave the door open for the possibility

he appears to ~ of a pardon

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds

door (close a door, etc.)

close the door

it's wrong to ~ on promising research (human cloning)

closed the door on the investigation

we haven't ~ (Delphi murders)

door has closed

the ~ on reform...

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds

starting, going, continuing & ending: doors & thresholds

door (shown the door, etc.)

shown the door

official after official in the Department was ~

♦ "If you want to advocate for a political cause or attack the work of your colleagues, there's the door." (A *New York Times Magazine* newsroom insider about a journalist fired for her activism.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: doors & thresholds / sign, signal, symbol

door (check something at the door, etc.)

checked her lithe beauty at the door

Zellweger ~ to become Pam Hupp (*The Thing About Pam*)

check their Zionism at the door

young Jews are being asked to ~ of the progressive cause

dismissal, removal & resignation: doors & thresholds

doormat (person)

muse and doormat

the muddy line between collaboration & codependence, ~

become a doormat

she allowed herself to ~ (woman-woman relationship)

made herself into a doormat

she ~, she has nobody to blame but herself

person: doors & thresholds

admiration & contempt / character & personality / dominance & submission / insult / superiority & inferiority: foot / person / sign, signal, symbol

doorstep (on / at the doorstep)

at the doorstep of an (NFL) title

they are ~

on the doorstep of the EU

for a month he's ~ (a migrant vlogging his journey)

on Baghdad's doorstep

coalition forces are poised ~

on Russia's doorstep

an invasion army quietly assembled on ~ (1941)

on death's doorstep

he's ~ (very sick)

the economy is ~

on its doorstep

Saudi Arabia discourages liberalization ~ (Qatar)
Turkey seeks to contain the crisis unfolding ~ (Syria)

on our doorstep

another storm behind Fred will be ~ by mid-week

poised on (Baghdad's) doorstep

coalition forces are ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

proximity: doors & thresholds / house

dormant (adjective)

long-dormant

the ~ volcano has erupted (La Soufriere / St. Vincent)

activity: animal / death & life / sleep

dose (amount)

dose

it's the ~ that makes the poison (emailing, etc.)

dose of criticism

the president received a fair ~ for his speech

dose of humility

we all need a good ~ (debate and opinions)

dose of inspiration

he provided the team a ~

dose of reality

he needs a ~ (selfish teen)
many teenagers could use a strong ~

dose of sanity

we could use a ~

dose of wisdom

they got a ~ from the coach
he brings a ~ to the government

dose of goodwill

the project has earned the US a ~ (foreign aid)

dose of good news

we could all use a ~

double dose

a ~ of fantastic news from Vicksburg and Gettysburg (war)

healthy dose

he uses research and a ~ of imagination (writer)

heavy dose

in Copenhagen he ingested a ~ of Aristotle (Tycho Brahe)

small doses

I could only read it in ~ (a book)

strong dose

many teenagers could use a ~ of reality

provide a dose

recent advances ~ of hope for sufferers

♦ "University students need a healthy dose of 'no.'" (For disruptive protests, rule-breaking.)

amount: health & medicine

dot (connect the dots)

connect the dots

I must ~
we couldn't ~ (terrorism)
why didn't we ~
it's impossible to ~ looking forward
people are starting to ~ (climate change)
this report helps us ~ (climate change)

connecting the (proverbial conspiracy) dots

why some people are ~

fill in the blanks, connect the dots

they want to ~, and figure out what's going on (probe)

♦ Steve Inskeep: I don't want to connect these dots too firmly yet, Carrie, but I want to note what some of the dots are... What would it mean if these dots were more firmly connected? / Carrie Johnson: I think we're going to need to wait and see... rather than speculate... There's been a lot of bad reporting in this case, we've got to be careful. / Steve Inskeep: But what we do know is those dots are there, and that the Muller investigation continues. / Carrie Johnson: Yes, that's right." (Vague and ominous dots. From "News Brief: Paul Manafort, Parkland Shooting, Spying Charges," NPR, Morning Edition, 14 February 2019.)

♦ "A lot of people are able to connect the dots with end-time prophecy and knowing what is going on." (Deborah Yah on YouTube.)

♦ "Until we can put the dots together in the coming weeks to months, there is no certainty at all that what we've seen is even what's going on in the other places." (More suspicious dots from NPR. From "Could a 'funky' pathogen be sickening dogs? Scientists search for clues" by Will Stone, NPR, All Things Considered, November 23, 2023. Expressions from the article include: could; could be; may be... /// the possibility /// search for clues; put the dots together; wrap our heads around... /// not clear; murky; mysterious; puzzling; strange; atypical; no certainty at all that... /// appears (to be); appears (similar to) /// investigate; yet-to-be-identified /// we just won't know until...; as far as [he] can tell...)

♦ "They are essentially laying the dots out there for their listeners to connect. And when you connect those dots, it becomes far more plausible to use violence." (A liberal pundit / expert upset about something Steve Bannon said on talk radio.)

♦ You're dotty...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture / verb

dot (verb)

dot the lake

floating restaurants ~ (Tonle Sap)

configuration: mark / verb

dotted (arrangement)

dotted with surveillance) cameras

Times Square is ~

dotted with (observatory) domes

the mountain is ~ (telescopes)

dotted with (small mangrove) islands

a shallow lagoon ~ (Khor al-Beidah)

dotted with (thousands of) kites

the sky is ~ of different colors and styles

dotted with monuments

the area is ~ to him (Lorca)

dotted with the ruins
a valley ~ of 16th-century fortresses (Georgia)

dotted with smokestacks
he looked out on hills ~ (Zarqa)

ice-dotted
~ rivers

island-dotted
the Aegean, the ~ region (sailors rarely far from land)

monastery-dotted
a beautiful, ~ land (Montenegro)

configuration: mark

double down (verb)

doubling down on its decision
the government is ~

double-downed our efforts
we ~ to not have it happen again

doubled down (at the White House) and tripled down
the president ~ on Twitter (political dispute)

♦ "They were doubling down, they were really going for it." (Ex-Prime-Minister Liz Truss and her advisor on cutting taxes and raising spending.)

**action, inaction & delay / commitment & determination:
cards / gambling / verb**

double-edged (sword)

double-edged sword
opium and its derivatives are a ~
science is a ~ and can be used for good or evil
for Pakistan, success of this kind is a ~ (terrorists)

double-edged sword of biotechnology
the ~ (germ warfare)

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / sword

relationship: blade / sword

doublespeak (noun)

double speak
wonderful ~ from the @AP (don't use "pro-life," etc.)

use (euphemistic) doublespeak
flight attendants use ~ to avoid terms like "hijacking"

♦ Wikipedia has entries for "Doublespeak" and "Newspeak." Both are related to George Orwell, particularly *Nineteen Eighty-Four*.)

♦ see also *boilerplate (noun)*, *buzzword (noun)*, *funny language*, *gobbledygook*, *language (types)*, *lip service (pay lip service, etc.)*, *newspeak (noun)*, *speak (NASA-speak, etc.)*, *supersizing (linguistic supersizing)*, *talk (mediator talk, etc.)*, *word salad*

language: speech

speech / subterfuge: allusion

doublethink (noun)

Doublethink
"~ is Stronger Than Orwell Imagined" (George Packer)

doublethink
we stagger under the daily load of ~ (politics)

progressive doublethink
~ has grown worse in reaction to the right-wing kind

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subterfuge: allusion

doughnut (cars, etc.)

do doughnuts
spectators have blocked streets as cars ~ (Fort Worth)

movement: shape

doughnut (doughnut-shaped)

doughnut-shaped
a tokamak, the large ~ machine

resemblance: affix / object / shape

shape: food & drink

dove (person)

dove
he is not a ~, but he opposes attacking Iran

person: animal / bird

military: sign, signal, symbol

character & personality / violence: animal / bird / person / predation

dovetail (verb)

dovetails with contemporary anxieties
the film ~ (a zombie movie)

dovetailed with (energy) plans
construction plans have not ~ (China)

dovetailed with US policy
reports by US cyber-security companies appear to have ~

dovetail with his (warped) view
he denigrates ideas that don't ~ of what America should be

configuration: animal / bird / verb

dowager (old)

dowager of the medium
the podcast, which at five years old is practically a ~

♦ "Ebony Magazine turns 76 tomorrow." (Once a pillar of the Black community, this great magazine has fallen on hard times, and is now only available online. You would think some US philanthropist would endow a print version in perpetuity.)

growth & development: life span / person

down (feeling)

down time
my life is a roller coaster and this is a ~

get me down
it doesn't ~ (criticism)

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

down (decline)

down

it's a long way ~

down market

a ~ is as much an opportunity as an up one

decline: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

down (functioning)

down

the system is ~

condition & status / failure, accident & impairment /

functioning: direction / mechanism / prep, adv, adj, particle

down (down for something)

down to fight anyone

I'm ~, whenever, and whoever (a boxer)

down for this

are you ~

down for that

if you're ~, then...

♦ You can be down for something or up for something with the same meaning! English is crazy.

allegiance, support & betrayal / commitment &

determination: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

down (down through the centuries, etc.)

down through the centuries

the voice of Herodotus can be heard speaking ~ (writings)

down through the generations

dancers pass their knowledge ~ (ballet)

down the generations

that voice still echoes out ~ (the filmmaker John Ford)

down hundreds of years

the saint's feast day had been kept ~ of worship

on down

the legend lives on from the Chippewa ~ (Gordon Lightfoot)

come down (to me) through time

it's like hearing a voice that has ~ (bard recites Gesar)

handed down

see *handed down (by ancestors, etc.)*

passed down

see *passed down (by ancestors, etc.)*

♦ Barbara Dancygier and Eve Sweetser have a wonderful discussion of up-down metaphors for time in *Figurative Language*, and give "high / low Middle Ages" as a French example. They mention that the metaphor might relate to "reverence for the past" in French and Chinese. But the basis for the metaphor might also relate to topography. Sound travels farther in all directions from a high point like a mountain peak, as people of mountain cultures know, from Tibet through Afghanistan and Switzerland to the Southern Appalachians.

♦ This is an instance of up-down metaphors for time and contrasts with *up (up to now, up to date, etc.)*. Time seems to come down from the past and then up to the present. Perhaps this reflects a cyclical view of time, or simply a hilly topography.

past & present / time: direction / height / history / mountains & hills / prep, adv, adj, particle

downdraft (noun)

downdraft of debt

the hopelessness of families caught in a ~

downdraft in the markets

concern about Europe helped to lead the big ~

economic downdraft

the powerful ~ started with the failure of Lehman

severe downdraft

the fund could be damaged again by a ~ (money)

bucking the downdraft

some candidates are ~ (elections)

caught in the downdraft

media companies have been ~ of advertising revenue

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

force: air / atmosphere / wind

downfall (noun)

downfall

their greed will be their ~

contributed to his downfall

his protectiveness may have ~

♦ The front cover of *The Economist* for November 19th 2022 shows asteroids or perhaps comets plunging to Earth on a Western desert landscape and is titled, "Crypto's Downfall." "On the cover" explains: "The collapse of FTX has dealt a catastrophic blow to crypto's reputation and aspirations. Is this the end?"

decline / destruction: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

downhearted

downhearted

it made you ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / heart

heart: direction

downhill (go downhill, etc.)

downhill direction

they are going in a ~ (sports team)

going downhill

education has been ~

goes downhill

the health of children with the disease ~

gone downhill

things have ~ in the last few years (polarized society)

went downhill

their relationship ~
things ~ from there

spiraled downhill

at home, he ~ (troubled soldier back from Iraq)

♦ "He got laid off... He went downhill, way downhill, he gave up on himself...He drunk every day, all day, and one day..."

♦ How can *downhill* mean something easily accomplished and also mean decline and failure? J.P. Postgate, Litt.D., Prof. of Comparative Philology, addressed this question in an Inaugural Address delivered at the opening of the Session 1896-7, at University College, London. He said its relationship to the meaning of easiness was an obvious metaphor. As for decline, he explained that at the time of Plautus, who used the word in both senses, "Roman waggons and carriages had no efficient brakes." In addition, Postgate mentioned that when Plautus used the word for decline or failure, it was always in contrast with a flatter level.

♦ "Winter horseshoes are equipped with little spikes that give a horse traction on snow and ice, and prevent it from slipping. Without them, a horse can neither tow a wagon uphill, nor use them as brakes on the way down. In the Russian winter of 1812, this spelt disaster for Napoleon's reduced force. Horses in summer shoes would have 'fallen down underneath whatever it was they were towing,' in the words of Bernie Tidmarsh, one of Britain's leading farriers. 'They wouldn't have got any grip going downhill any more than they would have going up,' he says. 'The end result would have been broken legs and mutilated limbs.' In some cases the horses were butchered for food while still alive by starving soldiers." ("Napoleon's failure: For the want of a winter horseshoe," by Saul David, BBC, 8 February 2012.)

decline: direction / mountains & hills

failure, accident & impairment: direction / mountains & hills

downhill (easy)

all downhill

the hard part was over, and it was ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / mountains & hills / walking, running & jumping

downplay (verb)

downplay his own gifts

he does not ~, but... (a politician)

downplayed the need

he has ~ for widespread testing (pandemic)

downplays the (important) role

this comment ~ that dogs play as sentries

♦ "More recently, we have approached the Israel-Hamas war and its spillover onto streets and campuses through the 'intersectional' lens that has jumped from the faculty lounge to newsrooms. Oppressor versus oppressed. That's meant highlighting the suffering of Palestinians at almost every turn while downplaying the atrocities of October 7, overlooking how Hamas intentionally puts Palestinian civilians in peril, and giving little weight to the explosion of antisemitic hate around the world." ("I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust" by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / verb

attenuation: theater / verb

downshift (verb)

downshifting to stall speed

the economy is ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / verb

speed: engine / verb

downside (noun)

downside

modern agriculture has a ~

downside of the electoral college

another ~ is...

downsides to 5G

are there any ~ (geo locating, facial recognition, etc.)

big downside

outsourcing has a ~

flaws & lack of flaws: direction / orientation

downstream (orientation)

downstream

Nasa sets the goals, it no longer designs everything ~

downstream in their education

grad students who were further ~

downstream business

Chevron's ~ posted profits (refining, marketing)

downstream consequences

depression and PTSD have a number of ~, including suicide

downstream impact

the technology can have a ~ (GM autos)

downstream industries

are squealing ~ (steel tariffs)

downstream operations

Chevron will merge its chemical arm with ~

downstream processing

a lot of ~ will be done by China (rare earths)

♦ "Everything downstream everything past that early perceptual process, will be affected..." (The linguist Lera Boroditsky.)

♦ In the oil business, oil and gas fields are upstream assets (source), pipelines are midstream, and refineries and retail outlets are downstream.

♦ In the area of health, upstream interventions are things like wireless scales for weighing people, and free rides to medical appointments. These measures are largely preventative in nature and save money in the long run. Downstream outcomes are things like hospitalizations and surgeries.

♦ *Mitigating the Downstream Impact of US-China Competition on American Democracy* by Jessica Chen Weiss, Cornell University.

♦ Upstream; downstream; river right (kayaking); river left (kayaking); the left bank; the right bank; the north / south / east / west bank; the headwaters; the upper reaches; the middle reaches; the lower reaches... (Orientation, position on a river.)

♦ The trailhead for the Noland Creek Trail in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is almost at the end of The Road to Nowhere out of Bryson City, western North Carolina. In a little over a mile you will cross four wooden bridges. On the first, look to your left, and the current is going away. On the second, coming towards you. On the third, going away. On the fourth, coming towards you. Now that's twisty! It's a wonderful walk, in every season.

♦ see also *upstream (orientation)*

orientation: river

down to earth (adjective)

down-to-earth (“anyone-can-do-it) approach
her ~ to the work of social justice (bell hooks)

down-to-earth honesty
his ~

grittier, more down to earth
it’s a ~ story... (a film)

proud and down to earth
her ~ mom

straightforward, down to earth
he demonstrates ~ cooking

♦ In *Metaphors We Live By*, Lakoff and Johnson mention a fascinating metaphor: *mundane reality is down*. The example they give is “down to earth.” Language that might illustrate this metaphor, besides *earthiness*, could include *grassroots*, *a worm’s eye view*, “she has *stars in her eyes*” versus the mature girl who has *both feet on the ground*, *journalists on the ground*, the teacher who spent 34 years *in the trenches*, actually teaching, the leader with a willingness to *dive into the weeds* to explore detailed elements, people from *all walks of life*, etc.

character & personality: direction / earth & world

downturn (noun)

downturn in business
hotels have experienced a 90 percent ~ (war)

economic downturn
the company founded during the ~

decline: direction

doyen (squad leader)

doyen of (American film) critics
the ~ Pauline Kael raved, “O’Toole is astounding...”

doyen of inaction movies
Andersson, the ~ (*New Yorker* review of the filmmaker)

experience: military / person

person: military

draconian (adjective)

draconian
the punishments for food theft were already ~

draconian charges
she faces ~, including sedition (Nuttaa Mahattana)

draconian (budget) cuts
he will not give in to ~ (president)

draconian crackdown
he has presided over the most ~ on leaks in US history

draconian measures
if hospital cases spiral, more ~ may be needed (pandemic)

draconian rigor
laws should be applied with ~ (immigration)

draconian justice and rule
many Afghans prefer the ~ meted out by the Taliban

criticised as draconian
his radical left-wing policies have been ~

judgment / oppression: allusion

comparison & contrast: affix

Dracula (noun)

Dracula
they’re ~ (the Boston Red Sox / comebacks)

Dracula-esque
he sports a ~ widow’s peak (Black Adam)

full Dracula
the Marvelverse has Leto going ~

♦ “It’s like a Dracula movie. Every 20 years or so, it surges up out of the coffin. You have to drive the stake back through the thing and make it go away again. But it never really goes away. It keeps coming back.” (Cornell University anthropologist Terence Turner, about the Belo Monte dam project on the Xingu River, in 2008. The dam was approved and has since been constructed.)

♦ “[It’s like] putting Count Dracula in charge of the blood bank.” (Republican Meg Whitman, about Jerry Brown and the labor unions together negotiating pay rises and pensions. In other words, Brown and the unions will suck taxpayers dry.)

♦ Dracula is associated with bats; stakes through the heart; coming back from the dead; sucking blood; heliophobia; coffin-sleeping with arms crossed over the chest; not having a reflection in a mirror; and a Goth aesthetic: a widow’s peak; teeth; cape; white skin, etc.

♦ The Dracula sneeze is when you sneeze into the crook of your elbow.

♦ “He had devoured Dracula by the age of five.” (The *book*, not the creature.)

♦ A FUNNY JOKE. Bill: You’ve heard of Blacula, the black Dracula. Well, we have a Jewish Dracula. / Seth: What’s his name? / Bill: Sidney Applebaum. (“Nick Kroll And John Mulaney Relive Raging Hormones And First Kisses In ‘Big Mouth,’” NPR, Fresh Air, March 1, 2018.)

♦ “World Dracula Day was May 26 and people in Whitby, England, came out in force.” (Of course they did...)

♦ see also *heart* (*stake through the heart, etc.*), *vampire* (*noun*)

affliction: allusion / creature

allusion: film & TV

draft (verb)

drafted into a trade war
they have been ~ that was not of their making (farmers)

assembling: military / verb

drag (drag on the economy, etc.)

drag on the economy
Brexit uncertainty has been a ~
higher taxes are not necessarily a ~

obstacles & impedance: burden / movement / physics

drag (verb)

drag her knees through the playoffs
Staley is set to ~ (WNBA)

dragged her butt out of bed
she ~ (teen waking up)

difficulty, easiness & effort: burden / movement / verb

drag (contempo-speak / verb)

drag Grant

fans took to social media to ~ (a-hole, jerk, douche, etc.)

drag her

cancel Harry Potter, ~ (J.K. Rowling / trans folx)

drag the movies

is it OK for actors to ~ that kick-started their careers

♦ "YouTubers are constantly dragging each other because we see ourselves reflected in the other." (Natalie Wynn at ContraPoints.)

♦ "Jacob Elordi's hatred for *The Kissing Booth* has sparked a debate about whether it's OK for actors to drag the movies that kick-started their careers." (Ellen Durney.)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry "Murder of James Byrd Jr." Jasper, Texas.

inclusion & exclusion: judgment

judgment / punishment & recrimination: verb / violence

drag (drag somebody into something)

dragged you into this

I shouldn't have ~ (dangerous situation)

drag some along kicking and screaming

he may have to ~ (a reform police chief)

involvement: burden / verb

eagerness & reluctance: burden / verb

drag down (verb)

drag Lara down with you

don't ~

dragging the country down into the gutter

they are ~ of rancor and vitriol (politics)

obstacles & impedance: arm / verb

dragged (contempo-speak)

dragged for an inadequate response

UPenn has been ~ to campus antisemitism

get dragged

I really need Abel to ~ for this nasty scene in *The Idol*

♦ See the Wikipedia entry "Murder of James Byrd Jr." Jasper, Texas.

judgment: violence

inclusion & exclusion: judgment

dragging (contempo-speak)

callouts, draggings, and pile-ons

some Y.A. books are targeted in intense social-media ~

♦ Incel; breeding weak men by design; literally retarded; coward; a soft dribbly mouth little mess; brain dead; scum; scumbag; soyboy trash; POS; narcissistic little prick; airhead; typical Reddit user; loser; everything that's wrong with society social media generation; piece of garbage; disgrace to Canadians... (And on and on and on... An internet dragging.)

♦ "She's been bucked off before. Dragged, too. But nothing that's kept her out of the saddle." (A nine-year-old girl in west Kansas who participates in youth rodeo.)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry "Murder of James Byrd Jr." Jasper, Texas.

judgment: violence

inclusion & exclusion: judgment

dragnet (noun)

dragnet

the largest ~ in American history (Eric Rudolph)

dragnet for the murderer

authorities cast a ~

DNA dragnet

authorities have conducted a ~ (Louisiana serial killer)

international dragnet

authorities cast an ~ for... (accused rapist)

conducted a (DNA) dragnet

authorities have ~ (Louisiana serial killer)

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish

dragnet (cast a dragnet)

cast a dragnet for the murderer

authorities ~

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish / verb

dragon (Dragon's Jaw, etc.)

Dragon's Back

the ~ is a ridge in KwaZulu-Natal

Dragon's Jaw

the North Vietnamese called it the ~ (US bridge target)

Dragon Shoal

~ is a reef off Rakhine, Myanmar

♦ The Drakensberg is the highest mountain range in South Africa. Its name means, "the Dragon Mountains."

proper name: creature

dragon (resemblance)

dragon of the bush

the ~, a carrion-eating monitor lizard (the goanna)

resemblance: creature

drag on (verb)

drag on for a while

this is going to ~ (a controversy)

dragged on (in this way) for four more hours

the meeting ~ (lawyers and reporters)

dragged on for months

the crisis has ~ now (pandemic)

drag through Christmas

US shutdown looks set to ~

case dragged on

the ~ without any arrests

negotiations drag on

~ (Brexit)

quarantine drags on
frustration and exhaustion as the ~ (COVID-19 lockdown)

war drags on
as the ~ (casualties)

time: burden / movement / speed / verb
timeliness & lack of timeliness: burden / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: burden / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

drain (remove)

drain spiritual energy from the land
they worry that the drilling will ~ (Medicine Lake area)

drain the Kingdom of \$16 billion
expatriates ~ each year (Saudi Arabia)

drained out of him
eventually, the fight ~ (abuser)

drained his finances
what really ~ was the roll-call bribe (Mexico prison)

drained him
his anger seemed to have ~, and he slumped

strength drained away
as their blood thickened and their ~ (climbers)

leaking: verb / water

drain (an emotion, etc.)

drained out of him
eventually, the fight ~ (abuser)

drained him
his anger seemed to have ~, and he slumped

strength drained away
as their blood thickened and their ~ (climbers)

feeling, emotion & effect: verb / water

drain (noun)

drain of experience and manpower
the departures meant a great ~

drain on the kingdom's economy
banning women from driving causes a tremendous ~

drain on resources
responding to a terrorist event causes a tremendous ~

economic drain
it's going to be a huge ~ (spending on weapons)

time drain
place limits on TV watching, as it is a great ~

swirling down the drain
the country is ~ (Somalia)

leaking: water

drain (go down the drain, etc.)

swirling down the drain
the country is ~ (Somalia)

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / verb
destruction: infrastructure / verb

drained (attenuation)

drained of color
under an overcast sky the prairie looked ~

attenuation: water

drained (feeling)

drained and shaken
I left feeling ~ (tour of Auschwitz)

physically drained
he was out of oxygen, ~, and alone (climber on Everest)

physically and mentally drained
you're ~ and then, boom...

end up (emotionally) drained
you ~ (search for missing child)

feeling, emotion & effect: container / water

drama (tense drama, etc.)

drama
bring the ~ to an end (mine rescue)
figure skating is known for its ~

drama of (athletic) competition
choking and the ~

hijack drama
the ~ saw its final act played out (Medina)

hostage drama
one ~ may be over, but...

wildlife drama
a compelling ~ (mountain pond)

life-and-death drama
they watched their own ~ unfold on satellite TV sets

sporting drama
the ending was wild, the ultimate in ~ (an NFL game)

tense drama
a joyous end to a ~ (mine rescue)

end to a (tense) drama
a joyous ~ (mine rescue)

bring the drama to an end
~ (mine rescue)

drama (that) is unfolding
the US should stay out of the ~ in Egypt (protests)

watched their own drama unfold
passengers ~ on satellite TV sets (JetBlue Flight)

♦ "Geese have such drama. There are archivals and jealousy and retribution..."

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

drama (and drama queen, etc.)

drama queen

Nikki is fussy, she's a ~ (sister)
~, always stirring the pot, wants attention (Gabbie Hanna)
just get on with it you over paid ~s (soccer players)
Lol, little ~ got caught, good try at the spin though (politics)

Antonio Brown drama

and you thought the ~ was over (ongoing sports story)

baby daddy drama

tragic deaths & ~ (celebrity news)

relationship drama

#toxic posts are popular because ~ is good entertainment

sense of drama

such a high-flung ~

start drama

Dave Chappelle is a great comedian, stop trying to ~

♦ "He has always surrounded himself with some sort of drama, really surrounded himself with drama this time that got him in real trouble. He posted to his social media followers..." (Sports talk about the NBA player Kyrie Irving.)

♦ "If it's that bad, stop and chose another career. Sick of hearing all the whinging. If you take the Kings shilling then just get on with it you over paid drama queens." (A commenter about "tired, overworked" soccer players and the Qatar Soccer World Cup.)

♦ "He's an oversharing trauma queen." (An online commenter about a celebrity.)

♦ "Lesbian drama is the best." (An online commenter about Lia, Kaitie, Caitlin and Ruesha. 2023 World Cup soccer.)

behavior / character & personality / performance: theater

dramatic (the dramatic)

flair for the dramatic

he displayed a ~ (traffic commissioner)

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

dramatic (dramatic child, etc.)

dramatic child

I was a very ~ (threats, etc.)

behavior / character & personality / performance: theater

dramatic (effect)

dramatic action

this sort of ~ (invasion of Kuwait)

dramatic event

this ~ (the eruption of a volcano)
during that season's ~s (on Mt. Everest)

dramatic (new) evidence

even in the face of ~

dramatic example

the dying Aral Sea is the most ~ (ecological damage)

dramatic feature

Karchner's most ~ (a cave)

dramatic photograph

French TV showed a ~ of the plane in flames

dramatic return

the ~ of this national symbol (the bald eagle)

dramatic turn

the case took another ~ when... (murder)

dramatic twist

this was a ~ in the trial (Trump's second impeachment)

dramatic cityscape

the ~ of steel and lights (Hong Kong)

dramatic turnaround

in another ~ (football coach's fortunes)

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

dramatic (extent)

dramatic changes

he can be counted on to make few ~s

dramatic decline

the ~ in fatality rates (boating)

dramatic improvements

in the absence of ~ in the fortunes of Nigerians

dramatic increases

manufacturing has seen ~ in productivity

dramatic results

the controversial cancer drug didn't produce ~

dramatic (dust) signatures

rapid movement causes ~ (military)

extent & scope: theater

dramatically

changed dramatically

the racial makeup of Canarsie ~

declined dramatically

Lake Chad's area has ~ since the 1960s

fallen dramatically

infection rates here have ~ over the past month (COVID)

extent & scope: theater

draw (attract)

drew people from all direction

Rome ~ (history)

drawn criticism from whistle-blowers

the company has ~

drawn criticism for being derivative

her videos have also ~ (music)

drawn an outpouring

her film has ~ of both praise and outrage

drawn swarms of protesters
the meetings of the World Bank have ~

drawn rave reviews
his new pitch has ~ (a pitcher)

drew cheers and boos
the judge's decision ~

drawing both praise and scorn
their efforts are ~

attraction & repulsion: movement / verb

relationship: movement / verb

draw (luck of the draw)

luck of the draw
there is a ~, we are on a wheel (how judges get cases)

fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling / sports & games

draw (late / early on the draw)

late on the draw
you were very ~ (to take action)

action, inaction & delay / initiation: weapon

draw alongside

drew alongside the railway line
the road ~

fictive motion: verb

drawbridge (protection)

Drawbridge Diaspora
“Suella Braverman and dangers of the ~”

Drawbridge mentality
the Wikipedia article, “~”

their own drawbridges
countries pulling up ~ (Internet sovereignty)

drawbridge came up
I arrived just before the ~ (France bans travelers from UK)

pull up the drawbridge
Americans want to ~, bring the troops home

♦ The ex-British home secretary Suella Braverman has a fascinating personal and family history that U.S. high-school students should study. It combines geography, history, and politics.

division & connection: military / fortification

protection & lack of protection: military / fortification

draw in (verb)

drew so many people in
the conspiracy theory ~

attraction & repulsion: movement / verb

involvement: movement / verb

drawing board (on the drawing board)

on the drawing board
also ~ is...

creation & transformation: infrastructure

drawing board (other)

going back to the drawing board
we're ending the council and ~ (Google ATEAC)

creation & transformation: infrastructure

draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.)

night draws near
the ~

time is drawing near
the ~

future / time: direction / distance / movement / verb

drawn in

drawn in
just as Daniel was leaving Larry's orbit, others were ~

situation: container / movement

involvement: astronomy / movement

attraction & repulsion: astronomy / movement

drawn into

get drawn into
we want people to ~ the tent of conservation

involvement: astronomy / movement

situation: container / movement

attraction & repulsion: astronomy / movement

drawn to

drawn to a Web site
“eyeballs,” or the number of people ~

drawn to (conspiracy) theories
I've always been ~ like this

drawn to Ralph Waldo Emerson
as a teen, Nietzsche was ~'s “Promethean individualism”

attraction & repulsion: movement

dream (verb)

dream about
this is what guys like myself ~ (NFL rookie)

dream of dancing
in Russia, all ballerinas ~ at the Mariinsky

dream of finding
scientists and capitalists ~ a drug that could...

dreams of returning
my father ~ to his birthplace

dreamed big

she has always ~ (Lizzo)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: sleep / verb

dream (fever dream, etc.)

fever dreams about Russian collusion

they fill their airtime with ~ (MSNBC, CNN, etc.)

fever-dream projections

“~” regarding pedophilia (conspiracy theories)

dream world

she lives in her own ~

♦ “The fuchsia fever fantasy...” (The 2023 film *Barbie*.)

♦ “During his fever Davy later said that he had a repeated hallucination of a beautiful, tender, unknown woman who nursed him, held him and had ‘intellectual conversations’ with him. [When] I contracted that terrible form of typhus fever known by the name of jail fever... there was always before me the form of a beautiful woman... This spirit of my vision had brown hair, blue eyes, and a bright rosy complexion... Her figure was so distinct in my mind as to form almost a visual image...[but] as I gained strength the visits of my good angel, for so I called it, became less frequent.” (*The Age of Wonder* by Richard Holmes.)

consciousness & awareness / fantasy & reality: health & medicine / sleep

dream (noun)

dream

my ~ had been to play in the final... (World Cup)

our ~ is to save enough to buy a one-family home

its banking system is still more a ~ than fact (Russia)

dream that

it was a ~ I never thought would come true (immigrant)

first the ~, then the doubts, then the commitment

it was his dream to drive

~ a bus since he was 9

it was (always) his dream to end up

~ in the United States

it had been a dream (of hers) to canoe

~ in Algonquin Park

dream of El Dorado

what local newspapers call “the ~” (jobs in Europe)

dreams of (artistic) greatness

he had all these ~

dream of hers

it had been a ~ to canoe in Algonquin Park

dreams of marriage

their ~ were delayed yet again (Pakistani man, cousin)

dream of peace

the ~ has often turned into a nightmare of war (Africa)

dreams of a better tomorrow

~ for our children

dreams of holy war

~ vanished in the flames (Afghanistan)

dream of attending

he sacrificed his ~ college to finance his brother's studies

dream of becoming

it was a jolting blow to his lifelong ~ a fighter pilot

dream of developing

his ~ a practical turbine-powered car

dream of turning

he had a ~ a town into a metropolis (William Mulholland_)

dreams for the future

they talked about their own ~ (Wilma Mankiller)

dream car

they got their ~ for thousands less

the Suby is a young athlete's ~ (Subaru Outback Limited)

dream (surfing) destination

Indonesia or other ~s

dream guy

new dating services guarantee a ~

dream home

completing his ~

dream house

he talked of a ~ and a dream car

on Wednesday, their ~ was destroyed (wildfire)

dream job

his ~ secured, he is now...

Notre Dame was his ~ (coach)

your man tanked the interview for his ~

dream lover

at a restaurant with my ~

~, come rescue me, take me anyway you want me

"dream sheets"

we were handed ~ (requests for military schools)

dream ship

a fantastic ~

dream store

invited her to help him open his ~

dream trip

this is a ~ (extended canoe trip)

dream vacation

~s and weekend getaways

dream wedding

the fairy-tale star of her ~

dream world

it was her ~

dream, fantasy, or vision

the only way to keep a ~ intact or rosy

dream and nightmare

every surfer's ~ (Condition Black / huge surf)

designer's dream

her (fashion) show is a ~

everyone's dreams
~ are different—like the former pilot who swam...

immigrant's dream
he had realized the classic ~

kid's dream
it is most any ~ of the perfect place to eat dinner

promoter's dream
Ali was a ~ (poetry, quips, putdowns, predictions, etc.)

skateboarder's dream
20 competitors on a course that's every ~ (street)

Everest dreams
Walter Mittys with ~ need to keep in mind... (climbing)

Pakistani dream
the ~ of a weak Afghanistan under Islamabad's sway

boyhood dream
he fulfilled his ~ of sailing...
for some, ~s come true (an astronaut)

childhood dream
she has realized her ~

laboratory dreams
these ideas are still ~ (nanotechnology / foods)

rock dream
he realized he wouldn't be living the ~

secret dream
the ~ of any woman...

lifelong dream
it's an opportunity for him to fulfill a ~
it was a jolting blow to his ~ of becoming a fighter pilot

complete dream
it's a ~ (reaching the semifinals of World Cup)

sweet dreams
you hug her and kiss her and wish her ~

age-old (Pakistani) dream
the ~ of a weak Afghanistan under Islamabad's sway

car of my dreams
a tiny red Miata, the ~

man of (your) dreams
find the ~
ask the ~ out on a date

man of her dreams
she had a star-crossed affair with the ~
and then she met the ~

blow to his (lifelong) dream
it was a jolting ~ of becoming a fighter pilot

hopes and dreams
do you have ~ beyond tomorrow morning
his ~ have to do with...
the TV show represented my ~ (Mary Tyler Moore)

plans, hopes, dreams, and ambitions
adults often resent death because it affects ~ (nursing)

potential and dreams
a chance to fulfill their ~ (SuAnne Big Crow Center)

dreams die
~ hard

dream had consumed them
the ~ (climbing K2 together)

dreams come true
I guess ~ (player on tournament victory)
can their ~...

dreams (of holy war) vanished
~ in the flames (Afghanistan)

dream (vacation) turned into a nightmare
their ~

abandoned the dream
I ~ as preposterous (climbing Mt. Everest)

achieve your dreams
we will help you ~ (teen modeling Web site)

achieved my (goal and) my dream
I ~ (Vitali Klitschko / boxer)

chase their dreams
tonight will inspire people to ~ (Olympic successes)
we are boys who, with great sacrifice, ~ (FI driver)

chase his dreams
he is a hero for taking the risk he did to ~ (Anthoine Hubert)

dream a new dream
you are never too old to set another goal or to ~

exceeded their (wildest) dreams
what they actually saw ~ (astronomers)

find your dream
follow every rainbow, 'till you ~ (song)

fulfill his dream
he wants his young friend to ~ (to become world champ)

fulfill (some of) his dreams
so, either way, I did ~ (son, speaking of father)

have a dream
I ~ (Martin Luther King Jr.)

lived her dream
she ~, then died in a lonely hotel room (Anna Nicole)

living his dream
he is now truly ~ (professional windsurfer)

living the dream
we thought we were ~, but... (blacks in north / US)

pursue her dream
she quit her job to ~ of becoming...

pursue a dream

people who switched courses late in life to ~

realize your dream
how does it feel to ~ (award show)

sacrificed his dream
he ~ of attending college to help his brother

go after your dreams
it's important to ~ because life is short (skateboarding)

give up the dream
no one expects them to ~, either (for independence)

given up his dream
he had almost ~ of being an opera singer (Paul Potts)

give up those dreams
maybe it's best to ~ (a musician)

give up on my dream
I'm not one to ~ (disappointed "American Idol")

give up on her dream
she doesn't want to ~ of being a "real" professor (adjunct)

allow the dream to die
he wouldn't ~ (an athlete)

take your dreams away
don't let anyone ~

turned the dream into a nightmare
the loans have ~ (home ownership)

make your dreams come true
it will ~ (how-to-kiss book for teens)

make their dreams come true
they feel that they can ~ with hard work and...

make that dream a reality
she can now afford to ~ (an Indian able to buy an AC)

abandoned the dream as preposterous
I ~ (climbing Mt. Everest)

♦ "Each day as I go through the hospitals with younger colleagues, they give me of their dreams and I give them of my experience, and I get the better of the exchange." (William J. Mayo, M.D.)

♦ "Why do people talk about dreams so much in sports? Dream seasons. Dream matchups. Dream opportunities... ("NBA "The Dream Team 1992" full documentary, narrated by Ed Burns.)

♦ "Playing video games for a living is a dream for many." (Amazon's Twitch, etc., and online streamers.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: sleep

dredge up (verb)

dredging up old allegations
they are ~

dredge up wild beliefs
they ~ from online fever swamps (a podcast)

dredged up (painful) memories
the fires have ~ of how black churches were razed (arson)

appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: boat / ground, terrain & land / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

drenched

blood-drenched allegory
the film is a ~

drama-drenched
~ retellings of scorn and mockery (epic sports failures)

neon-drenched
the seedy, ~ combat zone of massage parlors

sun-drenched
in the ~ deserts of California

absorption & immersion / amount & effect: water

dressed (dressed up, etc.)

dressed in scientific clothes
exploration now had to be ~

dressed up as control
it is curiosity ~ (Netflix and interactive shows)

♦ "Good clothes open all doors."

♦ "Clothes make the man, naked people have little or no influence on society." (Mark Twain.)

♦ "Fine feathers make fine birds."

appearance & reality / subterfuge: clothing & accessories

dressing down (noun)

public dressing down
the impact of this ~ was critical

accusation & criticism / judgment: military

dress up (verb)

dress that up
however you ~, that is the fear...

dress up incompetence as heroism
it is less disturbing to ~ (Scott and the South Pole)

substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories

appearance & reality: clothing & accessories

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

drift (consciousness)

drifted in and out of (bizarre) hallucinations
he ~ (K2 climber in distress)

drifted in and out of (fitful) sleep
I ~ (high-altitude bivouac)

drifted off
I was exhausted and ~ in short order (went to sleep)

consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / movement / verb

drift (sound)

drifted in

funeral music ~ through our windows

drifts outside

music from the choir ~

drifted (in) through our windows

funeral music ~

drift across the cuts and trails

they can hear the sound of hammers ~

♦ "A warm wind from the south blew in through the casements. Locomotives at their distant stations roared like sea lions." (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak, "The Hour Of The Inevitable.")

movement: sound

drift (move)

drifted back

but some laborers have since ~ (to Sichuan)

drifted to the left

Biden has ~ since getting elected

drift into oblivion

he admitted he would likely ~ (boxer)

drifted into construction work

he ~

drifted (apart) from his parents and siblings

he had ~

drifted from job to job

for the next several years he ~ (famous actor)

drifted through a series of jobs

he then ~

drifted about the country

disdaining regular employment, he ~

drifting (closer) to towns and cities

most Nukak clans are ~ (Colombia)

control & lack of control / movement: atmosphere / verb / wind

drift (control)

drift in the (US) approach

evidence of a ~ in Afghanistan

control & lack of control: atmosphere / boat / wind

direction: atmosphere / boat / wind

drift (drift apart)

drifted apart

we ~ (a relationship)

drifted apart from his parents and siblings

he had ~

division & connection: atmosphere / boat / verb / wind

drill (drill down, etc.)

drill deeper

we need to ~ into their claims (government claims)

drill down

they can ~ and address the problem (regulators)

drill down into the rankings

it doesn't really make sense, until you ~

drills down (very) deep

she ~ on these issues (a political analyst)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: direction / ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

drink in (verb)

drank in every (tiny) detail

I ~ of her office

drank in knowledge

he ~ from every person and place he met

drank in the scene

I ~ (a town)

drank in the (stunning) sights

I ~ (a trip abroad)

drank in the vistas

we ~ and toured the pastures

absorption & immersion: food & drink / verb

consumption: food & drink / verb

drip (and drip-drip, etc.)

drip-drip

this isn't ~, it's a flood (sexual harassment)

drip-by-drip

he describes retinitis pigmentosa as a '~' vision loss

drip of (negative press) coverage

the president was not pleased with the continuing ~

drip of these transcripts

we had a ~ being released all week long (politics)

drip drip of propaganda

the effect of this slow ~ was that... (ethnic cleansing)

drip, drip, drip of (plagiarism) allegations

the ~ has kept the story in the headlines (at Harvard)

drip drip drip of (leaked) emails

the ~ (that hurt Hillary Clinton's chances)

drip drip drip of revelations

this ~ (a Royal scandal)

'drip drip' effect

the ~ of gender-stereotyping (children)

drip-drip effect

it's a ~ (online anti-Semitism)

drip-drip way
virginity corroded my self-esteem, in a ~ (an adult)

constant drip-drip
this ~ distorts all your feelings (effects of anti-Semitism)

constant drip-drip-drip
the ~ of stuff (leading to criminal conviction)

daily drip
there has been a ~ of new disclosures (impeachment)

slow drip
the ~ of vote counting revealed his leads were dwindling

steady drip
this ~ as life is draining from England (Extinction Rebellion)

steady drip-drip
an increasingly ~ of irritations

steady drip, drip
the ~ of casualties (Iraq)

described the build-up as a "slow drip"
the official ~ (troops on border with Ukraine)

**amount & effect / feeling, emotion & effect / leaking /
movement: sound / water**

drip-fed

drip-fed information
we have been ~ over a long period of time

drip-fed to the media
every day leaks are ~

directing: water

drive (verb)

drives the FAA
data, science, and risk analysis ~

driving force: engine / verb

directing: animal / verb

drive (drive somebody to do something)

drove him to do
necessity and poverty ~ this (mercenary / revolutionary)

relationship: force / verb

drive-by (conflict)

drive-by media
when social media becomes source material in ~

♦ Rush Limbaugh used this phrase, which compares mainstream media accounts to drive-by shootings, when talking about the "January 2019 Lincoln Memorial confrontation" (Wikipedia.)

♦ "I feel very misled, and it is shameful *The New York Times* would use my words to hurt my daughter." (The 78-year-old mother of Neera Tanden. She had thought the interview would result in an article that would be "a nice story about Neera." At least one columnist described it as a "blatant hit piece.")

♦ A hatchet job, a hit job / piece, a drive-by...

conflict: crime / death & life / violence

**accusation & criticism: crime / death & life / violence
punishment & recrimination: crime / death & life / violence**

driven (adjective)

incredibly driven
she was ~ and never gave up

character & personality: engine

drive on (resiliency)

drive on
~, soldier, drive on...

resiliency: journeys & trips

drool (verb)

drooling over the possibility
networks have been ~ of landing an interview with...

makes venture capitalists drool
his pitch ~

**eagerness & reluctance: bodily reaction / food & drink /
verb**

drop (prices dropped, etc.)

dropped by (up to) 70%
tourist arrivals ~

increase & decrease: direction / number / verb

drop (drop in sales, etc.)

drop in sales
the company is suffering from a ~

increase & decrease: direction / number

drop (drop a case, etc.)

dropped (international) coverage
newspapers have ~

drop the idea
we must ~ the US is Johnny Appleseed spreading
democracy

charges have been dropped
the ~

let the matter drop
maybe we should ~

♦ "I think it's wrong to pursue this, maybe we should let it drop." (A criminal investigation.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb

drop (product launch)

drop
the "~" is the release of a highly exclusive line
the ~ resulted in pandemonium outside stores (fashion)

dropped (this morning) for (a whopping) \$1, 018
the shoes ~ (endorsed by Lil Nas X)

drop culture
social media is central to ~

product drop
the ~ is a sales tactic

monthly drops
Burberry announced a series of ~ (24 hours to buy)

sudden (product) drops
~ generate more social media buzz

year of the drop
2017 was the ~ (limited release / time limit to buy)

lined up for the drop
a thousand people ~ (pop-up fashion display)

set to drop
Bruised is ~ on Netflix in November (the film)

inauguration: flying & falling / mechanism

drop (a product, etc.)

dropping emails
Wikileaks was ~ (Hillary Clinton)

dropped this week
the trailer for one of the most anticipated films of the year ~

drops 'Late Night Talking' music video
Harry Styles ~ (releases, debuts)

set to drop
the evening before her album is ~

♦ "When we were promoting the show before it had aired, or dropped, or whatever they say at Netflix." (Christina Applegate, showing perhaps a little exasperation with "contempo-speak.")

inauguration: mechanism / verb

drop (drop in the bucket)

drop in the bucket
in relationship to its annual revenue, it was a ~ (a fine)
the numbers are a ~ compared to the southern border
the league's own contribution was a ~ compared to...

amount: water

drop out (verb)

dropped out of the race
he ~ (a politician)

dropped out of the labor force
discouraged job-seekers have ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / verb

dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb

drought (in a drought)

in a sexual drought
I've been ~ for a while

in the middle of a drought
the team is ~ (losing)

♦ "I weep for my country. When you can plow, you can hope. Right now, there is no hope." (Mostafa Imam, on drought in Swaziland.)

♦ "In February, when the food ran out, Ezlina Chambukira started selling her precious possessions one by one. First, her goat. Then an old umbrella. Then two metal plates and a battered pail. When she had nothing left, she started praying for a miracle... It is harvest time, but crops are withered and many people are eating banana roots and pumpkin leaves." ("Meager Harvest in Africa Leave Millions at the Edge of Starvation," June 23, 2003, by Rachel L. Swarns.)

♦ "Who in the desert had never tasted drought? Who had not been driven into exile by famine? Such things were the inescapable fate of the desert—and all the songs of the desert were an expression of this grief, drought, and homelessness." (*Gold Dust* by the great Ibrahim al-Koni.)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain / weather & climate

drought (play-off drought, etc.)

drought of victories
Clinton faces a painful ~ (Hillary in 2008 vs. Obama)

13-year (playoff) drought
they have broken a ~ (NFL team)

goal drought
by his standards, that was a ~ (3 games / Messi)
there were goal floods and ~s (Qatar FIFA World Cup)

Love Drought
her Grammy Awards performance of "—" (Beyonce)

decade of (post-season) drought
the team has endured a parching ~ (Phoenix Suns)

end a (44-year) trophy drought
Spain had a chance to ~ (Euro 2008 / soccer)

♦ "The snowstorm comes amidst an ongoing what they call 'snow drought.'" (An overheated female weather forecaster about a spring snowstorm in Minnesota following a winter with low winter snow totals. Wikipedia doesn't have an entry for "snow drought.")

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain / weather & climate

drove (herd or flock)

out in droves
tourists are ~ (summer)

fleeing in droves
major advertisers have been ~ (from Twitter)

leaving in droves
Italy's youth are ~

showed up in droves
people ~ to donate blood (mass shooting)

turned to BBC in their droves
people have ~ during the pandemic

turn out in droves
Democrats predicted minority voters would ~

turned out in droves
voters have ~

♦ In the 1800s up to 175,000 hogs passed through Asheville, western North Carolina, each fall on their way south to South Carolina from Tennessee. Drovers also drove great herds of turkeys, ducks, mules,

horses, cows, flocks of sheep, etc. along the road. Inns and stands grew up along the route to accommodate both men and animals at night. Local people grew corn to feed the animals and established ferries and bridges. And towns grew up as people prospered. The film *The Journey of August King*, based on the book by John Ehle, gives a flavor of life in those times.

amount / behavior: animal

drown (verb)

drown

I feel like I'm treading water and will soon ~ (a teacher)

drowning in crime

Detroit is ~

drowning in debt

I'm ~ for a piece of paper I never received (college debt)
the world's ~, brace yourself for economic turbulence

drowning in its own garbage

Lebanon is ~

drowning in (kitchen) gizmos

in an age when we are ~...

drowning in a sea

I'm ~ of acronyms (nuclear weapons)
if you're ~ of medical bills...

drowning in crime and desperation

small towns were ~ (the opioid crisis)

drowning in bitterness and booze

she is a former rocker who is ~ (a film)

♦ "Our hopes and dreams drown in their empty words and promises."
(Greta Thunberg during a Youth4Climate event in Milan, Italy.)

♦ In 2009, over one hundred people died in flash floods in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, one of the driest countries on earth.

♦ In Saudi Arabia, in the interior of the Arabian Peninsula, people drown when flash floods fill wadis. They drown in flooded underpasses. They drown in water tanks on top of roofs. Babies can drown in pails. In addition, Saudi Arabia has 2,640 miles of coastline on the Red Sea and the Arabian Gulf. Saudi students studying abroad have drowned.

♦ "None of us could swim," Robinson said. "They were yelling 'help me, help me. Somebody please help me.' It was nothing I could do but watch them drown one by one." (Six Teens Drown in Louisiana River; 7th Rescued," by CBSNews, August 4, 2010.)

♦ "Turn Around, Don't Drown." (Slogan to discourage drivers from disregarding "Road Closed Due to Flooding" signs and trying to cross flooded bridges.)

♦ "Teach my children how to swim because they can find someone who will write for them any time but they cannot find anyone to swim for them at the moment of danger."

♦ "Teach your children swimming, archery and horse riding." (Hadith / Ibn Umar.)

survival, persistence & endurance: verb / water

drown out (verb)

drowned out his (in-ring) interview

boos ~ (a boxer who won a split decision)

sound / superiority & inferiority: verb / water

drowned out

drowned out by the Internet drumbeat

the explanation is sometimes ~

drowned out by the thunder

informed voices were ~ of the partisan lynch mob

sound / superiority & inferiority: water

drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.)

banging the drum on this problem

he has been ~ since...

beating the drum about this

the Biden administration has been ~ (COVID masking)

beating the drum against big government

she is ~ (a politician)

pounds the drum for the power of the people

the film ~ to make things right (politics)

message: military / sound / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: military / sound / verb

drum (march to the beat, etc.)

marches to the beat of his own drum

Stef ~ and I love that about him

♦ "Kyler is his own individual. He's his own person, he beats to his own drum." (One NFL player about his quarterback.)

unanimity & consensus: military / sound / verb

drumbeat (noun)

Internet drumbeat

the explanation is sometimes drowned out by the ~

drumbeat of accusations

there is a ~ (against the Catholic Church / pedophilia)

drumbeat of contempt

the daily ~ for our nation's Founders, military (campuses)

drumbeat of criticism

here in Washington we have just heard a ~ (Afghanistan)

drumbeat of news

there has been a steady ~ about the dangerous chemical

drumbeat of war

the ~ has grown louder in the past few days

drumbeats of war

the ~ are filling our nation

drumbeat of (terror) warnings

the recent ~...

drumbeat of "venture capital is dead"

there has been a ~, and it's getting louder

drumbeat (of calls) for his resignation

there has been a deafening ~ (a politician)

extremist drumbeat

militants were encouraged by the ~ in Cairo

deafening drumbeat
there has been a ~ of calls for his resignation (politician)

drumbeats (of war) are filling our nation
the ~

drumbeat of war has grown louder
the ~ in the past few days

drumbeat is intensifying
the ~ to toughen up laws regarding sexual predators

became the drumbeat
his talking points ~ of NPR news reports (Adam Schiff)

♦ "The drumbeat of war is sounding loud and the rhetoric has gotten rather shrill." (Michael Carpenter, US Ambassador to the Organization for Security and Cooperation (OSCE) in Europe, about the Ukrainian crisis in January, 2022.)

♦ Ari Shapiro: "Well, do you hear the drums of war beating?" / Eleanor Beardsley: "You know what? I don't..." (Eleanor Beardsley reporting from Kharkiv / Kharkov, 25 miles from the Russian border. From "The view from border city Kharkiv, Ukraine, as Russian troops appear ready to invade," NPR, All Things Considered, Jan. 13, 2022. Eleanor is beloved for her wonderful reportage from *France*. Yo, NPR! France is calling and they want Eleanor back! #ReturnEleanorToFrance.)

message: military / sound
attention, scrutiny & promotion: military / sound

drummed out

drummed out of the party
he has been ~ (politics)

dismissal, removal & resignation: military

drummer (different drummer)

different-drummer commitment
he offers a ~ to civility (versus political bickering)

out-of-step, against-the-grain, different-drummer
~ types

march to a different drummer
his willingness to ~ is his biggest liability (politics)

marching to a different drummer
they are often ~ (kids with ADHD)
they are ~ and choosing colleges with different profiles

♦ "Kyler is his own individual. He's his own person, he beats to his own drum." (One NFL player about his quarterback.)

unanimity & consensus: military / sound
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: military / sound

drum up (verb)

drum up (public) demand
he is trying to ~ for his invention

drum up interest
she was able to ~ on Facebook (for her company)

drum up publicity
promoters are keen to ~ by any means (boxing)

drum up support
we are trying to ~ for the project
they are trying to ~ for the law

candidates are actively campaigning there to ~ (election)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / creation & transformation:
military / prep, adv, adj, particle / sound / verb

drunk (adjective)

drunk on power
he is ~

restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol
control & lack of control: alcohol
behavior / feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

dry (come up dry)

come up dry on leads
we have ~ (thefts of goats)

♦ This refers to a well that fails to produce water or oil.

success & failure: mining / verb / water
searching & discovery: mining / verb / water

dry run

dry run for the All-Star Game
the stadium manager says the game will be a ~

dry run of the course
participants registered for a ~ (race with obstacles)

made a dry run
he ~ in a wind tunnel (parachutist)

arranged for a dry run
he ~ to make sure everything worked (technology)

♦ There are quite a few theories for the origin of this relatively recently coined phrase. One idea is that it relates to drills by fire departments without water being pumped. It came to prominence in the military during World War II.

readiness & preparedness: military

dry up (verb)

jobs dried up
when the war ended, the ~

money dried up
the ~

overtime has dried up
~ (for immigrant workers)

work dried up
other ~, and old friends stopped calling (disgraced)

appearance & disappearance: water / verb

duck (avoid)

ducked out of the (post-race) interview
he ~ (auto racing)

duck the (tough) issues
we won't ~ (a politician)

ducked the question
he ~ (State Department "official")

duck (the more challenging) questions
he hoped the court would not ~

ducked and ran
when asked questions about trans people, she ~ (politics)

avoidance & separation / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: animal / bird / verb

duck (verb)

ducked into the office
she ~ right away to see what was up

duck into a bathroom
the young women ~ to change out of their jeans

movement: animal / bird / verb

duck (ducks in a row)

getting their ducks in a row for a recession
chief executives are ~

behavior: animal / bird / position

unanimity & consensus: animal / bird / position

dud (noun)

dud
the product was a ~ (marketing)

dud of a book
this disappointing ~ starts with a good premise

success & failure: weapon / explosion

failure, accident & impairment: weapon / explosion

duel (noun)

duels for the ball
he was engaged in 20 ~ (Paul Pogba vs. Germany)

tense duel
the two were locked in a ~ for days (Tour de France)

pair up for duels
with the city's blessing, cars ~ (legal drag racing)

♦ "Griezmann has competed in the most duels (six) and won the most duels (four)." (Halftime analysis of France versus England at the FIFA Qatar World Cup.)

♦ Brigadier General Lucius M. Walker was shot and killed by Brigadier General John S. Marmaduke in a duel on September 7, 1863, as the Union forces were attacking Little Rock, Arkansas, during the U.S. Civil War. See Walker's Wikipedia entry.

♦ "Smollett states that the admiral [Knowles] himself did not escape without censure. Two of his captains were reprimanded; but Captain Holmes, who had displayed uncommon courage, was honourably acquitted. The admiral fought a bloodless duel with Captain Paulett, of the *Tilbury*; but Captain Innes and Clarke met by appointment in Hyde Park, with a case of pistols each. The former was mortally wounded, and died next morning; the latter was tried and condemned for murder, but received His Majesty's pardon." ("Tortuga, 1748" from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

competition / conflict: weapon

dueling (adjective)

dueling ad
~, each side accusing the other (politics)

dueling hashtags
~ (#IStandWithJK Rowling vs #ICantStandJKRowling)

dueling protests
we are expecting ~ today (pro- and anti-government)

competition / conflict: weapon

dug in

dug in
both sides are ~ and neither side will move (politics)

♦ "We will weed out the rebels, but they are dug in."

♦ "A-10 Warthogs destroyed 10 Iraqi T-55 tanks dug in a defensive posture."

protection & lack of protection / resistance, opposition & defeat / survival, persistence & endurance: fortification / ground, terrain & land / military

dull (adjective)

grow dull
his life reminds us that the cutting edge can ~ (Hefner)

flaws & lack of flaws: blade / knife

Duh! (exclamation)

Duh!
can I just tell you, ~

♦ "Can I just tell you. Duh! How much did that study cost? Because I could have told you that for free." (NPR host Michel Martin. From "'Girl Talk' vs. 'Boy Talk' with Michel Martin, NPR, Tell Me More, July 23, 2007. It's a wonderful segment from the good old days of NPR.)

language: sarcasm

dumb (technology)

dumb mines
~ versus smart mines (self-destruct / self-deactivate)

from dumb to smart to brilliant (m)
~ bombs (military)

knowledge & intelligence: mechanism

ability & lack of ability: mechanism / tools & technology

dump (verb)

dumped him as her lover and business partner
she ~ in 2016

dumped the editor
she ~ and replaced him with... (magazine)

dump her (3,928) shares
he told her to ~ (of stock)

dumped her stock
just before she ~ in December... (insider trading)

dump you
she's going to ~ (get out of the relationship)

dismissal, removal & resignation: pile / verb

dumped

dumped

she worries about being ~ and getting a bad reputation

dumped Gottlieb for Brown

five year later, he ~ (editor / editors in chief)

dumped by him

you may get ~ later (relationship)

dumped by his girlfriend

he was ~ of nine years...

get dumped

you may ~ by him later... (relationships)

most men who ~ think their girlfriends...

dismissal, removal & resignation: pile

dunk (dunk on someone)

dunk on the site

Barstool's Portnoy took the opportunity to ~ (Deadspin)

♦ In basketball in the U.S., when one man slam-dunks on another, it is seen as a sign of dominance. The dunker generally takes the opportunity to posture, often clenching his fists, pushing his chest out, and baring his teeth. The one who has been dunked on reels away in defeat. The dunker's team often jumps up and wave towels or place towels over their heads. Members of the team also jump up and start vocalizing in a celebration."

dominance & submission: animal / basketball / sports & games / verb

dunk (slam dunk)

see *slam-dunk (and slam dunk)*

Dunkirk (digital Dunkirk, etc.)

Dunkirk spirit

Londoners displayed a ~ (1996 Docklands bombing)

digital Dunkirk

this massive ~ trying to get everyone out (Afghanistan)

♦ The "digital Dunkirk" refers to the chaotic two weeks in August of 2021 when the US left Afghanistan. Many individuals, organizations, and particularly serving and former military men used social media to help Afghans get to evacuation points and then get through security perimeters and onto planes flying out. It's a fascinating analogy, and a sign of the times.

♦ "When the North Vietnamese closed the Hai Van Pass, people had to come out by ocean, and so it was almost another Dunkirk." (Homer Smith, US Defense Attache, about early 1975, as Vietnamese refugees and soldiers fled from the North to the South.)

♦ Elderly Americans vividly remember watching on TV the chaotic scenes as the U.S. evacuated its embassy in Saigon in 1975.

♦ "They were surrounded by troops led by Rommel... And being from these ancient Scottish regiments with a very noble tradition, they wouldn't surrender... And in the end it was every man for himself and they all tried to scatter and break through the lines..." (The actor Hugh Grant wonderfully explaining the Battle of St. Valery, "the Other Dunkirk," to Terry Gross. From "No More Mr. Nice Guy: Hugh Grant Embraces the 'Blessed Relief' Of Darker Roles," NPR, Fresh Air, July 23, 2021.)

♦ About St. Valery, Winston Churchill wrote in *Their Finest Hour*, "The fate of the Highland Division was hard, but in after years not unavenged by those Scots who filled their places, re-created the division by merging it with the 9th Scottish, and marched across all the battlefields from Alamein to final victory beyond the Rhine... Some lines of Dr. Charles Murray's, written in the First World War, came into my mind, and it is

fitting to print them here..." He quotes twelve lines, the last four being, "For gallant loons, in brochs an' toons, / Are leavin' shop an' yaird an' mill, / A' keen to show baith friend an' foe / Auld Scotland counts for something still."

♦ Many forget that British troops were sent to France *after* Dunkirk, and they too had to be evacuated. As Churchill writes, "We repeated now on a considerable scale, though with larger vessels, the Dunkirk evacuation." About the disaster of the liner *Lancastria*, Churchill writes, "When this news came to me in the quiet Cabinet Room during the afternoon I forbade its publication, saying: 'The newspapers have got quite enough disaster for to-day at least.' I had intended to release the news a few days later, but events crowded upon us so black and so quickly that I forgot to lift the ban, and it was some time before the knowledge of this horror became public." See the Wikipedia entry "*RMS Lancastria*."

♦ The runway at Pitomnik saw chaotic scenes as the last flights out left Von Paulus' encircled and doomed Eighth Army to its fate.

♦ The World War II Russian evacuation of the Crimea across the Kerch Strait, and, two years later, the German evacuation of Sevastopol to western parts of Ukraine, Romania, and Bulgaria, have both been referred to as "Dunkirk-like."

♦ Read "On the Quai at Smyrna" by Ernest Hemingway.

allusion / difficulty, easiness & effort / resistance, opposition & defeat / success & failure: military

dust (dust settles)

let the dust settle

we will ~ and then make our decisions

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: ground, terrain & land

dust (collect dust)

collect dust

the case was left to ~

action, inaction & delay: ground, terrain & land / verb

dust (bite the dust)

bit the dust

many of these mom-and-pop stores ~ (failed)

bites the (desert) dust

English language program ~ (Vinnell Arabia)

bitten the dust

another affair had ~ (two film stars)

destined to bite the dust

the project seems ~ (military project)

♦ In old Western films, cowboys, Indians and soldiers were often shot off their horses and fell into the dust.

failure, accident & impairment: death & life / film & TV

dust (leave somebody in the dust)

left Microsoft in the dust

the iPhone and Android ~ (phones)

competition / superiority & inferiority: direction / horse / movement / sports & games

dust (fairy dust, etc.)

fairy dust

~ from the "Mom wand" makes life easy for them (kids)

that something special, that star quality, that little bit of ~
you can find ~ in every situation, no matter how difficult

star dust

can Hollywood ~ revive Wrexham (actors buy soccer club)

sprinkle (tech company) fairy dust

it's a property company trying to ~ over itself

touched with fairy dust

everything he does is ~ (a musician)

♦ "You can never tell when the bad fairy might pay you a visit and sprinkle the f***-you-up dust." (A saying enjoyed by special-forces types.)

♦ "It's not like you sprinkle blockchain dust over it and it's O.K." (Problems with cryptocurrencies.)

♦ "Graham Potter is now sprinkling his magic on this Brighton team and is getting the best out of every player including Neal Maupay." (Liverpool supporter right here, 27 Sept 2021.)

amelioration & renewal: magic

dustbin (noun)

dustbin of history

the Afghans will send the Americans to the ~ (Taliban)

the P-word should be consigned to the ~ (Britain)

creative dustbin

it should be consigned to the ~ ("fridging" film trope)

consigned to history's dustbin

his political theories have been ~

sweep conversion therapy into the dustbin

we are happy to ~ of history

♦ "We're going to resign them to the dustbin of history." (Netanyahu about Hamas, answering a reporter's question if he would resign over Israel's conduct of its latest war in Gaza.)

worth & lack of worth: waste

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: waste

dwarf (size)

dwarf chameleon

Madagascar has produced a group of ~s

dwarf pine

at high elevation, one finds many ~s

size: person

dwarf (verb)

dwarfed all others

the Yankees' payroll ~ (baseball)

dwarfs any other (economic) relationship

the US / EU partnership ~

dwarfs spending

the ad expenditure ~ on other efforts (public health)

dwarfs (all other) threats

an Iranian bomb ~ to Israel

dwarf his other work

the study is likely to ~ in statistics

dwarfs previous ones

the current oil spill ~ (Gulf of Mexico)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: height / verb

superiority & inferiority: height / verb

dwel (location)

dwells in your hearts

I know the love of the constitution ~ (politics)

dwel in the past

don't ~ (romance)

location: house

place: house / death & life

dyed-in-the-wool

dyed-in-the-wool optimist

she's a ~

identity & nature: cloth

attachment / impression: cloth / color

dying (dying industry, etc.)

dying breed

he is the last of a ~ (race car driver)

moderates are a ~ (politics)

dying industry

nuclear energy may be a ~

condition & status / decline / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life

dying (dying seconds, etc.)

dying seconds

they clinched the final in the ~ with a drop goal

time: death & life

dynamite (Michael "Dynamite" Dokes, etc.)

"Dynamite" Dokes

Michael ~, former WBA heavyweight champion

'Semtex' Daley

Paul ~ retires in style with fierce knockout win (MMA)

"Kid Dynamite

~ Blows Up" (by David Remnick, July 6, 1997)

♦ "In Loving Memory of Michael M. Dokes "Dynamite" WBA Heavyweight Champion of the World 1982 First Round August 10 1958 Final Round August 11, 2012." (The beautifully engraved headstone of the boxer.)

epithet: explosion

force: epithet

dynamite (noun)

dynamite for the (party's) base

what he said is ~ (a gaffe / faux-pas)

political dynamite

he was convinced he had ~ (a conspiracy theorist)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / military / sound / weapon

dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.)

dynamite cast

he brings out the best in a ~ (a film director)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / military / sound / weapon

dynamo (driving force)

absolute dynamo

Guro Reiten was the best player and an ~ (2023 World Cup)

driving force: electricity

dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.)

dynasty

it's history, we like ~s, to cheer for and against them (sports)

political dynasty

she was a descendant of one of the nation's oldest ~s (Kean)

football dynasty

Coach Bowden built a ~ (at Florida State University)

cheerleading dynasty

she leads a ~ (14 NCA National Championships)

fallen dynasty

he rescued a ~ (Larry Bird and the Boston Celtics)

built a dynasty

they had ~ that had won three Super Bowl championships

power / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

E

eagle eye

eagle eyes of (U.S. spy) satellites

the ~

surveillance: animal / bird / eye

ear (Ear of the Wind, etc.)

Ear of the Wind

the ~ is a natural arch in Monument Valley, Arizona

proper name: ear

ear (have somebody's ear)

has the ear of the president

he ~

have the ear of (many) political leaders

they ~ (activists)

has the president's ear

he ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: ear

ear (attention)

sympathetic ear

he offers a ~ to kids (juvenile offenders)

lent an ear

Michael unselfishly ~ to friends in need

offers a (sympathetic) ear

he ~ to kids (juvenile offenders)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: ear / speech

ear (surveillance)

ears

the walls have ~

eyes and ears

(see *eyes and ears*)

♦ **What you see here, what you do here, what you hear here, when you leave here, let it stay here.**" (Los Alamos and the Manhattan Project.)

surveillance: ear

ear (ear of corn, etc.)

ears of corn

women roasted ~ (Kisumu)

sun's ears

polar explorers call the circles of prismatic colors the ~

resemblance: ear

ear (fall on deaf ears)

fall on deaf ears

calls to end the fighting that seem to ~ (Middle East)

sometimes the warnings ~

fell on deaf ears

his warnings ~ (Gerhart Riegner / Holocaust)

his call for lifting sanctions ~ (a politician)

complaint after complaint ~

police appeals for information ~ (murders of prostitutes)

his desperate appeal ~ (Haile Selassie / Italian invasion)

falling on deaf ears

the appeals are ~ (Russia)

consciousness & awareness: ear

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ear

ear (turn a deaf ear)

turned a deaf ear to that argument

Congress has ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ear

ear (music to one's ears)

music to Moscow's ears

this was ~ (Macron says NATO is brain dead)

feeling, emotion & effect: ear / music

earful (amount)

getting an earful
he has been ~

amount: ear / speech

early (timeliness)

early in the investigation
as of now it's ~

early in the (democratic presidential primary) process
it's still very ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

earn (verb)

earned him the epithet
his bouts with mental illness ~ "Mad King" (George III)

earned her pilot's license
she ~ (Bessie Coleman)

earned a variety of nicknames
the jail ~ over the years (Rikers Island)

earned (global) praise
the public mental health model in Italy ~ (Trieste)

earned my respect
he ~ by just being such a fair, wonderful person
he also forever ~ by making it a point to...

earned his spurs
he ~ on the battlefield (a combat veteran)

earned this
I ~ (became an Eagle Scout)

♦ "Home of Emmett Till Earns Landmark Designation in Chicago" by Dustin Jones, History, NPR, January 28, 2021.

♦ "I know we work our butts of and desperately are trying to make the best records we can every time, and try to put the best shows on. That's all we have any control of. I think we've been lucky, too. But we've definitely—we've earned our stripes, I think. I don't know, we feel very satisfied and happy with finally getting a little bit of attention, because we were in the shadows for so long." ("The National: 'We've Earned Our Stripes,'" NPR, Music Interviews, All Things Considered, June 12, 2013.)

♦ "You don't win medals or awards in the Military. You don't win the MOH you earn it by your actions. You don't win a Purple Heart. You earn it by being wounded." (An online commenter about a story told by President Joe Biden.)

♦ "Who 'wins' a Purple Heart? You're awarded the Purple Heart. That's the prize nobody wants to win." (An online commenter about a story told by President Joe Biden.)

♦ "Howe served in Europe as an Army artillery soldier during the Second World War, almost never speaking of the experience except sardonically. (His unflagging goal, he remarked was to avoid earning a Purple Heart.)..." ("Modern Lore: Oscar Howe at the National Museum of the American Indian" by Peter Schjeldahl, *The New Yorker*, July 11 & 18, 2022.)

♦ see also *privilege (groups / noun)*

achievement, recognition & praise: money / verb

earth (to the ends of the earth, etc.)

ends of the earth
he took the faith of his nation to the ~ (Livingstone)

scoured the Earth

Bill Whitman ~ for rare fruit (collector, popularizer)

extent & scope / searching & discovery: earth & world

earth (close to the earth, etc.)

much more close to the earth
their concerns are much more mundane, ~ (voters)

come back to earth
but let us now ~, and look at the potential of...

♦ In *Metaphors We Live By*, Lakoff and Johnson mention a fascinating metaphor: *mundane reality is down*. The example they give is "down to earth." Language that might illustrate this metaphor, besides *earthiness*, could include *grassroots*, *a worm's eye view*, "she has *stars in her eyes*", versus the mature girl who has *both feet on the ground*, journalists *on the ground*, the teacher who spent 34 years *in the trenches*, actually teaching, the leader with a willingness to *dive into the weeds* to explore detailed elements, people from *all walks of life*, etc.

♦ "I dreamed a thousand new paths...I woke and walked my one."

♦ "Men trip not on mountains but on molehills."

♦ "Before dinner, let us explore the southern plains and climb the northern mountains. After dinner, there are snakes in the southern plains and tigers in the northern mountains." (Chinese.)

bases / fantasy & reality: earth & world

earthiness (character)

earthiness
her public persona belies her ~ (she swears, etc.)

character & personality: earth & world

earthquake (effect)

earthquake
his death was an ~ that shook the world (Osama)

cultural earthquake
a massive ~ split the country wide open (US / 1960s)

political earthquake
I think it's going to be a ~ (elections)

'political earthquake'
~ in Ireland as nationalists win (a seismic change)

hardly an earthshaker
the loss to Brazil in a Wembley friendly is ~... (soccer)

♦ People speak of social ferment in countries with a huge base of young people as "youthquakes."

♦ "The youthquake of the '60s, the counterculture..."

♦ "This is seismic." (Mark Chapman, BBC Radio 5 Live presenter, on Saudi Arabia 2-Argentina 1 at the FIFA World Cup in Qatar. Mashallah! Another commentator said, "Saudi Arabia's victory was off the Richter scale.")

♦ "My question was surely just a spark but the response was an earthquake." (The remarkable Italian journalist Riccardo Ehrman, who will always be associated with the fall of the Berlin Wall.)

♦ "Just as behind the apparently fixed contours of a landscape lie great historic shifts and upheavals in the earth, so behind the seeming permanence of a social order lie the past struggles of classes and other groups negotiating for advantage." (*The Social Transformation of American Medicine* by Paul Starr.)

♦ "A sense of insecurity, as during an earthquake, pervaded the minds of men." (*Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad.)

♦ “The sensation produced by an earthquake is never to be forgotten. We feel ourselves in the grasp of a power to which the wildest fury of the winds and waves are as nothing; yet the effect is more a thrill of awe than the terror which the mere boisterous war of the elements produces. There is a mystery and an uncertainty as to the amount of danger we incur, which gives greater play to the imagination, and to the influences of hope and fear. These remarks apply only to a moderate earth-quake. A severe one is the most destructive and the most horrible catastrophe to which human beings can be exposed.” (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace.)

♦ “It’s always hard to attribute a cause to an earthquake with absolute certainty.” (Dr. Cliff Frohlich, Associate Director of the Texas Institute for Geophysics, The University of Texas at Austin.)

equilibrium & stability: earthquake / ground, terrain & land amount & effect / disruption / effect / feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake / equilibrium & stability / ground, terrain & land

earthshaking (adjective)

earthshaking experiment

the ~ has rocked the scientific community

earth-shaking transformation

China’s economy has experienced ~s in recent decades

♦ Often expressed as “seismic.”

amount & effect / equilibrium & stability / extent & scope: earthquake / ground, terrain & land

earworm (noun)

earworm

this song has always been an ~ (“Red Beans and Rice”)

attachment: animal / ear

Easter egg

Easter eggs in music video

Taylor Swift reveals secret ~

easter eggs and jokes

there’re ~ throughout (*The Every* / Dave Eggers)

secret Easter eggs

Taylor Swift reveals ~ in music video

full of easter eggs

Taylor Swift’s “The Man” music video is chock ~

pregnant with Easter eggs

it’s ~ (the book *D C-T!* by Avillez and Young)

allusions and Easter eggs

the series has included ~ from previous episodes (TV)

♦ “The only reason why I can’t [tell you which tattoos honor Patrick Swayze] is because they’re supposed to be, like, Easter eggs. They’re like, ‘Oh, don’t say! Go look for them.’ Press pause and look, you’ll find them. They’re just a little ode to him.” (Jake Gyllenhaal about his role in the 2024 Amazon film *Road House*, which is a remake of the 1989 original featuring Swayze. The UFC great Conor McGregor is also in the remake. Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Gray starred in *Dirty Dancing*, of course. To this day, enthusiasts of all ages visit the “Dirty Dancing” cove on Lake Lure in western North Carolina to celebrate the film. Swayze also starred in the very good 1991 film *Point Break*, directed by Kathryn Bigelow.)

♦ “Good morning, I’m A Martinez. If you’re a college student, reading your syllabus could be a good way to start off a semester. A University of Tennessee professor recently taught his students that blowing it off could cost you. His name is Kenyon Wilson, and just to see who was reading

closely, he added an easter egg to the course outline. It said, ‘Free to the first who claims’ with a locker number and combination. In it, a fifty dollar bill, no strings attached, but of course... nobody claimed it. It’s Morning Edition.” (“Tennessee professor hid a cash prize on campus. The clue was in the syllabus,” NPR, Morning Edition, December 20, 2021.)

♦ “In Detroit you have WONDR and MOTWN, above St. Louis there are waypoints for ANNII and LENXX.” (Steve Trimble of *Aviation Week*, talking about the names of aviation waypoints. From “Unusual Names Of Waypoints Used For Airplanes’ Navigation,” NPR, All Things Considered, May 26, 2020.)

♦ “Navigation waypoints on this highway in the sky will honor Helge, Mylius, Uroa, Per, Frithjof and Lasse (six of Amundsen’s Greenland dogs) and Jimmy Pigg, Snippets, Bones, Jehu, and Nobby (five of Scott’s Manchurian and Siberian ponies.)” (“Polar Sidekicks Earn a Place on the Map” by John Noble Wilford, *The New York Times*, September 30, 2010.)

♦ “James enjoyed hiding references to heroin use in his lyrics, he once told one of his dope dealers...” (James Taylor. From *Girls Like Us* by Sheila Weller.)

♦ “Occasionally one could test a plagiarist. I had to invent a tree, with name to match, for a man who at that time was rather riding in my pocket. In about eighteen months—the time it takes for a ‘test’ diamond thrown over wires into a field of ‘blue’ rock to turn up on the Kimberley sorting-tables—my tree appeared in his ‘nature-studies’—name as spelt by me and virtues attributed. Since in our trade we be all felons, more or less, I repented when I had caught him, but not too much.” (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ “thewhoreswillbebusy.” (The first letter of each line of Oliver St. John Gogarty’s patriotic poem, “Ode of Welcome,” to the Irish soldiers returning home from the Boer War.)

♦ Search “Sean Connery” in this work.

searching & discovery: hunting

concealment & lack of concealment: hunting

easy (sex)

easy

she’s ~

♦ Mac: What is easy? / Valerie: This is easy. (Silly dialogue from the film *Earth Girls Are Easy* with Geena Davis.)

♦ “I was a bit of a slapper at Uni.” (A UK woman.)

sex: euphemism

easygoing (adjective)

easy-going attitude

Atlanta’s ~ toward skin and vice

easygoing personality

he has one of those ~s

easygoing country boy

an ~ from Kentucky

good-natured and easygoing

elephants are ~ (according to keeper at zoo)

♦ “No camel route is long with good company.” (A Turkish proverb.)

character & personality: journeys & trips

eat (eat one’s words, etc.)

eat those words

I’ll make you ~ (competition)

eat your words

so called experts and pundits, ~ (Usyk beats Joshua)

♦ "In the course of my life I have often had to eat my words, and I must confess that I have always found it a wholesome diet." (Winston Churchill about his change in attitude towards Nehru, to one of complete approval.)

♦ "If it means swallowing some humble pie, and it means eating some of your words, I can't think of a more excellent diet." (Prime Minister David Cameron, on his coalition government formed with the Liberal Democrats.)

♦ "What was Neville saying about Messi not inspiring...? Suppose those words would be his supper tonight." (An online commenter about Argentina 2- Mexico 0. The FIFA World Cup in Qatar.)

speech: consumption

eat (mental health)

ate away at me

it ~ (an unpleasant truth)

my anxiety ~, like ants consuming their prey, bit by bit

eats at me

something's missing here, and it ~ (patriotism / WWII)

eating away at your mental health

if social media is ~, please stop (advice to athletes)

eat away at you

secrets ~

eats away at me

that I will never face him in court ~ (sex abuse)

eaten away at me

it would have ~ (not confronting his brother)

eat away at America's sense of security

the sniper attacks ~ (D.C. area)

eat up your mind

meth will ~ (methamphetamine addiction)

eat you up

playing such a demanding role could ~ (Tina Turner)

eat him up

this will ~ bad (boxing champ loses in shock defeat)

eating him up

he kept quiet, but it was ~ (sexually assaulted)

eat me up

I knew the shame would ~ otherwise (without confessing)

eating me up

it was ~ (reveals hidden past to family, world)

eat you alive

that darkness will ~ (journalist investigates sex crimes)

eating my joy

the "Sunday scaries" are ~ (anxiety about work week)

eaten your soul

and then you are lost, he has ~ (accommodating a boss)

♦ "And you sit there [inwardly] eating yourself to death and crying yourself to death." (Sexually abused by a pastor.)

mental health: animal / consumption

affliction / destruction / feeling, emotion & effect: animal / food & drink / predation / verb

eat (destroy)

ate up entire neighborhoods

rivers ~ (floods)

eat their own

see *eat* (*eat one's own, etc.*)

eating away the banks

the current is ~ of the river

eat through the (plastic) sheeting

the chlorine will ~

eat into the flesh

necrotic ulcers are deep, open wounds that ~

eat up your mind

meth will ~ (methamphetamine addiction)

eat you alive

it's there to ~, no pity (Nazare / big-wave surfing)

affliction / destruction: animal / food & drink / predation / verb

eat (endure)

eat only sorrow and misery

I ~ (a Kurdish expression)

eaten some heavy shots

Khan has already ~ (Khan vs. Brook / boxing)

eating them

Lewis is throwing right hands, and Tyson is ~

♦ "When my Dad decided the whole fatherhood thing was a buzzkill for his creativity, we had to take the shit sandwich we'd been served and make it edible. So I cooked..." (The film *Words On Bathroom Walls*.)

♦ "Just when you think you've got your ration of shit-happens someone heaps on another helping."

♦ James Mossman: I'm told that Tolstoy once said late in his life that life was a tough [?] of which one was obliged to eat slowly. Would you agree with him? / Vladimir Nabokov (laughing delightedly): "I've never heard that story, it's a very funny one. The old boy was sometimes rather [a word that sounds like *degustation*]. No, my own life is fresh bread with country butter and alpine honey." (Vladimir Nabokov, BBC Author Archive Collection, "James Mossman talks to Russian writer Vladimir Nabokov in this 1970 interview.")

♦ "We wouldn't be here at all if it wasn't for the artillery. The Germans would have eaten us up long ago." (*Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman.)

♦ "Are there not other alternatives than sending our armies to chew barbed wire in Flanders?" (Winston Churchill, in a letter of advice to Prime Minister Herbert Henry Asquith. The alternative turned out to be Gallipoli.)

♦ "No, they will fight more actively with empty bellies, and, besides, it would be a bad omen. You remember what a dessert they got to their dinner at Falkirk." (The Duke of Cumberland on whether to allow his army its noontime meal prior to the Battle of Culloden. From *British Battles On Land and Sea* by James Grant. Culloden, 1746. "Such is the story of Culloden, happily the last battle fought on the soil of Great Britain.")

consumption / experience: food & drink / verb

eat (eat one's own, etc.)

eat their own

"SWOs ~" is a common Navy refrain (jealousy)

liberals ~ over the most minor slights

♦ “They eat their own; they get eaten by their own; they cannibalize themselves, please don’t stop; Woke cannibalism! Sweet!; democrat cannibalism is a beautiful thing to watch... (Snarky comments at Breitbart about infighting at *The Washington Post* that led to a suspension and a firing.)

♦ “The new age needed only the hide of the Revolution—and this was being flayed off people who were still alive. Those who then slipped into it spoke the language of the Revolution and mimicked its gestures, but their brains, lungs, livers and eyes were utterly different.” (*Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman, New York Review Books, translated by Robert Chandler.)

behavior: animal / verb

eat (eat and breathe, etc.)

eat and breathe

these guys ~ cycling (Giro d’Italia)

live, eat and breathe

I used to ~ cricket, now I can take it or leave it (Bazball)

♦ “Larry slept it, ate it, drink it, eat it, it was all basketball for him.” (An admiring comment about the great Larry “The Hick from French Lick” Bird, about his work ethic.)

absorption & immersion / commitment & determination / consumption / enthusiasm: breathing / food & drink / verb

eat (eat and sleep, etc.)

eating and sleeping

he has been ~ boxing, work, work, work (training)

absorption & immersion / commitment & determination / consumption / enthusiasm: food & drink / sleep / verb

eaten alive (by debt, rage, etc.)

eaten up inside

whenever I thought about it, I found myself in a rage, ~

eaten alive by debt

I was ~

get eaten alive

don’t ~ by debt (an advertisement)

mental health: animal / consumption / predation

destruction: animal / food & drink / predation

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / food & drink / predation

Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.)

“Eaton of Africa”

the so-called ~ (Kamuzu Academy in Malawi)

achievement, recognition & praise / military: epithet

eat up (verb)

ate it up

the crowd ~ (a campaign speech well received)

eat this stuff up

people who watch the History Channel and ~ (UFOs)

eating up (so much) bandwidth

the number of attacks is ~ that...

ate up comic books

I ~ as a kid

ate up every line

the crowd ~ (election rally)

eating up the mist

the sun was ~ (*Lord Jim*)

eat the sun

plants essentially ~ (photosynthesis)

ate up its own weight

the artillery ~ in shell in 3 or 4 minutes (Boer War)

ate up \$5 billion

the program ~

consumption: food & drink / verb

eat up (destroy)

eaten us up long ago

the Germans would have ~

♦ “We wouldn’t be here at all if it wasn’t for the artillery. The Germans would have eaten us up long ago.” (*Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman.)

destruction: food & drink / verb

ebb (decline)

ebbed away

for at least 9 days they lay in their tent, as their lives ~

ebb and flow

see *ebb and flow* (verb)

fighting ebbed

the ~ Tuesday (Ubaydi)

decline: sea / tide / verb

ebb (at a low ebb)

at a low ebb

the militant’s fortunes in Iraq are ~

decline: sea / tide

ebb (on the ebb)

on the ebb

his racing career is ~

decline: sea / tide

ebb (movement)

ebb and flow

see *ebb and flow* (noun)

movement: sea / tide

ebb (development)

ebb and flow

see *ebb and flow* (noun)

development: sea / tide

ebb and flow (verb)

ebb and flow

gang killings ~ but never stop (Los Angeles)
the fight continued to ~ (Joe Cordina v Edward Vazquez)

ebbs and flows
the number of cases ~ (West Nile virus in US)

increase & decrease: sea / tide / verb

movement: sea / tide / verb

development: sea / tide / verb

ebb and flow (noun)

ebb and flow
the ~ of passengers (D.C. metro)

ebbs and flows
there have been ~ in the pace of attacks (war)

ebb and flow of the war
the ~ (Angola)

increase & decrease: sea / tide

movement: sea / tide

development: sea / tide

ecclesiastical (adjective)

ecclesiastical stature
the "Twining memo" gained ~ among ufologists

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

echo (verb / effect)

echo and echo and echo
war and trauma can just ~ (lack of closure)

echoes (now) through every talk show
the bitter debate that ~ and coffee shop

♦ Echo; resonate; reverberate; rhyme...

repetition: sound / verb

echo (noun / effect)

echo of this vote
the ~ will be loud and long (anti-Hispanic vote)

misled by the echoes
we're ~ (of history)

effect: sound

echo (repeat)

echo what
first, let me ~ the President said (speeches)

echoed Templeton
the State's Attorney Joe Hettel ~... (opinion)

echoes allegations
the report ~ that the company...

echoed the language
he used terms that ~ of Adolph Hitler (politics)

echoed the (the teacher's) statement
many school employees ~ that...

echoes the style
the painting closely ~ of his friend Henri Matisse

♦ "You know, the assault on Israel echoes nearly 20 months of war, tragedy and brutality inflicted on the people of Ukraine." (President Biden in an address to the nation on Thursday, October 19, 2023.)

repetition: sound / verb

transmission: sound / verb

echo (in an echo)

in an echo of (the president's) position
~, Michael Chukwu told BBC that....

repetition: sound

echo chamber

echo chamber
it's an ~ where lost souls talk up and amp up one another

echo chamber of social media
in the fact-challenged ~, beliefs and biases are confirmed

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

online political echo chambers
~ have exacerbated America's divisions

social media echo chamber
another example of the ~ that amplifies all offence

pushes people (deeper) into their own echo chambers
the amount of outrage on social media ~

leapt from echo chambers (of social media) to headlines
the movement ~ in the news (a conspiracy theory)

repetition / transmission: sound

echoed

echoed by NASA
Boeing's conclusion was ~ in its mission reports

echoed by (many) Central Asians
her view is ~

echoed by (many) Americans
that sense of patriotic pride is ~

echoed by others
such criticisms have been ~ who...

echoed by (numerous) others
comments ~... (protesters)

echoed in academic circles
you raise a good point that has been ~

view is echoed
his ~ by many Central Asians

repetition / transmission: sound

eclipse (verb)

eclipsed fishing as (the state's major) revenue source
mining long ago ~ (Nauru)

eclipse electric tanning beds
some predict sunless tanning booths could ~

eclipsing the feudal landowners
the middle class is finally ~

eclipses (all) others
in Havana, one feature ~ of the city (the Malecon)

eclipse all other European palaces
the Czar wanted to ~ (Peterhoff / Peter the Great)

eclipsed that of 1962
the 1970 quake ~ (Peru)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion / decline / primacy,
currency, decline & obsolescence / superiority & inferiority:
astronomy / light & dark / moon / shadow / sun / verb**

eclipse (noun)

eclipse of Cantonese
older people affected by the ~ in China and the world

beginning of his eclipse
it was the ~ (Napoleon)

driven the German shepherd into eclipse
overbreeding has ~ (the dog breed)

gone into total eclipse
for decades before his death he had ~ (Herman Melville)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion / decline / primacy,
currency, decline & obsolescence / superiority & inferiority:
astronomy / light & dark / moon / shadow / sun**

eco (affix)

eco-activist
~ Greta Thunberg

eco-anxiety
how can I deal with my ~

eco-city
artistic renderings of the ~

eco-incarceration
what Shah calls ~, 'reinforcing Adivasis' marginalization

eco-house
they were ordered to pull down their ~

ecosystem
see *ecosystem* (noun)

eco-terrorist
the ~ movement (Burn Wild, BBC Sounds)

eco-therapy
she specializes in art therapy and ~ (climate despair)

eco-warrior
Dave Foreman, ~, has died (Earth First!)

eco-conscious
80 curated "~" products (Primark Wellness)

eco-friendly
~ motels

ecosystem (noun)

ecosystem of corruption
he exposed an ~ at the bank

ecosystem of (extremist) groups
the ~ in the region (Afghanistan, etc.)

ecosystem of hate
far-right parties fan an ~ (Australia)

ecosystem of people
there is an ~ who serve professional athletes

ecosystem of support
designers rely on a complex ~ (garment district)

ecosystem of entrepreneurs, engineers, investors
the ~ and other players is growing (NYC tech scene)

multibillion-dollar ecosystem
there's a ~ of collecting this data (on kids)

business ecosystem
smart executives cannot control but can influence the ~

disinformation ecosystem
Facebook banned a significant chunk of the ~

Hollywood ecosystem
major change within the ~ was on the horizon (2001)

Internet ecosystem
this regulation will do damage to the ~

innovation ecosystem
many factors created the ~ to nurture the Internet
talent acquisition and furthering the ~ (cryptocurrency)

locker-room ecosystem
how a player fits into a delicate ~ (NFL / personal conflicts)

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

Y.A. ecosystem
some readers don't care about the politics of the ~ (books)

closed ecosystem
can the iPhone thrive in Apple's ~

self-correcting ecosystem
the Internet is a ~ (controversy)

commercial ecosystem
the garment district is a ~

financial ecosystem
he benefited from the burgeoning ~ (NYC)

fragile and interconnected ecosystem
this ~ (garment district)

global social-media ecosystem
the alt-right has turbocharged this ~ of hatred

fit into the ecosystem

help me understand how he ~ of protesters in Portland

♦ "Well, you know, this is so fascinating, first of all, the fact that you use that term, "Batchelor Nation." So what I take from that is it isn't just a show anymore, it's like a whole, what? ecosystem?" Who's in Batchelor Nation, is it like everybody who watches the show, who was a part of it, what does that mean?" (Michele Martin wants to know. From "Racism Controversy Rocks 'Bachelor' Nation, NPR, All Things Considered, Feb 20, 2021.)

area / biodiversity, nature & life / environment: ground, terrain & land

Eden (noun)

garden of Eden

see *Garden of Eden*

eagles' Eden

this ~ (Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve / Alaska)

leads me through Eden

Rob ~ (Dales Gorge in Western Australia)

biodiversity, nature & life: Bible / place / religion

environment / superlative: Bible / religion

flaws & lack of flaws: Bible / religion

Edenic (adjective)

Edenic setting

it was an ~ (nature)

♦ "It was hard to imagine a less Edenic setting for the wellspring of a great paradisiacal metropolis." (The headwaters of the Los Angeles River in Canoga Park behind the town's high school.)

comparison & contrast: affix

biodiversity, nature & life: Bible / place / religion

environment / superlative: Bible / religion

flaws & lack of flaws: Bible / religion

edge (over the edge)

over the edge

in my opinion, this is ~ (a controversial song)

behavior: boundary / ground, terrain & land / line / mountains & hills

edge (push something over the edge)

pushed some farmers over the edge

drought has ~

push them over the edge

just a tiny temperature rise can ~ (coral bleaching)

pushed the system over the edge

the hiring freeze has ~ (corrections)

destruction: ground, boundary / line / mountains & hills / terrain & land

edge (on edge)

on edge

the city is ~ (a series of murders)

everybody was ~ (serial bomber on the loose)

already on edge

the news terrified women ~ (murders of lesbians)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.)

on the edge of (electoral) abyss

his campaign teetered ~, but it is scrambling back

on the edge of the cliff

we're ~, we don't have much time to back away (diplomacy)

on the edge of collapse

the air travel network teeters ~ (Unfriendly Skies)

on the edge of extinction

they're ~ (orangutans)

on the edge of a (nervous) breakdown

I'm ~

lived on the edge

he ~ (Timothy Treadwell)

teeters on the edge

the air travel network ~ of collapse

♦ "On the edge for you is the middle of the road for me." (Bumper sticker on snowboarder's car.)

danger / fate, fortune & chance / proximity: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

edge (at the edge)

at the (extreme) edge of complexity

this is ~ (a brain operation)

at the edge of starvation

meager harvests leave millions ~ (Africa)

proximity: blade / knife

edge (lose one's edge)

losing his edge

some observers think he may be ~ (chess grandmaster)

ability & lack of ability / flaws & lack of flaws: blade / knife

edge (rough edges, etc.)

smooth (capitalism's) rough edges

her policies aim to ~ (a progressive)

flaws & lack of flaws: hardness & softness / manufacturing

edge (edge cases, etc.)

edge cases

~ in grammar and syntax

in ~ like this, principles are tested (journalism)

edge habitats

~ hover between domesticated and wild (zoonotic diseases)

edge and corner

it doesn't take long to find ~ cases (grammar rules)

division & connection: boundary / line

edict (noun)

edict from on high
an ~ banned any mention of sex (Woman's Weekly)

his edicts
~ and his "my way or the highway" (recall election)

oppression: government / royalty

edifice (noun)

edifice of (city and state) finance
much of the ~ is jury-rigged

edifice of the state
the ~ is in danger of crumbling

"climate science" edifice
the whole ~ is exposed and will collapse (opinion)

narrative's edifice
the intelligent building of the ~ (book review)

imperial edifice
the bureaucracy is an ~ built on feudal foundations

once-impregnable edifice
the ~ of the regime's authority is starting to crumble

meticulously built edifice
science is a ~

cracks in the edifice
early ~ appeared in the 1990s (economy)

edifice could collapse
and so the whole ~ (economy)

edifice would crumble
the ~ if...

bring down the (whole) edifice
any crack in the system would ~ (dictatorship)

tear down the edifice
the right has used religion to ~ and secular morality

chipping away at the edifice
lawyers are ~ of person responsibility (neuroscience)

bases: house

Edison (Edison of the Internet, etc.)

Edison of the Internet
Bill Joy is sometimes called the ~

creation & transformation: epithet

edit (verb)

edit DNA
they developed the tools to ~

edit any genome
we can ~ (Crispr-Cas9)

creation & transformation: verb / writing & spelling

edited (genes, etc.)

gene-edited
he created the world's first ~ human babies

creation & transformation: writing & spelling

editing (noun)

genome editing
the technology of ~ (Crispr-Cas9)

creation & transformation: writing & spelling

effervescent (personality)

effervescent personality
her ~ has endeared her to fans (Emma Raducanu)

character & personality: bubble / water

egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.)

have all of our eggs in one basket
in terms of our marketing budget, we don't ~ (Free People)

put a lot of eggs in this basket
the president has ~ (support of a country)

put all your eggs just in the DNA basket
you have to be careful not to ~ (murder investigation)

put all its eggs in one basket
North Korea ~ (keeping COVID out / no preparation)

putting all their eggs in one basket financially
they are ~ (new Navy destroyer)

♦ "I think the risk here is that we are putting all of our eggs in one basket, we're only focusing on boosting with vaccines, I think the issue is people are looking for a silver bullet, and, boosters are not a silver bullet to COVID." (Ominous reporting heard on NPR on September 6, 2022.)

♦ "Manchester City cannot put all their Champions League title hopes on Erling Haaland." (Soccer.)

♦ "The Jets put all their eggs in one basket and now they're all scrambled." (The NFL Jets acquired the great Aaron Rodgers to revitalize the team, but sadly Rodgers suffered a season-ending injury in his first game, and his backup underperformed.)

♦ "One of the biggest lessons learned from this situation is that when we put all of our eggs in one basket, when that basket tips over, all the eggs crack, and there's none left. We're scrambled at that point." (Douglas Hoey, CEO of the National Community Pharmacists Association, about the ransomware cyberattack on Change Healthcare that resulted in a payment crisis. Healthcare in the U.S. is for-profit.)

♦ When was the last time you put eggs into a basket and carried them somewhere?

allegiance, support & betrayal: food & drink

commitment & determination: food & drink

egg (golden egg)

laid the golden egg
they will kill the golden goose that ~ (ESL soccer)

♦ "Perhaps, if he will husband his resources, and not kill, with overwork, the mental goose that has given us these golden eggs, he may one day rank among the brightest of our wits." (A favorable review of Mark Twain's first book, *The Jumping Frog and Other Stories*.)

cost & benefit: allusion / animal / bird
worth & lack of worth: allusion / animal / bird

egg (chicken and egg)

see *chicken and egg*

eggshell (noun)

eggshell of trust
it shatters the ~ (Pilots Union vs. Boeing)

strength & weakness: animal / bird / materials & substances

eggshell (walking on eggshells)

walking on eggshells
for over 10 years, I spent every day ~ (domestic abuse)
I was ~ (interviewing Malala Yousafzai)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / bird / materials & substances

eight ball (behind the eight ball, etc.)

way behind the eight ball
we are ~ (Patty Murray about pandemic response)

difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games

Einstein (intelligence, or lack)

Einstein
you don't need to be ~ to know what that means (snark)

footballing Einstein
he has never been considered a ~ (a player-coach)

no Einstein
they're ~ (snark)

favorite Einsteins
one of our ~, Jessica Murguia (Dreamforce San Fran event)

♦ "Yeah rest your main goal scorer in a game we need to win. Any other great ideas Einstein?" (A sarcastic commenter on a BBC HYS, about an upcoming match at the FIFA Men's World Cup in Qatar.)

♦ "What did you think, super genius. We thought it would be funny." (Sarcasm from the silly film *I Love You, Beth Cooper* with Hayden "Hello" Panettiere. Super!)

♦ "Can I just tell you. Duh! How much did that study cost? Because I could have told you that for free." (The wonderful NPR host Michel Martin. From "'Girl Talk' vs. 'Boy Talk' with Michel Martin, NPR, Tell Me More, July 23, 2007. It's a wonderful segment by a great host from the good old days of NPR.)

♦ "They're no Einstein." (Snark.)

♦ "No kidding, Einstein." (Snark.)

♦ "The Einstein Trust Layer is a secure AI architecture, natively built into the Salesforce Platform. It allows teams to benefit from generative AI without compromising their customer data." (Sure...)

♦ "Thankfully, you don't have to be Alan Turing to break the code." (Apple's iMessage invisible ink.)

knowledge & intelligence: allusion

language: sarcasm

comparison & contrast: negation

eject (verb)

eject the Iraqis out of Kuwait
our intention was to purely ~ and destroy... (Gulf War)

dismissal, removal & resignation: throwing, putting & planting / verb

elastic (adjective)

elastic definition
this ~ (of harassment)

elastic term
the word is an ~ (for nomads and pastoralists)

constraint & lack of constraint: materials & substances

elbow (force)

elbowed him out
the company ~

elbowed him aside
she ~ (politics)

elbowed aside its competitors
the company has ~

elbowed her way into the (heavily male) club
she ~ (a profession)

elbowed into the lineup
women have ~ on the North Shore (surfing)

force: arm / verb

elbow (sharp elbows, etc.)

sharp elbows for President Trump
she had some ~ (political speech)

sharp-elbowed intervention
the book was a ~ in the debate between historians...

sharp elbows and a lot of self-regard
Gorsuch has somewhat ~ (the Supreme Court judge)

♦ "Thick-skinned, sharp-elbowed, ball-busting New Yorkers..." (With hearts of gold...)

feeling, emotion & effect / character & personality: arm / gesture / sensation

elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)

Elbow Lake
we visited ~ (Becker County)

Elbow Cay
we sailed to ~ (Bahamas)

Elbow Point
~ is a point in Quezon, Philippines

Devil's Elbow
the ~ trail parallels the river (Panthertown, NC)

♦ Elbow Pass contains Elbow Lake, which is the origin for the Elbow River, which flows to Calgary where it merges with the Bow River. (Alberta, Canada.)

proper name: arm / shape

geography: arm / proper name / shape

elbow (the Elbow of the Andes, etc.)

“Elbow of the Andes”

Amboro National Park, at the ~ (Bolivia)

epithet: arm

shape: epithet

elbow (shape)

elbows

~ can change the direction of piping

shape: arm / direction

elbowed (elbowed out, etc.)

elbowed out of the ecosystem

single-property hosts are being ~ (Airbnb)

dismissal, removal & resignation: arm

“El Chapo” (Asia’s El Chapo, etc.)

‘Asia’s El Chapo’

~ is set to be extradited to Australia (Tse Chi Lop)

~ extradited to Australia

♦ The drug lord Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman is currently jailed at ADX Florence, “the Alcatraz of the Rockies.” El Chapo means “shorty.”

comparison & contrast: epithet

El Dorado

skier’s eldorado

the sastrugi ceased, it was a smooth sea of snow, a ~

new El Dorados

the traffickers that service them flock to the ~ (oil and gas workers)

African El Dorado

Timbuktu became this idea of an ~ (age of exploration)

dream of El Dorado

what local newspapers call “the ~” (jobs in Europe)

equivalent of “a new El Dorado”

the newspaper described the islands as the ~ (guano)

♦ “I suppose it is not very charitable of me, but I must say that to this day I feel a malicious pleasure at the many disappointments of those pertinacious searchers for El Dorado who climbed mountains, pushed through forests, swam rivers, floundered in bogs, without giving a single thought to the science of geography. / Not for them the serene joys of scientific research, but infinite toil, in hunger, thirst, sickness, battle; with broken heads, unseemly squabbles, and empty pockets in the end. I cannot help thinking it served them right. It is an ugly tale...” (“Geography and Some Explorers” by Joseph Conrad.)

♦ “Gaily bedight, / A gallant knight, / In sunshine and in shadow, / Had journeyed long, / Singing a song, / In search of Eldorado.” (“Eldorado” by Edgar Allan Poe.)

fantasy & reality: allusion / history

wants, needs, hopes & goals: allusion / history

searching & discovery: allusion / history

electric (feeling)

electric

at the opening of the trial, the atmosphere was ~

electric performance

despite another ~ from Mia Hamm... (soccer)

electric quarterbacks

the game showcased a pair of ~ (NFL)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

electricity (feeling)

electricity is

but the real ~ two iconic actresses on the same stage

‘electricity’ between two people

the ~, that special spark (lovers)

electricity in the room

tears, shouting, there was real ~ (politics)

♦ “No current passes between this Macbeth and Lady Macbeth.” (An unfavorable review of Joel Coen’s film.)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

electrified

electrified by the rise

they were ~ of Trump

electrified and galvanised

the post ~ his supporters (President Trump)

♦ “We’re British so we don’t have electrified rooms, people don’t buzz like they do in America.” (A response to the question, “What was the mood like in the room?”)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

electrify (verb)

electrified (many) people

she ~ (a politician at a convention)

electrified the region

Tunisia’s uprising ~ (2011)

electrified the movie world

he ~ with the *Sixth Sense* (movie director)

♦ “I wanted to be at my parents’ house when the electricity came. It was in 1940. We’d all go around flipping the switch, to make sure it hadn’t come on yet. When they finally came on the lights just barely glowed. I remember my mother smiling. When they came on full, tears started to run down her cheeks.” (A farm family that got electricity from the Rural Electrification Administration.)

♦ “I’ll never forget how scared I was when Pa took me to the first [electrified and blinking] Christmas tree there in our little church. That tree just jumped at me as I went in, it was so bright and wonderful; the most beautiful thing I had ever seen in my life. When my name was called to come up for my gift it about scared me to death. Instead of going on up like the others had, I just clung to Pa’s legs and wouldn’t budge. Pa had to go up with me, holding on to my hand.” (Alma Covel, a textile worker, interviewed in the 1930s about her childhood. From “How the Christmas Tree Got Its Lights,” by Alexis Madrigal, *The Atlantic*, Dec. 24, 2010.)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / verb

electrifying

electrifying

flamenco is ~

electrifying in victory

he was ~ (sports)

electrifying best

he was at his ~ (an athlete)

electrifying and polarizing

he has been both ~ (a union leader)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

elegiac (adjective)

elegiac voice

the work has an ~ (*I'll Be Gone In The Dark*)

hauntingly elegiac

the chorus and the chords that made the song so ~

♦ *I'll Be Gone In The Dark* by Michelle McNamara is truly an elegy. For the victims. For the writer. For the pre-computer age when forensic science was in the Dark Ages. For policing before "Defund the police!" became a rallying cry. And for the one who was responsible.

♦ "Call me Shawn, call me Calvin, call me Bobby Lee / That bridge you crossed over is named after me..." (Western North Carolina State Troopers who died in the line of duty.)

comparison & contrast: affix

elegy (noun)

elegy for those bygone days

the book is an ~

♦ "Some day, they're gonna write a blues for fighters. It'll just be for slow guitar, soft trumpet and a bell." (Sonny Liston. His biography, published in 1963, was titled *The Champ Nobody Wanted*.)

speech: death & life

elephant (elephant in the room, etc.)

elephant in the pew

pornography is the ~ (Christians addicted to porn)

elephant in the room

one ~ no one wants to discuss is...

this is the ~ that nobody is talking about

the condition of these banks has been the ~ (future of EU)

that really is the ~ here... (context to political story)

there is always that ~, when you are different it is obvious

elephant in the room for all those meetings

the ~ was Russia (India-U.S.)

elephant in the room is to deal with his issue

the ~ of gender verification (trans in sports)

elephant not in the room

he is the ~ (Trump absent from debate)

4ft 8in, 105lb elephant in the room

there's no point in talking around the ~ (Simone Biles)

giant elephant (here) in this room

is there not just a ~, something we need to discuss...

real elephant in the room

the ~ here is that 60% are Black voters... (politics)

red elephant in the room

Lydia Ko names the ~ (menstruation / sports)

elephant in the room wears No. 2

the ~ (an underperforming quarterback / NFL)

address the elephant in the room

let's ~ (sexual misconduct)

but before we do this, we need to ~ (murder case)

they did not ~, the filibuster... (politics)

see the elephant

nobody wants to ~

talk about the elephant

maybe we should ~

talk about the elephant in the room

are we ever going to ~

♦ "Well, I mean, the elephant in the room as well, also, is that, although... (An overstimulated BBC pundit makes an elephant disappear.)

♦ "So we're all just going to ignore the \$400B meme stock in the room? We literally had Congressional hearings over the \$30B runs of \$GME and \$AMC, but just [crickets] today." (A tweet from prominent short-seller Jim Chanos about the 21,000% rise in the price of AMTD Digital, a largely unknown Hong Kong-based fintech.)

♦ "There are elephants in rather a lot of rooms just now." (An online commenter about extreme weather, global climate change, etc.)

♦ "This year's Golden Globes MC Jerrod Carmichael wasted no time in addressing the elephant in the room. 'I'm here because I'm Black.'" ("After 2 years of controversy, the Golden Globe Awards were back on TV," NPR, Morning Edition, Jan. 11, 2023.)

♦ A Black social-media commentator, defending the player Angel Reese, compared the coaching of Kim Mulkey at LSU to "running a plantation." Reese is Black, Mulkey is white. Nowadays, race is often "the elephant in the room."

♦ "Nobody wants to address the elephant in the room but [a named NBA player] is FAT and out of shape." (An online commenter.)

♦ "You know, he still of course is going to be you know the elephant who is not in the room. He's going to likely dominate all parts of the conversation..." (NPR's Franco Ordonez, about Trump's absence from a debate. The elephant is one of the Republican Party's symbols.)

presence & absence / size: animal

elephant ("The Blind Men and the Elephant")

skin of the elephant

it's a little bit like touching the ~

♦ "It's a little bit like touching the skin of the elephant, and you can be accurate in the spot you touch, but you might be missing ninety-nine percent of the reality of the elephant." (Richard Haass, the head of the Council on Foreign Relations, chatting with NPR's Steve Inskeep about misinformation.)

♦ Many elderly people in the US read the beloved John Godfrey Saxe poem "The Blind Men and the Elephant" when they were children. The line I remember to this day is "...each was partly in the right, and all were in the wrong!"

♦ The Wikipedia entry is titled, "Blind men and an elephant." It links the poem to ontology.

perception, perspective & point of view: allusion

elephant (effect)

extent of the elephant

from a plane I could see the entire ~ (a huge wildfire)

piece of this elephant

I'm just seeing a small ~ (a huge wildfire)

see the elephant

his two brothers marched off "to ~" (Civil War)

♦ "During the American Civil War the soldier's first experience in combat was called 'seeing the elephant.'" (*On Killing* by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman. He talks about the beast of war and also the beast in man. A search of the works of Ambrose Bierce, however, finds no mention of this usage. Nor does it appear in the *Red Badge of Courage*.)

♦ "The phrase 'seeing the elephant' is a distinct piece of American verbiage that dates to the 1830's and describes gaining knowledge from a particular experience. It was like going to town to see an elephant which had long been heard of but never seen to that point in a person's life. The phrase really came into vogue as people went West in search of a better life, adventure, and riches. The escape from plain boredom from the familiar surely did give them new insight into a greater world, hence the mythical elephant..." ("Seeing the elephant" by Kevin Kilpatrick, *Center Post-Dispatch*. He does not include any examples of use, however.)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, "Seeing The Elephant." It is very useful but lacks examples of usage.

♦ This word 'jumbo' comes from the name of an Ethiopian elephant who was brought to the US in 1882 by P. T. Barnum and displayed in Barnum's circus. The poet and etymologist John Ciardi tells Jumbo's story on NPR, "Jumbo's Big Adventure Popularizes a New Word," April 20, 2006.

♦ The "British Expedition to Abyssinia" [title of the Wikipedia entry] was a rescue and punitive mission to what is now Ethiopia. Led by Sir Robert Napier and fought by the Bombay Army, it culminated with the British seizure of the fortress of Magdala in 1868 and the suicide of the then leader of Abyssinia, Emperor Tewodros, also known as Emperor Theodore. Harold G. Marcus characterized the whole mission as 'one of the most expensive affairs of honour in history.' It was a triumph of British engineering, and the logistics included over 40,000 animals, among them forty-four trained elephants from India, which carried the heavy artillery on the march into the Ethiopian highlands. In Rudyard Kipling's "Toomai of the Elephants," Kala Nag, the elephant mentioned at the beginning of the short story, was a veteran of the mission: "He had been hoisted into a ship at the end of a steam-crane and taken for days across the water, and made to carry a mortar on his back in a strange and rocky country very far from India, and had seen the Emperor Theodore lying dead in Magdala, and had come back again in the steamer, entitled, so the soldiers said, to the Abyssinian War medal."

♦ "On the 27th, our flotilla was seen standing up the river, at nine in the morning, with all sails set. On beholding these, the Burmese made a sortie again on Campbell's right; and the most remarkable feature in this movement was the appearance of seventeen war elephants in the van, each bearing a howdah full of matchlock men. / Covered by his horse artillery, Campbell charged the bulky animals with his cavalry; the men in the howdahs were speedily shot, and no sooner did the elephants feel themselves unrestrained by the hand of their drivers, 'than they turned their stunted tails to our dragoons, and walked back to the fort with the greatest composure.' / Passing the latter with trifling loss, the flotilla, with its steam-vessel—a source of amazement and terror to the superstitious Burmese—anchored close to the left of Campbell's column." ("Kemmendine and Donabue, 1824-5," *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

♦ According to historian John Julius Norwich, Hannibal led 37 elephants over the Alps, and Norwich notes that the Carthaginians must have had some secret way with elephants, as African elephants are generally considered to be untamable, unlike their Indian counterparts.

force: animal

elevate (verb)

elevate rap from a fad to an art form

he helped ~ (Tupac Shakur)

♦ "Elevate Your Love Life. No apps. No online profiles. Just strategic dating. As the nation's leading luxury matchmaking firm, ... (A healthy white 30ish man and woman. An advertisement in *The New York Times Magazine*.)

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height / verb

elevated (level)

elevated level

~s of testosterone (sports)

elevated blood pressure

a pregnant patient with abnormally ~

severe, high, elevated, guarded, low >

(terror alert system)

increase & decrease: direction / height

elevation (noun)

his elevation

a press release announced ~ (publishing company)

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height

elf (Elves Chamber, etc.)

Elves Chamber

the ~ contains calcite formations (Marvel Cave)

♦ The *curupira* is a mischievous red-haired elf who has feet that face backwards and takes delight in making tracks that lead travelers astray. (The Amazon.)

♦ "My philosophy is, you don't have to see everything you believe in because many of your greatest experiences happen with closed eyes." (A person from Iceland, about the existence of elves.)

♦ Residents of Hafnarfjörður sometimes dress up as elves. (Iceland.)

proper name: creature

elixir (effect)

elixir

he thought it would be the ~ to save the company

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

Ellis Island (Ellis Island of the West, etc.)

Ellis Island of the black migration

the Illinois Central station, the ~ to Chicago

Ellis Island of the Southwest

El Paso is often referred to as the ~

Ellis Island of the West

Angel Island was nicknamed the ~ (San Francisco Bay)

comparison & contrast / migration: epithet

Elon Musk (epithet)

Elon Musk of his era

Sergey Korolyov, the ~ (rocketry, spaceflight)

Elon Musk, shooting-for-the-heavens

this is a wholly ~ type thing (Andrei Doroshin)

Vietnamese Elon Musk
maybe you could compare him to a ~ (Pham Nhat Vuong)

creation & transformation: epithet

elusive (adjective)

elusive
the truth is ~ (crime)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting
subterfuge: hunting

Elvis (Afghanistan's Elvis, etc.)

Elvis of (bad boy) chefs
he was the ~ (Bourdain)

Afghanistan's Elvis
they called him ~, he sang from the heart (Ahmed Zahir)

Ethiopian Elvis
the ~ Alemayehu Eshete...

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet

emasculated (adjective)

got emasculated by Tom Brady
and once Bruce Arians ~, completely undercut...

♦ Atlanta mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, in her press release announcing that she would not run for reelection as mayor, decried the possibility of Atlanta officials being "castrated on the evening news."

♦ "I circumvent the system. I *circumcise* the system." (The character Shaw from *South Side* on HBO Max.)

attenuation: health & medicine
force / strength & weakness: health & medicine

emasculating (adjective)

emasculating insult
the term 'mama's boy' is widely viewed as an ~

♦ "'Mama's boy' is a flex, not an insult." (According to NPR's Neda Ulaby.)

attenuation: health & medicine
force / strength & weakness: health & medicine

embark (embark on something)

embark on new adventures
it's time for me to ~ (she quits NPR)

embarks on a new chapter
he ~ in life (David Greene leaves NPR)

embarked on a (bold) course
he ~ intended to lead Pakistan... (Musharraf)

embarks on a (120-mile) journey
in the winter the pronghorn antelope herd ~

embarked on a big night out
they ~ (social)

embarked on a path
China ~ of reform (economy)

embarked on his (morning) run

he ~

embarked on a (hacking) spree
he ~

embark on another
it is better to finish one thing before you ~

♦ "Now, however, I have launched my boat..." (Begun painting, as opposed to drawing.)

♦ "The inscrutable river coursed northward into the jungle, sixty-five feet wide, swift, deep, black, and silent. Goodbyes were exchanged. Roosevelt, Cherrie, and Dr. Cajazeira took their places in their canoe... (Setting off on the Duvida River in Brazil. From *Colonel Roosevelt* by Edmund Morris.)

♦ "Powell's men slid their four boats into the Green River on Monday, May 24, 1869... Powell's men...would not emerge from their own unprecedented epic for ninety-eight days of nearly perpetual terror, hunger, cold, and wonder..." (*The Men Who United The States* by Simon Winchester.)

♦ "I received my instructions in the middle of March 1906, and on 17 May we left... It was a brilliant sunny day with a cloudless sky, although the air was heavy with moisture. Everybody was in the best of humour." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

♦ "I left Tangier, my birthplace, on Thursday, 2nd Rajab 725 [June 14, 1325], being at that time twenty-two years of age [22 lunar years; 21 and 4 months by solar reckoning], with the intention of making the Pilgrimage to the Holy House [at Makkah] and the Tomb of the Prophet [at Madinah]. (The great traveler Ibn Battuta.)

♦ "Beginning is easy, continuing is hard." (A Japanese saying.)

♦ see also *set out* (and *set off*)

starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / verb

embargo (noun)

"embargo"
the photo had an ~ or scheduled release time (publishing)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: government

embattled

embattled CEO
the company has replaced its ~

embattled (accounting) industry
the ~ (fraud)

embattled singer
the ~ was hounded by reporters (sex abuse)

conflict: military

embed (verb)

embed DEI (more) intentionally
~ in TESOL activities (diversity, equity, and inclusion)

attachment / identity & nature / impression / relationship: ground, terrain & land / verb

embedded

embedded in football
violence is ~

embedded in our lives
it's so ~ (screens, smartphones, computers, etc.)

embedded into (Colombian) culture
bullfights are ~

embedded reporter
he served as an ~ in Afghanistan

**attachment / identity & nature / impression / relationship:
ground, terrain & land**

emblem (emblem of freedom, etc.)

emblem of freedom
the bushranger became the ~ in a chained society (Oz)

representation: sign, signal, symbol

emblematic (adjective)

emblematic of the city
my style was very ~ (Ray Mancini / Youngstown)

representation: sign, signal, symbol

embody (verb)

embodied classical music
Bernstein ~ for several generations of listeners

embodied all those qualities
Quixote ~ (love, passion self-destructive, crazy, etc.)

embodied the resolve
the Iron Brigade ~ of Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana

embodied the fire and fragility
she ~ (the great singer Sinéad O'Connor)

representation: religion / verb

embrace (verb)

embracing who
he is ~ he is and taking control of his life

embraced the cause
he ~ (reparations for US slavery)

embrace democracy
if Palestinians ~, confront corruption and reject terror

embrace the future
a split over whether to preserve the past or ~ (Swazis)
we must ~ (trade and business issue)

embraced globalization
two nations that have ~ (Chile, Mexico)

embraced its image
the company has ~ (Starbucks)

embrace Soviet imports
the young began to ~, including vodka (Inuit)

embraced Islam
I recently ~ and this is my first Hajj

embraced it
every supervisor has ~ or paid lip service to it (change)

embrace inclusive language

~ and encourage others to do the same

embraced (for itself) the legacy
Gazprom has ~ of Peter the Great (skyscraper)

embrace reform
he urged Wall Street to ~ (Obama)

embrace risk
there is a subset of us who ~ (aviators / astronauts)

embracing the role
Alabama is ~ of the favorite (football)
he ~ of provocateur (a writer)

embracing (palliative care) specialists
more doctors are ~ as partners

embraced his (Internet) strategy
still, investors have not ~

embrace strength
Juju Chang, AANHPI women discuss how to ~

embrace (new) technology
schools are among the first to ~ (surveillance)

embrace (an uncomfortable) truth
we must ~ (US corrections)

embraces change and innovation
he ~ (a high-school principal)

embraces violence and sexuality
the show ~ (Harley Quinn)

embraced the blog world
some restaurants have ~ (instant marketing)

embrace the gift of science
we ~, which is a gift from God (Jews / reproduction)

embrace nor reject
he will neither ~ another quest for the presidency (Gore)

reluctance to embrace
America's ~ the metric system

came to embrace
I ~ multiple identities (a man from Lebanon)

♦ "No, we weren't [expecting his storm]. But he said [pointing her drink at her husband], you know what, let's just embrace it, and, um, everything will be fine." (A family from Tennessee, visiting New Orleans during tropical storm Claudette. The storm caused flooding and spawned several tornados. In Alabama, a fiery 18-vehicle crash killed 10 people, one adult and nine children.)

♦ "Embrace who you are." (A Pornhub video.)

♦ Step in / lean in and embrace it...

**acceptance & rejection / allegiance, support & betrayal /
attachment / attraction & repulsion / commitment &
determination / division & connection / welcome: arm /
gesture / verb**

embraced

embraced by Hollywood
he has been ~ (a writer)

embraced by the masses
that kind of message isn't going to be ~

embraced by physicians
until the 1960s, that approach was ~

embraced by (some) teenagers
surveillance is not only accepted but also ~

embraced by thrill seekers and martial-arts adepts
parkour has been ~

**acceptance & rejection / allegiance, support & betrayal /
attachment / attraction & repulsion / division &
connection: arm**

embroider (verb)

embroiders the truth
he sometimes ~ (a politician)

creation & transformation: cloth / verb

embryo (noun)

embryo settlements
England's ~ in North America (1600s)

embryo town
in a sketch, one sees the ~ of Hobart (1805)

growth & development: life span / biology / birth

embryonic (adjective)

embryonic European Common Market
he refused to join the ~ (Churchill)

embryonic stage
I'm still a novice, in the ~ of my career (a boxer)

growth & development: life span / biology / birth

emerge (verb)

emerging
a new world is ~ (nationalism)

emerged
a four-way race has ~ (election)

emerged that
it ~ she had...
new hope came this week when it ~ the U.S. offered...

emerged from the ashes
the League ~ of World War I

emerge from the (revolutionary) cauldron
many ~ to become conservatives

emerged from a turbulent childhood
he ~ emotionally brittle

emerge from the cocoon
he began to ~ of sorrow, rage and despair that had enveloped
him

emerge from his brother's shadow

he was desperate to ~ (Mike Quarry)

emerged as a (top talent) incubator
the art gallery has ~ (Damascus)

emerged as a pathology
Nazism ~ of an inflation-wracked country

emerge in 2017
allegations against Weinstein began to ~

emerges early
empathy, the key emotion, ~

patterns emerge
~ (VICAP cold-cases investigations)

picture emerged
a different ~ of the risks...

portrait emerges
a Jekyll and Hyde ~ of SEAL accused of murder

appearance & disappearance: plant / verb / water

emerging (adjective)

emerging artists
he had been in Singapore, to meet ~ (a curator)

Emerging Journalist
he was named "~ of the Year" (by a national association)

emerging technology
she is an expert in human behavior and ~

emerging writers
the magazine's greatest achievement was publishing ~

appearance & disappearance: plant / water

emperor (Exmoor Emperor, etc.)

Exmoor Emperor
the giant red stag known as the ~

proper name: royalty

emperor (power)

network and its emperor
the social ~, Mark Zuckerberg

power: history / person / government

empire (enterprise)

empire in the Caribbean
he built a drug-trafficking ~

empire of Facebook and Twitter
the only empire of America is the ~ and social networks

family's (business) empire
his place in the ~

banana empire
the fourth biggest ~ in the world (Noboa / Ecuador)

business empire

his place in the family's ~
his ~ encompasses... (Elon Musk)

cocaine empire
he helped run a \$1 billion ~ (Colombia)

construction empire
his late father's ~

department store empire
Marshall Field's ~

sex abuse empire
cheerleading boss ran ~ before suicide (Scott Foster)

nationwide (freight-hauling) empire
Johnnie B. Hunt, who built a ~

gambling empire
police uncovered a ~ (video poker)

publishing empire
its vast ~

drug-trafficking empire
he built a ~ in the Caribbean

freight-hauling empire
Johnnie B. Hunt, who built a nationwide ~

criminal empire
he runs a ~ from his Italian restaurant in Queens

vast (publishing) empire
its ~

\$1 billion (cocaine) empire
he helped run a ~ (Colombia)

place in the (family's business) empire
his ~

built a (nationwide empire)
Johnnie B. Hunt, who ~ (freight-hauling / trucks)

built a (drug-trafficking) empire
he ~ in the Caribbean

dismantled an empire
changes since Ferguson effectively ~ (Man U failures)

♦ "This great agricultural empire is important to the entire United States." (The Imperial Valley of California. From the introduction to the 1949 film *Border Incident*.)

power: history

empower (groups)

empower them to stand up for themselves
she can show other girls and women how to ~

empowered me to show my pregnant belly
she ~ (Amy Schumer about Bridget Everett)

empowered you as a woman
it just ~

empower Mexican Americans and other Latinos
~ to demand equal rights and recognition

empowers LGBTQ+ clients
'queer gym' ~, both physically and mentally

empower the (Deaf) community
she hopes her appearance can ~ (Raven Sutton)

empowered millions
she ~ (Shireen Abu Akleh / Palestinians, women, etc.)

celebrate, educate, and empower
we ~ African American/Diverse people (arts & counseling)

support, uplift, and empower
feel empowered, and ~ others as well (art)

♦ "[The ride] empowers warriors to find solace, healing, and strength through movement." (The website of the Wounded Warrior Project's Soldier Ride DC. See the Wikipedia entry "Wounded Warrior Project." Investigate charities carefully before donating.)

♦ "As a 6 foot, 10 inch female, my job is to empower other tall women." (Maci Currin.)

♦ "Our mission is to empower refugees through culinary education." (Chef Alexander Harris of Emma's Torch, in an advertisement for Amazon's virtual assistant Alexa.)

♦ "Y'all supplants the patriarchal *you guys*, and *elevate voices* replaces *empower*, which used to be uplifting but is now condescending." ("The Moral Case Against Euphemism" by George Packer, *The Atlantic*, April 2023. The replacement of "empower" by "elevate voices" is a good example of the euphemism treadmill.)

♦ "We empower those who act. Those who see the correlation between things above (a wave breaking) and things below the surface (a wave breaking seen from under the water). Those who navigate risk (Laird Hamilton is paddling out) with a heightened awareness of what's possible. Constant assessment, determine the best position, catch the perfect wave. (Laird surfing a wave.) CME Group. Where risk meets opportunity." (CME Group TV spot, 'Those Who Act' Featuring Laird Hamilton.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation / verb

empowered (groups)

empowered to stay well and well informed
listen and become ~ (the podcast News Over Noise)

empowered by her deeds
we can all be ~ (Harriet Tubman)

empowered look
Janelle Monae's sheer dress over a bikini created an ~

so empowered
I'm hoping when you hear it you feel ~ (Villano Antillano)

feel 'empowered'
Taylor Swift helped her ~ to re-record album (Ashanti)

Feel Empowered
"Student: Men Need To ~, Too" (Tell Me More, 2009)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

empowering (groups)

empowering about it
there's something really ~ (pose of "Fearless Girl" statue)

empowering to me
using my voice has been very ~ (an elite athlete)

inclusive and empowering

make our language more ~ (no gender assumptions)

positive, safe and empowering
our goal is to create a ~ space where... (Morphe cosmetics)

felt empowering
but I did it, and it ~ (changed name after divorce)
♦ "Beyonce's illusion bodysuit by Loewe is nothing short of empowering."

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

empowerment (groups)

empowerment
more ~, more representation (Beyond Inclusion)

Empowerment (Faculty) Award
she won WWU's Womxn of Color ~ (Regina G. Barber)

empowerment club
she was inspired to create an ~ (17-year-old schoolgirl)

empowerment tale
an exploitive male fantasy posing as an ~ (HBO's *The Idol*)

"economic empowerment"
~ has become the rallying cry

my own empowerment
~, not power, but empowerment as a woman (Lady Gaga)

More than empowerment
"~" (hype for Women's soccer)

anthem of (female and black) empowerment
the video is an ~ (Beyonce's "Formation")

symbol of empowerment
designers and celebrities present the body as a bold ~ (skin)

flip victimhood into empowerment
the art exhibit is designed to ~

♦ "The Feminine as Armor... When I wear what I want, draping my body in a Valentino gown paired with V-logo combat boots, I am power-filled... I am a divine feminine rebel, ready for battle. Proceed with caution because this bitch is free." (A full page ad for Valentino in *The New Yorker Magazine*, April 26 & May 3, 2021. Words by Janet Mock.)

♦ "I just felt like that's so insulting when people say, 'Oh you don't fight like a girl.' No, fightin' like a girl is not an insult, it's a statement of empowerment." (The Cleveland boxer Morelle McCane.)

♦ "Still, the larger concerns about *The Idol*—is it an exploitive male fantasy posing as an empowerment tale, or an ode to power, wealth and fame masquerading as a critique of it—are tough to judge from the first episode. Put simply, not enough happens to truly know where this story is headed just yet." ("HBO's 'The Idol' offers stylish yet oddly inert debut episode" by Eric Deggans, NPR, June 5, 2023.)

♦ "Young girls have more options now."

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

emptiness (depression)

emptiness
something in me broke and I felt nothing except ~

mental health: container

feeling, emotion & effect: container

empty (depression)

empty inside
catching her killer won't change anything, I'm just ~

♦ "It felt like I was empty, I had thoughts of suicide." (Bullied in school.)

mental health: container

feeling, emotion & effect: container

empty (empty words, etc.)

empty apology
her ~...

empty blockbusters
all the ~ now filling TV screens these days

empty promise
for laid-off workers, ~s of new jobs (US)
she got so many powerful people to believe in an ~

empty suit
he's an ~... (a politician)

empty threat
such talk no longer passes as an ~ (school massacres)
insiders worry they are not ~s (diplomacy)

empty words
another meeting is over, and all that is left are ~ (U.N.)

vague or empty
~ threats are worse than useless (school discipline)

♦ "Yeah, let's get real emotional and pass laws based on emotion rather than common sense. Trey Gowdy is an empty suit. He got rich in Congress while doing nothing." (Criticism of the politician at Breitbart.)

speech / substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere

empty-handed

empty-handed
she departed ~
people leave the video store ~
Liverpool will finish this season ~ (Man City)

attainment / possession: hand

encore (noun)

encore
what would she do as an ~ (fashion designer)

encore career
older workers embark on ~s
many ~s build on work and life experiences

encore of a lifetime
he was hoping for an ~ (Magic Johnson / 1992 Olympics)

enjoying an encore
the U-2 spy plane is ~

bring them back for an encore
we don't want to ~ (politicians)

♦ Nowadays, concertgoers may be offered a chance to choose the encore by text message, using their cellphones. Not everyone thinks this is a good idea.

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: theater
encounter (difficulties, etc.)

encounter bumps
many families ~ in the road to toilet training

encounter the “honeymoon shocker”
couples who ~ (a snoring spouse)

fictive meeting & seeing: verb
encounter (kill)

catch (him) and encounter (him)
we will ~ (police)

♦ “We will catch the rapist and murderer, and encounter him.”
 (“Hyderabad rape suspect found dead: Is it murder or suicide?” by Geeta
Pandey, BBC News, Delhi, Sept 18, 2021. This refers to extrajudicial
murder by police who “encounter” a suspect.)

death & life / oppression: euphemism / verb
encouraging (adjective)

certainly encouraging
the data are ~

fictive communication: speech

encrustation (affliction)

encrustations of (unflattering and beatifying) hearsay
trying to excavate Thoreau from beneath the ~

♦ see also *barnacle*

affliction / attachment: animal / boat / burden / sea
encrusted

myth-encrusted
Scott, the ~ Englishman (Robert Falcon Scott)

myth-encrusted version
that ~ of history (that newspaper brought down Nixon)

attachment / configuration / cover: materials & substances
encyclopedia (amount)

encyclopedia of sins
Europe has blamed the Jews for an ~ (Jeffrey Goldberg)

amount: books & reading

encyclopedia (knowledge)

encyclopedia of knowledge
he was remembered as the resident ~ (cooking school)

encyclopedia of (cheating) tips
he is an ~

veritable encyclopedia
he is a ~ of musical knowledge (Vic Galloway)

walking encyclopedia
he was a ~ of rhythms (a drummer)
he is a ~ on the history of rock and roll

knowledge & intelligence: books & reading

encyclopedic (adjective)

encyclopedic in breadth
the book is ~

encyclopedic knowledge
he had an ~ of theater songs (composer)
she has an ~ of criminal law
he had an ~ of Asian culture (Lockwood Kipling)

encyclopedic museum
~s have huge, permanent collections

comparison & contrast: affix

extent & scope / knowledge & intelligence: books & reading
end (go off the deep end)

go off the deep end
she might ~ (sex)

went off the deep end
she ~

restraint & lack of restraint: verb / water

behavior: verb / water

end (deep end)

deep end
she was thrown in the ~

push us off the deep end
they ~ (a non-academic Norwegian boarding school)

absorption & immersion / involvement: depth / water
end (no end in sight, etc.)

end is in sight
luckily, the ~ (end to pandemic quarantine)

no end in sight
there is ~

no ‘end’ in sight of NFL wokeness
~ (End Racism message)

no end in sight for the (government) shutdown
there is ~

future / time: distance / eye / journeys & trips
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going,
continuing & ending: distance / eye / journeys & trips
end (the end)

the end of it
but that was not ~ (a religious affair)

starting, going, continuing & ending: orientation
end (come to an end, etc.)

came to an end
my career ~ for a while (drug problem)

come to an end
it’s been a good run, but it’s ~ (Blog of the Nation)

coming to an end
is the nightmare finally ~ (politics)

nearing an end
Zach Wilson's days with the Jets are ~ (NFL)

bring the drama to an end
~ (mine rescue)

curtailment / starting, going, continuing & ending: movement

ended (his life was ended, etc.)

ended
he would have been somebody if his life wasn't ~

♦ "He would have been somebody if his life wasn't ended." (The young man was murdered.)

death & life: euphemism

endemic (adjective)

endemic in the NFL
race is ~ (lawsuit)

endemic in the start-up world
NDAs are ~ (secrecy)

endemic (drug) violence and corruption
he condemned the country's ~

♦ "Interesting the use of the word 'endemic' in this article. There's still debate as to whether COVID can be eradicated. But apparently we are past the point where that might've been possible for these spying pixels. Marketing people and their nefarious techniques are, it seems, harder than a virus." (The online commenter "ubercurmudgeon" about a BBC article on spying pixels.)

♦ "In three states—Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire—case numbers increased so much that the CDC says babesiosis should be considered endemic."

presence & absence: biology / ground, terrain & land

endgame (noun)

end game
what's the ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

endgame
could he get to the Sudan in time to see the ~ (Mahdi)

endgame to our involvement
an ~ in Afghanistan

endgame (to our involvement) in Afghanistan
an ~

uncertain endgame
Iran is a factor in the ~ in Afghanistan (diplomacy)

starting, going, continuing & ending / strategy: chess

end run (noun)

end round around the Vacancies Act
this seems to be an ~ (politics)

end run around the union
union leaders have denounced the plan as an ~

end run around the public's wishes
liberals are pursuing ~ (politics)

regulatory end run
a ~ around the FDA (Theranos)

try an end run
they plan to ~ to prove their theory (virology)

avoidance & separation: football / movement / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

enemy (conflict)

enemy
I felt like time was my ~ (child stranger abduction)
the *Fitzgerald* was now at war, the ~ the sea (sinking)
Democrats welcome change, not as an ~ but as an ally
we must stand like in wartime, except now the ~ is a virus
nature is not an ~ to be conquered (Norwegian explorers)
uncertainty is the ~ (attempts to get hostage released)

enemies of action
politeness and diplomacy are often the ~

enemy of business
instability and uncertainty are the ~

enemy of the good
don't let the perfect be the ~

enemy of warmth
sweating is the ~ (the Arctic)

enemy number one
~ is the sun (skin cancer)

number one enemy
time is the ~ during active shooter response

hidden enemy
landmines, the ~

sworn enemy
Levi was a ~ of denial in all its forms (Primo Levi)

dangerous enemy
sweating is a ~ (Arctic clothing)

formidable enemy
time is always the most ~ in an epidemic

mortal enemy
unlawful command influence is the ~ of military justice

old enemy
influenza is an ~, one that comes every year

shifty enemy
we're dealing with a really ~ (Omicron virus strain)

strongest enemy
overconfidence was his ~ (Francois Botha vs. Tyson)

invisible, horrible enemy
defending our nation from this ~ (COVID-19)

invisible sneaky enemy

it's microscopic, fast and mysterious, an ~ (virus)

considered dust to be an enemy

I have long considered ~ (an asthmatic allergic to dust mites)

sees the press as an enemy

she ~ (LSU coach Kim Mulkey)

♦ "As I always say, don't let profound be the enemy of interesting." / "Hold on while I call the Nobel Prize Committee." (The last panel of a great Non Sequitur cartoon by Wiley Miller, June 20, 2021.)

♦ "The enemy stands 602 feet tall and weighs 15 million tons." (Shasta Dam versus the Winnemen Wintu group, which is opposed to making the dam higher.)

♦ "It's microscopic, fast and mysterious, an invisible sneaky enemy." (Saudi journalist Maha Akeel, writing about COVID-19.)

♦ "We are fighting malaria as we are fighting the Maoist rebels. The mosquitoes are deadlier than the Maoists since we are more vulnerable to their attacks. Mosquitoes are killing more security forces than the rebels." (Akhileshwar Pandey, president of the Jharkhand police association, on the deaths of more than 100 policemen and soldiers from cerebral malaria. The police and paramilitary forces are stationed in forest camps.)

♦ "The enemy of my enemy is my friend."

♦ "Keep your friends close, and your enemies closer."

♦ "An enemy will agree, but a friend will argue."

♦ "One hundred friends are too few; one enemy is too many."

♦ see also *friend* (noun)

conflict: military / person

relationship: person

person: military

engine (engine room)

engine room of growth for the industry

streaming is the ~ (Spotify, etc. / music)

engine rooms of a government

he takes us into the ~ under attack by its own leaders

in their 'engine room'

they have race winners ~ (Team Ineos / Sky)

♦ "They put together a joint command operation, a boiler room... The boiler room functioned as a nerve center." (A political campaign.)

♦ "But the most extraordinary thing about Machinery Hall was the great motor that powered everything else. The Grand Central Engine, sometimes simply called the Centennial Steam Engine, was the largest engine in the world... Constructed by the brilliant American engineer George Cortiss, it supplied free steam power to the more than eight thousand smaller machines on display throughout the hall. / Visitors from other countries were enchanted by the technological prowess marshaled in Machinery Hall...The Times of London gushed, 'The American invents as the Greek sculpted and the Italian painted: it is genius.'" (The 1876 Philadelphia World's Fair. From *In the Kingdom of Ice: The Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeannette* by Hampton Sides.)

♦ Back room, boiler room, engine room, war room, nerve center...

driving force: engine

engine (person)

better engine

he's probably got a ~ because he's a smaller frame (boxer)

great engine

he was quick, he's got a ~, he could run all day

ridiculous engine

Del Boy's got this ~ now, he's fitter, slimmer, smarter

♦ "He was quick, he's got a great engine, he could run all day." (The young footballer Jamie Vardy.)

♦ He had a non-stop motor, no-quit attitude, and willingness to... (A football player.)

♦ "If Usyk keeps a high pace and makes Joshua miss with a lot of shots, that will work to Usyk's advantage as he has probably got a better engine." (Former world champion George Groves, about Oleksandr Usyk vs. Anthony Joshua.)

driving force: engine

engine (driving force)

engine

he was the ~ that helped Pittsburgh's offense go (NFL)

engine of growth

Punjab is the ~ for Pakistan

engine of prosperity

Harlem could be an ~

engine of (upward) mobility

education was the most reliable ~ (blacks)

engine for prosperity

the US economy is a fantastic ~

economic engine

biotechnology could be the state's new ~

AI could be a massive ~ (for states)

economic and industrial engine

Lombardy is Italy's ~

driving force: engine

engineered

engineered by the ETA

the explosion was ~ (terrorism)

creation & transformation: infrastructure

engineering (noun)

social engineering

Radio 2 became committed to ~ (BBC)

creation & transformation: infrastructure

engraved (impression)

engraved in my heart

your faces are ~

impression: mark / tools & technology

enmeshed

enmeshed in corruption

he is ~

involvement: movement / rope

situation: rope

enomics (and nomics)

Cold-o-nomics

“~” by Stacey Vanek Smith, Cardiff Garcia

DACA-nomics
~ (NPR / Latino USA)

Gastro-Nomics
“~: Hunting for A Good Meal...” (Selena Simmons-Duffin)

Pandemoc-onomics
“~: Lessons From the Spanish Flu” (Planet Money)

tip-onomics
they will talk about ~ (see quote below)

Truss-enomics
and now ~ lies in tatters (U.K.)

♦ “Roben Farzad host of Public Radio’s ‘Full Disclosure’ joins *Here & Now*’s Celeste Headlee to talk all things tip-onomics. This article was originally published on WBUR.org...” (“Tip-flation sees some restaurants asking for 30% tips,” NPR, *Here & Now*, August 23, 2022.)

♦ See “Meanings of -nomics in English: From Nixonomics to coronanomics” by Gordana Lalic-Kristin (Gordana Lalić-Kristin), Nadezda Silaski (Nadežda Silažki), and Tatjana Durovic (Tatjana Đurović). Its subtitle is “How -nomics has extended its original meaning to additional senses.” It’s a perfect paper, available online.)

♦ Wiktionary is excellent, as usual. Type in -nomics, then click on “English terms suffixed with -nomics,” and you will find a comprehensive list. How do they do it!

language: affix

enormously (exciting, etc.)

enormously emotional
it was ~ (the ending of a great film)

enormously exciting
it was ~ because we were finding things... (fossils)

enormously worrying
it is ~ (nuclear powerplant in war zone)

enormously distressed
we are ~ by the news and our thoughts and prayers...

surprised me enormously
it ~

♦ see also *big* (*big love, etc.*), *great* (*great hatred, etc.*), *huge* (*huge gratitude, etc.*)

feeling, emotion & effect: size

enrich (verb)

enrich education
different perspectives, stories, and experiences ~

increase & decrease / worth & lack of worth: money / verb

enshrine (verb)

enshrine abortion
the move to ~ (in the French constitution)

enshrines (beach) access for all
the act ~ (California)

enshrine (very particular) ideologies
rankings ~ (of colleges, etc.)

enshrines free speech
the US ~ in its constitution

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

enshrined

enshrined in the Constitution
a common misperception is that this principle is ~

enshrined in the first amendment
the right to freedom of speech is ~ of the US constitution

enshrined in law
the right to maternity leave is now ~ (Switzerland)

enshrined in textbooks
false claims have been ~ (medicine)

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

ensnare (verb)

ensnared a former ambassador
the expanding investigation has ~ (FARA violations)

ensnared dozens of executives
the scandal has ~

ensnared scores of investors
his scam lasted for years and ~

ensnared them
their own greed ~

involvement / situation: hunting / rope / verb
danger / pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / rope / verb

ensnared

ensnared in the downturn
Seattle has been ~ (economy)

ensnared in the inquiry
he has been ~ (politics)

ensnared in a (public-relations) nightmare
he wound up ~

ensnared in legal proceedings
he spent a huge amount of time ~

ensnared in the scandal
he was ~ (a lobbyist)

ensnared in a love triangle
she was ~

ensnared by blood feuds
thousands of innocents have been ~ (Albania)

ensnared by a traffic jam
I was ~ on my way to work

ensnared by the investigation
he is the most prominent executive to be ~

ensnared by a (bizarre online extortion) plot
he was ~ (catfished)

became ensnared
he ~ in a tax inquiry

got ensnared
she ~ by fast food at the age of six (McDonald's)

found himself ensnared
he has ~ in allegations of corruption

**involvement / situation: hunting / rope
pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / rope**

ensnarled (involvement)

ensnarled in the (developing racial) unrest
Lutheran authorities worried Graetz might become ~

involvement / situation: rope

entangled (involvement)

entangled in history
to live in Moscow is to be ~

entangled in the probe
another associate of the President has become ~

entangled in the Syrian War
he became ~ (James Le Mesurier)

involvement / situation: movement / rope

enter (enter a new era, etc.)

entering a new era
we are ~ (warfighting / cheap but effective drones)

**development / time: coming, arriving, staying, leaving &
returning / movement / verb**

enthralled

enthralled by media coverage
the public was ~ (a murder case and trial)

kept Mr Nikai enthralled
it is China's economic power that has ~ (Japan)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

enthraling (adjective)

enthraling bout
the ~ ended in a draw (boxing)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

entranced

entranced by one player
lots of people are ~ in particular (Zion Williamson)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

entrancing (adjective)

entrancing

it was ~ (a video of the Mongol Derby)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

entrenched

entrenched in Atlanta
Mexican drug traffickers are firmly ~

entrenched in Uganda
anti-gay feeling is ~

entrenched on opposite sides
Democrats and Republicans are ~ of the issue (abortion)

entrenched attitudes
~ still make it difficult to report rape (Mexico)

entrenched bureaucracy
the VA is an ~

entrenched insider
he is a Washington outsider facing down ~s

entrenched interests
powerful ~ will thwart him

entrenched leader
the protests have toppled ~s in Egypt and Tunisia

entrenched practice
she is seeking asylum from Guinea's ~ of FGM

entrenched problems
the next police superintendent will have to take on ~

entrenched or sedimented
deeply ~ expectations of gendered existence (feminism)

culturally entrenched
child-rearing traditions are ~ (diapers, etc.)

deeply entrenched
lighting fireworks to celebrate is a ~ custom (Peru)

firmly entrenched
Mexican drug traffickers are ~ in Atlanta
the videos appear to be ~ in the blogosphere

well entrenched
Wal-Mart's reputation is ~

even more entrenched
denial is becoming ~ (in politics)

become (deeply) entrenched
conspiracy thinking has ~ in American society

**protection & lack of protection / resistance, opposition &
defeat / survival, persistence & endurance: fortification /
ground, terrain & land / military**

entwined

entwined in our lives
our devices are so ~ (smart phones, screens, computers, etc.)

became entwined
the moment when the lives of two strangers ~ (photo)

involvement: cloth / rope
attachment / division & connection: cloth / rope
relationship: cloth / rope

envelope (push the envelope)

push the envelope

trendsetters ~ (eco-friendly motels)
entertainment continues to ~ (sex and kids)

pushed the envelope

the company has always ~ (oil drilling)

pushing the envelope

he was always ~, looking for a good time

pushing the envelope

he was always ~, looking for a good time

pushes the envelope on safety

the race often ~ (Giro d'Italia death in 2011)

push the envelope on what

they are trying to ~ is possible... (Google)

♦ This expression seems to have originated with test pilots and flying.

restraint & lack of restraint: allusion / plane / verb

constraint & lack of constraint: allusion / plane / verb

envision (envision the future, etc.)

envisioned the end

it was not how he ~ of his character (TV show)

consciousness & awareness: eye / verb

future / time: eye / verb

envy (self-promotion envy, etc.)

Christmas envy

a lot of us have ~ (comic Jack Black)

insurrectionist envy

democrats have “~” of the Capitol riot (Michael Moore)

lottery envy

~ in the 5 states... (Powerball)

Marvel envy

“~” and “shared universes” (the *Hollywood Reporter*)

self-promotion-envy

that can trigger a ~ spiral (someone’s Facebook page)

Tea Party envy

why liberals have ~ (politics)

Spiritual Envy

~: *An Agnostic’s Quest* (a book by Michael Krasny)

wedding envy

~ is as old as weddings themselves (Xochitl Gonzalez)

♦ “You’ll find yourself envy-surfing Zillow listings on your phone while you watch.” (Glen Weldon, NPR, Pop Culture Happy Hour, about *The Adam Project*.)

♦ “Powerball’s \$1.5 billion jackpot is driving lottery envy in the 5 states where people can’t buy tickets” by Kim Chandler, Mark Thiessen and *The Associated Press*, November 4, 2022.)

mental health / wants, needs, hopes & goals: society

epic (noun)

epic

to a climber, “~” means “near total disaster”

epic battle

their ~s for championship crowns (sports)
hooked makos diving into boats during ~s with anglers
their ~ Saturday night (Micky Ward vs. Arturo Gatti)

epic bout

wondering if an ~ was in store (boxing)

epic breakout

Jimmy Fastenrath was at the Marines’ ~ from Chosin (Korean War)

epic chronicle

Robert Caro’s ~ of the life and times of Lyndon Johnson

epic confrontation

the expedition was not supposed to be an ~ with death

Epic Conquest

“East of the Sun, the ~ and Tragic History of Siberia”

epic day

this was an ~ (satisfied motorcyclist)
tales of an ~ at Waimea Bay (surfing)

epic fail

her ~ is still a raw nerve among Democrats (Hillary)

epic failure

he stands at the precipice of ~ (politician)

epic game

its ~ against the Soviets (hockey)
Syracuse won an ~ (6 overtimes)

epic party

remembering swells and ~s (surfing milieu)

epic proportions

it was a catastrophe of ~ (1928 St. Francis Dam fail)

epic rivalry

Muhammad Ali’s ~ with Joe Frazier (boxers)

epic scale

the ~, and epic inefficiency, of its coal economy
both of them liked to do things on an ~ (government)

epic (playoff) series

O’Neal wouldn’t allow this ~ to end early (NBA)

epic terms

Mendes saw the material in larger, ~ (comic books)

epic (surf) wave

an ~ had formed over Brookmont Dam (kayaking)

Everest epic

accounts of the 1963 ~ resonated loud and long

gangster epic

this grandly stylized ~ (John Woo / *A better Tomorrow*)

superlative: Iliad & Odyssey

epicenter (noun)

epicenter of (countercultural) attitudes
Laurel Canyon became an ~ (1960s)

epicenter of that battle
Birmingham became the ~ (for civil rights)

epicenter of the disease
in Nigeria, the ~ in Africa (polio)

epicenter of the (new) disease
New York City, the ~ (AIDS)

epicenter of the epidemic
Gorakhpur, the ~ (Japanese encephalitis)

epicenter of youth culture
the ~ (Shimokitazawa in Tokyo)

riot's epicenter
South-Central, the ~ (LA)

global epicenter
Vegas is boxing's ~

♦ "I'm inside the corridors of the Papa Giovanni XXIII Hospital. And it was really the epicenter of the epicenter, absolutely overwhelmed in the first wave, the scenes that woke the West up to what was in store for them... The mental scars still run very deep... and will take a generation to fade." (BBC Correspondent Mark Lowen in Bergamo, Dec. 23, 2020.)

location / place: earthquake

center & periphery: earthquake

epidemic (noun)

epidemic
amid that ~, one single infection was fateful (NotPetya)
this is an ~ we can control (school shootings)

epidemic of crack
the neighborhood is recovering from an ~

epidemic of fear
an ~ has spread over about 130 villages (black magic)

epidemic of piracy
there has been an ~ off the coast of Somalia

epidemic of violence
an ~ which is rapidly spreading
there's an ~ that is sickening the soul of this nation

epidemic proportions
underage drinking has reached ~

NFL's (domestic violence) epidemic
study and rectify the ~ (players beat their partners)

crack epidemic
the nineteen-eighties issued in the ~

loneliness epidemic
can we combat America's ~ (public health)

cheating epidemic
some blame schools for the ~

this ~ and the 'essay mills' who profit from it

hidden epidemic
sex trafficking is a ~ (US)

silent epidemic
the ~ of America's problem with guns (suicide)

stem the epidemic
we have done nothing to ~ of violence

verge on an epidemic
mental health problems that ~ (colleges)

♦ Epidemics follow war.

♦ Endemic, epidemic, pandemic...

♦ "Murderous epidemics were routine in the lightly sanitized, pre-antibiotic world."

♦ "No one knows how many thousands of Comanches died in the cholera epidemic of 1849."

♦ "Typhoid is epidemic along the entire Susquehanna Valley, lasting the year round. / Dr. Edson describes the streets as still reeking with filth, and says that disinfectants are still apparently unknown to the majority of the people there." ("The Plague At Plymouth," *The New York Times*, May 17, 1885.)

♦ "New York City had seen its share of epidemic disease. From the Dutch settlement forward, infectious outbreaks were a common part of daily life." (*Bellevue: Three Centuries of Medicine and Mayhem at America's Most Storied Hospital* by David Oshinsky.)

♦ "Most of the adult male leaders in Samoa died during the 1918 epidemic."

affliction / amount & effect / extent & scope: health & medicine

epitaph (noun)

epitaph for his campaign
the ~ may be that... (losing politician)

career epitaph
the lone word on his ~ might have been 'pioneer'

♦ "This be the verse you grave for me: / Here he lies where he longed to be; / Home is the sailor, home from sea, / and the hunter home from the hill." ("Requiem" by Robert Louis Stevenson.)

destruction: burial / death & life

equality (groups)

equality and freedom
ensuring America lives up to its foundational values of ~

Animal Equality
the animal rights group ~
his ~ colleagues in Germany, Italy, Mexico, Spain and...

gender equality
she has pushed for ~

marriage equality
we should reconsider ~ (gay marriage / SCOTUS)

justice and equality
she was a champion of ~ (RBG)

unity and equality
his message of ~ (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

visibility, representation and equality

thanks to increases in ~, more LGBTQ folks can come out
steps towards equality

we have made some toddler ~, and then we fall back

equality matters
~ (BBC)

made equality a diagnosis
it has ~ for America's ills (the Democratic Party)

prevent equality
the sports argument is the latest salvo to ~ (trans)

talk about equality
we're still in a place where we have to ~ (female sport)

♦ "With protests unfolding almost daily throughout the country, one hopes this isn't just rinse and repeat—lament the dead, demand justice, another cop kills another unarmed Black person, and so on." ("Pharoah Monch, Styles P Call Fight For Equality 'Same S***, Different Toilet'" by Marcus J. Moore, NPR Music, June 5, 2020.)

*** analysis

♦ "The law, in its majestic equality, forbids rich and poor alike to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal their bread. This equality is one of the benefits of the Revolution." (Anatole France, *The Red Lily*.)

♦ Ambrose Bierce did not see fit to define equality in *The Devil's Dictionary*.

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

equate (verb)

equates not getting the COVID shot to drunk driving
he ~ (a politician)

comparison & contrast: number / verb

equation (noun)

changed the equation
the added sanctions don't seem to have ~ (diplomacy)

strategy: number

analysis, interpretation & explanation: number

equilibrium (noun)

equilibrium between mankind and nature
how to restore ~

equilibrium of our (hyper-globalized) world
the delicate ~ (war)

emotional equilibrium
trolls try to disrupt your ~ (Internet)

mental equilibrium
she works hard to maintain her ~ (video celebrity)

precarious equilibrium
maintain a ~ that will prevent... (Isaiah Berlin / society)

equilibrium returns
when you peel off from the herd, your ~ (a politician)

achieve equilibrium
the goal is to ~ (diplomacy)

maintain some equilibrium

the dramas teach you to think and ~ (gentle parenting)

reached an equilibrium
eventually they ~ (dose and side effects)

regain (emotional) equilibrium
songs about trying to ~

equilibrium & stability: scale

equity (groups)

equity
~ is the product of an invisible legal revolution

equity in the entertainment industry
in a report on ~, McKinsey & Company notes that...

equity activists
the Democratic Party and its ~

Equity Affairs
the Office of ~ (Wake County public-school system)

equity issue
shade is an ~ (Mayor Eric Garcetti of LA / trees)
moving the SAT online is not going to eliminate ~s
transgender health care is an ~, not a political one

Equity Language
the Sierra Club's ~ Guide discourages using the words...

equity language
~ fails at what it claims to do (the writer George Packer)
the gap between ~ and ordinary speech (*Latinx*, etc.)
~ has a willed, unnatural quality (so-called "people-first")
~ demands conformity (bureaucratic and moral)

equity-language
~ guides are proliferating... Cancer Society, etc.)

equity-themed
a session at an ~ teachers' conference

equity and inclusion
the culture of ~ at Georgetown Law

heat equity
~ reduces the inequitable distribution of risk
~ is an environmental justice issue
~ is the right to have thermally safe environments

Period Equity
Rutgers University has a ~ Project (menstruators)

tree equity
American Forests has championed "~"
American Forests has piloted a ~ score (U.S. cities)

environmental equity
climate justice and ~

menstrual equity
advocates for ~ oppose a sales tax on menstrual products

racial equity
everything has a ~ component to it (White House)
a \$1B pilot project to build ~ in America's roads

thermal equity

~ includes heat and cold (vs. heat equity)

broadband and digital equity

the director of ~ (Baltimore)

diversity, equity, and inclusion

embed ~ (DEI) intentionally in TESOL activities

♦ Equity is “removing the predictability of success or failures that currently correlates with any social or cultural factor.” (National Equity Project.)

♦ According to the American Forests’ website, “But a map of tree cover in America’s cities is too often a map of income and race. That’s because, due to decades of redlining and other discriminatory policies, trees are often sparse in neighborhoods with more low-income families and people of color.”

♦ “I really think about “sleep equity” as an access issue. What we find in society is that caregiving roles or shift work—working when your body would rather be sleeping—disproportionately falls on people of color, Black people, other people of color.” (Lauren Whitehouse, an assistant professor of psychology and cognitive neuroscience at the University of Kentucky. From “More than a third of U.S. adults don’t get enough sleep. Here’s how to get the rest we need,” Sacha Pfeiffer, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022.)

♦ Access (lack of access, etc.); disparity (racial disparities in education, etc.); disproportionate (disproportionate number of African-Americans, etc.); disproportionately (a disproportionately high rate, disproportionately burdening, affects women disproportionately, etc.); gap (gap between whites and blacks); inequity; parity; rates (suffer from higher rates); systemic; systematic; underrepresented (underrepresented accent groups), underserved (underserved communities, historically underserved); uneven (uneven growth and development)... (Words and phrases that typically occur with equity...)

♦ “Equity is everywhere. The Biden White House even has something called the Office of Climate Change and Health Equity.” (“The Inequality of ‘Equity,’” by Christopher Caldwell, *National Review*, May 17, 2021.)

♦ “Equity-language guides are proliferating among some of the country’s leading institutions, particularly nonprofits.” (The American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the American Psychological Association, the American Medical Association, the National Recreation and Park Association, the Columbia University School of Professional Studies, the University of Washington, the Sierra Club, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Stanford University (“Elimination of Harmful Language Initiative”), a division of the University of Southern California’s School of Social Work... Mentioned in “The Moral Case Against Euphemism” by George Packer, *The Atlantic*, April 2023. He writes brilliantly about the language.)

♦ “I care a lot about period poverty.” (Syria Chippalthurty, 17, from Houston. “Period poverty” refers to the lack of access to menstrual products and education.)

♦ “so there are more stories, validation about 43 year old women having consensual sex with 15 and 17 year old men—gender is the point—than 43 year old men having unconsensual sex with...anyone under the age of 18?” (An online commenter, about a woman who had sex with boys.)

♦ “The Nobels Overwhelmingly Go to Men—This Year’s Prize For Medicine Was No Exception,” NPR, by Nell Greenfieldboyce and Madeline K. Sofia.)

♦ “Few Black men become school psychologists. Why that matters.” (NPR.)

♦ “Bringing diversity to Maine’s nearly all-white lobster fleet,” NPR, All Things Considered, Sept. 15, 2022.

♦ “Orchestras have traditionally been a pretty white space.” (Diversity, equity and inclusion / DEI.)

♦ “Anthony Tommasini, formerly the New York Times’s chief classical-music critic, has proposed that orchestras stop ‘blind auditions’. He hopes that making visible the race of musicians applying for jobs will increase the number of non-white performers, but this would mean, as he acknowledged, ending a practice that from the 1970s helped raise the number of women in orchestras.” (“Classical music: Airs and Graces,” *The Economist*, November 19th, 2022.)

♦ “Tennis being a predominantly white sport...” (Coco Gauff speaking about Serena Williams. Both are Black professional tennis players.)

♦ “We need [a woman in Formula 1], we need diversity. (Caitlyn Jenner.)

♦ “Why are there no openly gay male MMA fighters?” (BBC.)

♦ “Who is the outdoors for, who gets to enjoy these wild places.” (PBS / America Outdoors. This follows on tropes like “Birding while Black” and “there is a lack of representation of Black people in mountaineering and in high-altitude mountaineering,” etc.)

♦ “Lor Sabourin became the first non-binary climber to send 5.14 trad with East Coast Fist Bump in Sedona, Arizona.”

♦ “San Francisco’s Latinos disproportionately affected by monkeypox.” (NBC Latino.)

♦ “We have increasing social disparities.” (STDs / public health.)

♦ “If the girl pop stars like Britney and Christina, if they can be sexual and flaunt their sexuality around I don’t see why I can’t either.” (Singer Ari Gold, 2007.)

♦ “Initiatives to reduce *disadvantage* [italics mine] among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.”

♦ “[Francoise] Brouger says we will know we have equity ‘when we see mediocre women getting through the executive ranks, because I can tell you there are a ton of mediocre men.’” (“Pinterest paid its most senior woman \$22.5M for gender discrimination. There’s a lot more to the story” by Janice Min, *Time Magazine*, April 12 / April 19, 2021.)

♦ “Newsom, like Biden, was also under significant pressure to appoint a Black woman in the role after he made a public pledge to do so in 2021, amid speculation about Feinstein’s possible retirement. Such pledges have become more common in liberal politics, a way to signal solidarity with an increasingly diverse electorate, and a go-to move for white male Democrats in particular.” (“In Search of Kamala Harris” by Astead W. Herndon, *The New York Times Magazine*, October 22, 2023.)

♦ “I don’t want to hear one more peep out of them about diversity, equity, and inclusion. I don’t wanna see any more of our C-suite execs recommend books for women’s history month. There were tangible actions they could’ve taken and they chose to perform these values. No thank you.” (An underpaid employee with an Asian name who was repeatedly turned down for a raise. She finally applied for her job as a new hire at a higher salary, and her posts went viral.)

♦ “There is plenty of room in the world for mediocre men, but there is no room for mediocre women.”

♦ “The myth that Black and brown are moving together in equity...” (Los Angeles politics.)

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♦ “Equity is a fig-leaf term for lowering standards.” (The linguist John McWhorter.)

♦ “If we’re rolling our eyes at African-Americans, then we should be rolling our eyes at everyone else.” (Amani Nuru-Jeter.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

equivalent (noun)

equivalent of Area 51

this could be China’s ~ (airfield in Lop Nur area)

equivalent of “a new El Dorado”

the newspaper described the islands as the ~ (guano)

equivalent of “mechanical doping”

the shoes are the ~ (Nike shoes at Tokyo Olympics)

equivalent of a conscientious objector

he views himself as the ~ (refuses to get vaccinated)

equivalent of the full-court press

a decoy deadline is the productivity ~ (deadlines)

equivalent to a slap on the wrist

this is the ~

food equivalent
it's the ~ of the "Mona Lisa" (Jiro's in Japan)

mental health equivalent
advocates envision 988 as the ~ to 911

software equivalent
it's the ~ of cancer (code to unlock iPhone)

Twitter equivalent
Benet gave Justice the ~ of a fist-bump (bro-ing up)

French equivalent
she won a Cesar, the ~ of an Oscar (Kristen Stewart)

legal equivalent
the case is the ~ to nails on a chalkboard (problems)

literary equivalent
it is the ~ of potato chips (a VERY interesting book)

political equivalent
this was the ~ of capital punishment (calls for resignation)
it was the ~ of a food fight (presidential debate)

♦ "By using sports terms, one could say the atmosphere has been exposed to doping, which means we have begun observing extremes more often than before." (Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization.)

comparison & contrast: number

era (time)

era of judging
the ~ 4-year-olds is over (educational testing)

vaccine era
back in December and January in the beginning of the ~

waterbed era
he was hired right in the beginning of the ~ (cold case)

four-belt era
Scotland's first undisputed world champion in the ~

Tin Foil Hat Era
welcome to the ~ (conspiracy theories / 2024)

bygone era
in modern-day America, there is no such thing as a ~

golden era
the ~ of whaling, from about 1820 to 1860
the ~ of boxing was the 80s and 90s (20th century)

change of era
it was a ~ in tennis (Federer beats Sampras in 2001)

end of an era
is it the ~ for James (the great NBA player LeBron James)

entering a new era
we are ~ (warfighting / cheap but effective drones)

♦ "This era is bereft of talent. Last good HW era finished at Holyfield & Lewis. It's been crap ever since." (A boxing fan.)

time: history

erase (groups, etc.)

erase me from my own (Defacement) conversation
mediocre bitch... trying to ~ (Chaedria LaBouvier)

erased women as public beings
laws that ~ (Afghanistan)

erase the refugee camp
it's an attempt to ~ (Israeli incursion in Jenin / PA)

erase our existence
they are trying to ~ and make us invisible (LGBTQ)

erase the legacy
they seek to ~ of discrimination and lived experiences

erase the past
they are desperately trying to ~ and we won't stand for it

erase his past
he would like to ~ (a gang member)

erase us and our families
they are trying to ~ (Don't Say Gay Bill)

cancel or erases
I want to assure people this in no way ~ history

dehumanise and erase
stories ~ the multiplicity of black people's existence

obscure or even erase
teaching online will ~ my presence (a black female)

♦ "There are so many anti-LGBTQ attacks going on around the country and a lot of them are really about trying to erase our existence and to make us invisible, and to make our young people invisible and our elders invisible." (Michael Adams, CEO of SAGE.)

♦ "They tried hard to erase me, I mean erase my name, erase my position, erase my songs, erase my face, erase the memory of me, but they couldn't." ("Iranian Singer Googoosh Raises Her Voice To Keep Her Nation's Culture Alive," NPR, All Things Considered, Sept 29, 2021.)

♦ "I felt like books were almost in some passive way, judging me for being who I was, simply by erasing me from the idea, like from the canon in and of itself, right? If I'm not shown or if I don't exist in a story, then that means that somebody doesn't find my life valuable enough to talk about, right? So why would I engage in something that's not engaging with me?" (Jason Reynolds, National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, an award which is presented bi-annually by the Library of Congress.)

♦ "Hey my sweet sister. Let's please not allow this business to erase our talent with giving grey areas and technicalities. Take a moment and know the history. DON'T BE A PART OF ERASING IT. I wish you the best. (Mo'Nique Worldwide responding to a tweet by Rebel Wilson.)

♦ Petrovsky-Shtern told me, "From a purely historical standpoint, there is no comparison" between the Holocaust and the Russian invasion of Ukraine... But, he added, "from the point of view of rhetoric, the comparison makes sense. [Zelensky] is saying, 'They are coming to erase us.' ("The Memorial: A Holocaust atrocity was about to be commemorated. Then came another war" by Masha Gessen, *The New Yorker*, April 18, 2022.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence / verb

erased (groups, etc.)

erased
so much history about queer life has been ~ (POC)

erased from public discourse
this moment in history has been all but ~

erased from history
 the battalion of black women ~ (“Six Triple Eight”)

erased from Kansas
 we’ve been virtually ~ and are invisible (Kaw Nation)

erased from American teaching
 knowing your history has essentially been ~...

erased and invisible
 being ~ from conversations (non-binary gestation parent)

erased or pushed back into the closet
 families and teachers can be gay without being ~ (Florida)

particularly erased
 older women are ~ (TV & films / Geena Davis Institute)

lost or erased
 the rediscovery of ~ black cemeteries raises many issues

- ♦ “We refuse to be invisible, we refuse to be erased. (A Pride parade.)
- ♦ We’re not going anywhere; we’re here to stay; we’re in your face; we’re present and not absent; you will not erase us... (Demonstrators, chants, signs, and banners.)
- ♦ “Justin Torres’s genre-defying new book, “Blackouts,” explores what it means to be erased and how to persist after being wiped away.” (Hugh Ryan’s review of the book in *The New York Times*. The book won the 2023 National Book Award for fiction.)
- ♦ “Oftentimes we don’t use the word *lost* or *abandoned*, we are really saying erased, physically erased from the landscape for other purposes.” (Antoinette Jackson, Chair of the Anthropology Department at the University of South Florida, about a Black cemetery. From “Thank God you found me’: Florida officials unearth a fourth forgotten Black cemetery,” NPR, All Things Considered, Dec 20, 2021.)
- ♦ “Knowing your history has essentially been erased from American teaching, how do you preserve your history and culture?” (Sommer Hill interviews Devin Mellor, “Faces of NPR: Devin Mellor,” Dec. 1, 2021.)
- ♦ “Six Triple Eight: The battalion of black women erased from history” by Oprah Flash & Amy Johnston, BBC, July 5, 2023. The Google query, “How many Americans served in World War II?” returns the answer, “16 million.”

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence
erasure (groups, etc.)

Erasure of Black Girls’ Childhood
Girlhood Interrupted: The ~ (a book by Jamilia Blake)

erasure (of women & BIPOC) from American history
 the ~ is a feature of white supremacy

erasure of my existence
 I hear that call as a complete ~ (Dahlia Belle, Black trans)

erasure upon erasure
 Torres layers ~ (Hugh Ryan’s review of *Blackouts*)

society’s erasure
 frustrated by ~, the Lesbian Avengers fought back (NPR)

self-erasure
 ~ and self-display (eating disorders)

black erasure
 the term ~ is real and not an exaggeration (Questlove)
 I want to make sure that ~ doesn’t happen (Questlove)

black equestrian erasure

the history of ~

Black and LGBTQ erasure
 students are resisting ~ in the whitest county in California

bi-erasure
 there is a lot of bi-phobia and ~ that exists in society

non-binary erasure
 saying “girls and boys” is ~

cultural erasure
 Bilozaze was as immersed as ever in that history of ~
 art to help people survive genocide and ~ (native women)
 all the racial implications inherent in ~ (music)
 ~, or broke conventions of genre, gender and identity...
 mass detention, forced labor and ~

purposeful erasure
 the data isn’t there because they don’t collect it, this is ~

- ♦ “We have 100+ statues and portraits in the Capitol. Almost all of them are of white men. The erasure of women & BIPOC from American history is a feature of white supremacy.” (A tweet attributed to Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez by *The New York Post*.)
- ♦ “For many years, when our tribal leadership would go to them and push for resources and highlight this issue, they’d say, ‘but where’s your data?’ But we know the data isn’t there because they’re not collecting it. This is purposeful erasure.” (Abigail Echo-Hawk, director of the Urban Indian Health Institute.)
- ♦ “In the piece, Elizabeth’s last name is spelled ‘Keckley’...[b]ut the woman herself signed her name ‘Keckly.’ The erasure of her spelling in the pages of her own memoir may be an indication of how little control this formerly enslaved autobiographer had over her manuscript’s publication...” (“What’s In A Name?” by Jennifer Fleischner, *The New Yorker*, April 14-20, 2021.)
- ♦ “Think about what that means. They didn’t even cast a Black gay actor, or a Black gay character. It’s played by a straight (laughing) Italian American man. So just like process that... that erasure.” (“Bonus: Remembering the iconic, complicated Andre Leon Talley,” NPR, Code Switch, Jan. 23, 2022. The commentators are discussing the idea that Stanley Tucci’s character in the 2006 film *The Devil Wears Prada* represents Andre Leon Talley.)
- ♦ “[W]e are spending a lot of time on erasure, and these are great conversations to have with children...” (“‘Born on the Water’ puts the ‘1619 Project’ into kids’ hands,” NPR, All Things Considered, February 17, 2022.)
- ♦ “I think it’s really important to have that visible representation on a larger level. The world around you has been shaped by erasing trans people from history and from culture.” (Nico Francis, they/them)
- ♦ “The opposite of inclusion is erasure... Not everyone who is pregnant identifies as a woman.” (NPR Public Editor Kelly McBride, about the use of “pregnant people” versus “pregnant women.” FTM trans, and various binaries, or female children, for example, might get pregnant but not identify as a woman.)
- ♦ “to erase the erasure, to rewrite an almost-history of invisibility / But why stop there?” (“The Teacher” by Jacqueline Woodson, *Smithsonian*, December 2017.)
- ♦ “They have often been rendered invisible by the global lens and have seldom received their due.” (“How Climbers Reached the Summit of K2 in Winter for the First Time” by Adam Skolnick and Bhadra Sharma, *The New York Times*, Jan. 19, 2021. The writers’ claims are ludicrous, but good contempo-speak.)
- ♦ “Malay accused of ‘erasing’ Sherpa’s act of courage.” (On Mount Everest. See “Expedition company refutes Sherpa’s account of heroic Everest rescue” by Maroosha Muzaffar, Independent.co.uk. The case of Gelje Sherpa.)
- ♦ “The history has been obfuscated and obliterated...” (An attempt to rename Chicago’s oldest house from “the Henry B. Clarke House” to the “Louis Henry Ford House.”)

♦ "The Florida Gators are no longer celebrating Aaron Hernandez. / The University Athletic Association, which funds the school's athletic programs, has removed all reference to Hernandez in and around the football stadium. The latest and most public one came Thursday when construction workers pulled up a granite plaque commemorating Hernandez as a first team All-American selection in 2009. The brick was cemented into the ground outside Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. / 'We didn't feel it was appropriate to celebrate Aaron Hernandez,' the UAA said in a statement. 'We put together an immediate plan after the initial news broke to remove his likeness and name in various private and public areas in the facility, such as the South End Zone team area, locker room, football offices, Heavener Complex Kornblau Lobby and the brick display entrance to the football facility. / We were able to implement some of the changes immediately, and this (brick removal) was a more complex process to complete with our vendors.'" ("Florida removes all references to Aaron Hernandez," AP, July 25, 2013.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

erode (verb)

eroded to a dangerous degree

America's military superiority has ~

eroded her (work-life) balance

the demands of the job ~ (at Manhattan Hedge Fund)

erode ("traditional") beliefs

modernization need not ~ in the supernatural (sangomas)

erodes (social) cohesiveness

an epidemic ~

erode confidence

corrections and retractions ~ in science (journals)

eroded (public) confidence

the accident has ~ in aviation safety

eroded their (political, spiritual and cultural) power

British policies further ~ (Maasai)

erodes the (moral) underpinnings

capitalism ~ of society

erode (indigenous) Tibetan culture

critics fear the railroad will ~

threaten to erode

divisions ~ France's tradition of equality (Muslims)

confidence (in him) has eroded

public ~ markedly (leader of country)

credibility erodes

~ when attention to detail falters (NPR journalism)

grip (on this country) may be eroding

the king's ~

decline: erosion / verb

failure, accident & impairment: erosion / verb

eroding

eroding (ring) skills

questions about his ~ (Mike Tyson, the boxer)

decline: failure, accident & impairment / erosion

erosion (noun)

erosion of (intelligence) assets

citing the ~

erosion of confidence

the recrimination betrayed an ~ (Israeli raid)

erosion of (Aboriginal) culture

the historic ~

erosion of privacy

each new ~ (Internet)

erosion of profits

with the ~ (US sheep industry)

erosion of support

he faces an ~ (a politician)

erosion of (sexual) values

it's wrong to blame popular culture for the ~

erosion of viewership

broadcasters alarmed at the ~

erosion of (NASA's) technical skills

experts point to an ~

ratings erosion

the two TV game shows are facing serious ~

physical and cultural erosion

American Indians try to reverse decades of ~ (diet, etc.)

blame popular culture for the erosion

it's wrong to ~ of sexual values

decline / failure, accident & impairment: erosion

error (unforced error)

unforced error and a self-inflicted wound

he described it as an ~ (politics)

failure, accident & impairment: baseball / sports & games

ersatz (substitute)

ersatz past

nostalgia for an ~ that is largely an artifact of Hollywood

ersatz (vision) quest

they weren't on some ~ (nomads)

ersatz spiritual

an ~ that quotes a nonexistent Bible verse

suspected to be ersatz

sexuality that they ~

♦ This means *substitute* in German. It rose to prominence in World War I: ersatz coffee (from acorns), ersatz flour (made from potatoes), etc. Currently, it means "artificial imitation" or "fake" or "facsimile" or "not authentic."

♦ "Billie Holiday made a single, wry nod to gospel in 'God Bless the Child,' an ersatz spiritual that quotes a nonexistent Bible verse." ("Billie Full Of Grace" by Tracy Fessenden, NPR, August 20, 2019.)

♦ "The extremist group set up ersatz police forces and courts..." ("Islamic State Dumped At Least 6,000 Bodies In Mass Graves In Iraq, U.N. Says" by Bill Chappell, NPR, November 6, 2018.)

♦ 139 hits at NPR Search and counting... (Usages seem to be figurative.)

♦ Substitute coffee; fake aluminum; imitation rubber; paper bandages; wooden buttons; tobacco made of dried roots and dried potato peel; shoes soled with wood; meat substitutes... (Ersatz products in Germany during World War I. From "Mass Slaughter on a Personal Level," by Dwight Garner, NYT, November 10, 2011. The article is a review of *The Beauty and the Sorrow: An Intimate History of the First World War* by Peter Englund.)

♦ "[Our hosts] gave us some fat pork, corn bread, and a kind of coffee, made, I think, out of burned peas. But it was warm... Hunger made that breakfast the most delicious we had in six months." (*Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby, about his service during the Civil War.)

allusion: military

appearance & reality / identity & nature: materials & substances / military

erupt (feeling)

erupts in anger

just then he ~ and... (drunk)

erupted in celebration

the Fire Hall ~ (rescue of miners)

erupted in cheers

when he came across the finish line, we all ~

erupts into cheers

the crowd of soldiers ~ (Bagram)

erupted with joy

the Yankees' dugout ~ (sports)

cheers erupted

more ~ (rescue of coal miners)

panic erupted

the victims were trampled to death when ~ (Hajj)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb / volcano

erupt (verb)

erupted in Kinshasa

fighting ~ (Congo)

erupted in Lagos

violence ~

erupted on message boards

squabbles ~ (online investments)

erupted during a (motorcycle) rally

a wild clash that ~

erupted in protest

Lebanon ~ when Hariri was murdered

erupt in violence

political races in the Niger Delta frequently ~

erupted in civil war

Libya has ~

erupted into violence

Haiti, which ~ three weeks ago

long-simmering ethnic tensions have ~

erupt (quickly) into (violent) free-for-alls

rallies can ~ (Kenya)

Egypt is erupting

~ (protests)

chaos erupted

~ in the diner (Seacrest Diner attack)

the ~ at a security checkpoint (at an airport)

conflicts erupt

when ~, MSF sends teams of surgeons...

controversy erupted

~ when a white fraternity performed a skit...

crisis erupts

the US will need to strike preemptively before a ~

fire erupted

more enemy ~ and he dove for cover behind a rock

hotspots erupt

coronavirus ~ across country

lawlessness erupts

when disasters occur, ~

protests erupted

~ (Korea)

riots erupted

the ~ after Japan scored (in Moscow / World Cup)

squabbles erupted

~ on online-investor message boards

trouble erupted

some minor ~

trouble will erupt

bikers have been wondering if ~ in Sturgis (rally)

violence erupted

last year ~ in France's small towns (Beurs / Rebeus)

gunfire erupts

~, and bodies sprawl everywhere

warfare erupted

gang ~ in Compton as the Bloods sought revenge...

fighting erupted

the ~ July 20 between... (rival political gangs)

~ in Kinshasa (Congo)

caused (racial) tensions to erupt

the altercation ~

♦ Sounds from the eruption of Krakatoa volcano in the Sunda Strait between Java and Sumatra in 1883 were heard up to 3,000 miles away, but not by everyone, due to peculiarities of sound waves and the atmosphere.

initiation / occurrence: verb / volcano

amount & effect: verb / volcano

eruption (noun)

eruption of violence

the ~ has dashed hopes (Middle East)

eruption of (gun) violence

the ~ across the country, with kids caught in the crossfire

eruption of gunfire

he heard the ~ (combat)

initiation / occurrence: volcano

amount & effect: volcano

ery (badassery, etc.)

assholery

prestige TV is prime territory for ~ (writers' rooms)

badassery

despite such ~, she never really...

overuse has leached *badass* of its ~

she regarded her burns as the stigmata of ~ (Tamar Adler)

the film features the ~ of Michelle Yeoh (*Everything...*)

boogery

~, drama... (unpleasant things while hot-girl walking)

bullshittery

do what you want but spare us the ~ (a Canadian / Loblaw)

dumbassery

your lunchtime dose of ~ (the Sportsocracy sports radio)

f***ery

the ~ of society that results in school shootings

girlbossery

The Wing, considered a hub of ~ (women-only social club)

is all this anti-~ simply a new way to put women down

radio-productery

and you approached this in a very ~ way (podcaster)

nerdery

an utterly uneventful day of academic ~ (Katherine Maher)

screwery

that normal day-to-day for ~ (criticism of Big Pharma)

shithousery

~, the dark arts in soccer (see the Wikipedia entry)

spoillery

there is a plot turn too ~ to reveal

TERFery

accusations of ~ are sufficient to intimidate many people

trickery

the government has tried a lot of legal ~

Amazon's non-consensual subscriptions and cancellation ~

whataboutery

there's a lot of ~... (raising a different issue)

wokery

Beckham doesn't preach ~ (vs. Neville, Lineker)

Bud Light fiasco should wake up corporations to drop all ~

wordnerdery

she's celebrated for bringing ~ to the masses (a crossword constructor)

♦ "Strong Language, A swearsy blog about swearing."

(stronglang.wordpress.com has a very nice entry for f***ery. The comments are particularly good, especially the one by a person who lived in Jamaica for many years.

♦ "We've Hit Peak Badass. It's Gotta Stop" by Jesse Sheidlower, *The Daily Beast*, Apr. 14, 2017.

contempo-speak: affix

escalate (verb)

escalated the situation

those cops ~ (an online commenter / a police OIS)

violence escalated

the ~ on Saturday (protests)

♦ This word comes from the escalator. As such, it is relatively recent.

increase & decrease: movement / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / verb

escape (mental health / verb)

escape

I daydream to ~

desire to escape

women confess their own secret ~ (to Toby Dorr)

escapes from his anxiety

he ~ by performing (an actor)

struggled to escape

she ~ her mother's shadow

♦ "You can rent an underground cave to escape from election news." (In New Mexico.)

mental health: crime / verb

escape (mental health / noun)

escape from all the chaos on land

surfing is an ~ (Bethany Hamilton)

his escape

books, movies and his car were ~ (Bret Easton Ellis)

my escape

basketball was always ~ (playing it)

soothing escape

the album is a ~ from the rush of everyday life

mental escape

when I need a ~ from a stressful situation, I fantasize...

running was his escape

~ from a home that was a prison (Frank Shorter)

offer an escape

books that ~ (during the pandemic)

♦ "Living a life of mental illness, they call it—I like to say mental superpowers—you know, basketball was always my escape." (Former NBA player Delonte West, bipolar disorder.)

♦ “She’s also started telling her own story in public. She’s given just a handful of speeches, but each time she’s been met with a line of women coming up to her afterward, confessing their own secret desire to escape. Her story resonates, she says, because so many women wonder if they wouldn’t do the same thing. They feel pressure to smile and pretend their life is fine, even when trapped in a bad relationship or a bad job or any number of circumstances that seem beyond their control. Toby thinks these women are inspired by her not only because she had the guts to leave, but also because she tells her story without shame.” (“Toby Dorr’s Great Escape” by Michael J. Mooney, *The Atlantic*, October 2020.)

♦ “I left Saint Louis. I descended the steps of this fire-escape for a last time and followed, from then on, in my father’s footsteps, attempting to find in motion what was lost in space—I travelled around a great deal. The cities swept about me like dead leaves, leaves that were brightly coloured but torn away from the branches.” (*The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams.)

mental health: crime

escapism (noun)

escapism and community

Harry Potter provides a form of ~ for them (fans, stans)

♦ “Both say the wizarding world provides a form of escapism and community for them.” (Two Harry Potter content creators, one female, one male, both in their thirties!)

♦ “Escapism is not escape.”

mental health: crime

ese (legalese, etc.)

bureaucrat-ese

this is kind of ~ big time (government guidelines)

crosswordese

the puzzle was a beauty, with a minimum of ~

diplomat-ese

translating ‘unacceptable’ from the ~

Educationese

“A Parent’s Guide to ~” (*Psychology Today*)

legalese

these instructions from the judge, they’re ~
the language is ~ (equity activism)

lexicographese

~, such as ‘the act or state of X’, ‘characterised by Y,’ etc.

medicalese

~ is entered at Merriam-Webster and Wiktionary
what did my doctor just say, ~ translations

parentese

researchers call this ~ (talking baby talk to an infant)

slopestyle-ese

the trick is a B-Spears, in ~ (snowboarding)

New York-ese

his characters speak fluent, mid-20th century ~

Senate-ese

the two old Senate hands sometimes slip into ~

wonk-ese

“we’re de-risking” he says in perfect startup ~

♦ “When most adults, even older children, see an infant, they shamelessly slip into baby talk: Whoose a prettee baabee? Such a cuutiee. Their speech gets smoother, slower, higher pitched and singsongy. Researchers call this altered form of speech ‘parentese,’ but almost everybody does it—an uncle, a neighbor or the nice lady at the grocery store...” (“Scholars confirm what it’sy bitsy babies around the world already know” by Susan Brink, NPR, Goats And Soda, August 4, 2022.)

♦ About the word “parentese.” Wikipedia redirects “parentese” to “Baby talk.” Merriam-Webster does not recognize the word. Neither does Wiktionary. Search for -ese at Wiktionary, however, and you get a wonderful list of words that incorporate that suffix, including “motherese,” which is the same thing.

♦ “Those instructions [from the judge], I’m a lawyer and I couldn’t understand them... They’ve gotten to be too much. They’re legalese.” (Mark Richards, Kyle Rittenhouse’s attorney, speaking to Ailsa Chang. From “Kyle Rittenhouse’s defense attorney discusses the trial and acquittal,” NPR, All Things Considered, Nov. 19, 2021.)

♦ “The assertions are strident, and the vocabulary is esoteric (‘harm,’ ‘insurrection’) as if it were translated from a foreign language. In a sense, it is. The language is legalese, and it is designed to build a foundation upon which a company can be held liable under civil-rights law in an American court. This activist tactic has been widely misunderstood.” (“The Inequality of ‘Equity,’” by Christopher Caldwell, *National Review*, May 17, 2021.)

♦ “Barney the Bear is a secure test item...” (An North Carolina ESL supervisor, stressing the necessity of keeping the stuffed Teddy bear locked up before using it to test LEP first graders for the yearly high-stakes test. Teachers had complained that the bear frightened some children, and wondered if they might introduce the bear to the children prior to the test. The answer: No! Barney the Bear is...)

♦ “Gobbledygook, or the circumlocutions of bureaucratic language, is intentionally difficult to understand.”

♦ see also *boilerplate (noun)*, *buzzword (noun)*, *doublespeak (noun)*, *funny language*, *language (types)*, *lip service (pay lip service, etc.)*, *newspeak (noun)*, *speak (NASA-speak, etc.)*, *supersizing (linguistic supersizing)*, *talk (mediator talk, etc.)*, *word salad*

speech: affix

language: speech

essence (noun)

essence

his ~ rather than his show-biz surface...

essence of the (scientific) method

the ~ lies in the repeatable result

essence of motherhood

the ~ is to nurture, protect, love

essence of childhood

the ~, of course, is play (*Childhood* by Bill Cosby)

bases: chemistry

analysis, interpretation & explanation: chemistry

etch (verb)

etched their mark

his companies ~ on city skylines (developer)

etched itself into my memory

the photo ~

etched him in my mind

that experience has forever ~

impression: mark / tools & technology / verb

etched

etched in their faces

I could see despair and suffering ~

etched in the (tribe's permanent) memory

the crime will remain ~ (murder of tribal cop)

etched in the (country's) memory

the murders are ~

etched in stone

reform is not yet ~

none of the rules are ~ (about health)

nothing is ever ~ (planning)

etched into the landscape

some journeys are ~ of our lives (Lake Ohrid)

etched on his face

he stood over him with concern ~ (boxing)

etched by the weather

her face is ~

impression: mark / tools & technology

ether (into the ether)

disappeared into the ether

any trace on social media has ~ (a company)

appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky

eulogy (noun)

eulogy

NPR's Rob Schmitz has this ~ (for Credit Suisse Bank)

eulogy for social studies

it is time to write the ~

written Leon Edwards' eulogy

the broadcasting team already had ~ (UFC 278)

speech: death & life

eunuch (noun)

moral eunuch

modern cities are run by ~s (weak on criminality)

attenuation: health & medicine

force / strength & weakness: health & medicine

eureka (moment, etc.)

eureka moment

but the ~ came when...

this was a ~, he realized what he needed to do...

Eureka moment

the Aha! instant in cognitive science, the ~

his eureka

the workaday math relevant to ~ (Einstein)

♦ This word is Greek and translates as, "I found it!" Its utterance is associated with the scholar Archimedes and hydrostatics. The word is

the state motto of California and refers to the discovery of gold and the California Gold Rush.

♦ "I'm put in mind of Einstein having to fill in the workaday math relevant to his eureka." ("Stilled Life: The photography of Wolfgang Tillmans" by Peter Schjeldahl, *The New Yorker*, October 10, 2022.)

♦ "And then came this crucial moment... a eureka moment, and the light went off in Semmelweis' head... This was the final bit of evidence that he needed... and it was at this point that everything came together... and all of the sudden it made perfect sense and he knew that he had the answer." (The great Ignaz Semmelweis autopsied his good friend Jacob Kolletschka and connected lack of hand hygiene with puerperal (childbed) fever. While today he is known as "the saviour of mothers," at the time his ideas were dismissed by the medical establishment. As John Snow's ideas had been dismissed, and Thomas Aitchison Latta's. From BBC, *Sounds, Great Lives*, "Ignaz Semmelweis.")

♦ "We were returning to the bungalow for tea and suddenly he shouted, 'That's it! It must be a sphere... large enough to hold two people... It will be made of steel lined with thick glass. It will contain a proper store of solidified air, concentrated food, water... One might go to the moon!' (*The First Men on the Moon* by H.G. Wells.)

comprehension & incomprehension: allusion / exclamation

evangelical (adjective)

evangelical about camels

Lauren Brisbane is ~ and their milk (in Australia)

evangelical certainty

she speaks in staccato bursts of ~ (death penalty)

message: religion

evangelist (person)

"evangelist of science"

he is a self-described ~

evangelist for veterans' care

he is the President's ~

evangelist for energy efficiency

he has been an ~ (Nobel Prize winner)

evangelist for the idea

I really became an ~ (E.O. Wilson / inclusive fitness)

developer evangelist

she is a ~ who teaches programming to girls

open-source evangelist

Bruce Perens, an ~ (computing)

Web evangelist

I come from print, I'm not much of a ~ (newspapers)

culinary evangelist

he is a ~ out for converts (chef)

enthusiasm / message: person / religion

person: religion

evaporate (verb)

enthusiasm (seemed to have) evaporated

Scott's ~ (for skiing in Antarctica)

forces evaporated

despite their vows to fight to the death, their ~ (rebels)

revenue has ~

~ in the digital-music industry
common sense is evaporating
~ at an alarming rate

good will has evaporated
the ~ (government)

♦ "Common sense is evaporating from society at an alarming rate." (An online comment to "NJ transgender woman transferred from women's only prison after impregnating 2 inmates, report says" by Stephen Sorace, Fox News, July 17, 2022.)

appearance & disappearance: water / verb

eve (on the eve)

on the eve of destruction
we are ~

on the eve of 1914
periods that precede great upheavals such as Europe ~

reached the eve
we've ~ of destruction (Phil Mushnick about youth sports)

♦ "Eve" relates to "evening."

♦ "The Eastern World, it is exploding / Violence flaring, bullets loading / You're old enough to kill, but not for voting / You don't believe in war, but what's that gun you're toting / And even the Jordan River has bodies floating..." (Barry McGuire Eve of Destruction YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfZVu0alU0I>

proximity / timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

even (contempo-speak)

actually even
the US pushes countries to ~ create obstacles (asylum)
we ~ found two of the...
I don't think someone like Francis ~ now gets it (abuse)
in lots of cases they maybe didn't ~ pay any money
and we ~ suspect that he meant me because he once...
offenders who have not ~ committed a new crime

kind of even
we will be ~ more transparent (a young lady)
there are people that ~ resent the Olympics (rules)
it's ~ surprising to us (K-Pop blows up)

like even
they're there ~ in the parking lot (police at Rolling Loud)

sort of even
helping them ~ reframe and start to see...

contempo-speak: adverb

even-handed (adjective)

even-handed policy
he's striven to maintain an ~

judgment: hand

evening (decline)

evening of my life
if I can choose where to pass the ~, it will be Kyirong

in the evening of life
what am I called, ~ (an 81-year-old man)

♦ "Do you think we too shall be at the evening of our life before we know it? If we feel the days are flying past us faster and faster, it sometimes does me good to believe so, and to remember that 'Man proposes and God disposes.'" (*Dear Theo: The Autobiography of Vincent Van Gogh*, Edited by Irving and Jean Stone.)

time / decline: day

growth & development: day
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

evergreen (adjective)

Evergreen Athlete
Leilani Munter has won the BBC's ~ Award

evergreen debate
it's an ~ (when to put up Christmas lights)

evergreen efforts
his ~ have seen him score 500 club goals ("Ibra")

evergreen forward
Zlatan Ibrahimovic and that other ~, Cristiano Ronaldo

evergreen gossip
he is still remembered by Brits with a taste for ~ as...

evergreen topic
articles on this ~ (Foreign Service reform)

evergreen tracks
soul music is timeless, these are ~ (soul singer Al Green)

evergreen quarterback
the ~ has already won six Super Bowls (Tom Brady)

evergreen question
the ~, "What does it all mean?" (pop culture)
how to limit and control the power of the State is the ~

death & life: color / tree

everything (everything Taylor Swift, etc.)

everything Taylor Swift
"13: A Taylor Swift Fan Podcast" is a deep dive into ~

Everything West Texas
it's ~ with Floyd Miller (a podcast)

everything Iron Maiden
"Bruce Dickinson talks ~, and a whole lot of other things"

amount & effect: part of speech

everything (my everything, etc.)

my everything
she was my world, ~ (murdered)

importance & significance: part of speech

everything (and everything)

and everything
when I would go and talk to him, he would listen ~

contempo-speak: filler

evil (non-human)

evil disease

we will once and for all beat Covid 19, this ~ (politics)

character & personality: religion

evil eye

parting evil eye

she gave me a ~

gave him the evil eye

I turned and ~ ("Don't Call Me 'Mamacita'")

giving us the evil eye

sing off tune, and believe me, Ike was ~ (backup singer)

♦ "The [camel] opened his jaws as far as they would go, and froth, mucous and black bile spilled out. Ah, black bile—sign of the evil eye. The soothsayers all agreed on that. So, he had been envied for his [camel]. The evil eye had been behind everything that had happened. According to the teaching of the soothsayers, envy is stronger than poison. And the eye of the envier is deadlier than a poisoned arrow, the blow of a sword, or the thrust of a dagger. It's deadlier than any weapon. So when did the envious thugs cast their eye on him?" (Ukhayyad realizes the source of his camel's sickness. From *Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ "King Alfonso of Spain was reported to have the evil eye. In 1923 he paid an official visit to Italy. Several sailors of the fleet sent to greet him were washed overboard; there was an explosion in one of the submarines; an ancient cannon fired in the King's honor blew up, killing its crew; and a naval officer with whom the King shook hands collapsed and died shortly afterward. / During the King's tour of Lake Gleno a dam burst, drowning 50 people and making 500 homeless. / The Italian dictator Benito Mussolini, who was terrified of the evil eye, refused to meet Alfonso personally..." (Reader's Digest "Strange Stories, Amazing Facts.")

♦ Traditional medicine and psychiatry may relate to black magic, the evil eye, an evil spirit, a ghost, magic, muti, sorcery, a spell, voodoo, or witchcraft. In Chad and the Sudan, a hijab is a pouch of goatskin or cowhide containing verses of the Qur'an. Traditionally in the desert, hijabs guard a child against the evil eye and protect against scorpions. A vehicle may be adorned with hijabs. Practitioners of traditional medicine include the inyanga, medicine man, sangoma, shaman, sorcerer, traditional healer, witch, witch doctor, and yerbero.

♦ "If looks could kill!"

danger: eye

affliction: magic / religion

fate, fortune & chance: magic / religion

eviscerate (verb)

eviscerated the book

Latino writers have ~ (cultural appropriation)

eviscerated the prosecution's case

she ~, point by point (a judge)

eviscerated world leaders

she ~ in a passionate speech (Greta Thunberg)

♦ "[I]nternet culture...jumps at the opportunity to eviscerate someone to varying degrees of deservedness."

accusation & criticism / destruction / speech: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

eviscerated

eviscerated by liberal judges and politicians

the justice system has been ~

eviscerated for (controversial) foul call referees ~ (basketball)

accusation & criticism / destruction / speech: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

evisceration (noun)

Anfield evisceration

this was an ~ (Real Madrid 5-2 Liverpool)

four-page evisceration

Pauline Kael's ~ of Blade Runner (a bad review)

destruction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

evolution (noun)

evolution from shock jock to political pundit

his ~ (Charlamagne tha God)

evolution of artificial intelligence

it was a landmark moment in the ~

growth & development: biology

evolve (evolve the sport, etc.)

evolve the sport

we must ~ (a young boxing promoter)

growth & development: biology / part of speech

exactly (contempo-speak)

exactly

what does that mean, ~

what, ~, does it mean for a...

what ~ does an editor do

she speaks out, but what ~ is she saying

so what ~ is...

what ~ is K2, the synthetic cannabinoid

what, ~ are U.S. interests in...

what is it ~

what is it for, ~

what ~ are they

but how ~...

where ~ is...

exactly how

we still don't know ~ it works

exactly what

he might be ~ she needs

here's ~ the administration is saying about..

but ~ means "yes" (sex on campus)

exactly why

that's ~...

exactly picky

Neanderthals weren't ~ eaters

exactly just

see *just* (filler)

absolutely exactly

I'm ~ who they want, middle class white lady (politics)

actually exactly

and that ~ what my parents advised me to do

I think it's ~ the right time

it's ~ what's been predicted by scientists (climate scientist)

I think it is ~ how we contemplate the mystery...

basically exactly

we actually chalked out ~ where... (Richard Rosendale)

kind of exactly

that's ~ what happened

so, TRANSCOM is ~ what it sounds like (NPR punditry)

he looks ~ like what you want an exec to look like

and that's ~ the problem is...

sort of exactly

interestingly, that's ~ what happened when...

yeah, exactly

~, but let's go... (non-answer to question)

Yeah, I mean, exactly

~ (I would have died like Jimi Hendrix if...)

♦ "And that's kind of exactly the problem is once you make a black movie without thinking about..." (Shani Hilton. From "The Trouble With Assessing 'Black Films,'" NPR, All Things Considered, December 28, 2013.)

♦ "So is that kind of exactly the business you're talking about?" / "That is exactly it, and you've just really perfectly summed it up..." (wbur / 2014.)

♦ ARI SHAPIRO: OK...What exactly is TRANSCOM? / JENNA MCLAUGHLIN: So TRANSCOM is kind of exactly what it sounds like..." ("How an Illinois military base transports an unprecedented flow of weapon to Ukraine," NPR, All Things Considered, August 24, 2022.)

♦ "A Campus Dilemma: Sure, 'No' Means 'No,' But Exactly What Means 'Yes'?" by Tovia Smith, NPR, All Things Considered, June 13, 2014.

♦ "19 People who Have Zero Filter and said Exactlyyyy What They Felt During A Breakup," BuzzFeed.

contempo-speak: adverb

excavate (verb)

excavated the (basic) facts

step by careful step, news organizations ~ (politics)

excavates her history

Chow ~ (*Seeing Ghosts: A Memoir*)

excavates the idea

Jon Savage ~ of the teenager (*Teenage: the Creation of Youth Culture*)

excavates the legacy

Kotlowitz ~ of racism and violence (*An American Summer*)

excavate some meaning from it

I began to interrogate my predicament and to try to ~

excavates racial inequality and anti-Blackness

the 1619 Project ~ (Nikole Hannah-Jones)

♦ "[Patricia] Fara has pulled off quite a feat of archival archaeology. Digging through the records of universities, scientific societies, industrial establishments, newspapers, and personal journals and correspondence, she excavates and pieces together the lives of some of the first women to embark on scientific studies and careers in the modern era." ("The Original Hidden Figures" by Elaine Weiss, *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2019.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

excite (verb)

excited curiosity, speculation and fear

it ~ (the submarine from *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*)

feeling, emotion & effect: verb

creation & transformation: verb

exclamation point

put an exclamation point on that round

he ~ (strong finish to MMA match)

put a (major) exclamation mark on her career

she has ~ (Sawa Homare / football)

puts exclamation point on big day

Lilly King ~ for U.S. swimming

attention, scrutiny & promotion: exclamation / letters & characters

excommunicated

excommunicated

one scientist had been ~, but the lesson was clear ("Oppie")

excommunicated from government circles

while Oppenheimer was ~, he became a symbol to liberals

excommunicated from the movement

he has been ~

excommunicated from the priesthood

he was ~ of economists

excommunicated by the Wyoming Republican Party

she has essentially been ~ (Liz Cheney)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

executed (animals, etc.)

executed at close range with a spear gun

Kostis was ~ (a Mediterranean monk seal)

♦ "The most recent thing on his track record is he murdered the sports desk," fumed another *Times* employee." (A disgruntled employee at *The New York Times* about AG Sulzberger, who outsourced the sports desk in 2023.)

♦ "Happy was born in 1971 and was kidnapped as an infant from a herd in Thailand." ("The Elephant In The Courtroom" by Lawrence Wright, *The New Yorker*, March 7, 2022.)

♦ "The dogs were killed as they were being transported to an adoption event." (Actually, the dogs died because the AC failed in their trailer.)

♦ "Authorities in New South Wales in Australia have approved the shooting of thousands of wild horses by gunmen in helicopters to control their population." (BBC Six O'Clock News, 27/10/2023. "By gunmen in helicopters" should simply be "from helicopters." A rare mistake by the BBC.)

♦ "Britain's loneliest sheep in hiding after rehoming row," BBC, Nov. 2023.

♦ "Squatting next to a bear you just murdered is such a weird flex." (A female. Not a hunter.)

♦ "The mountain lion was dispatched." (A statement from the Sheriff's Office, about a California mountain that killed one man and severely wounded the man's brother. Killed, in other words.)

hyperbole: death & life

exhale (verb)

exhale

that does not mean Florida can fully ~ (hurricane track)

exhaled

she broke up with her boyfriend, and her parents ~ (relief)

exhaling

today everybody is sorta ~ (crisis averted)

begin to exhale

if the troops return to the barracks, people will ~

danger: bodily reaction / breathing / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing / verb

exhausted (condition)

exhausted

our armed forces are ~

exhausted with its wars

the US is ~ in Iraq and Afghanistan

exhausted and broken

an ~ post-war Britain in 1948

condition & status: health & medicine

exhausted (groups)

exhausted with the culture of country music

I was ~ not creating space for people who look like me

exhausted to the point where...

I'm ~ I'm like maybe...

♦ (NPR's Michel Martin): Thank you so much for talking with us. I imagine this just has to be exhausting. (Aly Raisman): Thank you for having me on. You know, this is one of the moments where right now I'm definitely, I'm definitely feeling it, I'm definitely exhausted, but that's that's what surviving and healing looks like. You know, there are some moments where I feel okay and then other moments.....

♦ "I'm exhausted with these white folk..." (Kelisa Wing, DEI officer, the Department of Defense.)

♦ "I'm exhausted to the point where I'm like maybe it's just time to move on." (Panama Jackson, columnist for TheGrio, about Ye / Kanye West.)

♦ see *tired (groups)*, *weariness (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

exhausting (groups)

exhausting

all of the debate is "~" (a biracial athlete / how Black)

it's ~ (female coach fighting for equity with men)

exhausting and embarrassing

racism is ~ (microaggressions)

overwhelming and exhausting

it was way more ~ than anything I've experienced before

♦ "Fighting for LGBTQ rights and advocating for oneself can be exhausting."

♦ "It's exhausting and especially in England." (English singer Sam Smith about abuse he has faced since coming out as variously gay / genderqueer / non-binary.)

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♦ see *tired (groups)*, *weariness (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

exhausting (mental health)

exhausting treadmill

it's an ~ (trying to manage time to meet deadlines)

♦ "Why modern dating is exhausting. Can online dating burnout be stopped?" (BBC.)

mental health: health & medicine / sleep

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sleep

exhaustion (groups)

'Exhaustion' Of Being A Woman

"Bridget Kearney Taps Into The ~ In New Song" (NPR)

exhaustion, exasperation and outrage

songs brimming with ~ over the state of the world

fear and trauma, the pain, and the exhaustion

the profound ~ that Black and Brown Americans experience

feelings of exhaustion

people expressed ~ over having to...

♦ "Others joined in expressing feelings of exhaustion over having to call out such careless oversights, which are much more common in stories about people of color." ("Ai Wong's divorce news causes another case of #wrongasian" by Vanessa Romo, NPR, April 13, 2022.)

♦ "And the song and the video really represented not only the spirit of resistance, but the exhaustion that overcomes people when, you know, life itself requires resistance." (NPR music critic Ann Powers. From "5 protest songs that have taken on new meaning post-Roe" by Ari Shapiro, Noah Caldwell, Jonaki Mehta, NPR, Music, July 2, 2022.)

♦ "Exhaustion' Can Signify A Lot More Than 'Tired,'" by Linton Weeks, NPR, Politics, July 14, 2012. (Mental illness, alcoholism, etc.)

♦ see *weariness (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

exhaustion (other)

moral exhaustion

beneath the pep talks is a rueful sense of ~

condition & status: health & medicine

exhume (verb)

exhumes skeletons

Poland ~ in its Communist closet

♦ "Poland marks WWII-era massacre by Ukrainian nationalists," *The Associated Press*, July 11, 2022." (See Wikipedia article "Massacres of Poles in Volhynia and Eastern Galicia.")

♦ "Holy Grail of shipwrecks' to be exhumed off Colombia with \$20 billion sunken treasure." (The Spanish galleon San Jose sunk by the English in 1708.)

appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: burial / death & life / verb

exile (in exile)

in exile

you're in the inner circle, or you're ~ (politics)

he's no longer ~, but... (access to President)

living in exile

they have been ~ (falsely accused by DA)

society: ground, terrain & land

dismissal, removal & resignation: society

acceptance & rejection: society

exile (noun)

exile

its ~ from high-school curriculums is hard to explain (*The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane)

period of exile

the political party can look forward to a long ~

self-imposed footballing exile

his ~ (Zinedin Zidane)

exile has been ended

his international ~ by Didier Deschamps (Karim Benzema)

society: ground, terrain & land

dismissal, removal & resignation: society

acceptance & rejection: society

exiled

exiled from wealth and social standing

in his eyes, the family had been ~ (poor)

society: ground, terrain & land

dismissal, removal & resignation: society

acceptance & rejection: society

exist (verb)

exists in society

anti-Semitism still ~ (desecration of Jewish graves)

exist back then

body cameras didn't ~ (policing)

exist in the world of tomorrow

fixed-wing aircraft will still ~ (military)

never existed

they want to go back to a romanticized past that ~

approach exists

no one-size-fits-all ~ (the COVID pandemic)

♦ "Under the earth's crust there exists such an enormously great world, in absolute darkness, that we can with some justice speak of a new continent." (Alfred Bogli.)

♦ Sorry, you've reached a page that doesn't exist." (The internet.)

presence & absence: death & life / verb

exist (groups)

exist

to ~, to come out now, it is a sign I am resisting

it is good to show we ~ (trans)

♦ To exist, to come out now, it is a sign I am resisting." (Luca Kumahara, a FTM trans ping-pong player.)

♦ "Because BG represents, simply by existing, as a Black queer woman... This shows to the world..." (Chiney Ogwumike of the LA Sparks about the release of Brittney Griner from Russia in exchange for Viktor Bout.)

♦ "There's something about having a place on the spectrum and feeling othered by the world but still just being here, no matter what, that really just like over the years kinda strengthens your skin." ("Transgender and non-binary people are up to six times more likely to also have autism" by Lesley McClurg, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, January 15, 2023.)

♦ "Festival-goer claps back at 'revolting' male body-shamers: 'Fat people exist!'" (*The New York Post*.)

♦ "The Freedom to Exist spotlights trans stories." (ABC.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

existence (groups)

existence on this team

your ~ immensely adds to it (a Trans athlete)

black people's existence

stories dehumanise and erase the multiplicity of ~

Lesbian Existence

"Compulsory Heterosexuality and ~" (Adrienne Rich)

trans existence

the possibility of a ~

deny (transgender people's) existence

it's an attempt to ~ (laws to define man and woman)

eradication of our existence

the ~ (the Trans Radical Activist Network / TRAN)

erasure of my existence

I hear that call as a complete ~ (Dahlia Belle, Black trans)

erase our existence

they are trying to ~ and make us invisible (LGBTQ)

fight for its very existence

a community that is being forced to ~ (trans)

honors (queer people's) existence

Queer Gym ~

invisibilize and delegitimize our existence

society tries to ~ (Liniker Barros)

♦ "Rise up and defend us. Acknowledge us, oh God, before the whole world. Give us also the right our existence!" (*The Well of Loneliness* by Radclyffe Hall, 1928. Lesbianism wasn't in fact illegal at the time.)

♦ "If they want to identify a text that is at the start of the awareness in culture of the possibility of a trans existence, it's got to be *The Well of Loneliness*." (Professor Laura Doan.)

♦ "Choosing yourself, and acknowledging that you are worthy simply because you are breathing—that is a brave thing." ("A Letter to College Sports" by Cailin Bracken.)

♦ "Your existence on this team does nothing but immensely add to it with your team work and motivation. We got you!" (LA Sweat supports the transgender woman Tiffany Thomas.)

♦ "Ahead of Trans Day of Visibility, I rise in honor of a community that is being forced to fight for its very existence." (U.S. Representative for Massachusetts Katherine Clark, House Minority Whip.)

♦ "There are so many anti-LGBTQ attacks going on around the country and a lot of them are really about trying to erase our existence and to make us invisible, and to make our young people invisible and our elders invisible." (Michael Adams, CEO of SAGE.)

♦ "There's no debate to Trans people's existence, full stop. It's not a debate, we're real. To debate our existence over and over again, I think it's appalling." (The actor Elliot Page.)

♦ "A trans woman wants to be recognized as a woman... Validation that they are a woman is tantamount to their existence." (An online commenter.)

♦ "You know, there's the phenomenon of walking while trans where specifically like Trans women of color while just existing oftentimes get the police called on them just for like being Trans."

♦ "We wanna focus on the joy, the stories, the culture, the celebration of us existing and being human. That's it." (Virginia teacher Deana Forbes about Black History Month in her African- American Studies class at Freedom High.)

♦ "Respectability politics never actually liberated the oppressed. Whether you're a creative or an audience member, power can be had in reclaiming the stereotypes that challenge your very existence." (From "Queer villains, erotic noir, 90s pulp. 'Basic Instinct' and the backlash, rewind," NPR, Pop Culture happy Hour, Nov. 13, 2022.)

♦ "Vengeance means fighting back with vehemence. We are fighting against false narratives, criminalization, and eradication of our existence." The Trans Radical Activist Network—TRAN—about the Trans Day of Vengeance Protest in Washington, D.C.)

♦ "Eradicate their existence; legislating hate; hate against children..." (State senator Michaela Kavanaugh of Nebraska, filibustering the LB574, "Let them grow" act. She has threatened to "burn the session to the ground.")

♦ "I am not leaving my home. I will die standing. My existence in itself on this land is resistance." (A Palestinian in the northern Gaza strip, ignoring calls by the Israeli military to evacuate to the south.)

♦ "We know our cause is something to fight for, our living and our being is a form of our resistance, and we keep doing it." (Tamar Haddad, the head of Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) women's empowerment program and Still We Rise (ASWR), speaking from Jerusalem about the Israel-Hamas War. From "In solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza, Bethlehem skips Christmas festivities" with Asma Khalid, NPR, Morning Edition, December 25, 2023.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

exit (and Brexit, etc.)

Brexit

~ was a divorce, which was nothing to celebrate

Megxit

yes, it's been almost three years since ~ (Meg and Harry)

♦ Wikipedia has an entry, "Megxit." So does Wiktionary (18 Dec 2022).

♦ At "Brexit," Wiktionary has a comprehensive list of "related terms," such as Bayxit, Calexit, etc. How does Wiktionary do it? Fantastic! (18 Dec 2022.)

♦ Microsoft Word underlines "Megxit" as an error and suggests "Meggitt (no reference information)," Megi (no reference information), and Exit (Departure, Door, Depart). (18 Dec 2022.)

♦ Merriam-Webster has no entry for "Brexit" or "Megxit" (As of 18 Dec 2022).

language: affix

exit (noun)

exit

I'm not surprised by his ~ (resignation)

exit clause

Hamilton had an ~ after one season, and he took it (F1)

no possible clean exit

there was ~ (combat)

rush for the exits

the withdrawal is a hasty ~ (Afghanistan)

rush for the exits

US troops will not "~" (in Afghanistan)

rushing to the exit

the Biden administration is ~ (Afghanistan)

urging an exit

his generals and the prime minister were ~ (a leader)

pursuit, capture & escape / situation: container coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: doors & thresholds / theater

exodus (war, immigration, etc.)

exodus of civilians

he expects a further ~ (war)

exodus of doctors, engineers, scientists

Venezuela suffers from an ~ and other professionals

immigrant exodus

Italy fears an ~ on a biblical scale (from Libya)

Polish Exodus

it was called the ~ (see quote below)

led to a (huge) exodus

Germanization of Metz ~ of the French

♦ "When the war ended, the family returned to Poland, only to find their home occupied by strangers. Throughout Poland, a toxic mix of economic depression and still-ripe bigotry had reignited a fresh wave of anti-Semitic discrimination. In the summer of 1946, a false rumor spread that Jews in the southeastern Polish town of Kielce had kidnapped and held a young Polish boy hostage. An angry mob, whose perpetrators included police officers and soldiers, brutally murdered 42 Jews and left some 40 more injured. Many Jews became convinced they could never again call Poland home. So desperate were they to flee that their hasty departure—an estimated 100,000 in all—was called the Polish Exodus." (Escape From Austria" by Rebecca Frankel, *Smithsonian*, January / February 2023. See also the Wikipedia entry for "Kielce pogrom.")

♦ Listen to Exodus (Main Theme) from the 1960 film.

migration: Bible / religion

exodus (vacation, etc.)

exodus of staff members

the magazine has been bled by an ~

exodus of (top) executives and (anxious) advertisers

he faces an ~

exodus (of women) from the (science) fields

her paper examines the ~

management exodus

the company has seen a ~

retail exodus

the ~ has been spurred by crime, homelessness (San Fran)

vacation exodus
the ~ brought Beijing to a standstill (Autumn Festival)

annual exodus
"mudik" is an ~ in Indonesia (visiting the countryside)

led to an exodus
Musk's changes have ~ (from Twitter, now X)

prompted a (small) exodus
the score ~ towards the exits (sports)

♦ see also *migration* (#TwitterMigration, etc.)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning : Bible / religion

exorcise (verb)

exorcise
Baathism remains a ghost that Iraq can't ~

exorcise the demons
we must ~ of the past... (history)

exorcised that ghost
European leaders thought they had ~ (Berlusconi)

amelioration & renewal / dismissal, removal & resignation / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: creature / religion / verb

exoticized (groups)

exoticized (facial) features
~ ("spicy Latina" cliché)

exoticized, otherized or (utterly) ignored
we are ~ (Emel Mathlouthi)

othered, objectified, exoticized, coerced
we are ~ (Asian women)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

expedition (fishing expedition)

fishing expedition
the government claimed the investigation was a ~ (politics)
traffic stops that became ~s (police and Latinos)

fishing expedition for information
it appears to be a ~, casting a very broad net

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish / hunting

searching & discovery: animal / fish / hunting

expense (at the expense)

at the expense of Arabs
Turkey's growing regional role will not be ~

at the expense of the animals
owners cut costs and corners ~ (ranches)

at the expense of (naive) consumers
sophisticated consumers can profit ~

at the expense of the family

but all this success was ~... (working women)

at the expense of the poor
privatization further enriches the rich ~

at the expense of his life
his actions ~... (Medal of Honor)

at the expense of troop levels
shifting troops to Baghdad will come~ elsewhere

at Owner's Expense
Violators will be Towed Away ~ (airport)

at your expense
it will be ~

profit at the expense of naive consumers
sophisticated consumers can ~

cost & benefit: money

experiment (noun)

experiment
the US is often referred to as an ~

thought experiment
my book is a ~ (*Break it up*, about political succession)
compromise is a noble ~ (gays / religion)

"Jurassic Park experiment"
they condemned the plan as a public ~ (GM mosquitos)

* "A fool, you know, is a man who never tried an experiment in his life."
(Erasmus Darwin to Richard Lovell Edgeworth.)

experimentation: chemistry

expiration date

expiration date
the conflict has no ~ (Gaza)

America's Expiration Date
~: *The Fall of Empires and Superpowers*

♦ "They are both well past their sell-by-dates." (A commenter about Ronaldo and Messi at the FIFA Qatar World Cup.)

♦ "he was a great player but now past his sell by date." (An online soccer commenter.)

♦ "Twenty-four seven. It's non-stop work. There's always another mission. There's always another goal. It's an ongoing war." (The soundbite of an Israeli soldier in Gaza. The BBC reader had set up the honest soldier's remark with, "The conflict has no expiry date.")

♦ "Oh, one more river to cross!"

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: food & drink

expire (die)

expired
he has since ~, he is no longer alive, okay... (died)

death & life: euphemism

explode (destroy / disrupt)

exploded
it's been a year since the economy ~

explode this notion
I'm really trying to ~ of genre (Rachel Yoder)

destruction: explosion

explode (emotion)

explodes
she ~ (becomes angry)

made my mind (kind of) explode
so what ~ when I first heard about this was... (surprise)

mental health: explosion / pressure / verb

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: explosion / pressure / verb / weapon

explode (initiation)

explode into violence
he let his anger ~

exploded in violence
months of protests that ~ late Thursday

exploded with support
the Internet ~ for Hanson

intifada exploded
in 1987, when the first ~ through Gaza and...

situation exploded
the whole ~ (divorce / violence)

violence could explode
~ after the traditional mourning period (Caucasus)

starting to explode
the whole punk-rock scene was just ~

initiation: explosion / verb

explode (increase)

exploded
for some reason it took off, it ~ (Plague of Justinian)

exploded in popularity
rafting and camping ~ (below a dam)

exploded in the past decade
wakeboarding has ~

exploded in the United States
the sport has ~ (soccer)

exploded in the '90s
Pokémon ~

exploded in the last few years
the black market has ~ (for Venus flytraps)

enrollment has exploded
UMUC's ~, from 21,100 to 30,700 this year

interest (in cookie decorating) has exploded
~ in recent years

number (of affinity groups) exploded

the ~ at the company (at NPR, 2020)

popularity exploded
his ~

population has exploded
the town's ~ in the last decade (increased)

population (of Niger) has exploded
the ~ (increased dramatically)

use (of Ecstasy) is exploding
the ~

Internet modeling has exploded
~ in all forms (teen modeling)

caused the (mouse) population to explode
the hunting of snakes has ~

increase & decrease: number

growth & development / increase & decrease / initiation: explosion / verb

explode (onto the scene, etc.)

exploded onto the scene
she ~ last year (a singer)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / sound / verb

exploding (adjective)

exploding population
the world's ~
ensuring flood control for South Florida's ~

increase & decrease: explosion / number

exploration (noun)

exploration of her life
it's an ~ (a film)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / searching & discovery: journeys & trips

explore (analyze)

explore your background
before we get into the specifics, why don't we ~ (a trial)

explore this
let's ~... (the topic of tariffs)

explores the lives
his book ~ of Native Americans

explores the (counterintuitive) notion
he ~ that... (decision-making)

explore the possibility
~ of a negotiated settlement (Middle East)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / verb

explore (discover)

explored (several) fantasies

we ~ with each other (Internet)

explore my (secret) fantasies
my website allows me to ~

explores matters
the film ~ of love, sex, and commitment

exploring its options
Twitter says it's ~ under Indian law

explore the Bard's life and work
we will ~ (BBC program)

searching & discovery: journeys & trips / verb

explorer (person)

explorer of the past
he was a pioneer ~ (Francesco Petrarck)

explorer of race, memory and discrimination
meet Jessie Yaros: an ~ (neurobiology and behavior)

Dora the Explorer
~ is one of the most recognized Latinx characters on TV

Internet Explorer
~ will die next year (the blue "e" icon)

new (space) explorers
robots, not humans, are the ~

explorer and enthusiast
remembering Anthony Bourdain, ~ (Linda Holmes)

♦ "What does Dora Explorer explore?" (Google search: People also ask...)

♦ "A US college outdoors club is being disbanded because its activities, which include hiking, running and backpacking, are deemed too risky." (BBC, "US college says outdoors too risky for outdoors club," April 25, 2018.)

♦ "What are called UUVs or AUVs, autonomous vehicle systems. That's what's going to be the force multiplier, that's what's going to accelerate everything... I envy the generation in middle school right now. I'm gonna be eclipsed by some kid in eighth grade that's going to have the technologies to do a thousand times more exploration than I have been able to do because of the advent of new technologies where they don't have to physically do it..." (Robert "Bob" Ballard.)

♦ "[Spallanzani] conceived himself the hero of a new epic exploration, he compared himself—in his writings even—to Columbus and Vespucci. He told of that mysterious world of microbes as a new universe, and thought of himself as a daring explorer making first groping expeditions along its boundaries only... His genius whispered to him that the fantastic creatures of this new world were of some sure but yet unknown importance to their big brothers, the human species..." (*Microbe Hunters* by Paul De Kruif.)

♦ Christopher Columbus; Vasco Nunez de Balboa; Abel Tasman; James Cook; Sir John Franklin; Mungo Park; Dr. Heinrich Barth; David Livingston... (Explorers mentioned by Joseph Conrad in his essay "Geography and Some Explorers.")

♦ "An eight-year-old boy from the city of Astrakhan in southern Russia has won social media fame after setting off on an around-the-world trip. / The boy's mother contacted the police after finding a note from her son saying he had left to 'travel around the world'. / A few hours later, a search team found him walking down a street equipped with encyclopaedias, a toy, money from his piggy bank and a banana, the Russian Interior Ministry reported on its official website." (BBC "Boy, 8, found after leaving home to 'travel the world'" by Katherine Zeveleva, 3 April 2019.)

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON (that is not so funny, actually). In *The New Yorker* magazine (November 15, 2021), there is a cartoon. It shows a

young boy in bed in a typically messy young boy's room, with pictures of planets on the wall and a planetary globe on a bedside table. His mother is putting him to bed, and the young boy is saying, "I used to want to be an astronaut, but now I think I'd rather be a billionaire space tourist."

searching & discovery: journeys & trips / person

explosion (violence, etc.)

explosion of violence
both sides shared the blame for the ~
this ~ follows weeks of simmering tension (Jerusalem)

initiation: explosion

explosion (sound)

explosion of gunfire
he heard the ~ (combat)

sound: explosion

explosion (increase)

explosion of (arctic) flowers
May and June bring an ~

explosion of studies
we have seen an ~ examining violent video games

explosion in (graphics) technology
the ~

explosion in (cellphone) use
the ~ has had an impact on 911 operations

explosion of (international) trade and travel
the ~ that's occurred

AIDS explosion
the potential for an ~ in the country (India)

crime explosion
the ~ (in Venezuela)

information explosion
there is a tremendous ~ today

potential for an (AIDS) explosion
the ~ in the country (India)

increase & decrease: number / explosion

explosive (power)

explosive burst
you load the dart in the mouthpiece and exhale in an ~

power: explosion

explosive (increase)

explosive growth
the ~ of the textile industry
the ~ in technology over the past few decades
keeping up with the ~ of scientific data (storage)

explosive rate
condo conversion sales have been increasing at an ~

increase & decrease: explosion

explosive (violence, etc.)

explosive mix

put them together, and it was an ~ (government figures)

explosive situation

they discussed the ~ in the Palestinian territories

initiation: explosion

express (Biden express, etc.)

Biden express

not that everyone has come on board the ~ (election)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: train

express (Pineapple Express, etc.)

Pineapple Express

the ~ is the source of moisture into southern California

the ~ is an atmospheric river (into southern California)

force: epithet

express (Tokyo Express, etc.)

Anzio express

planes went out to seek the ‘~,’ that huge gun... (Italy)

Tokyo Express

JFK lost PT-109 in an attack against the ~ (WW II)

the ~ brought Japanese troops and supplies to Guadalcanal

♦ “Planes went out to seek the ‘Anzio Express,’ that huge gun... The planes would report the Express destroyed and an hour later she would come in on schedule.” (*Up Front* by Bill Mauldin, World War II, the Anzio beachhead, Italy.)

♦ “Before he left the dugout, his phone dinged with a new message from the officer. Kaban and Cadet were to shoot the S/P.G.-9 every hour until dawn... ‘The key is regular strikes,’ the officer said. ‘It’s crawling with infantry over there.’ / Birds were chirping in the trees—the sun had risen. Possibly because of Kaban and Cadet’s efforts, the Russian assault had not materialized...” (“Underworld: The unrelenting horrors faced by infantrymen on the Zero Line” by Luke Mogelson, *The New Yorker*, May 29, 2023.)

military: epithet

expressway (expressway to death, etc.)

expressway to death

National highway 8 is known as the ~ (India)

death & life: epithet

extinct (adjective)

almost extinct

moderate Republicans and conservative Democrats are ~

near-extinct

the old sound recordings turn ~ machines into music

totally extinct

ticket-splitting isn’t ~ (voting during election)

going extinct

old-school conglomerates are ~ (General Electric, etc.)

went extinct

the lautenwerck almost ~ (the music instrument)

it’s time that these events ~ (monkey rodeos / abuse)

♦ “A tiny pink peanut is not a white rhinoceros. Nor is it a green turtle or a Bengal tiger. But...” (*The Lost Ancestral Peanut Of The South Is Revived*” by Jill Neimark, NPR, *The Salt*, December 29, 2016.)

♦ “I think Jeremiah Lockwood is an arbitrator between the generation that is seeing cantorial music die in the congregation and the younger generation that’s seeing the potential of cantorial music to be re-discovered.” (Hankus Netsky, professor at the New England Conservatory of Music. From “A group of Orthodox Jews in Brooklyn is reviving the golden age of cantorial music,” *Morning Edition*, August 3, 2022.)

♦ “This fabulous bird used to visit Michigan in numbers beyond belief... A newspaper reported in 1878 that from three to six tons of birds, plucked and packed in barrels of ice, were shipped south every day... It was a good business while it lasted.... [T]he last passenger pigeon in North America died in its cage in an Ohio zoo.” (*Waiting for the Morning Train: An American Boyhood* by the great writer Bruce Catton.)

♦ The small corpses of Carolina parakeets were used whole by milliners to adorn women’s hats. (Last known representative of its species died in February 1918.)

♦ Peoples; languages; customs; technologies; animals... (Things that can go extinct.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal

past & present / time: animal

extinguish (verb)

extinguish (negative) behaviors

a discipline plan to ~ (school)

destruction: fire / verb

extinguished

extinguished

it is a young life that has been ~ (Swedish rapper Einar)

destruction: fire

extracurricular

extracurricular activities

prying into employees’ harmless ~

extracurricular uses

~ of the office computer

extent & scope: school & education

extremely (contempo-speak)

extremely extremely extremely dangerous

those things being legislated for are ~ and... (NPR)

extremely enthusiastic

it’s really easy to find people who are ~ about (NPR)

extremely hyper-intelligent

Dede is this ~ person...

extremely overwhelming

it was ~, like...

extremely kind of

see *kind of (contempo-speak)*

extremely not

it’s ~ good

my grandmother is ~ boring
media for kids that is ~ for me (Kathryn VanArendonk)

extremely sort of
see *sort of (contempo-speak)*

like, extremely
I know that can be, ~ discouraging...

obviously extremely
it is ~ dispiriting...
it's ~ troubling...
and it was ~ painful...
he is careful, calculating, shrewd, ~ intelligent

very extremely
that would be like obviously ~ interesting (male academic)
he talks about Donald Trump in this ~ complimentary way

very, extremely
he grew up in "a ~ religious household" (trans male)

very very extremely
so his number of tables is ~ limited (restaurant)
it's a ~ stressful job (a prissy maître d')
it's a name I'm ~ proud of ("Mr. Hockey" Gordie Howe!)

♦ "Dede is this combination of an extremely like hyper-intelligent person (light upspeak) but also a hyper-empathetic person." (Filmmaker Berry Jenkins about film producer Dede Gardner.)

♦ *Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile*. (The 2019 film about the serial killer Ted Bundy, which actually focuses on his charisma and appeal to women.)

contempo-speak: adverb

eye (verb)

eyed me suspiciously
he ~

sight: eye / verb

eye (the Blue Eye of Siberia, etc.)

Blue Eye of Siberia
Lake Baikal, known as the ~

epithet: eye / color

geography: epithet

eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)

Eye of Kuruman
the ~ is a natural spring (Die Oog / S. Africa)

Eye of the Sun
the ~ is a natural arch in Monument Valley, Arizona

Eye of Zastron
The ~ is in the cliffs of Vulture Mountain (Aasvoelberg)

♦ The Eye (Die Oog) in Kuruman is the largest known natural spring in the southern hemisphere. And there is also an "Eye" in the town of Zastron, also in South Africa. In the latter case, the Eye is part of a rock formation and has an interesting creation story!

proper name: eye / shape

geography: eye / shape

eye (resemblance)

eye
I was here when the ~ came right over the island

eyes of the coconut
pierce two ~ with a sharp object

eye of the storm
the ~ passed over Portsmouth (hurricane)

hurricane's eye
police rescued 5 families when the ~ passed over

needle's eye
see *needle (eye of the needle, needle's eye)*

storm's eye
Gulf Shores, where the ~ blew ashore (hurricane)

defined eye
a minimal hurricane with 75 mph winds and a ~

♦ "I walk east, west, north and south / I have a tongue but I don't have a mouth. What am I?" (Answer: Boots. Boots also generally have eyelets.)

resemblance / shape: eye

eye (side eye, stink eye, etc.)

get the stink-eye
if you don't have a nice lawn, you ~ from your neighbor

give the stink eye to the man
she turned to ~ (woman with crying baby)

give people the stink-eye
I ~ if they're using their cellphone while driving

give us the side eye
it's no mystery why our friends ~ (U.S. hypocrisy)

♦ "I learned the throwing of a proper stink-eye from my mother, thank you very much, and I would put my stink-eye up against anyone's." (NPR's Linda Holmes, Pop Culture Happy Hour.)

judgment: eye / gesture

eye (believe one's eyes)

believe my eyes
I couldn't ~

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. A *New Yorker* cartoon shows a pirate ship at sea. A sailor, forced to walk the plank, is in the middle of an exuberant back flip. The pirate captain, who is wearing an eyepatch, is watching in astonishment on the deck. The caption of the cartoon is, "I can't believe my eye!"

comprehension & incomprehension: eye

eye (poke someone in the eye, etc.)

poke the voters in the eye
he continued to kind of ~ (politics)

stick a finger in Trump's eye
she welcomed the opportunity to ~ (her vote for governor)

♦ You'll blink if I poke you in your damn eye!

punishment & recrimination: eye / finger / sensation

eye (roll one's eyes)

roll her eyes

no comment from her, but she did ~, clearly I was getting on her nerves...

shaking my head and rolling my eyes

I'm just ~ (Boeing debacle of 2019-2020)
the shooter is now the victim, ~

♦ "I completely respect him... I know he can be bit of a character... I've rolled me eyes a couple of times at things he done and said." (Ben Davison talking about the great boxer Dillian Whyte.)

♦ In academia, eye-rolling can be considered a sign of patriarchy and a micro-aggression.

♦ "When I conferred with Dr. X... I could almost hear his eyes roll over the phone."

♦ "Do you have sheet music on this stuff?" (YouTube, "Time of My life" (Final Dance"))

♦ see also *eye-roll (dismissal)*

comprehension & incomprehension: eye / gesture / verb

eye (met our eyes, etc.)

met our eyes

an unusual sight ~ (on a wilderness trip)

fictive meeting & seeing / sight: eye

eye (more than meets the eye)

meets the eye

there is more to him than ~

a closer look at the numbers finds less there than ~

appearance & reality: eye

eye (catch one's eyes)

caught my eye

she ~ (attraction)

caught his eye

a large display of toothpaste ~ (in a store)

deviations from Islamic social norms also ~

caught Jean's eye

when I ~ again, I nodded towards...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

eye (public eye)

in the public eye

this will boost his image ~ (a fallen celebrity)

out of the public eye

he has created a new life ~...

came to the public eye

it never ~ (campus espionage)

remained in the public eye

Wilma Mankiller has ~ (Cherokee leader)

brought windsurfing into the public eye

he ~

fell out of the public eye

she ~ for a year but returned... (an influencer)

vanished from the public eye

he ~ for nearly six weeks before reappearing (Korea)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

eye (attention)

eyes of the nation

the ~ are on Indianapolis today (a mass shooting)

Eye on America

features like ~ (network news)

eyes and ears

they were all ~ (Germans at a Oglala Sioux powwow)

it's a show for the ~ (gambling at casino)

all eyes

~ were on Kate (performance)

~ will be on Queen Elizabeth (her husband's funeral)

once again ~ are on the Dallas district attorney (crime)

wary eyes

her ~ took me in at a glance

prying eyes

she retreated there from ~

wandering eye

he was a lecher with a ~

wandering eyes

~ and other suspicious test activity (cheating)

keep an eye on

is there anything else to ~ (elections)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

eye (stars in one's eyes)

stars in her eyes

she has ~ (not practical)

she had ~ and a sense of her own destiny (Theranos)

♦ "Fledgling actresses with stars in their eyes who will do anything..." (Hollywood.)

character & personality: astronomy / earth & world / eye

eye (open eyes, etc.)

eyes wide open

we want him to make his own decision, ~

eye opening

it was very ~ for me (kids' comments)

with eyes (wide) open

the decision was made ~ (foreign policy)

go into this with our eyes open

it is critical that we ~ (elections)

keeps an (eagle) eye out for infractions

he ~

keep an eye out for you
I'll ~ (watch for your arrival)

keep my eyes open
I ~ (for opportunity)

keep your eyes open
~ (warning)

opened my eyes to the opportunities
the experience ~

opened my eyes to so much
it ~ (a new experience / job)

open your eyes to the reality
~ that there is big-town crime here (Taos)

roving eye
my husband has a ~

♦ "A stranger has big eyes but sees nothing." (An African proverb about traveling and travelers.)

♦ "We see nothing truly till we understand it." (John Constable, 1776-1837, about clouds.)

♦ see also *see* (*perceive*)

consciousness & awareness: eye

eye (closed eyes, etc.)

eyes closed
people didn't go into this with their ~ (Brexiters)

consciousness & awareness: eye

eye (for the eyes)

feast for the eyes
it was a ~

sight for sore eyes
he was a ~

appearance: eye

eye (eye candy)

see *eye candy* (*noun*)

eye (on the eyes)

easy on the eyes
he's quite good looking, ~ (Omar Kamal, Nablus)

hard on the eyes
she's ~, shudders (discussion board snark)

appearance: eye

eye (goal)

eye
he had his ~ on the nomination (Ted Kennedy)

dollar signs in their eyes
companies with ~

♦ "I think they had dollar signs in their eyes." (The great climber Tommy Caldwell talking about being taken hostage by members of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan while he and his group were climbing in Kyrgyzstan.)

♦ "Keep your eye on the prize, hold on." (A moving song from the Civil Rights era of the 1960s.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: eye

eye (turn a blind eye)

turn a blind eye
cops ~ (NYC street prostitution)

cast a blind eye on his conduct
the university ~ (sexual misconduct)

turn a blind eye to his (intense) abuse
the university could no longer ~ of one of its students

turned a blind eye to the concerns
UKA whitewashed its review and ~ (sports doping)

turn a blind eye to the consequences
loggers learn to ~ of clear-cutting

turn a blind eye to polygamy
local officials ~ (southeastern Turkey)

turn a blind eye to the problem
we cannot ~

turned a blind eye to terrorism
they have ~

turn a blind eye to cruelty and crime
the state should never ~ (honor killings, etc.)

turns a blind eye to predators and harassers
this culture that ~ (entertainment)

bribed to turn a blind eye
officials were ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye / verb

eye (bat an eye / eyelash)

bat an eye
the students don't ~ at the sight of fast-food-delivery robots

bat an eyelash
he didn't ~

feeling, emotion & effect: eye / gesture / verb

eye (perception)

in the eyes of the US
it has done a bit to improve its standing ~ (a country)

in the eyes of his competitors
~, he is the best (mixed-martial arts)

in the eyes of the public
Muhammed Ali is still the champion ~

in the eye of the beholder
beauty is ~

with his geologist's eye
~, he found a field nearby and found...

with a practiced eye

he watches ~ (an anthropologist)

with fresh eyes
people are looking at his issue ~ (foreign aid)

with new eyes
a student may see home ~ (after studying abroad)

with a suspicious eye
those who come to Jerusalem are watched ~

with suspicious eyes
sportswomen are looked at ~ (homophobia)

to the (outside) eye
the system appears medieval ~ (Afghanistan)

to a (trained) eye
the data reveals a disturbing pattern ~

to the (untrained) eye
it may look complicated ~ but...
clues not apparent ~ (police)

to (Mexican) eyes
~ the US has more than its share of everything...

to modern eyes peisty (adj),
his racial ideas appear ~ as a blot on his record (Churchill)

eyes of an expert
what is most important is the experience of the ~

child's eyes
he came in with ~, and he was really curious (film director)

leaders' eyes
countries whose ~ are fixed on domestic voters (summit)

painter's eye
the workings of a ~

Mexican eyes
to ~ the US has more than its share of everything...

keen eye
a ~ is the result of training and practice (landmines)
recognizing traps demands intuition and a ~

watches with a practiced eye
he ~ (an anthropologist)

see home with new eyes
a student may ~ (after studying abroad)

looking at this issue with fresh eyes
people are ~ (foreign aid)

looked at with a suspicious eye
sportswomen are ~ (homophobia)

watched with a suspicious eye
those who come to Jerusalem are ~

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

eye (an eye for an eye)

eye for an eye-style

a crowd gathered to demand ~ justice (Pakistan)

stick a finger in Trump's eye
she welcomed the opportunity to ~ (her vote for governor)

revenge: eye

eye (subterfuge)

throw smoke and dust in the eyes
they are trying to ~ of the investigators (lawyers)

subterfuge: eye

eye (surveillance)

eyes
the special forces were the ~ that were out there (Gulf War)

eye in the sky
you can put an ~ (drone / UAVs)

eyes of Boston Harbor
we're asked to be the ~ (a Yacht club, terrorism)

eyes of (U.S. spy) satellites
the eagle ~

Dragon Eye
the portable ~ (an unmanned aerial vehicle / military)

robot eye
a ~ attached to the Internet, which visitors could control

robotic "eye"
a free-flying ~ that can circle the space station

sets of eyes
the robots could serve as extra ~ (PSA)

under the (watchful) eyes of their mothers
the cubs hunt ~

under the (watchful) eyes of (security) officers
he was constantly ~

have eyes on that money
we don't ~ (charitable contributions)

keep a (close) eye on her
we have to ~

keep a (close) eye on them
we ~ (detainees)

keep a (good) eye on her
I have to ~

keep a (watchful) eye on players
coaches must ~ (heat stroke in summer)

taken out his eyes
once we had ~... (Saddam's Air Force)

got out from under the father's (controlling) eye
when she ~

♦ Positive controls provide a means to put "eyes" on a target. (Military.)

♦ "The Five Eyes" is the intelligence sharing partnership between Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and the USA. (New Zealand.)

surveillance: eye

eye (eyes and ears / surveillance)

eyes and ears

the public is our ~ (police manhunt)

eyes and ears of the Americans

interpreters were the ~ (the Taliban)

"eyes and ears" of the commander

the Air Cavalry Team is the ~ (military)

eyes and ears of the (battalion) commander

we serve as the ~ (scout/snipers)

eyes and ears of the community

"Amber" alerts mobilized the ~ (child kidnappings)

eyes and ears of the outside world

African Union monitors serve as the sole ~ (Darfur)

ears and eyes in the sky

the NSA, Uncle Sam's ~

eyes and ears on the ground

he worked under cover as Al Jazeera's ~

keeping our eyes and ears open

we're definitely ~

♦ "Keep your head on a swivel." "If you see something, say something."
(Situational awareness.)

surveillance: eye

eye (eyes and ears / attention)

eyes and ears

they were all ~ (Germans at a Oglala Sioux powwow)

it's a show for the ~ (gambling at casino)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

eye (see eye to eye, etc.)

see eye to eye with my (new) boss

I don't ~

see eye to eye with the founder

he didn't ~ on the direction of the business

see eye to eye

we will never ~

they don't always ~ (European leaders)

they might ~ (two leaders)

unanimity & consensus: eye

eye (naked eye)

naked-eye observer

an inexperienced ~ (sky phenomena)

naked-eye light phenomena

~ in the sky

naked eye, binoculars or telescope

don't look at the sun with the ~

invisible to the naked eye

trace evidence looks at microscopic evidence ~

visible to the naked eye

the comet should be ~

help & assistance: clothing & accessories

eyeball (up to one's eyeballs)

up to their eyeballs in (dangerous) chemicals

these fish are ~ (tomcods in New York and New Jersey)

involvement: eye

eyeball (attention)

eyeball

"~s," or the number of people drawn to a Web site

bring more eyeballs to boxing

these YouTubers are really corny and stuff, but they ~

brought a ton of eyeballs to her sport

her sex appeal has ~ (Danica Patrick)

person: sign, signal, symbol

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / sign, signal, symbol

eyeball (eyeball-popping)

eyeball-popping conference

an ~ (politics)

♦ "This has been the most dizzying, jaw-dropping, eyeball-popping, head-spinning news conference I have ever attended. And I was at Bill Clinton's news conference in 1998 when he faced the press for the first time over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky." (John Soper for the BBC, following a press conference with President Trump on Monday, April 13, 2020.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / gesture

feeling, emotion & effect: eye / gesture

eyeball (sight)

map, eyeball, and stars

troops were still navigating by ~ (pre-GPS)

sight: eye

eyebrow (raise eyebrows, etc.)

raised eyebrows

it ~ last month when... (officer criticizes another officer)

his comments ~

a seaside town in Japan has ~ after it...

the report ~...

his decision ~

raises an eyebrow

the timing ~

raise one eyebrow

the public will ~, not both (the Hur report / politics)

raised no eyebrows

the marriage ~ (professor / student)

raised (so many) eyebrows

he ~ with his announcement

raising scientific eyebrows
that's one of the strange things that's ~
the other issue that is ~ is how the virus has mutated

raised some eyebrows in government
it was a decision that privately ~

instantly raised eyebrows
the timing of the murder ~

eyebrows lift
their ~, they can't quite hide their disapproval

eyebrows raised
there were some ~ when Bale was left out of the game

♦ "I was just really sort of eyebrow raised... (Disbelief. Heard on *Who? Weekly*.)

♦ "Everybody's eyebrows hit the ceiling." (Something Queen Elizabeth II said in private to a group of people.)

feeling, emotion & effect: eye / gesture

eyebrow-raising (adjective)

eyebrow-raising claim
her ~ aroused skepticism in scientific circles

eyebrow-raising ideas
he voiced some ~ about women (upset)

eyebrow-raising tweet
President Trump issued an ~ Friday morning

eyebrow-raising words
Justice Scalia has used some ~ (argle-bargle, etc.)

feeling, emotion & effect: eye / gesture

eyebrow-raising (noun)

a little bit of eyebrow-raising
there's ~, how will you regulate this

some eyebrow-raising
there is ~ to be had in the fine print (a report)

feeling, emotion & effect: eye / gesture

eye candy (noun)

eye candy
many go to auto shows looking for ~ (classic cars)

eye candy for philistines
the work is ~ (Koons' Bouquet of Tulips)

blond eye candy
there's lots of ~ Down Under (Oz)

♦ "Most sports talk shows feature women dressed in what I would term provocative and inappropriate attire—eye candy, so to speak..." (An online commenter.)

♦ "She gives credence to the stereotype that sideline reporters are just 'eye candy.' (Criticism of host and sportscaster Charissa Thompson, who admitted to making things up as a sideline reporter.)

♦ "In the fall of 2008, Thompson completed her first run as an NFL sideline reporter. During the season, Thompson dyed her hair black to 'rid [herself] of the Barbie thing,' as she is notably blond." (The Wikipedia entry "Charissa Thomson," the host and sportscaster. After much male commentary, she switched back to being a blond. Years later, she would admit that during this period she made up stories to tell on camera. Her

contemporary female critics who now charge her with giving credence to the stereotype that sideline reporters are just "eye candy" should be a bit more sympathetic, considering the times.

appearance: eye

attraction & repulsion / consumption: food & drink / taste

eye-catching

eye-catching
the figures were ~ (# of excess deaths / pandemic)

eye-catching glow
she projected a happy, ~

eye-catching moves
he's got ~ (a very good lacrosse player)

eye-catching (white) suit
a curvy Southern belle in an ~

eye-catching win
she had an ~ at Indian Wells (a tennis player)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

eye-opener

eye-opener
the visit was an ~
it is an ~ in several ways ("Lan Yu," filmed in Beijing)

consciousness & awareness: eye

eye-opening

eye-opening
the new information was ~ (a murder investigation)

consciousness & awareness: eye

eye-popping

eye-popping (stock) performance
years of ~

eye-popping \$46 million
he pulled in an ~ (campaign contributions)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / eye

eye-roll (dismissal)

biggest eye-roll
that is the ~ I've ever seen you do

become an eye-roll
the term has ~ (*woke*)

♦ see also *eye (roll one's eyes)*

comprehension & incomprehension: eye / gesture

eyesore (noun)

eyesore
the tower is an ~ (on a mountain)
the cell tower near Yellowstone's Old Faithful is an ~
the armory is an ~ right now and needs a facelift

armory is an eyesore

the ~ right now and needs a facelift

tower is an eyesore
the ~ (on a mountain)

criticized as an eyesore
the cell tower has been ~ (in Yellowstone)

appearance: eye / health & medicine

flaws & lack of flaws: eye

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fabius (Fabius Maximus)

fabiused [our affairs] into a very disagreeable posture
he has ~ (criticism of General George Washington)

♦ The name of the Roman general Fabius Maximus is a byword for caution and delay in warfare. He led Rome against Hannibal. The Fabian Society is named after this general. Fabians are socialists who advocate a gradual reform of capitalism, as opposed to Marxists, who would overthrow it. The Fabian Society was formed in England in 1884 and exists to this day.

allusion: military

action, inaction & delay: allusion / history / military / part of speech

fabric (fabric of society, etc.)

fabric of (accepted) conduct
cheating is woven into the ~

fabric of democracy
people living and working together is the ~

fabric of our nation
their legacy is woven through the ~ today (gen WW I)

fabric of our society
this division tears at the very ~ (elite vs. underclass)

city's fabric
violence has become a part of the ~ (Baltimore / drugs)

cultural fabric
rodeo is sewn deep into the ~ (the Great Plains)

social fabric
the stress of collapsing economies can tear the ~ apart
we have to consider the ~ of Lebanon (politics)

part of the fabric
I don't remember it being ~ (a sports tradition)

part of the (city's) fabric
violence has become a ~ (Baltimore / drugs)

fraying the fabric
logging and roads are ~ of nature

eat away at the fabric
these are things that ~ of our city (hate crime against gays)

tearing at the fabric
this is ~ of people's lives (oil spill)

threaded itself into the fabric

the gang has ~ of the village

woven into the fabric
cheating is ~ of accepted conduct
Arab Americans are deeply ~ of America

bases / environment: cloth

fabricate (verb)

fabricated her story for money and fame
he claimed she ~ (sex-abuse trial)

fabricated his account
there was no reason to believe that he ~ (crime)

fabricate data
the fear that doctors who own company stock will ~

fabricated evidence
he ~ that he had cloned human cells (scientist)

fabricated the figures
many questioned whether the medical examiner had ~

fabricated (various) Black identities
she ~ (an academic)

fabricated and falsified
MIT said he ~ data in a scientific paper;
he ~ research findings (breast-cancer researcher)

♦ She fabricated various Black identities, including Black Caribbean, North African Blackness, US rooted Blackness, Caribbean rooted Bronx Blackness, *Boricua*... (An academic.)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb

fabricated

fabricated data
a large study was based on ~ (published cancer study)

inaccurate, incomplete or fabricated
~ evidence

creation & transformation: manufacturing

fabrication (lying)

fabrication
the quote was a ~

fabrication and plagiarism
he committed widespread ~ in news articles

creation & transformation: manufacturing

façade (noun)

façade of (mutual) esteem
the two men masked their hostility by a ~

façade of normalcy
it was a total ~ (US intelligence fail in Afghanistan)

façade of respectability
he lifted the ~ to reveal the hypocrisy

cracks in Bierenbaum's façade
~ started to appear (surgeon convicted of murder)

maintained a façade of negotiation
the government began planning military action while it ~

peered behind the facade
the center's reputation had taken some hits from reporters
who'd ~

**appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ subterfuge / substance & lack of substance:
infrastructure**

face (identity and nature)

face of boxing
he changed the ~ (Muhammad Ali)

face of fashion
model diversity and the ever-changing ~

face of war
the true ~ in all its joylessness and hopelessness

changing face
the ~ of a rural Colorado community (immigration)

changing the face
they are ~ of competitive skateboarding (Sky, Bombette)

identity & nature: face

face (yellowface, etc.)

blackface
“~,” when white actors portray Black characters (history)
the ugly history of ~ (NPR / Code Switch)
“US Soprano offended by ~ pulls out of Italy opera” (NYP)

Blackface
“Barnes & Noble ‘Diverse Editions’ Are ‘Literary ~’” (NPR)

brownface
“~” in US entertainment (Al Pacino as Tony Montana, etc.)
“~” is similar to the term “blackface”
Jonah from Tonga has sparked a discussion on “~”

Jewface
recent ~ controversies (Helen Mirren as Golda Meir, etc.)
the term ~ (when a Jew watches non-Jews play Jews)

redface
yellowface or brownface or blackface or ~...

white face
this is ~, why not cancelled (*White Chicks* film)

white-face
Blacks can use ~ and make fun of whites (*White Chicks*)

Whiteface
Jay Gatsby: A Black Man in ~ (2017 / by Janet Savage)

yellowface
“~,” when people attempt to look Asian
the past and present of “~”
is there more ~, or are we just more aware of it
in some respects ~ and blackface are the same (Erin Quill)

♦ Eye makeup that makes one look vaguely Asian; wearing kimonos or qipaos; mincing steps; tittering behind fans, excessive bowing; evil characterizations... (Yellowface.)

♦ “‘Why don’t Jews play Jews?’—David Baddiel on the row over Helen Mirren as Golda Meir” by David Baddiel, *The Guardian*, 12 Jan 2022.

♦ “On Earth Day, 1971, nonprofit organization Keep America Beautiful launched what the Ad Council would later call one of the ‘50 greatest commercials of all time.’ Dubbed ‘The Crying Indian,’ the one-minute PSA features a Native American man paddling down a junk-infested river, surrounded by smog, pollution, and trash; as he hauls his canoe onto the plastic-infested shore, a bag of rubbish is tossed from a car window, exploding at his feet. The camera then pans to the Indian’s cheerless face just as a single tear rolls down his cheek. / The ad, which sought to combat pollution, was widely successful...and helped reduce litter by 88% across 38 states... / But while Hollywood trumpeted Iron Eyes Cody as a ‘true Native American’ and profited from his ubiquitous image, the man himself harbored an unspoken secret: he was 100% Italian.” (“The True Story of ‘The Crying Indian’” by Zachary Crockett, *Priceonomics*, September 9, 2014. See the Wikipedia entry “Iron Eyes Cody.” Astonishingly, the Ad Council still features “The Crying Indian” PSA in its “Our History / The Classics” section, along with its War Bonds, Red Cross, Polio, the Peace Corps, and Crime Prevention campaigns.)

♦ “Where Caucasians seem to get bothered and confused by colorblind casting is they believe it means that they, Caucasians, now get to play any other race because the next Cinderella on Broadway is going to be African-American. / They feel it is a quid pro quo: you get to be in a show, then we get to play you in a show. But that is not how it was ever supposed to work [italics mine]. And it is a bastardization what is supposed to be happening.” (Erin Quill, who blogs about diversity in casting, about colorblind casting.)

♦ “The images last year from the Asian fraternity that dressed up in blackface for a party (and filmed it!) were so disappointing.” (LeiLani Nishime. Shouldn’t have filmed it...)

♦ “But what if they made Black Chicks with Zack Efron and Seth Rogan. Would they need that comedy too, I wonder? (As opposed to the Wayans brothers hilarious film, *White Chicks*.)

♦ “White Chicks is hella FUNNY! Need part 2!!!” (An online commenter.)

♦ “The NAACP said that it was problematic... but, if you’re looking at the Zulu Club within the tradition of masquerading and masking, painting one’s face is a part of Carnival, or it’s a part of a masquerade, and the Zulus will say that they could not afford masks. It was cheaper and it was accessible for them to actually paint their faces black... I mean, it’s a caricature, it’s Mardi Gras, it’s like everything is exaggerated, if you look at even Mardi Gras Krewes that are traditionally white, they also have these caricatures of white people and European features, and so, it’s an exaggeration. And while it’s connected to minstrelsy historically, I think that it was more rooted in this idea of a masquerade, a mask. People are really dismissive [of outsiders protesting the Zulus’ black face], to be honest with you. I think that New Orleans understands New Orleans’ traditions. The city has been very insular, right? A lot of our traditions have just existed without the participation and the scrutiny of people outside of New Orleans, and so I think that for the average black person in New Orleans, including those members of my family, they just simply do not connect the Black Face in Zulu with minstrelsy or making a mockery of black people and most certainly are not looking at it as an offensive tradition.” (“In New Orleans, The Fight Over Blackface Renews Scrutiny Of A Mardi Gras Tradition,” NPR, All Things Considered, 3 March 2019. The Zulu Club was founded in 1909.)

♦ “Deadspin quietly tweaks viral story on 9-year-old Chiefs fan’s ‘blackface’ after his parents threaten legal action.” (*The New York Post*.)

♦ see also *authenticity (groups)*, *self (authentic self, authentic selves)*

inclusion & exclusion: affix / possession

face (public face, etc.)

face of climate denial
President Trump has become the ~ (Al Gore)

face of (sideline) protests
he became the ~ (NFL’s Kaepernick)

face of resistance
he was one ~ to the Nazis at Stalingrad (Vasily Zaitsev)

international face

he was the ~ of Iraq (Tariq Aziz)

public face

he is the ~ of the proposed community center
he has become the ~ of the hospital (chief of trauma)
Yamani became the ~ of the oil embargo (1973)
the Defense Secretary is the ~ of the Pentagon

representation: face / picture / sign, signal, symbol

face (look something in the face)

looked their tragic history in the face
the Americans had never ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face / verb

face (in one's face)

in your face

some of these feminists can be really ~ (a Swiss woman)
racism can be covert and underhanded, versus ~

in each other's face

the coaches want the players ~ (to call out mistakes)

in-your-face president

he is an ~

get in people's faces

she was not afraid to ~ (a politician)

♦ "Why are we firing them, why are we blaming them, attacking and demonizing them, why are we in their face?" (The unvaccinated.)

♦ "We're not going anywhere; we're here to stay; we're in your face; we're present and not absent; you will not erase us..." (Different groups.)

♦ "Running while brown. Skittish while Muslim." (NPR. Code Switch. Race. In Your Face.)

♦ "He was the originator of getting in your face and talking trash." (Orlando Woolridge about the great NBA star Larry Bird, a Hoosier from French Lick, Indiana.)

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: face

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face

face (conflict)

get in people's faces

she was not afraid to ~ (a politician)

get out of my face

now ~ (leave / rude)

conflict: face

face (fall on one's face, etc.)

fall on their faces

I hope the Browns continue to ~ (NFL snark)

fall flat on your face

you can ~ (comedy improv like Chicago's Second City)

success & failure: face / position

equilibrium & stability: standing, sitting & lying

face (face facts, etc.)

face your problems

you have to ~ head on

face facts

it's time to ~

face the facts

she urged her youngest daughter to ~

faced the reality

he finally ~ that the agency was bumbling (C.I.A.)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face / verb

face (brave face, etc.)

putting on a brave face

his allies are ~ (politics)

put your best face forward

sometimes you just have to ~

put a brave face on this awful situation

they are trying to ~

appearance & reality: face

face (egg on one's face, etc.)

have egg on their face

Australia ~ (goalie blunder at Qatar World Cup)

♦ "The enlightened peace-and-love progressives of Silicon Valley don't just have egg on their faces, they have blood on their hands." ("YouTube Banned Me, But Not the Hate Imams" by Michelle Malkin, Opinion, Townhall, Jun 07, 2017.)

flaws & lack of flaws: face

face (face anger, etc.)

face anger

leaders ~ across Nigeria

faces the ax

the show still ~ (TV)

face (tight) budgets

schools ~

face the challenge

soldiers must ~ of combat with leadership, initiative, skill

faces a charge

he ~ of theft by deception

facing charges

they are ~ of murder and aggravated assault

faced collapse

the company asked for government intervention as it ~

face danger

once you ~ over and over you lose your fear

face death

they still ~ by beheading (Saudi Arabia)

face my death

a nursing staff that will help me ~ (dying)

face discrimination

their children ~ in Somali schools (Somali Bantus)
many Israeli Arabs say they ~

face (widespread) discrimination
laborers from rural areas ~ (in large cities)

faces a (potential rabies) epidemic
the city ~

faces eviction
the business ~ when its lease expires (nightclub)

faces a (terrible economic) inheritance
the government ~ (Britain)

face (tough) penalties
some young abusers do ~ (animal abuse)

face (strong family) pressure
they ~ to be dutiful sons

faces a (rough) road
President Obama ~ (politics)

faces (potential) sanctions
Missouri ~ (sports)

faces (big) test
US ~ in ambitious troop rotation

faced a (new) threat
the Rangers ~ (mortars / Takur Ghar)

face forced marriages
five girls ~ (Pakistan / result of vani tradition)

fictive meeting & seeing: face / verb
confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face / verb
face (in the face of)

in the face of adversity
motivate soldiers to fight on ~
the belief that men must be strong ~ (emotions)

in the face of authority
the defiant gesture ~

in the face of change
this marriage tradition is disappearing ~ (Yupiks)

in the face of danger
we will not blink ~ (military)

in the face of (harrowing) danger
his heroic actions ~ (military)

in the face of death
all fear of embarrassment or failure fall way ~

in the face of failure
the team has demonstrated resilience ~
why do some persist ~ while others give up

in the face of their fury
the ceasefire meant little ~

in the face of a (major) threat
what would they do ~ (military)

in the face of (faculty) unrest
~ (at a college)

blink in the face of danger
we will not ~ (military)

wilt in the face of threats
we will not ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face
resistance, opposition & defeat: face
appearance & disappearance: face
face (fly in the face)

fly in the face of notions
the 2000 census findings ~ of...

flies in the face of (social) convention
his work ~ (an artist)

fly in the face of the facts
his findings ~

fly in the face of power
artistic works that ~ (an award)

fly in the face of conventional wisdom
his findings ~ (scientist)

♦ Have you ever been "dive-bombed" by a bird protecting its nest or territory? Perhaps that is the basis for this expression.

resistance, opposition & defeat: bird
face (blow up in one's face)

blow up in his face
it could ~ (if he ignored the infraction)

blown up in our face
this has ~ (supporting Somali warlords)

reversal: explosion / verb
face (slap in the face, etc.)

slap in the face
see *slap (slap in the face, etc.)*

spit in the face
see *spit (spit in the face / noun)*

insult: face
face (concept)

loss of face
easing him out of power without a ~

save face
dictators always need to ~ (repression)

private face
he had a public face and a ~

public face
I have taken a lot of trouble with my ~ (Noel Coward)

true face
Iranians hide their ~ (speech)

national, ideological and political face
so much ~ was involved (building a huge dam)

hide their (true) face
Iranians ~ (speech)

♦ "The mind thinks something, the heart feels something else, the tongue says something else, and manners do something else. It doesn't mean people are lying. They are just dealing with you with a different character." (Muhammad Atrianfar, an Iranian newspaper publisher, on the complexities of communicating with his fellow Iranians.)

♦ "Honne or *tatmae*?" (A Japanese expression for the difference between one's public facade and one's real feelings.)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / society: face

face (appearance)

baby face
the lean build, ~, and curly brown hair
a full beard to hide his ~

game face
suit up and put on his ~ (NASCAR driver)
she had on her ~ (a law-enforcement officer)

appearance: face

face (smiley face)

smiley-face
~ stickers

putting a happy face on everything
he was still ~ (politics and the pandemic)

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. Two young men are sitting at a table. The man on the left is a picture of despair: His elbows are on the table, his head is bowed, and his hands are on the top of his head, so that you can't see his face. Across the table, his nerdy Zoomer friend is saying, "Maybe try turning the mug around so its inspirational message faces you?" On the table is a mug. Looking closely, you can see that the "inspirational message" on the mug is the yellow smiley face. The upspeak indicated by the question mark in the caption is priceless. *The New Yorker*, November 7, 2022.)

representation: face / picture / sign, signal, symbol

face (red face, red-faced, etc.)

red-faced
I am ~ (embarrassment)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / color / face

face (face-palm, face palm)

face-palm bad
my idea is bad, like you know, ~

face-palm moment
it was truly a ~ (politician unwittingly reads joke names)

♦ "My idea is bad, like you know, face-palm bad." (The successful (relatively) young creative holds her palms to her eyes, feigning embarrassment but smiling.)

♦ "Classic HYS trope—a fan of another team says something sporting and pleasant, so somebody immediately jumps in to say they can't possibly be a real fan. Real face palm moment."

♦ "Holy Facepalm" left a "What do you think?" comment about a picture of EmRata wearing a tiny giraffe-print string bikini. Cheeky!

♦ "Great face-palm from the CNN host as Lemon and Ramaswamy fight!" (An online commenter.)

♦ See the excellent Wikipedia entry, "Facepalm." It's a meme, an emoji, etc. Apparently, mandrills do it, too. Who knew?

feeling, emotion & effect: face / gesture / hand

Facebook (the Facebook of knitting, etc.)

Facebook of knitting
Ravelry is often called "the ~" (millions of accounts)

size: epithet

faceless (adjective)

faceless bureaucracy
try as he may, he cannot penetrate a ~

identity & nature: face

facelift (noun)

undergo a (major) facelift
the museum will ~ (Guggenheim)

amelioration & renewal: face

face-saving (concept)

British face-saving
this is just an exercise in ~

face-saving compromise
he has quietly argued for a ~ that would...

exercise in (British) face-saving
this is just an ~

social interaction / society: face

face up (face up to something)

face up to the need
the government was forced to ~ for urban planning

face up to this problem
soccer must ~ and tackle it (fan racism)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / face / verb

facing (future-facing, etc.)

future-facing
Polachek has a ~ sonic playfulness (vs. retro style)

♦ "We are future-facing and always innovating." (Oxford University Press.)

future / time: direction / eye

perception, perspective & point of view: direction / eye

factory (creation)

factory of extreme weather
the supercell can be a ~

factories for (left-wing) political activism
California schools are ~

factory for the production
it operated as a ~ of knowledge (universities)

disease-factory
packing our kids into a ~ (schools / pandemic)

dream factory
Los Angeles, the ~ (1980s / drugs, films, clubs)

show-business factory
the ~ that churned out iconic hits like the Amanda Show

creation & transformation: manufacturing
factory (glue factory)

sent to the glue factory
it's time for Maguire to be ~ (disgruntled football fan)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / horse / manufacturing

fade (verb)

faded into irrelevance
the group has ~

fades into obscurity
he may not mind if his name ~...

faded into the past
episodes of violence which have long ~

fade into the background
many prefer to ~ (teen-model sites on Internet)

faded into (grim) determination
my earlier feeling of achievement ~ as we struggled...

fades out of boxing
my hope is that Tyson just ~ (the boxer)

faded after a few weeks
her latest book got lousy reviews and ~

fades over the course of a month
anxiety following a trauma that ~ or so isn't depression

faded from the scene
the anti-crime campaign ~ in most urban areas

faded from sight
the Rebel Flag ~ when the South was defeated...

fading fast
America's reputation is ~ (Iraq)

faded steadily
a trauma that ~ over the course of a month

applause faded
as the ~ and he approached the lectern...

enthusiasm faded
his initial ~ (an employee)

fame faded
the ~ (a writer)

hopes faded
~ for 102 miners trapped in a flooded coal mine
his ~ (Montagnard in Cambodian refugee camp)

impression (soon) fades
but our initial ~ as... (of a film character)

memories fade
~... (time)
~ and memories change (a defense lawyer)

memories (of Katrina) have faded
but ~... (New Orleans)

memory (of the Hayman fire) fades
as ~ (wildfire)

stigma is fading
the TV appearance of teen victims suggests the rape ~

threat (of war with Spain) faded
as the ~

old ways have been fading
the ~ (Inuit)

begins to fade
if we offer hope, then the stigma ~ (HIV and retrovirals)

starting to fade
old ways of life are ~ as the Arctic thaws

♦ "TO LET / CARRIAGES COUPES HANSOMS VICTORIAS LIGHT WAGONS / HORSES BOARD BY THE MONTH." (A fading "ghost sign" on an old brick wall in New York City.)

appearance & disappearance / decline / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: light & dark / verb

fade away (verb)

faded away
he disappeared into obscurity, he just ~ (a civic leader)

fade away quickly
their recent memories ~ (the elderly)

memories fade away
their recent ~ quickly (the elderly)

support fades away
as his ~... (leader of a country)

burn out or fade away
playboating didn't ~ (whitewater rodeos, etc.)

appearance & disappearance / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: light & dark / verb

fail (a big fail, etc.)

Amazon fail
an ~ is a learning experience (restaurant delivery)

debate fail
after his ~ last week... (a politician)

stunning fail
it was a ~ (Boeing's software problems with Max plane)

big fail
I think it's a ~ (an ad campaign)

♦ In the dictionary I use, the only use of *fail* as a noun is in the expression, "without fail."

*** analysis

♦ "[A] failure and a fail are not the same thing. *Failure* is not, in terms of how it is used in actual speech, simply the act of failing. It once was, but over time it has taken on a whiff of personal condemnation. *Failure* suggests, more readily, a rather large-scale, tragic kind of failing; one thinks of an assessment of a person's entire career, marriage, or life, of a head hung low, and the plays of Arthur Miller. 'Epic failure!' then, is a little mean. In modern English, the actual word for simply 'a failing,' with no ominous hint of therapy sessions or a gun going off offstage, is 'a fail.' It's certainly handier for people playing video games or rating one another's sales volume." (*Words on the Move* by the linguist John McWhorter, Chapter 2, "It's the Implication That Matters: Words on the Move." As McWhorter notes, "A linguist's first observation must be that English speakers have been transforming verbs into nouns this way for a good thousand years.")

failure, accident & impairment: part of speech

faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)

faint hearted

academia, like war, is not for the ~
this is a tough business model, it's not for the ~ (a pub)
filmmaking is not a world for the ~ (Scorsese)

faint-hearted

politics is a hard business, it has never been for the ~

heart: force

eagerness & reluctance / courage & lack of courage / strength & weakness: heart

fairy (Fairy Bridge, etc.)

Fairy Bridge

we floated under the ~ (a natural arch on Buliu River)

Fairy Castle

~ is a pillar in Bryce Canyon, Utah

Fairy Dell

~ is a valley in Nevada

Fairy Ladder Falls

we visited ~ near Dix Mountain

Fairyland Canyon

~ is a valley in Bryce Canyon

Palace of the Fairy Queen

the ~ is a pillar in Bryce Canyon

* "They resemble humans, but their mouths are wider and their legs are much longer than ours, with the feet facing backward. They have wings to fly through the air, and are clad in green robes." (Mashraf Khan, the royally appointed wizard of Hunza, speaking of the snow fairies that, in Hunza tradition, inhabit the surrounding mountains in northwest Pakistan. Mashraf says that they have a king and a queen, and the queen makes prophecies, such as 'A girl will die a month from now, falling into the river to the north.' Mashraf says he dances with the fairies. People watch him dancing, but the fairies are invisible.)

♦ The *curupira* is a mischievous red-haired elf who has feet that face backwards and takes delight in making tracks that lead travelers astray. (The Amazon.)

♦ "Over there, so Myra used to say, the Little People dwell in caves on the mountainsides and under the waterfalls. They are a tiny folk, hardly reaching to a man's knee, but well formed and featured, with long hair reaching nearly to the ground. / They are fond of music and of dancing. Sometimes, on a summer day, when all else was silent about the cab, we would hear a far-off mysterious throbbing somewhere in that glen, and Myra would say to me 'Listen: it is the Little People beating their drums!' / She said they were kind to mortals who think kindly of them; but they play tricks on busybodies and other folk that they do not like. If a man gets too curious and spies on the Little People when they are at

their games, or tries to enter their caves without being invited, or pokes behind the small waterfalls with a stick, they will cast a spell upon him so that he loses his way in the woods and goes wandering about in a daze. / When one finds anything pretty in the woods or among the rocks he must say 'Little People, I want to take this,' for it may belong to them, and if he does not ask permission they will stone him away from the place. / Myra used to hint to me that old Grandpa Dale brought most of his bright crystals and colored stones from over there; and so, she said, he must be a great friend of the Little People, or they would not let him find such things, or would make them dissolve and fade away before he could take them out of the glen." (*Smoky Mountain Magic* by Horace Kephart.)

♦ According to a legend attributed to the Cherokee Indians, the Tallulah Gorge in northern Georgia was inhabited by a race of "little people."

proper name: creature

fairy godmother

see godmother (*fairy godmother*)

fairy tale (happy)

fairy tale ending

this was not the ~ his glittering career deserved (soccer)

fairy tale ending for the club's greatest goal scorer

there was no ~ (Manchester City bottles final)

fairy-tale romance

they had a ~

fairy-tale wedding

and after the ~ things did get bad

modern day football fairy tale

it's a ~ (the Jamie Vardy story)

♦ "Not every story has a fairytale ending."

resemblance: books & reading

fairy tale (fantasy, delusion)

fairy tale economics

he has accused his rivals of ~ (tax cuts)

fairy tale land

Mr. Binger must live in ~ to think that... (a prosecutor)

fairy-tale thinking

it's hard to tell if this is ~ or an evil plot (gamification)

just a fairy tale

at first the coronavirus was ~, a rumor in the camp...

Black fairytale

he called it "the first ~" (1988 film *Coming to America*)

Hollywood fairy tale

the ~ that representation equals change (inclusion)

fantasy & reality: books & reading

faith (noun)

blind faith

he had this ~ in me (defensive coach)

lose faith

I began to ~ in him

allegiance, support & betrayal: religion

faithful (the faithful, etc.)

the Laker faithful
obviously ~ will give us a lot of energy (LeBron James)

the pickleball faithful
the ~ have looked to the town for assistance (courts, etc.)

enthusiasm: religion

fall (noun)

fall of the (police) state
with the ~

fall of the Soviet Union
in the chaotic period following the ~ (nuclear arms)

fall from grace
it was a stunning ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

stunning fall
now to the ~ of a CEO

dramatic fall
it was a ~from grace (Hollywood mogul)

hard fall
Indonesia's economy has taken a ~

imminent fall
diplomats predicted Taylor's ~ (Liberia)

took a fall
religious coexistence ~ under Gen. Zia ul-Huq

decline: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

fall (rise and fall)

see *rise and fall*

fall (fall from power, etc.)

fallen from favor
she has ~ (a replaced Broadway director)

fell from power
he ~

stand or fall
the theory will ~ on the strength of that argument

stood or fell
the government ~ by its alliance with...

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

fall (defeat)

fell to the Incas
the Chimu Kingdom ~ (Peru)

fall to the opposition
eastern Libya was first to ~

fell in the first round
4 giants ~ (World Cup soccer)

fell without a shot
the rebel forces evaporated, and the city ~

city fell
the rebels fled and the ~ without a shot

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / verb

fall (fall ill, etc.)

fall ill
their duty status at the time they ~...
those who do ~ become infectious days earlier (dengue)
they began to ~ with mysterious symptoms

decline: direction / health & medicine / verb

fall (fall into a coma, etc.)

fell into a (fatal) coma
he ~ after drinking bourbon (fraternity member)

fell into a (deep) depression
he ~, popping pain pills and swilling tequila

fall into a funk
it's easy to ~ about Russia's future
the jobless aren't the only people who can ~ over work

fell into a (deep) sleep
he ~

fall into a dream state
its victims ~ (tokoloshe)

consciousness & awareness: direction / health & medicine / verb

fall (fall into a rage, etc.)

fell into a depression
she ~

fell into a (deep) depression
he ~, popping pain pills and swilling tequila

fell into panic
I ~ (a student)

fell into rages
he ~ (after traumatic brain injury)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb

fall (on Friday, etc.)

fell on a school night
Halloween ~

occurrence: direction

time: height

fall (night fell, etc.)

dark had fallen
full ~ by now

night had fallen
~ by the time we set up camp

occurrence: direction

time: height

fall (silence fell, etc.)

fell into (an uncomfortable) silence
they ~

silence fell
a ~

occurrence / sound: direction

increase & decrease: sound

fall (numbers)

fell 50%
attendance ~

fall to (abnormally low) levels
causes the blood sugar to ~

fell to 165 pounds from 198
his weight ~ (injured bedridden skier)

fell to 16 below zero
temperatures ~

fell to single digits
his popularity ratings ~

fell to 190 million kilograms
the country's tea exports ~ (India)

fell steadily
AIDS cases ~ as new, more effective drugs took hold

attendance fell
~ more than 50 percent (at a museum)

cases fell
AIDS ~ as new, more effective drugs took hold

exports fell
the country's tea ~ to 190 million kilograms (India)

population has fallen
Malaysia's wild-tiger ~ from 3,000 to 500 (2008)

ratings fell
his popularity ~ to single digits

temperatures fell
~ to 16 below zero

weight fell
his ~ to 165 pounds from 198 (bedridden injured skier)

ridership fell
~ as tourism slumped (cabs)

viewership has been falling
~ (the Olympics)

blood pressure falls
~, the pulse is rapid and weak (shock)

death rates (per vehicle mile) have fallen

decline: direction / verb

increase & decrease: number

fall (money)

fell 6 percent
revenues ~ (a company)

fell by 0.6%
construction spending ~ in November (US)

income fell
its ~ because of... (a company)
prices have been falling
disk ~ (computers / storage)

prices (subsequently) fell
oil ~ as low as \$10 a barrel

revenues fell
~ 6 percent (a company)

shares fall
profits rise, but ~ at G.E.

stock fell
the ~ even though the company...

spending fell
construction ~ by 0.6% in November (US)

continue falling
commission prices are likely to ~

decline: direction / verb

fall (fall into place)

falling into place
all the pieces to this investigation are ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle

fall (fall short)

fall (far) short of acceptance
we'll see improvement, but it will ~

fall short of demand
the teacher supply will continue to ~

fell (7,000) short of its (recruiting) goal
the Navy ~

fell (far) short of the (UN) goals
the plan ~ for combating...

falls short of its hype
the city ~ (Seattle)

fell short of its promises
Facebook ~ to...

falls short of requirements
improvise where the logistics system ~ (war)

falls short of (professional) standards
a doctor can be admonished if he ~

fell short of its (enlistment) target
the Navy ~

fall short of torture
methods that ~, such as sleep deprivation

fell (far) short of meeting
it ~ the Congressional intent (government plan)

fell 7,000 short
the Navy ~ of its recruiting goal

success & failure: direction / target
failure, accident & impairment: target
fall (fall on / upon)

fell upon hard times
she ~

fallen on hard times
the team has ~ (losing record)

decline: direction

fall (an emotion can fall)

rose and fell
hope ~ as the hours passed (mine-rescue attempt)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

fall (fall in love)

fell in love with America
I ~ (an exchange student)

fall in love with the (area's) seascapes
artists ~ (northern Jutland)

fell in love with (tribal) carvings
Andre Breton ~ from Oceania (artist)

fell in love with the sport
like a lot of boys, he ~ straightaway (Ben Raemers)

fallen in love with climbing
he had ~ after taking a NOLS course

fell in love with cycling
she ~ while on a holiday in Turkey (an Iraqi female)

♦ "What can I say, I'm in love with birds." (A birder.)

♦ "To meet a walrus is to fall in love with a walrus." (A walrus researcher.)

♦ "I love maps, and when you get hooked, you get hooked." (W. Graham Arader III, a preeminent map dealer of old American maps.)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction
enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage
fall (weight)

weight (of the tragedy) fell
the full ~ over the neighborhood (AIDS)

burden falls
the ~ primarily on women (decisions)

oppression: direction / weight

fall (fall into a category, etc.)

fall into (3) categories
pattern injuries ~ (ED)

falls into the (choking-agent) class
chlorine is a chemical that ~ (ED)

fall into (two) groups
field services ~—essential and nonessential (war)

fell into (two) groups
he believed people ~: prey and predator

falls into the (latter) group
don't worry if your child ~

taxonomy & classification: direction

fall (fall into the hands, etc.)

fallen into the hands
regions that have ~ of the insurgents

fall into (enemy) hands
the material could ~ (military)

fell into (rebel) hands
the stronghold of Korhogo ~

falls into the (company's) lap
consumer data ~

fall into the hands
weapons that may ~ of terrorists (NBC, etc.)

fall into the (wrong) hands
it could ~

fall into enemy hands
he feared the machine gun could ~

fell into the wrong hands
if the information ~

possession: direction / hand / verb

fall (fall into chaos, etc.)

fall into an abyss
women with eating disorders ~ and can't get out

fell into (bloody, lawless) chaos
Afghanistan ~

fall into a (relentless) cycle
sufferers ~ of compulsive scratching

fallen into disrepair
the property had ~

fallen into disuse
many fire lookout towers have ~

fall into the habit
it is easy to ~ of using stereotypes to prejudge people

fell into the life
their children ~ of American teenagers (Somalis)

fell into a pattern
he ~ and was caught (criminal)

fall into prostitution
homeless kids often ~ as a form of "survival sex"

fell into the trap
the Marines ~ (ambush in Anbar Province)

fallen into a trap
the Bush administration has ~ (by invading Iraq)

fell into drug abuse
she ~, self-mutilation and promiscuity (teenager)

fell into a state of disrepair
the terminal ~ (Grand Central Terminal)

easy to fall into
it is ~ the habit of using stereotypes to prejudge people

decline: direction / verb

fall (devolve)

falls to the sheriffs
the ultimate responsibility for safety ~ (of jailed inmates)

responsibility (for safety) falls
the ultimate ~ to the sheriffs (of jailed inmates)

responsibility: direction

fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.)

fell off the charts
the song rose to number 3, then ~

fell off the radar screen
both men ~ (terrorists)

appearance & disappearance: direction / verb

fall apart (emotionally)

falls apart
he ~ at the merest hint of frustration (toddler)

fell apart
he ~ and turned to heroin (after being molested)
I ~ and started using drugs

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb

fall apart (verb)

fell apart
my life ~ after I discovered...
their relationship ~ (married couple)
the case ~ (criminal trail)

fallen apart
the case against him has ~

argument falls apart
but then his ~

arrangement fell apart
less than 2 years later, the ~

life fell apart
my ~ after I discovered...

marriage fell apart
she described how her perfect ~

plans can fall apart
even the best of ~...

things fell apart
that's what happened in Africa, ~ (aid projects)

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / verb

fall behind (competition and progress)

fall behind
we want to keep up and not ~ (government official)
the US could ~ China (digital currency)

"falling behind" in math and science
the long-held anxiety that Americans are somehow ~

fallen behind at Fremont
he had ~, not just in history but... (school)

fell behind by 3 years
our program ~ (space)

doomed to fall behind
they are ~ (certain categories of students)

keep up and not fall behind
we want to ~ (government official)

competition / growth & development / progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

fall down (verb)

fell down
he ~ and now he's getting back up (redemption)

behavior / success & failure: direction / verb
failure, accident & impairment: verb / walking, running & jumping

fallen (dead)

fallen detective
the NYPD paid tribute to its ~ (killed in line of duty)

death & life: direction / euphemism

fallen (the fallen)

living and the fallen
may God bless them, the ~ (speech to military)

death & life: direction / euphemism

fall for (verb)

fell for it
it was a scam, but more than 400 people ~

fell for opera
a gramophone and Mozart, or how I ~

fell for each other
in college, they instantly ~ (romance)

fall head over heels
you will ~ for this book

stupidly fell for
how we ~ for STEM (education)

♦ "Any woman who grew up during the late 1960s and '70s will fall head over heels for Sheila Weller's *Girls Like Us*." (*Ladies' Home Journal*)

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / verb

fall guy (noun)

fall guy
he says he was forced to be the '~' (fired)

punishment & recrimination / sacrifice: person

fall off (verb)

rates fall off
~ rapidly after the peak (meteor shower)

decline / increase & decrease: direction / verb

falloff (noun)

falloff in travel
there has been a ~ to and from Bali (terrorism)

decline / increase & decrease: direction

fallout (effect)

fallout of an (Iraqi) war
they are worried about the ~ (Egyptians)

fallout from the allegations
the firm faces continued ~ (fraud)

fallout from the incident
the ~ was unexpected and severe

fallout from the resignation
the newspaper is still coping with the ~ of...

political fallout
he faces the potential for ~ (politics)

psychological fallout
the ~ to those who served in Vietnam

mental-health fallout
the ~ has yet to peak (Gulf of Mexico)

contain the fallout
the US seeks to ~ from the murders of civilians

bracing for (more) fallout
Washington is ~ from the scandal

♦ "Some seventy per cent of the fallout landed on Belarus and created an unprecedented public-health crisis." (The Chernobyl disaster of 1996, Ukraine.)

affliction / effect / feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / nuclear energy

fallow (adjective)

fallow
the economy is still ~ (lack of growth)

fallow period
she was enduring a ~ and fighting irrelevance (comic)
she endured ~s in her personal life (relationships)
the following 7 years were a ~ (a bacteriologist)

fallow stretch
Disney has seen a ~ at the box office (films)

fallow territory
FIFA sees the US as ~ for soccer's growth

fallow time
it was a ~, a frustrating time for him

more fallow
the intervening years have been ~ (after Calzaghe / Wales)

lay fallow
his analysis ~ for half a century (economics)

lie fallow
I feel I have written myself out & ought to ~ (George Orwell)

lying fallow
the pier has been ~ for a long time (development)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

fall through (verb)

adoption fell through
if the ~ and they often do...

deal fell through
but the ~ because...

plans had fallen through
~ (for a shared meal)

sale fell through
the ~ (protests)

talks fall through
should the trade ~

success & failure: direction / verb

failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb

false flag (subterfuge)

false flag for the election
is it a Likud ~ (a provocation)

"false-flag" attack
the regime called it a ~ by the rebels against their own side

false flag operation
a ~ is right out of their playbook (military tensions)
the apparent attack could have been a ~ (Ukrainian claim)

♦ "Broken and squally weather rendered the attempt to land impracticable for a week; and in the meantime a French frigate, which, by capturing some British ships, had become acquainted with our private signals, and daringly accompanied the expedition as if she formed part of

it, suddenly shot ahead of the fleet, and, hoisting the tricolour, ran safely into the harbour of Alexandria, with a reinforcement for General Menou." ("Alexandria, 1801" from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

subterfuge: flags & banners

falter (verb)

negotiations faltered

he threatened China with new tariffs as ~

plans have faltered

their ~

failure, accident & impairment / starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

family (group)

family

policing is a ~ (Sgt Matt Ratana)

family of nations

Russia had no place in the ~ (18th century)

rugby family

our thoughts and those of the entire ~ are with the family

member of the (European) family

do we want to remain a ~ or wander lost (EU)

drive Greece out of the family

the EU is a heartless stepmother trying to ~

relationship: family

family (gang / group)

Mafia family

New York's biggest ~

group, set & collection: family

family (plants)

onion family

the ramp, a member of the ~

orchid family

the ~ has more than 40,000 species

plant family

120 ~s and 300 species (Botanical Gardens)

taxonomy & classification: family

family (animals)

families of Arabian horses

there are five great ~

dolphin family

killer whales, or orcas, are the largest members of the ~

pinniped family

monk seals are the oldest in the ~

equine family

the donkey, mule, and zebra are all members of the ~

taxonomy & classification: family

family (viruses)

family of coronaviruses

a new strain from the ~ is to blame (SARS)

family of viruses

it is a ~ that... (coronaviruses)

dengue is from the same ~ that causes yellow fever

viral family

monkeypox is a member of the same ~ as smallpox

taxonomy & classification: family

family (products)

family of engines

the JT8D-200 is from the same ~ used on midsize jets

notebook family

the ~ that's won over 800 awards (computers)

combat vehicle family

each member of the future ~

member of the (future vehicle) family

each ~ (military)

taxonomy & classification: family

family (languages)

linguistic family

40 ethnic groups belonging to 3 ~s (Africa)

taxonomy & classification: family

family tree

family tree

the roots of his ~ lie in Ireland

♦ **MONKEY**, n. An arboreal animal which makes itself at home in genealogical trees. (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

branching system: family / tree

famine (noun)

feast to famine

it was ~ in a couple of weeks (laid-off tech worker)

go from feast to famine

you ~, bologna to steak back to bologna (coal miner)

♦ The Great Irish Famine ("The Great Hunger, 1845-1852); The Russian famine of 1921-1922 (Volga and the Urals); the Ukraine famine of 1932-33; the Siege of Leningrad... (Starvation.)

♦ "His wife was called Itusarssuk. She loved children because once, during a hunger period, she had to kill four of her own to spare them from the death of starvation... / Itusarssuk was highly respected because of her deed. She had loved her children enough to kill them so as to free them from further sufferings." (*Book of the Eskimos* by Peter Freuchen.)

♦ "Who in the desert had never tasted drought? Who had not been driven into exile by famine? Such things were the inescapable fate of the desert—and all the songs of the desert were an expression of this grief, drought, and homelessness..." (From *Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ "Like most creatures of the Wild, the grey cub early experienced famine. There came a time when not only did the meat-supply cease, but the milk no longer came from his mother's breast. At first the cubs

whimpered and cried, but for the most part they slept...reduced to a coma of hunger...while the life that was in them flickered and died down. When the grey cub came back to life...he found...only one sister remained to him. The rest were gone. [And] the food had come too late for her. She slept continuously, a tiny skeleton flung round with skin in which the flame flickered lower and lower and at last went out." (*White Fang* by Jack London.)

consumption / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

fan (verb)

fan the flames

this senator sought to further ~ of division
they just ~ to get clicks (the media online)
high winds helped ~

fanned the flames

he has ~ of the controversy

fanning the flames

he is ~ of hostility towards Muslims (a politician)

fanning civil war

Iran and Syria have been ~ in Iraq

ignite and fan

it's a way to ~ the flames of an epidemic (wildlife markets)

increase & decrease / initiation: fire / verb

fan (shape)

alluvial fan

a vast ~ extends out into the Bay of Bengal

♦ "As the sky breaks open / Its fans around him and shimmers / And into its northern gates he rises / Snarling complete in the joy of a weasel / With an elk's horned heart in his stomach..." ("For the Last Wolverine" by James L. Dickey. The aurora resembles a fan both in shape and movement.)

resemblance / shape: fan

fanatic (person)

fitness fanatic

he is a ~

health fanatic

he is a fitness trainer and a ~

jade fanatic

Hu Xianli, a self-professed ~ from Zhejiang Province

sports fanatic

she describes herself as a ~ (Miss USA)

camel racing fanatic

a ~ bought a racing camel for \$2.7 million (UAE)

self-professed (jade) fanatic

Hu Xianli, a ~ from Zhejiang Province

describes herself as a sports fanatic

she ~ (Miss USA)

♦ "My motto is, 'Be fit, not fanatic.'" (Exercise in moderation.)

♦ Reda The Elephant (Tunisia); Petit Bamba (Ivory Coast); Spike Lee (New York City)... (Internationally famous sports fans.)

♦ *Fan* is short for *fanatic*, which comes from the Latin *fanaticus*, "in or of the temple," from *fanum*, or temple, and took on the meaning "inspired by divinity." It began to be used in the US around 1900 by sportswriters writing about baseball enthusiasts, and the Hollywood movie industry would spin off *fan* magazines.

enthusiasm: person / religion

fanaticism (enthusiasm)

sneakerhead fanaticism

it's a masterly satire of ~ ("The Day the Jordans Drop")

♦ "These were as brave men as ever walked the earth...destroyed, not conquered, by machinery." (Winston Churchill, about the Battle of Omdurman. From *Churchill: Walking With Destiny* by Andrew Roberts.)

enthusiasm: religion

fanboy (person)

fanboy journalism

BBC's ~ goes into overdrive (Man U wins a match)

fanboy status

he's made no secret of his ~ (judge for another / SCOTUS)

enthusiasm: person / religion

fanfare (attention)

with much fanfare

her appointment was announced ~ (air force)

with little fanfare

the question was added to the forms ~ in 2008

with little (advanced) fanfare

he visited smaller towns, ~ (a presidential candidate)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: music

fan out (verb)

fanned out from Moscow

"politically literate" young Bolsheviks ~ to the rural areas

fanning out over the country

census workers are ~ (India)

movement: fan / shape

extent & scope: fan

fantasy (dream)

fantasy was that

my ~ I could...

my fantasy

you are the most beautiful woman in the world, you are ~
that was ~ growing up (to be a chess grandmaster)

living my fantasy

I guess I'm ~ (a music groupie)

♦ "Someday, we're gonna have us a little house and a couple acres, and a cow and a pig and chickens. And have rabbits. We're gonna have a big vegetable patch and we're gonna have a rabbit hutch. And down in the flat we'll have a little field of alfalfa. Yeah, you get to tend the rabbits. When it rains, in the winter, we'll just say hell with going to work, and we'll just build a fire in the stove, and we'll just sit there, and we'll listen to the rain." (George speaking to Lennie. From the 1992 film *Of Mice and Men*, with Gary Sinise and John Malkovich, screenplay by Horton Foote, based on the novella by John Steinbeck.)

♦ "Wait till I get to California! I'm gonna reach up and pick me an orange whenever I want it! Or some grapes—now-now-now—there's something I ain't never had enough of. I'm gonna get me a whole big bunch of grapes off 'en the bush, and I'm gonna squash them all over my face and let the juice drain down off my chin. (Stuttering) M-M-M-Maybe I'll get me a whole washtub full of grapes and just sit in 'em and scrounge around in 'em until they're all gone. I sure would like that. Yes, sir, I sure would like that. Yeah." (From the great 1940 John Ford film *The Grapes of Wrath*, based on the novel by John Steinbeck.)

♦ "In the Big Rock Candy Mountains, all the cops have wooden legs, and the bulldogs all have rubber teeth, and the hens lay soft-boiled eggs. The brakemen have to tip their hats, and the railroad bulls are blind. There are birds and bees and cigarette trees, and lemonade springs where the bluebird sings, Oh I'm bound to go where there ain't no snow, where the rain don't fall and the wind don't blow, in the Big Rock Candy Mountains." (The hobo song written by Harry "Haywire Mac" McClintock. Heard in the film *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*)

♦ "If wishes were horses, beggars would ride!"

wants, needs, hopes & goals: mental health

fantasy (fairy tale, etc.)

fantasy land

it's ~, brother, enjoy it (Logan Paul vs. Mayweather)

feminist fantasy

I fell headlong into the frantic ~

♦ "I fell headlong into the frantic feminist fantasy of *State of Terror*... The twist here is the gender of the action figure, who's barking commands and sweating her mascara off in the effort to save American democracy. Not only is she female, but she's a late middle-aged Secretary of State named Ellen Adams..." (Maureen Corrigan loves Hillary Clinton's book.)

fantasy & reality / resemblance: books & reading

fantasy (delusion)

fantasy

these charges are a ~ cooked up by the prosecutors

fantasy science

the company was based on ~ (Theranos)

delusion, denial and fantasy

they seek refuge in ~ (the Middle East)

fantasy & reality: mental health

far (farther on / time)

200 years further on

~ again, he enthuses about the Bauhaus (German history)

past & present / time: distance

far (far from, etc.)

far from where

we're still so ~ we need to be (testing for COVID)

far from the finish line

deep into the rat race, ~ of retirement

far (away) from the next scandal

he was never ~ (John McAfee)

far from over

the criticism and handwringing is ~ (foreign-policy issue)

the legal saga was ~

far from perfect

she was ~ as the USA finished second (gymnastics)

♦ see also *way (a long way from, etc.)*

proximity / time: distance

far (progress)

go far

together we will ~

get this far

I never thought I would ~ (immigrant success)

gone too far

we've ~ to turn back now (politics)

not go far enough

she said the law did ~ (Greta Thunberg)

gone (quite) a distance

we have ~ in creating a better Afghanistan

how far he can go

he's looking to see ~ (a politician)

♦ "There's no point coming this far, to only come this far." (The #filterdrop campaign.)

♦ "So far, so good!" (Not too many problems.)

attainment / progress & lack of progress: distance / journeys & trips / movement

far (too far)

bridge too far

see *bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)*

a bit too far

he takes his theory ~

way too far

this ideology has gone ~

going too far

revoke her license, but being sent to jail is ~ (a nurse)

gone too far

he conceded that he had ~ (behavior)

counterterrorism measures have ~

all this talk about rights has ~

went too far

he claims the officer ~

she ~ (bad behavior gets her in trouble)

OSHA stepped out of its lane, it ~ (a legal case)

pushed the limits too far

she has ~ (nudity)

pushed religion too far

the Islamists ~ (a Somali)

erred too far

we have ~ on the side of caution

swung too far

the pendulum has ~ and they want to push it back

♦ see also *ski (over one's skis)*

♦ "Critics of the Georgia elections law got far out over their skis."
(Corporations sanctioned the state, and Major League baseball removed the All-Star Game from Atlanta. If you get too far out over your skis while skiing, you can crash.)

♦ "For some reason this type of phrase gets tossed around a lot at my company. They'll say, 'you don't want to get ahead of your skis' and I always have the urge to shout back 'actually I don't want my skis to get ahead of me!' Lol It's always distracting..." (MissySki, Apr 19, 2021, on "The Ski Diva forum titled "Can you really get "out over your skis"? by SallyCat, Apr 18, 2021.)

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: distance

failure, accident & impairment: distance

farce (noun)

farce

this was a ~, window dressing (Savoy plebiscite)

courtroom farce

the trial was less a drama than a ~

political farce

meanwhile, a ~ took place at Stormont

farce and tragedy

man walks a narrow line in nature between ~ (Antarctic)

become a farce

the law has ~ (anonymity destroyed by social media)

descended into a farce

the organizational plans have ~ (Olympic security)

follow tragedy with farce

this will undermine them, you will ~ (politics)

♦ When Marx wrote that history repeats itself, "the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce," he was specifically comparing Napoleon Bonaparte to his nephew, Napoleon III. Victor Hugo disparagingly referred to Napoleon III as Napoleon the Little. Winston Churchill had a somewhat more favorable view of Napoleon III: "For more than twenty years this amiable, dreamy figure was to play a striking and not always ineffective part upon the European scene."

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

farewell (leaving)

farewell to comedy

it is her ~

fond farewell

Belfast is a ~ to Branagh's childhood (the film)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: exclamation / speech

farewell (death)

bid farewell

friends, family ~ to Haskins (funeral)

death & life: exclamation / speech

far-flung (adjective)

far-flung parts

you have been to so many ~ (a birder)

extent & scope: distance / throwing, putting & planting

farm (computers)

bitcoin farms

Malaysia police crush ~ with steamroller
~ even sell unused power back to the grid (Texas)

click farms

Vietnam's shadowy '~' (to boost traffic, engagement)

content farm

Demand Media is a ~
~s employ freelance writers
~s supply articles based on search-engine queries
~s are nothing new but ChatGPT is a force multiplier

link farms

~ exist to try to game PageRank (Google)

troll farm

propagandists at a Russian ~ used social media to...

computer server farm

his Websites were connected to the same ~ in Russia

computer / product: farming & agriculture

farm (enterprise)

body farm

the ~ has revolutionized forensic anthropology
cadaver dogs will train at the ~ (North Carolina)

octopus farm

"World's first proposals alarm scientists" (BBC)

oyster farm

Texas ~s collect their first harvest (2023)

tank farm

one of the facility's two ~s was destroyed (chemicals)
lightning ignites Cuban oil ~

wave farm

the world's first ~ off Portugal (generating electricity)

wind farm

a 20-megawatt ~ with 13-16 windmills
the ~ contains some 4,000 individual windmills (CA)

Wind Farm

the Gray County ~ in Kansas

wave energy farm

the US has awarded a permit to conduct testing for a ~

♦ see also *ranch* (*enterprise*)

product: farming & agriculture

far-off (time)

far-off days

the ~ of the quill pen and the ink well

past & present / time: distance

far-reaching

far-reaching

his predictions are ~ and broad

far-reaching changes

Congress is expected to make ~ in the law that...

far-reaching consequences

the finding could have ~ for how patients...

far-reaching importance

something of ~

far-reaching and broad

his predictions are ~

extent & scope: arm / distance

farsighted (adjective)

heroic and farsighted

his dedication to space flight was ~ (Von Braun)

consciousness & awareness / future / perception,

perspective & point of view: distance / eye

fashion (out of fashion)

fallen out of fashion

empathy has ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: clothing & accessories

fashion (noun)

political and intellectual fashions

they have picked up the latest ~ (overseas Indians)

appearance & reality: clothing & accessories

substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories

fashion (verb)

fashioned a knife out of wood

researchers have ~ that's three times sharper than steel

creation & transformation: hand

fat (chew the fat)

chewed the fat for about 15 minutes

we ~, then finally the General said... (getting serious)

speech: food & drink

fat (adjective)

getting fat

the regime is ~ while the poor suffer

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: fatness & thinness

fatal (adjective)

fatal to an athlete's career

a doping ban can be ~

fatal contradictions

there were two ~ in the American project (Afghan war)

fatal mistake

he called it a "pretty ~" (election prospects)

♦ "She was probably a good nurse in many ways, but she made a fatal mistake. Literally." (A nurse who injected the wrong drug, which killed her elderly patient. The case was controversial because the nurse was criminally charged and convicted.)

destruction: death & life / health & medicine

fatally (fatally wounded, etc.)

fatally wounded

the campaign is ~ (politics / election)

destruction: death & life / health & medicine

fat cat

fat cat

plutocrats, ~s... (rich politicians)

fill the pockets of the fat cats

FIFA have sold football down the river to ~

money: cat / fatness & thinness / sign, signal, symbol

person: animal / cat

father (verb)

father and god-father

he had been imported to ~ the bill (C.P. Ilbert)

creation & transformation: family / verb

father (Father of Waters, etc.)

father of floods

the Yellow River was known as the "~-"

Father of Waters

the ~ again goes unvexed to the sea (Mississippi River)

♦ "Down the Yellowstone, the Milk, the White and Cheyenne; / The Cannonball, the Musselshell, the James and the Sioux; / Down the Judith, the Grand, the Osage and the Platte, / The Skunk, the Salt, the Black and Minnesota; / Down the Rock, the Illinois, and the Kankakee, / The Allegheny, the Monongahela, Kanawha, and Muskingum; / Down the Miami, the Wabash, the Licking and the Green, / The Cumberland, the Kentucky, and the Tennessee; / Down the Ouachita, the Wichita, the Red, and Yazoo. // Down the Missouri, three thousand miles from the Rockies; / Down the Ohio, a thousand miles from the Alleghenies; / Down the Arkansas, fifteen hundred miles from the Great Divide; / Down the Red, a thousand miles from Texas; / Down the great Valley, twenty-five hundred miles from Minnesota, / Carrying every rivulet and brook, creek and rill, / Carrying all the rivers that run down two-thirds the continent-- / The Mississippi runs to the Gulf." (Narration from *The River* by Pare Lorentz, 1938, a New Deal government-financed documentary.)

epithet: family

geography: epithet

father (father of progress, etc.)

father of progress

necessity is the mother of invention, discontent is the ~

♦ "A brainchild like STEM has many fathers, and one who has credibly claimed paternity is Charles E. Vela..." (Education.)

♦ "None of these men are ever likely to acknowledge their paternity of the debacle that followed." (The triumph of the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2021.)

♦ "One falsehood begets another and another in the line of succession, until the father of them all shall have colonized his whole progeny upon the congenial soil of this new Dark Continent." ("COLUMBUS" by Ambrose Bierce. Published in 1892.)

relationship: family

father (father of India, etc.)

Pater Patriae

Captain Arthur Phillip, the ~ of Australians

father of the nuclear age

Enrico Fermi, ~

fathers of Modern Anesthesia

the ~ (Crawford W. Long and William T.G. Morton)

father of online anonymity

cryptographer David Chaum, who is considered the ~

father of landscape architecture

America's ~, Frederick Law Olmsted

father of Roman architecture

Marcus Vitruvius Pollio, considered by many to be the ~

father of Kansas City barbecue

Henry Perry, known as the “~” (Missouri)

Father of Bibliography

he earned his title as the ~ (Konrad Gesner)

Father of German Blitzkrieg

Heinz Guderian had a reputation as the ~

father of bluegrass

the legendary ~, Bill Monroe

father of the atomic bomb

the man known as the ~ (J. Robert Oppenheimer)

Father of the (Pakistani) bomb

Abdul Qadeer Khan, the ~ (nuclear bomb)

father of (English) caricature

Hogarth is rightly recognized as the ~

father of American musical comedy

he is considered the ~ (George M. Cohan)

father of containerization

Malcolm P. McLean, the ~

father of CPR

Peter Safar, the “~”

father of (English) Criticism

John Dryden is considered “the ~”

Father of democracy

President Lee Teng-hui, Taiwan's “~”

father of the English dictionary

Samuel Johnson, the ~ (England)

father of science fiction

Jules Verne, conventionally considered the ~

fathers of flight

the Wright brothers are considered the ~

father of Genetics

the man known as “~” (Gregor Mendel)

Father of Modern Chinese Geology

dignified by the title of the ~ (Li Siguang)

father of English grammar

Lindley Murray came to be known as the ~ (in the U.S.)

father of modern gynecology

James Marion Sims was known as the “~” (fistula)

Father of Indian Industry

Jamshedji Tata is regarded as the legendary ~ (Parsee)

father of Impressionism

he is often called the ~ (Manet)

father of India

Mohandas K. Gandhi, the ~ (from Gujarat)

father of the Internet

Vint Cerf is often called “The ~”

fathers of (Angola's) independence

Holden Roberto, one of the ~

father of American copyright law

he became known as the ~ (Noah Webster)

father of American literature

William Faulkner called him “the ~” (Mark Twain)

“father” of modern Swedish Literature

he is considered the ~ (August Strindberg)

father of tropical medicine

Patrick Manson, the ~

father of Australian medicine

the “~” helped reform the system (William Redfern)

father of Modern Medicine

William Osler, “~” (diagnostician / internal medicine)

father of microbiology

Antonie van Leeuwenhoek, the ~

“father of mindfulness”

Thich Nhat Hanh, Buddhist monk and ~

father of the (modern innocence) movement

he is considered the ~ (Jim McCloskey, Centurion)

Father of Country Music

Jimmie Rodgers is known as “the ~”

father of the (Bengali) nation

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is often called the ~

father of neurosurgery

he was hailed as the ~ (Harvey Cushing, brain surgeon)

father of Pakistan

Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the ~

father of America's national parks

Teddy Roosevelt is considered the ~ (1906 Antiquities Act)

father of America's postwar containment police

George Kennan, the ~ against the Soviet Union

“father” of India's nuclear programme

the ~, Homi J Bhabha

father of Iran's nuclear program
Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, the ~

father of modern protozoology
I've seen him referred to as "the ~" (Fritz Schaudinn)

father of cognitive psychology
Ulric Neisser, considered the ~

father of realism
Henrik Ibsen is often referred to as "~" (theater)

father of virtual reality
Microsoft's Jaron Lanier, known as the ~

fathers of the (modern) assault rifle
he is considered one of the ~ (Sergei Gavrilovich Simonov)

father of skyscrapers
Louis Sullivan, known as the "~"

father of modern surgery
John Hunter, the ~

father of Russian field surgery
N.I. Pirogov, known as the ~...

Father of plastic surgery
Johann Friedrich Dieffenbach, the "~"

father of the tank
it is plausible to describe him as the ~ (Winston Churchill)

father of (biological and mineralogical) taxonomy
Carl Linnaeus, the ~ (Swedish)

father of tiramisu
Ado Campeol, dubbed "the ~" by Italian media, has died

father of modern Turkey
Mustapha Kemal "Ataturk," the ~, was also a Macedonian

father of (modern) hot-air ballooning
he was the ~ (Ed Yost / propane)

father of modern dairying
William D. Hoard was called the "~" ("Hoard's Dairyman")

father of modern figure skating
Jackson Haines, the ~ (born in 1840)

"father of trekking"
he is fondly remembered as the ~ in Nepal (Jimmy Roberts)

father of modern sledge travelling
Parry was indeed the ~ (Sir Edward Parry)

Internet 'father'
~ Vint Cerf on challenges ahead

founding father
see *founding father* (noun)

grandfather
see *granddaddy* (and *grandfather*)

♦ Who teaches me for a day is my father for a lifetime.

♦ Gandhi is often referred to as the Father of India. Gandhi himself referred to his mentor Dadabhai Naoroji as the Father of the Nation. Every father has a father!

♦ "People also ask: Who is the father of surfing?" (Google.)

♦ see also *mother* (*mother of NPR, etc.*)

**creation & transformation / origin: epithet / family
epithet / person: family**

Father Time

Father Time
there is no stopping ~

father time
~ catches up with everyone (a boxer)

Father Time remains undefeated
Woods said previously that ~ (golfer Tiger Woods)

defied father time
Zlatan has ~ to continue to excel (Ibrahimovic)

outrun Father Time
it's impossible to ~ (boxing and age)

♦ "Father Time is the baddest man on the planet and remains undefeated." (A fan of boxing, about the announcement of a fight between "Iron" Mike Tyson and the YouTuber Jake Paul.)

**time: epithet / family / sign, signal, symbol
epithet: family**

fathom (verb)

fathom the magnitude
she didn't ~ of the problem (immigration)

difficult to fathom
his demeanor made the attack even more ~ (murderer)

hard to fathom
the military's longer game plan is ~ (coup in Myanmar)

comprehension & incomprehension: depth / sea

fatigue (internet fatigue, etc.)

booster fatigue
everyone's tired of getting shots, we all have ~

COVID 19 fatigue
people have ~ (ending restrictions too early)

compassion fatigue
we are all vulnerable to ~

feedback fatigue
I am suffering from such a serious case of ~

franchise fatigue
after nine films, there is a danger of ~

front-runner fatigue
a kind of ~ sets in (the Oscars / *Saving Private Ryan*)

image fatigue
the issue of ~ (polar bears represent climate change)

internet fatigue
I think we all get ~ (during the COVID lockdown)

Marvel fatigue
audiences suffer from ~ (Marvel Cinematic Universe)

negotiation fatigue
we have been warning about ~ for a long time (boxing)

Olympic fatigue
there's a lot of ~ (viewership down)

politics fatigue
~ is when you're sick of talking about politics

pop-up fatigue
~ may have contributed to the error (fatal medication error)
the hidden dangers of EHR ~

screen fatigue
car buyers complain of “~” (infotainment systems, etc.)
EV makers as adding buttons and knobs to combat ~

superhero fatigue
are you feeling ~ (Marvel's 32nd film)

tipping fatigue
many complain of “~” (restaurants, etc.)

zoom fatigue
many are suffering from ~ (pandemic)

fatigue set in
zoom ~ months ago, but audio is stepping into the breach

♦ “I find it really annoying when they send me those emails, I never review anything... You just buy the smallest thing and you're asked to review it. You know, you buy a metre of string and you're asked to review it. I mean, it's ridiculous.” (BBC, Sounds, Business Daily, “Feedback Fatigue,” 25 Oct 2017.)

♦ “Question eight. ‘Was our delivery service awesome, just what the doctor ordered, or well and truly hit the spot.’ Well, there's no negative option! You see, this is what they do. By the time you've spent 25 minutes answering their short survey, they shut down all dissent in the hope that you'll just give up and that way they'll never receive any negative feedback!” (*Ed Reardon's Week*: Series 14: “You're Cancelled,” BBC, written by Andrew Nicolds and Christopher Douglas. It's hilarious!)

♦ “With the moral injury, that was going on with the officers, because of the scrutiny from the public, umm, uhh... I'm sure you've heard of the term compassion fatigue and secondary trauma, we felt it...” (Andy Carrier, clinical social worker, who counseled Uvalde school-shooting officers.)

condition & status / mental health: health & medicine

faucet (noun)

faucet of sound
there's no turning off the ~ in Louisiana

money faucet
finally, the European Central Bank turned on the ~

turn on the faucet
many wish to ~ and shower the country with easy loans

turned their faucets off
they just all ~ at exactly the same time (ad firm loses clients)

opened that faucet wider
the Federal Reserve has steadily ~, hoping to keep the money flowing

control & lack of control: infrastructure / water

increase & decrease: infrastructure / water

fault (fault line)

fault line
the ~s break people into two camps (computers)
race is the ~

society's fault lines
invasion and occupation expose a ~

Sunni-Shiite fault line
the ~ originated in the deserts of Iraq in the 7th century

sectarian fault line
Jurf as-Sakhr sits right on a ~ (Sunni / Shiite)

fault line has cracked wide open
a long-standing ~ (in a royal family)

exposed (deep) fault lines
the referendum has ~ in Latvia (with ethnic Russians)

exposed a (stark) fault line
the Smollett case has ~ between Chicago, county and state

lays bare the fault lines
the report ~ that divide this group (Amish)

♦ “The [Evan] Bayh defection coming on top of the stunning Democratic loss seen in Massachusetts reveals a threatening fault line running under the political scene. And we can expect further aftershocks...” (The great Daniel Schorr from “Bayh Exit Highlights Public Rejection Of Politics,” NPR, All Things Considered, Feb 18, 2010.)

♦ “Some psychological damage remained, however, not least a vulnerability that ran through his personality like a geological fault, to be revealed at the next earthquake.”

♦ “That was that fault line. You were either a Kennedy or a Johnson.” (LBJ's administration. LBJ might hire or consult with but not completely trust a “Kennedy.”)

division & connection: earthquake / ground, terrain & land

Faust (noun)

second Faust
Nansen, the tortured driven soul, a ~

♦ see also *Faustian* (adjective), *soul* (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)

allusion: books & reading

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / person / religion

Faustian (adjective)

Faustian
we have this bargain, you can call it ~ if you want (tech)

Faustian bargain
Obama made a ~ with the Republicans to...
he accused them of striking a ~ to regulate...
they entered into one ~ after another (Hollywood media)
it was a ~ if there ever was one (Oppenheimer/ A-bomb)

Faustian capitalism
the yachts tell a whole story about a ~

Faustian figure
this ~ died in London (Hitler's architect Albert Speer)
he casts von Neumann as a ~ who transgressed the limits

♦ Selling one's soul to the devil for something; sacrificing spiritual values for power, knowledge, and material gain...

♦ Meeting the devil or his representative (Mephistopheles) at a crossroads and becoming a great musician has become a trope: such a meeting occurs in the great Coen brothers' film *O Brother, Where Art Thou*, and Robert Leroy Johnson means something special to Lee Child's hero Jack Reacher. See the excellent Wikipedia articles "Crossroads (folklore)" and "Deal with the Devil."

♦ "The yachts tell a whole story about a Faustian capitalism—this idea that we're ready to sell democracy for short-term profit. They're registered offshore. They use every loophole that we've put in place for illicit money and tax havens. So they play a role in this battle, writ large, between autocracy and democracy." ("The Floating World: Outrageously luxurious superyachts are attracting political scrutiny—and buyers in record numbers" by Evan Osnos, *The New Yorker*, July 25, 2022.)

♦ "And like Faust, Robert Oppenheimer tried to renegotiate the bargain—and was cut down for doing so. He had led the effort to unleash the power of the atom, but when he sought to warn his countrymen of its danger, to constrain America's reliance on nuclear weapons, the government questioned his loyalty and put him on trial." (Like Galileo Galilei, like Captain Alfred Dreyfus. From *American Prometheus* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.)

♦ Michelangelo; Jimi Hendrix; Stevie Ray Vaughan; Erling Haaland...

♦ see also *Faust* (noun), *soul* (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)

allusion: books & reading

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / person / religion

comparison & contrast: affix

favorite son

favorite son

he was welcomed to Ireland like a ~ (Obama)

Australia's favorite sons

the death of one of ~ has shocked the country

♦ "The death of one of Australia's favorite sons has shocked the country." (Shane Warne, the iconic sportsman and cricketer. A consolation is that he died on holiday in a wonderful country.)

person: family

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative / worth &

lack of worth: family / person

fealty (noun)

fealty

that ~, that blind loyalty... (to a politician)

fealty to the Constitution

Republicans took control of the House with a show of ~

fealty to Israel

she has criticized those who demand that she show ~

fealty to her mother

she was torn between her ~ and her thirst for freedom

ideological fealty

over-the-top institutional declarations of ~ (DEI / academia)

show of fealty

it was a ~ to the Constitution (a ceremony)

out of fealty to Day-Lewis

~, who is fiercely private, he would not elaborate...

flattery and fealty

he went through the requisite motions of ~ (politics)

pledge fealty

Cornell University requires faculty to ~ to DEI (wokeism)

show (true) fealty

her unwillingness to ~ to him was untenable (politics)

allegiance, support & betrayal: history / Middle Ages / royalty

fear (of criticism, etc.)

fear of abuse or discrimination

without ~ (gays)

♦ "The purpose of the Gay Football Supporters' Network (GFSN) was to give gay football fans a space to meet and discuss the game they loved without fear of abuse or discrimination.)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

fearless (girls and women, etc.)

Fearless

~, Taylor Swift's second studio album (2008)

fearless with love and life

she is also ~ (Mia Farrow about Carly Simon)

fearless conversations

the ~ about race you've been waiting for (NPR)

~ about race (CODE SW!TCH® RACE. IN YOU FACE.)

"Fearless Girl"

the ~ statue created by Kristen Visbal

fearless novel

Quartet in Autumn, a ~ (by Barbara Pym)

fearless and adept

the world knows her as a ~ interviewer

fearless, generous

those ~ souls (*The Miracle Season* / very young girls)

fearless, independent

our ~ journalism (*The Guardian*)

fearless and unapologetic

Positions is ~ (Ariana Grande)

fierce and fearless

that ~ personality got you to your dream (women's soccer)

frank and fearless

comedienne Sommore is ~

fun fearless female

she won Cosmo's ~ award (Belle Gibson / Whole Pantry)

YOUNG AND FEARLESS

~ (a pink T-shirt worn by female of S. Asian heritage)

feel fearless

when you need to ~ this fall... (women's fashion)

♦ "I just like how fearless she is..." (Eight-year-old Harper, about her favorite soccer player, Megan Rapinoe.)

♦ "Female, Fearless & Black." (A T-shirt worn by former pro basketball player Sheryl Swoopes.)

♦ Forward. Jewish. Fearless. Since 1897. (*The Forward* digital magazine.)

♦ "More than 1.5 million people in 180 countries now fund our fearless, independent journalism. Will you support us?" (*The Guardian*.)

♦ People have named their children after Sommore.

♦ "I truly hope you enjoy this series. And I hope that for those who have been reluctant to have this conversation, this somehow feels safe. Be fearless." (The disgraced drug cheat Lance Armstrong, touting a discussion about trans athletes on his podcast, *The Forward*.)

♦ "[Her book] was described as 'fearless' by British writer Zadie Smith." (New York writer Raven Leilani, winner of 2021 Dylan Thomas Prize.)

♦ "The real achievement of these years was 'Quartet in Autumn,' a fearless novel about the bleak aging of four office workers..." ("Reading The Leaves: What the novelist Barbara Pym knew about tea and sympathy" by Thomas Mallon, *The New Yorker*, June 6, 2022.)

♦ "The 1993 drama *Fearless*, for which she earned an Oscar nomination." (Rosie Perez.)

♦ "12 Fierce Accessories to get you through every occasion when you need to feel fearless this fall." (*Glamour X*, Nine West.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

fearlessly

fearlessly forward

he looks back—and ~... (a poet)

fearlessly paving

jazz is about ~ new ground for the future

fearlessly explores

Maddie ~ new foods (9-month-old Gerber Baby)

fearlessly fought

he ~ those who were hurting the poor (Harry Reid)

boldly and fearlessly

the foundation strives to empower women to live ~

attacks the problem fearlessly

she ~ and with consummate art (writer Nella Larsen)

keep creating fearlessly

just ~ (Thundercat, real name Stephen Bruner)

♦ "Ensure carefully and dream fearlessly." (An advertisement for American Family Insurance.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

fearlessness (noun)

fearlessness of the female spirit

it's about the ~ (Fearless Girl statue by Kristen Visbal)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

feast (noun)

feast for the ears

our ringside commentary team is a ~

feast for the eyes

it was a ~

feast of great music and chat

they present a ~ (a radio show)

feast of arts and culture

he dives into the ~ on offer in North Yorkshire (BBC)

feast to famine

it was ~ in a couple of weeks (laid-off tech worker)

feast or famine

freelancing is ~ (lost job to pandemic)

visual and musical feast

it is a fast-paced ~ from start to finish (a stage show)

♦ Diamond Jim Brady was a notorious gourmand. See "Whether True or False, a Real Stretch," by David Kamp, NYT, December 30, 2008, which includes quotations about Brady from *America Eats Out* (1991) by John Mariani.

♦ "You know what's good? Instant mashed potatoes mixed with ramen noodles. Now, that's good." (A hiker at the "Fontana Hilton" trail hut on the Appalachian Trail. Hikers can eat only what they can carry.)

consumption / superlative: food & drink

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

feather (ruffle feathers)

ruffled some feathers

he ~ and bruised egos (a general)

ruffle feathers in history departments

she is the latest revisionist to ~

ruffled feathers in Washington

he ~ with his warnings (a diplomat)

♦ "This will ruffle some feathers. We need to know what is going on with the measurement. The fact that we have two other experiments that agree with each other and the Standard Model and strongly disagree with this experiment is worrying to me." (Professor Ben Allanach, a theoretical physicist at Cambridge University. From "Shock result in particle experiment could spark physics revolution" by Pallab Ghosh, BBC, April 7, 2022.)

♦ "Jarrell 'Big Baby' Miller has been ruffling a few feathers this week." (In Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, for the Day of Reckoning boxing card, part of Riyadh Season.)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / bird / verb

behavior / disruption: animal / bird / verb

character & personality: animal / bird / verb

feather (feather in one's cap)

see *cap* (*feather in one's cap*)

febrile (adjective)

febrile atmosphere

he postponed the trial so it could take place in a less ~

the ~ of the city was... (siege of Constantinople)

reflecting the ~, some alleged that...

the ~ on social media...

febrile energy

the play has the ~ of the wilder parties of your youth

febrile (political) environment

in that ~ (Arab Spring)

febrile minds

in the ~ of anti-Semites, Jews were... (stereotypes)

febrile nationalism

Modi seeks to hold power in a climate of ~ (India)

activity: health & medicine / temperature

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / temperature

fed (supplied)

fed a (steady) diet

he was being ~ of far-right content and conspiracy theories

directing / supplying: food & drink

fed up (adjective)

fed up

he got ~ and quit the team

~, his wife challenged him to...

people really felt ~ (government corruption)

fed up with being stereotyped

pensioners are ~ on TV as grumpy or sweet

fed up with being told

Pimblett ~ to get a haircut (the MMA star)

fed up with (growing) hordes

people are ~ of homeless people begging on their streets

fed up with incumbents

the electorate is ~ (elections)

fed up with the police

people are ~ (slow response times)

fed up with their (justice) system

polls show that Mexicans are ~

fed up with the (preferential) treatment

inmates are ~ she's been getting (a jailed celebrity)

fed up with the lack of progress

the commission, ~, gave both parties a year to accept

fed up with what's going on

people are ~ (protests)

fed up and (kind of) at the end of his rope

he was pretty much ~

furious and fed up

we are rightly ~ (about something or other)

amount / consumption / feeling, emotion & effect /

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink / stomach

feed (fuel)

feeds a climate

reject language that ~ of hate (politics)

feeds the insurgency

government corruption ~

feed extremism

how poverty may ~ (Morocco)

feeds itself

the internet ~... (gossip, controversy, etc.)

feeds lawlessness and instability

Afghanistan's immense opium harvest ~

feeds fears, prejudices, and hate

the powerful ways modern media ~

♦ "The internet feeds itself. I don't need to contribute, I think it's significantly well-nourished." (Film director Alivia Wilde at the Venice Film Festival with her film, *Don't Worry Darling*.)

increase & decrease: food & drink / verb

consumption: food & drink / verb

relationship / supplying: food & drink / verb

feed (direct)

feed intelligence to airlines

the US will now ~ (terrorist watch lists)

directing / supplying: food & drink / verb

feed (supply)

fed Mayorga a (steady) diet

he ~ of left hooks and right hands (De La Hoya)

fed the Germans (fake) gossip

Elvira Chaudoir ~ (World War II)

feeds the (fast farm) empire

the canal ~ of the Imperial Valley

feeds the production

there's a whole supply chain that ~ of the plane

force-feed

see *force-feed* (and *force feed*)

supplying: food & drink / verb

consumption: food & drink / verb

feed (satisfy)

feed the (public) appetite

the Y has increased the number of debates to ~

tap, feed and nurture

he wants to ~ this anger (politician appeals to base)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink

consumption: food & drink

feed (feed on / off something)

fed on his antics

the tabloid media have ~ for years (a celebrity)

feed on fear

they ~ of immigrants (extremists)

feeds on itself

fear ~

feed on one another

these cycles of outrage ~ (social media)

feeds off such (public) anger

the group ~ (collateral damage)

feeds off ignorance

he's the type who ~ (a radio commentator)

feed off the misery

there are predators who ~ of the refugees

feed into and off of

they ~ of the anger of people (preachers)

consumption / increase & decrease / supplying: food & drink

feed (feed into)

feed into a (broader public) discontent
concerns about unions ~ with powerful institutions

feeds into (the deepest) fears
his speech ~

feed into the Owyhee
these streams ~ (Idaho river)

feeds into stereotypes
his article ~ of American Muslims

feeds into the white manifest destiny thing
the propaganda story ~

feed into and off of
they ~ of the anger of people (preachers)

branching system: river / verb

feed (drip feed)

drip feed of outrage
there's a constant ~ (social media)

supplying: water

feed (video, etc.)

feeds off the Web
TVs can receive video ~

video feed
tap into the ~ between... (two cities)
TVs can receive ~s off the Web

live feed
monitored a ~ from their console video screens
reporters in another room reported on the ~ (Oscars)

transmission: tools & technology

feed (auto feed, etc.)

feed automatically
remaining towels ~ for next use (from canister)

auto feed
~ function (paper shredder)

supplying: mechanism

feedback (noun)

feedback
the company takes ~ from them
your ~ will help us
~ makes clear the connection between...
give your team members ~ they can act on

feedback on their strengths and weaknesses
tests give them ~ (students)

feedback about their performance
give corrective ~ (teachers)

feedback loop
see *feedback loop* (noun)

consumer feedback
user-opinion sites offer ~

customer feedback
text mining software to analyze ~

corrective feedback
give ~ about their performance (teachers)

immediate feedback
achievement is higher when kids receive ~ (school)

regular feedback
~ is more desirable than sporadic feedback (schools)

sporadic feedback
regular feedback is more desirable than ~ (schools)

give (corrective) feedback
~ about their performance (teachers)

provides feedback
the teacher ~ (during seatwork assignments)

relationship: direction

feedback loop (noun)

feed-back loop
fires release carbon into the atmosphere in a ~ (warming)

self-reinforcing feedback loops
~ of name recognition, funding (academic publishing)

design-manufacturing feedback loop
Tesla's ~ gave it a competitive advantage (Elon Musk)

complex feedback loops
~s (AI / computers)

grotesque feedback loop
the ~ between President Trump and Fox News (NPR)

unfortunate feedback loop
in the 70s, we saw this ~ (wage-price inflation)

wonderful feedback loop
it's this ~ (ecology)

amplified in a feedback loop
the narrative was ~ by the media (politics)

♦ "As birds return to breed, they also poo. This adds nutrients to the soil, which in turn helps the plants to grow back stronger. Tall plants then help burrowing birds hide from predatory skuas. 'It's this wonderful feedback loop,' says (Justin) Shaw." ("From 300,000 rabbits to none: a Southern Ocean Island is Reborn" by Zoe Kean, *The Guardian*, 10 August 2022. Macquarie Island.)

♦ "[A] researcher's career depends on his or her work being cited widely and perceived as important. This triggers the self-reinforcing feedback loops of name recognition, funding, quality applications from aspiring PhD students and postdocs, and of course, accolades. / [T]he biases of the editors (and the reviewers they call upon to evaluate submissions) exert a major influence on the collective output of entire fields... Savvy researchers tailor their studies to maximize the likelihood that their work

is accepted." ("As a scientist, I'm not allowed to tell the full truth about climate change" by Patrick T. Brown, *The New York Post*, Sept 5, 2023. Reprinted from *The Free Press*.)

♦ "Feedback loops, inbreeding, and monoculture." (When LLM output found on the Internet is fed into LLMs as input.)

♦ see also *loop* (noun / other)

relationship: direction / shape

feel (I feel you, etc.)

feel me

I didn't expect anything, you ~ (RMR / "rumor")
my style is no style, you ~ (Denzel Curry)

feel you

I ~ (empathy, understanding)

♦ "Growing up, I was just an oddity no matter where I went, you feel me?" (Alabama Shakes frontwoman Brittany Howard.)

empathy & lack of empathy: sensation

feel (as noun)

feel all the feels

this is making me ~ (a tribute)

feeling, emotion & effect: part of speech

feeler (put out feelers, etc.)

put out feelers about him

several clubs have ~ (an NFL player)

put out feelers on social media

in June, the brothers ~ (for a climbing trip)

have all our feelers out

we ~, and there's a lot of options

searching & discovery: animal / arm / insect / verb

feeling (sinking feeling)

sinking feeling

I had a ~ (on a date)

sinking feeling in the pit of my stomach

I had a ~ (about to lose)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

feel like (feels like, felt like)

feel like

and I was kinda like, I ~... (The Gayly Prophet podcast)

feels like

everybody kind of ~ now they can't...

felt like

I ~ I kind of realized...

feel like, basically

and they ~, they're getting squeezed from all sides

feel like maybe

see *maybe* (contempo-speak)

basically felt like

we represented everyone who ~ an outcast, didn't fit in
I ~—more like a white kid... (Arab-American)

did feel like

it ~ I was letting people read my diary

it ~ an aspect of...

I ~ it was special, you know

we ~ pioneers

do feel like

I ~ maybe having an openness and vulnerability...

while I ~ my voice can...

and I ~ some people do avoid me... (doubled up!)

if you ~ responding...

I ~ there should be...

but I ~ it's noteworthy that...

do sort of feel like

you ~ you're out in the wilderness (long COVID)

does feel like

content really ~ you could... (Rachel Treisman)

but it ~ the last straw...

but it ~ a tipping point...

it ~ this conversation...

it ~ you're a bit caught in the middle...

it ~ something that...

it ~ a performance for the benefit of men (feminist)

just kind of felt like

and I ~, 'Oh, hi, Maranda!'

I ~, you know, for several years, I...

just kind of felt like, you know

see *you know* (filler)

kind of feels like

everybody ~ now they can't...

kinda felt like

it ~, 'well...'

this year we ~ we has some normalcy

kind of felt like

I ~ I had this second coming out to myself

that's what it ~...

I've always ~ an outcast

like it ~ a bad break up

I ~ I was communicating more deeply

because now I ~ a human

I ~ it went everywhere and I was embarrassed (a tweet)

really actually kind of felt like

I ~ I was getting to know her... (character in book)

really do feel like

we ~ we're standing up for democracy

you ~ you're in and amongst good people

I ~ he did... (a female)

really does feel like

it ~ it's apart from the world (prison)

the word "lottery" ~ the right word (chance)

it ~ we've crossed some sort of threshold this year...

the crescendo ~ a band raging against...

something that ~ it was made in France (*Blood Ties*)

really feels like

the show ~ it's made for parents (Bluey)
you know, it ~ comic books are so much more diverse...
it ~ the ice has broken...
it ~ a battle for second place (politics / election)
it ~ the perfect storm (foes of democracy / Shannon Bond)
it ~ a downgrade... (a video game review)
I'm a person who ~ I need to have the last word (female)
it ~ world is my oyster (Jessica)
it ~ hallowed ground (retracing Ralph Waldo Emerson)
the land itself ~ the greatest and most powerful teacher

really felt like

I ~ I knew her (tribute to dead TikToker)

sort of feel like

you do ~ you're out in the wilderness (long COVID)

♦ "I felt like I kind of realized who I was by being with him—or like, I felt like I was allowed to be who I was, and I didn't feel like I needed to be anybody different." (A contemporary woman about her relationship with her *husband*.)

♦ "I kinda felt like it went everywhere and I was kind of embarrassed." (A viral tweet that hurt her feelings.)

♦ "Are you sure?!"

contempo-speak: filler

feet (think on one's feet)

think on their feet

they must be able to ~ (Green Beret trainees)

haste / readiness & preparedness: foot

feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)

back on its feet

I wanted to see it ~, get it up and running (a town)

landed on his feet

he ~ (fired, but found a better job)

land on my feet

my family calls me Kat because I always ~ (survivor)

get back on its feet

the department is beginning to ~ (university)

get back on their feet

people need help to ~

get back on your feet

this will help you ~ (medicine)

get back on our feet

after we ~, after the economy gets going again (pandemic)

got (back) on his feet

he finally ~ financially

resiliency: direction / foot / standing, sitting & lying

amelioration & renewal: direction / foot / standing, sitting & lying

feet (drag one's feet)

dragging its feet

the Pentagon has been ~ (on legalizing gays in military)

dragging its feet on steroids

the players union must stop ~ (MLB)

dragged its feet on carrying out

Japan's Parliament has ~ laws...

action, inaction, & delay: foot / movement / verb

feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire)

hold their feet to the fire

you've got to ~ (to get them to act)

we're going to work hard to ~ (Congress grills tech CEOs)

hold the airline's feet to the fire

he vowed to ~ (a regulator)

coercion & motivation: fire / verb / violence

feet (knock somebody off their feet)

knocked me off my feet

her response ~

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / force / verb

feet (stand on one's own two feet)

stand on their own two feet

nobody knows when they will be able to ~ (Iraqi army)

growth & development: life span / standing, sitting & lying

feet (get one's feet wet)

get her feet wet

it's a chance for her to ~

absorption & immersion / experience: water

feet (feet first)

feet first

the soldiers came out of the hospital, ~ (yellow fever)

death & life: euphemism

feet (lay blame at the feet, etc.)

at the feet of the president

Democrats have been laying the blame ~ (politics)

falls at the feet of the president

this ~ (responsibility)

lay every problem at the president's feet

she tries to ~

responsibility: foot / proximity

feet (master / protégé)

sat at the feet of black stride piano players

George Gershwin ~

knowledge & intelligence: foot / position

feet (wipe one's feet on somebody)

wipe their feet on Russia

without harsh steps, they might think they can ~

admiration & contempt / insult / superiority & inferiority:
foot / verb

feisty (adjective)

feisty (TV) debate
the candidates' divisions were laid bare in the ~

♦ A feist is a small hunting dog, used in the Southern Appalachians to hunt bear. They can range through the laurel and rhododendron more easily than larger dogs.

character & personality: animal / dog

fell (verb)

felled many a great scientist
contamination has ~

fells Navy skipper
video scandal ~

destruction: direction / verb

fellow traveler (noun)

fellow-travelers such as Sam Harris
but Sapolsky and skeptical ~ want to... (free will)

fellow travelers, useful idiots
their ~ are chanting... (Hamas groups in US)

intellectual fellow travelers
their ~... (rightists / politics)

♦ The Wikipedia entry "Fellow traveler" explains the term nicely. It is very much associated with the Bolshevik revolution. Its general meaning is "supporter" versus a party member.

♦ see *ally (groups)*

unanimity & consensus: direction / journeys & trips / person

fence (division)

good fences
~ make good neighbors

♦ "Something there is that doesn't love a wall..." (The first line of "Mending Wall" by Robert Frost. Twice his neighbor says, "Good fences make good neighbors.")

division & connection: fence

fence (mend fences)

mending fences
he is ~ (trying to re-establish broken trust)

mend fences with the Arab countries
he started to ~ (Abdullah of Jordan)

mend fences with Great Britain
the State Department is trying to ~

♦ This focuses only on repairing what is broken.

amelioration & renewal: fence / verb

fence (on the fence, etc.)

on the fence
he is trying hard to stay ~ (between Russia, US)

got off the fence
this week he ~...

♦ "He was on the fence, this week he got off the fence." (A musician declines offer to play at SXSW. Too corporate. Doesn't pay well. Backed by the military and defense contractors...)

allegiance, support & betrayal: fence
position, policy & negotiation: fence
fence (straddle the fence)

straddling the (diplomatic) fence
the Yemeni leader is ~ (US vs. Iraq)

came off his fence
on 7 July, Bernadotte finally ~ and began marching

allegiance, support & betrayal: fence / verb
position, policy & negotiation: fence / verb

fence (fence-sitting)

fence sitting and handwringing
this is not a time for ~ (failure to condemn terrorism)

allegiance, support & betrayal: fence
position, policy & negotiation: fence

fence (fence-straddling)

fence-straddling politician
he's just another ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: fence
position, policy & negotiation: fence

feral (behavior)

feral
he's out on his own, he's ~, not under supervision (a child)

behavior / identity & nature: animal

ferment (verb)

fermented in Cavani over time
the idea for these characters had ~ (*The Night Porter*)

activity: alcohol / chemistry / verb

ferment (noun)

ferment and activity
there is a great deal of ~ in Iran

cultural ferment
it was a time of ~ (Russian poetry)

activity: alcohol / chemistry

ferocious (groups)

ferocious achievements
~ for a woman at the time (a NYC gourmet, oenophile)

ferocious (new) album

Flotard has released a wonderfully ~

ferocious beasts

envisioning teen girls as ~ (*Man-Eaters* by Chelsea Cain)

ferocious performances

~ by conductor Andris Nelsons (Gewandhaus Orchestra)

ferocious rapper

~ Megan Thee Stallion returns with a royal guest

ferocious (new) single

Juan Manuel Torrealba's ~

prickly, ferocious

her ~ Sylvie is the secret to *Loki*'s success (Di Martino)

♦ "Alexia, a punky Tank Girl played by ferocious newcomer Agathe Rousselle... ("Titane," the most shocking film of 2021" by Nicholas Barber, BBC, 15th July 2021.)

♦ "Simply by envisioning teen girls as ferocious beasts, Cain finds a hundred ways to mock our culture's fear of powerful women." ("In Wildly Satirical 'Man-Eaters,' teen girls turn into ferocious panthers" by Etelka Lehoczky, NPR, March 6, 2019.)

♦ "As a teenager, I studied its lessons carefully and now, even as an emerging adult, I learn something new with every relisten: how to say no, when to push myself, when to hold back, be gentle, be ferocious, where I can hold space for grief and growth." ("Beyonce's '4' Taught Me How To Become And Embrace Being An Emotional Woman," NPR, Latesha Harris, June 24, 2021.)

♦ "I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter, dancing through the fire, 'cause I am a champion, and you're gonna hear me roar." (Lyrics of song "Roar" sung by Katy Perry.)

♦ "We are women, we are strong and powerful, hear us roar." (An abortion-rights activist in Ohio.)

♦ "He found himself with a tiger by the tail." (Al Pacino with the actress Tuesday Weld.)

♦ "After ferocious fighting, Guderian was forced onto the defense." (During World War II, at Smolensk.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

ferocious (other)

ferocious battle

the ~ for Hue (Vietnam War)

ferocious criticism

those who broke ranks are facing ~ (impeachment vote)

ferocious cross-examinations

an aggressive trial lawyer with a flair for ~

ferocious fighting

~ is taking place in Lashkar Gah (Helmand province)

ferocious fires

~ burned through the Santa Monica Mountains

ferocious heat

~ continues to affect many parts of Europe

ferocious reputation

he is a local military commander with a ~ (Afghanistan)

ferocious (American) response

there is going to be a ~ (diplomacy)

ferocious (diplomatic) row

her detention led to a ~ between China and Canada

ferocious storm

they were caught in a ~ near the summit of Les Droites countries in the Caribbean that have to deal with ~s

ferocious (running) style

Barber's ~ made him a fan favorite (NFL)

ferocious wildfire

~ destroys 8,000 acres (California)

ferocious winds

~ have fueled the fire (California)

more ferocious

the media attacks were ~ than ever (on Labor Party)

♦ "The mother bear gets ferocious if another bear even wanders near her family." (Katmai National Park.)

character & personality / destruction / force / strength & weakness: animal / predation / wolf

ferociously

enforced ferociously

the regulations were ~

destruction / force / strength & weakness: animal / predation / wolf

ferocity (groups)

ferocity of physical desire

I miss the ~ (embracing menopause)

ferocity and joy

the group could have fed the Oscars a jolt of ~ (music)

ferocity, (that) spirit

she has that ~ (Lyla Kohistany)

punk ferocity

she combined ~ with advanced technique (jaimie branch)

Candy Ferocity

~ of *Pose* (FX TV series)

so much ferocity

there's ~, such commitment to the message (music)

blithe ferocity

he drops names with a kind of ~

with equal ferocity

she loves and hates him ~

agency, ferocity and encouragement

inspirational declarations of ~ (the TV series *Pose*)

♦ "[Angelica Ross'] breakthrough role came in 2018, as Candy Ferocity in Rya Murphy's FX drama series *Pose*." (Wikipedia.)

♦ "She's a maniac, maniac on the floor / And she's dancing like she's never danced before." (The film *Flashdance*, 1983.)

♦ "Her eyes are alight with ferocity, as she raps, dances, and sings..." (Lalisa Manobal, aka Blackpink's Lisa)

♦ "The ferocity—and, if you were a supporter [italics mine], the courage—of LaBouvier's denunciation simply made the Guggenheim the most high-profile art-world target during a summer of discontent." (Chaedria

LaBouvier. From "The Scapegoat" by Helen Lewis, *The Atlantic*, November, 2022.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

ferocity (other)

ferocity of the ambush

commanders were stunned by the ~ (Afghanistan)

ferocity of the eruption

scientists were caught off guard by the ~

ferocity of weather

we don't normally get that sort of ~ (Storm Eunice / UK)

war's ferocity

the fate of one family illustrates Gaza ~ (2009)

with such ferocity

he threw punches ~ (Mike Tyson)

♦ "Tyson Fury now has an energy drink out called "Ferocity," there's a plug..." (5 Live Boxing with Steve Bunce.)

destruction / force / strength & weakness: animal / predation / wolf

farrago (confused mixture)

farrago of nonsense

he dismissed the row as a ~ (politics)

♦ In Latin, mixed fodder or a mixture.

♦ "Fish and milk and tamarind juice." (An Egyptian expression for an unappealing mess.)

♦ The rarely used *gallimaufry* has the same meaning. It is the Middle-French word for a meat stew, and it has the present-day meaning of a mix or jumble of things.

mixture: food & drink

ferret out (verb)

ferreted out the (hidden) information

they ~

ferret out (potential) bias and prejudice

procedures are inadequate to ~ (jury selection)

♦ "Black-footed ferrets have 'a lot of hair, big bad teeth and a bad-boy attitude.'" (Says Kimberly Fraser, a federal wildlife official.)

searching & discovery: animal / verb

behavior: animal / verb

fertile (adjective)

fertile in writers

Australia is ~ whose books faithfully mirror life

fertile field

Donald Trump was plowing a very ~ (Mara Liasson)

fertile ground

Russia is a ~ for spammers

fertile soil

that chaos was the ~ for a growing insurgency (Iraq)

growth & development: farming & agriculture

fest (gabfest, etc.)

bore fest

terrible woeful game, ~ (Barca 1-Real Madrid 0)

what a ~ (announcement of a heavyweight fight)

cry fest

Megan and Harry having a ~ and requiring an apology

fright-fest

the movie is a ~

this comic ~ (*Renfield* with Nicolas Cage)

fright fest

this ~ is not based on a fairy tale (Disney's *Bambi*)

gabfest

marital squabbles, sibling ~s

those boozy late-night ~s

gripe fest

his e-mail is part thank-you, part ~ (Tyler Perry)

hate fest

we are required to attend these ~s (DEI / education)

interruption-fest

the ~ did not go unnoticed on Twitter (political debate)

lie-fest

her Oprah ~... (disparagement of a celebrity)

love fest

the press just has a ~ due to his race (a tennis player)

raunch-fest

~s like *The House Bunny* and *Easy A* (actor Emma Stone)

shite fest

~ (announcement of Whyte v. Joshua / boxing)

shoutfest

histrionic ~s like *Crossfire* (the TV show)

a guest on a cable-news ~

snooze fest

the 2024 Oscars were a giant ~—again...

snoozefest

Fury beat a very out-of-sorts Vladimir Klitschko in a ~

snooze-o-rama

at Sunday night's ~ (2024 Oscars)

snore fest

another ~ (announcement of Whyte v. Joshua / boxing)

squee fest

it's a giant ~ (Smart Bitches, Trashy Books)

subsidy-fest

an option would be to imitate America's ~ (*The Economist*)

trauma-pa-looza

it was a ~ (Prince Harry's online therapy session)

tweet-fest

NFL reporter Josina Anderson then chimed in on the ~

whine fest

Harry & Meghan is a 'disrespectful ~' (the docuseries)

whinge fest

the interview was a ~ (British English)

Yawn fest

~ (announcement of Whyte-Joshua rematch)

yawn fest

another ~ interrupted by the odd bit of excitement (F1)

hug- and kissfests

the out-in-the open ~ (petting parties / 1920s)

♦ "They call it a festival, but all you do is sit in silence watching films?" (A very odd comment about the Berlinale Film Festival—Berlin International Film Festival—with upspeak. On mushrooms?)

♦ Whinge feast? Is that like a table filled with platters of whinges? /// Sounds tasty! /// hot whinges with fries!! /// Pint of bitter to wash it down? /// With whinge sauce for dips and a "whine" aperitif.../// With sour grapes to finish /// chicken whinges with sour cream /// surfeit with crow... (Witty online responses to an online commenter who typed "whinge FEAST" when presumably he meant "whinge-FEST." In British English, "to whinge" means "to complain, to whine about," etc. In American English, the idea would be likely expressed as a "gripe fest." The original commenter was responding to the article, "Cristiano Ronaldo to leave Manchester United with immediate effect," BBC Sport, 22 Nov 2022.)

♦ "It was a trauma-pa-looza." (A disparaging online commenter about Prince Harry's online therapy session with Gabor Mate.)

♦ "We have no choice but to go forward. That's life... We can't sit down and have no pity party." (Coach Deion Sanders after a tough Colorado loss.)

♦ "In a tradition that goes back 110 years, members of the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club, who are for the most part African-Americans, blackened their faces for their annual Mardi Gras parade. They also put on costumes featuring grass skirts, feathers, and bone necklaces..." ("In New Orleans, The Fight Over Blackface Renews Scrutiny Of A Mardi Gras Tradition," NPR, All Things Considered, 3 March 2019. The Zulu Club was founded in 1909.)

♦ "Tinku is a sublime, beautiful act. There's a predisposition in all of us to do Tinku. I believe that denying that impulse is harmful." (An Indian festival of street brawling and drinking in Bolivia.)

♦ "If you are born here it's in your heart, and I will do it for as long as my body allows it. It's not violent, but it is a way to release your own inner violence. You come out here and you get it all out, and for the next three months you're fine." (Mario Bianchi, on the Historic Carnival of Ivrea, during which thousands of citizens take over the town and hurl oranges at one another.)

♦ The Janadriyah festival promotes the culture and heritage of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It takes place outside of Riyadh over a period of two weeks, and it includes camel races, regional and international pavilions, artists, singers, poets, dancers, musicians, foreign dignitaries, and the bestowing of honors and prizes. If you can attend, do so. Ahlan Wasahlan!

society: Middle Ages

language: affix

fester (verb)

fester

better to correct now than to let the situation ~

fester on the internet

hate and violence ~

festering for years

these problems have been ~

fester for so long

circumstances were allowed to ~ (*The New York Times*)

fester online

hateful sites ~

hatred festers

~ in the Middle East

resentment festered

that ~ (mother / daughter)

secrets fester

~ between Mick and Linda

affliction / corruption / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: starting, going, continuing & ending: health & medicine / verb

festering (adjective)

festering dispute

he was murdered over a ~

festering sore

the conflict has remained a ~ left untended (Middle East)

affliction / corruption / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: health & medicine

fetish (noun)

fetish for manufacturing

they both share a ~ (politicians)

have a fetish for big food

it's no secret Americans ~ (triple-decker cheeseburgers)

makes a fetish of period detail

the show ~ (*Mad Men* / early 1960s)

makes a fetish of transparency

the media ~

turned him into a fetish

the Republicans have ~ (Ronald Reagan)

♦ "That's why I find the TikTok fascination with it—and there are these sort of videos that lust after Henry for instance—and it's interesting that it has become this point of almost fetish." (English culture writer Alice Vincent about *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt.)

♦ Food is a fetish at NPR (among its other fetishes). Chefs, restaurant employees, baristas, "foodways," multicultural food, food trucks, food and sex...

♦ "Every house is stuck inside and outside with idols and fetishes, interpreters of the Deity, each having its own jurisdiction over lightning, wind, and rain; some act as scarecrows; others teach magic, avert evils, preserve health and sight, protect cattle, and command fish in the sea or river. They are in all manner of shapes, strings of mucuna and poison-beans; carved images stuck over with feathers and tassels; padlocks with a cowrie or a mirror set in them; horns full of mysterious 'medicine'; iron-tipped poles; bones; birds' beaks and talons; skins of snakes and leopards, and so forth. We shall meet them again upon our travels." (*Two Trips to Gorilla Land and the Cataracts of the Congo Vol. 2* by Richard F. Burton, 1876.)

♦ Fetish-bag; Fetish dolls; Fetish house; fetish medicines; Fetishman; Fetish Rock; fetish worshipers; fetishism; (a) fetish of (superior) power; (crucifixes mixed with) native fetishes; portable fetish; valuable fetish (a collector); idols and fetishes; invoking the Fetish (during war-time); (the natives) hold it "Fetish" (a pool in the bush); obtain a fetish (collector); (to) put in fetish (= to set aside)... (Collocations for "fetish" from *Two Trips to Gorilla Land and the Cataracts of the Congo Vol. 2* by Richard F. Burton, 1876.)

importance & significance: religion

fetishistic (adjective)

fetishistic interest

I've had this almost ~ in *The New Yorker* (Wes Anderson)

importance & significance: religion

comparison & contrast: affix

fetishistically

moves almost fetishistically

Burns' camera ~ over the manuscript page (Hemingway)

importance & significance: religion

fetishization (noun)

fetishization of (street) art

there is an almost kind of ~ these days (Banksy, etc.)

fetishization of (Afro-Americans') hairstyles

white media's ~ trivializes Blacks

fetishization of mental illness

the weird ~ (girls "do" Tourette's syndrome on TikTok)

fetishization of (black) trauma

this ~ epitomizes an industry (entertainment)

fetishization of wealth

economic despair and the ~

rights fetishization

~ or rightsism (Jamal Greene / *How Rights Went Wrong*)

exotification and fetishization

the ~ of Asian women

hypersexualization and fetishization

the history of ~ of Asian women in the US

stereotypes and fetishization

the promotion of ~ ("copy-paste Latinas")

♦ "*Loves You* by Sarah Gambito (January): Gambito invents a new form, the recipe-poem, as a means of exploring the fetishization of people of color." ("I Reject Walls": A 2019 Poetry Preview" by Craig Morgan Teicher, NPR, Books, January 21, 2019.)

♦ "We love to fetishize female pain." (Emily Ratajkowski. As examples she mentioned society's fascination with dead girls and serial killers, and she also mentioned Andrew Dominik's 2022 film *Blonde*.)

inclusion & exclusion: objectification

fetishize (verb)

fetishized superior, elegant, covetable product design

both companies ~ (Polaroid, Apple)

fetishize (military) funerals

we ~ so we can continue to allow our kids to be killed

fetishize identity

wokeness tends to ~

fetishizes her own nudity

she ~ as she monetizes it (a model)

fetishize female pain

we love to ~ (Emily Ratajkowski)

fetishized their struggle

Latinx critics said she ~ (*American Dirt*)

fetishize the work

we ~ of great artists as somehow mythical (music)

fetishized peoples' skin color

Latinx critics said she even ~ (*American Dirt*)

fetishize women of color

songs that ~ (negative comment)

fetishizes higher arts and literature

TikTok's 'dark academia' trend ~

♦ 'fetishize' on her Word of the Day Calendar. Kudos to Ms. Ratajkowski for using it in multiple sentences. (Online snark from commenter "Derek.")

importance & significance: religion / verb

inclusion & exclusion: objectification / verb

fetishized

fetishized

when inaccessible language is ~ (TESOL jargon)

identity is ~ (thin white girls love Lizzo)

the kind of male musculature the Nazis ~ (Superman)

Brazil has always been ~ (beaches, music, women)

fetishized for her throwback curves

she is ~ (vs. bony angularity of traditional models)

fetishized by white culture and white men

we are really ~ in particular (Margaret Cho)

fetishized in movies

firearms have been ~ like no other object (uh, cars?)

fetishized rock stars

~ like Bob Dylan (negative attitude)

fetishized, appropriated and vilified

how minority cultures are ~, often all at the same time

fetishized and stigmatized

Atlanta's most ~ commodity (trap music / Traplanta)

fetishized and vilified

the legacy of Black music being ~

racially fetishized

~ sex, child abuse and racist stereotypes (*A Strange Loop*)

eroticized, exoticized, fetishized

we are ~ ("Baddest Bitch in the Room" Sophia Chang)

feared and fetishized

red hair has been ~ for hundreds of year (fashion trend)

glamorized, fetishized, or it was stigmatized

it was ~ (suicidal depression / negative attitude)

hyper-masculinized, fetishized, pitied or feared

we're ~ (black men, according to NPR's Sam Sanders)

hypersexualized and fetishized

Asian women have been ~ in American society

pathologized or fetishized

Rainbow Rowell's plus-sized romantic characters are not ~

♦ "I am not sure if when a white gentleman says I am beautiful, it's because they mean it or I am being fetishized."

importance & significance: religion

inclusion & exclusion: objectification

fetter (noun)

shake off the fetters

to ~ of tradition and radically remake...

♦ "The Frenchman came to remove our fetters but he took our boots, too." (Poland, 1812.)

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: chain / crime

/ leg / movement / walking, running & jumping

fettered

fettered by calls and e-mails and errands

I like to not be ~

fettered in any way

do you think your colleagues are~ (cartoonists draw women)

mentally fettered

his subordinates were ~ (by Naval discipline / orders)

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: chain / crime

/ leg / movement / walking, running & jumping

feud (verb)

feuded with the intelligence community

he ~ throughout his presidency (US President Trump)

conflict / revenge: verb / violence

feud (noun)

feuds

the music industry thrives on ~

feuds in the entertainment industry

there is considerable public appetite for stories of~

feud between (next-door) neighbors

a ~ led to a confrontation

family feud

a long and bitter ~ over the estate of Jimi Hendrix

this exposes a real ~, a generational divide (Democrats)

academic feud

this ~ began to poison the project (undersea mapping)

diplomatic feud

the ~ between Russia and the U.S.

medical feud

the bitter ~s that plagued doctors through the late 1800s

political feud

the ~ between London and Paris

public feud

sisters get embroiled in a ~

flare-up of their long-running feud

the latest ~ (2 NASCAR drivers)

♦ see also *vendetta* (noun)

♦ "A scientific gang fight; furor; fierce outcry; fierce criticism; objections; personal attacks; leading the charge against someone (and his theory); savage mockery; allegations of hubris; condemnation of a scholarly paper as dreck (trash, rubbish); bearing a grudge; resentment; tarring someone as being a charlatan; claims of distorting what others scientists are saying; claims of willful misrepresentation..." (A scientific dispute involving academics. From "E. O. Wilson's Theory of Everything" by Howard French, *The Atlantic*, November, 2011.)

♦ Bitter feuds; divisions; hatreds (sectarian and personal); sectarianism; a maelstrom of professional ill will (Philadelphia); animosity; denunciations; fraternal hatred; resentment; conspiracies; schisms; coups; ousting... (Doctors and medical schools in the 1800s. From *The Social Transformation of American Medicine* by Paul Starr.)

♦ "A Mahometan and a Jew might as well attempt to worship the Supreme Being in the same temple, and through the medium of the same ceremonies, as two physicians of opposite principles and practice, attempt to confer about the life of the same patient." (Benjamin Rush, about the medical feuds during the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.)

♦ In the US, there has been a longtime feud between people on the East Coast and the West Coast as to which coast has the better sports teams and rappers. Meanwhile in Atlanta, Georgia, rappers think of themselves as being the "Third / Dirty Coast." With the rappers, this feud is not always good natured.

♦ Dante put Mosca dei Lamberti in hell as a sower of discord for the role he played in igniting the feud between the Amidei and Buondelmonti in Florence.

♦ The Howards and the Turners; the Hatfield and the McCoys; the Lincoln County Feud; the Frenches and Eversoles; the Martins and Tollivers; the Bakers and Howards... (Famous Appalachian family feuds.)

♦ The Sutton-Taylor feud was the longest and bloodiest in Texas. (According to the Texas State Historical Association *Handbook of Texas*, in an article written by C. L. Sonnichsen: "Persons who wished to live in the area had to take sides, there was constant pursuing and lying in wait...")

♦ "Don't get me wrong: I have nothing against the Campbells, but I would not stay a night in the company of one." (Said by a MacDonald recently, referring to a massacre of MacDonalds by Campbells after the Campbells had accepted the MacDonalds' hospitality. The murders took place in 1692.)

conflict / revenge: violence

fever (fever tree, etc.)

fever tree

yellow-tinged trunks of the ~ glow (Kruger Park)

proper name: health & medicine

fever (behavior)

fever pitch

all of these issues have reached a ~ (politics)

the steady buildup of hype has reached a ~

fever swamp

see *swamp* (*fever swamp*)

cabin fever

~ plagues Vermont all winter

people are getting ~

in the depths of a long winter, kids will develop ~

launch fever

one thing we have to guard against is ~

lottery fever

~ draws people from surrounding states (to buy tickets)

partisan fever

Washington's well-known ~ (vs. decorum and discretion)

spring fever

September is the evil twin of ~

summit fever

they call it "~" (failure to summit not an option)
~ can lead to disaster (Denali / Mt. McKinley)

war fever

every few decades, the US catches a case of foreign "~"

"go fever"

we do not want to get ~ (shuttle launches)

patriotic fever

crowds energized with ~ (the Olympics)

yellow fever

some men have ~ (lust for Oriental women)

fever (in his party) might finally be breaking

it looked to Romney as if the ~ (support for Trump)

develop cabin fever

in the depths of a long winter, kids will ~

♦ "A classic malaria attack has three stages. (1) Cold stage (chills): rising fever, patient feels cold, ashen color, temperature is increasing rapidly, patient seeks additional covering with blankets. (2) Hot stage: patient throws off all blankets, looks red and congestive, very warm, high temperature, splitting headache and severe neck pains. (3) Sweat stage: patient suddenly breaks out in perspiration, clothes and bed are wet with sweat, temperature falls off quickly, patient feels better, often gets appetite back and falls asleep. An attack lasts 10-12 hours."

behavior: health & medicine

fever (enthusiasm)

Cristiano Ronaldo fever

it's fair to say ~ has hit Old Trafford (soccer)

football fever

get ready for ~ (English Premier League start)

Oshin fever

a kind of ~ raged worldwide (1980s Japanese TV series)

soccer fever

Germany has *Fussballfeber*—~ (2006 World Cup)

Super Bowl fever

not everyone is caught up in ~

vacation fever

with ~ reaching new highs... (post-COVID)

World Cup fever

~ in Riyadh is palpable (Qatar FIFA World Cup)

♦ *Laksa fever*; "everyone's just contracted this laksa fever"; "the love child of Malaysian, Indonesian and Singaporean cuisine"; love for laksa; a thing that people love; craving a fix (for laksa); the mania (for laksa); a city obsessed (with laksa); the laksa obsession; the faithful; a giant shrine is erected (for monthlong laksa festival); laksa ice-cream / smoothies / cheesecake / sausage / crocodile dumplings / beer; the Laksa Festival Hall of Fame; the Golden Bowl award for best laksa... ("How laksa fever took hold in this Australian city" by the wonderful writer

Tiffanie Turnbull, BBC, October 31, 2023. Life at "The Top End" of Oz. Super!

enthusiasm: health & medicine

fevered (adjective)

fevered speculation

details derived from rumor and ~ (mass murder)

grew (even more) fevered

anticipation ~ as word spread that...

activity: health & medicine / temperature

feverish (adjective)

feverish activity

it is now the scene of ~ (a disaster)

feverish labor

the end result of years of ~ (the A-bomb)

feverish talk

the ~ of an imminent attack has ebbed (military)

activity: health & medicine / movement / temperature

feverishly

feverishly courting

she has been ~ black voters

working feverishly

we are ~ (disaster relief)
the US is ~ behind the scenes (diplomacy)

worked feverishly

doctors ~ to save him

♦ "Hughes, Dr. E. W., b. 15 March 1819, d. at his post of duty, 31 Aug 1878." (A marker in what is referred to locally as "the Yellow Fever" cemetery in Granada, Mississippi, on 2nd Street, east of the railroad tracks. The Yellow Fever epidemic of 1878 devastated New Orleans and Memphis, infecting at least 120,000 and killing between 13,000 and 20,000 people.)

activity: health & medicine / movement / temperature

fever pitch (noun)

reached a fever pitch

speculation ~... (possible military action)

activity: health & medicine / temperature

few and far between

few and far between

we are ~ (a Parsi)

amount: distance

fication (adultification, etc.)

adultification

the ~ of Black girls

Disneyfication

the '~' of Bob Marley's religious beliefs

exotification

the ~ and fetishization of Asian women

gamification

see *gamification* (noun)

gentrification

longstanding concerns about ~ in Boyle Heights

hippie-ification

Dracula AD 1972's ~ of the Bram Stoker legend

HR-ification

the ~ of language (therapy speak / like human resources dept.)

memefication

the ~ of the force (the U.S. Space Force)

museification

the ~ of the Holocaust (*The New Yorker* / Masha Gessen)

objectification

she has ZERO right to complain about ~ (a TikTok)

Oprahfication

Stories of Oprah: the ~ of American Culture (book)

nice-ification

there's been a sort of '~' of the devil, from blue to red...

queerification

"folx" is the deliberate ~ of a word (queer v. non-queer)

yassification

~ makes a person's face look "ideal" (FaceApp filter)

~ memes on Twitter

objectification and commodification

~ of Black Bodies (*Caul Baby* by Morgan Jerkins)

♦ Listen to "Young Black Girls Face 'Adultification,'" at NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, July 9, 2017. The spell checker for Microsoft Word underlines *Adultification* in red and suggests *Dulcification* (noun form of *dulcify*); Merriam-Webster does not recognize it as a word. Wikipedia has an entry titled "Adultification bias" with the proviso, "The examples and perspective in this article may not represent a worldwide view of the subject."

♦ "It is the Schitt's Creek-ification of comedy." (Glen Weldon talking about the TV show *Loot*.)

♦ "There's been a sort of 'nice-ification' of the devil." (According to Rev. Dr. Gabrielle Thomas, on NPR.)

♦ see also *ization* (*marginalization, etc.*)

contempo-speak / inclusion & exclusion: affix

fiddle (second fiddle)

plays second fiddle

when you worry about your family, the other stuff ~

play second fiddle to UFC

boxing had to ~

played second fiddle to the Ambassador's Road

during this period the Burma Road ~ (China)

importance & significance / priority / superiority &

inferiority: music / number / position

fiddle (while Rome burns, etc.)

Nero Fiddles League

Roger Goodell, commissioner of the ~ (NFL snark)

Progressives fiddle

~ while NYC burns (*The New York Post*)

♦ "Roger Goodell, commissioner of the Nero Fiddles League—does nothing." (The great sports columnist Phil Mushnick about the NFL's tolerance and encouragement of vulgar fans. The "Nero Fiddles League" is, of course, the NFL.)

action, inaction & delay: allusion / history

Fiddler's Green

Fiddler's Green ceremony

they lifted their glasses in a ~

♦ "Cmdr. Robert Ramirez has crossed the bar for the final time, he is off to sea, never to return." (An online commenter's tribute to a Navy Seal.)

♦ "The Caravan is a hundred grenades, that missed / The Caravan is sand on your face / The Caravan, three toasts, a moment of silence / Someone's lost, someone's won / Caravan, caravan, caravan." (The haunting Soviet Afghan War Song. Video created by Irina Rakhsha. Translation: Irina Rakhsha. Read *Zinky Boys* by Svetlana Alexievich.)

♦ Raise a glass to Sgt Gareth "Dad / Bull" Thursby, Thomas Wroe, and Ryan Ward...

♦ Raise a glass to Western North Carolina State Trooper Shawn Blanton...

♦ "Rest in peace, soldier brave, God is neigh." (To the sound of Taps.)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, the section "In the United States Military."

♦ "After talking to my fellow paratroopers and drinking a toast to the memory of our departed comrade, I began to understand that his death had magnified our own belief in the danger, nobility, and superiority inherent in our elite unit. Instead of being diminished by his loss we were strangely magnified and empowered by it. This phenomenon is not limited to, although it is always present in, elite fighting groups. Nations celebrate their costliest battles, even losing ones—the Alamo, Pickett's Charge, Dunkerque, Wake Island, and Leningrad are examples—due to the bravery and nobility of the sacrifices involved." (*On Killing* by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman.)

♦ YouTube Justin Moore *The Ones That Didn't Make It Back Home*

♦ see also *Valhalla* (*military*)

military: religion

fiefdom (control)

fiefdom of his ship

a captain was a monarch of the floating ~ (1777)

gangster fiefdoms

this new system of ~ (warlord rule in Afghanistan)

individual fiefdoms

Chicago's 50 aldermen are mini-mayors of their ~

personal fiefdom

the Rainbow Coalition is his ~ (Jesse Jackson)

rival fiefdoms

the two groups were ~ (criminal investigation)

theoretical fiefdom

everybody wants to create their own little ~ (research)

one-man fiefdom

his department was a ~ that he defended from the outside
he ran a ~, he called the shots (Curtis Institute of Music)

runs his or her own fiefdom
the cabinet secretary generally ~ (without interference)

control & lack of control: Middle Ages
area: ground, terrain & land / Middle Ages

field (verb)

fielding calls
he had been ~ about the accident most of the night

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sports & games / verb

field (fertile field, etc.)

fertile field
Donald Trump was plowing a very ~ (Mara Liasson)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

field hand (person)

field hands of academia
adjunct faculty are the ~

dominance & submission / superiority & inferiority: farming & agriculture / person

fiend (behavior)

fitness fiend
I'm a ~ (an NFL player)

text messaging fiend
California girl is ~ (14,528 in one month / 2009)

behavior: creature / mental health

fierce (girls and women / groups, etc.)

fierce accessories
13 ~ to get you through every occasion (fashion)

fierce advocate
she was a ~ for women's athletics (a soccer player)

fierce (animal) advocate
Lindsey was a ~ and a talented actress

fierce Abigail Breslin
moving performances by Damen and a ~ (*Stillwater*)

fierce enthusiasm
she was known for her ~ for sci-fi and comics

Fierce Five
they were known as the ~ (2012 US Olympic gym team)

fierce honesty
her album gives musical form to ~ and emotional freedom

fierce (fashion) matriarch
the story of a ~ (Ethel Kerr)

fierce performance
Kathryn Hunter delivers a ~ (*The Tragedy of Macbeth*)

'fierce poise'
with ~, she poured beauty (artist Helen Frankenthaler)

fierce (political) views
how she gained her ~ (Ani DiFranco)

fierce women
we're standing up for ~ (politics)

Fierce Little Thing
~ is the story of a young girl

fierce and fearless
that ~ personality got you to your dream (women's soccer)

fierce and heartwarming
she is a ~ hero (Afghan woman scores high on test)

First Lady of Fierce
the ~ Michelle Obama (charge d'affaires Karen Decker)

famous, fierce and fashion forward
RuPaul, ~

fast and fierce
Flo-Jo was ~ (track outfits, fingernails, etc.)

tender but fierce
she is a ~ writer (Margo Jefferson on Jordan Kisner)

vulnerable and fierce
Plaza is both ~ (Aubrey Plaza / *Emily the Criminal*)

from classic to fierce
~, there isn't a red carpet look Taylor hasn't tried

looks fierce
she always ~ (Regina Gorge / the 2004 film *Mean Girls*)

make herself look fierce
piercings to ~ (an 18-year-old queer Latinx mestiza)

♦ *I Am... Sasha Fierce*. (The 2008 studio album by Beyoncé.)

♦ "She was a fierce, fierce woman who wanted him at all costs" (written in 2008) is the traditional construct: a determined, predatory woman who knows what she wants (a particular man) and will stop at nothing to get him. See *maneater (female)*. The contemporary construct for a "fierce" woman or girl is quite different, of course.

♦ [high pitched whoop] / [girls whooping] / [girls squealing]... (Closed captionings.)

♦ LFG. (The "battle cry" of the US Women's national soccer team.)

♦ "WeWork founder Adam Neumann and his woo-woo wife Rebekah..."

♦ "Mean-mugging" is a meme.

♦ "We're standing up for fierce women who raised me to never back down from a tough fight." (Politics.)

♦ "Now that's what I call fierce! You're a star." (Michelle Obama in a tweet about Nia Dennis and her "the Culture" gymnastic routine.)

♦ "I imagine the term 'fierce' was coined after meeting him." (Actor and supermodel Milla Jovovich on the death of Andre Leon Talley, fashion industry icon and author of *The Chiffon Trenches*.)

♦ "Renee Ballard, a fierce young detective fighting to prove herself." (A blurb to promote a book.)

♦ "12 Fierce Accessories to get you through every occasion when you need to feel fearless this fall." (Glamour X, Nine West.)

♦ "Chrissy Metz, 40, Shows Off Massive Weight Loss In Fierce New Photo." (Promoted: Swift Verdict.)

♦ "Both of you are mighty, I gotta say, both of you, and you're bringing it to us again, thank you so much..." (Robin Roberts introducing a travelogue on Washington State featuring Becky Worley and Ginger Zee.)

- ♦ “Shy by Max Porter is a short fierce novel...” (NPR’s Scott Simon. The following text appears on the website: “Sign up for the NPR Books newsletter. Get NPR editors’ recommendations, author interviews, and more. Email address. SUBSCRIBE.)
- ♦ “In her 1987 memoir, *Fierce Attachments*, Vivian Gornick describes her relationship with her unhappy and demanding mother.”
- ♦ “Melina, a scientist who may know a little something about how an army of young girls could be coerced into becoming assassins...” (Bob Mondello reviewing Marvel’s *Black Widow* for NPR.)
- ♦ “What would happen if teenage girls had the ability to electrocute at their fingertips?” (Amazon Prime video series *The Power*.)
- ♦ “There was a poster for *One Million Years B.C.* where she was in a—guess you’d call it a fur bikini (light upspeak)—and she’s standing there looking fierce.” (NPR movie critic Bob Mondello, on the death of Raquel Welch.)
- ♦ “Sheryl Sandberg: The Word ‘Bossy’ Should Be Banned,” NPR, *All Things Considered*, March 9, 2014. / “Sheryl Sandberg and Anna Maria Chavez on ‘Bossy,’ the Other B-word, *The Wall Street Journal*, March 8, 2014.
- ♦ Girl-boss culture; girl boss culture; girlboss... (See the Wikipedia entry. Or “Is Being a ‘Girl Boss’ a Bad Thing? It’s Complicated” by Paige Skinner, *Los Angeles Magazine*, May 13, 2021.)
- ♦ “Girl boss culture, it’s hustle culture, it’s putting bright red lipstick on capitalism.”
- ♦ Juche. (The DPRK’s state ideology. The word could be translate as “taking charge” or “in command.”)
- ♦ “The main selling point will be ‘girl power.’” (Snark on an upcoming Angelina Jolie film.)
- ♦ “She is a passionate animal advocate and fierce in the fight against cancer.” (The biography of a meteorologist welcoming her to a different market.)
- ♦ The website *fiercehealthcare* (a dotcom) has sections for Fierce Pharma; Fierce Biotech; Fierce Healthcare; and Fierce Life Sciences Events. That’s fierce!
- ♦ ““Snapped up this designer trench at Marshalls. Shoulda cost a lot more.’ Stay fierce. Fabulous Brands. Feel Good Prices.” (An advertisement for Marshalls with music by the Pom Poms: “Look at me, look at me, look at me...”)
- ♦ “Death only comes once, I’m not afraid of them killing me.” (Photojournalist Roya Heydari, who fled Afghanistan and is currently in France.)
- ♦ “That fierce [Rosé] persona—it’s fun when that happens, when I can turn on this whole different character.” (Roseanne Chaeyoung Park, aka Blackpink’s Rosé.)
- ♦ “Gatorade Fierce. Grape. Naturally Flavored with Other Natural Flavors. Bold and Intense. Water, sugar, dextrose, citric acid, natural flavor, sodium citrate, salt, monopotassium phosphate, modified food starch, glycerol ester of rosin, blue 1, red 40.”
- ♦ “A ‘fierce queen’ named ‘128 Grazer’ has been crowned the fattest bear of all Katmai National Park in Alaska.” (“This is how a mama bear won Fat Bear Week, Katmai National Park officials say” by Julia Jacobo, ABC News, October 12, 2023. “Since releasing her cubs, Grazer was able to focus on self-care and getting fat.”)
- ♦ “Madonna’s daughter, Estere, 11, strikes fierce pose at tour opener.”
- ♦ “When black ladies go bald they look ferce [sic], when white women do it we look like Kemo [sic] patients. (NoMoreFalseGods to Loves_Trees.)
- ♦ “Young girls have more options now.”
- ♦ STOP. SAYING. “FIERCE!” (SkepDoc, commenting on “The 33 Fiercest Moments From Beyonce’s Halftime Show” by Lauren Yapalater, BuzzFeed, Feb. 4, 2013.)
- ♦ “In the mellowing afterglow of victory, they don’t seem so fierce.” (Elected women.)
- ♦ “I take her to the checkpoint and try to get her to say, ‘You’re a donkey, you’re a donkey’ to the soldiers but she is always frightened that they will shoot her.” (A Palestinian mother trying to train her 11-year-old daughter to be “strong and not afraid.”)
- ♦ “Only then was I able to attach the name to an actual body, but I was inwardly astonished. I had imagined that the students who had been so unwavering in the face of the authorities and had resisted a principal with

strong backing would, of course, be bold and fierce. Yet she often smiled and her manner was gentle.” (“In Memory of Liu Hezhen” by Lu Xun.)

- ♦ “Gentlemen. I am 25 years old and I have killed 309 fascist occupants (invaders) by now. Don’t you think, gentlemen, that you have been hiding behind my back for too long?” (Lyudmila Pavlichenko. From “Eleanor Roosevelt and the Soviet Sniper” by Gilbert King, *Smithsonian Magazine*, Feb 21, 2013.)

- ♦ Assault; attack; battle; charge; combat; counterattack; defense; engagement; fight; firefight... (Words modified by fierce in the Medal of Honor citations for the Vietnam War.)

- ♦ see also *badass* (power), *beast* (power), *fearless* (girls and women, etc.), *ferocious* (other), *fiercely* (girls and women / groups, etc.), *girlboss* (noun), *savage* (adjective)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

fierce (other)

fierce

it’s ~ our there (buying a home)

competition for jobs is ~

fierce battles

waging ~ with unions and regulators

fierce (custody) battle

he was the object of a ~

fierce criticism

the coach backpedaled after ~ from Chinese fans...

fierce defender

it helps to have a wise friend and ~ like AARP (an ad)

your wise friend and ~ (an advertisement for AARP)

fierce (price) wars

~ have reduced profits

fierce winds

~ downed the transmission line (Hurricane Ida)

fierce and noisy

Tunisians are locked in a ~ debate about Islam in politics

fierce and ugly

a ~ about in-person learning (during the pandemic)

pretty fierce

the environment of Jupiter is ~ (Margaret Kivelson)

so fierce

the frenzied rumors have become ~ that...

she feels a stab of love ~ (mother for husband, kids)

competition (for clinical training slots) was fierce

~ (nursing bottlenecks)

turned fierce

that’s when the weather ~ (climbing K2)

- ♦ “It’s a jungle out there!”

destruction / force / strength & weakness: animal / predation / wolf

fiercely (girls and women / groups, etc.)

fiercely expressive

even her silences are ~, she’s flinty, tough, guarded (film)

fiercely independent

~, Poppy is hardworking, temperamental and stubborn...

fiercely real

her performance is ~ (the film *Men*)

fiercely resilient

as the emotional yet ~ Maren, Russel is the real star here

competed fiercely

I ~ and made it to the finale

loved and lived fiercely

Kyle ~ (tribute to TikTok dead age 36)

♦ "On 'All Stars' season three of the series, I competed fiercely and made it to the finale." (The drag superstar Shangela, also known as D. J. Pierce. The "All Stars" season refers to "RuPaul's Drag Race" franchise.)

♦ "Hello there, I'm Jennifer and welcome to *Simply + Fiercely*... I'm passionate about helping other women just like me."

♦ "All who knew you, loved you fiercely." (An expression of grief on Facebook for a murdered young woman.)

♦ "Kyle loved and lived fiercely." (A tribute to a TikTok dead at the age of 36.)

♦ "Little stranger loves to masturbate fiercely." (Porn.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

fierceness (groups)

fierceness

you see a ~ that's coming from the girls...

fierceness of work, men and taking care of themselves

it gave a voice to women balancing the ~ (an album)

♦ "You see a fierceness that's coming from the girls that are coming up now, that's because we understand we ain't got nuttin to lose. I already done lost that job. I already done lost that job." (Angelica Ross, about Trans representation in media / entertainment. According to her Wikipedia entry, "Her breakthrough role came in 2018, as Candy Ferocity in Rya Murphy's FX drama series *Pose*.")

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

fiery (character)

fiery (clubhouse) leader

he is their ~ (an athlete)

fiery preacher

the ~ has died at 91

fiery temperament

the son inherited his father's ~

fiery and brash

she is ~

character & personality: fire / temperature

initiation: fire / temperature

fiery (speech)

fiery

North Korean rhetoric is often ~ (anniversaries, etc.)

fiery debate

heated words were exchanged during the ~

fiery denunciations

the charges resulted in ~ of labor unions

fiery (1965) manifesto

his ~ "The Revolutionary Theatre" (LeRoy Jones)

fiery temper

he had a ~

speech: fire / temperature

initiation: fire / temperature

fight (noun)

dog fight

see *dogfight* (noun)

food fight

see *fight* (*food fight*)

without a fight

Amazon is unlikely to give up ~ (v. Reliance in India)

allies in that fight

she didn't have a lot of ~ (trouble between 2 actors)

weapon in the (COVID) fight

it is the third ~ (third vaccine approved)

rearing for a fight

Dees is still ~ (head of Southern Poverty Law Center)

♦ "Hit 'em with a left, hit 'em with a right, it's a fight, it's a fight, it's a fight, fight, fight!" (Stirring music lyrics to a video of the great boxer Naseem Hamid.)

♦ "Hold tight are you ready for the fight of your life."

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: military

fight (verb)

fighting to beat back

Yahoo and AOL are ~ spammers

fight to the death

see *fight to the death* (verb / conflict)

fight like hell

they're not taking the White House, we're going to ~

fighting for his life

he has been ~ (hospital seeks to unplug ventilator)

fighting urban blight

the group ~ (buildings)

fight incessantly

people ~ online...

♦ "It's an uphill battle... We're gonna fight him in congress, we're gonna fight in the courts, and I believe that a large segment of the American public will fight the president on this." (Democratic representative Joaquin Castro of Texas, channeling his inner Winston Churchill.)

♦ "I want the Democrats to raise their hands if they have ever given a speech that says 'take...back,' 'fight for your country.' Who hasn't used the words *fight* figuratively, and are we going to put every politician in jail, are we going to impeach every politician who has used the words *fight* figuratively in a speech? Shame!" (Senator Rand Paul.)

♦ "These are the metaphorical rhetorical uses of the word *fight*. We all know that, right? Suddenly the word *fight* is off limits? Spare us the hypocrisy and false indignation. It's a term used over and over and over again by politicians on both sides of the aisle." (Michael Van Der Veen, defending President Trump at his second impeachment trial.)

- ♦ "It's quite clear that Iranians are will to fight to the last Arab." (Paul Salem, Middle East Institute, Washington.)
- ♦ "The Americans will fight to the last Ukrainian."

conflict: military / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

fight (food fight)

food fights

you can't be proud when you have ~ breaking out in the White House (politics)

procedural food fight

the trial will kick off with a ~ (impeachment trial)

equivalent of a food fight

it was the political ~ (presidential debate)

- ♦ "America doesn't want a food fight." (U.S. Presidential "debates.")
- ♦ The "Animal House Food Fight" is classic. Both John Belushi and Mother Theresa are heroes in Albania. Bet you didn't know that!

behavior / conflict: school & education

fighter (person)

real fighter

she's a ~, she has led the fight for the prisoners

street fighter

can hope and unity beat Trump, or do you have to be a ~ some wonder if he is the ~ they want or need (candidate)

- ♦ "I understand the spirit of a fighter, I've also been a fighter my whole life, my whole career." (Halle Berry, promoting her film *Bruised*.)
- ♦ CEO Margaret Low of WBUR, in a staff memo announcing "a significant reorganization" to include layoffs, wrote that that it was necessary to be "in fighting shape to deliver on big ambitions."
- ♦ "I tried to keep his spirits up, saying that this was just Round One in a long-term fight. 'More like the end of round #3...and they are winning 6-10 every round,' he wrote." ("Coin Toss: A Welshman has lost the key for half a billion dollars' worth of bitcoin" by D.T. Max, *The New Yorker*, December 13, 2021.)
- ♦ "We still have our guard up, we're still in the ring fighting for safety, we just now have some space between us and the opponent." (Captain Dennis Tajer of the Allied Pilots Association, about 5G and its effect on aviation. From "An airplane pilot details the issue 5G could have on flights," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, Jan 22 2022.)
- ♦ "Boxing is like life, really, but like accentuated, isn't it... It's bittersweet, it's horrible, it teaches you lessons, really brutal lessons, there's no protection inside or outside the ring, and I fell in love with it... (The young boxing promoter Ben Shalom speaking with Steve Bunce.)
- ♦ "Now, look you here, Huw, my son. You are growing to be a man. It is a man's place to take punishment and give back more than he takes if there is a head on him... A boy shall learn to fight, or let him put skirts about his knees." (*How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn.)
- ♦ "Joe Frazier is my friend... If I had \$4 left in my wallet, two of those would go to Joe." (Larry Holmes, after a reporter asked him if he had paid for an operation that Joe Frazier needed but couldn't afford. Larry wouldn't admit to it, but he had.)
- ♦ "The best fight I've ever seen, praying that Mick Conlan is ok."
- ♦ "Some day, they're gonna write a blues for fighters. It'll just be for slow guitar, soft trumpet and a bell." (Sonny Liston. His biography, published in 1963, was titled *The Champ Nobody Wanted*.)
- ♦ "Man... knows how to fight and win." (A stirring speech in Olympia, Greece, prior to the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing. See YouTube #Beijing2022 Olympic Flame Lighting Ceremony! Beautiful and inspiring during the COVID period. Full credit to China.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: boxing / person

person: boxing

fight to the death (verb / conflict)

fighting this to the political death

she is ~ (campaigning for presidency)

- ♦ see also *match (death match)*

conflict: death & life / verb

fig leaf

fig leaf to cover

democracy is only a ~ the powers of capital

fig leaf for its (geopolitical) ambitions

the US uses the UN as a ~

fig leaf for imperialism

democracy is a ~

fig leaf for (US) occupation

the Afghan elections are a ~

fig leaf for politicians

the reform bill is a ~ opposed to any serious action

fig leaf for (US) withdrawal

"Vietnamization" was a ~

fig leaf for profiteering

philanthropy is often a ~

fig-leaf term

"equity" is a ~ for lowering standards (John McWhorter)

very small fig leaf indeed

"communist influence" was now a ~ in the surveillance

under the fig leaf of comedy

he hides his conservatism ~

- ♦ Clement XIII (1693-1769) covered the genitalia of the Vatican's nudes with fig leaves.

- ♦ "Equity is a fig-leaf term for lowering standards." (The linguist John McWhorter.)

concealment & lack of concealment / substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories

figurehead (noun)

figureheads

the old play-writing establishment and its ~

figurehead of the Somali community

she became a ~ in Canada

saw Ancelotti as the figurehead

Moshiri saw ~ who would fulfil his aspirations (Everton)

driving force / representation: boat

filling (content)

filling

the ~ is always a surprise (Twilight Zone episodes)

- ♦ "There was a signature tone to the stories, the same dark chocolate coating—but the filling was always a surprise." (Charlie Brooker, creator of *Black Mirror*, about the older *Twilight Zone* series.)

content: food & drink

filter (honesty)

had no filter

she ~

lose their “filter”

people with bipolar disorder may at times ~

♦ “Not coming with a filter made him honest as he could be. He didn’t worry about repercussions.” (Terry “Juice” Parker about Ye / Kanye West.)

♦ “I went to one of his fights. St. Nicholas Arena. That was the first time I saw him fight. He sent me flowers, and the first date he took me to a movie. And the lady I used to live with was my chaperone, you know, I wouldn’t go out alone. In those days you didn’t go out alone with guys. He didn’t speak English at all. And I hardly spoke Spanish. Oh, we got along all right! And then we fell in love. I wanted to dance, I didn’t really want to get married. I was only nineteen. And then, it happened, I got pregnant, and we had to get married. That’s life.” (Lucy Paret, Benny “Kid” Paret’s wife. From the affecting and emotionally wrenching documentary *Ring of Fire: The Emile Griffith Story 2005*.)

concealment & lack of concealment / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech

filter (verb)

filters the news

the country ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: air / hygiene / water

filtered

filtered approach

a ~ to life is not authentic or healthy (BeReal vs Instagram)

concealment & lack of concealment / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech

filth (insult)

trash, filth, and sleaze

locals use words like ~ (an annual motorcycle rally)

♦ The horrors of the so-called ‘filth’ diseases of the 19th century—such as typhoid, dysentery, typhus and cholera—eventually led to huge campaigns to clean up cities, particularly to separate sewage from drinking water.

♦ “Everything that [Florence Nightingale] had urged and entreated in her reports was now done. Orders began to fly. Someone had finally appeared in Scutari ready to take responsibility for something! The sewer under the hospital was cleaned out; the drains were opened; the floorboards were disinfected; the rats were driven out; the water supply was purified. It had taken six months of misery before these things were done, but the commission, Florence later said, ‘saved the British army.’ The effect was felt immediately. The death rate in the hospital quickly dropped from 420 to 22 per thousand.” (*Florence Nightingale* by Ruth Fox Hume. Florence Nightingale was known as “the Lady with the Lamp.” She was not, in fact, a nurse. She was an administrator, logistician, statistician, advocate, reformer, founder, writer, etc. And beloved by all those to whom she administered “stump pillows.” There’s a collocation for you.)

♦ “Late Sunday, riot police sprayed putrid-smelling water to break up Palestinian protests.” (AP, “Israeli troops kill Palestinian in West Bank clashes,” Feb 13, 2022.)

insult / violence / worth & lack of worth: hygiene

filthy (bad)

filthy habit

smoking is a ~

♦ “Typhoid declined significantly in the early 20th century in the industrial nations. However, the disease remained a serious threat in times of war. Troops in the Second Boer War (1899-1901) in South Africa were seriously affected by typhoid. In the Spanish-American War of 1898 there were over 20,000 cases of typhoid and 1,5000 deaths among a total of 100,000 troops. Walter Reed (1851-1902)—the head of the army’s typhoid commission—inspected army camps in the US where typhoid was rampant, and found the state of sanitation to be appalling. He also demonstrated how flies could spread typhoid from the filthy latrines to the mess tents.”

♦ “First and last there were, I think, eight thousand cases of Typhoid in Bloemfontein. Often to my knowledge both ‘ceremonial’ Union Jacks in a battalion would be ‘in use’ at the same time. Extra corpses went to the grave under the service blanket. / Our own utter carelessness, officialdom and ignorance were responsible for much of the death-rate. I have seen a Horse Battery...be assigned, by some idiot saving himself trouble, the site of an evacuated typhoid-hospital. Result—thirty cases after a month. I have seen men drinking raw Modder-River a few yards below where the mules were staling; and the organisation and siting of latrines seemed to be considered ‘nigger-work.’ The most important medical office in any Battalion ought to be Provost-Marshal of Latrines. / To typhoid was added dysentery, the smell of which is even more depressing than the stench of human carrion... / It is possible, though I doubt it, that first and last we may have killed four thousand Boers. Our own casualties, mainly from preventable disease, must have been six times as many.” (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ “Haiti is now in the throes of the worst ongoing cholera outbreak in the world. In 15 months, it has sickened more than half a million people and killed roughly 7,000. / In the Port-au-Prince slum of Cite Soleil, 56-year-old Antonina Tanis says there are no toilets in her neighborhood. / Tanis: (Through Translator) We don’t have no toilet at all. We do it in the sea. / Beaubien: By the sea, Tanis is referring to Brackish tidal canals that flush in and out of the Cite Soleil. Residents perch on a cement ledge over one of the canals when they have to relieve themselves. The slum is also known for flying toilets, a practice of going to the bathroom in a plastic bag and then letting it fly out the window. / Ever since cholera appeared in Haiti in October of 2010, it’s been rampant in Cite Soleil.” (“Can Vaccines Break Cholera’s Deadly Hold on Haiti,” by Robert Siegel, NPR, All Things Considered, February 7, 2012. Cholera may have been brought to Haiti by U.N. peacekeepers from Nepal.)

worth & lack of worth: hygiene

filthy (slang)

filthy

that dunk was ~ (NBA)

♦ Amazing; awesome; cool; formidable; (very) good... (Generally used as a compliment.)

♦ Bad, badass, blow up, catch fire, chill, coup, crazy, crush, destroy, dope, dynamite, filthy, freakish (ability, powers, etc.), gangster (original gangster / OG), kill, killer, killa, mean, monster, nasty, ridiculous; sick, slay, wicked... (Words that sound bad but can have positive connotations. English is crazy!)

superlative: hygiene

filthy (filthy rich)

filthy lucre

I am not immune to the lure of ~ (a writer)

filthy rich

there’s rich and then there’s ~

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: hygiene

filthy (corruption)

filthy business

greed has turned our health-care system into a ~

filthy mess

we must clean up this ~ (Wall Street)

filthy politics

we have seen eight years of ~

♦ Twice as many Civil War soldiers died of disease as of battle wounds. The war, Union surgeon general William A. Hammond later observed, was fought at the "end of the medical middle ages." Neither the germ theory nor the nature and necessity of antiseptics was yet understood. A wave of epidemic disease—measles, mumps, and smallpox—swept through the armies of volunteers in the early months of war, then yielded precedence to the intractable camp illness: diarrhea and dysentery, typhoid and malaria. Ether and chloroform had made military surgery a more plausible and widespread response to wounds, but lacking an understanding of antiseptics, physicians routinely spread infection with unclean instruments and dressings. After the Battle of Perryville in 1862, water was so scarce that Union surgeons performing amputations almost around the clock did not wash their hands for two days. (*This Republic of Suffering* by the great historian Drew Gilpin Faust.)

♦ "With human corpses, human excrement, and rotting rations scattered across Peleliu's ridges, the blow flies or bluebottle flies underwent a population explosion. Those nasty insects were so large, so glutted, and so lazy that some could scarcely fly... It was revolting, to say the least, to watch big fat blowflies leave a corpse and swarm into our C rations... Each morning, just before sunrise, when things were fairly quiet, I could hear a steady humming sound like bees in a hive as the flies became active with the onset of daylight. They rose off the corpses, refuse, rocks, brush, and wherever else they had settled for the night like a swarm of bees. There numbers were incredible." (*With the Old Breed* by E. B. Sledge.)

♦ "Fear and filth went hand in hand." (*With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa* by E. B. Sledge.)

♦ There was an all-pervasive stench of putrefaction and millions of fat blowflies filled the air. Even Junger, normally so cool, was shaken by what he saw. 'The ploughed-up battlefield was a scene of horror. The dead lay there among the living defenders. When we dug bunkers we saw how the dead lay in layers one above the other. One company after another had been mown down as they made a stand shoulder to shoulder under the drum fire; then their corpses had been buried under the tons of earth hurled up by the projectiles and new men had taken the place of the fallen.'" (*The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter England.)

corruption: hygiene

filthy (sex)

filthy joke

he cracked ~s

filthy mind

people who see sex in this have ~s
old people have ~s, too

filthy piece of trash

the book is a ~ ("Lolita" by VN)

called the play filthy

Comstock ~ (*Mrs. Warren's Profession* by GBS)

sex: hygiene

filthy (language)

too filthy

the play was deemed ~ for theatres (Pinter's *Landscape*)

speech: hygiene

finale (noun)

finale

you've just seen the first act, the ~ is yet to come (trial)

development: theater

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater find (a date can find us, etc.)

finds us in Newman

dawn the next day ~ (Western Australia)

found the travelers in Rome

August 12 ~

fictive meeting & seeing: verb

find (discover)

found that

we ~ the language became more hostile (a study)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: hunting

searching & discovery: hunting

find (find oneself in a place, etc.)

found myself doing something

any time I ~ that didn't feel like the intended path...

found ourselves among other journalists

we ~ and aid workers scrambling to escape

found ourselves trying

we ~ to...

found ourselves cooped up

we ~ for a while (pandemic)

find yourself in a situation

you could ~ where you keep boosting... (vaccines)

♦ "Over the pass we dropped at once into a gulch. The place was extraordinarily broken. Deep crevices, encumbered with boulders and trunks, streams and rocks, all thickly overgrown with a carpet of moss; the whole scene reminded me vividly of a picture of Walpurgis Night. It would be hard to imagine a wilder and more repellent scene than that grim gorge." (*Dersu the Trapper* by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "Midway in our life's journey, I went astray / from the straight road and woke to find myself / alone in a dark wood..." (*The Inferno*, translated by John Ciardi.)

consciousness & awareness: journeys & trips / place

find (hope, etc.)

found Jesus in prison

John Ellis Sparks ~ (Alabama murderer)

searching & discovery: hunting

fine-tune (verb)

fine-tune a search

you can ~ by using wildcards (computers)

fine-tune scripts

she can ~

fine-tuned the work in progress

together they ~

amelioration & renewal: music / verb

finger (shape)

pokes its finger

they met where the Gulf of Issus ~ into Asia Minor

shape: **finger**

finger (Finger Lakes, etc.)

Finger Lakes

the ~ produce an excellent Riesling (New York)

proper name: **finger**

finger (middle finger)

“middle finger” to everyone

the mass party was a ~ who had suffered (pandemic)

middle finger to social norms

he intended his haircut to be a ~ (the mullet hairstyle)

middle finger to the patriarchy

the vengeance is not just personal, it's a ~ (women)

middle-finger salute

Verstappen gave Hamilton a ~ (F1)

Kyrie hit the shot and gave the ~ to the Celtics fans
the new bicycle lanes are a big ~ to us residents...

one-finger salute

LeBron James got a *double* ~ from a brazen child

one-fingered salute

the youths' ~ to ideology (girls' dress / Iran)

gave fans a one-finger salute

he ~

gives the middle finger

she ~ to haters (a singer and her lyrics)

leaves behind a middle finger

he's boarding a plane while he ~ to Cleveland (sports)

seen as a middle finger

it was ~ to America (Muhammad Ali refuses induction)

threw out a one finger salute

he ~

♦ see also *flip off (verb)*

♦ “Berlin’s tourism authority has launched an ad campaign featuring an elderly woman giving the middle finger to people who refuse to wear masks... / But the campaign has proved controversial, with some in Germany calling it insulting.” (“Coronavirus: Berlin ad sticks middle finger to mask rule breakers,” BBC, October 14, 2020.)

♦ “I don’t get it. (Dumfounded.) Yes, I do get it. (Exasperated.) Part of social justice under this idea of being offended is that you prove you’re a good person by sticking your middle finger up at very dead people in order to show that you disagree with their views.” (The linguist John McWhorter about the renaming of campus buildings. “John McWhorter: Pitfalls in the Policing of Language—YouTube.” Watch and listen to: youtube.com/watch?v=Fer2yb5qgWE)

♦ “We should note that you did give someone the middle finger as you were leaving this event, you say it was out of frustration and you regret it...” (An otherwise sympathetic NPR interview with a public-health official about a public meeting.)

♦ “Brooklyn Nets guard Kyrie Irving has been fined \$50,000 by the NBA for ‘making obscene gestures on court...’ in their opening play-off game.” (He gave the middle finger to Boston Celtic fans. Surely a mitigating circumstance.)

♦ “It was like a middle finger sticking out.” (Outpost Restrepo, Korangal Valley, Afghanistan.)

insult: **finger / gesture**

finger (slip through one's fingers)

slipped through his fingers

the Super Bowl has ~ again (NFL’s Aaron Rodgers)

slipped through their fingers

he ~ (a criminal)

attainment / possession / pursuit, capture & escape: **finger / hand / verb**

finger (in the snap of a finger)

went from 0 to 60 in the snap of a finger

he ~ (car driver)

♦ “Everything happened just like that... (he snaps his fingers four times.) I was just shootin’.” (Markeith Loyd, at his first trial in Florida, for murdering his pregnant girlfriend.)

speed: **finger / gesture / sound**

finger (snap one's fingers, etc.)

snap their fingers

can they just ~ and make this happen (policy)

snap your fingers

if you could ~ and change one thing, what would it be

♦ “There will be no snap of the fingers to make the virus disappear.” (It will become endemic, here to stay.)

creation & transformation: **finger / gesture / magic**

finger (point a finger)

finger of blame

he points the ~ at his business partner (trial)

finger of guilt

pointed the ~ in this man’s direction

accusing finger

it’s easy to point an ~

the ~ has been pointed in every direction

pointing accusing fingers at white doctors

a lot of black people today are ~

pointing fingers at the company

people are ~

pointed the finger (of guilt) in this man’s direction

circumstantial evidence also ~

point fingers and criticize

a lot of people want to ~ (disaster relief)

right to point fingers

the US has no ~

♦ “A lot of black people today are wringing their hands and pointing accusing fingers at white doctors from the public health service.” (Janie Taylor, “Origins of the Infamous Tuskegee Syphilis Study,” NPR, August 7, 1972. It’s a *seven*-part series available in its entirety at NPR. Type “Janie Taylor” in search at NPR, and all *seven* of her reports should be available. Should access change, try searching at NPR for “The digital preservation of this audio has been made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities” and then search through the at present 112 results for the seven episodes: “Was The Tuskegee Syphilis Study

Unethical?" / "Why Weren't Tuskegee Syphilis Study Patients Given Penicillin As Treatment?" / "Were Participants Informed Of The Purpose Of Tuskegee Study?" / "Tuskegee Syphilis Study Patient Believed He Was Being Treated" / "Nurse Who Worked 39 Years For the Tuskegee Syphilis Study" / "Former Director For Tuskegee Syphilis Study Believes Work Was 'Completely Ethical'" / "Origins Of The Infamous Tuskegee Syphilis Study." See also "Stop Blaming Tuskegee, Critics Say. It's Not An 'Excuse' For Current Medical Racism" by April Dembosky, NPR, March 23, 2021.)

accusation & criticism: finger / gesture / verb

finger (lift a finger)

lift a finger for him

I wouldn't ~

help & assistance: finger / hand / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: finger / hand / verb

finger (put one's finger on something)

puts his finger on (one of the chief) difficulties

he ~ of the movement (can't define itself)

location: finger / gesture / hand / map / verb

finger (cross one's fingers, etc.)

fingers crossed

~, we go to Sunday full of energy (Liverpool FC)

it's ~ that it continues... (noisy neighbors quiet down)

~, we'll be at base camp in about 3 days (Everest)

fingers crossed approach

many US companies resort to a ~ to cybersecurity

keeping my fingers crossed

I was ~ (mass shooting survivor)

♦ "It's coming home... Hopefully (Fingers crossed). Realistically... probably not... but hey after almost 18 months of misery let's all get behind them and enjoy it. You never know!" (A BBC HYS writer on the eve of England vs. Ukraine at Euro 2020.)

♦ "Well, wouldn't that be lovely! It depends I guess... Yeah. Fingers crossed!"

fate, fortune & chance: finger / gesture / verb

finger (no-no finger, etc.)

finger gun

some wondered if he was using ~s (NBA celebration)

finger signs

visiting players taunt home crowds with "shush" ~ (NFL)

no-no finger

defensive backs shake a ~ for the TV cameras (NFL)

♦ "Some observers wondered if the All-Star guard was using finger guns." (The NBA player Ja Morant, celebrating himself after scoring an ally-oop basket in overtime. He had just been reinstated to play following a long suspension for brandishing real pistols in online videos.)

sign, signal & symbol: finger / gesture

finger-pointing

finger pointing

there was much ~

there is plenty of ~ going on (blame)

finger-pointing

~ began even before the fighting ended

finger-pointing among Democrats

her loss led to a round of ~ (election)

finger-pointing and accusations

a lot of ~ (NASA failure)

finger-pointing and (political) posturing

we must put behind us ~ and solve this problem

years of (squabbling and) finger-pointing

after ~ (UN conference)

hand-wringing and finger-pointing

the battle led to a lot of ~ in Washington (war)

squabbling and finger-pointing

after years of ~ (UN conference)

accusation & criticism: finger / gesture

fingerprint (noun)

computer fingerprint

every visit leaves a ~

digital fingerprint

the program leaves none of the traditional ~s (malware)

genetic fingerprint

a person's nearly unique ~

Saudi fingerprints

~ are everywhere (politics)

unique (genetic) fingerprint

a person's nearly ~

♦ "Mr Impelido and Mr Mangune's fingerprints are all over the national team." (The Filipino women's national soccer team, which delighted and impressed the world at the 2023 World Cup. Super!)

evidence: finger / mark

finger tip (at one's fingertips)

at his fingertips

he has helicopters and jets ~ (Vice President)

proximity: finger / hand

finger tip (to one's fingertips)

to his fingertips

he was "The Baron" ~

identity & nature: finger

finger-wagging

finger-wagging

this ~ sparked a reaction (mask-wearing)

accusation & criticism: finger / gesture

finished (over)

finished

wasn't a great fight and AJ showed he's ~ (boxing)

starting, going, continuing & ending: prep, adv, adj, particle
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj, particle

fire (a question, etc.)

fire the same questions
they would ~ over and over again (police interrogation)

fire away
if you've got any questions, ~ (boxing press conference)

fires back
Angel Reese ~ as rumors swirl (LSU basketball)

speech: verb / weapon

fire (conflict)

racial fires
he is stoking the ~ (politician)

on fire
the Middle East is ~ (protests, regime change)

extinguish a fire
he was trying to ~ that would not die (civil rights)

lit the (prairie) fire
this became the spark that ~ (a political issue)

stoking the (racial) fires
he is ~ (politician)

conflict: fire

fire (through the fire, etc.)

through the fire
Harris has been ~ and knows what it feels like
no way, I've been ~ (politician about running again)

through the fire of (suicidal) depression
I have lived ~

pass through the fire
once children ~ of adolescence

♦ "I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter, dancing through the fire, 'cause I am a champion, and you're gonna hear me roar." (Lyrics of song "Roar" sung by Katy Perry.)

character & personality / experience: fire

fire (substance)

fire
where there's smoke, there's ~

evidence / substance & lack of substance: fire

fire (criticism)

heavy fire
he has been taking ~ from his rivals (Democratic politics)

incoming fire
he's going to take all this ~ (a politician)

took (incoming) fire

I ~ on social media for that...

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: weapon

fire (under fire)

under fire
his judgment has repeatedly come ~
he is ~ after an unconfirmed report surfaced...
she displayed coolness ~ (political debate performance)

under fire for not arresting
the FBI is coming ~

under fire for his policy
he has come ~ (visas)

under fire from (human rights) groups
Egypt recently came ~

come under fire
mink farms have ~ for skinning minks alive
his judgment has repeatedly ~ (a prosecutor)

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: weapon

fire (draw fire, etc.)

drawing fire
the plan is ~

face fire
he is going to ~ from his fellow candidates (debate)

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: military / weapon

fire (fire back)

firing back
Smollett is ~ and his legal team is digging in

fired back at her attackers
she ~

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: weapon / verb

fire (flash fire)

flash fire of hope
he ignited a ~ (Obama)

amount & effect: fire

fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire)

see feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire)

fire (on fire / feeling)

on fire
the team came out ~ (playing well)
Erling is ~ (Erling Haaland)

♦ "Erling is on fire and Kevin... The connection was perfect." (Pep Guardiola, about Luton Town 2-6 Manchester City. Haaland scored five of the goals, four of which were assisted by Kevin De Bruyne.)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / temperature

fire (fire and desire, etc.)

fire in my belly

I didn't have that ~ (to become president)

fire and desire

they have some young players with ~ (soccer)

competitive fires

he admitted his ~ had been banked (pro athlete)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire

commitment & determination: fire

fire (light a fire under somebody)

light a fire under him

we need to ~ (motivation)

lit a fire under that boy's ass

whatever it was, something ~ (*Shawshank Redemption*)

coercion & motivation: fire / verb / violence

fire (fuel on the fire, etc.)

fire of (toxic) political warfare

this will pour fuel on the ~

added fuel to the fire

former president Trump has only ~ with his comments

adding fuel to the fire

the US is adding ~ (by sending weapons to Ukraine)

heaping more logs on the fire

he thought we needed to say something, and so we kept ~

pour fuel on the fire

this will ~ of toxic political warfare

poured gas on the fire

the president ~ with a provocative tweet (sports issue)
a tweet ~ when... (sports dispute)

throws gas on the fire

Palin ~ in Iowa (politics)

threw kerosene on an already blazing situation

his cheap shots ~

drain the fuel away

the military alone will not ~ from the jihadists

increase & decrease: fire

fire (play with fire)

playing with fire

you better be careful, you're ~

I was ~, it was just a matter of time before I got caught
I hope they appreciate the degree to which they are ~
(diplomacy)

fate, fortune & chance: fire / verb

fire (catch fire)

caught fire

none of these websites have taken off and ~

the youth movement ~ (US / counterculture)

his campaign ~ in the spring (politics)

his senate race ~ in 2018 (politics)

her campaign never ~ or even showed signs of a spark

catches fire

around 2015, suddenly the movement ~ (flat earthers)

interest (in Dante) caught fire

Harvard was where his ~ (the poet John Ciardi)

initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: fire

fire (hang fire)

hung fire

for almost two months, Scott's plans ~

hung fire for eight minutes

the way you ~ at the beginning (he delayed the start)

hung fire for a while

the case has ~ (Pakistan refuses to release diplomat)

hang fire until the 111th Congress convenes

both bills will likely ~ (a delay)

die, hang fire, or are lost

the bills ~ in limbo (in the US Senate)

action, inaction & delay: verb / weapon

timeliness & lack of timeliness: verb / weapon

fire (five alarm fire, etc.)

five-alarm fire

this should have been a ~ in the White House, but...

5-alarm fire

there's no ~ fire (water drought not an emergency)

10-alarm fire

you'd think it would be a ~ (warnings about AI)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / danger: fire

firebomb (noun)

rhetorical firebomb

this was a ~ that he deliberately detonated ("lynching")

amount & effect: explosion / weapon

attention, scrutiny & promotions: explosion / weapon

firebrand (person)

firebrand Republican

the ~ from Florida...

liberal firebrand

~ Elizabeth Warren took center stage at the heated forum
he is not known as a ~ (a Democratic politician)

character & personality: fire / person

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / person

person: fire / temperature

fired up

fired up

I'm ~ and ready to go to the finals (victor)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire

firefight (and fire fight)

firefight

Joshua backed off, wary of a ~ (against Usyk / boxing)

firefight ensued

but Skeete was clearly dazed and a ~ (boxing match)

continue the firefight

Khan needs to take control rather than ~ (boxing)

conflict: military

fire up (verb)

fire up the Democratic foot soldiers

she wants to ~ (politics)

fire up the Democratic base

he wants to ~

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb

coercion & motivation: fire / verb

firestorm (noun)

firestorm of controversy

the pandemic has created a ~ here (mandates, etc.)

firestorm of criticism

the government is trying to respond to a ~

he was fired after a ~ (a comic from SNL)

firestorm of envy

it would create a ~ (a transfer)

firestorm over his allegations

the ~ shows no sign of abating

media firestorm

his threat to burn the holy book caused a ~

political firestorm

his report created a ~ (Robert K Hur Feb. 2024 report)

viral firestorm

the wrongly edited footage set off a ~

political and public relations firestorm

his firing ignited a ~ (free-speech issue)

at the center of a firestorm

she is already ~ (CEO of NPR)

at the center of a (political) firestorm

the oil leak has put BP ~ (oil spill)

created a firestorm

the book has ~

ignited a (national) firestorm

he ~ with his blog post

set off a firestorm

he ~ of opposition when he...

found himself in a firestorm

he ~ after key investor withdrawals (hedge fund)

whipped the criticisms of the press into a firestorm

this ~ (a public statement)

♦ "For the first time in my life I beheld a raging forest fire at close quarters, a fearful spectacle! Enormous cedars, gripped by the flame, were blazing like colossal torches. Beneath them, on the ground, was a sea of fire. Everything was burning, grass, fallen leaves, trunks, logs, stumps. We could hear living trees groan and burst from the heat. The yellow smoke rolled upwards in enormous billows. Waves of fire raced over the ground. Tongues of flame wound round the stumps and licked the red-hot rocks... I saw a wild boar make his way across the river, a big snake swim sinuously over, and a woodpecker flew from tree to tree like a mad thing, while a nutcracker never ceased its raucous chatter..." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

amount & effect: fire

firing line (noun)

take him out of the firing line

the best thing was ~ to clear his head (a soccer player)

♦ "The best thing was take him out of the firing line to clear his head. I am a firm believer where the mind goes, the rest will follow." (A comment about Erik ten Hag giving Jadon Sancho an extended break from Manchester United.)

see also *line of fire*

danger: military / weapon

firing squad

literary firing squads

and then come the ~ (Amos Oz on criticism)

♦ "Death by firing squad is a form of execution usually reserved for military personnel."

♦ "The twelve soldiers, under the command of an officer, stood in front of the condemned man. The sentence [for desertion to the enemy] was read and the provost-marshal drew a cap over the man's eyes. Then the officer gave the stern commands: 'Get ready, aim, fire!' Eleven bullets struck the young man; still he was not dead. The provost-marshal was obliged to use his own revolver, to put him out of pain. Scenes like this jarred my nerves much more than a battle. And now, when more than a quarter of a century has passed since this took place, it causes a shuddering sensation to think of it; still more to write all the circumstances of such a dreadful spectacle." (From *Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby. He served through the Civil War.)

accusation & criticism / judgment: justice / military

firewall (computers)

firewall

upgraded the ~ that was supposed to keep hackers out

firewall program

you can download a good ~ (computer)

firewall software

Windows XP includes basic ~ (Internet security)

firewall, network and browser (m)

flaws in its ~ settings (Windows)

Great Firewall

the ~ of China can censor the Internet

high-security firewall

~s that protect secret data (computers)

computer / protection & lack of protection: fire / wall

firewall (other)

firewall

black voters are his “~” (they will vote for him)

firewall against Nancy Pelosi’s agenda

we are the ~ (Trump Republicans)

firewall hopes

his ~ aren’t unfounded (politician needs black vote)

firewall state

his campaign needs a good result in his ~

build firewalls

bankruptcy courts can ~ around a company’s assets

protection & lack of protection: fire / infrastructure / wall

fireworks (conflict)

fireworks

this congressional hearing was notable for its ~

♦ Domenico Montanaro: And I never quite heard at a debate another candidate call another fellow colleague ‘scum,’ and that’s what Nikki Haley did, and it was really kind of surprising to hear... / Leila Fadel: So some fireworks there...” (Heard on NPR.)

conflict: explosion / sound / speech

speech: explosion / sound

firmament (noun)

public-health firmament

nobody in the ~ was doing anything (early days of AIDS)

literary firmament

he became a nova in Florence’s ~ (Dante)

stars of the (democratic foreign-policy) firmament

they are the ~

part of the (political) firmament

he has just been ~ for so long (Joe Biden)

place in the (current Democratic) firmament

he doesn’t occupy the ~ that Schiff does

star in the (neoconservative) firmament

Bloom had become a ~

star in the (Lincoln) firmament

General Grant was a rising ~

firmament has changed

the ~ rapidly (the PGA versus LIV Golf)

star has dimmed in the Hollywood firmament

his ~ (bad behavior)

environment: astronomy / sky

first (metaverse-first, etc.)

metaverse-first

Facebook turned itself into a ~ firm (Meta)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: affix / number / position

first lady (of Brazilian jazz, etc.)

first lady of Brazilian jazz

Leny Andrade, known as the ~

“The First Lady of Southern Cooking”

Miss Edna Regina Lewis was fondly known by many as ~

superlative: government

fish (verb)

fishing for information

she was ~

fishing for referrals

he is always ~ (a businessman)

♦ Apparently, magnet fishing became popular in the U.S. during the pandemic. People used magnets to fish iron objects from lakes, rivers, and oceans. The powerful magnets depend on the rare-earth metal neodymium, which is mostly mined in China. (“Magnet fishing got people hooked, but China and green tech are threatening its future” by Fernando Alfonso III, NPR, National, August 11, 2022.)

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting / verb

fish (big fish)

big fish

the arrest is big progress because he is a ~ (LRA leader)

the first ~ to testify was Vincent “Fat Vinnie” Teresa

big fish in a small pond

back home, I was a ~ (a model now in Miami)

go find a place where you can be a ~ (resign)

get the big fish

the only way you can ~ is through the little fish (crime)

♦ “Back home I was a big fish in a small pond, but in Miami I’m just a minnow surrounded by sharks.” (A model.)

♦ “The [BBC], once a shark in the media pond, is now a mere sardine in a media ocean.” (Clever writing from BBC Six O’Clock News, 26/05/2022.)

importance & significance: animal / fish / size

power / strength & weakness: animal / fish / size

size: animal / fish

fish (small fish)

small fish

he was a ~ (an elderly Nazi)

importance & significance: animal / fish / size

power / strength & weakness: animal / fish / size

size: animal / fish

fish (fish out of water)

fish out of water

I was a ~ out there (rookie NASCAR driver)

fish out of water in Miami

Raylan Givens, ~ (*Justified*)

environment: fish

fish (different kettle of fish)

different kettle of fish

we're a ~ (southeastern vs west Michiganders)

Holmes was a ~, he didn't like people all that much...

different kettle of (royal) fish

King Charles is a ~... (Alan Rusbridger)

taxonomy & classification: animal / fish / food & drink

fishbowl (in a fishbowl)

living in a fishbowl

she hated ~ (a celebrity)

works in a fishbowl

everyone in media today ~ (criticism, etc.)

environment: fish / water

attention, scrutiny & promotion: window

fishbowl (other)

fishbowl

his office was a ~

environment: fish / water

attention, scrutiny & promotion: window

fisheye (fisheye view, etc.)

fisheye view

a ~ from Spirit's navigation camera shows... (Mars)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / fish / position

fishing (Latino-fishing, etc.)

Asianfishing

cultural mimicry like Blackfishing or ~ (Latino-fishing)

Blackfishing

"From Blackface To ~" (NPR, Code Switch, 2019)

Latino-fishing

~, pretending to be Latino (Manuela Lopez Restrepo)

Rosalia is a key name in any discussion of ~ (Spanish star)

♦ "How Latin identity became fodder for content" by Manuela Lopez Restrepo, NPR, Pop Culture, December 10, 2022.

inclusion & exclusion: affix / possession

fishtail (verb)

fishtails

the vehicle ~ under hard steering (rollover accidents)

movement: animal / fish / verb

fishy (something smells fishy, etc.)

something fishy

cops were pretty sure that ~ was going on

he noticed ~ (a scam)

smells fishy

something ~

smelled (very) fishy

the timing ~ (article causes stock to plunge)

noticed something fishy

he ~ (a scam)

♦ "Doesn't pass the smell test." "Something is fishy about the story." "Something fishy here about her." "At first, the story just smelled funny, now it reeks." (Online commenters. See the Wikipedia article "Carlee Russell disappearance hoax.")

♦ "There's something dead up the branch." (A Southern Appalachians expression. A branch is a watercourse like a creek or a stream.)

evidence / suspicion: animal / fish / smell

fissure (noun)

deep fissure

the resignations revealed a ~ among Afghan leaders

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

fist (armored fist, etc.)

armored fist

the ~ of the tank-heavy 1991 Persian Gulf War

driving force / force: fist / military

fist (a boss with an iron fist, etc.)

ran the company with an iron fist

he ~

treated with an iron fist

some patients are ~ (mentally ill, etc.)

character & personality / control & lack of control: fist

fist (a leader with an iron fist)

iron fist of a brutal dictator

my grandparents fled the ~

rule with an iron fist

strong men use populism and charisma to ~

rules with an iron fist

he ~ (a dictator)

♦ "High up in their nests, they rule over their kingdom with an iron claw..." (Australian magpies in spring. The males are notorious for "swooping" people.)

force / oppression / violence: fist

fist (wave one's fist)

waving her gen X fist at millennials

maybe she is ~ to get off her lawn (Meghan Daum)

resistance, opposition & defeat: fist / gesture

fist bump (noun)

equivalent of a fist-bump

Benet gave Justice the Twitter ~ (bro-ing up / support)

achievement, recognition & praise: fist / gesture

fit (adjective)

fit to stand trial

a psychiatrist determined that she was ~

ability & lack of ability / condition & status / flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine

fit in (verb)

fit in

he ~ well (a teammate)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mechanism
society: center & periphery**

fitness (ability)

fitness to practice

aging doctors' ~ has come under question

fitness for office

some question his ~

fitness of Thomas

the association split on the ~ for the Supreme Court

reproductive fitness

~ is a factor in evolution

spiritual fitness

the Army now assesses the ~ of troops (US)

spiritual-fitness

soldiers are suing to eliminate the ~ assessment (US)

ability & lack of ability: health & medicine

flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine

fix (verb)

fix it

the economy is broken, and Obama can't ~

fix relations

the US is trying to ~ (with Pakistan)

♦ FTFY = fixed that for you. Often used sarcastically.

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

fix (daily fix, etc.)

daily fix

news junkies can get a ~ (Web site)

weekly fix

it's Fight Talk, your ~ of boxing news (BBC boxing)

♦ Laksa fever; "everyone's just contracted this laksa fever"; "the love child of Malaysian, Indonesian and Singaporean cuisine"; love for laksa; a thing that people love; craving a fix (for laksa); the mania (for laksa); a city obsessed (with laksa); the laksa obsession; the faithful; a giant shrine is erected (for monthlong laksa festival); laksa ice-cream / smoothies / cheesecake / sausage / crocodile dumplings / beer; the Laksa Festival Hall of Fame; the Golden Bowl award for best laksa... ("How laksa fever took hold in this Australian city" by the wonderful writer Tiffanie Turnbull, BBC, October 31, 2023. Life at "The Top End" of Oz. Super!)

enthusiasm: addiction

fizzle (and fizzle out)

fizzled out in the playoffs

the team ~

fizzle fast

most memes ~ (but not Florida Man)

investigation fizzled out

the police department's ~ (a murder)

♦ "How the economy went from sizzle to fizzle."

failure, accident & impairment / starting, going, continuing & ending: explosion / fire / verb

flabby (adjective)

flabby reasoning

but this is ~

ability & lack of ability / flaws & lack of flaws / size / strength & weakness / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: fatness & thinness / health & medicine

flag

red flag

see *red flag* (warning)

white flag

see *white flag* (surrender)

flag (rally around the flag)

rallied around the flag and their president

many Russians have ~

rally-round-the-flag effect

sometimes there has been a ~ for a president

♦ "Yes we'll rally round the flag, boys, we'll rally once again / Shouting the battle cry of freedom / We will rally from the hillside, we'll gather from the plain / Shouting the battle cry of freedom!" (The "Battle Cry of Freedom," also known as "Rally 'Round the Flag.")

♦ "About ten thousand wounded soldiers were in the care of thirty or forty surgeons. Still, a fellow worker described Barton as a cheerful spirit, seeming to be everywhere in her blue dress and white apron. He remembered that she sometimes encouraged the men to join her in singing 'Rally Round the Flag, Boys.'" (*Clara Barton: Civil War Nurse* by Nancy Whitelaw. Historical American Biographies. Of course, "the Angel of the Battlefield" was not always cheerful in her life. But in the face of horror, she knew how to put on a brave face.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners

flag (false flag)

see *false flag* (subterfuge)

flag (raise a flag, etc.)

raised the Beaujolais flag

he ~ all over the world (Georges Dubouef)

representation: flags & banners / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: flags & banners / verb

flag (plant one's flag)

plant my flag

this is what should happen, this is where I ~, we must do this

planted his flag in that stretch of cyberspace

he ~, declaring that... (defending his company)

planting their flag about what

this is them ~ they're going to do now (celebrity couple)

♦ "It's disheartening to see him plant a flag on this hill." (A popular-culture critic criticizing a very great comedian for making comments referencing transgender people, and for refusing to back down and apologize for those comments.)

commitment & determination / possession / resistance, opposition & defeat: flags & banners / ground, terrain & land / military

flag (flag of convenience)

flag of convenience

race relations is the ~ under which it sailed (Broadway)

♦ "*Porgy and Bess* is a buncha good songs but has nothing to do with race relations, which is the flag of convenience under which it sailed." (The great playwright David Mamet, from "Why I Am No Longer a 'Brain Dead Liberal,'" *The Village Voice*, March 11, 2008.)

representation: boat / flags & banners

flag-bearer

party's flag-bearer

the decision shortened his run as his ~ (politics)

person / representation: flags & banners / military

flagellation (noun)

self-flagellation

~ versus self-congratulation (debate over US history)

punishment & recrimination: violence / whip

flagpole (run something up the flagpole)

run it up the flagpole

when you ~ for review...

running up the flag pole

the administration is ~ the idea of a tax that... (just an idea)

experimentation: atmosphere / flags & banners

attention, scrutiny & promotion: atmosphere / flags & banners

flagship (superlative)

flagship campus

the university of Illinois' ~ (at Urbana-Champaign)

flagship dealership

Mercedes-Benz USA is building a ~ (330,000 sq/ft)

flagship fund

investors are withdrawing from his ~

flagship imprint

he will control the company's ~, Simon & Schuster

flagship (public) institution

the university is a ~

flagship plank

this was the ~ of Labour's economic policy (scuttled)

flagship product

the car competes with similar ~s

flagship restaurant

he is moving his ~ to the Left Bank (Guy Savoy)

flagship shows

CBS has announced major changes to its ~ (anchors, etc.)

flagship (E-commerce) site

the company's ~

flagship (Orion) software

SolarWinds has updated its ~

flagship store

Ralph Lauren's new ~ on Madison Avenue

Macy's ~ in Herald Square

flagship universities

the drive for diversity at ~ (US)

flagship venture

the probe is a ~ of the European Space Agency

♦ HMS *Victory* was Lord Nelson's flagship at the Battle of Trafalgar. J.M.W. Turner's great painting "The Fighting Temeraire" (1839) is an elegy for the great ships of the line. But they live on in the language.

superlative: boat

flak (criticism)

flak from those

journalists often take ~ they criticize

flak for the photo shoot

yeah, I do catch ~, and I totally don't care

flak and responsibility

I'm the manager and I'll take the ~ (Ole Solskjaer)

heavy flak

she had taken ~ for suggesting... (an academic)

catches flak

Obama ~ for remarks on working class

***** analysis**

♦ Attack ads; battleground states; blood; political bombshells; crash and burn; campaigns; carnage; crosshair; drop dead; fire away; catch flak; gun ("they bring a knife, you bring a gun"), outgunned; kill (and killing); lock and load; marching orders; take no prisoners; shoot down; shot through; target; war rooms... ("How traumatic Events Change Our View of Language," Geoff Nunberg, NPR, Fresh Air, January 20, 2011.)

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: military / weapon

flame (life is a flame)

flame flickered (lower) and (at last) went out

the ~ (death)

♦ "Like most creatures of the Wild, the grey cub early experienced famine. There came a time when not only did the meat-supply cease, but the milk no longer came from his mother's breast. At first the cubs whimpered and cried, but for the most part they slept...reduced to a coma of hunger...while the life that was in them flickered and died down. When the grey cub came back to life...he found...only one sister remained to him. The rest were gone. [And] the food had come too late for her. She slept continuously, a tiny skeleton flung round with skin in which the flame flickered lower and lower and at last went out." (*White Fang* by Jack London.)

death & life / decline: fire

flame (moth to a flame, etc.)

see *moth* (a moth to a flame, etc.)

flame (keeper of the flame, etc.)

keeper of the (poet's) flame

Valerie Eliot, the ~... (T.S. Eliot)

survival, persistence & endurance: fire

flame (in flames)

up in flames

with yet another relationship ~, all bets are off (marriage)

go down in flames

I'm watching you ~ failing)

shot down in flames

its strategy has been ~ (a political party)

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: fire

flame (conflict)

flames of division

this senator sought to further fan the ~

flames of hostility

he is fanning the ~ towards Muslims (a politician)

flames of intolerance

extremists are stoking the ~

flames of revolt

Libya is going up in the ~

flames (of strife) flickered out

as the ~ in the US (the Civil War ends)

fanned the flames

he has ~ of white supremacy in this nation (politics)

fanning the flames

his policies are ~ (of Arab rage)

he is ~ of hostility towards Muslims (a politician)

fuel the flames

don't ~ (a controversy)

stoking the flames

extremists are ~ of intolerance

conflict: fire

flameout (noun)

Hindenburg-level flameout

the Twitter Blue rollout turned into a ~ (Elon Musk)

complete flameout

he had a ~

failure, accident & impairment: engine / plane

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / plane

destruction: engine / plane

flame out (verb)

flame out

it's a trend that's unlikely to ~ (vaping)

failure, accident & impairment: engine / plane / verb

destruction: engine / plane / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / plane / verb

flank (side)

flanks of a mountain

half a mile up on the ~, the Yangtze looked like...

orientation: animal

flank (protection)

left flank of the culture wars

it has taken up the ~ (Southern Poverty Law Center)

♦ "When it comes to outflanking its adversaries in Asia, concedes a senior American official, 'America sucks'." (*The Economist*.)

orientation / protection & lack of protection: military

flare (noun)

send up a flare

if engineers spot a problem, they can more easily ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: fire / light & dark

message / warning: fire / light & dark

flare (verb)

flares in the Delta

political violence regularly ~ (Nigeria / oil, etc.)

flared on (Russia's) border

fighting ~ with Georgia today...

flared for a third day

Christian-Muslim violence ~ in Kaduna

flared into violence

pent-up frustrations have ~ (Nigeria)

flared with a new ugliness

racial hatred has ~

flared sporadically

sectarian violence has ~ across the country (Nigeria)

conflicts will flare

generational ~ (baby boomers vs. Gen X, etc.)

fighting flared

~ on Russia's border with Georgia today...

issue has flared

the ~ in the wake of 2 incidents (fans invade field)

tempers flare

the appropriate response when ~ in business meetings

tempers flared

at airports, ~ (weather delays)

~ as the team wilted (sports)

tempers are flaring
~ over the oil spill

tensions (with Georgia) flared
the latest ~ on July 27 when...

uprising flared
an ~ after the cancellation of a general election (Algeria)

caused tempers to flare
police said the hot weather ~

♦ "Tempers were flared and strong words were exchanged between us."
(An eggcorn? A faulty "writing" application? The use of the passive sounds odd.)

initiation: fire / verb

flare up (verb)

flare up
a few years ago his asthma started to ~

battles have been flaring up
biker ~ around California and the West...

controversy flared up
since the ~ over the issue (eating dog meat)

unrest flared up
serious ~ following the killing of protesters

initiation: fire

flare-up (noun)

flare-up
drawing lessons from the ~
Muslim prayers at the shrine passed without a ~

flare-up of their (long-running) feud
the latest ~ (2 NASCAR drivers)

border flareup
a war, a skirmish, a ~

current flareup
the ~

latest flare-up
the ~ of their long-running feud (2 NASCAR drivers)

war, skirmish, or a (border) flareup
a ~

increase & decrease / initiation: fire

flash (noun)

flash and glitz
the trappings of showbiz ~ (Hollywood)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark

flash in the pan

flash in the pan
this is not a ~ (success of tennis player Emma Raducanu)

flash-in-the-pan trends
~ or the tides of social media (vs. longevity / fashion)

failure, accident & impairment: weapon

flashpoint (noun)

flashpoint of the (civil-rights) era
Philadelphia, Mississippi was a ~ (murders)

flashpoint of resistance
Fallujah has been a ~ to occupation (Iraq)

flash point of (two) wars
Kashmir has been the ~

flashpoint in this debate
the ~ was...

flashpoint for (racial) antagonism
the book was a ~

flashpoint for violence
the area has become a ~ (in Jerusalem)

flashpoint issues
the ~ of our times (guns, abortion, religion)

political flashpoint
her murder has become a ~ (by illegal immigrant)

become a flash point
his suicide has ~ (teacher and education)

initiation: fire

flatfooted (caught flatfooted)

caught the army flatfooted
the insurgency ~ (Iraq)

caught flatfooted
the Defense department can't be ~ (contingency plans)
we were ~, we never saw it coming (Uber's success)

readiness & preparedness: foot / standing, sitting & lying

flation (lunchflation, etc.)

greedflation
why Canada grocers are accused of ' ~ '

inflation
see *inflation (noun)*

lunchflation
' ~ ' price rises hit hungry workers

shrinkflation
~, less in the package for the same price (food, etc.)

skimpflation
~, skimping on the quality of a product or service
~ is an even sneakier form of shrinkflation

stagflation
the "stag" part of ~ is *stagnation*

tip-flation
~ sees some restaurants asking for 30% tips

tipflation

~, being asked to tip more...
so-called ~ has resulted in tipping rage (NPR)

language: affix

increase & decrease: affix / air / atmosphere / balloon

flatline (verb)

flatlined

the show was stale, we had ~ (lost popularity)

flatlined with inert sexual chemistry

the film ~ between... (a bad review)

caused her relationships to flatline

fame ~

♦ "Arsenal: Freddie Ljungberg has flatlined and lifeless Gunners are heading south," by Phil McNulty, Chief football writer, 15 December 2019.

condition & status / success & failure: death & life / verb

flatten (verb)

flatten you

the fever, aches and chills can ~ fast (ad for flu medicine)

destruction: ruins / verb

flattened (emotion)

flattened

you will be ~ by the end of the movie, you'll be floored

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / force

flavor (flavor of the month)

flavor-of-the-month (m)

the requirements have a ~ feeling (demands on nurses)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: taste

flavor (regional flavor, etc.)

flavor of old Istanbul

he highlights the rich ~ (novelist Jason Goodwin)

flavor of youth

no other book better catches the ~ in wartime

local flavor

crowds prefer musical theater with a ~ (Singapore)

regional flavor

the race has a ~ now (running)

American flavor

audiences are enjoying the festival's ~ (ballet in Cuba)

Southern flavor

the one-man show is rich with ~

1970s flavor

all the running added to the game's ~ (football)

♦ "Walrus flippers with sea cabbage. It's delicious food." (Ludmilla Ainana, a 66-year-old woman, reminiscing on the food she ate at coastal camps as a child.)

♦ "Squirrel soup with a lot of hot peppers is very popular." (Hmong maintain their hunting tradition in the US.)

♦ "Wasna, a patty Lakota elders used to fashion from the kidney fat and meat of bison mashed with chokeberries..."

♦ "You crave it." (A Native American on the delight of fry bread.)

♦ "When you eat them they squirm in your mouth and then you bite them." (Grubs from the Sago tree in Papua New Guinea.)

♦ "Australian Aborigines like witchetty grubs."

♦ "The staple food in this region is tsampa. This is how they prepare it..." (Seven Years in Tibet by Heinrich Harrer, from the chapter, "The Village of Happiness.")

♦ "Ahh, I had that back on the farm in Cuba"; "I had that when I was a kid in Panama"; "Oh! I had this in Cha Nang"; People from the Philippines want Carbous; Jamaicans want Julies; people from India want Alphonse; *langras* from Benares (tart); *dussehris* from Lucknow (sweet and smooth); *chusnis* (for those who prefer to suck)...

character & personality / identity & nature: taste

flawed (adjective)

flawed

the studies turned out to be ~

he was not a mean man but he was ~

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

flawless (adjective)

flawless

his performance was ~ (sports)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

fledgling (adjective)

fledgling democracy

support for Nigeria's ~

Iraq's ~ seems to be coming of age

fledgling firm

most of these ~s will fail (dot-coms)

fledgling government

foreign aid to help the ~ (Afghanistan)

fledgling (electronic publishing) market

the ~

fledgling sport

if the ~ can take off (snowkiting)

fledgling space station

the three batteries were ferried to the ~

♦ Man: That's pretty good for a fledgling charity. / Woman: 'Fledgling'? I'm impressed. (Silly dialog from an episode of Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.)

♦ "Television was a fledgling, barely out of the nest, when I began..." (The beloved actress and comedienne Betty White, "the First Lady of Television," known to many for the TV series *The Golden Girls*.)

growth & development: animal / bird

flee (verb)

flee the heat and humidity

they ~ (Egyptians go to the coast)

attraction & repulsion / avoidance & separation / movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

fleeced

getting fleeced

we are ~ (universities, by academic publishers)

taking & removing: animal / sheep

fleet (amount)

fleet of ambulances

a ~ converged outside the school (a school shooting)

amount / group, set & collection: boat / military / sea

flense (verb)

flense useful details off a rotten mass of lies

queer historians have had to ~

♦ "To strip of blubber or skin: flense a whale. Dutch / Danish / Norwegian.)

♦ "Before oil, there was whale oil."

♦ "We stopped killing whales for oil only when kerosene and finally electric bulbs provided better and cheaper lighting."

♦ "We will make electricity so cheap that only the rich will burn candles." (Thomas Edison, December, 1879.)

♦ "The first great oil fortunes in the United States were established not by Texans poking into the hard-baked earth, but by New England mariners roaming the seas in search of whales... Blacksmiths made whaling irons and harpoons, rivets, and nails; coopers made casks; boatwrights fashioned sturdy whaleboats from local timber; outfitters stocked all manner of goods for voyages that often lasted three or four years; artisans fashioned sails and rigging; managers and clerks tabulated profits and losses, expenses, insurance costs, and wages, and kept track of the ever-changing price per barrel of oil. For the sailors there were boarding houses, saloons that sold delirium and death, dance halls, and brothels. An equally furious and busy industry dedicated itself to converting oil and whalebone into lamp oil, watch oil, candles, hairpins, and corsets. America ran on the by-products of slaughtered whales. Whale oil greased the nation's machines and illuminated its nights. Their oil lubricated watches, clocks and guns. Wealthy young women wore corsets of whalebone and perfume containing ambergris, a waxy substance found in the whale's intestines. At the top of a sperm whale's head was a case containing up to 500 gallons of pure, fine oil, just waiting to be scooped up. At the end of a long voyage, a fortunate ship might groan back toward home port bulging with 4,000 barrels of oil—worth more than \$100,000. (*Hefty: The Genius and Madness of America's First Female Tycoon* by Charles Slack.)

♦ "Throughout the 1870s, American whaling vessels had taken as many as 125,000 walrus from the Bering Strait region. The slaughter had proved to be a lucrative sideline to the whaling business. The whalers cooked the animal's blubber into oil and hacked off the tusks to sell in ivory markets as far away as England and China. In a single season in 1876, more than 35,000 Bering walrus were killed... the whalers could render more than twenty gallons of oil from the blubber of a single mature bull." ... (In *The Kingdom of Ice: The Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeannette* by Hampton Sides.)

♦ "The results of Cook's intrusion into Tahiti and Australia had been bad enough for the native peoples: for the Antarctic animals it was a holocaust. His account of his voyage in the *Resolution* was naturally of intense interest to the whaling and sealing industry in the northern hemisphere, where the catch was already diminishing in the closing years of the eighteenth century. Here now was news of a magnificent hunting ground in the far south: seals and whales by the million, all ready for the taking. From Le Havre in France and Hull in England, and from New Bedford and Nantucket in America, the whaling and the sealing fleets set out. / No one will ever know how many whales and seals were killed in the southern ocean in the ensuing fifty years. Was it ten million or fifty million? Figures become meaningless; the killing went on and on until there was virtually nothing left to kill, nothing at any rate that could be easily and profitably killed. / The sealers came first. With the aid of Cook's charts they found their way down to the desolate islands he had discovered, and then went on to explore many new coasts and islands on their own account. There was a devastating simplicity in their methods: they clubbed the animals to death... / In the South Shetlands a

single ship would expect to take as many as 9,000 seals in three weeks, and there is a record of two ships and sixty men demolishing 45,000 in one season. And since every pelt was worth a guinea—in some markets like Canton in China very much more—there was every inducement for the slaughter to go on to the better end. An end, however, there had to be; and by the eighteen-thirties fur seals in the southern ocean were virtually extinct, and sea-lions and sea-elephants were dying out as well. / The main attack was now diverted to the whales, and in an age that needed oil for its candles (not to speak of the whalebone for such articles as umbrellas and women's corsets), this was an even more profitable trade than sealing... The first comers in the South Pacific hardly needed to go to sea at all; the whaler simply set up a shore factory in some estuary where the animals were known to breed and then attacked them from small boats. There were dozens of such places: the Bay of Islands in New Zealand, the Derwent Estuary in Tasmania, all the coves and inlets along the deserted coasts of southern, western and eastern Australia... / In the Derwent River estuary where it had once been dangerous to sail in a small boat because of the numbers of right whales there—mostly pregnant mothers either calving or about to calve—a massacre went on year after year until the animals were wiped out. And so the hunt went on from May to October in all the breeding and mating grounds along the New Zealand and Australian coasts... / In these conditions it was not long before bay whaling—the taking of whales in their off-shore breeding grounds—was practically finished and the hunt was then continued in the open sea. Pelagic whaling—the taking of whales in the ocean—was a more arduous business... / By 1846 America had 735 whalers operating out of the New England coast, and each of them averaged 100 whales, or 300 tons of oil, on every voyage. They came south round the Horn and out into the Pacific where their bases in the tropics were Hawaii and Tahiti, and in the south, the Bay of Islands in New Zealand, Sydney and Hobart town in Tasmania. It was a tremendous killing. Eyre on his walk along the Great Australian Bight found the shore at Fowler's Bay 'literally strewed in all directions with the bones and carcasses of whales', and he estimated that there were 300 American and French vessels operating on that coast alone. For meat they killed the kangaroos on Kangaroo Island, and for women they raided the native tribes ashore." (*The Fatal Impact* by Alan Moorehead.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

flesh (inside)

fruit's flesh

the mango skin ripping away from the ~...

white flesh

foods with ~ include apples and pears

delicious, crisp, yellow flesh

Ashmead's Kernel has ~ (the apple)

♦ Foods with white flesh include apples, pears, bananas, cauliflowers, and cucumbers. Eating them may reduce the risk of a stroke.

orientation: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

resemblance: skin, muscle nerves & bone

flesh and blood

flesh and blood

when he discusses a film, it becomes ~

substance & lack of substance: death & life / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

flesh out (verb)

flesh it out

this is a skeleton, you need to ~ (an essay)

♦ "You can put flesh back onto bones." (James Holland, author of *The Savage Storm: The Battle for Italy 1943*, about the use of diaries in his work.)

substance & lack of substance: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

fleshed out

fleshed out by his experience
his approach is ~ of being in the White House

fleshed out in the House investigation
adding more detail to a narrative that has been ~ (politics)

fleshed out quickly
the program contains little of substance and must be ~

substance & lack of substance: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

flex (bragging)

small flex
I predicted them to win, ~ ("you deserve the flex")

weird flex
squatting next to a bear you just murdered is such a ~

hottest new flex
hyper-realistic toupees are the ~

describes her album as a flex
she ~ (sole producer, plays many of the instruments)

deserve the flex
you ~ (said to a man whose prediction turned out right)

♦ Boasting, bragging, showing off, celebrating, etc. This usage probably refers to bodybuilders and their poses. It seems analogous to the lexicalized "take a bow" or "pat yourself on the back." Some shoot "finger guns" and then pantomime blowing smoke away from the barrel of a pistol. Others kiss the back of their hand or their fingertips to express admiration for themselves—the Bruno Mars' "Uptown Girls" "Gotta kiss myself, so pretty" flex. The great boxer Naseem Hamed would kiss his bicep after a knockout.

♦ Sometimes Flexing and a "power move" are synonymous: "Fame is so powerful that renouncing it can seem like the supreme power move."

♦ "This is not a flex. This is a waste. Rich people can't read the room." (An online commenter about the influencer Linda Andrade, aka the "Original Dubai Housewife," who spent \$2.5 million in a week. She is the wife of a Dubai millionaire.)

♦ "It was not taunting, he was patting himself on the back and rightly so." (A commenter about a play by Allen Lazard of the Green Bay Packers during which he blocked three Miami Dolphins defenders, knocking all three to the ground. Following that, he pointed at each one: one, two, three, for which he was fined \$10,609 for taunting, even though none of the 3 defenders saw him.)

♦ "Some observers wondered if the All-Star guard was using finger guns." (The NBA player Ja Morant, celebrating himself after scoring an ally-oop basket in overtime. He had just been reinstated to play following a long suspension for brandishing *real* guns in online videos.)

♦ "'Mama's boy' is a flex, not an insult." (According to NPR's Neda Ulaby.)

♦ A grinning Black Dad tugs at his too tight yellowish retro Tee shirt, which reads "Spring Break 93." He says, "Your father knows about saving. Everything I'm wearing, I've had since boot camp." A loud buzzer sounds for "wrong answer." The words appear on the screen, WEIRD FLEX. / The Black Dad's cute daughter says, "And I just saved on my car insurance for driving safe with USAA." An ecstatic voice sings. The words appear on the screen, GOOD FLEX. / The Black Dad shouts about his Tee shirt, "And it *still* fits! (It doesn't.) A voice says, "Weird flex. Good flex. Flex with our annual mileage discount. Insurance that flexes with you." (A cute online advertisement for USAA Auto Insurance. The web site address to contact includes "autoflex.")

♦ "This is how we flex." (An advertisement For Samsung phone.)

feeling, emotion & effect: gesture / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

flex (power, etc.)

flexes a lot of (political) influence
Boeing ~ in Washington, D.C.

flex its muscles
see *muscle* (*political muscle, etc.*)

power: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

force: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

flexible (adjective)

flexible
natural gas is not as ~ a commodity as oil

flexible approach
a ~ allows mission crews to modify plans (military)

flexible (retirement) plan
a more ~...

flexible (work) schedule
everyone would like a ~, but...

flexible and convenient (m)
a ~ way to get your college degree

more flexible
people's moral codes are ~ than generally understood

fast and flexible
the air Volcano is ~ (military)

rigid versus a flexible
commanders must weigh the benefits of a ~ plan

♦ A reed bends but does not break.

ability & lack of ability / constraint & lack of constraint: materials & substances / movement

flexible (character)

flexible
being ~ is an important survival skill (new economy)

flexible in their ability
some elderly are less ~ to change their attitudes

flexible leader
agility requires quick-minded, ~s (military)

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

ability & lack of ability / character & personality / resiliency: materials & substances / movement

flimsy (adjective)

flimsy charges
prominent political leaders were jailed on ~

flimsy at best
the evidence is ~

flaws & lack of flaws / strength & weakness / substance & lack of substance: materials & substances

flinch (verb)

flinch in our coverage
it was important not to ~ (AIDS)

flinched from responsibility
he never ~ (President bush on Donald Rumsfeld)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / courage & lack of courage: bodily reaction / verb

flip (verb)

flip the blame
they try to ~ (sex abuse)

flipping the script
older gymnasts are ~ (gymnasts are usually girls)

flipped seats
she is one of those Democrats who ~ in 2018

flip victimhood into empowerment
the art exhibit is designed to ~

reversal: direction / movement / verb

flip-flop (verb)

flip-flopped on increasing
Biden ~ the refugee cap

reversal: direction / movement / verb

flip-flopping (reversal)

reputation for flip-flopping
he has a ~ (a politician)

reversal: direction

flip off (verb)

flipped off the camera with both hands
she ~ (a spoiled young internet influencer)

♦ see also *finger* (middle finger)

insult: finger / gesture / verb

flipped

flipped
my life got ~, turned upside down

disruption / reversal: direction

flirt (verb)

flirting with bankruptcy
we're ~

flirted with disaster
he ~

flirt with the freezing point
Chicago and Detroit will ~ (weather report)

attraction & repulsion / fate, fortune & chance: love, courtship & marriage / verb

flit (verb)

flitting from one issue to another
a butterfly mind, ~...

movement: animal / bird / insect / verb

float (a plan, etc.)

floated bankruptcy
Musk has ~ as a possible option for Twitter

float (immigration reform) plan
Democrats ~

floated that possibility
officials ~ prompting angry denials (origin of virus)

experimentation: atmosphere / balloon / verb

floated

floated
one of the ideas that is being ~ is...
the idea was first ~ in 1898 (Indian cricket team)
the idea has been ~ for 20 years (a US space force)

floated as a possible presidential contender
she was ~ in 2016 (politics)

experimentation: atmosphere / balloon

flock (verb)

flocked to Karbala for the climax
Shia pilgrims ~ of Ashura

flocking to *The Guardian* for quality news
millions are ~ every day (once free to all)

flock to Bahrain and Dubai to celebrate
Saudis ~ the New Year

flocked to cooling centers
New Yorkers ~ (heat wave)

flock to their summer homes
out-of-towners ~ (New Hampshire)

flocked to Parker
black teenagers from all over ~ (a Birmingham school)

flocked to the polls
Southern Sudanese ~ (vote on succession)

flocking to Scotland
why surfers are ~ (BBC Travel)

flocking to the slopes
people are ~ (French ski season reopens / pandemic)

flocked to cafes and places
people have ~ with functioning Wi-Fi (nationwide outage)

1.5 million people flocked
~ to watch the procession (Wellington's funeral / 1852)

behavior: animal / bird / sheep / verb
movement: animal / bird / sheep / verb

flog (criticize)

flog CNN

Trump has a reason to ~ (CNN leaked interview questions)

♦ *The Fatal Shore: The epic of Australia's Founding* by Robert Hughes details the horrible practice of flogging. Men would be flogged to death, survivors might have the white bones of their shoulder blades in the back permanently exposed, and the flogger would work spattered with blood and bits of flesh. Two hundred strokes were common.

punishment & recrimination: speech / verb / violence / whip

flood (amount / verb)

flooded the state with ads
the union ~ (elections)

flood the market with (boring) options
businesses that ~

flood all forms of the media with depictions
they ~ of sex (ads)

flood the country with (good) governance
the strategy is to ~ (USAID / Afghanistan)

flooded highways with (coal) trucks
China's policy has ~ (electricity)

flooded the Nation Mall
crowds ~ (rally)

flooding south
guns are ~ (to Mexico, from the US)

flood the area
as undocumented workers ~ (a town in Arkansas)

flooded (neighboring) states
2 million Iraqis have ~ (Jordan, Egypt, etc.)

applications (for asylum) flooded in
19,000 ~ (Zimbabweans in S. Africa)

amount & effect: flood / river / verb / water

flood (move)

flooded onto the island
as thousands of new workers ~ (Sakhalin)

flooded into (booming) Shenzhen
millions of jobseekers ~ (China)

flooded into Uzbekistan
70,000 ethnic Uzbeks have ~ (from Kyrgyzstan)

movement: flood / river / verb / water

flood (flood of refugees, etc.)

flood of beggars
at the end of each Hajj, Jeddah is invaded by a ~
a ~ around mosques and markets asking for money

flood of calls

I've had a ~ from people who say...

flood of (passenger) complaints
a ~ (plane flights)

flood of (genetic) data
aided by a ~

flood of emotions
when I read the letter, a ~ came back to me

flood of (cheap) heroin
Uzbek volunteers fight a ~

flood of (newly unleashed) hormones
caught up in a ~ (middle schoolers)

flood of (Chinese) immigrants
Tibetan exiles fear the rail line will unleash a ~

flood of (conflicting) information
the public was being inundated by a ~ (epidemic in US)

flood of (new) inmates
new prisons for the ~ (US)

flood of leads
the media attention generated a ~ (criminals on loose)

flood of memories
the trial has brought back a ~ (murder)
a ~ burst through the psychological dam he had built

flood of misinformation
social-media companies have little incentive to stop the ~

flood of (uniformed) officers
a ~ washed over the thicket (body)

floods of refugees
fighting has sent new ~ across the border

flood of (new accommodation) requests
if there's a ~ (SAT)

flood of tourists
controlling the ~ visiting Kartchner Caverns

flood of waste
short-term projects to stem the ~ (Kabul)

goal floods
there were ~ and goal droughts (FIFA World Cup / Qatar)

became a flood
the trickle of surrendering soldiers ~

become a flood
it's a constant trickle that threatens to ~ (email inbox)

inundated by a flood
the public is being ~ of conflicting information

stem the flood
projects to ~ of waste (Kabul slums)

unleash a flood
Tibetan exiles fear the rail line will ~ of Chinese

♦ Last time we held the levy / But the Mississippi claimed her valley / She backed into Tennessee, and Arkansas, and Illinois, and Missouri / She spread her arms over thousands of acres of land / and she left farms ruined, stock drowned, houses torn loose / nineteen-three, nineteen-seven, nineteen-fifteen, nineteen-sixteen, nineteen twenty-two, nineteen twenty-seven, nineteen thirty-six, nineteen thirty-seven / We built a hundred cities and a thousand towns / But at what a cost. [Scenes of a dog marooned on a rooftop; inundated houses; aerial views of flooded countryside and of flooded cities] (Narration from *The River* by Pare Lorentz, 1938, a New Deal government-financed documentary.)

amount & effect: flood / river / water

flooded

flooded with (e-mail) messages
the company was ~

flooded with ads, calls and pamphlets
voters were ~ (elections)

amount & effect: flood / river / water

floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates)

opened the floodgates
the court's ruling ~, raising questions about whether...

opened the sluice gates
these events suddenly opened the ~, and the thing moved with a rush (government policy)

opened the floodgates to (million-dollar) contracts
in the 1970's, Steinbrenner ~ (baseball)

open the floodgates to people
this will ~ who want to beat the system

opened the floodgates to more upheaval
the miners' action has ~

amount & effect: dam / flood / river / water

constraint & lack of constraint: dam / flood / river / water

floodgate (other)

floodgates of memory
as he began to write, the ~ opened (Leigh Fermor)

floodgates of the past
his dark moods open up the ~ (a boxer)

floodgates for misuse
the ~ are wide open (euthanasia law)

emotional floodgates
once he starts telling his story, the ~ open

floodgates opened
I told him to use street language and the ~ (writing class)
in his 60s the ~ with an outpouring of poems (Geoffrey Hill)

floodgates were flung (wide) open
in 1985, the ~ when... (guided climbs up Mount Everest)

♦ Floodgates control the level and flow of water, particularly in dams. If the water level gets too high behind a dam, engineers will open the floodgates to lower the level of the reservoir. Floodgates can also keep tidal surges out.

amount & effect: dam / flood / river / water

constraint & lack of constraint: dam / flood / river / water

floodtide (noun)

floodtide of (school-age) children
sub-Saharan Africa's 45 countries face a ~

floodtide of filth
a ~ has engulfed the newsstands (pornography)

♦ At floodtide, the water is coming in towards the beach or coast.

amount & effect: sea / tide / water

force: sea / tide / water

floodwaters

stop the floodwaters
we are trying to ~ (immigration)

amount & effect: flood / river / water

floor (pelvic floor, etc.)

pelvic floor
her ~ was so weak that she peed all over the set (actor)

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

orientation: direction / house

floor (low point)

ceiling and the floor
his numbers have been durable, the ~ (president's popularity)

increase & decrease: direction / height / house

floor (dance floor)

literary dance floor
there's room on this ~ for everyone (website)

acceptance & rejection: party

floor (have the floor / attention)

had the floor at that time
a lot of social justice ideologies ~ (May, 2020)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: possession

floored (emotion)

floored
you'll be flattened by the end of the movie, you'll be ~

floored when
I was ~ I heard the news

floored by this decision
many are ~ (released from prison on technicality)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / force

flop (verb)

movie flopped

the ~ miserably around the world

♦ "The movie flopped miserably around the world, save for France and Italy..."

success & failure: leg / verb

flop (noun)

flop

the movie was a ~

success & failure: leg

Florence (Florence on the Elbe, etc.)

Florence on the Elbe

nearby Dresden, then known as ~

Greek Florence

here for a fragile moment, Constantinople rebuilt itself in miniature as a ~ (Mystras, in the Peloponnese)

knowledge & intelligence: epithet

Florence Nightingale (our Florence Nightingale, etc.)

our Florence Nightingale

~ is Sally Tompkins (the Confederacy)

♦ Florence Nightingale was known as "the Lady with the Lamp." She was not, as is commonly thought, a nurse. She was an administrator, logistician, statistician, advocate, reformer, founder, writer, etc.

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. A medic with a red cross on his helmet and on his aid bag is on foot, leading a wide-eyed mule, its long ears flared, by its bridle down a mountain track. On the mule's back sits a casualty, being evacuated to an aid station in the rear. The medic is saying to the casualty, "I calls her Florence Nightengale." (*Up Front* by Bill Mauldin. World War II.)

military: epithet

flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.)

flotilla of icebergs

Spalte Glacier has become a ~ (breaks into pieces)

amount / group, set & collection / resemblance: boat

flounder (verb)

floundering

his campaign has been ~ (election)

♦ *Flounder* may come from *founder*. The literal use of *flounder* means to struggle to move or to thrash about.

failure, accident & impairment: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

flourish (verb)

flourish in the netherworld

these falsehoods ~ of internet pranksters and trolls

flourished from his first day

he ~ (in his new job)

black market flourished

wages plummeted, and the ~

growth & development: plant / verb

flow (flow of the lesson, etc.)

flow of the lesson

disciplinary actions should not interrupt the ~ (ed)

even flow

establish an ~ of aircraft into maintenance... (military)

interrupt the flow

disciplinary actions should not ~ of the lesson (ed)

movement: river / water

flow (go with the flow, etc.)

go with the flow

just ~ (don't get upset, anxious, worried, etc.)

control & lack of control: mental health

flow (move)

flow across the (southwest) border

drugs ~ (from Mexico into US)

flow into theater

as corps forces ~ (military)

flow through Dubai

drugs from Afghanistan and Iran ~

flow from the RAS to the ...

supplies ~ (military)

flow around the obstruction

legitimate traffic could ~ (Internet)

flow south

the wealth from our land continues to ~ (Canadian Innuit)

flowing normally

traffic is ~

flow smoothly

the right aperitif will make your picnic ~...

money is flowing

military ~ to Boeing, Lockheed Martin and...

supplies flow

~ from the RAS to the... (military)

kept flowing

with only a few exceptions, traffic ~ (protest)

started flowing

after the merge lane was lengthened, traffic ~ normally

keeps the (combat) information flowing

this ~ rapidly to... (military)

movement: river / verb / water

flow (increase)

ebb and flow

- gang killings ~ but never stop (Los Angeles)
- the fight continued to ~ (Joe Cordina v Edward Vazquez)

increase & decrease: tide / verb / water

flow (noun)

flow of arms

- stop the ~ into Macedonia

flow of capital

- the ~

flow of the crowd

- the ~ pushed him down the stairs (nightclub crush)

flow of (illegal) drugs

- the ~ into the US (from Mexico)

flow of goods

- improve the ~ to its stores (a retail chain)

flow of information

- control of the ~ (politics)
- supports the free ~ (computers)
- managing the ~ is another critical task (military)

flow of insurgents

- shut down the ~ into Kashmir

flow of intelligence

- try to improve how they manage the huge ~ (F.B.I.)

flow of materiel

- intercept the ~ along Vietcong supply routes

flow of migrants

- slowing the ~ (from Mexico to U.S.)
- step up naval patrols to reduce the ~ (Italy and Libya)

flow of money

- the ~ around the globe

flow of (government) money

- the dwindling ~ (to hospitals)

flow of pilgrims

- security forces tried to ensure a smooth ~ (Hajj)

flow of supplies

- it is prudent to start the ~ now (military)

flow of traffic

- police directed the ~ around the accident scene;
- regulate the ~ on MSRs (MPs / military)

flow of (pedestrian) traffic

- the ~ can be regulated

flow of (illegal Chinese) workers

- a more recent ~ (into France)

flow of E-mail

- today's high-volume ~

flow of natural gas

- Russia failed to restore the ~ (to Georgia)
- the disruption in the ~ from fields in Siberia

flow of paperwork

- an endless ~

flow of drugs and alcohol

- stemming the ~ into Saudi Arabia

flow of goods, services

- the ~ and investment capital (globalization)

flow of patients and visitors

- control the ~ so that... (ED post terror event)

flow (of traffic) on MSRs

- regulate the ~ (MPs / military)

flow (of arms) into Macedonia

- stop the ~

flow (of alcohol) into Saudi Arabia

- the authorities want to stem the ~

flow (of money) around the globe

- the ~

flow through Boston

- the project will improve traffic ~

flow (of information) between ACTs and troops

- the ~ (military)

Flow Control

- nicknamed, in typical FAA-speak, "~" (planes aloft)

cash flow

- concern about the company's ~

cash-flow

- the ~ situation
- he may have ~ problems

information flow

- our economy is one that is increasingly based on ~

logistics flow

- Figure 5-4 shows the ARSOA ~ (military)

traffic flow

- solutions include rerouting ~

high-volume flow

- today's ~ of E-mail

dwindling flow

- the ~ of government money (to hospitals)

accelerated flow

- the ~ of information in combat (laptops, com, etc.)

endless flow

- an ~ of paperwork

free flow

- supports the ~ of information (computers)

paper flow

the ~ between headquarters and the field

smooth flow

security forces tried to ensure a ~ of pilgrims (Hajj)

control of the flow

~ of information (politics)

ebbs and flows

there have been ~ in the severity of the attacks (war)

tempo and flow

the ~ of the game probably will come down to... (soccer)

trickle, flow, gush

we had a theory called, "~" (to rescue hostages)

flow has slowed

the ~ to a trickle (migrants)

cut off the flow

efforts to ~ of diamonds through Taylor's network

facilitate the flow

ways to ~ of passengers through security (airports)

manage the (huge) flow

try to improve how they ~ of intelligence (F.B.I.)

reduce the flow

step up naval patrols to ~ of migrants

regulate the flow

~ on MSRs (MPs / military)

shut down the flow

~ of insurgents into Kashmir

slow the flow

the objective is to ~ of forces into the area of operations

slowed the flow

controllers ~ of planes into O'Hare (labor dispute)

stanch the flow

he asked the elders to help ~ (of Somalis to Lewiston)

stem the flow

the authorities want to ~ of drugs into Saudi Arabia

flow of arms

stop the ~ into Macedonia

movement: river / water

flower (wilting flower, etc.)

wilting flower

Joni's feistiness surfaced, she was not a ~

person: plant

character & personality / resiliency / strength & weakness:

person / plant

flower (verb)

flowered intellectually

Islam ~ (early centuries)

growth & development: plant / verb

flowering

flowering of creativity

this apparently abrupt ~ (European cave drawings)

growth & development: plant

flowing

flowing (black) abaya

she remained shrouded in a ~ (Doha)

flowing (white) beard

a farmer in a ~ trotted by on a tiny donkey

movement / resemblance: water

flu (enthusiasm)

Oxford flu

interest in quantum computing has been called the ~

♦ "He played taps over the bodies of more than three hundred young men who died of the flu on a single troopship bound for France and were buried at sea." (Reported in the obituary of a World War I veteran in Andrews, North Carolina. Just months before the Armistice, the generals requested reinforcements and the President honored the request knowing that thousands of soldiers would die of the flu in the crowded ships and camps.)

enthusiasm: health & medicine

fluctuate (verb)

morale fluctuated

~ (during Mao's Long March)

♦ Up and down, side to side, like water or a wave.

increase & decrease: number

movement: verb / water / wave

increase & decrease: movement / verb / water / wave

fluent (ability)

fluent in the language

Jake Paul was ~ of YouTube

fluent in the subject

she seemed not really very ~ (foreign policy)

fluent internet

she learned how to speak ~ (Meriem Derradji)

looked (much less) fluent

but the team ~ in the second half (Tottenham Hotspur)

♦ "The urban population, perhaps a quarter of the country, is energized by a contingent of sophisticated young people—fluent not just in Dari and Pashto but also in smartphones, the Internet, and travel to the West." ("Comment: What We Left Behind In Afghanistan" by Dexter Filkins, *The New Yorker*, August 22, 2021.)

ability & lack of ability: speech

fluff (substance)

piece of FLUFF

what a ~ (a commenter about an article)

substance & lack of substance: weight

fluid (adjective)

fluid situation

this is a ~ and bears very close watch (politics)

fluid and confusing

the situation on the ground is ~ (rebellion)

control & lack of control / movement: water

fluid (gender fluid, etc.)

gender fluid

some think the Pharaoh might have been ~

gender-fluid

~ people

sexually fluid

I wanted all the characters to be just 100% ~ (an author)

bisexual, fluid

Blow sees his orientation as ~, but...

♦ "Blow now sees his orientation as bisexual, fluid, but with more of an attraction to women than men." ("After Childhood Abuse, 'Times' Columnist Says He Chose Life Over Vengeance," NPR, Fresh Air, Author Interviews, September 24, 2014. Terry Gross interviews *New York Times* columnist Charles Blow.)

♦ "I knew I wanted in my book for all the characters to be just 100% sexually fluid." (Olivie Blake about her book *The Atlas Six*.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

fluidity (gender fluidity, etc.)

gender fluidity

ways to navigate ~

sexual fluidity

gender fluidity has roots in the notion of ~

social and sexual fluidity

themes of ~ (his gayness is a given)

inclusion & exclusion: society

flurry (activity)

flurry of (diplomatic) activity

we've seen a ~

flurry of (law-enforcement) activity

there was a ~ from agencies all over (murder of girls)

flurry of trial balloons

his office floated a ~

flurries of requests

officials sent him ~ (a filmmaker)

flurry of texts

he sent out a ~ to emphasize how serious he was...

flurry of social media posts and retweets

Trump responded with a ~

♦ This word is often used to describe snow and leaves in the wind.

activity: flying & falling / rain / wind

amount & effect: flying & falling / rain / wind

flush (remove)

flush them out

security services launched an operation to ~ (criminals)

flushed (some of the organization's staff) from the city

the violence ~ (UN in Yemen)

dismissal, removal & resignation / violence: hygiene / verb / water

flush (busted flush)

busted flush

the Prime Minister is now a ~ (U.K. politics)

success & failure: cards / gambling

fly (on the fly)

adjust on the fly

they are used to having to ~ (wildfire fighters)

learn on the fly

he had to do it all by himself, ~ (programming website)

do it on the fly

I wasn't going to ~ with all that consequence (climbing)

crafted untried solutions on the fly

the FED, having to act with unimaginable speed, ~

figured it out on the fly

we kind of ~ (retired vets evacuate Afghans)

make (good) decisions on the fly

he can ~ (a football player)

make it up on the fly

you kind of ~ (a coach dealing with problems)

get science on the fly

we are having to ~

♦ "He moves really fast. You might have five big scenes in one day, which means you're on the fly." (Vanessa Kirby about working for Ridley Scott in the 2023 film *Napoleon*. Scott shot the movie in just 61 days.)

♦ "If I told you I knew what I was doing, I would be lying to you. You kind of make it up on the fly. There's no one who can guide you through something like this." (A basketball coach managing to win games with only seven healthy players following a raft of injuries.)

♦ "A lot of it was almost building a plane mid-flight, you know?" (The wonderful actor Colin Farrell about creating the character of John Sugar for the AppleTV+ series *Sugar*.)

♦ "It's like trying to change the tire on a car while it's running."

♦ Birds can do astonishing things "on the fly." Not to mention their ability to fly in, among, and through the densest foliage.

haste / readiness & preparedness: bird

fly (fly into a rage, etc.)

flew into a (jealous) rage

he ~ (murderer)

flew into a (jealous) rage after finding

he ~ a text message...

flew into a rage over her refusal

he ~ to cooperate

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / flying & falling / verb

fly (activity)

flying off the rack

fur is ~ worldwide (fashion industry)

fly off the shelves

skin-whitening products ~ (Philippines)

flying off the shelves

her tell-all book is ~

toilet paper and milk were ~ (coronavirus panic)

flying off (store) shelves

the new product is ~

flying all over campus

rumors were ~ (students charged with rape)

flying around

there are plenty of gruesome rumours ~

flew between them

letters ~ (writer / publisher)

rumors flew

~ (campus gossip about surveillance cameras)

rumors fly

~ in small communities (Red Lake Reservation)

rumors were flying

~ all over campus (students charged with rape)

activity: animal / bird / flying & falling / verb

speed: animal / bird / flying & falling / verb

fly (constraint)

let his imagination fly

he let his ~ (a poet)

constraint & lack of constraint: bird / flying & falling / verb

fly (time flies)

time flies

see *time* (*time flies*)

fly (fly on the wall)

flies on the wall

thank you for letting us be ~ (a documentary maker)

fly-on-the-wall reporter

he was a ~

presence & absence / surveillance: animal / insect

fly (fly in the ointment)

fly in the ointment

the ~ though is... (emergence of variants / vaccines)

flaws & lack of flaws: animal / insect

focus (verb)

focusing on target genes

he is ~ for schizophrenia

focus on her mental health

she left her marriage to ~ (Annaleise Easlea)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / verb

focus (noun)

focus of the day

the ~ differs within the strands of Christianity (Epiphany)

political and policy focus

Republicans should keep the ~ on promoting job creation

ongoing focus

there is an ~ on these economic issues (White House)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

focused

pork-focused

a young crowd populates this ~ eatery (Williamsburg)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)

fodder for comedy

his ridiculous ideas are ~

fodder for content

“How Latin identity became ~” (NPR)

fodder for debate

his legal woes are more than ~ (politics)

fodder for some (lively) discussions

she was perfect ~ in the newspapers (a celebrity)

fodder for (cruel) mockery

her life became ~ (#FreeBritney)

fodder for clicks, likes, and views

these images became ~ (GIF reactions / digital blackface)

campaign fodder

his gaffe has given Democrats ~

meme fodder

her dress was easy ~ that the Internet ate up

tabloid fodder

his five marriages provided endless ~

the story is overblown sensational ~ (celebrity gossip)

political fodder

that term has become ~ (“concentration camp”)

his struggles became ~ when his dad ran for president

used as fodder

the academic paper was ~ for conspiracy theorists

consumption: animal / farming & agriculture / plant

content: animal / farming & agriculture / plant

gossip: animal / farming & agriculture / plant

fog (fog of war, etc.)

fog of battle

in the ~ initial reports are often confusing

fog (and friction) of war

in the midst of the ~

fog and friction

soldiers must show initiative in the ~ of battle

fog and a friction

there is a ~ to war (civilian deaths)

casualties of the fog of war

innocents are sometimes the ~

attributed the tragedy to the fog of war

an official ~ (lost convoy)

♦ The term, "fog of war," was coined in the era of black-powder rifles.

♦ "An entertaining and timely look that gives readers the tools to cut through the ideological fog obscuring the dangers of the Big Data revolution." (*In These Times* review of *Weapons Of Math Destruction* by Cathy O'Neil.)

♦ "The fog of war is especially thick in Gaza..." (Hamas casualty statistics.)

consciousness & awareness: fog / military / weather & climate

fog (mental fog, etc.)

fog of pain

he listened, in a ~

fog lifts

as soon as you make the mental shift, the ~ (probability)

brain fog

fatigue, ~, shortness of breath (lingering COVID)

"cognitive fog"

symptoms include ~ (mysterious "Havana Syndrome")

put me in a fog

the medications ~

♦ Wikipedia redirects queries for "brain fog" to "Clouding of consciousness."

consciousness & awareness: fog / weather & climate

foggy (adjective)

recollection is foggy

my ~ (testimony at trial)

consciousness & awareness: fog / weather & climate

fold (verb)

fold its case

the House is not going to ~ (against Trump)

administration has folded

the ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: cards / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: cards / verb

curtailment / dismissal, removal & resignation: cards / verb

fold (to / into the fold)

gaming's fold

smartphones and social media brought new users into ~

brought him back into the fold

Damenech ~ (soccer player on national team)

brought Egypt back to the (Arab) fold

he ~ (Mubarak)

drew many into the (gang's) fold

money and power ~ (prison)

acceptance & rejection / society: sheep

folded in (and folded into)

folded into the (Q) theories

vaccine rhetoric starts to get ~ (Momfluencers)

attachment / relationship: cooking

configuration / identity & nature: cooking

fold in (verb)

fold in the voices

we will absolutely ~ of our critics (Time's Up)

attachment / relationship: cooking / verb

configuration / identity & nature: cooking / verb

mixture: cooking / verb

folk (and folks / folx / groups)

gender-expansive folks

there's a community of women and ~ who love you

genderqueer folks

the voices and presence of ~

LGBTQ folks

~ have been so visible, courageous and present

thanks to visibility, more ~ can come out

more ~ can come out and live as our authentic selves

LGBTQIA2S+ folks

more groups and resources have appeared for ~

Black Folx

an unapologetic focus on ~ in these places and spaces

trans folks

why are y'all triggered by ~

white folx

I'm so exhausted at these ~ (by? with?)

♦ "Black folk have always been aware that we've been excluded and othered. Even in spaces we've managed to create for ourselves, [non-Black] people violently infiltrate and occupy these spaces with no respect to the architects who built it." (Eric Louis, age 21, a Black TikTok "creator" who helped to organize the #BlackTikTokStrike, to protest cultural appropriation and preferential treatment.)

♦ "Folx' is the deliberate queerification of a word." (To express queer versus non-queer.)

♦ "While the word folks is already gender-neutral, the term 'folx' is used to specifically display inclusion of gender-queer, transgender and agender folks." ("What It Means To Include 'X' In Words Such As

Womxn, Folx, and Latinx" by Gabrielle Smith, SHAPE, December 17, 2020.)

♦ Merriam-Webster has an entry for "folx." Why? Because of course it does!

♦ "[Condolences] to the families who lost...three folks who are military folks...fighting on behalf of this administration" – *White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, Monday. I We Say: 'Military folks'? Please.* / The dead [whom] KJP was referring to were US soldiers killed in an Iranian-backed attack. / And they certainly weren't fighting for Team Biden—but for the nation." (*The New York Post* Editorial Board.)

inclusion & exclusion: messaging

follow (result, sequence)

followed

where he went, violence and death ~ (Q. Soleimani)

follows weeks

the explosion of violence ~ of simmering tensions

relationship / sequence: direction / movement / verb

follow (it follows that, etc.)

follows that growth must be a good sign
and so it ~ (economics)

follows that the sight of it frightens many
and so it ~ (blood)

follows that we have to bear them
if school shootings continue, it ~ (no solutions)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation / development /
relationship: direction / movement / verb**

follow (at a later time)

followed the horse
the car ~

sequence / time: direction / movement / position / verb

follow (the facts, etc.)

follow the facts
we will ~ and go where they take us

follow the science
"~" has been a refrain from Democrats (pandemic)
will the diplomats ~ on climate change (COP26)
we are urging them to ~ (environmental activists)

♦ "I guess the 'follow the science' party needs to learn about science."
(An online comment to "NJ transgender woman transferred from
women's only prison after impregnating 2 inmates, report says" by
Stephen Sorace, Fox News, July 17, 2022.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: direction / verb

follow (afflict)

follow me for life
the Internet was full of trash that threatened to ~

following him since 2007
this scandal has been ~ (Sarkozy)

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb
affliction: hunting / verb**

follow (follow a feeling or emotion)

follow my instincts

I can't do anything if I don't ~ (Saudi intellectual)

followed a (gut) instinct

I ~ and chose to run the rapid (kayaker)

followed his passion

he ~ (a windsurfer)

follow your passion

that's part of the spirit of mountaineering, to ~

followed my curiosity and intuition

I ~ (the young Steve Jobs / Apple)

♦ "I should have followed my instincts, not my generals!" (President Trump, about the "endless war" in Afghanistan.)

**feeling, emotion & effect: journeys & trips / movement /
verb**

follow (a path, route, road, etc.)

follow in Qeis's path

he vowed he will ~ (suicide bomber)

follow its (relentless) course

if we sit back and let the epidemic ~...

follow the direction

the investigation will ~ the evidence leads...

follow his lead

in a note, he urged his supporters to ~ (suicide bomber)

followed his (father's) path

he eventually ~ (seminarian)

follow their (mothers') paths

often, young prostitutes ~ into the sex trade

follow in his (murderous) footsteps

he is determined his son will not ~

follow in the footsteps

Aborigines must ~ of their ancestors

direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb

follow (argument)

follow you

I don't ~

♦ see also go (argument)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation / comprehension &
incomprehension: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

follow (a road can follow, etc.)

follows the shore

a road ~ of the lake

fictive motion: verb

follower (on social media, etc.)

6 million followers

she has over ~ (an online influencer)

my followers

~ want me to...

♦ "My followers want me to do videos of him." (The great MLB player Keith Hernandez, referring to his great silver gatto Hadji. As Hernandez himself said, "I never expected Hadji to become more famous than myself.")

♦ see also *fanatic (person)*

enthusiasm: movement / direction / person / religion

person: direction / journeys & trips / movement

following (sequence)

following items

click on the ~ on the View menu (computers)

following reasons

he has been compared to Obama for the ~ (Sagbo)

sequence: movement

following (at a later time)

following days

in the ~ the soldiers rested from battle

sequence / time: direction / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

follow-through (investigation, etc.)

follow-through

now we're seeing some ~ (investigation)

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / sports & games

FOMO (fear of missing out)

FOMO factor

the controversy raised its ~ (opening box office / film)

bizarro FOMO

consider it a kind of ~ (speed-reading)

digital FOMO

I feel under pressure to not miss out, a kind of ~

getting FOMO about it

I was ~...

♦ "When I was talking to our team about this, I suddenly started to think about the pressure I feel under to not miss out, a kind of digital FOMO." (Nihal Arthanayake, presenter of "Information overload: Are we drowning in content?" for the BBC.)

♦ "Consider it a kind of bizarro FOMO but for cultural life." (Nicholas Quah about his need for speed-reading.)

♦ "I was getting FOMO about it, and I didn't want to have FOMO at my own wedding." ("Emily Harrington and Adrian Ballinger have an epic adventure wedding" by Alexandra Svokos, GMA, January 5, 2022.)

♦ "As much as you try, you can't fully ignore it. As long as you see it, you are going to internalize it. So I don't read my Instagram comments anymore..." (Freeskier Eileen Gu, about mental health and social media.)

♦ "No Mo' FOMO: don't miss the top new stories on Catapult." (An advertisement.)

♦ "FOGO, our fear of growing old..." (A good example of linguistic piggybacking based on phonology.)

♦ The Wikipedia entry "Fear of missing out" is excellent.

mental health: health & medicine

food (food for thought)

food for thought

what you said is ~

consumption: food & drink

content / substance & lack of substance: food & drink

food (meat)

food for every dude at 130

you're going to be ~ (a losing boxer)

consumption: animal / meat / military / predation

food (comfort food)

see *comfort food (noun)*

food chain

food chain

he is working his way up the ~

higher up the food chain

you need to ask somebody ~ (Hollywood)

at the top of the chain

the wolf is at the ~ and it's very important (Iberian wolf)

at the (very) top of the food chain

women ~ at the studios (executives)

working his way up the food chain

he is ~ starting with small fry (a prosecutor)

hierarchy: animal / chain / predation

fool's errand

fool's errand

it's really been a ~ to try and predict when, if, or how...

♦ Hazing inexperienced sailors by sending them on a fool's errand is a hallowed maritime tradition.

worth & lack of worth: allusion

fool's gold

fool's gold

a degree nowadays is ~ (no job, debt)

mining for a fool's gold

let's not revert to ~ (a poor solution to a problem)

paying (high) prices for fool's gold

we are ~ (involvement in overseas war)

chasing fool's gold

the state is ~ legalizing (gambling vs. social costs)

♦ "He's fools' gold, far more trouble than he's worth. (A controversial NBA player.)

searching & discovery / success & failure / worth & lack of

worth: ground, terrain & land / mining

appearance & reality: ground, terrain & land / mining

foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot)

on the right foot
start the new year ~

on the wrong foot
their relationship began ~
we started the season ~ (sports)

got off on the wrong foot
I think he ~, but... (politics)
yes, Romney "~" in Britain (*Wall Street Journal*)

started off on the wrong foot
he ~ by trying to...

flaws & lack of flaws / starting, going, continuing & ending:
foot / walking, running & jumping
bases / disruption: equilibrium & stability / foot / walking
running & jumping

foot (on the back foot / on the front foot)

on the front foot
many people were ~ ready to criticize

on the back foot militarily
the Mau Mau were now ~

on the back foot from the moment
the Lakers were ~ Anthony Davis hobbled off... (NBA)

on the front foot from the start
you will see a team ~ (Arsenal v Porto, second leg)

caught on the back foot
police admit they have been ~ by the protests

placed on the back foot
he hates being ~ and having to defend himself publicly

♦ "The [Republican] campaign would much rather be talking about the gaffes that Joe Biden made. But instead they're on their back fence... pardon me, their back foot here! I spoke to..." (Heard on NPR's All Things Considered.)

readiness & preparedness: foot / standing, sitting & lying

foot (back foot / front foot)

get off the back foot
we have to ~, we have to lead (Beto O'Rourke)

readiness & preparedness: foot / standing, sitting & lying

foot (one foot / the other foot)

one foot (firmly) planted in the commercial world
their strategy is to have ~ and the other in the defense
business (Boeing)

division & connection: foot / leg / line / standing, sitting & lying

foot (put a foot forward)

put America's best foot forward
an opportunity for us to ~ forward (Olympics)

put her best foot forward
she was determined to ~

representation: foot

foot (put one's foot down)

put his foot down
he ~ about another interview (said "No")

resistance, opposition & defeat: foot / verb

foot (under the foot)

under the foot of white men
we both live ~ (a gay man about cisgender women!)

oppression: foot

foot (foot in the door)

get his foot in the door
he lied on his resume to ~

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds / foot

foot (foot in both worlds, etc.)

foot in both worlds
people with a ~ (Chinese students in US)

division & connection: foot / leg / line / standing, sitting & lying

foot (shoot oneself in the foot)

see *shoot* (*shoot oneself in the foot*)

foot (orientation)

foot of the bed
his pillow had slipped off the ~
she'd curl up at the ~ and fall asleep (a cat)

foot of the gallows
the condemned recited the Psalm 51 at the ~ (Tyburn)

foot of the glacier
the dogs were supposed to turn back at the ~
ponies could only be taken to the ~
their bodies were found at the ~ (years later)

foot of the memorial
citizens leave objects at the ~ (Vietnam War Memorial)

foot of the stage
they pushed their way to the ~ (crowd stampede)

foot of the stairs
he stood at the ~ and looked up...

foot of the tree
a small shrine at the ~ is filled with offerings (Japan)

at the foot of the Himalayas
hills, deep valleys and fast-flowing rivers ~

at the foot of the Ko'olau Mountains
he grew up in Waimanalo, ~ (Cyril Pahinui)

at the foot of the Statue of Liberty
the Immigration and Nationality Act was signed ~ (1965)

at the foot of the Washington Monument
the demonstrators rallied ~ (Washington, D.C.)

orientation: direction / foot

football (conflict)

football between Republicans and Democrats
the issue has become a political ~

political football
the Anthem protests became a ~ (NFL)
AstraZeneca has become a ~ in a European blame game

cultural, political footballs
this has become one of those ~ (culture war kerfuffle)

become a (political) football
the issue has ~ between Republicans and Democrats

playing (political) football
they are ~ with women's health (politics)

competition: football / sports & games

conflict: football / sports & games

football (spike the football)

spike the football
we don't want to ~ too early (public health emergency)

spike the football on the five-yard-line
the president has been very careful not to ~

♦ "I think he'll get it done. I think the president has been very careful not to you know spike the football on the five-yard line, and not declare victory before he has it in hand." (Getting a paid-family-leave bill through Congress.)

success & failure: football / sports & games

foot-dragging

foot-dragging by (school) officials
so why the ~ (reform)

bureaucratic foot-dragging
the test has been bogged down by squabbles and ~

action, inaction & delay / eagerness & reluctance: foot / walking, running & jumping

foothold (noun)

foothold
US forces established a ~ in...

foothold in the Caribbean
eliminate lymphatic filariasis from its last ~

Arctic foothold
the eight countries with ~s

dangerous foothold
a subpopulation can offer the virus a ~ (Covid, etc.)

last foothold
eliminate malaria and lymphatic filariasis from their ~

gains a foothold
stop coronavirus before it ~

give socialism a foothold
~, and nothing can arrest the slide to perdition

grabbed a foothold
they ~ and moved on from there (military action in Gaza)

presence & absence: foot / mountains & hills

survival, persistence & endurance: foot / mountains & hills

footing (position)

emergency footing
all parts of the UK are on ~ (pandemic)

war footing
land forces could shift to a ~ on short notice

put the nation on a war footing
President Kennedy ~ (Cuban Crisis)

position, policy & negotiation: foot / standing, sitting & lying

footing (solid footing, etc.)

on solid (financial) footing
he has never been able to put the review ~

bases: equilibrium & stability / foot / ground, terrain & land / walking, running & jumping

footing (find one's footing, etc.)

find their footing
politicians struggled to ~ in the new political landscape

found its footing
her campaign stumbled out of the gate but has since ~

find her footing
she struggled to ~ as a newly separated woman

regain our footing
we are struggling to ~ (a political party)

regained his footing
since then, Biden has ~ (elections)

bases / equilibrium & stability: foot / ground, terrain & land / walking, running & jumping

footnote (noun)

fleeting, feel-good footnotes
they could turn out to be ~ to the pandemic ("freedges")

made a footnote
they have largely been ~ (hip hop group the Sequence)

separate the footnotes from the milestones
it can be hard to ~ (journalism)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters

footprint (noun)

footprint
Hezbollah has its ~ everywhere here (Tyre)

our ~, the influence of the US in the world, will diminish

"footprint" of a credit card
the camera has the ~, weighing just 5.6 ounces

"footprint" of oil infrastructure
limiting the ~ (Arctic oil)

footprint on the environment
we might lighten our collective ~

footprint overseas
he wants to shrink the military and reduce its ~

footprint or signature
they don't have a ~ (terrorists)

city footprint
this will affect the entire ~ (urban-renewal project)

consumption footprint
the enormous ~ of someone living in the state right now

noise "footprint"
they should have a smaller ~ than... (airplanes)

terrain footprint
the Stinger missile has a small ~

online footprint
his other ~ includes a site... (Web sites)
he has hardly any current ~ (Michael Goldhaber)

combat service support (CSS) footprint
the Stinger has a small ~

digital footprint
investigators are examining the case's "~"
the ~ led cops to the suspect's house (cell-phone towers)

industrial footprint
concerns about the ~ (drilling in Arctic)

large footprint
the ~ created when the minefield is fired (war)
due to the ~ when the minefield is fired...

larger "footprint"
a tire with a ~ on the road has more rolling resistance

light footprint
the coalition has limited its ambitions and kept a ~

military footprint
we must reduce our ~ in Iraq (a politician)

small footprint
the Stinger missile has a ~

expanding its footprint
it is ~ in several parts of Africa (a terror group)

reduce our (military) footprint
we must ~ in Iraq (a politician)

shrink its footprint
as the US military begins to ~ in Afghanistan

♦ "The reconstruction of jungle events from signs on the ground has always held great interest for me." (*Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim

Corbett, Introduction by Sir Maurice Hallett, Preface by Lord Linlithgow (Viceroy of India 1936-1943). It is a wonderful account of hunting man-eating tigers. The Jim Corbet National Park is in Uttarakhand. Tigers live there.)

evidence / presence & absence: foot / ground, terrain & land

foot soldier (duty)

foot soldiers for justice
hundreds of ~ marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge

foot soldiers for Martin Luther King
he was one of those ~ (Reverend James Orange)

foot soldiers in a (vast right-wing) conspiracy
they were recast as ~ (government lawyers / prosecutors)

movement's foot soldiers
the ~ are less inhibited (alt-right)

Democratic foot soldiers
fire up the ~ (for a coming election)

movement foot soldier
at other moments, she sounded like any ~ (activist)

♦ "That declaration of war makes Liz Chaney a key general in a rear-guard action against the former president. The problem for her is that there are few if any foot soldiers ready to follow her lead." (BBC, Six O'clock News, 12/05/21.)

♦ It's common now for activists to refer to the marchers at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama as "foot soldiers."

**work & duty: military / person
hierarchy / person: military**

footstep (in the footsteps)

in the footsteps of their ancestors
Aborigines must follow ~

in his father's footsteps
he was going to follow in his ~

in their parents' footsteps
too young to be thinking about following ~

in his murderous footsteps
he is determined his son will not follow ~

follow in the footsteps
Aborigines must ~ of their ancestors

follow in his (murderous) footsteps
he is determined his son will not ~

direction: foot / journeys & trips / movement

footstep (retrace one's footsteps)

retraced my footsteps in Haiti
one year after the earthquake, I ~ (journalist)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: foot / movement / verb

footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.)

digital footsteps

TOR drags branches behind your ~

pursuit, capture & escape / subterfuge: hunting
concealment & lack of concealment: hunting

footwork (noun)

clever footwork

some companies are getting by with some ~ (pandemic)

ability & lack of ability: movement

for (support)

for you

I am ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle

force (show of force)

political show of force

a campaign kick-off is a ~

conflict / force / power: military

force-feed (and force feed)

force-feeds diversity and the woke messaging

Hollywood ~ (*The Rings of Power*)

♦ like *throat* (ram something down the throat)

supplying: food & drink / verb

consumption / oppression: food & drink / verb

fore (come to the fore, etc.)

come to the fore

issues of race have ~ (2020 presidential election)

bringing those voices to the fore

so it's ~ (diversity & inclusion / Archibald Prize)

brought to the fore

it has ~ some ethnic tensions (Eliañ Gonzales case)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / importance & significance
/ priority / superiority & inferiority: center & periphery /
direction / position

forefather (noun)

land of our forefathers

this is the ~

pilgrim forefathers

our ~

inherited from its forefathers

many issues Haiti grapples with today were ~

passed down by forefathers

the crunk-rap tradition ~ like Three 6 Mafia...

past & present / sequence / time: direction / position /
prep, adv, adj, particle

forefront (center)

at the forefront of this mind

Fury just needs to have boxing at the ~

to the forefront of the (death-penalty) debate

he has been catapulted ~

♦ "Fury just needs to have boxing at the forefront of his mind and let other people worry about the media obligations. He just needs to focus on boxing, and he will be back with a bang." (Carl Frampton about Tyson Fury's subpar performance against Francis Ngannou.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / importance & significance
/ priority / superiority & inferiority: center & periphery /
direction / position

foreground (noun)

move to the foreground

as the midterm elections ~ (news cycle)

moved into the foreground

money has ~ (doctor-patient relationship)

pull nuclear energy into the foreground

we need to ~

pushed the instrument into the foreground

he has ~ (African musician)

center & periphery: direction / picture / position
appearance & disappearance / attention, scrutiny &
promotion / importance & significance / perception,
perspective & point of view: center & periphery / picture /
position

foreground (verb)

foregrounded his virtues

he has lied about his crimes and ~ (a flawed individual)

foregrounds warfare

Colley ~ (*The Gun, the Ship, and the Pen* / constitutions)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: picture
appearance & disappearance: picture
perception, perspective & point of view: picture

forenoon (at an earlier time)

in the forenoon

~, we built igloos

on the forenoon

~ of the second day... (*Kidnapped* by R.L. Stevenson)

♦ This means before noon, in the morning. Earlier times are before (in front of) later times. So this seems to be the time queue.

sequence / time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj,
particle

forerunner (noun)

forerunner of music videos

"illustrated songs" were a ~ (vaudeville circa 1900)

forerunner of topical, stand-up comedy

Mort Sahl was a ~

forerunner to the final solution

this was seen as a ~ (Kristallnacht / Germany)

forgotten forerunners
chapters are dedicated to ~ (re-memorializing)

future / past & present / sequence / time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, participle

foresight (noun)

foresight
his ~ was miraculous (a prediction)

♦ In this use, it seems that the future is ahead, and approaching. Contrast with *forefather*.

time: direction / eye / prep, adv, adj, participle
future: direction / eye / prep, adv, adj, participle

forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)

forest of (empty) bottles
a ~ spread across the tables...

forest of cranes
I saw a ~ and, beyond them, skyscrapers

forest of stalactites
a hanging ~ (Kartchner Caverns)

kelp forests
the ~ off of California
the Great Southern Reef and its ~ (Australia)
the underwater ~ off the southwest tip of Cape Town

stalagmite forest
she threads her way through a ~ (underwater cave)

amount / group, set & collection / resemblance: forest

forever (forever chemicals, etc.)

“forever” chemicals
the discovery of so-called ~ in the soil (agriculture)

‘forever chemicals’
detecting ~ like PFAS is costly and difficult

forever hero
remembering and honoring our ~ Police Officer Fitzgerald

forever home
the statue’s ~ will be the Coachella Valley
he now gets to say in his ~ (an adopted giant swamp rat)

forever legend
her legacy would have been intact as a ~ even had she not...

forever love
you’re my ~

forever prisoner
the ~ (Abu Zubaydah)

forever wars
see *forever war*

forever favorite
goodbye to my ~ arena (basketball player Caitlin Clark)

♦ Alex Gibney’s new documentary about Abu Zubaydah is named *The Forever Prisoner*. (HBO Max.)

♦ “Remembering and honoring our forever hero, Police Officer Fitzgerald.” (A tweet by the Temple University Police about a murdered officer.)

♦ PS Resorts, a hospitality organization, has decided “Forever Marilyn’s” forever home will be the Coachella Valley.” (“Giant Marilyn Monroe Statue Returns to Palm Springs, But Its Backside Faces Backlash” by Matt Guilhem, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, May 16, 2021.)

♦ “You’re my forever love.” (“It Wasn’t Friendship At First Sight. 35 Years On, They Found a ‘Forever Love,’” by Jey Born, NPR, Morning Edition, May 14, 2021.)

♦ “He now gets to stay in his forever home.” (A rescued giant swamp rat that was the focus of a legal battle between a Louisiana family and wildlife officials. The coypu, also known as a nutria, got to stay with the family.)

survival, persistence & endurance: part of speech

forever war

forever war against the media
he has waged a cultural ~ (Ishmael Reed)

“forever war” of race
the ~ (Drew Gilpin Faust / see quote below)

Forever War With Mental Illness
Bi-Polar General: My ~ (Ret. Gen. Greg Martin)

♦ “His book represents his own meditation on the meaning of the ‘forever war’ of race not just in American history and literature, but in our fraught time.” (“What to Do About William Faulkner” by Drew Gilpin Faust, *The Atlantic*, September 2020. Which begs the question, “What to Do about Drew Gilpin Faust.” / “Drew Gilpin Faust is a contributing writer at *The Atlantic* and a former president of Harvard University, where she is the Arthur Kingsley Porter University Professor.”)

♦ “Foreign policy is domestic policy... We’ve got to turn the page on the forever wars.” (Jake Sullivan, Biden’s national security adviser.)

♦ “Tired of forever wars, the U.S. weighs options if Russia invades Ukraine.”

♦ “Biden pledged to end the forever wars.”

♦ “Trump promised to end the ‘forever wars.’”

conflict: military

forge (verb)

forge an agreement
we will do our very best to ~ (politics)

forged checks
she graduated to cocaine and ~ to support her habit

forge compromise
how hard it will be for him to ~ (a diplomat)

forged (new American) heroes
each test has ~ (natural disasters, mass shootings, etc.)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb

forged

forged from (nearly) a decade
doctrines ~ of fighting in both wars

forged in her own adversity
she was ~ (overcame a rare medical condition)

forged in the furnace
he is ~ of Parris Island and San Diego (a marine)

forged document
the terrorist groups have coordinated in acquiring ~s

forged notes
~ and other bogus documents

forged (immunization) records
many legal visitors carry ~ (Hajj / Saudi)

forged (immigration) stamp
falsified passports and ~s (Singapore)

forged passports
foreign nationals entering the US with ~

forged transcripts and (recommendation) letters
~ (college)

creation & transformation: manufacturing

forge on (resiliency)

forges on in the shadow of tragedy
the community ~ (Uvalde, Texas)

resiliency: movement / prep, adv, adj, participle / verb

fork (a trail can fork, etc.)

forked
the trail ~, one branch following the stream, the other...

fictive motion: shape / verb

fork (the Forks of the Ohio, etc.)

Forks of the Ohio
the ~, where the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers join

epithet / branching system: shape

geography: epithet

fork (a fork in the road, etc.)

at a fork in his career
he's ~

alternatives & choices / direction: journeys & trips

fork over (verb)

forked over three hundred million dollars
the Saudis reluctantly ~

forked over billions of dollars
American taxpayers had ~ in economic aid (to Greece)

possession: food & drink / verb

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink / verb

formula (script)

formula to satisfy
officials are seeking a ~ both sides (diplomacy)

formula for creating
he has to learn the American ~ (politics)

formula for maintaining
there is no neat ~ this balance (secrecy / press)

magic formula
there is no ~, but try... (predicting NCAA winner);
we don't have a ~ for predicting wildfires

same formula
the ~ again and again (see quote below)

simple formula
her long, ludicrous career has followed a ~ (feminist)

standard formula
the ~ of a romantic comedy

followed a (simple) formula
he long, ludicrous career has followed a ~ (feminist)

seeking a formula
negotiators were ~ to keep the talks going (diplomacy)

♦ "The same formula again and again. I want to post pictures of myself in bathing suits. When I get criticized I'll say I want to do it for others and for body positivity. When I get criticized for that, I will show sadness that the world doesn't support mental health and I'm a victim, and finally I'll get praised for being so brave for living my own truth." (Bob Loblaw. A BBC HYS comment about "SI Swim model Natalie Mariduena wants to 'be an example' of 'body normalcy'" by Stephanie Nolasco, August 20, 2022.)

script: chemistry / number

fort (hold down the fort)

hold down the fort
~ until reinforcements can be hired, trained (a company)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

fortress (noun)

fortress
terror concerns have turned public buildings into ~s

fortress mentality
a ~ that protects the home folks while... (public health)

neighborhood fortress
it is a ~ (a high school in South-Central LA)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

fortuneteller (person)

fortuneteller
are these things probable, I don't know, I'm not a ~
stock analysts are modern-day ~s looking into crystal balls
the latest pronouncement from the ~s (stock analysts)

modern-day fortune tellers
they are ~ promising riches (stock analysts, etc.)

♦ In Canto XX of *The Inferno*, the fortune tellers and diviners have their heads screwed on backwards, so that as they walk forward they can only see backwards, and their tears run down their buttocks. About Amphiaraus, Virgil tells Dante: "In life he wished to see too far before him, / and now he must crab backwards round this track." (From the great translation of *The Inferno* by John Ciardi.)

message: person / magic

person: magic

future / time: person / magic

forum (public forum, etc.)

Ski Diva forum
MissySki on the ~

English Teaching Forum
the ~ magazine

in the (public) forum
those with agendas or axes to grind ~

♦ "Unfortunately with these public squares, these forums where people can speak, you're going to get rirrafrä." (The owner of a Web-hosting service, about hosting a controversial website.)

society: infrastructure / sign, signal, symbol / speech

forward (look forward to)

see *look forward to* (verb)

forward (every year forward, etc.)

forward
going ~, who can predict what will happen (boxing)

every year forward
we will probably see this ~

from this day forward
~, you will be known as Muhammad Ali

jumps (backward and) forward
she ~ in time to illuminate... (a historian)

look forward
New Year's day is a time to ~ and backward

move forward
as we ~, we will see... (politics)

♦ In Canto X of *The Inferno*, Dante is curious as to why the heretics can foresee the future, but know nothing of the present, for example, if somebody is currently dead or alive. Farinata Degli Uberti, the great Tuscan war chief, explains: "We see asquint, like those whose twisted sight / can make out only the far-off... / When things draw near, or happen, we perceive / nothing of them..." (From the great translation of *The Inferno* by John Ciardi.)

future / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

forward (path forward, etc.)

path forward
as of today there is no clear ~ (politics)

way forward
unless the Paris meeting can find a ~, Iran...
hopefully, negotiators can pick up the pieces and find a ~

♦ "Folks, America cannot go back. I'm here tonight to show what I believe is the way forward, because I know how far we've come." (President Joe Biden's 2024 State of the Union address to Congress.)

progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement

forward (move forward, go forward, etc.)

go forward
drilling projects continue to ~
this will not help us as we ~

moved us forward
inventions that ~

move forward
we just want to ~, and hopefully change will come

moving forward
we are ~ in a cautious way (diplomacy)
things aren't ~, we're stuck (refugees)
things are ~ and they're moving quickly (many projects)
we are ~ with solutions on many issues (politics)

move forward with her life
she wants to ~ (abuse victim)

*** analysis

♦ "It is strange how we move forward in some things, and stand still in others, and go backwards in yet others." (Msimangu about progress, from *Cry, The Beloved Country* by Alan Paton.)

progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

forward (bring something forward, etc.)

bring that (important) narrative forward
how can they ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

forward (come forward)

see *come forward* (verb)

forward (future forward, etc.)

forward-looking
see *forward-looking*

forward-thinking
Judy is such a ~, independent spirited young girl

fashion forward
RuPaul, famous, fierce and ~

fashion-forward
~ men, take note (tiny pants)

femme-forward
they are very ~ (Nelly Furtado about "Best of Skims")

future-forward
their music is a ~ experiment

technology-forward
the company has taken a ~ approach

♦ "I'm pretty tech forward, but most of the crypto stuff sounds pretty nuts to me."

attention, scrutiny & promotion: position / affix

forward-looking

forward-looking approach
a ~ to marketing

♦ see also *facing* (future-facing, etc.)

future / time: direction / eye

**perception, perspective & point of view: direction / eye
forwardness (noun)**

female forwardness
her appealing expression of ~ (music)

sex-forwardness
the sly acknowledgment of her ~ (song lyric)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: direction

fossil (noun)

fossil
my computer is a ~ (very old)

living fossils
sturgeon are ~ (Wisconsin)
Lake Ohrid is known for its species of ~

archaic or a fossil
some modern stylists have called it ~ (*beho(o)ve*)

make fossils of their practitioners
famous styles often ~ (NOT Joan Didion)

viewed as troglodytes
debating literary lions now ~

♦ "Chairman and publisher AG Sulzberger met with sports staffers Thursday and told them *The Times* 'can't be stuck in amber' if it was going to grow."

♦ "Some people say they are awfully homely, awful bad looking, but to me... they are beautiful fish, just like a beautiful blonde." (Pat Wudtke, 73, in Wisconsin. He has speared sturgeon—living fossils—for 50 years during the state's annual season.)

♦ "On the white sand of the bottom / Lay the monster Mishe-Nahma, / Lay the sturgeon, King of Fishes; / Through his gills he breathed the water, / With his fins he fanned and winnowed, / With his tail he swept the sand-floor. // There he lay in all his armor..." ("The Song of Hiawatha" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal

past & present / time: animal

fossilize (verb)

fossilises
an organisation that does not change ~

past & present / time: animal / verb

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal / verb

fossilized

fossilized bureaucrat
a ~, a cog in the machinery for decades...

fossilized method
low voter participation indicates a ~ of outreach (Latinos)

fossilized understanding
she is an out-of-touch relic with a ~ of race and gender

calcified and fossilized
everyone is so partisan, our political views have become ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal

past & present / time: animal

foundation (noun)

foundation of identity
in Egypt, nationalism and Arabism once were the ~

foundation in (native-language) literacy
a solid ~

foundation of (modern) research
being able to replicate results is the ~ (medicine)

foundation for success
brand loyalty is the ~ (business)
education is the ~ (life)

foundation narrative
the ~s of particular Native Nations (US)

foundation story
the Long March became a ~ for Communist China

solid foundation
a ~ in native-language literacy

foundation (of the lithium-ion battery) was laid
the ~ during the oil crisis of the 1970s

foundations (of the postwar order) are cracking
the ~ in Europe (economies)

build a foundation
we help people ~ for the rest of their lives (ad for school)

built a foundation
we've ~ of distrust (Iran / US)

lay a foundation
you ~ for a sense of community

laid a foundation
we ~ to talk about those issues (diplomacy)

rests upon a foundation
our global role ~ of unmatched military power (US)

♦ "And so rock bottom became the solid foundation on which I rebuilt my life." (The remarkable J.K. Rowling in her remarkable speech at Harvard University.)

bases: house

foundational (adjective)

foundational in teaching and learning
collocation is ~ language

foundational for American democracy
liberal arts education is ~

foundational to the narrative
education is ~ of social mobility in this country

foundational to a free society
privacy, including privacy online, is ~

foundational element
a ~ of US society is that we are a cultural melting pot

foundational myths
as the US awakens from one of its ~ (that it is classless)

foundational narrative
their work threatens the ~ of Polish Society (Holocaust)

foundational question
“what is school for?” is the kind of ~ that arises when...

foundational trauma
the ~ of its 20th century (Russian Civil War / pop history)

foundational values
ensuring America lives up to its ~ of equality and freedom

foundational part of himself
Shakespeare is a ~ as an actor (Denzel Washington)

bases: house
comparison & contrast: affix

founder (verb)

foundered
the TV channel quickly ~
two previous tried have ~ in the courts
the plan ~ with depressed stock prices
the company ~ during the economic downturn
Spain's economy has ~

foundering on the shoals
he finds himself ~ of issues around race (a politician)

♦ *Flounder* may come from this word. The literal use of *founder* was often used for horses and is still used for boats.

destruction: boat / horse / sea / verb
failure, accident & impairment: boat / horse / sea / verb

founding father (noun)

founding fathers of (the New) Baseball
Sword and Epstein, two of the ~ (new rules / 2023)

founding fathers of (modern US) football
this 1990 team would become the ~ (soccer)

founding father of (Chicano) Literature
Rudolfo Anaya, a ~, dies at 82

founding father of rock-and-roll
Fats Domino, a ~, has died at age 89

founding father of (modern) Singapore
Lee Kuan Yew, the ~ (the influential Asian politician)

♦ “In an episode called ‘Our Founding Chefs,’ one scene takes place in Thomas Jefferson’s kitchen at Monticello.” (Food writer Stephen Satterfield, *High on the Hog*.)

creation & transformation / origin: epithet / family

fountain (resemblance)

fountains of (bright red) lava
~ and towering clouds of ash

resemblance: fountain / water

fountain (source)

fount of instability
Iran is the ~ in the region

fountain of Islam
they come and drink from the ~ (mosque)

♦ This might also be expressed using the slightly older form of the word, “fount.”

source: fountain / water

fountainhead

fountainhead of freedom
England was a ~ (Enlightenment)

fountainhead of (chamber) music
the festival was a ~ in America

fountainhead of ideas and discovery
the university has historically been a ~

fountainhead of ideals and law
Lincoln saw the Declaration of Independence as the ~

poetic fountainhead
Shakespeare was a ~

source: fountain / river / water

Fountain of Youth

looking for the fountain of youth
women and men are ~ (cosmetics, surgery, etc.)

♦ There is no real proof that Ponce de Leon sought the Fountain of Youth in America.

♦ “We have grown up in a society that has always pursued the Holy Grail, the fountain of youth.” (Madeline Di Nonno, president of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, about ageism, particularly towards older female actors.)

amelioration & renewal: allusion / death & life / fountain / water

fox (subterfuge)

fox
the ~ is in the henhouse, and we invited it in

wily old fox
he is a deeply experienced ~ of a general (Kesselring)

put the fox in charge of the henhouse
the FAA ~ (safety of Boeing planes)

♦ “They’re going to burn the forest to kill the fox.” (An Iraqi, speaking of US invasion to rid Iraq of Saddam.)

behavior / subterfuge: animal / fox

foxhole (military)

dig foxholes
we used our entrenching tools to ~

♦ “There are no atheists in foxholes.” (Father Cummings, Bataan.)

♦ “I always wondered who invented the absurd lie that proclaimed there were ‘no atheists in foxholes.’ Where else could atheism better thrive than in the killing fields where homicide was honored? In the Third General Hospital at Aix, the poker game was as religious as things got.” (The wonderful Tony Hillerman, from *Seldom Disappointed*.)

♦ In one Willie and Joe cartoon drawn by Bill Mauldin, a dogface is scratching a hole into the side of the mountain and explaining to another bemused doggie, “It’s a horizontal foxhole.” In another Mauldin cartoon, two infantrymen are regarding a tank going by and the one is telling his

buddy something like, "I prefer ours. It looks to me like those moving foxholes would just attract attention." James E. Parker, author of *Last Man Out: A Personal Account Of The Vietnam War*, says to Dunn, his friend and fellow grunt, "That tank looks like a big metal building, looks like it would draw fire. And it's loud. You hear that thing today?"

military: animal / fox / hole / place

foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.)

foxhole atmosphere

a ~ of relentless resistance (Tucker Carlson on Fox)
an apocalyptic sensibility and a ~ (right wing)

in a foxhole

we're all Keynesians ~ (gov't intervention for crises)

in the foxhole

~, when you're in those battles... (an NBA player)

♦ "During a time of a serious epidemic, religiosity rises. People become more religious. And that actually is generally reversed, when the epidemic goes away. You know, they say there are no atheists in foxholes, well, we're under a barrage right now, so you know people get religious, but then afterwards, you know, their religiosity sort of returns to baseline..." (Nicholas Christakis, "Denial And Lies Are 'Almost An Intrinsic Part Of An Epidemic,' Doctor Says," NPR, Fresh Air, October 29, 2020.)

protection & lack of protection: animal / fox / hole / military

fracture (failure)

fracture in politics between elites and nationalists

there is a ~ (European Union)

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances

fractured (separated)

fractured

the cartels are ~ and fighting over territory (Mexico)

fractured mess

the Democratic party is a ~ that can't get anything done

division & connection: materials & substances

fragile (groups)

fragile male

~ (an online commenter's taunt)

♦ In MENS football it is, and always will be MAN of match. What is the beeb come to? / Fragile male / Cheers cis male / Just trying to imagine having such a tenuous grasp of your own masculinity that 'player of the match' makes you feel undermined. / Player of the match, really? Was the previous term that problematic?... (Commenters on a BBC HYS. Some, or all, for that matter, might be simply trolls.)

inclusion & exclusion: objectification

fragile (weak)

fragile

the ceasefire is ~ (Israel / Gaza)

fragile economy

Bosnia's ~ was hit hard by the global financial crisis

fragile and weak

the caretaker government is ~

strength & weakness: materials & substances

fragile (feelings)

fragile ones

enact measures to protect athletes, especially the ~

emotionally fragile

he was an ~ young man (suicide)

♦ "As wave after wave of pain and outrage swept through the *Times*, over a headline that was not damning enough of Trump or someone's obnoxious tweets, I came to think of the people who were fragile, the ones who were caught up in Slack or Twitter storms, as people who had only recently discovered that they were white and were still getting over the shock. Having concluded they had got ahead by working hard, it has been a revelation to them that their skin colour was not just part of the wallpaper of American life, but a source of power, protection and advancement. They may know a lot about television, or real estate, or how to edit audio files, but their work does not take them into shelters, or police precincts, or the homes of people who see the world very differently. It has never exposed them to live fire. Their idea of violence includes vocabulary." ("When the New York Times lost its way" by James Bennet, *1843 Magazine (The Economist)*, Dec 14th 2023.)

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances

mental health: materials & substances

character & personality: materials & substances

fragility (white fragility, etc.)

fragility of Black masculinity

the ~, and the threat that queerness poses (rap music)

White Fragility

Robin DiAngelo's book ~ (2018)

institutional white fragility

it's an act of censorship caused by ~ (Shaun Leonardo)

racism, antiracism and white fragility

people are scooping up books about ~

exhibit "fragility"

white people become defensive and ~ when challenged

♦ "Maybe nothing is more clearly defined by rap than the fragility of Black masculinity, and the perceived threat to masculinity that queerness poses." (Rodney Carmichael. From "'Thugs don't dance': iLoveMakonnen and Drake tested rap's norms of masculinity, but only one passed," NPR, *Louder Than A Riot Season Two*, May 4, 2023.)

♦ "Linguist John McWhorter Says 'White Fragility' Is Condescending Toward Black People," NPR, *Morning Edition*, July 20, 2020.

inclusion & exclusion: objectification

fragility (feelings)

fragility and herd behaviour

they exhibit ~ (journalists at the *New York Times*)

fundamental fragility

accept and be honest about our ~ (Simon Reeve)

fire and fragility

she embodied the ~ (the great singer Sinéad O'Connor)

♦ "We're confronted by so many images of perfection now, and I think, as much as we can, it's a good thing for us to accept and be honest about our fundamental fragility." (Simon Reeve, traveler. He is talking about failings and insecurities.)

mental health: materials & substances

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances

frame (noun)

‘-phobia’ frame

antagonizing your ideological opponent is built into the ~

♦ “Antagonizing your ideological opponent is built into the ‘-phobia’ frame, and activists have sparred over whether that catalyzes progress or impedes it.” (“How ‘-Phobic’ Became a Weapon in the Identity Wars” by Amanda Hess, *The New York Times Magazine*, Jan. 26, 2016. It’s a brilliant article.)

characterization: infrastructure / picture

analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure / picture

frame (characterize)

frame what happened to young players

leaders are trying to ~ (football tragedy)

frame the story as a religious issue

they ~ between locals and outsiders

framed it as a character study

she has ~ as opposed to an attack (*Nomadland*)

frames Aboriginal identity in a narrative

the “deficit narrative” ~ of negativity

framing the story

Bayless is taking issue with the way Smith is ~ (sports)

♦ “As a metaphor, that framing is already mainstream.” (Immigration as an “invasion” of the U.S.)

characterization: infrastructure / picture / verb

analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure / picture / verb

frame (in the frame / involvement)

in the frame already

he was born in Innsbruck, so he was ~ (why Buhl became a climber)

involvement: picture

framed (characterized)

framed

once a story has been ~, it’s hard to change the narrative

framed as allyship

objection to Di Martino was ~ with trans people (*Loki*)

framed as racism

criticism is ~ or bullying

characterization: picture

analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure / picture

franchise (noun)

regional franchises

Al-Qaeda still has its ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: government

Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.)

Frankenbird

a bizarre ~ known as the turducken

Frankencar

people admire the parked ~ (Simone Giertz’s Truckla)

Frankenfood

~ has been included in the Oxford dictionary (2000)

Frankenslogan

~ was the word she used (criticism)

Frankenstorm

weather forecasts deliver threats of ~s (hyperbole)

frankenbiting

~ stitches images and audio together (editing, etc.)

♦ “In the end, we settled on ‘A free people demand to know’ (subject to a grammar check by our copy desk, which gave its assent). Success was short-lived—mercifully, no doubt. Late that evening, Bezos dispatched an email in the ‘not what you’re hoping for category,’ as he put it. He had run our consensus pick by his then wife, MacKenzie Scott, a novelist and ‘my in-house wordsmith,’ who had pronounced the phrase clunky. ‘Frankenslogan’ was the word she used.” (How *The Washington Post* got its motto, “Democracy Dies In Darkness.” From “Eight Years at *The Washington Post* by Martin Baron, *The Atlantic*, September 2023. A much better motto would be, “Democracy Dies Behind A Paywall.”)

affliction: affix / allusion / creature

creation & transformation: affix / allusion / creature

language: affix

Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)

Frankenstein

~ was tough (named rapid / kayaking)

Frankenstein Cliff

excellent views along ~ (near a waterfall)

Son of Frankenstein

we got to ~ (named rapid / kayaking)

proper name: allusion / creature

geography: allusion / creature / proper name

Frankenstein (product)

"Frankenstein" foods

concerns about the safety of the so-called ~

Frankenstein hybrid

2 coronavirus variants can give birth to a ~ (NPR)

Frankenstein machine

this ~ was called a “six-blade” (stacked)

“Frankenstein” vehicles

the limo crash raises safety questions about ~

Frankenstein’s monster

Ducournau has sewn together a ~ from disparate ideas
the song is a ~ of pop genres (“Can I Get It?”)

♦ “When two coronavirus variants meet inside one person, a Frankenstein hybrid can be born.” (NPR Morning Edition, Michaeleen Doucleff, March 23, 2022. With a graphic that is perhaps meant to be the Bride of Frankenstein by Francesco Zorzi.)

allusion: books & reading

affliction / creation & transformation / product: allusion / creature

Frankenstein (a monster)

Frankenstein experiment

a ~ gone wrong

higher education's Frankenstein

the NCAA has become ~, terrifying its overseers

create a Frankenstein

it gets out of hand, they ~ (extrajudicial killings)

♦ "And now it's grown so much, how do you control it? BA [Bruce Arians] thought they could control it. Even Tom [Brady] thought he could control it until, guess what, it got so big, even he couldn't control Frankenstein. And then Frankenstein started consuming. Mike Tomlin can't control it, Jon Gruden... even Coach Belichick... This is who AB [Antonio Brown] is." (Shannon Sharpe talking with Skip Bayless about the great NFL player Antonio Brown on "Undisputed.")

♦ The oppression of Frankenstein's monster in the sentimental film versions seems irrational and cruel. Less so if you read Mary Shelley's harrowing and creepy novel!

affliction: allusion / creature

allusion: books & reading

Frankenstein (as verb)

Frankenstein them back together

you could ~ if you had the right parts (blown up MRAPS)

Frankensteins various takes together

he ~ to get a flawless rendition (music producer)

Frankensteining alternatives

he has been ~ (Michael McAlpine / body parts)

Frankenstein one

Waller set out to ~ (a Fresnel lens for a lighthouse)

♦ "Michael McAlpine has been Frankensteining alternatives." ("It's Alive! 3D-Printing Body Parts" by Rebecca Heilweil, *Wired*, December 2018.)

♦ "When American public schools macramé'd together the words *language*, *arts*, and *English*, starting in the 1970s, they created a tangle: ELA."

creation & transformation: part of speech / verb

fraternity (noun)

fraternity of test pilots

death wasn't unusual within our ~

small fraternity

the Las Vegas boxing community is a ~

member of the fraternity

I'm proud to be a ~ (a retired boxer)

♦ "He said his past put him in a horrible fraternity." (The rapper Mystikal.)

society: school & education

group, set & collection: school & education

fray (verb)

fray the fabric

logging and roads ~ of nature

frayed (US-China) ties

many issues have ~

badly frayed

the incident ~ inter-Korean relations

bond frayed

their ~ almost to the breaking break

coalition frayed

the ~

consensus is fraying

the political ~

fibers (within the tendons) fray

the ~ (tendinopathies)

nerves are fraying

~ as the lockdown continues (coronavirus)

relationship frayed

the ~ over the past year (diplomacy)

began to fray

relations between the countries ~ in November

beginning to fray

tolerance is ~

failure, accident & impairment: cloth / verb

flaws & lack of flaws: cloth / verb

fray (above the fray)

above the fray

he is trying to stay ~ (a politician)

conflict: military

behavior: direction

fray (conflict)

2020 fray

he is joining the ~ (running for president)

conflict: military

frayed (degraded)

frayed by his rejection

their longtime alliance has been ~ of the bill

frayed by scandals

taxpayer confidence has been ~

frayed relations

Obama has worked hard to repair his ~ with...

he wants to rebuild ~ with neighbor Argentina

frayed (political) system

the two leaders promised to reform the country's ~

frayed ties

Obama is trying to smooth ~ with business leaders

badly frayed (m)

he sought to mend ~ relations between the two countries

seriously frayed

the social safety net is ~

grow (yet more) frayed
an already strained social compact will ~

failure, accident & impairment: cloth

flaws & lack of flaws: cloth

frayed (emotions)

frayed nerves
he experienced ~ and growing exhaustion
he tried to smooth the ~
he wasn't the only person with ~ (war)

become frayed
nerves can ~ in the blasting Antarctic winds

feeling, emotion & effect: rope

freaking (F, effing, fricking, frickin', friggin', etc.)

F bomb
see *bomb (F-bomb, etc.)*

F you
~

effing do it
we should just ~

Robert Frickin' Redford
he was portrayed by ~

Elon-freaking-Musk
he's ~ (yes, he is...)

two thousand fricking twenty-two
so they have these big smokestacks, and it's ~

Abso-freaking-lutely
asked if he could, he responded, "~" (a politician)

freaking adult
not one ~ did anything to protect her (upset godmother)

freaking God
he has more money than ~ (a retired doctor)

frigging legend
he's F. Murray Abraham, he's a ~... (a Hollywood type)

frickin' wind
I cussed that ~ for 50 years (a North Dakota farmer)

frickin kidding
are you ~ me (said to Jeremy Sides / Exploring with Nug)

frickin shooting
they are ~ people with paintballs (a riot)

friggin' generous
wow, that was so ~, unbelievable... shit! (Amanda)

freaking scary
~, but I'm going to do it...

ever freakin' made
I'd love to help you make more money than you have ~

shut the F up
there's just a lot of ~ and sing (Sheryl Crow, 2024)

♦ Type "frickin" in search at NPR, and you will get 1,412 results and counting. Glen Weldon of Pop Culture Happy Hour uses it a lot, just as he seems to enjoy using words ending in a long e, like "poopy" and "thingy."

♦ "So you're in school. Be in school. Get your frickin' education. Barack and I, all through this presidency, through the lies and the stuff they said about us, all we could do was wake up every day and do our jobs. Let our jobs and our lives speak for itself." (The former first lady Michele Obama counseling a Native American student who felt uneasy being in school with students wearing Trump hats. From "'Becoming' Offers A Revealing But Selective View Of Michelle Obama," NPR, Morning Edition, May 6, 2020. Eric Deggans.)

♦ "Oh, man. What a freaking moment." (Abby Wambach, about the goal she scored that tied the game with Brazil in 2011. The cross was provided by Megin Rapinoe.)

♦ "We got screwed, there was not a freakin thing we could do about it." (A *political* advertisement in the U.S. in 2022.)

♦ "The first person I dated after my divorce seemed like a great guy. And then I found out he was a freaking Democrat!" (Angela Hammontree. From "Politics increasingly a deal-breaker on US dating scene" by Jason Armesto, BBC News, Washington, Nov. 2022. Jason is a journalist in Brooklyn, and has 346 followers on LinkedIn.)

♦ fekin; f*****; effin'; effing; forkin... (Same thing.)

♦ "Tom Brady isn't sure what he's going 'to f-king do' yet with NFL future." (*New York Post*.)

♦ "Get bent! 1st Amendment allows me to say what I want. GFY" (An online commenter about something or other.)

♦ "There's just like a lot of shut the F up and sing." (Sheryl Crow speaking to Debbie Elliott on NPR's Morning Edition.)

*** analysis

♦ "Rude words are a constant, but their ability to cause offense is in flux."

♦ see also *bomb (F-bomb, etc.)*, *word (P-word, etc.)*

contempo-speak: filler

freakish (adjective)

freakish powers

her ~ (Miley Cyrus, constantly evolving)

♦ Bad, badass, blow up, catch fire, chill, coup, crazy, crush, destroy, dope, dynamite, filthy, freakish (ability, powers, etc.), gangster (original gangster / OG), kill, killer, killa, mean, monster, nasty, ridiculous; sick, slay, wicked... (Words that sound bad but can have positive connotations. English is crazy!)

comparison & contrast: affix

freak show (noun)

leave behind the freak show

the party must return to its center and ~ (politics)

♦ "The 1870s and 1880s were the height of the controversial but enormously popular 'side shows' in America. Hucksters like P.T. Barnum attracted huge throngs by booking fire-eaters, sword swallowers, and 'freaks' with assorted medical abnormalities, some bogus, others disturbingly real. There were the 'Wild Men of Borneo' (actually two mentally disabled dwarfs from Ohio), 'Jo-Jo the Dog-Faced Boy' (suffering from hypertrichosis, a profusion of body hair), 'General Tom Thumb' (the world's smallest human), eight-foot giants, bearded ladies, Siamese twins, and people with humongous body tumors attached to their back, face, and scrotum..." (*Bellevue: Three Centuries of Medicine and Mayhem at America's Most Storied Hospital* by David Oshinsky.)

performance / resemblance: circus

attention, scrutiny & promotion: circus

free fall (in free fall)

in free fall

his life was ~
house prices continue to be ~ nationwide
the economy is ~, economic meltdown (Zimbabwe)

in free fall at colleges around the country
enrollment in the humanities is ~ (2023)

in a (moral) freefall
we are ~ (culture wars)

♦ "Today, the roller coaster is in free fall." (Enrollment in the humanities—English and History—versus enrollment in science and engineering, which is shooting up.)

♦ "Every form of institutional trust is in free fall." (In government, higher education, big business, tech firms, media, the entertainment industry, unions, etc.)

♦ "Wandsworth is in free fall." (The London Prison. Filthy; vermin infested; stressed and careless staff; 30-44% of staff is unavailable to work on any given day; hard to hire new staff; rookie guards need to be trained up and cause security issues; morale is awful; lax security, etc.)

increase & decrease: direction / number

decline: direction / flying & falling

free fall (other)

free fall in (air) travel
the ~ post-9/11 (due to fears of terrorism)

company's (financial) free fall
the ~ (into bankruptcy)

stock-market free fall
the ~ was harrowing to watch

financial free fall
the company's ~ (into bankruptcy)

mental freefall
he went into a ~ (murderer)

moral free fall
we are in a ~ (culture wars)

decline: direction / flying & falling

free-for-all (control)

free-for-all
space is a ~ right now (space pollution)

free-for-all of people
it is a ~ suggesting that...

free-for-all on what
it's a bit of a ~ the government can do (facial recognition)

behavior / control & lack of control: sports & games

freeze (verb)

freeze assets
~ of terrorists

frozen its (nuclear) tests
North Korea has ~

activity: snow & ice / verb

freeze (computers, etc.)

computer freezes
if your ~...

functioning: snow & ice / verb

freeze (position of body)

hold the freeze
patrol members ~ until signaled to do something else

movement: snow & ice

freeze (activity)

freeze on (U.S.) aid
if that's the case, should there be a ~ (politics)

freeze on (high-level) contacts
the European Union recently ended its ~ with Iran

freeze on (all state) hiring
it would put a ~

price freeze
a ~ until 2002 (public utilities)

hiring freeze
a ~ is often a last-ditch effort to reduce staff...

60-day freeze
he asked for a ~ (on aid to Russia / politician)

put a freeze on (all state) hiring
it would ~

freeze began to thaw when...
the ~

activity: snow & ice

freeze out (verb)

frozen Tomaz out of funding
the Alpine Association had ~ (climber)

acceptance & rejection: snow & ice / society / temperature / verb

freighted

freighted with (historical and cultural) baggage
the N-word is ~ (racial epithets)

history: burden / journeys & trips / weight

oppression: burden / journeys & trips / weight

speech: burden / journeys & trips / weight

freight train (force)

unstoppable freight trains
hurricanes are the ~ of weather (wind and water)

♦ The sound of a tornado is often compared to the sound of a freight train.

♦ "I think I see the light at the end of the tunnel. And this time, it is not a freight train." (A restaurateur, about the end of COVID restrictions.)

♦ The Marshall Tucker Band Can't You See 9/10/1973 Grand Opera House (Official)

force: train

frenzied (adjective)

frenzied rumors

the ~ have become so fierce that...

activity / behavior: health & medicine / mental health

frenzy (feeding frenzy)

media feeding frenzy

it was a ~

social media feeding frenzy

the information generated a ~

activity / behavior: animal / predation

frenzy (other)

media frenzy

such was the ~ around the trial (national attention)

global frenzy

the ~ (over Taylor Swift's Eras Tour)

center of a (media) frenzy

he is now the ~ (accusations of sex abuse)

whipped the snow into a frenzy

the winds ~ (ground blizzard)

working themselves into a frenzy

the fans are ~ (World Cup)

activity / behavior: health & medicine / mental health

fresh (fresh evidence, etc.)

fresh approach

we need a ~ to this problem

fresh attempt

the time seemed ripe for a ~ (scientific ballooning)

fresh blood

the king might reshuffle his cabinet to inject ~

fresh burst

the crisis signaled a ~ of negotiating

fresh concerns

the floods have sparked ~ over... (N. Korea)

fresh effort

a ~ is underway to refloat the ship

fresh evidence

they said there was ~ available (politics)

fresh (scientific) evidence

~ is turning this case on its head

fresh outsider perspective

a ~ on US politics (*The Guardian*)

fresh start

the group helps the homeless and others get a ~ in life

fresh search warrants

armed with ~ police arrived...

memory (of war) is fresh

the ~

amelioration & renewal: food & drink

freshman (adjective)

freshman Democrat

the 29-year-old ~

experience: school & education

Freud (sex)

Freud of the botanical world

Linnaeus was the ~ (all about sex)

comparison & contrast / sex: epithet

friction (conflict)

friction

get along enough to avoid ~ in the office

the ~ of 37,000 US troops (anti-Americanism in Korea)

in one step to reduce ~... (US forces)

friction between cyclists and motorists

~ who have to share the road

friction between the LAPD and the residents

decades of ~ (LA)

friction between pedestrians and motorists

the road network has created ~

frictions between their camps

~ of advisors and loyalists (politicians)

friction between you

there was obviously a lot of ~ (antagonism)

friction of differing opinion

you lose the ~ (NPR)

avoid friction

get along enough to ~ in the office

♦ "The way that the place operates is really congenial, but in that congeniality what you lose is the friction of differing opinions and people saying 'no, I don't agree with that, you know, I don't agree with that policy, where's the evidence' or the things that people do when they have really intellectually honest disagreements, I think we lose a lot of that." (Uri Berliner talking about NPR with Bari Weiss. From "NPR Editor Speaks Out: How National Public Radio Lost Americans' Trust," *Honestly* with Bari Weiss. Read "I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust" by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.)

conflict: physics

friction (impedance)

friction

government rules are only one kind of ~ to free markets

does e-commerce reduce ~, add convenience and...

trade friction

~ is channeled into the WTO's dispute settlement process

points of friction

troops would pull back from ~

fog and a friction

there is a ~ to war (civilian deaths)

remove all the friction

digitization cannot ~ from a customer's life (FinTech)

♦ Friction, it turns out, is the parent of the profit margin. The more you move toward a perfect market mechanism the fewer opportunities there are for anyone to make money." (E-commerce.)

obstacles & impedance: physics

frictionless (adjective)

frictionless travel

the airlines' attempts to create ~

♦ NPR's A Martinez: So these ten-minute-long (TikTok) videos, what are they competing with? / Niklas aka "The Social Media Professor" Myhr—pronounced Mear, rhymes with "beer," a Swede—at Chapman University, southern California: I think it is an alternative to podcasts ... but it's a little more burdensome for somebody to open up a separate app and find the right podcast, the right episode, to listen to something engaging when they are just getting on with their lives. / A Martinez (laughing): Are we really, professor, at a point where it is actually burdensome to move your finger an inch to get to another app to watch something else? / Niklas Myhr: Well, you may remember that some people used to drive across town to get a five dollar discount on a pair of shoes. Today, an internet user finds it burdensome to scroll down and google beyond the sponsored results on the phone. So it is... I don't think it's a question of laziness necessarily, people want content consumption experiences that are frictionless." ("TikTok is known for short videos but other types are going viral too," NPR, Morning Edition, March 1, 2024. "Is TikTok the new TV?")

obstacles & impedance: physics

friend (noun)

friend

technology is not our ~ today (glitches during trial / judge)
social media was not our ~ on that day (school swatting)
we will be your ~, not your slave (PM Imran Khan to US)
the WHO, CDC and FDA are not your ~s (commenter)
time might not be their ~ (war in Ukraine)
complexity simply isn't your ~ when...

friends and allies

Kosovo needs more ~

Marine's (best) friend

the tank was a ~ (Second Battle of Fallujah 2004)

soldier's (best) friend

why the A-10 Warthog is a ground ~

best friend

I grew up an only child, so my ~s were books (Lucy Yu)

no friends left

the NCAA has ~ (on the left or on the right)

becomes a friend

ultimately, in cold case murders, time ~ (new technology)

made friends with it

it's part of me, I have ~ (Billie Eilish about Tourette's)

♦ "Friends are thieves of time."

♦ "When a friend asks, there is no tomorrow."

♦ "A friend to everybody is a friend to nobody."

♦ "A stone from the hand of a friend is an apple." (Morocco.)

♦ "Friends are better than money." (That is because if you need money, you can ask your friend.)

♦ "Lend your money, lose your friend."

♦ "A friend in need is a friend indeed." (This means that in bad times most of your friends will abandon you, but a true friend will stick with you and help you. But a *real* friend will die for you.)

♦ "We have no friends but the mountains." (Kurdish.)

♦ "With a friend like you, who needs enemies!"

♦ see also *enemy* (conflict)

help & assistance / relationship: person

friendly (adjective)

friendly to life

salt in very high concentrations is not very ~ (Mars)

friendly atmosphere

the ~ that originally drew foreigners to Wisconsin

friendly face

fraud often hides behind a ~

friendly fire

they were killed by ~ (soldiers)

friendly ground

don't assume Ireland will be ~ for the pope (sex abuse)

friendly microbes

there are things called ~ (digestion, etc.)

friendly neighbors

Azerbaijan and Armenia are not ~

"friendly skies"

the ~ have become unfriendly (air travel)

friendly and enemy

~ thermal and optical signatures (military)

help & assistance: person

friendly (queer-friendly, etc.)

animal-friendly

shelters, doggy day cares and other ~ places

bike-friendly

places with ~ infrastructure

bird-friendly

~ chocolate harvesting practices such as agroforestry

child-friendly

promoting witchcraft in a ~ format (Harry Potter)

coal-friendly

~ Kentucky must embrace renewables

climate-friendly

~ farming is just being aware of the soil

dementia-friendly

Bruges is the most ~ city in the world (Belgium)

in the UK, a number of towns and cities have become ~

Fareham has the country's first ~ high street

Dementia Friendly

San Antonio has earned the designation “~ City”

dog-friendly

track down ~ cafes and hotels (a Web site)
pet-friendly bars can now serve ~ beer

eco-friendly

trendsetters are visiting ~ resorts
aquamation is an ~ alternative to traditional cremation

female friendly

lack of ~ farm tools may pose safety hazard

Gay-Friendly

“Chicago Proposes ~ High School” (NPR / Corley / 2008)

gay-friendly

Fort Lauderdale faces threat to ~ ranking (2007)
~ TV through the years (2005)
five gay, or ~ characters (2021)
Beirut has ~ bars and drag shows (Lebanon)
plans to open a Chick-fil-A in ~ Palm Springs, CA

gun-friendly

in ~ Montana

kid-friendly

~ shows for desperate parents (Linda Holmes)
a ~ name, like “Shake out the yuck” (mental health)

migrant friendly

Mexico City falls short of its ~ hype

pedestrian-friendly

some ~ street chances may stay after the pandemic ends

pet-friendly

~ bars can now serve dog-friendly beer
a ~ hurricane shelter in Sarasota County, Florida

queer-friendly

a ~ punk scene that loved to dance (Big Freedia)
New Orleans Bounce, a ~ hip-hop variant
she reads her son ~ books
LGBTQ travelers promoted the island as ~ (Bali)
Chelsea was a ~ place in the 1960s and 70s (rent boys)

far-right-friendly

the ~ social-media platform Parler...

environmentally friendly

ensure that products are more ~ (fashion industry)
encourage more ~ travel (carpooling, public transport)

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♦ see also *welcoming (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection / affix

frigid (adjective)

frigid reception

the idea had met a ~ from France and Britain

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

fringe (configuration)

fringe of islets

the lagoon, with its distant ~

broad fringe

a ~ of sea ice builds each austral winter

configuration: cloth

fringe (edge)

fringe of the storm

wind and rain from the ~ lashed the state

fringes of the solar system

unmanned vehicles are zipping to the ~

desert's (southern) fringe

the ~

southern fringe

the desert's ~

eastern fringes

this country on the ~ of Europe (Ukraine)

southern and eastern fringe

the arc of deforestation along the ~ of the Amazon

outer fringes

icy rocks found on the ~ of the solar system

center & periphery: cloth

fringe (on the fringe)

on the political fringe

both groups arose ~ (Occupiers, Tea Party)

operate on the fringes

the gangs ~ (versus established gangs)

center & periphery: cloth / direction / society

society: center & periphery / cloth / direction

fringe (versus mainstream)

fringe Berlin

the restaurant is ~ at its best

fringe books

we are seeing fewer ~ and new authors (publishing)

fringe cult

he joined a ~

fringe dwellers

every society has its ~

fringe idea

animal liberation is no longer the ~ it once was

fringe minority
the so-called “~” is actually the government (Elon Musk)

fringe territory
their most recent article veered into ~ (UFOs / NYT)

criminal fringe
the "one percenters" are the ~ of the biker world

lunatic fringe
the group is part of the ~

militant fringe
Turkey has been at war with the ~ of the Kurds

radical fringes
he is a figure on the most ~ of the movement

violent fringe
they are members of a nationalist, sometimes ~

from the fringes into the mainstream
social media can push conspiracies ~

society: center & periphery / cloth / direction
center & periphery: cloth / direction / society
fringed

fringed by (mountain) peaks
the Salar de Uyuni is ~ (salt flat in Bolivia)

fringed with coral reefs
Kenya's southeast coastline is ~

palm-fringed
a beautiful, ~ beach...

configuration: cloth

frog (frog in boiling water)

frog in the boiling water
ignoring the need to fix entitlement programs is the ~

♦ This fable illustrates the danger of changes that occur slowly.

♦ “In this series, you’re gonna hear people who 20 years ago sensed we were in a pot of water slowly reaching a boiling point and chose to take things further...” (The podcast *Burn Wild*, BBC Sounds, about the eco-terrorist movement.)

♦ “Are we frogs? Are we being boiled and don’t know it yet?” (A Californian, discouraged by fires, drought, and record temperatures.)

♦ “Like many concerned keepers of the game and its traditions, Sword will often explain the creeping dispassion for baseball in terms of that overcooked analogy about the boiling frog in the pot. ‘Part of what made this so tricky was that the games were getting two or three minutes slower every year rather than half an hour slower, so there was never a point where it felt like a real emergency,’ he told me. I offered an alternative analogy, comparing baseball’s predicament to a slow-growing tumor that the new rules would surgically excise. ‘I’d prefer to go back to the frog,’ Sword said. / How did America’s beloved old frog find itself in such mortal danger...?’ (“How Baseball Saved Itself” by Mark Leibovich, *The Atlantic*, July / August 2023.)

consciousness & awareness / environment / situation:
allusion / animal / frog / heating water / temperature / water

front (get in front of an announcement, etc.)

get in front of it
we’ll announce it later today, I don’t want to ~

got out in front of Obama
Biden ~ on gay marriage

timeliness & lack of timeliness: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

front (in front / competition)

get in front of it
the nationwide quarantine is an effort to ~ (coronavirus)

competition: direction / position / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

front (the future is in front of us)

in front of her
she had her whole life ~ (committed a murder)

future: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle
time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

front (in front / proximity)

in front of me
I was so blinded by love that I didn’t see the problem ~

in front of us
the answer is ~
we have these issues ~

proximity: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

front (conflict)

front in the (overall) struggle
his indictment could be a new ~ to get at what happened

legislative front
do you think something will get done on the ~ (politics)

new front
a ~ in the president’s battle with congress is emerging
fake 1-star reviews are the ~ of review manipulation

two-front
he’s fighting a ~ campaign (Bernie Sanders)

on all fronts
the oil spill is being attacked ~

on several fronts
our efforts are advancing ~ (oil-spill cleanup)

on that front
how are you doing ~ (protective supplies / COVID)

♦ “All quiet on the Tom Brady front.” (*New York Post* gossip. This echoes the title of Erich Maria Remarque’s famous novel, *All Quiet On The Western Front*.)

conflict: military

front (front and center)

front and center

the wave of sex-abuse scandals will be ~ conference)

front and center on his mind

clearly this topic is ~

center & periphery: position

attention, scrutiny & promotion / importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: center & periphery / direction / position

frontier (noun)

frontier of crime

Silk Road was the new ~, a digital-era Wild West (drugs)

frontier between barbarism and civilization

this is a humanity problem on a modern-day ~ (a war)

final frontier

direct flights represented the ~ (Australia to London)

latest frontier

Oklahoma is the ~ in the marijuana gold rush

next frontier

deep fake videos are the ~ in fake news

the Metaverse is the ~ (according to Mark Zuckerberg)

push the frontiers

the US has always wanted to ~ (physics, etc.)

searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land

front line (on the front line)

on the front lines

state and local law enforcement ~

the dedicated people ~ (social services)

she tells what it's really like ~ (nurse in pandemic)

in the fight against smoking, New Zealand is ~

on the front lines of this battle

he is ~ (agency fighting spam phone calls)

on the front lines of this disease

health care workers ~ (COVID-19)

on the front lines of movements

Black feminist leaders ~ today

on the front line of (interpersonal) violence

doctors are ~ (EM)

on the front lines of the drug crisis

they have been working ~

♦ "They get awfully sick at the big-print headlines in some of the papers—'The Hill 60 Thrill!' 'Thrill, indeed! There's nothing thrilling about ploughing over parapets into a machinegun, with high explosives bursting round you,—it's merely beastly,' said a boy this evening, who is all over shrapnel splinters. / Saturday, May 8th, 9 A.M. [1915]—This is Der Tag. Could anybody go to bed and undress? / I have been cutting dressings all night. One of the most stabbing things in this war is seeing the lines of empty motor ambulances going up to bring down the wrecks who at this moment are sound and fit, and all absolutely ready to be turned into wrecks." (*Diary of a Nursing Sister on the Western Front: 1914-1915* by Kate (Katherine) Evelyn Luard.)

♦ "When Liberty's in jeopardy / I will always do what's right / I'm out here on the front lines / sleep in pace tonight." Toby Keith—American Soldier (Radio Edit)

conflict / experience / place: military

front line (other)

front line

in battles of identity, language often becomes the ~

frontline

the CDC is the ~ in any public health emergency

front lines of COVID-19

medical students are rushed to ~

front line of the (culture) war

the judiciary committee is the ~ (U.S. politics)

frontline in the fight

this is the ~ against a deadly global trade (poaching)

front-line caregivers

nurses are the ~

become the front line

in the battle to contain the contagion, these labs have ~

♦ There were great husky men crying with the pain of gaping wounds and dreadfully swollen, discolored trench feet, who sank down exhausted the moment they stopped. There were strings of from eight to twenty blind boys filing up the road, clinging tightly and pitifully to each other's hands, and led by some bedraggled limping youngster who could still see... I wonder if I'll ever be able to look at marching men anywhere again without seeing those blinded boys, with five and six wound stripes on their sleeves, struggling painfully along the road." (*Sister: The War Diary of a Nurse* by Helen Dore Boylston.)

conflict / place: military

front-runner (noun)

front-runner

he is the ~

the ~ Barak Obama (politics)

front-runner in the race

he has cemented his position as ~ (politics)

front-runners for the job

there are two ~

front-runner for a (future Supreme Court) nomination

he is a ~

front-runners and underdogs

~ loved him (a race-car driver)

competition: person / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

frostily

replied frostily

Cynthia ~, "It's disgusting"

feeling, emotion & effect: snow & ice / temperature

frosty (adjective)

frosty

US relations with Cambodia have long been ~

frosty handshake

they shared a ~ after their match (two tennis rivals)

frosty relationship

he has a ~ with Netanyahu (diplomacy)

♦ "Already frosty relations between the US and Russia *soured* [italics mine] even further." (Check the thesaurus for "feeling, emotion & effect" and "snow & ice," and "temperature," and you might decide that "Already frosty relations between the US and Russia have become frigid" is better. But then, you can point out people's mixed metaphors, or you can have friends.)

feeling, emotion & effect: snow & ice / temperature

frothy (substance)

frothy page-turner

the ~, the one book everybody is reading...

substance & lack of substance: water

frown (verb)

frown on those things

we ~

frowned upon homosexuality

he came from a religious background that ~

judgment / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: face / gesture / sign, signal, symbol / verb

frowned upon

frowned upon by some

skateboarding is still ~

judgment / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: face / gesture / sign, signal, symbol

frozen (movement)

frozen to the spot

we were all ~

movement: snow & ice

frozen (emotion)

frozen with fear

well, I was terrified, I was ~ (in an acting class)

frozen with fear and grief

I knew if I watched it I would be ~ (a video)

feeling, emotion & effect: movement / snow & ice / temperature / water

frozen (development)

frozen in time

the Framers did not expect the Constitution to be ~

frozen conflict

~s don't remain frozen forever (Nagorno-Karabakh, etc.)

development: snow & ice

frozen (frozen in time)

frozen in time

Vietnam's Ha Giang Province remains ~

Trans-Dniester is a place ~ (Transnistria / Tiraspol)

it was a unique environment, sort of ~ (military reservation)

♦ What things are frozen in time? Countries like North Korea and Bhutan and Transnistria seem like such places. Certainly places like Australia when Cook visited or New Guinea when the first whites arrived in the highlands in the 1930s must have seem frozen in time, and other remote places, such as northern Burma.

♦ Cataclysms can lock places in time, like Pompeii and Herculaneum by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, and Chernobyl in the Ukraine by the failure of a nuclear reactor.

♦ Fossils are frozen in time, whether in stone or in amber, in peat or in permafrost, in a glacier or in the long-vanished sediment of an ancient river or sea.

♦ Demilitarized zones, like the one between North and South Korea, or between Ethiopia and Eritrea, can be frozen in time, often to the advantage of the wildlife.

♦ In the U.S., military reservations, some taken over in the First World War, have been frozen in time. The small communities that existed on them were simply left to decay in place.

♦ The Great Smoky National Park has been frozen in time since its creation. The small communities were left to decay, so that only the foundations of buildings remain. Its old-time cemeteries, however, like the Proctor Cemetery, are still kept up or "V-upped" by descendants annually on Decoration Day.

♦ Areas flooded by dams are frozen in time. This is the case with Lake Fontana in North Carolina, where drowned bridges, trees, and even buildings may reappear when water levels drop.

♦ All places "frozen in time" are inherently interesting to people, because they make us think of the past, our own mortality, and eternity.

♦ see also *time capsule (noun)*

past & present / time: snow & ice

frozen (activity)

frozen funds

is it time to release the ~ (sanctions)

activity: snow & ice / temperature

frozen out (excluded)

frozen out of discussions

they have been ~ about how the law will work (veterans)

acceptance & rejection: snow & ice / society / temperature

fruit (product)

fruits of the field

the first ~ have been mundane (nanotechnology)

fruits of my labor

she carefully examined the ~ (a woodcarver)

fruits of that work

you are now seeing the ~ (war planning)

bore fruit

their protests ~ only after...

♦ "We took this tree with a lot of ripe fruit on it and shook it hard and out came radar and atomic bombs." (J. Robert Oppenheimer speaking to a Senate committee in late 1945.)

♦ "Southern trees bear a strange fruit / Blood on the leaves and blood at the root / Black bodies swinging in the Southern breeze / Strange fruit

hanging from the poplar trees" ("Strange Fruit" lyrics sung by Billy Holiday.)

♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (An Arab proverb.)

product / worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / fruits & vegetables / plant

fruit (low-hanging fruit)

low-hanging fruit

for people who want to consume less plastic, straws are ~
vacant lot greening is a piece of ~ (simple, low cost)
the expulsion of intelligence officers is ~ (symbolic only)
pick some ~ that can be accomplished (in tax reform)
he explores deeper cuts and textures, rather than ~ (music)
these are the easiest targets, the ~ (the poor / payday lenders)

low-hanging fruit of international health
cataract surgery is the ~ (just \$75 per patient)

low hanging fruit for the betterment of your health
these are steps that are ~ (advice)

pick that low-hanging fruit clean
they ~ (film about old women reentering the dating scene)

go-to, reflexive, low-hanging-fruit
~ complaints (about *American Vandal* season two)

difficulty, easiness & effort: fruits & vegetables / tree

fruitful (adjective)

fruitful approach
I decided that wasn't a ~ for me

fruitful avenue
this might be a ~ for further research

fruitful discourse
there hasn't been much ~ lately (politics)

fruitful place
this is a ~ to do business (a city)

fruitful relationship
they had a long and ~ (two companies)

artistically fruitful
their relationship was ~

less fruitful
subsequent efforts were ~

more fruitful
I think it would be ~ if we...

long, fruitful
in the course of a ~ career, he... (a poet)

prove fruitful
negotiations could ~ if...

♦ The Smucker's Company has a very cute full-page ad on the back of the January 21, 2019 *Christian Science Monitor Weekly*. It shows 12 bottles of their iconic jams and jellies in three rows with the dates of their introduction below them, and the title reads, "Fruitful Since 1897." The pun incorporates the figurative and the literal. A classic and classy ad from an American icon!

worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / fruits & vegetables / plant

fruition (noun)

came to fruition
the plan never ~

growth & development: farming & agriculture / fruits & vegetables / plant

fruitless (adjective)

largely fruitless exercise
comparing these rates is a ~

♦ "Is it fruitless to even try?"

worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / fruits & vegetables / plant

fry (small fry)

big fry
the president of the University of Arizona, a ~... (ironic)

small fry
he is starting with ~ (a prosecutor)

small fry team
he grew up with Adams and played on the same ~ (football)

♦ "He is working his way up the food chain, starting with small fry." (A prosecutor.)

♦ "These fry are very small..."

♦ see also *minnow* (noun)

growth & development / size: animal / fish

importance & significance / power / strength & weakness: animal / fish / size

frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)

jumps from the frying pan into the fire
like one who ~

fate, fortune & chance / situation: cooking / fire

fuel (verb)

fuel (Internet) abuse
depression, obsessive-compulsive disorders can ~

fuels conflict
Captagon ~, for fighters it banishes fear

fueled (much of the) corruption
his bribes ~ in the state

fuel the (ongoing) debate
the results are likely to ~ over how... (cancer)

fueled the debate
those differences in point of view ~ (Confederate flag)

fueling U.S Israel-Gaza debate
how social media is ~

fuels the diaspora

poverty ~ of Malians

fuel the flames
don't ~ (a controversy)

fueled (public) interest
journalism ~ (an Arctic rescue)

fueled an (overblown political) narrative
poor photo selection ~ (#defundNPR)

fueled the notion
the photo ~ that NPR is trying to tilt the narrative

fuel this pandemic
infections among the unvaccinated continue to ~

fueled a (growing) panic
Tuesday's developments ~ in Japan (nuclear catastrophe)

fueling his (inner) rage
a cause that is ~ (environment)

fueled in him a sense of self-importance
the militia ~

increase & decrease / initiation: fire / verb

fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.)

added fuel to the fire
former president Trump has only ~ with his comments

adding fuel to the fire
the US is ~ (by sending weapons to Ukraine)

adds fuel to every fire
he ~ (politics)

adds (fresh) fuel to a (longstanding) controversy
his role in the new ad ~

pour fuel on the fire
this will ~ of toxic political warfare

pour fuel on the flames
the documents are likely to ~ of a strained relationship

increase & decrease / initiation: fire / verb

fuel (noun)

fuel
the taunts were the ~...

hurricane fuel
water above 79 degrees is ~ (Gulf of Mexico)

any more fuel
she would not give the issue ~ ("no comment")

increase & decrease / initiation: fire

fueled

fueled by the Chinese
the jade boom has been ~

fueled by local issues
the conflict is ~ (IS in Mozambique)

fueled by a movie
the fury is ~ (anti-US protests by Muslims)

fueled by the occupation
anti-American sentiment ~ of Iraq

fueled by (Internet) pornography
soldiers who come home with sexual addictions ~

alcohol-fueled
an epic, ~ party...
he died at an ~ party (fraternity)

rum-fueled
the ~ party culminates Fat Tuesday (Trinidad)

whiskey-fueled
a ~ high

ignited and fueled
opposition was ~ by the church (innovation)

stoked, fueled, and manipulated
hatred can be ~ (Bosnia)

increase & decrease / initiation: fire

Fuji (Mount Fuji of the US, etc.)

Mount Fuji of the United States
Mount St. Helens, known as the ~ (for its beauty)

comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

fulcrum (noun)

fulcrum moment
the Capture of Istanbul was a ~ in the Middle Ages

court's fulcrum
he was the ~, able to cast the decisive vote

♦ **Turning point, year zero, etc.**

development: direction / mechanism

importance & significance: mechanism

full (adjective)

full of choppers
a sky ~ and a jungle full of danger (Vietnam War)

full of danger
a sky full of choppers and a jungle ~ (Vietnam War)

full life
she led a ~

full story
I am sure we have not heard the ~ (MSM)

amount / extent & scope: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

full (and fully, fullness / groups)

fullness
MLK in his ~ is still too much for white people

fullness of who she is

occupy the space in the ~ (superpower of Black women)

living fully

I would love to have some of those years back ~ (gay)

large and fully

did I ~live , one hundred percent, no... (trans)

represented in their fullness

oftentimes Black women are not ~

♦ "I think the superpower of a Black Woman is to occupy the space in the fullness of who she is." (The actress Aisha Hinds.)

♦ "I think it had a lot to do with me being a Black woman, period. And having seen how historically, you know, if our stories, you know, have been presented to the world, oftentimes they're misrepresented or they're not represented in their fullness or there's just like a sliver of us being presented. And so, I just felt like this is huge responsibility to not only show, like her—I would say ginormous levels of strength and resilience—but also to provide an audience like a window into the vulnerability." (Katori Hall speaking about the great American-born Tina Turner, birth name Anna Mae Bullock, a Swiss citizen since 2013.)

♦ "I was just living by the rules of the day. Going through the journey in stealth. I was too busy trying to protect myself. Did I live large and fully, one hundred percent? No, and I would love to have some of those years back living fully." (Sandra Caldwell, actress, she / her, a trans woman.)

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♦ This usage, like "black bodies," seems very specific to its users.

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

full (full Sarah Brightman, etc.)

full Dracula

the Marvelverse has Leto going ~

full James Bond

in Chapter 4 John Wick goes ~ (travel, guns, etc.)

full Sarah Brightman

Polachek still occasionally goes ~ (virtuosic vocals)

full QAnon

her turn to ~ has come at a cost (media star)

♦ "Normal time is done. If England are going to save themselves they are going to need to go all Dutch on us." (A BBC commentator about England-France. The reference is to Holland-Argentina, which had been played the day before.)

♦ see also *peak* (*peak sexy, etc.*)

amount & effect: prep, adv, adj, particle

full-bore (and full bore)

coming in full bore

it was an all call, SWAT, FBI, everyone ~ (mass shooting)

extent & scope: weapon

full-court (full-court press, etc.)

full-court press in Washington

there was a ~ (foreign lobbying campaign)

full-court press from our department

there is a ~ (search for missing child)

full-court press to capture him

there was a ~, once they knew his identity (a bomber)

full-court press (by the administration) to contain

it has been a ~ the company (tariff dispute with China)

full-court response

this is the time for a ~ (US monkeypox emergency)

equivalent of the full-court press

a decoy deadline is the productivity ~ (deadlines)

difficulty, easiness & effort / commitment & determination: basketball / sports & games

full-fledged (adjective)

full-fledged atrocity

a ~ would be difficult to ignore

full-fledged (academic) discipline

it is not yet a ~ with departments of its own (services science)

full-fledged gangsters

ties to ~

full-fledged member

China will become a ~ (WTO)

the first steps in becoming a ~ of the Hells Angels

full-fledged stroke

people who have had ~s

full-fledged bantamweight

moving up to ~

full-fledged drug dealer

a ~

full-fledged comeback

a ~

growth & development: animal / bird

fullness (groups)

in his fullness

MLK ~ is still too much for them (Karen Attiah)

in their fullness

our stories are misrepresented or not represented ~ (Blacks)

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♦ "I became arrogant. I became too demanding. I became full of myself."

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

full on (adjective)

full-on character

he is a ~ (the boxer Sunny Edwards)

full-on engagement

it was just ~ (a blind rock climber)

full-on migraine

what we've got coming this weekend is a ~ (winter storm)

full-on (international espionage) operation

he mounted a ~ against the reporter

full-on moral panic

"stranger danger" bloomed into a ~ (the US in the 1980s)

full on, scary, hard

that was ~ (the Bottleneck on K2)

straight-up, full-on

~ sex talk (Argentinian TV)

extent & scope / functioning: mechanism

commitment & determination: mechanism

amount & effect: mechanism

full on (personality)

so full-on

he was ~, performative and calculating (personality)

character & personality: mechanism

full out (adjective)

full out

it's gonna be ~, it's called "No Limit" (a Vegas show)

extent & scope / functioning: mechanism

commitment & determination: mechanism

amount & effect: mechanism

full stop

full stop

this is right-wing terrorism, ~

these companies know everything we do ~ (tech)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters

full-throated (adjective)

full-throated defense

his speech was a ~ of his actions (military withdrawal)

amount & effect / attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

fulminate (speech)

press fulminated

the Western ~ (against use of force in China)

♦ This relates to striking and lightning.

speech: force / lightning / verb

fumble (verb)

fumbled this moment

Boeing has ~ (failed to ground its plane after crashes)

fumbled the disaster response

the government ~

failure, accident & impairment: ball / hand / football / sports & games / verb

fumble (noun)

diplomatic fumble

it was his latest ~

♦ Touch Down / Field Goal / First Down / Fumble ("What's your take on this story?" The rating system for *New York Post* sports stories.)

failure, accident & impairment / success & failure: ball / football / hand / sports & games

fumbled

fumbled attempt

a ~ to reform small business taxes

failure, accident & impairment: ball / football / hand / sports & games

fume (verb)

fuming about the (split-decision) verdict

he is still ~ that went against Pacquiao (boxing)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb

funeral (one's funeral)

funeral

go ahead and do it, it's your ~

destruction: burial / death & life

fate, fortune & chance: burial / death & life

funereal (adjective)

funereal

the mood was ~

funereal black

they are clad in stark ~ (a music video)

funereal gloom

an atmosphere of ~

funereal silence

events will take place in ~ (pandemic / no fans watching)

mournful, funereal, keening

the music is ~ (for a film)

feeling, emotion & effect: burial / death & life
comparison & contrast: affix

funnel (a road can funnel through, etc.)

funneled through the Monastir Gap
the road ~ (Via Egnatia)

fictive motion: shape / verb

funnel (direct)

funneled arms to the mujahedeen
the CIA and Saudi Arabia both ~

funnel (tax) dollars to the poor
he wants to ~ (a president)

funneled money to charities
he ~ with terrorist ties

funnels the wildlife to the overpass
three miles of fencing ~ (Utah animal crossing)

directing: verb / water

funnel (shape)

funnel cloud
heavy rains, hail, reports of ~s
the tornado's distinguishing feature is a ~

tornado funnel
~s in Oklahoma

shape: water

funneled (directed)

funneled (primarily) to corporations and the wealthy
the 2017 tax cuts, ~... (politics)

funneled into the (digital) currencies
how much money is being ~ (cryptocurrencies)

funneled into four other organizations
the money was ~ (a charity scam)

funneled into a fenced pen
the cattle were then ~ (an auction)

funneled through the (little-known) nonprofit
private money ~ (political donations)

directing: water

funny (as noun)

legacy of funny
they've had a ~ (the comedy show SNL)

find the funny
he was able to ~ and laugh about it... (malicious gossip)

feeling, emotion & effect: part of speech

funny language

***** it is February, etc. / time**

it *is* February

~ (it's cold and snowy)

this year started the way it has started
~ and it has affected me... (Novak Djokovic)

last year was last year
~ and this year is this year (sports commentating)

***** happiness cliches**

today is my day
~ (a happy Joseph Parker after beating Deontay Wilder)

I'm living in my time
~ (like "best life")

you gotta live your life
~ (take time off from work to party and have fun)

***** life and death**

we're born when we're born
~, it's kind of what it is (wishing one were younger)

everybody's got to live
~ (said about mentally ill, beggars, etc.)

when you die, you die
~ (finality, fate, etc.)

when your number's up, it's up!
~ (death)

***** it is what it is, etc. / existence / reality / ontology**

"It is What it Is"
his latest album ~, was released... (Thundercat)

it is what it is
I take precautions, but hey, ~ (delivery worker / pandemic)
~, this has happened, and... (cancer diagnosis)
~, but I'm not concerned about it (athlete / lack of rest)
it kind of stinks seeing baseball change, but ~
I grew up on the internet, which is kind of trash, but ~
my wife and I have gotten multiple death threats, ~
~, it's just boxing (no excuses for knock-out loss)
I saw stuff, it happens, who's perfect, it's cool, it ~ (sex)
~, we don't know what it means, where it leads to...
~, until it isn't!!!!

it is what it is, get over it and move on
~ (Confederate monuments)

it is what it is, so they spend the night together
you know how this happens, ~ (infidelity)

it is what it was
~ and it's my mistake and I paid for it (Jeremy Renner)

it was something that was
~, I had no control over (violent confrontation)

it is how it is
but ~ (a soccer issue)

this is what it is
so I guess ~, huh (music to be murdered by)

that is how it is
~, the reality that many of you are facing, this is the world

***** I am who I am, etc. / identity / nature**

I am what I am

~, God help me, a 77-year-old white man, but...
~, love me or hate me, I'm gonna be Stephen A. Smith

I am who I am

~, I am not changing
~, I can't pretend... (a celebrity)

I am the age I am

~ (an older writer)

McArthur was, well, McArthur

but ~, a problematic personality... (WWII)

we feel how we feel

but ~ (feelings of fatigue at home / pandemic)

they are what they are

both these women will get out worse, ~ (from prison)

man's a man

a ~, after all (sex)

trans women are trans women

what is it about ~ that is offensive...

trans women are women

~ (the male-to-female transgender swimmer Lia Thomas)

trash is trash

she'll be back in the system, ~ (prison)

bad guys are bad guys

~, the Army is the Army, orders are orders...

liberals are going to be liberals

what a shocker, ~ (discussion board snark)

he is who he is

on the other hand, ~

I was being me

~ (strange behavior)

it's just baseball being baseball

~ (new see-through uniforms)

that's just Joe being Joe

~ (character and personality)

Julie, being Julie

~, was defending a teammate (got in trouble for it)

brands being brands

such examples seem trivial, harmless—~

you be you

everyone is saying “~” and “you do you” (a woman)

you do you

~, I do me...

the Knicks, being the Knicks

~, won the game, then lost the series (sorry, Spike)

Elon Musk is behaving like Elon Musk

and, you know, ~, right, uh... (Ronan Farrow)

Cleveland, continuing to *Cleveland*

~ (NFL snark / usage as verb to mean “fail”)

crazy will do what crazy does

~ (a woman)

and then he does what he does

~ on Sunday (commits a bad act)

he did what he does

~, which is to score goals (a hockey player)

***** oppression is oppression / definition**

business is business

~ (takes a hard line)

democracy is democracy

look, ~ (a young Palestinian craving change)

golf is golf

~ (response to criticisms of LIV golf)

“Love is Love”

~ (the “Freedom to Marry” Campaign)

oppression is oppression

~ across the world (Black Lives Matter and Hamas)

rape is rape

this was not transactional, ~
it shouldn't even be an apology, ~

rule is the rule

the ~ (NFL's overtime rule / sudden death)

rules are the rules

the ~, you gotta...

sports are sports

~, politics is politics, they shouldn't be mixed (Olympics)

war is war

~ (Operation Adelaide, search / destroy, Ong Dong jungle)

win's a win

we played poorly but a ~ (soccer)

disgusting is disgusting

I'm not excusing his comments, ~, you can't tolerate that

good is good

~, with a brush or a needle (artist Sophie Taeuber-Arp)

it means what it means

~ (the word “coachable”)

we country, but we ain't *country*

it means ~ (the Dirty South)

hoax hoax

the unfounded Russian Investigation is a “~” (anti-Trump)

war war

a Cold War, a trade war, or a ~...

***** negative existence**

June isn't really June

~ anymore (James Qillaq, Inuit hunter, Arctic warming)

2022 isn't 2021
~ (vaccinations and the pandemic)

'sport' is not sport
today's professional ~

a terabyte isn't what it used to be
~ (greater storage nowadays)

there's no there there
see *there* (*there is no there there, etc.*)

if you're not there, you're not there
we're focused on the guys who are here ~ (training camp)

the story is the headline...or often isn't
welcome to ABC where ~ (criticism)

you can choose to go there, or not
~ (randonauting)

find food where it isn't
I'll show you where to ~ (scrounging during war)

***** if / fate, fortune & chance**

if you know, you know
~ (I.Y.K.Y.K.)

if she never works again, she never works again
~ (the pop star Britney Spears)

if it's your day, it's your day
~ (death while climbing)

if I get knocked out I get knocked out
~ (the great boxer Dillian Whyte, all in)

IYKYK
the name Alix Earle is an ~ situation

nothing will change if nothing changes
~ (speaking up / not being afraid)

***** logically impossible**

I can't wait!
~ (said while waiting)

I was shocked, but not shocked
~, if that makes any sense (2023 Hamas attack on Israel)

I do and I don't
~, maybe I know a little, maybe not anything...

it is and it's not
~ (NPR reporting / punditry)

Rick *never* left the mountains, except when he did
~ (flew from Idaho to New York City)

I can never say never
~ (a writer, about writing another novel, vs. TV or film)

***** sarcasm**

wildlife in Yellowstone are, indeed, wild
~ (woman convicted of bothering bear with cubs)

I'd call the police, but they are the police
“~,” he chuckled, but it was forced...

stupid actor says something stupid
headline: “~” (a sarcastic comment)

there is jargon, and then there is jargon
~ (academic writing)

who knew?
it turns out that not everyone has a physics degree, ~

***** current situation**

situation is the situation
the ~, everyone is frustrated but we are bound by the rule

today's world is today's world
~ and everything is out there in public (twitterstorm)

we are where we are
until we do that, ~ (stopping ransomware attacks)
~ (Mary Louise Kelly of NPR about Afghan situation)
~ because...

where I am where I am
so much peace knowing where I am supposed to be, ~

***** until**

it was an unremarkable day, until it...wasn't
~ (Dateline NBC)

we were right till we weren't
~, built a home and watched it burn (Miley Cyrus)

until they weren't
impeachments used to be rare things, too, ~ (SCOTUS)

it's meaningless, until it's not
~ (Dateline NBC)

it was a good time until it wasn't
~ (her childhood / Dateline NBC)

a very good bank until it wasn't
SVB was ~ (failed 2023)

it's all good until it isn't
~ (a drowning on the Nantahala River)

he was just a good guy with a gun...until he wasn't
~ (comment by gun-control advocate about mass shooter)

he was alive until he wasn't
~ (2021 trial)

it is fine, until it isn't
~ (climate change)

character is invisible until it's not
~ (joined the marines after 9/11)

it was an arrangement that worked until it didn't
~ (an open relationship)

you loved being a college professor, until you didn't
~ (an NPR interviewer)

her bosses had her back until they didn't
she says ~ (a Levi's executive)

feel safe until they don't

I think all children ~, you know? (Timothy Ware-Hill)
look the same, until they don't
~ (corrosive change in the U.S.)

***** except**

history is told by the winners—except when it's not
~ (review of the film *The Last Duel*)

Rick *never* left the mountains, except when he did
~ (flew from Idaho to New York City)

she should have been here too except she wasn't
~ (murdered Lauren McCluskey / University of Utah)

***** the future**

we shall see what we shall see
~ (the great Spike Lee)

what will be will be
you have to learn to let go, it's gone, and ~

it's gonna be what it's gonna be
we should all just go home, ~ (*Foxfire*)

whatever is in store for us is in store
~, if we're going to be cool again that's what it'll be

the results are gonna be the results
~ (if we don't love harder / gun violence in Baltimore)

***** the past**

last year was last year
~ and this year is this year (sports commentating)

what you saw, you saw
~ (a bystander video)

he did what he did
it was my dad's decision, ~ (his father was arrested)
and then ~ (boxer pushes another at press conference)

yelled what he yelled
he went back to his seat and ~ (a celebrity)

I've said what I've said
~ about Number 10 and the events of 12 months ago

***** reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / finality**

that's that
Usyk did his job, and ~ (he won the match)

that was that
and ~ (game over after team makes mistakes)

nothing is over until it's over
~ (voting and an election)

***** strong, bold statement / affirmation / polemical**

I believe in belief
see, I believe in hope, ~ (the "Ted Lasso" effect)

the problem with football is football
~ (NPR's Scott Simon)

the best way to regulate behavior
~ is to regulate behavior

Chisora can break your heart
~ before he breaks your heart ("Del Boy" / the boxer)

I am sick and tired of being sick and tired
~ (DC police chief about a spate of gun violence)

burned out on burnout
even Freudenberg said he was ~ (he coined the term)

the way to shore up American democracy
~ is to shore up American democracy, that is, to...

***** do, doing, one's actions**

he had to do what he had to do
Usyk did his job, ~ (beat Anthony Joshua)
~ (Andre Leon Talley / racism)

you gotta do what you gotta do
~ (no choice)

Joshua has got to do what he has got to do
~ (boxing)

I'm going to do what I'm going to do
I thought about it, ~ (Mills Lane stops Tyson-Holyfield II)

crazy will do what crazy does
~ (a woman)

and then he does what he does
~ on Sunday (commits a bad act)

he did what he does
~, which is to score goals (a hockey player)

***** can, ability, etc.**

we can only do what we can do
~ (limitations, constraints)

China can do this now because it can
~ (flexing military might)

***** knowing, epistemology**

I don't know what I don't know
~ but what I *do* know is that... (female speaker)

you don't know what you don't know
~ (facts about a crime)

we don't know what we don't know
~, that's what the investigation is all about (cops)
I realize ~

there's a difference between knowing, and knowing
~, you know, umm, so... (L.L. McKinney)

you know when you know
there is this sense, ~ (who you like / subjectivity)

***** just / = only**

stupid radio promotion is just a stupid radio promotion
sometimes a ~ (Chicago's Disco Demolition Night)

cigar is just a cigar
sometimes a ~ (no need for Freudian analysis)

***** still / starting, going, continuing...**

those who were alive were still alive
the battle had only just begun, ~ (Stalingrad)

the men still alive were still alive
they had withstood the assault, ~ (Stalingrad)

***** sufficiency, insufficiency & excess...**

enough is enough
~, today you will hear the truth from me...

***** just because...**

just because you're on your own on the internet
~ doesn't mean you're on your own (spying pixels)

***** when**

when big dog does what big dogs do
~ (poop)

when he snaps, he snaps
~ (a violent teenager / juvenile delinquent)

***** miscellaneous, uncategorized**

epicenter of the epicenter
the hospital was the ~ (Queens, NYC / COVID)

the gas is where it is
~ (natural gas, Russia, Europe, and the US)

we get what we get
~ (NASA buys off-the-shelf cameras for *Perseverance*)

you get what you get
~ (an idiot provokes Mike Tyson on a plane)

the investigation will take us where it takes us
~ (cops)

come away from it with what they will
people will ~ (war films)

loved the things she loved
she just ~ (an enthusiast)

really, really real
these forest fires are ~ (heard on NPR)

best of the best
a group of cocky “~” pilots... (*Top Gun: Maverick*)

same old same old
he was a bit more aggressive this time but the ~ (boxer)

he said he was gone and then wasn't
~ (retired, unretired)

♦ Democrats, and Michele Obama, used the phrase, “It is what it is,” to taunt, mock, and criticize President Trump at their national convention in 2019. Trump had used the phrase when talking about coronavirus.

♦ “We definitely had a hurricane hit us last night.” (The mayor of Lake Charles, being interviewed on ABC about a hurricane that had hit his town the previous night.)

♦ “It does certainly look like a big windstorm came through here.” (An NPR report on Hurricane Ida.)

♦ “What can Joe Biden do, given that American politics are what American politics are.” (Steve Inskeep, NPR.)

♦ “Like our school, like the ceilings, like they're gone.” (Like a high-school girl, like being interviewed, like right after a tornado.)

♦ “The coronavirus is something that is there.”

♦ “The Omicron virus is REEEE·ly, REEEE·ly contagious.” (Selena Simmons-Duffin of NPR. Type in “really, really” in the search box at NPR and you get 6,574 hits and counting.)

♦ “The game ended in a sidelines-clearing brawl, because of course it did.” (College football game in US.)

♦ “As he ended the message, Schwarzenegger brandished his famous Conan sword. Because of course he did.” (An online video after the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol.)

♦ “How much quieter it would be online if it weren't so loud.”

♦ “I'm good, thanks.” (= No.)

♦ “I don't think there's any way to go right to the Supreme Court with something like this, and what the this is has not been made clear.” (A political pundit on NPR.)

♦ “Usyk did his job, he had to do what he had to do, and that's that, and Joshua has got to do what he has got to do.” (“Tyson Fury ‘absolutely wounded’ by Anthony Joshua's loss to Oleksandr Usyk,” BBC, Sept. 30 2021.)

♦ “You never know when you're going to show up and not look like you anymore.” (MMA / ageing.)

♦ “I would liken us a little bit to a bit of a wounded lion, if you like.” (Sally Munday, the chief executive of the funding agency UK Sport.)

♦ “Barney the Bear is a secure test item.” (A North Carolina ESL supervisor.)

♦ “She is one of the most strongest, most delicate people I've ever met.” (Will Smith's Academy Awards speech, broadcast to millions.)

♦ “Iowa is in a different place.” (Abortion.)

♦ “Space is hard.” (The Virgin Orbit mission dubbed “Start Me Up” fails from Cornwall.)

♦ “It's basically impossible to find a queer competent therapist in Missouri.”

♦ “Spectators have blocked streets as cars do doughnuts.” (Fort Worth, Texas.)

♦ “She has already appointed a homelessness czar.” (The mayor of Los Angeles. Is it Dicken's Fagin from *Oliver Twist*?)

♦ “The OG Yield Curve Whisperer.” (A triumph of trendy headline creation that somehow manages to include OG, “whisperer,” and economics. NPR.)

♦ Sara Reardon, known as “the Vagina Whisperer...” (To quote the great boxing promoter Don King, “Only in America!”)

♦ “The world knows Khan's chin is not there.” (Boxing.)

♦ “Unicorns are ubiquitous in Scotland.” (The symbol.)

♦ “Wolves are swarming all over them.” (The EPL soccer club.)

♦ “President Lyndon B. Johnson was a huge Alamo-head.” (History buff.)

♦ “Both of her parents passed away just as she started blowing up.” (Megan Thee Stallion.)

♦ “Fusetti is known as the midwife of clowns.” (The theater artist and teacher Giovanni Fusetti, in Padua, Italy.)

♦ *Time* is the new *Onion* (The two magazines.)

♦ “When were Pitt and De Ramon first papped together? / “They have been papped together on quite a few occasions...” (Two celebrities. From “paparazzo / paparazzi.”)

♦ “I think the dance between those two things will always be a thing.” (Tiana Kaye Blair, an artist-in-residence at the Dallas Theater Center.)

♦ “Sorry, you've reached a page that doesn't exist.” (Internet.)

♦ “This account doesn't exist. Try searching for another.”

♦ “This message was deleted.” (Internet.)

♦ “I am not a robot.”

♦ “You have to own your body.” (Model Natalie Mariduena.)

♦ “A trans person pursuing phalloplasty has to wade into complicated waters.” / “No two phalloplasty journeys are the same.” (Jamie Lauren Keiles.)

♦ “I never say never.”

♦ “Bobo got throated.” (Surfing.)

♦ "Soldiers who die are taken to a holding area, where they are made to do manual labor to underscore the point that dying is never fun." (Military-training language.)

♦ "And Alfie died in France, it was the only place in the world where it died." (Michael Caine speaking about the 1966 film.)

♦ "The Dead Sea is Dying."

♦ "Rikers Island inmate found dead for 7th time this year."

♦ Estheticians knead, wax, pluck, rub, and paint people.

♦ "He had devoured *Dracula* by the age of five." (The book.)

♦ *Barbie* had a chokehold on the zeitgeist." (The film.)

♦ "Nicole is thrashing the Bahamas." (The named hurricane.)

♦ "Hard-nosed Berliners and queer refugees..." (!)

♦ "You be you, Daddy." (Barack Obama's daughters.)

♦ "You do you" has attracted the interest of *The New York Times*, the great writer Colson Whitehead, and the Yale Grammatical Diversity Project in North America. "You do you, I do me."

♦ see also *teacher* (*teacher's teacher*, etc.)

♦ see also *new* (*orange is the new black*, etc.)

♦ see also *no* (*no Jack Kennedy*, etc.)

♦ see also *boilerplate* (noun), *buzzword* (noun), *doublespeak* (noun), *ese* (*legalese*, etc.), *gobbledygook*, *language* (types), *lip service* (*pay lip service*, etc.), *newspeak* (noun), *speak* (*NASA-speak*, etc.), *supersizing* (*linguistic supersizing*), *talk* (*mediator talk*, etc.), *word salad*

language: funny language

furnace (Furnace Creek, etc.)

Furnace Creek

a temperature of 54.4C was recorded in ~ Death Valley

proper name: fire / temperature

furnace (noun)

furnace of an atmosphere

who can survive in this ~ (important soccer game)

furnace of fight night

the ~... (Day of Reckoning boxing card / Riyadh Season)

China's four "furnaces"

Chongqing is one of ~ (hot and humid in summer)

forged in the furnace

he is ~ of Parris Island and San Diego (a marine)

thrown into a furnace

I was ~

turned into a furnace

Mexico City has ~ (high temperatures)

environment: fire / temperature

furnish (give)

furnished them with all the information

the report ~

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb

furniture (contents)

furniture of the novel

you've got none of the usual ~ (films vs. novels)

mental furniture

art was so much a part of his ~ that...

his ~ is ordinary, much of it from U.S. pop culture...

♦ In the newspaper business, "furniture" refers to the various elements on a print or web page that accompany the article and its photos, such as the headline, picture captions, the explanatory text below a headline, the dateline, pull quotes, crossheads, and the lead or lede.

♦ "Because this was China, it was wartime, and everyone sent off to live in [Chungking] had been forewarned that a stiff upper lip was a sine qua non, stoicism was part of the furniture, and fatalism went with the territory." (*The Man Who Loved China* by Simon Winchester.)

content / presence & absence: house

further (further along, etc.)

further along than us

they are ~ (Italian soccer team)

competition: distance

fury (creature)

keep his furies at bay

he works hard to ~ (troubled ex-boxer)

♦ The furies are part of Greek mythology.

affliction: allusion / creature / religion

fuse (noun)

fuse of (voter) anger

his COVID restrictions lit a ~ (recall election)

short fuse

our society has a ~, just waiting for a spark

that ~ got him in trouble (troubled Iraq veteran)

even in the best of times, John had a ~ (a businessman)

fuse was (now successfully) lit

the ~, and the British media...

lit the fuse

that was the match that ~ (precipitating cause)

that really ~, and the collapse began (tainted election)

initiation: explosion / weapon

character & personality: explosion / weapon

fusillade (noun)

fusillade against an "Obama judge"

Trump's latest ~

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: weapon

future (the future)

the future of the Internet

is Web3 ~ or just a buzzword

the future (combat vehicle) family

each member of ~

embrace the future

a split over whether to preserve the past or ~ (Swazis)

we must ~ (trade and business issue)

saw the future

he ~ and he set out to build it (Jeff Bezos, Amazon)

♦ "He's the future, he's the present, he's the everything." (An admiring sports pundit about the NBA's Victor Wembanyama.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

future (of the future)

currency of the future

he has bolstered Bitcoin's image as the "~" (Nayib Bukele)

wave of the future

online banking is the ~

♦ see also *new (orange is the new black, etc.)*, *next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)*

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

future (the future can bring something)

bring

nobody knows what the future will ~

we don't know what the future may ~

brings

you don't know what tomorrow ~

future: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

time: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

future (in the future)

in the future

I might go there ~ (visit a place)

in your future

if climbing Mount Everest is ~, please contact our office

future / time: container

future (in the distant future)

in the distant future

the movie is set ~

in the not-too-distant future

the series is coming to Netflix ~

in the not too distant future

we hope to improve this feature ~

set in a not-too-distant future

it's a show ~ (space tourism)

future / time: distance

future (where the future lies, etc.)

future lay

he saw where the ~ and learned how to fly (Amundsen)

♦ "We're moving toward a time when COVID won't disrupt our daily lives, where COVID won't be a constant crisis." (White House Covid Advisor Jeff Zients.)

future / time: place

fuzzy (boundaries, etc.)

fuzzy

the boundary lines on the continuum can often be ~

fuzzy semantics

~ looks at fuzzy concepts and fuzzy language

fuzzy term

it's a bit of a ~ ("hybrid warfare")

anodyne and fuzzy

the language of these bills is ~ (culture wars)

soft and fuzzy

~ words muddle ideas about justice (Rie Kudan)

♦ "Kudan said that she turned to ChatGPT to help mimic the way that 'soft and fuzzy words' muddle ideas about justice. 'In recent years, we find ourselves in a situation in which words have expanded without limit, and permitted unlimited interpretations. I want to use the words with care, and to think about the positive and negative aspects of language.'" (Rie Kudan, winner of the Akutagawa Prize for *The Tokyo Tower of Sympathy*. About five percent of her book consists of sentences generated by AI and recorded verbatim, to prove her point.)

division & connection: boundary / sensation

certainty & uncertainty: boundary / sensation

speech: boundary / sensation

G

gadfly (person)

diplomatic gadfly

he is a kind of ~ (a Lebanese businessman and advisor)

political gadfly

he is a ~ and host of his own internet radio show

she was a ~ who took on the powerful politicians

hippie and gadfly

he was the resident ~

♦ "Kevin Lindke, a frequent gadfly of the Port Huron, Mich., government..."

♦ Gadflies might be any one of several large flies, including horseflies.

person: animal / insect

affliction: animal / horse / insect / person

character & personality: animal / horse / insect / person

gag (gag order, etc.)

gag order

the judge has issued a ~

the judge put him under a ~

constraint & lack of constraint: speech

gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)

gaggle of protesters

a ~ have gathered outside the court (Vancouver)

did a gaggle

the president ~ from the North Lawn

♦ This refers to a press conference by the president or press secretary that is impromptu, informal, unscripted and unfettered. An actual gaggle refers to a flock, especially of geese, and especially on the ground.

activity / behavior: animal / bird

resemblance / group, set & collection: animal / bird

Galapagos (Galapagos of Europe, etc.)

Galapagos of Europe

Lake Ohrid, the ‘~’ (endemic species / living fossils)

Galapagos of the North

the Pribilofs are known as the ~

Galapagos of the Far North

Wrangel Island just might be the ~

“Galapagos of the Indian Ocean”

its biodiversity has earned it the nickname ~ (Socotra)

Galapagos of the Orient

the islands’ nickname of “the ~” (Bonin Islands)

Galápagos of Russia

Unesco’s citation refers to Lake Baikal as the “~”

Galapagos of North America

the Channel Islands are sometimes referred to as the ~ (California)

Galapagos of the Poles

South Georgia Island is often referred to as “The ~”

American Galápagos

the ~ (Hawaiian Islands Marine National Park)

Canadian Galápagos

islands referred to as the “~” (Haida Gwaii)

biodiversity, nature & life: epithet / island / place

galaxy (noun)

galaxy of actors

his films drew performances from a ~ (director)

galaxy of (Western) media figures

he introduced her to a ~ (Charlie Rose, etc.)

group, set & collection: astronomy / star

gale (strong wind)

political gales

the PM is confronted by ~ and economic ones

♦ “The Prime Minister is confronted by political gales and economic ones that appear to quicken by the week... As I say, it’s politically and economically gusty.” (BBC Six O’Clock News, 09/06/2022.)

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

activity: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

Galen (Galen of Islam, etc.)

“Galen of Islam”

Muslim physicians bestowed the title ~ on Avicenna

comparison & contrast / history: epithet

gall (verb)

galls his critics

what ~ is...

truly galls

what ~ them is...

♦ “They knocked out a number of interlocking machine-gun nests that had been galling them for hours...” (Combat.)

♦ Both trees and humans can develop galls. A gall in a human is a raised boil.

affliction: health & medicine / sensation / verb

gallery (play to the gallery)

plays to the gallery

the representation of emotion ~ (humiliation, anguish, etc.)

obviously playing to the gallery

he was ~ (a presidential press conference)

performance: theater

gallery (cheering gallery)

cheering gallery

Obama still has his ~

achievement, recognition & praise: theater

Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.)

Gallipoli of an interview

I knew this would be a ~

♦ “I knew that this would be a Gallipoli of an interview, and that Mattis would be playing the role of the Ottoman gunners. But I had to try.” (“The Man Who Couldn’t Take It Anymore” by Jeffrey Goldberg, *The Atlantic Monthly*, October 2019.)

♦ “It is one of the many ironies of Gallipoli that, after the chaos and confusion that had blighted the whole operation from the beginning, the final evacuations were models of superb organisation and planning... [Gallipoli] was a brilliant concept which should—and could—have succeeded... With Constantinople occupied, it is doubtful whether the Russians would ever have signed a separate peace—and the Russian Revolution might never have occurred... Had the campaign succeeded—as it so very nearly did—the Great War would probably have ended three years earlier, and a million lives would have been saved.” (*The Middle Sea: A History Of The Mediterranean* by the wonderful historian John Julius Norwich.)

♦ No battle is free of mistakes.

allusion / difficulty, easiness & effort / resistance, opposition & defeat / success & failure: military

gallop (verb)

gallop together

fiddle and banjo ~ at a break-neck pace

speed: animal / horse / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: animal / horse / speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

gallop (haste)

gallop through a thousand years

Rady, in his ~ of Habsburg rule (a historian)

statistical gallop

the census shows the ~ of Christianity across Nepal

haste: animal / horse / movement / walking, running & jumping

gallop (sound)

murmurs, rubs, and gallops
note the presence of ~ (lung sounds)

sound: animal / horse

galloping (speed)

galloping pneumonia
~ is an aggressive infection, abrupt and overwhelming
walking pneumonia versus ~

galloping or surging
so-called ~ glaciers can travel 250 feet per day

♦ "Humphrey, the whole national health service is an advanced case of galloping bureaucracy." / "Certainly not. Not galloping. A gentle canter at most." (The TV series *Yes Minister*, "The Compassionate Society.")

speed: animal / horse / walking, running & jumping

galvanize (verb)

galvanized people to take up
the movies ~ the cause (wrongful convictions)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / verb

initiation: electricity / verb

gambit (noun)

gambit
asylum has become a ~, they all have a script

unwise and diversionary gambit
this is an ~ (diplomatic move)

series of gambits
an escalating ~ by rival powers in the Gulf

strategy: chess / sports & games

gamble (verb)

gambled everything on getting
he ~ his dictionary published

fate, fortune & chance / strategy: gambling / sports & games / verb

gamble (noun)

gamble
we were in Tonga on a ~... (windsurfers)

gamble on agriculture
Saudi Arabia's ~ has sucked precious aquifers dry

Saudi Arabia's gamble
~ on agriculture has sucked precious aquifers dry

political gamble
he represents a ~ (choice of vice president)

daring gamble
he called the initiative "a ~" to make... (space flight)

technological gamble
the plan relies on 4 highly speculative ~ (restore Everglades)

gamble paid off
the ~

took the gamble
he ~ (migrant / Senegal to Canary Islands)

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games

strategy: gambling / sports & games

game (game the system, etc.)

game PageRank
link farms exist to try to ~ (Google)

game the (asylum) process
they ~ (skip out on court dates)

gaming the system
parents are ~ to advantage their children (admissions)

game or spam
people trying to ~ the system (credibility metrics)

subterfuge: sports & games

game (in / into the game)

in the game
we will continue to be ~ (US surveillance)

back in the game
we are ~

get (back) into the (dating) game
ways to ~ (self-help)

involvement: sports & games

game (late in the game)

late in the game
it's pretty ~ to be...
its kind of ~ to be talking about this

timeliness & lack of timeliness: sports & games

game (get one's head into the game)

get your head into the game
hey, ~... (coach to player)

get my head (back) into the game
he reminded me to ~ (Afghan combat)

consciousness & awareness: sports & games

game (at the top of one's game)

at the top of his game
he is ~
he was ~ when he was shot and killed (a comic)

functioning: sports & games

game (A-game)

modeling A-game
Cardi B is bringing her ~ (Skims advertising campaign)

functioning: sports & games

game (throw somebody off their game)

throw guests off their game

he and his co-hosts like to ~ (The Breakfast Club)

disruption: sports & games

game (game-changer)

game-changer

a free Iraq is going to be a ~, an agent of change

tissue can grow in 3 dimensions, which is a ~ (in space)

game changer

it could be a ~ (a drug treatment)

game changer for our profession

this is a ~

geopolitical game-changer

nuclear weapons are a ~

**development / disruption / importance & significance:
sports & games**

game (game face)

game face

she had on her ~ (a law-enforcement officer)

appearance: face / sports & games

commitment & determination: face / sports & games

game (chess game)

chess game

it really is a ~ (trying to catch terrorist)

let's look ahead, the way you have to in a ~ (Brexit)

it's a ~, and we have to look several moves ahead (Brexit)

political chess game

the politicians play ~s (at expense of laborers)

they use human beings as pawns in a ~ (hostages)

psychological chess games

winning ~s (interrogations of terrorist suspects)

strategy: chess / sports & games

game (guessing game)

guessing game

how the weather will affect operations comes down to a ~

comes down to a guessing game

how the weather will affect operations ~

certainty & uncertainty: sports & games

fate, fortune & chance: sports & games

game (waiting game)

see *waiting game*

game (numbers game)

numbers game

CIA case officers admit to a ~

dating is entirely a ~

the business plan was just a ~

job hunting is a ~ (developing contacts, etc.)

the ~ continued (changing numbers, recalculating)

play the numbers game

smugglers ~, the law of averages

strategy: number / sports & games

game (blame game)

blame game

what he did is what matters, not the ~ (trial)

accusation & criticism / judgment: sports & games

game (rhetorical game, etc.)

rhetorical games

I'm not going to evade the question and play ~

~ are compulsory in official parlance (foreign policy)

speech: sports & games

game (game of hide and seek)

game of hide-and-seek

a very serious ~ (Palestinian student-terrorist)

pursuit, capture & escape: sports & games

game (game of chicken)

geopolitical game of chicken

it's a ~

♦ "You can think of the US-Russia confrontation as a geopolitical game of chicken." (Steve Inskeep, NPR, about Ukraine.)

♦ "So, you are wanting to play chicken? I have never yielded. Never!...(Nervously) Ah, so, you are not a coward. Very brave." (Silly dialogue from the 1985 movie *King Solomon's Mines*, involving a game of chicken and two antique planes.)

♦ "The hard part of playing chicken is knowing when to flinch."

conflict / courage & lack of courage / dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / bird / sports & games

game (game of cat and mouse)

game of cat and mouse

informers engage in a constant ~ with the authorities

college officials find themselves in a new ~ (cheating)

this protracted ~ has frustrated Israel's military (M. Deif)

cat-and-mouse game

the ~ with the virus writers will continue forever

the ~ Iraq played with U.N. inspectors

the ~ with the virus writers (computing)

it's a ~ (campaigning for an election)

it's a classic ~ (terrorists trying to evade capture)

enjoying their game of cat and mouse

they were ~ (Iraqi terrorists in a BMW)

♦ "When the tiny mouse outsmarts the wicked cat, the chairman smirks with pleasure." (*Arafat: In the Eyes of the Beholder* by Janet Wallach and John Wallach.)

competition / pursuit, capture & escape: animal / cat / hunting / sports & games

game (various other games)

game of (high-altitude) climbing
the high-stakes ~

game of measure and countermeasure
EFPs are the latest twist in a lethal ~

game of whack-a-mole
it's a macabre ~ (resurgences of COVID)
it became a ~ as the YouTube police hunted it down

waiting game
see *waiting game*

Great Game
Azerbaijan was a pawn in the ~ for territory and power

lethal game
EFPs are the latest twist in a ~

five-star-review game
we're crushing it in the ~ (a hair product)

rules in this game
there are no set ~ (starting an Internet business)

rules of the game
our understanding of the ~ (diplomacy)
this time we will change the ~ (Israel bombs Hezbollah)

play the game
mistakes are the price you pay to ~ (NYC publishing)

stay on top of my game
I have to ~...

keep the game interesting
to ~, the plays will be performed in repertory

♦ "Craig Kelly was a hero to all of us, but his death seems to be just a part of the game." (Reaction of a snowboarder to Craig Kelly's death in an avalanche.)

work & duty: sports & games

game (project, scheme, plan)

game of 'gotcha'
they were playing a ~ rather than trying to help

games of dominance and submission
~ (relationships)

game of wink and nod
he is playing a risky ~

childish game
he was playing a ~

head games
victimized by others' or your own ~

cutthroat game
he wasn't there to play the ~ (Survivor)

dangerous game

speaking truth to power is a ~
she is playing a very ~ when she suggests... (politics)

long game
their ~ is to be the last candidate standing

silly game
stop playing your ~s

just a game
they know I won't shoot them, now it's ~ (Israeli sniper)

playing a game
she's ~ that could blow up in her face

play games
we don't ~, we don't bullshit (windsurfer Poles)

subterfuge: sports & games

performance / strategy: sports & games

game (social interaction / life)

game of life
the ~

game of wink and nod
he is playing a risky ~

dating game
the ~ isn't as fun as it used to be (famous actor)

mating games
social skills that underlie more serious ~ in years to come

competitive game
for young women in Beirut, dressing fashionably is a ~

part of the game
it's all just ~ (job interviewing)

stages of the (dating) game
in the early ~

rules of the (dating) game
trying to figure out the ~

♦ "School...is a game, it's just not a terribly well-designed game. Right, there are levels, there are C, there are B, there's A, there are statuses, I mean, what is valedictorian, but a status? If we called valedictorian a you know 'White Knight Paladin level 20,' I think people would probably work a lot harder. Uh, so so so school is a game..." ("The game layer on top of the world," Seth Priebatsch, TEDxBoston 2010.)

♦ Fake it until you make it; hyping a product to get funding and VC; boundless optimism; evangelizing; overstating forecasts; overpromising; vaporware; the hockey-stick forecast; revising numbers upward; secrecy; NDAs; you either build it or you buy it... (The Silicon Valley startup game.)

♦ "They were dealt some cards they can't play to this day. Fortunately, I was dealt cards and somehow managed to play the right hand." (Olympic champion speaking of his heroin-addict mother and step-father.)

♦ "I had no clue what the rules were, what the game even was—or that there was even a game." (The computer scientist Richard Wallace, who suffers from bipolar disease.)

♦ "The world increasingly feels like a game we can't stop playing." (*You've Been Played* by Adrian Hon.)

♦ "the challenge; the seduction; the arrangement; let the games begin..." (The trailer for the silly and sexy 1999 film *Cruel Intentions* with Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe, and Reese Witherspoon, and Selma Blair.)

♦ "What good is sitting alone in your room / Come hear the music play / Life is a cabaret, old chum / life is a cabaret." (The musical *Cabaret*.)

♦ "It is not a Nintendo Game, it is a tough battlefield where people are risking their lives..." (General Norman Schwarzkopf Jr briefing the press in 1991.)

behavior / social interaction: sports & games

death & life: sports & games

game (situation)

game changed

then, suddenly, the whole ~ (riot that turns deadly)

situation: sports & games

gamed (manipulated)

gamed

any credibility metric is going to be ~ (academia)

♦ like *played (manipulated)*

behavior / subterfuge: sports & games

game of thrones

very game of thrones

it's all very ~ (the history of Val d'Aran)

♦ "Somebody called it the 'Red Wedding.'" (ABC News president Kim Godwin, firings, and an alleged "culture of fear" and "score-settling.")

allusion / strategy: film & TV

game plan

game plan

she reminded them of the ~

Clinton's game plan

~ is taking shape

his game plan

~ went out the window (a boxer)

military's (longer) game plan

the ~ is hard to fathom (coup in Myanmar)

had a (pretty good) game plan

we ~ but the problem was... (police)

script / strategy: sports & games

gamification (noun)

gamification

the word "~" is a curious one... (Tom Chatfield)

~ offers only a simulacrum of choice

~ is championed by authors, consultants, startup gurus...

~ is thoughtless at best and diabolical at worst

~ is simply behaviorism (stimuli and responses)

"gamification" of modern life

You've Been Played is about the ~ (Adrian Hon)

Gamification in ESL

~ (TESOL Arabia 2023)

♦ "The word 'gamification' is a curious one. Superficially, its meaning is clear enough. To gamify something is to make it like a game, usually by wrapping game-like elements around it: points, missions, in-game rewards; a profile, avatar or fantastical environment. By doing this, the

thinking goes, the activity in question is made more engaging and enjoyable. Everyone is a winner! Yet the very essence of a game is that it's voluntarily undertaken, and that it confers satisfaction through a mixture of luck, skill and meaningful choice. None of these things are much in evidence in the context of an Amazon warehouse, no matter how many virtual dragon races take place within it." ("Why your life could be part of someone else's game" by Tom Chatfield, BBC, 21 September 2022. Every word used metaphorically will have similarities and differences to the literal word. Chatfield points out quite rightly that this usage is more like a euphemism for an oppressive regime or organization.)

behavior / society / subterfuge: sports & games

Gandhi (Gandhi of the Balkans, etc.)

Gandhi of the Balkans

he was known as the ~ (Ibrahim Rugova)

military: epithet

Gandhian (adjective)

Gandhian engineering

India is promoting ~ (low cost)

~ challenges convention (cars)

Gandhian tactics

he advocates the use of ~ against Israel

conflict: allusion

comparison & contrast: affix

gap (noun)

budget gap

we need to close the ~

falls into a gap

he ~ between disciplines

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

gap (the Monastir Gap, etc.)

The Gap

~ and the wreck of the *Dunbar* (Sydney)

Cumberland Gap

the ~, the first great gateway to the west (US)

Darien Gap

migrants risk their lives to cross the ~

Ljubljana Gap

Churchill wanted to move through the ~ into Austria

Mohawk Gap

the ~, with the Adirondacks north and Catskills south...

Monastir Gap

the ~, a north-south opening in the mountains

♦ "At Cumberland Gap, the first great gateway to the west, follow the buffalo, the Native American, the longhunter, the pioneer... all traveled this route through the mountains into the wilderness of Kentucky." (The National Park Service about the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. See the Wikipedia entry for "Longhunter." Merriam-Webster recognizes the phrase as *long hunter*.)

♦ "It might fairly be claimed that New York City owes its very existence as a world-class city to the presence and human exploitation of the Hudson-Mohawk Gap." (*The Men Who United The States* by Simon Winchester.)

♦ "The South Pass of the Rockies was the great gap through which the bulk of emigration flowed." (Southwestern Wyoming.)

♦ "Now God be thanked that the name of a hill is such music, that the name of a river can heal." (*Cry, The Beloved Country* by Alan Paton.)

♦ Atoah Gap; Axe Gap; Bearpen Gap; Bee Gap; Beech Gap; Bellcollar Gap; Big Fat Gap; Black Gum Gap; Cable Gap; Calfpen Gap; Cherry Log Gap; Chestnut Log Gap; Deep Gap; Flint Gap; Green Gap; Hard Slate Gap; Haw Gap; I U Gap; Locust Licklog Gap; Lucy Gap; Obadiah Gap; Plankroad Gap; Saddle Tree Gap; Santeetlah Gap; Snowbird Gap; Stecoah Gap; Stratton Gap; Tatham Gap; Walnut Hollow Gap; Wildcat Gap; Yellow Creek Gap; Yellowhammer Gap...(Beloved places in Graham County, western North Carolina.)

proper name: shape

geography: proper name / shape

garbage (data)

garbage in, garbage out
~ (GIGO)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: waste

garbage (garbage fire / dumpster fire)

dumpster fire
the ~ my brain was slowly becoming (schizophrenia)

dumpster fire for so many people
the comments section is a ~ (Facebook)

garbage fire
the daily ~ of our social-media accounts (Twitter, etc.)

tire fire
what a ~ from Zucker downward (a scandal at CNN)

♦ "To call this season a dumpster fire would be an insult.....to dumpster fires." (NFL Las Vegas Raiders snark.)

♦ "What an absolute bin fire." (An online BBC commenter about the Ngannou-Fury boxing match. The champion was knocked down, the fight ended in a split decision, and many believe Ngannou deserved the win.)

♦ "NFL overtime rules are so trash. Which is honestly an insult to trash." (NBC Philadelphia Sports reporter Taryn Hatcher.)

failure, accident & impairment / worth & lack of worth: waste

garbage (waste)

garbage compromise
this is a ~ (politics)

anti-Semitic garbage
they need to get the ~ out of their textbooks

bunch of garbage
everybody thinks we're enemies, that's a ~

piece of garbage
why feed, clothe and house this ~ (give him death penalty)

stuffed with garbage
your heads are ~ from books (versus experience / war)

♦ "Yes [we are writing more than ever] because the internet makes it so easy, and that's why you get so much garbage." ("Harold Evans Makes Himself Clear," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, May 13, 2017.)

♦ Garbage in, garbage out (GIGO). (Computer programming, ChatGPT, statistical modeling, etc.)

insult / worth & lack of worth: waste

garden (the Garden of France, etc.)

Garden of France
the Loire Valley is known as "the ~"

farming & agriculture: epithet

garden (resemblance)

coral garden
fragile ~s were discovered at depths of about 1,000 feet

rock garden
technical paddling through ~s (kayaking)

sculpture garden
plans for a ~ to honor American heroes

group, set & collection / resemblance: plant

garden (Cactus Garden, etc.)

Cactus Garden
cavers called the new find the ~ (stalagmites)

proper name: plant

Garden of Eden

Garden of Eden
when I first visited Borneo in the 60s, it was a ~

♦ The Mormon Bible locates the Garden of Eden near Independence, Missouri.

**biodiversity, nature & life: Bible / place / religion
environment / superlative: Bible / religion
flaws & lack of flaws: Bible / religion**

gargantuan (size)

gargantuan (distribution) centers
server farms, ~, tens of thousands of trucks... (Amazon)

gargantuan characters
they were both ~ (in the Scottish climbing community)

gargantuan (financial technology) company
Ant Group, the ~ founded by Jack Ma

gargantuan crane
a ~ plucks a rust-colored container from a cargo ship

gargantuan (sextuple-platinum breakout) single
Jack Harlow's ~ ("WHATS POPPIN'")

♦ Gargantua, a kindly giant in French folklore, was the giant prince with a huge appetite and loud voice in Rabelais's 16-century satiric novel.

♦ "That morning, Paul's fellow lumberjacks were astonished to see him eat only a smallish breakfast of a dainty dozen eggs, a simple side of ham, a poor pound of bacon, a finicky foot of bear sausage, a small skillet of hash browns, a tiny trough of grits, but ten or so breakfast Burraidos, barely a half barrel of gravy poured over his biscuits, a paltry fifty or so cartwheel-size apple granola pancakes, and a tiny tub of bread pudding topped with a piddling pond of warm cream and hardly a half-acre of wild huckleberries. / 'Why, for God's sake! What has happened to your appetite, Paul!' his fellow-lumberjacks cried out in consternation and concern. 'Is the grub no good? Shall we run off the cooks, and kidnap a new bunch? Are you feeling poorly?' / 'By God! My appetite seems to have deserted me,' Paul said grimly. 'No doubt during the night. But it can't have got far, and I'll track it down and get it back or my name's not Paul Bunyan!'" ("When Paul Bunyan Lost His Appetite But Recovered It" by Samuel Langhorne Clemmons.)

size: allusion
allusion: books & reading
amount: size

gas (step on the gas / step off the gas)

stepped off the gas
perhaps fatigued, he ~ and allowed Pulev to... (boxing)

take our foot off the gas
now is not the time to ~ (social distancing / pandemic)
if we ~ and stop all this work... (vaccines for COVID)

took his foot off the gas
today he ~ (president decides to delay plan)

took its foot off the gas
with a 30-point lead, the team ~

put her foot down
she drove to the edge and then ~ (Ducourmau / *Titane*)

had your foot on the gas
you've ~ for two years now (public lectures)

kept his foot on the gas
the Compton emcee and singer-songwriter has ~

stepped on the gas
they have ~ (election manipulation)
UConn ~, ending Syracuse's glimmer of hope (sports)

♦ see also *pedal (pedal to the metal)*

♦ "It's all gas and no brake." (Because of the pandemic, there was only a short period of time between the just-finished football season and the new football season.)

♦ "Ducourmau has driven to the boundaries of conventional cinema—and then put her foot down." ("*Titane*: The most shocking film of 2021" by Nicolas Barber, BBC, 15th July 2021.)

♦ "Our brain knows we shouldn't stomp on the gas, but our foot does it anyway."

♦ "He's a Ferrari without brakes." (Said about a talented but troubled Indiana University basketball player, who was arrested for speeding through the center of Bloomington.)

♦ "Maybe Joshua is getting advice from his corner to step on the gas and get this job done." (BBC commentator Carl Froch on Jermaine Franklin v. Anthony Joshua.)

♦ "They do get a little lazy, they do take their foot off the gas..." (A boxing commentator about Cuban boxers who relocate to the United States.)

commitment & determination: engine / mechanism

gas (run out of gas)

ran out of gas
he ~ (a losing boxer)

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / verb
failure, accident & impairment: engine / verb

gas (substance)

gas machine
he's known as a ~ (a politician)

substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere

gas (pour gas on something, etc.)

pouring gasoline on the flames

he didn't start the fire, but he is guilty of ~ (anti-vaxxer)

increase & decrease / initiation: fire / verb

gasket (blow a gasket, etc.)

blew a gasket
I asked a guy at the post office to wear a mask and he ~
Pitino ~ and called out all of his players (an upset coach)

feeling, emotion & effect: engine / explosion / mechanism / pressure

gaslight (verb)

gaslighted its own employees
the company has ~ (union organizers lose vote)

gaslighted her
her husband ~ for years

gaslight society
Weinstein is trying to ~ again (sex predation)

gaslight you
when confronted, his standard reflex is to try and ~

gaslight us into thinking
she did ~ she was a woman of color (Jessica Krug)

gaslight, gatekeep, girlboss
~ (the malign girlboss ethos)

medically gaslight
you can no longer body shame or ~ us (Olympic swimmer)

♦ "Every step I've taken has gaslighted those whom I love... I am not a culture vulture. I am a culture leech. You should absolutely cancel me, and I absolutely cancel myself." (Rachel Dolezal, an academic who claimed "identities of color," including Black Caribbean, North African Blackness, US rooted Blackness, Caribbean rooted Bronx Blackness, *Boricua*...)

♦ *Gas Light* was a 1938 English play by Patrick Hamilton. It is about an abusive and criminal husband who tries to convince his wife that she is crazy. The word has come to mean a certain sort of psychological manipulation. It can appear in a series like, "gaslighting, lying, and manipulation."

♦ "He was sharing a hotel room [in Fort Worth] with his father-in-law Yellow Bear. Before retiring, Yellow Bear 'blew out' the gaslight before going to bed, a mistake that Indians often made. Before the night was over, he was dead of asphyxiation, and Quanah, who remained unconscious for two days, barely survived." (Circa 1900. From *Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches* by S.C. Gwynne.)

♦ "I keep my work together, all in order to help me to pass the examinations; I consult Mendes in everything and arrange my studies according to what he has done, for I should like to do it in the same way. The study of Latin and Greek is very difficult, but still it makes me feel happy, and I am doing what I longed to do. I may not sit up so late in the evening any more, Uncle has strictly forbidden it, still I keep in mind what is written under the etching by Rembrandt, 'In the middle of the night the light diffuses its radiance,' and I keep a small gaslight burning low all night. I often lie looking at it, planning my work for the next day." (*Dear Theo: The Autobiography of Vincent Van Gogh*, Edited by Irving and Jean Stone.)

speech: allusion / film & TV / verb

subterfuge: allusion / film & TV / verb

contempo-speak: language

gaslighting (noun)

gaslighting narrative

I don't like it when a ~ is given to me (online commenter)

gaslighting, lying, and manipulation

she described his ~ in the workplace as cruel

gaslighting, manipulative, and cruel

it was ~ (Megan Rapinoe)

discriminatory gaslighting

~ (Christy Pichichero)

abuse and gaslighting

I didn't understand his psychological ~

♦ Christy Pichichero, speaking on NPR about "discriminatory gaslighting," confessed, "That word (gaslighting) has been a bit trendy, in the last couple of years," to which Lulu Garcia-Navarro immediately responded, "It certainly has!" ("Imposter Syndrome, Or Something Else? Historian Talks 'Discriminatory Gaslighting,'" NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, May 9, 2021. An entire academic career can be made by coining a new term.)

♦ "There was some weird gaslighting shit that went on where people equated freedom and saying the word "freedom" to like right-wing bigotry and hate is so strange." (Joe Rogan about vaccines and the pandemic.)

♦ 'Ghostlighting' is the sadistic new dating trend creating trust issues. The dreaded combo of manipulation and a disappearing act is a one-two punch for singles in the market for love." (The *New York Post*. A combination of "gaslighting" and "ghosting.")

*** analysis

♦ Incredibly, the Merriam-Webster word of the year (WOTY) for 2022 was *gaslighting*. That word was "uber-trendy" at least 10 years ago, and thankfully it seems to be used less and less nowadays, and hopefully it is on its way out. Merriam-Webster's word of the year for 2022 *should* have been "mental health." (See the entry for "mental health" in this dictionary.)

♦ "Gaslighting" is on the Lake Superior State University 2023 Banned Words List—words banned for "misuse, overuse, and uselessness."

speech: allusion / film & TV

subterfuge: allusion / film & TV

contempo-speak: language

gaslit (and gaslighted)

gaslit by the medical community

we are being ~ every day (Long Covid)

gaslit by her husband and fertility doctor

she suspects that she is being ~ (*False Positive* film)

gaslit and bullied

this felt like I was being ~ (Britney Spears)

blackmailed and (totally) gaslit

female athletes are emotionally ~ (trans athletes)

feeling gaslit

she was ~ even before she started (at Pinterest)

♦ "Female athletes are emotionally blackmailed and totally gaslit into silence." (The female swimmer Riley Gaines about trans women swimmers like Lia Thomas.)

speech: allusion / film & TV

subterfuge: allusion / film & TV

gasp (very "gasp," etc.)

very 'Gasp!

the coverage has been ~

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing / exclamation

gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)

dying gasp

this is not really a revival, as much as a ~

last gasp

that fuss he made at the Capitol was a ~

last gasp of an era

the ~ when tech didn't rule our lives (a film)

♦ "This is not really a revival, as much as a dying gasp." (A contemporary recording of "Golden-age" cantorial music.)

decline / destruction / resistance, opposition & defeat / starting, going, continuing & ending: bodily reaction / breathing / death & life / sound

gate (Gates of Hell, etc.)

known as the Gates of Hell

the Darvaza gas crater, ~ (Turkmenistan / Karakum)

access & lack of access / portal: epithet

gate (Iron Gate, etc.)

Bab al-Mandab

the ~, the "Gate of Tears" (Red Sea)

Gates of Samburu

the ~ is a pass in the Rift Valley of Kenya

Hells Gate

the Fraser River narrows at ~ (in British Columbia)

Hell's Gate

~, the second big rapid (Lower Meadow River)

the Nahanni bends through a constriction called the ~

Hell's Gates

the sandbar at the mouth of ~ was silting up

Cilician Gates

from Tarsus the route fed through the narrow ~

Dzungarian Gate

the ~ is a pass between Xinjiang and Kazakhstan

the route dipped through the ~ (Altai and Tien Shan)

Moravian Gate

the ~ linked southern Europe and the Baltic Sea (a pass)

Golden Gate

the ~ Bridge crosses the harbor

Iron Gate

the ~ is a gorge on the Danube River

♦ The Golden Gate is the *strait* that connects San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean. Hence the name of the famous and iconic bridge.

proper name / geography: gate

gate (Watergate, etc.)

Scobie-gate

"How the Palace got stuck in ~" (BBC / Omid Scobie)

♦ Wiktionary has a comprehensive listing. Search for -gate, and click on "English terms suffixed with -gate." "Scobie-gate" is not included, but it's only a matter of time. Wiktionary is wonderful.

♦ "There is also the unfortunate name of the company that built the Titan submersible: OceanGate, which thanks to its suffix, intrinsically smacks of scandal." ("Commentary: As those aboard the Titan submersible suffered, social media laughed" by Jessica Gelt, Los Angeles Times, June 22, 2023.)

language: affix

gate (obstacle)

gates

the ~ are closed, there is no way out of here (Gulf War)

gate to this little police-state

Sydney Harbor was the ~ and it had to be kept locked

♦ If you open a gate, always remember to close that gate. (Rural wisdom.)

obstacles & impedance: gate

gate (society)

gate of no return

it was a ~ (Jiayuguan / exiled)

gate into Europe

Melilla became a ~, just like the Balkans

outside the gates

Turkey is still ~ (admittance to European Union)

♦ "The westernmost entrance of the fort, the most distant from the Chinese center, is known as the Gate of Sorrows, and through it were sent all those doomed to be exiled. For those dispatched through it by imperial edict, it was a gate of no return, and it was popularly known simply as 'China's mouth.'" (*The Man Who Loved China* by Simon Winchester. Jiayuguan fort.)

society / access & lack of access: gate

obstacles & impedance / division & connection: gate

gate (portal)

gates of death

the ~ are without number (versus the gate of birth)

♦ "There is but one way to enter life, but the gates of death are without number."

portal: gate

gate (out of the gate)

out-of-the-gate smash

the song was an ~

first out of the gate

CNN was ~ with its story about...

right out of the gate

he encountered problems ~

slow out of the gate

he was ~, taking a month to get a campaign ad on TV

straight out of the gate

he attacked Mr Trudeau ~ (election debate)

charged out of the gate

they ~ with their hit song... (musicians perform)

stumbled out of the gate

her campaign ~ (a politician)

♦ "Senator Klobuchar is out of the gate at 1pm." (Senate hearings.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: gate / horse / sports & games

gate (beat at the gate, etc.)

gates of Beijing

Omicron is beating at the ~

protection & lack of protection: gate

gatecrasher (person)

gatecrasher

the ~ was arrested (party)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gate

person: gate

gatekeeper (person)

gatekeeper

editors say they are ~s, not detectives (academic fraud)

gatekeepers of the Tony Awards

just 30 theater professionals are the ~ (nominators)

gatekeepers of (TV) comedy

the ~ make up a small clique (bookers like Eddie Brill)

gatekeeper of (public) conversation

Twitter has become this ~ (India, Turkey, etc.)

gatekeepers of (literary) culture

book publishers have long seen themselves as the ~

gatekeepers of the (global) Internet

the ~ should treat all users equally (congestion)

gatekeeper to (the nation's) colleges

the SAT as a major ~ and universities... (scoring errors)

gatekeeper for information

we do not want to act as a ~ (Swisscom official)

gatekeeper role

they can play a ~ (building landlords vs. cable providers)

grammatical gatekeepers

copy editors are the ~ of the media world (Wikipedia)

objective gatekeepers

clinical researchers should function as ~, but...

political gatekeeper

Facebook refuses to be a ~ (untrue stories)

cultural and political gatekeepers

the digerati effort to dethrone ~ (Web)

monopoly gatekeeper

Google is the ~ to the Internet

assistant and gatekeeper

she serves as his ~ (his wife)

hit makers, gatekeepers and fact checkers
career prospects for ~ may be in doubt (Internet)

bypass the gatekeepers
the internet allowed people to ~ who controlled music

dethrone (cultural) gatekeepers
the digerati effort to ~ (Web)

dethrone (political) gatekeepers
the digerati effort to ~ (Web)

challenges gatekeepers
anything that ~ is a good thing (e-publishing)

seen themselves as the gatekeepers
book publishers have long ~ of literary culture

serves as a gatekeeper
he ~ for those how want to meet her (a diplomat)

♦ "It's time to break the cycle of censorship and gatekeeping." (The liberal media.)

**access & lack of access / control & lack of control /
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: doors & thresholds
/ gate / person / society**

person: doors & thresholds / gate / society

gateway (gateway to India, etc.)

gateway of the Danube delta
Tulcea, the ~ (Romania)

Gateway of India
the ~ (Mumbai monument / see the Wikipedia entry)

gateway to the Caucasus
the Germans captured Rostov-on-Don, the ~ (WW II)

gateway to China
Hsenwi, which straddles the road to Muse, the main ~

gateway to the Crimea
the Perekop Isthmus, the ~

gateway to Europe
the Iberian Peninsula was an ideal ~ (drugs / Portugal)

gateway to Everest
Tibet's second city, Shigatse, famously known as the ~

gateway to India
the main ~ has always been the northwest mountain passes

gateway to Japan
Kyushu was the ~ (closest island to Asian continent)

gateway to Makkah
Jeddah, the ~, Islam's holiest city

gateway to the Sahara
in Tamanrasset, ~ (Algeria / Tuaregs)

gateway to the (legendary) Spice Islands
the Sunda Strait, the ~ (the Moluccas)

gateway to the (Annapurna) Circuit
Pokhara is known as a ~

gateway to the heartland
the Mohawk Trail was the ~ of North America

gateway to the reef
Cairns is a ~ (the Great Barrier Reef / Australia)

gateway to the (Everest) region
the town of Lukla, the ~

gateway to the West
the Mohawk River, the ~

gateway to the world
Turku was once Finland's trading ~

gateway to the July 1st glacier and to the Gobi Desert
Jiuquan is a ~ (Gansu Province, China)

gateway between Pakistan and Afghanistan
the Khyber Pass, the ancient ~

gateway for drugs
in 1977, Florida was the ~ into the United States

gateway for drug smugglers
Baluchistan has been a major ~ from...

gateway for drug traffickers
southeastern Iran is a major ~ from...

cocaine gateway
how Antwerp became the ~ to Europe

mountain gateway
finally the ~ opened, and the plain lay spread out below

ancient gateway
the Khyber Pass, the ~

major gateway
SE Iran is a ~ for drug traffickers from...

southern gateway
Maun serves as the ~ to the delta (Okavango / Botswana)

**access & lack of access / route: gate
geography: gate**

gateway (portal)

gateways to prehistory
trash heaps might be ~ (archaeology)

gateway into dream life
a direct ~

gateway drug
some believe marijuana is a ~

"gateway theory"
the ~ that pot can lead to harder drugs

guard the gateway
teacher certification programs ~ to public-school teaching

♦ "Rap was almost a gateway drug to soul and R&B." (Louis Theroux about music in the 1970s. Inheritance Tracks Louis Theroux.)

portal: gate

gauge (noun)

gauge of malnutrition

the percent of kids under 5 who are underweight is a ~

critical gauge

it is a ~ of malnutrition (underweight kids under 5)

good gauge

a ~ of a business's health is the backlog of orders

measurement: tools & technology

gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet, etc.)

gauntlet of (very misogynistic) questioning

they had to undergo this ~ (Britney, Lindsay, etc.)

laid down the gauntlet to Republicans

Obama has ~ by asking Congress to...

run a gauntlet of home supporters

Brighton players had to ~ (at Crystal Palace)

thrown the gauntlet down to City

Jürgen Klopp's side have ~ (soccer)

♦ A gauntlet was a glove worn with Medieval armor to protect the hand.

conflict: Middle Ages / verb

gaze (male gaze, white gaze, etc.)

gaze of 21st-century fame

the 24/7 ~ (murders of young rappers)

Westerner's gaze

these references to cash crops and to the ~... (a novel)

female gaze

"In 'Women Painting Women,' the ~ is front and center"

the '~' is an analogue of the 'male gaze'

it just feels very "~" (Nelly Furtado / Skins photoshoot)

coded gaze

what she calls the "~" (computer scientist Joy Buolamwini)

male gaze

for centuries, artists' ~ saw women as objects of desire

a male dominated industry and its ~ (1990s Hollywood)

supervisory gaze

the ~ interrupts... (Anna Shechtman, "Black-And-White")

white gaze

representation does not take into account constantly the ~

White Gaze

Surviving the ~ (memoir by Rebecca Carroll)

white-male gaze

the so-called ~ is everywhere and nowhere in her novel

under the (watchful) eye of the male gaze

those ~ feel objectified or shamed if...

pandering to the white gaze

wanting to look white, ~ ("Black Ivy" fashion)

appeals to the male gaze

she doesn't dress or wear her hair in a way that ~ (butch)

based off of the male gaze

our understanding of our own sexuality is completely ~

catering to the male gaze

the outfits have come under fire for ~ (Hooters)

defies the male gaze

women are making art that ~

oriented toward a 'white gaze'

some Blacks said the play was ~ (*Slave Play*)

push back against the male gaze

women in hip-hop ~ (the way men think they should be)

see themselves through this male gaze

women are starting to ~ (TV and Hollywood rape)

look at violence against women through a female gaze

we should ~ (TV and Hollywood)

♦ "When I jog through upscale white neighborhoods near my home in Connecticut, white people tense up—unless I wear my Yale or University of Pennsylvania sweatshirts. When my jogging outfit associates me with an Ivy League university it identifies me as a certain kind of Black person: a less scary one who has passed inspection under the 'white gaze.'" ("Black Success, White Backlash" by Elijah Anderson, *The Atlantic*, November 2023. The Sterling Professor of Sociology and of African American Studies at Yale was born in Pemiscot County, Missouri, in 1943.)

♦ Straight men look at and judge women and others. They criticize women and others who do not conform to their notion of what they should be or how they should act. Women feel objectified by this attention, and shamed if they don't "give men what they want to see." Women and others are increasingly and unapologetically acting and making art in ways that defy this "male gaze."

♦ "She shaved her head in an explicit rejection of the male gaze..." (The Irish singer Sinéad O'Connor, according to NPR's Anastasia Tsioulcas.)

♦ "Marilyn was objectified, scrutinized and judged—mostly by male writers, biographers and historians..." ("Reframed" revisits Marilyn Monroe's life and legacy, from an all-women point of view" by David Bianculli, Jan 14, 2022.)

♦ "Daniels sees the world through the kind of white gaze that Hall, for one, questions and dismantles." ("Hide And Seek: Acting Black and white onscreen" by Hilton Als, *The New Yorker*, March 1, 2021.)

♦ "It is really important to remember that we have very limited representation and presence isn't the same thing as representation centered around the Black American person the Black American community and it does not take into account constantly the white gaze." (Bethany C. Morrow, author of *So Many Beginnings: A Little Women Remix*, speaking with Lulu Garcia-Navarro on NPR.)

♦ "White-centering can be thought of as a system that prioritizes white dominant culture to the detriment of non-white groups and cultures.../ White-centering has been given many names including the white gaze and whiteness as the default." ("3 Ways To Transform Your Workplace To Be More Equitable" by Janice Gassam Asare, Senior contributor, *Forbes*, October 25, 2023.)

♦ "The 'female gaze,' a term often invoked by and about Sciamma, is an analogue of the 'male gaze,' popularized in the nineteen-seventies to describe the implied perspective of Hollywood movies—the way they encouraged a viewer to see women as desirable objects... For Sciamma, the female gaze operates on a cinematographic level..." ("Now You See Me: Celine Sciamma's feminist quest for a new grammar of cinema" by Elif Batuman, *The New Yorker*, February 7, 2022.)

♦ "For Anders, although his newly brown skin is a constant physical reminder that he's no longer who he used to be, the greatest change may be in his psyche. He's now acutely aware of otherness and being observed, how he moves in the world and how he takes up space. When he returns to work...he's both drawn to and repulsed by the only other dark-skinned employee, who, unlike him, has always known what it's like to be treated as both invisible and hypervisible." (Cady Lang's *Time*

review of *The Last White Man* by Mohsin Hamid, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Exit West*. This paragraph deftly weaves together several tropes relating to inclusion and exclusion.)

♦ "In 'Women Painting Women,' the female gaze is front and center," Susan Stamberg, NPR, May 12, 2022.

♦ "The way they work is, it's very femme-forward, very female-positive. They have an amazing female photographer, Vanessa Beecroft, and you just feel like a million dollars on their set. It just feels very modern and very 'female gaze.'" (Nelly Furtado, about her participation in the Best Of Skims advertising campaign.)

♦ "In a piece for *Vogue Scandinavia*, Swedish Eurovision winner Loreen made the case for the naked dress as a way to push back against the male gaze."

♦ "How Olivia Dunne turned the male gaze into a gymnastic empire" by Lauren Mechling, *The Guardian*, Feb 28, 2023.)

♦ "You've probably heard the 'male gaze' or the 'white gaze,' but what about the 'coded gaze'? Computer scientist Joy Buolamwini coined the term while in grad school at MIT..." ("If you have a face, you have a place in the conversation about AI," expert says," NPR, Fresh Air (Tonya Mosley), November 28, 2023. An entire academic career can be made by coining a term that catches on.)

*** analysis

♦ "There is plenty of room in the world for mediocre men, but there is no room for mediocre women."

♦ "Connie Converse is a person with a life ripe for the writer's gaze." (Worthy to be written about.)

♦ "And when the world's gaze moves on..."

inclusion & exclusion: objectification

gear (high gear, low gear, etc.)

other gears

if he needs it, he's got ~ to move up to (a tennis player)

in full gear

the community will move to get the relief effort ~

get the (relief) effort in full gear

the community will move to ~

go up a gear

Wow, opponents score, Manchester City ~ (soccer)

kick the militia movement into high gear

Waco helped ~ (inspired Timothy McVeigh, etc.)

moved into (high) gear

American-led efforts to save the talks ~ (Mideast)

moves up a gear

Djokovic ~, drilling a backhand... (tennis)

shifted into high gear

conservative talk-show hosts ~

stuck in low gear

Farias outworked her as Ryan seemed ~ (boxing)

♦ "China has only one gear, and it's forward." (Change, development, progress, etc.)

♦ "And yet, [Villa] were over-run as the City machine suddenly hit top gear, roared forward thunderously by fans whose mood had changed from despair to expectation." (Manchester City scores three goals in final minutes to win EPL on final day.)

♦ "And the pressure that Beterbiev puts you under... He's got you in fifth gear when you only want to be in second at this point, he's got you in fifth early, you know..." (Cut man Russ Amber about his fighter Beterbiev versus Yarde. The fight started fast, never flagged, and ended decisively.)

♦ "They moved from second to third gear and I now feel, at full time, there is an extra two gears they could have gone to but they didn't." (Izzy Christiansen, commenting about Manchester United's 3-0 win against Leicester.)

♦ "AJ is still stuck in third gear and he doesn't want to get out of it. I don't know why." (BBC commentator Carl Froch at the Jermaine Franklin versus Anthony Joshua fight.)

functioning: engine / mechanism

gear (kick into gear, etc.)

kick into gear

that's when you see him ~ (boxer gets ready for bout)

the investigation was about to ~ (of a serial rapist)

kicked into gear

the worm only ~ when... (cyberwarfare)

activity / initiation: engine / mechanism

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / mechanism

gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.)

throw sand in the gears

this bill will ~ of commerce

they can ~ (Iraqi spies)

throwing sand in the gears

Trump appointees are ~ (hobble, dismantle, cripple)

disruption: engine / mechanism / verb

gear (switch gears, shift gears, etc.)

shifting gears

he isn't pulling up stakes, just ~ (Conan O'Brien)

shifted gears to a different investigative strategy

we have ~ (Delphi Indiana murders)

switch gears

how hard it is to ~ for many adjuncts

I'm going to ~ here... (change the subject)

♦ "Switching gears, I'd be remiss if I didn't ask you about..."

reversal: engine / mechanism / verb

gear up (verb)

gears up for 2012

as the White House ~ (election)

gearing up for a battle

Republicans are ~ (politics)

gearing up for the future

we're ~ (companies exploiting the Arctic)

increase & decrease: engine / mechanism / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: engine / mechanism / verb

geddon (chippedgeddon, etc.)

Armageddon

see *Armageddon*

Avoggedon

~ strikes Philadelphia (free avocados)

car-mageddon
oblivious to the screeching ~ around her (film *Day Shift*)

Chipageddon
the shortage of semiconductors is nothing less than a ~

NPRmageddon
Patrick Jarenwattanon @ ~

pharmageddon
“~” is coming (walkout over work conditions)

phosphogeddon
scientists warn of ‘~’ as critical fertiliser shortages loom

poolmageddon
I call it ~, it’s a chlorine crisis...

Tumblegeddon
“~: A Utah town was taken over by Tumbleweeds” (NPR)

Tumblemageddon
~! (tumbleweeds bury homes, cars / *The New York Post*)

Whamageddon
~ (see the Wikipedia entry)

♦ “I call it poolmageddon. It’s a chlorine crisis” (Rudy Stankowitz, columnist for PoolPro Magazine, about a shortage of chlorine. From “A Chlorine Shortage Could Spoil Pool Season This Summer,” NPR Weekend Edition Sunday, May 9, 2021.)

♦ Listen to “Avoggedon strikes Philadelphia: one nonprofit gives away thousands of avocados” by Sam Yellowhorse Kesler, Sarah Handel, Ailsa Chang, and Sacha Pfeiffer, NPR, Strange News, All Things Considered, October 20, 2022. “Those pitted wonders...” Two minutes, 29 seconds.)

♦ NPR had a headline, “Tumblegeddon: A town in southern Utah was taken over by Tumbleweeds.” Referring to (presumably) the same event, *The New York Post* hyped the event as “Tumblemageddon.”

♦ An online BBC article about a shortage of semiconductors entitled “How will ‘chipageddon’ affect you” prompted the online commenter Timbob to snark, “Surely ‘Chipocolypse’ would have been better than ‘Chipageddon.’”

language: affix

affliction / destruction: affix / allusion / Bible

gem (noun)

gem of a book
he has written a ~

gem in the Middle East
Oman is a ~

gems inside British boxing
we’ve got some ~ (Costello & Bunce)

whitewater gem
this spectacular ~ (Tallulah Gorge / kayaking)

hidden gem
the road reveals many ~s (N7 in France)

architectural gem
the Al-Bayt stadium is an ~ (Qatar FIFA World Cup)

♦ “Culture gems become cultural relics.” (The decline of baseball in the U.S. and attempts to fix it.)

superlative: materials & substances / mining

worth & lack of worth: materials & substances / mining
gender (groups)

gender-affirming
a trans child seeking ~ care
the bill bans youth from receiving ~ health care (Utah)

gender affirming
~ surgery is a medical crime

gender nonconforming
transgender, non-binary, and ~ people

gender non-contentedness
researchers tracked the ~ of children (Univ. of Groningen)
~ appears to be associated with poorer mental health

gender questioning
schools can refuse admission to those who are ~ (U.K.)

gender confusion
she was accused of bringing ~ into the class (to kids)

gender discourse
the tense discourse surrounding ~ in South Korea

gender discrimination
many men in South Korea claim to be victims of ~

Gender diversity
“~ is welcome here” (sign on Twitter HQ toilets)

gender dynamics
writer says ~ are shaping the war in Ukraine (NPR)
the shifting ~ of superhero adaptations (female heroes)

gender dysphoria
a psychiatrist told her she had ~ (a MTF / m2f trans)

gender equality
the fight for ~ at MIT

gender expectations
people who don’t conform to traditional ~

gender exploration
~ is an ongoing journey for Schevers (can’t make up mind)

gender expression
we take into account the person’s current ~ (prisons)
your ~ should make you feel at home in your body
your ~: clothes, hair, accessories, etc.

gender identity
trans people put in prisons that don’t align with their ~
surgery to affirm her ~ (MTF / m2f trans)
Tumbler has generated hundreds of ~s
the shooter’s ~ remains unclear (Audrey “Aiden” Hale)
trans athletes who want to join teams that align with their ~

Gender Identity
“When Students Change ~ and Parents Don’t Know”

gender journey
they have shared their ~ on social media (Emma Corrin)

gender laws

the UK government has blocked changes to ~ in Scotland

gender nonconformity
opponents of ~

gender norms
Trans people or anyone who doesn't conform to ~
dressing in a way that doesn't conform to ~ (Drag)

genderqueer
the voices and presence of ~ folks

gender reassignment
Russian parliament bans ~

gender theory
surrogacy and ~ are grave threats to human dignity (Pope)

gender studies
Rapinoe is your next coach—they will focus on ~ (snark)
~ is more an ideological movement than academic discipline

Gender Therapy
“The Battle Over ~” (Emily Bazelon / NYT)

gender transition
her personality blossomed during her ~ (Amber
McLaughlin)

gender-critical
discriminated against due to her ~ beliefs (Maya Forstater)

gender critical
~ views are protected as a belief (U.K.)

gender-diverse
~ kids are at high risk for mental-health issues (+50%)

gender expansive
Black women and Black ~ folks

gender-expansive
there's a community of women and ~ folks who love you...

gender fluid
one of the federal government's first openly “~” employees

gender neutral
names that are ~ (Max, etc.)
she called for ~ awards (Best Artist, etc.)

gender-neutral
~ language like “pregnant people”
the ~ word “Latinx” is banned in Arkansas documents
women dominated the ~ acting categories (indie films)
the ~ terms “Latinx” and “Filipinx”

gender and power
the film deconstructs ~ (Showtime's *George & Tammy*)

affirmed gender
trans women who have transitioned to their ~ (MTF trans)

God and gender
the pastor's sex change has raised questions about ~

match their gender
they seek to get moved to prisons that ~ (MTF trans)

transitioned from one gender to another
celebrities who have ~ (ABC)

- ♦ “Everybody wants to be a Gay icon now. Well, I don't.” (Natalie Wynn at ContraPoints.)
- ♦ “Emily Bazelon's article ‘The Battle Over Gender Therapy’ uncritically used the term ‘patient zero’ to refer to a trans child seeking gender-affirming care, a phrase that vilifies transness as a disease to be feared.” (“For the attention of Philip B. Corbett, associate managing editor for standards at *The New York Times*.”)
- ♦ “Not every woman can get pregnant. Pregnant children are not women. Trans men and non-binary people get pregnant.” (Charlotte Shane defending her use of the term “impregnable people” as opposed to “women” or “women and trans men,” in the letters section of *Harper's Magazine*, founded in 1850 / Vol. 345, No. 2071, December 2022.)
- ♦ “Medical treatments involving children that shift—which is to say affirm—their gender.” (“The New York Times' coverage of transgender people sparks newsroom divide,” NPR, All Things Considered, Feb. 25, 2023.)
- ♦ “Transgender and non-binary people are up to six times more likely to also have autism” by Lesley McClurg, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, January 15, 2023.
- ♦ “Activists seek to erode the legal definition of sex and replace it with gender.”
- ♦ “this is a perfect example of the zeitgeist of cognitive dissonance permeating our devolving society.” (An online commenter about “NJ transgender woman transferred from women's only prison after impregnating 2 inmates, report says” by Stephen Sorace, Fox News, July 17, 2022.)
- ♦ “While the word folks is already gender-neutral, the term ‘folx’ is used to specifically display inclusion of gender-queer, transgender and agender folks.” (“What It Means To Include ‘X’ In Words Such As Womxn, Folx, and Latinx” by Gabrielle Smith, SHAPE, December 17, 2020.)
- ♦ “Just remember. Trans means “not.” (A helpful online commenter.)
- ♦ 16,497 comments...and counting. (“A Biden administration official is on leave after they were charged with stealing a Vera Bradley suitcase worth over \$2,000 from a Minnesota airport” by Natalie Musmeci, Yahoo, November 29, 2022. The story is about one of the federal government's first openly “gender fluid” employees.)
- ♦ “Dear Abby: My brother is divorcing his husband and it's awkward.”
- ♦ “Warning: this video can literally change your gender, viewer discretion is advised.” (Pornhub.)
- ♦ It is a shibboleth that girls will read adventure books featuring a male hero, but boys will not read books featuring a female hero.
- ♦ Entire books have been written in the gender neutral unnamed “you.”
- ♦ “Would I know them [an actor], Tony says. / I think so, you say. / Tony only blinks back at you. / So, they say, is that what you were crying about. / Yeah. / Been there, your driver [Tony] adds... / The two of you lean over your noodles.” (“Arrivals” by Bryan Washington, *The New Yorker*, July 11 & 18, 2022.)
- ♦ “If they don't have something lined up by Feb. 6, Tu faces having to leave the country.” (NPR. “They” and Tu are one and the same person.)
- ♦ On December 25, 2009, the great jazz pianist Marian Petrescu (a Romanian male) appeared on Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz radio program. Marian McPartland is female.
- ♦ In the US, gender neutral names are proliferating to the point where foreigners who follow US news can't help but notice and are commenting about it. They find the names odd.
- ♦ “Kim Kardashian West and Kanye West have named their new-born daughter, delivered by surrogate on Monday, Chicago West...” / West was raised in the US city Chicago... / [Kim Kardashian's] daughter North is now four years old and her son Saint is two.”
- ♦ The author Curtis Sittenfeld, at the Wikipedia entry for Curtis Sittenfeld, turns out to be Elizabeth Curtis Sittenfeld. Her Wikipedia entry does not explain why she goes by the name of Curtis, but she is a superb writer, nonetheless.
- ♦ Kimberly McCoy is a woman. Professionally she goes by the name Beryl McCoy. (NPR, an Assistant Producer. Her pronouns are she / her.)

♦ NAMES. Alex (Alexandra); Alexis; Ali (Alison); Alix; Andee; Andi; Archie (Archana); Barrie (pronounced like Barry), Bennett; Billie; Blake; Bobbi; Bobbie; Bobby (short for Barbara); Bodhi; Braden; Berty (short for Kimberly / female); Casey; Chandler; Charly / Charlie; Chase; Cori; Dana; Dani (and Danni); "Daniel" (actually Danielle, but pronounced with the accent on the first syllable, heard on NPR); Darian (a Dallas Cowboys cheerleader); Drew; Dylan; Elliot; Elliott; Geri; Glenn; Jackie (Jacqueline); Jaden; Jay; Jess (short for Jessica); Jesse; Jessie; Jody; Joey; Jordan; Jordyn; "JR" ("JR" Payne, coach of the Colorado Buffaloes, whose father nicknamed her after J.R. Ewing, the character on the TV show *Dallas*) (the UK's Suella Braverman's birth name was Sue-Ellen, from the *Dallas* character, according to *The Sun*); Kasie; Kelley; Kelly; Kendall; Korbin; Kris; Kyle (Kyle Richards, named after the male Kyle Rote, a football player on the New York Giants); Kylie; Landon; Maddi; Madison; Max (short for Maxine) (short for Maxima); Mickey; Micki; Morgan; Nat (short for Natalie); Noah (Noah Cyrus); Riley; Riki; Rikki; Sam (short for Samantha); Sammi (short for Samantha); Sammy; Shawn; Shelli; Sidney; Taylor; Teddi; Teddy; Toby; Tommi; Wyatt... (Often a woman nowadays.)

♦ "There was a time when to name a girl Amber was like naming her Isabella or Chloe today. It had a hint of novelty and panache...Starting in the late 1940s, the name Amber was a novelty because of a best-selling novel (*Forever Amber*)... / Yet today, scenes like that are ordinary not only in the movies but on much of television; to make an impression, things must get even more creative." (*Words on the Move* by the linguist John McWhorter.)

♦ "Kim O'Grady, an experienced management consultant in Perth, Australia, couldn't figure out why his resume was generating no job leads for more than four months, said Susanna Kim in ABCNews.com. He finally realized that companies were turning him down because his gender-neutral first name led them to assume he was a woman. 'I pictured all the managers I had over the years and, forming an amalgam of them in my mind, I read through the document as I imagined they would have,' he wrote on his blog. The truth became immediately apparent. 'It was like being hit on the head with a big sheet of unbreakable glass ceiling,' he said. After putting 'Mr.' before his name on his resume, he quickly landed a job. 'The sad reality is this shows we all know how real and invasive sexism is,' O'Grady wrote this week." ("A name exposed a familiar truth," *The Week Magazine*.)

♦ Joyce Kilmer, the author of the beloved poem "Trees," was a man, not a woman. He was born in New Jersey. During World War I, he was deployed to France with the "Fighting 69th" and killed in action. The Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest in Graham County, western North Carolina, is the largest tract of old-growth forest east of the Mississippi—minus the chestnut trees, of course, destroyed by a blight. Also, many of the great stands of Hemlocks have been destroyed by the woolly adelgid. Joyce is ordinarily a female name nowadays.

♦ "Doris Miller earned the Navy Cross for his actions during the Japanese attack on Hawaii's Pearl Harbor in 1941. / He was named Doris, as his mother had thought she was having a girl, but often went by the nickname 'Dorie.'" ("Doris Miller: US Navy aircraft carrier to honour black sailor," BBC, 19 January 2020. Dorie was on the *West Virginia* during the attack on Pearl, and he was killed when a Jap sub sank the aircraft carrier he was serving on, the *Liscombe Bay*, at the Battle of Makin in November 1943.)

♦ Ashley Williams is a man. He is a Black or mixed man, of Jamaican descent through his father. His mother is Welsh. He was born in England, but qualified to play for the Welsh national soccer team through his maternal grandfather. Alex (Alexandra) Scott, on the other hand, is a female English sports presenter, pundit, and former pro soccer player. Her mother is British and her father Jamaican.)

♦ Domonique Davis is a female basketball player for Arkansas State. Both Dominique Davis and Domenique Davis are male U.S. football players. Notice the differences in spelling: o, i, e.

♦ "Listen hockey doesn't give a flying F about pronouns... It's physical." (A commenter about an odd case that created a minor online controversy. A very large trans female knocked a much smaller trans male down. The latter slid head first into the boards and was concussed. This happened at "the Team Trans Draft Tournament" in Middleton, Wisconsin.)

♦ "She felt a gay biographer might colonize Chatwin into the gay world." (Bruce Chatwin's widow.)

♦ "Wasn't 'Reality Winner' a man in real life?" (A online commenter about Sydney Sweeney's role in Tina Satter's film *Reality Winner*. It is possible he is confusing Reality Winner with Chelsea Manning. Or maybe he is just trolling. Maybe "he" is a "she" or binary. Who knows nowadays?)

♦ "A lot of readers, both trans and cis, really want you to say, in the first sentence of the story, 'As a trans person...' But by saying as a trans person, it cedes ground to the idea that I need disclaimers about my point of view. There's a little bit of sick and twisted pleasure I get from saying, 'I'm not going to do that...' / That said, there are certain claims that I can make as a trans writer..." ("Jamie Lauren Keiles Follows the Surgical and Philosophical Journey of Phalloplasty" by Celia Ford, July 26, 2022.)

♦ "S*** M* Trans D***." (Vile sexualized abuse directed towards J.K. Rowling by a trans woman. From the podcast, "The Witch Trials of J.K. Rowling.")

♦ NSF grant EEC-1764103, for \$349,311.00.

♦ "I predict on 1st Feb the Gypsy Queen will break a toe nail and the fight will be off." (An online commenter about Oleksandr Usyk versus Tyson Fury, aka the "Gypsy King." Boxing snark. The fight *has* been postponed, however, after Tyson Fury suffered a cut over his eye during training camp.)

♦ "Dump Rodgers, she's a prima donna, and doesn't get the TEAM culture." (Shade against the great future Hall of Famer Aaron Rodgers of the NFL Green Bay Packers, using a female pronoun!)

♦ A FUNNY STORY. A young man out on the town looking to pick up a pretty girl found himself in a jazz club, even though he knew absolutely nothing about jazz and didn't really even like it. He finally found a pretty girl to chat up, and at a certain point in their conversation—which seemed to be going very well, from his point of view—the pretty young woman said, "Do you like Billie Holliday?" To which the young man enthused, "I love him!" (Wrong answer!)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

gendered (groups)

gendered

the term "rent boys" is ~ (Chelsea FC, London)
how toys became ~

gendered existence

deeply sedimented expectations of ~ (feminism)

gendered language

~ (like "pregnant women")

gendered nature

there was an increasingly ~ to the online conflict

gendered norms

~ still shape the workplace
traditional societies where ~ are defined by a binary

gendered office

we're trying to survive in a ~ (8 young female assistants)

gendered power

the everyday negotiations of ~ in relationships

gendered (language) rules

social resistance to ~ (Swardspeak, pronouns, etc.)

gendered stereotypes

~ of what makes a good leader (the male style)

gendered violence

~ courses through "The Dominant Animal" (K. Scanlan)
the 41st Australian to die as a result of ~ (Lilie James)

gendered and specific

there were both ~ attacks on your expertise (female)

deeply gendered

headlines reveal ~ and damaging stereotypes

heavily gendered
~ experiences...

misgendered
see *misgendered (groups)*

superstitious, uncivilized, gendered, and racialized
the ~ Other...

became gendered
how toys ~...

♦ "We should keep gendered language to reflect heavily gendered experiences." (NPR's Office of the Public Editor, explaining why it is still possible to use "pregnant women" instead of "pregnant people.")

♦ "Ms James is the 41st Australian woman this year to die allegedly as a result of gendered violence, according to the Counting Dead Women project." (Lilie James, Australia.)

♦ "The history of clothing has been very gendered..." (Fashion editor Derek Guy.)

♦ The "gendered nature to the debate" could just as easily be expressed as "the battle of the sexes."

♦ see also the red-text quotations at the bottom of the entry to *marriage (relationship)*. For example, "I have studied this matter. Most of the couples who visit a big shopping center start quarreling with each other within an hour and a half..." Funny!

inclusion & exclusion: society

gene (in one's genes)

in his genes
laziness is not ~
it was ~, in his blood... (Calvin Klein sketches as a kid)

in their genes
the English will always have an excuse ~ (soccer)

♦ "Gratitude for being spared two world wars is, says Markus Haefliger, politics correspondent with the Tagesanzeiger newspaper, 'almost in our genes...that makes neutrality so important for Swiss people.'" ("Ukraine war sees Swiss challenge their age-old neutrality" by Imogen Foulkes, BBC News, Geneva. In World War II, strict neutrality didn't work out so well for Belgium.)

♦ "It's sort of in our genetic makeup if you're from Pueblo." (In Colorado. The Arkansas River flood of 1921.)

identity & nature: biology

gene (other)

"acting gene"
his father told the BBC that his son had inherited the ~

daredevil gene
flying appealed to his ~ (Elon Musk gets pilot's license)

entrepreneurial genes
she didn't just inherit ~, but medical ones, too (family)

identity & nature: biology

generation (products, etc.)

fourth generation
the Max was to be the ~ of the 737 family (Boeing)

taxonomy & classification: family

Geneva Convention (cyber, etc.)

cyber Geneva Convention

we need to develop a kind of ~ if you will... (hacking)

digital Geneva Convention
some are calling for a ~ (cyberwarfare)

♦ "We need to develop a kind of cyber Geneva Convention if you will that establishes norms and standards worldwide and if a country or a group violates those norms, then you have worldwide sanctions, worldwide response." (Senator Angus King of Maine.)

allusion: military
constraint & lack of constraint: crime / history / military / justice

genie (initiation)

genie
the ~ is out of the bottle (cloning)
can the ~ every be put back in the bottle (flat-earth belief)
once that ~ is out of the bottle, it's hard to put it back

atomic genie
he campaigned to push the ~ back into the bottle

micro-entertainment genie
you can never put the ~ back in the bottle (TikTok)

nationalist genie
once the ~ has been let out the bottle...

genie is (well and truly) out of the bottle
the ~ with no going back (bazball in cricket)

genie (of racial hatred) has been unleashed
the ~ (Ivory Coast)

put the genie back in the bottle
you can't ~
I don't see how they can ~ (kid's programming and ads)

put the anti-vaccine genie back in the bottle
there is not easy way to ~ (COVID / 2021)

stuff the genie back into the bottle
it's too late to ~

♦ "The toothpaste is out of the genie." ("Football and its insufferable broadcast coverage are back" by Phil Mushnick, *New York Post*, August 26, 2023. An extraordinary conflation of "you can't put the toothpaste back in the tube" and "the genie is out of the bottle." Phil Mushnick truly deserves the epithet, "the conscience of sport.")

♦ "It seems unlikely the cork can be put back in the bottle." (Legal weed in Thailand)

♦ "As director of the Institute of Advanced Study at Princeton and as chief scientific advisor of the new Atomic Energy Commission, Oppenheimer campaigned to push the atomic genie, if not back into the bottle, at least into international control." (*American Prometheus* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.)

♦ "Once the nationalist genie has been let out of the bottle, it can develop a life of its own. In extreme moments, foreigners or ethnic minorities can be the first victims."

♦ The TV series *I Dream of Jeannie* (1965-1970), starring Barbara Eden as the genie, caused many a boy's wet dream, and was possibly the greatest recruiting advertisement ever for the military and the Air Force.

♦ see also *toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)*

affliction / concealment & lack of concealment / initiation / pursuit, capture & escape: container / creature

genie (knowledge)

lighting-design genie

again he has shown himself to be a ~

Phrasebuilder Genie

Oxford ~ (2003)

person: creature / magic

ability & lack of ability / knowledge & intelligence: creature / magic / person

general (General Winter, etc.)

General Frost

~ was a character in a British cartoon (1812 Moscow)

“General Winter”

he found himself up against ~ (Napoleon)

♦ Weather helped cause the famine (drought), and weather helped delay the relief (thaw), and a return to cold weather helped the relief. (The Great Famine of 1921-22 in Russia. From “America’s Gift to Famine Stricken Russia,” PBS, American Experience. American A.R.A. relief to Russia.)

♦ “No Finnish unit, however small, went into battle without sufficient artificial warmth for every man. Frontline dugouts were equipped with small, efficient stoves that burned with a hot, steady flame and gave off the merest whisper of smoke. Just behind the front lines the Finns lived and worked in shellproof dugouts roofed over with layers of logs and earth and completely camouflaged. Inside these dugouts the walls were lined with furs and skins. Men could rest in snug comfort when they returned from patrol duty or a period of combat. When a Finnish soldier was wounded, he was usually back in the comfort of a warm aid-station bunker within the hour... / For many of the encircled Soviet troops, just staying alive, for one more hour or one more day, was an ordeal comparable to combat. Freezing, hungry, crusted with their own filth... for them the central forest was truly a snow-white hell... In the forest the Russian soldiers had to face what they called *Belaya Smert*: the White Death. It came silently, when men became so numb with cold and fatigue that they just lay down in the snow and went to sleep, or it came violently, in the form of a sniper round fired from an invisible Finn hundreds of meters away... Aside from the field kitchens, the invaders’ only source of warmth was campfires... [When a Russian soldier was wounded he] knew only an intensification of misery, cold, and pain.” (Frozen Hell: The Russo-Finnish Winter War of 1939-40 by William R. Trotter.)

♦ “Under ordinary wintertime conditions, by late February, the ice over the gulf would have become too unstable and too dotted with thin spots, to support heavy vehicle traffic. But this year, it remained frozen as solid as ever, capable of bearing the weight of trucks, light tanks, and up-to-medium-caliber field artillery. ‘General Winter’ had turned traitor.” (The Gulf of Viipuri. From Frozen Hell: The Russo-Finnish Winter War of 1939-40 by William R. Trotter. This was to the Russian’s advantage.)

military: epithet

general (Bobby Knight, “The General,” etc.)

“The General”

Coach Bobby Knight, ~ as Hoosiers fondly remember him

control & lack of control: epithet

epithet: military

general (floor general, etc.)

floor general

he is their ~ (Draymond Green / NBA)

character & personality: military

control & lack of control: military

genocidal (adjective)

genocidal empire

the chief monarch of a ~ (Uju Anya about Elizabeth II)

genocidal rhetoric

the overtly ~ (“transgenderism must be eradicated”)

genocidal war’

after nearly six months of Israel’s ~ (Hanna AlShaikh)

♦ “I heard the chief monarch of a thieving raping genocidal empire is finally dying. May her pain be excruciating.” (Uju Anya of Carnegie Mellon University, about Queen Elizabeth II. Carnegie Mellon is a private research university in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, established in 1900 by Andrew Carnegie. The state of Pennsylvania, or “Penn’s forest or Penn’s woods,” was founded in 1681.)

♦ “After nearly six months of Israel’s genocidal war, the toll has been devastating.” (Hanna AlShaikh, Palestine Project Coordinator, Arab Center Washington.)

♦ “It can be really hard to figure out if violence is genocidal, especially in the context of active conflict.” (Associate professor of human rights Kate Cronin-Furman at University College London.)

♦ “There is a strict legal definition of what qualifies as genocide.” (“The politics of calling the Russia-Ukraine war a genocide,” wbur, April 19, 2022.)

destruction / oppression: history / violence

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

genocide (groups)

genocide of our people

residential schools were the ~ (First Nations People)

Genocide of Colored People

Open Season: Legalized ~ (book by the lawyer Ben Crump)

Genocide in Gaza

chanting and protesting against the ongoing ~

genocide of Palestinians in Gaza

Netanyahu is carrying out the ~ (politician Rashida Tlaib)

genocide profiteers

they are ~ (Google, according to employee protesters)

Legalized Genocide

Open Season: ~ of Colored People (lawyer Ben Crump)

trans genocide

stop ~ (trans day of vengeance protest)

cultural genocide

monks were immolating themselves, a “~”

the policy aimed at “~” (residential schools / Canada)

the razing of the Armenian cemetery in Julfa is a ~

akin to a genocide

something ~ was unfolding (Bangladesh in 1971)

Tech for Genocide

the “No ~ Day of Action” protest (at Google)

Googler Against Genocide

the protesters all wore “~” T-shirts...

complicit in this genocide

the U.S. is ~ (Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib)

extinction and genocide

he uses words like ~ (Roger Hallam of XR)

amount to genocide

Russia's attacks on energy infrastructure ~

amounts to genocide

violence against indigenous women and girls ~

art-washing a genocide

activists vandalized the Pace Gallery for ~

genocide is continuing and escalating

as the ~ (#freepalestine)

called a "genocide"

violence against indigenous women was ~ (Canada / 2019)

constitutes a genocide

the mass internment, forced labor, sterilization ~

labelled the Holodomor famine a genocide

Pope Francis ~

supporting genocide

they think we're ~

witnessing a genocide

we are ~ (Machaela Cavanaugh)

paved the way for genocide

white men who ~...

♦ "[This is a] moment in which the statues of white men who paved the way for genocide and fought to defend slavery are being taken down by cheering crowds." ("Looking For Frederick Douglass" by Clint Smith, *The Atlantic*, September 2020.)

♦ *Open Season: Legalized Genocide of Colored People* by the lawyer Ben Crump.

♦ "It's very important. What we say here is important. Trying to deny what is going on is not going to be tolerated by me. We are witnessing a genocide." (Machaela Cavanaugh of the Nebraska State Legislature, fighting a bill that would ban gender-affirming therapies for children.)

♦ "we want more than visibility / trans day of vengeance / stop trans genocide... (A digital flyer on Twitter for a protest at the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C.)

♦ "Christian bigots like you *genociding* [sic, italics mine] us." (One line from a vile transgender tweet.)

♦ "Stop Trans Genocide." (A banner at a demonstration.)

♦ Activists vandalized the Pace Gallery in New York City with graffiti and pasted posters for "art-washing a genocide." (See "Pace Gallery Closes New York Flagship Space for the Day After Being Vandalized with Pro-Palestine Messages" by Alex Greenberger, ARTnews, January 27, 2024.)

♦ "He believes a jeno (genocide) is happening and he doesn't like it." (Some random blogger who refers to Jewish people as "ishes" and Palestinians as "palos." Bizarre!)

♦ "AOC says no one should be 'tossed out of public discourse' for accusing Israel of genocide" by Chris Michael, *The Guardian*, Mon 29 Jan 2024. The Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is quoted as saying, "large amounts [sic] of Americans concerned" use the word.

♦ "[S]he studied biomedical engineering with a minor in resistance to genocide, according to a profile on the college website." ("USC student's graduation speech cancelled in Israel-Gaza hate row" by Max Matza, BBC News, April 17, 2024.)

♦ "They think we're supporting genocide, we're supporting colonialism. They know the keywords but they don't really know what they mean." (A Jewish merchant in New York City.)

♦ "The destruction of the cemetery has been widely described by Armenian sources, and some non-Armenian sources, as an act of

cultural genocide." (The Wikipedia entry for "Armenian cemetery in Julfa.")

♦ "She Fled Rwanda To Survive—But Does Not Like The words 'Refugee' Or 'Genocide,'" NPR, Goats and Soda, April 19, 2019.

*** analysis

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, "Raphael Lemkin." He coined the word.

destruction / oppression: history / violence

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

George Floyd (as verb)

George Floyd me

they're trying to ~

♦ "Please, please, please, please, please. They're trying to George Floyd me." (Keenan Anderson, quoted in "A cousin of a prominent Black Lives Matter founder died after being tased by police" by Emily Olsen, NPR, January 14, 2023.)

♦ "The number of people *in the theater world* who used George Floyd's dead body to pivot to inequity in the theater world is the most hair-raising thing I've ever seen in my life." ("The Radical Self-Awareness of Michael R. Jackson" by Thomas Chatterton Williams, *The Atlantic*, March 2024.)

inclusion & exclusion: part of speech

germinate (verb)

gestated and (finally) germinated

it was something that ~ into this thread I explored in my novel

creation & transformation: birth / plant / verb

growth & development: birth / plant / verb

Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.)

Gestapo of Patterson

the police were the ~ (BBC's *The Hurricane Tapes*)

oppression: allusion / epithet / history / violence

gestate (verb)

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creation & transformation: birth / verb

timeliness & lack of timeliness: birth / verb

growth & development: birth / verb

gestation (film, etc.)

seven-year gestation

the film had a ~

creation & transformation / growth & development /

timeliness & lack of timeliness: birth

gesture (groups)

'Gesture' politics

she labeled our anti-racism message as ~ (taking a knee)

♦ "The politics are mostly gestural; leftism as fashionable posturing; sanctimony literature; self-promotion and the airing of performatively righteous opinion..." (Criticism of a writer.)

♦ "I don't believe in gestures, I believe in substance, I believe in doing things that make a practical difference." (Prime Minister Boris Johnson, asked if he would "take the knee.")

♦ see also *performative (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

get (a big get, etc.)

big get

a ~ for an aspiring songwriter (a record contract)

biggest interview “get”

this might be the ~ of the year for TV news

excellent get

he could be an ~ if Houston makes him available via trade

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: part of speech

get (and get it / understand)

gets how

he really ~ Twitter works (Elon Musk)

get it

I ~

I don't ~

I didn't ~

I understand, actually, I actually ~, I get it, umm, but...

so, I ~, one hundred percent...

gets it

this guy ~ (understands)

here's a guy who ~ (cleric who fights sex abuse)

get the skepticism

I totally ~

totally get

they felt betrayed, which I ~

♦ “I'm not a good, likeable victim, I get it.” (Amber Heard about losing Johnny Depp's lawsuit.)

♦ “Megyn Kelly blasts Joe Rogan for drinking Bud Light: ‘He's not getting it.’” (*The New York Post*.)

♦ “I don't get it. (Dumfounded.) Yes, I do get it. (Exasperated.) Part of social justice under this idea of being offended is that you prove you're a good person by sticking your middle finger up at very dead people in order to show that you disagree with their views.” (The linguist John McWhorter about the renaming of campus buildings. “John McWhorter: Pitfalls in the Policing of Language—YouTube.” Watch and listen to: [youtube.com/watch?v=Fer2yb5qgWE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fer2yb5qgWE))

*** analysis

♦ metaphors (specific metaphors cited) Conduit Metaphor. See COMMUNICATION IS OBJECT EXCHANGE / COMMUNICATION IS OBJECT EXCHANGE 15, 16, 69, 84, 132, 180 (*Figurative Language* by Barbara Dancygier and Eve Sweetser.)

comprehension & incomprehension: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

get (get somewhere)

get there

how did Apple ~ (a trillion dollars)

we're never going to ~ if... (politics)

get here

how did we ~ (explain how we arrived at such a situation)

what has been going on, how did we ~

how did we ~ (Qatar: Saudi embargo ‘to be lifted’)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / attainment / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / development: journeys & trips / verb

get (not get anywhere, get nowhere)

get anywhere

without defeating corruption, we won't ~ (government)

through force, we won't ~

getting anywhere

we're not ~, three years is too long (Delphi IN murders)

gotten nowhere

they have tried asking for records but have ~ (politics)

gotten nowhere or grown worse

some countries have ~ (hunger levels)

development / progress & lack of progress: movement

get across (verb)

get across

key elements that the politician wants to ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

fictive transportation: verb

get along (verb)

get along

to ~, you've got to go along (it's the way of the world)

you want to ~ to go along in D.C. (lobbyists / regulators)

social interaction: direction / movement / verb

getaway (noun)

weekend getaway

dream vacations and ~s

a romantic ~ as a Valentine's Day present

romantic getaway

last summer, for a ~, we...;

romantic (weekend) getaway

a ~ as a Valentine's Day present

vacation getaway

this ~ won't cost you an arm and leg

pursuit, capture & escape: place

get away (get away with something)

get away with stuff

he could ~ (Bill Cosby)

would have gotten away with it

if he had done it elsewhere, he ~ (a murder)

♦ “How long do you honestly believe that people in power like you will get away with it? How long do you think you can continue to ignore the climate crisis...without being held accountable? You get away with it now, but sooner or later people are going to realize what you have been doing all this time. That's inevitable.” (Greta Thunberg.)

guilt / responsibility: justice

pursuit, capture & escape: justice

get away (escape)

got away

that 2008 season is the one that ~ (team lost)
the books that ~ (under the radar, underappreciated, etc.)
total failure, the mountain that ~ (expedition failed)

♦ "Fishing lore is full of tales about 'the one that got away,' and fishermen have been known to exaggerate the size of their catch." (Tove Danovich.)

failure, accident & impairment: fish / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

get by (verb)

get by

people are just trying to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / verb

get in / get into (involvement)

got into movies

little by little, I ~ (an actor)

get into the specifics

I'm not going to ~ on the investigation

get into that

a lot of no comments, a lot of we're not going to ~
the police chief said he did not want to ~ (an argument)

got into trouble

he ~ at university

involvement: container / direction / verb

get on with (get on with something)

get on with it

okay, let's ~ (sports during pandemic)

got on with it

the Queen has always just ~ (death of husband)

reconciliation, resolution, & conclusion / resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / verb

get out (and get out of)

get out

I wanted to ~ but I didn't know how (gang)

get out of your comfort zone

~, we have to challenge ourselves (Simon Reeve)

get you out

you do bad things, and I got to ~ (*Of Mice and Men*)

pursuit, capture & escape / situation: container

get out (get out from under)

get out from under her (crushing debt) burden

she couldn't ~

get out from under the cloud

he couldn't ~ of suspicion

got out from under the father's (controlling) eye

when she ~...

get out from under its debt

the city is trying to ~ (Detroit)

get out from under (US) sanctions

Iran wants to ~

oppression: burden / verb / weight

amelioration & renewal: burden / verb / weight

get over (overcome)

get over the sense of failure

I know I will ~

mentally get over

once you can ~ I'm going to be cold... (skiing)

♦ "Let it go, get it over with, and put it behind us..." (Former Solicitor General Ted Olsen, on allowing KSM—the mastermind of 9/11, on which almost 3,000 people died—to plead guilty in exchange for life in prison with parole.)

♦ "Like I'm a slow griever, it takes me a really long time to get over things." (Christine Blasey Ford, speaking to Terry Gross on Fresh Air in 2024. Ford has a new book out.)

resiliency / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion /

survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / verb

get over oneself

get over yourself

~, like you have insight into... (sarcasm)

accusation & criticism: verb

get through (endure, etc.)

get through (almost) anything

with the right outlook, you can ~ (life)

get through the episode

I somehow managed to ~

got through the interview

I somehow ~ (for a job)

get through it

I think she'll ~, she's a very strong personality (athlete)

get through that (transition) period

help the economy ~ (Russia)

get through the (degree) program

working while they try to ~

get through this

the Lord will give us the strength to ~

get through this somehow

we'll ~

get you through rough times

develop better coping skills to ~

time to get through (all) this

it takes ~, just be patient...

strength to get through this
the Lord will give us the ~

way to get through it
if you want to find a ~ all, maybe...

- ♦ "How do I get through one night without you..." (LeAnn Rimes.)
- ♦ see also *been through* (endure), *go through* (endure, etc.)

obstacles & impedance / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / verb
get up (and get back up, etc.)

get back up
when America gets knocked down, we ~...

- ♦ "When America gets knocked down, we get back up, we keep going. That's America." (President Joe Biden's 2024 State of the Union address to Congress.)

resiliency: boxing / verb

ghost (verb)

ghosting you
he's ~ (her boyfriend disappears without contact)

ghosts boyfriends
she ~ because she doesn't want to offend

ghosted me
she ~ and I was left in the dark (as to why)

ghosted him
American had ~ (victim of #MeToo movement)

- ♦ In terms of dating, this refers to a boyfriend or girlfriend cutting off a relationship with no explanation, not face to face or even on social media. Further contact might only be related to "orbiting" on social media.

- ♦ "Bah! Humbug! My signal is totally ghosting me." (An actor portraying Ebenezer Scrooge in a cute Christmas season advertisement for the corporate behemoth Verizon. "Tis the season to switch to Verizon." You always know the word is a played cliché when it is picked up by the corporations.)

appearance & disappearance: creature / verb

ghost (memory)

ghost
the ~s were brought to life (bones of slave laborers)
they want to keep his ~ alive (Osama bin Laden)

"ghosts" of Ms Clinton's campaign
the article questioned whether the ~ would haunt Ms Warren

ghosts of Vietnam
an attempt to bury the ~ (embedded reporters / Iraq)

ghosts of history
a debate about how to confront the ~ (Germany / 70s)

confront the ghosts
a debate about how to ~ of history (Germany, 70s)

exorcised that ghost
European leaders thought they had ~ (Berlusconi)

- ♦ "She walked out that side door at about 0100 hours, got into one of the Humvees, and drove off to confront the ghosts of the past." / "And the ghosts won." (*The General's Daughter* by Nelson DeMille.)

- ♦ "Some of those ghosts are still with us." (The past.)

affliction: creature

ghost (bury the ghost)

bury the ghosts
an attempt to ~ of Vietnam

exorcised that ghost
European leaders thought they had ~ (Berlusconi)

summon her ghost and exorcise her
the desire to ~ forever (a writer)

amelioration & renewal / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: burial / creature / verb

ghost (unregistered, etc.)

ghost children
North Korean ~ in China can't go to school (illegal)

ghost detainees
the CIA held ~ at various sites (unregistered)

"ghost gun"
an unregistered, untraceable ~ (assembled from parts)

ghost guns
~ can be built with pieces bought online
one-third of all firearms seized are ~ (California)
so-called "~" with no registration number
so-called "~" can be made at home

"ghost" ship
~s have been previously hijacked (piracy)
~s are a real threat to the security (world's waterways)
the two pirate vessels returned to a large ~ (Somalia)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: creature society: creature

ghost (abandoned, etc.)

ghost gear
marine life is killed by "~" (lost and abandoned nets)

ghost homes
akiya, or ~, dot the landscape (vacant homes in Japan)

ghost nets
when these nets get lost at sea, they become ~ (trawlers)

ghost planes
airliners are flying empty ~ to keep their flight slots

"ghost" cargo ship
a ~ has washed up off the coast of Ireland (abandoned)

ghost villages
~ proliferated up in the hills (North Greece, abandoned)
families have moved away, leaving "~" (Setomaa area)

appearance & disappearance: creature

ghost (ghost signs, etc.)

ghost face

the child noticed a ~ on the floor (Bélmez Faces)

"ghost signs"

the city does not preserve ~ (on old brick walls)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: creature

ghost (fantasy and delusion)

ghost airplanes

stray missiles, ~ (Egyptian scenarios for Flight 990)

"ghost soldiers"

corrupt officials invented ~ to pocket their wages
generals and officials pocketed the wages of ~

fantasy & reality: creature

ghosted

ghosted by the actor for a potential role

she claims she was ~ in the film (a lawsuit)

♦ "Girl, you're being ghosted? I'm being zombied. It's like ghosting, but he comes back from the dead after a couple of months and hits you up." (Singer-songwriter Mariel Darling on TikTok to her 255,900 followers.)

♦ 'Ghostlighting' is the sadistic new dating trend creating trust issues. The dreaded combo of manipulation and a disappearing act is a one-two punch for singles in the market for love." (The *New York Post*. A combination of "gaslighting" and "ghosting.")

appearance & disappearance: creature

ghost town

ghost town

two years later, the city is a ~ (after earthquake)
one year on, L'Aquila is still a ~ (after earthquake)

virtual ghost town

the bombardments have left Aleppo a ~

turn into ghost towns

communities will ~

activity / presence & absence: creature

ghostwriter (noun)

ghostwriter

he has worked as an unofficial ~

concealment & lack of concealment: creature

subterfuge: creature

giant (Giants Causeway, etc.)

Giants Causeway

the ~ is a cape in Northern Ireland

Giant's Chair

the ~ (Gyrestolen), is a mountain in Svalbard

♦ The *Giants Causeway* is a *Unesco World Heritage site*.

proper name: creature / size

giant (sleeping giant)

sleeping giant

the Latino vote has always been seen as a ~ (politics)

this is a ~ (projected water shortage in US)

they have awakened a ~ (sports team)

sleeping giant of the (Texas) Hispanic vote

the so-called ~ is about to wake up

♦ "Having grown up here [in California], I truly believe that Cal (the University of California, Berkeley) is a sleeping giant in terms of men's basketball. This is a sleeping giant. This is a program that can be a nationally ranked program year in and year out. That's what I'm excited about." (Coach Mark Madsen, about his new job at Cal. Cal has a 3-29 record a 38-87 record with the coach Madsen replaced, 6 consecutive losing seasons, and a 16-game losing streak. A quick turnaround is quite possible, however, due to the transfer portal, exploitation of NIL, and relaxing academic standards: as Madsen has said, "I don't want a player to be penalized because maybe his high school doesn't offer enough AP courses." Only in America!)

consciousness & awareness: creature / size / sleep

power: creature / size / sleep

giant (gentle giant)

gentle giant

he was a ~, much loved (rugby player dies)

Lewis was a "~" with a "million dollar" smile (a cop)

character & personality: creature / size

giant (size)

giant

some venerable ~s grew as high as 120 feet (trees)

"giant of Africa"

instability in the ~ is cause for concern (Nigeria)

Giants of Asia

these two ~ (China and India)

giant in the field

the late Amos Tversky, a ~ of coincidence theory

beverage giant

the Atlanta-based ~ (Coca-Cola)

game giant

the established ~s Sony and Nintendo

Wall Street giant

~ Lehman Brothers

telecom giant

the ~ WorldCom

comic-book giant

a ~ (character from a comic)

San Francisco Giants

the ~ beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 3-2 (MLB)

Duiwelskloof Giant

the ~ has a pub inside it (a South African baobab tree)

Sagole giant

the ~ sprawls over a half-an-acre (a baobab)

fast-food giant
aggressive trademark protection by the ~ (McDonald's)

long-distance giant
~ AT&T

mobile-phone giant
~ Vodafone

natural gas giant
Gazprom, the ~ (Russia)

software giant
the ~ Microsoft

online auction giant
the ~, eBay

banking giant
the ~ Wachovia

retailing giant
such ~s as Old Navy, Staples, Barnes & Noble

Spanish giants
Liverpool failed to score against the ~ (Real Madrid)

complacent giant
aggressive upstarts catch ~ unawares (Japan)

4 giants
~ fell in the first round (World Cup soccer)

20,000-foot giant
Pumori and McKinley, among other ~s

catch (complacent) giant unawares
aggressive upstarts ~ (Japan vs. Detroit)

grow into a giant
a hailstone can ~ (size of a grapefruit)

size: creature

giant (achievement)

giant of his field
he was considered the ~ (literary critic)

giant of foreign policy
he was a true ~

giant in the law
she was a ~, a champion of justice and equality (RBG)

giant figure
he was a ~ in American theater (August Wilson)

romantic giants
in an age of ~ he was a titan (Johann von Goethe)

shoulder of giants
I've always felt I'm standing on the ~ here (windsurfer)

achievement, recognition & praise: creature / size
importance & significance: creature / size

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gibberish (speech)

“word salad,” or gibberish
much of the story was linguistic ~ (AI content)

pays any attention to this gibberish
nobody pays ~

♦ “Nobody pays any attention to this gibberish outside of media looking for clicks. Which of course worked on me.” (Clicker's remorse.)

speech: sound

sound: speech

substance & lack of substance: sound / speech

worth & lack of worth: sound / speech

Gibraltar

see *Rock of Gibraltar*

gift (gift for languages, etc.)

gift
they either have that ~ or they don't (acting)

gift for analogy
her ~ (Cathy O'Neil / *Weapons Of Math Destruction*)

gift for knowing
he has a ~ what people want (games developer)

gift for friendship

Wharton had a great ~

gift for languages

having an unusual ~ (explorer Sven Hedin)

gift for metaphor

a poet's ~

gift for theater

his ~ and his populist policies (a politician)

poet's gift

a ~ for metaphor

athletic gifts

the ~, but behind them was an angry teenager

rare gift

he had a really ~ (the actor Michael K. Williams)

honing her (observational) gifts

she has been ~ for 50 years (the artist Catherine Murphy)

ability & lack of ability: gift

gift (benefit)

gift

thank you GOD for blessing us with this ~
are you raising your children bilingual, what a ~ that is
it's my ~, and my curse (an athlete about his personality)

gift to the (Iraqi) people

the suicide bombing was a ~

gift to Trump and the far right

"cancel culture" is a ~ (a leftist / politics)

Gift of Life

the ~ brings children to the US for surgery

gift of life

organ donors make the ~ possible

gift of literacy

give the ~ and change a life forever (literacy)

gift of science

we embrace the ~, which is a gift from God (Jews)

gift from God

she is a ~ (woman who helps the poor)
the gift of science, which is a ~ (Jews / reproduction)

gift from the 20th century to the 21st

a ~ (eradication of polio)

gift and a curse

having a good platoon, it's both a ~ (combat medic)

God's gift

camels, known by some as *Ata Allah*, or ~

Australia's gift

~ to the world (fresh, fun and enthusiastic girls)

precious gift

she was a ~ (mother talking about murdered daughter)

what a gift

are you raising your children bilingual, ~ that is

accept our lot as a gift

but should we ~ (vs. genetic and self-engineering)

cost & benefit / worth & lack of worth: gift

gift (as verb)

gifted Cameroon a goal

her sloppy pass back almost ~ (World Cup soccer)

gifted me with their support

I'd like to thank everybody who has ~

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: gift / part of speech / verb

gifted

gifted children

the parents of ~
a program that serves ~

gifted (young) violinist

a ~

gifted, high-functioning

~ individuals

most gifted

only the ~ math wizards understand it (Poincare)

naturally gifted

naturally gifted athletes

technically gifted

he is a ~ boxer

wonderfully gifted

he is a ~ footballer (Ronaldo)

ability & lack of ability: gift

giga (Gigafactory, etc.)

Gigafactory

the company's ~ in Austin, Texas (Tesla)

♦ Much in U.S. society is and always has been and always will be commercial, promotional, and self-promotional. And our language reflects it: *big, super-, trendy, performative, curated, boutique*, "throw it all on the wall and see what sticks," *artisanal, craft, custom, heirloom, designer, bespoke, bedazzled* (or is it *bejazzled?*), *uber, meta, hyper, upcycled, -forward, -informed, -driven, -ized, reinvented, pop-up, verb-up, kinetic, fluid, deep, massive, generational, transactional, intersectional, insanely cool*, "try this genius hack to..." In warfare, bombs and missiles have gone from *dumb* to *smart* to *brilliant*. As Michael Goldhaber said, "The value of true modesty or humility is hard to sustain in the attention economy."

contempo-speak / size / superlative: affix

language: affix

gilded (Gilded Age)

Gilded Age of rock journalism

the sixties were the ~ (excess)

new Gilded Age

Wu has criticized the concentration of power as a ~

♦ Salisbury: Therefore, to be possess'd with double pomp, / To guard a title that was rich before, / To gild refined gold, to paint the lily, / To throw a perfume on the violet, / To smooth the ice, or add another hue / Unto the rainbow, or with taper-light / To seek the beauteous eye of heaven to garnish, / Is wasteful and ridiculous excess. (Shakespeare's *The Life and Death of King John*, Act, Scene 2.)

♦ The title of Twain and Warner's book, *The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today*, which gave the US historical period its name, refers to the age's excess, but also focuses on the problems most people faced in a time after the Civil War that was supposed to be a Golden Age.

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

growth & development / money: history

time: history

gilded (other)

gilded with heroic gesture

tragedy had to be ~ (L.E. G. Oates in Antarctica)

Gilded Age

the ~ was characterized by great income inequality

gilded cage

the 4 Russian princesses lived in a ~ (isolated in a palace)

♦ "They were spackling a turd with gold paint." (An upset Greg Gutfeld on Fox News, speaking about the Democrat impeachment engrossment ceremony.)

♦ The verb *gild* can mean to make something appear bright and attractive, and it can also mean to make something seem more valuable or attractive than it really is.

appearance & reality / substance & lack of substance:

materials & substances

subterfuge: materials & substances

girdled

girdled with reefs

harborless, cliff-bound and ~ (Norfolk Island)

configuration: clothing & accessories / shape

girl (type)

big girl

see *girl (big girl)*

golden girl

see *golden girl*

good girl

see *good girl (person)*

mean girl

see *girl (mean girl)*

riot girls

~ on the march to empowerment (2023 film *The Marvels*)

♦ see also *boy (type)*, *guy (good guy, etc.)*, *joe (average joe, etc.)*, *lady (crazy lady, etc.)*, *man (big man, little man, etc.)*, *mister (and Mr., Missus, Mrs.)*

characterization: person

girl (big girl)

big-girl major

I need to have a ~, I'll become a scientist...

put your big-girl pants on

you need to ~ and deal with it

♦ "You need to put your big-girl pants on and deal with it, pull them up and get out there and show them what you got..."

growth & development: life span

character & personality: person

girl (golden girl)

see *golden girl*

girl (good girl)

see *good girl (person)*

girl (mean girl)

spirit of mean girls

channeling the ~ everywhere...

♦ "Channeling the spirit of mean girls everywhere, GQ magazine writer Gabriella Paiella wrote on Twitter, ..."

behavior / character & personality: person

girlboss (and girl boss)

girlboss

a '~ focuses on self-empowerment at others' expense

'girl boss' ideal

the 'strong black woman' trope and the ~

'girlboss' mentality

the second series of *Industry* critiques the ~ (HBO)

Girlboss Has Left the Building

"The ~" (by Amanda Mull, *The Atlantic*, 2020)

gaslight, gatekeep, girlboss

~ (the malign girlboss ethos)

♦ "You need to put your big-girl pants on and deal with it, pull them up and get out there and show them what you got..."

♦ In 2014, "Girlboss" was a positive, aspirational term, but nowadays it is often satirized, particularly on TV and in films.

♦ "Chelsea and Hillary Clinton's 'Gutsy' Is a Toothless Girlboss Vanity Project" by Laura Bradley, *The Daily Beast*, Sept 9, 2022. (The Apple TV offering: "Breezy and anodyne.")

♦ "Is Being a 'Girl Boss' a Bad Thing? It's Complicated" by Paige Skinner, *Los Angeles Magazine*, May 13, 2021.)

♦ "Sheryl Sandberg: The Word 'Bossy' Should Be Banned," NPR, All Things Considered, March 9, 2014. / "Sheryl Sandberg and Anna Maria Chavez on 'Bossy,' the Other B-word, *The Wall Street Journal*, March 8, 2014.

♦ "Girl boss culture, it's hustle culture, it's putting bright red lipstick on capitalism."

♦ "Arguably, the Soft Black Girl phenomenon is a backlash against the persistent 'strong black woman' trope in our culture, which, alongside the 'girl boss' ideal, can feel like a burden, continuously demanding our energy, whether at work or in relationships with others. The 'Soft Life' offers us an alternative." ('Soft Girl': The radical trend millennials love" by Evie Muir, BBC, 4th December 2022. A wonderful article that explains a lot.)

♦ "The red mist had metaphorically descended over the defendant's eyes..." (The ruling by Mr Justice Martin Spencer in *Czernuszka v King*. From "Reading rugby player wins compensation over revenge tackle" by Marcus White, BBC News, 23 Feb 2023. Natasha King, captain of the Bracknell Ladies rugby team, had referred to her opponents as "c****s" and said, "That f****ing number 7, I'm going to break her." An appalling case with real-life consequences.)

♦ "Young girls have more options now."

♦ Girl-boss culture; girl boss culture; girlboss... (See the Wikipedia entry, "Girlboss.")

♦ see also *fierce* (*girls and women / groups, etc.*)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

give (give a wink, etc.)

gave me a wave
he ~

gave the middle finger salute to the Celtic fans
Kyrie hit the shot and ~ (NBA)

transmission: gesture / verb

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: gesture / verb

give (give a start, etc.)

gives people hope
she ~ (Lizzo)

gave me a start
it ~

gave me the creeps
she ~

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb

transmission: verb

feeling, emotion & effect: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

give (give an impression, etc.)

gave a good account
he ~ (contest)

gave a good impression
he ~

transmission: verb

give-and-take

give and take
such ~ is uncommon
there has been a lot of ~ (coach / player)

give and take of ideas
the ~ in class discussion (vs. Internet)

give-and-take relationship
our ~s

marital give-and-take
in this parable of ~, the last word is hers to give

position, policy & negotiation: direction / giving, receiving, bringing & returning

social interaction: direction / giving, receiving, bringing & returning

give in (verb)

give in
I will never ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

give up (stop trying)

gave up
she ~ (started drinking, etc.)

give up without a fight
Amazon is unlikely to ~ (v. Reliance in India)

give up or waver
are we going to ~ when things get tough (a protest)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

give way (and give way to)

given way to (palpable) anxiety
his relaxed demeanor had ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

glacial (adjective)

glacial pace
benefits and appeals are decided at a ~ (Veterans Affairs)

pace (of medical research) is glacial
the ~

♦ "You could say that progress on an international climate change agreement has been glacial, except that glaciers have been melting faster." ("Hope is Not a Strategy" by Michael Brune, executive director of the Sierra Club, *Sierra* magazine, July / August, 2015. Some glaciers have been referred to as galloping or surging and can travel 250 feet per day.)

♦ "Today, the fastest withdrawing glaciers in Antarctica are seen to retreat by up to 30m a day." ("Climate change: Norwegian seafloor holds clue to Antarctic melting" by Jonathan Amos, BBC, April 5, 2023.)

♦ The Swiss have taken to covering sections of the Rhone Glacier with tarps in the summer to slow melting.

♦ "Germany's five alpine glaciers could disappear within 50 years."

speed: glacier

comparison & contrast: affix

gladiator (noun)

gladiators
football players are ~, baseball players are gentlemen

gladiator personalities
sports superstars generally have ~

♦ "It's obvious you're just a couch potato footballer and never been involved in any competitive sport. The modern footballers are our gladiators of the past. People like you could never hope to understand this." (Comment on BBC HYS about a football match in which one player headbutted another and was sent off.)

♦ "And Mike Tyson, traditionally no robe, no socks, he says it makes him feel like a warrior, makes him feel like a gladiator." (The excited broadcaster as Mike Tyson enters the ring for his fight against Mitch "Blood" Green.)

person: military

character & personality: history / military / person

glare (attention)

glare of publicity
he now wishes to be away from the ~ (scandal)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark

glass house

love a glass house

those who ~ and are not afraid to play catch with stones

♦ "Constant exposure is of course a double-edge sword. Online diarists and life-loggers must be prepared for humiliation as well as fame; and in this day and age, they're often the same things. And it's creating a generation gap between those who prefer to keep their blinds closed and those who love a glass house and are not afraid to play catch with stones." ("Life-logging and the Generation Gap over Privacy," NPR, Talk of the Nation, February 14, 2007. With Neal Conan, host.)

♦ "Once, when I told him we were preparing an editorial series on nepotism within the Trump White House, [A.G. Sulzberger] was quick to note that the *Times* was in a glass house when it came to such criticism." (James Bennet. The Sulzberger family controls the paper's voting stock.)

♦ The spin bowler Azeem Rafiq has charged the Yorkshire Cricket Club with "institutional racism." In 2021, Rafiq himself had to apologize for using anti-Semitic language in Facebook messages and a meme relating to African people.

♦ People in glass houses should not throw stones.

attention, scrutiny & promotion: window

glass jaw

glass jaw

they are trying to protect his ~ (a politician)

strength & weakness: boxing / materials & substances

glean (verb)

glean some of his wisdom

I hoped to ~ (from an older comedian)

glean clues from mammoth hair

scientists ~

glean information from him

authorities hoped to ~ (spy)

♦ "You can really be surprised what you can glean from analytics." (The great MLB player Keith Hernandez. *Glean?* Never mind. To paraphrase the title of his 2018 book, "You're Keith Hernandez." America loves baseball and its baseball heroes.)

♦ The Wikipedia entry for "Gleaning" is very interesting, and it shows a very affecting photo, "Impoverished Germans gleaning in 1956."

searching & discovery: farming & agriculture / verb

gleaned

gleaned from the records

there's a lot to be ~ (church sex abuse)

searching & discovery: farming & agriculture

glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.)

glimmer of hope

there might be a small ~ for the family (missing son)

glimmers of hope

five ~ to beat the coronavirus blues (BBC)

glimmer of progress

it looked like there was a ~ but that did not last long

evidence: atmosphere / light & dark

amount: atmosphere / light & dark

glittering (adjective)

glittering career

he celebrated another landmark in his ~

he has won everything in a ~ (Nadal)

superlative: light & dark

gloom (noun)

light in (United's gloom)

Anthony's superb strike was a minor shaft of ~ (soccer)

tension and gloom

people resumed their lives in an atmosphere of ~

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark

oppression: light & dark

gloomy (adjective)

gloomy assessment

in this ~ of American nursing... (a book)

gloomy picture

he presented quite a ~ of the region

gloomy crossroads

he'd reached a ~ in his life

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark

oppression: light & dark

gloss (appearance)

gloss of contemporary self-consciousness

it's a Victorian novel with a ~

gentlemanly gloss

many male Nashville stars have taken a more ~

♦ This kind of gloss may be deceptively attractive or superficial.

appearance / appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: light & dark / materials & substances

gloss (add gloss, etc.)

added the gloss

Kiltie, Kabamba and Johnson ~ (each scored a goal)

added gloss to a (hard-fought) success

an extra-time goal ~ (soccer)

added gloss to the win

their goals ~ (rugby)

added the gloss with a fine, chipped finish

Long ~ (soccer)

superlative: light & dark

gloss over (verb)

gloss over how difficult

he doesn't want to ~ it was (leaving a hate group)

gloss over any (difficult) issues

Mom wants to ~

gloss over the killings
school history books ~ (Indonesia in 1965)

gloss over addiction and overdose
she refused to ~ in her daughter's obituary

concealment & lack of concealment / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / subterfuge: light & dark / verb

glove (the gloves are off)

gloves are off
the ~ (jungle justice / no Nigerian election meddling)

gloves are (really) off
it appears that the ~ now (*Harry & Meghan* docuseries)

gloves are (well and truly) off
the ~ (tough G-20 negotiations)

the gloves are coming off
~ and the new US policy...

restraint & lack of restraint: boxing behavior / conflict: boxing

glove (hang up the gloves)

hang up the gloves
every good fighter knows when to ~ (a politician)
a party that can't turn that into a gain should ~ (N. Pelosi)

♦ "It's time to hang up the gloves." (A commentator about the indomitable boxer Derek "Del Boy / War" Chisora after his third loss to Tyson Fury. Total respect.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: boxing

glowing (adjective)

glowing recommendation
he earned an internship because of a ~

glowing reputation
Vada has earned a ~ in the sport (anti-doping)

glowing things
he did not say ~ about her (an out-of-favor ambassador)

superlative: light & dark

glue (noun)

glue
she is the ~ binding the family together (daughter)
their affection is the ~ that holds them together
he is the ~ that holds the company together (an executive)
oil could be the ~ that keeps the two sides civil (Sudan)
fear is the ~ that holds together their regime (repression)
almond butter is the ~ that holds the ingredients together
he is the ~ that holds it together (a soccer player)

glue of civilization
queues are the ~ (society, egalitarianism, fairness, etc.)

glue of politics
fear was now the ~ (repressive regimes)

binding glue
nationalism was the ~ that replaced religion and dynasty

ideological glue
the Brotherhood has a common ~ other parties lack

social glue
her coach called her the ~ that held the players together
religion provides ~ to bond groups

attachment: materials & substances

glued

glued to his ear
he had a cellphone ~ (art-auction bidder)

glued to the floor
she sat silently, her eyes ~

glued to their phones
parents, some sobbing, others ~... (school shooting)

glued to their radios
soap operas keep millions of Ethiopians ~

glued to the road
all-wheel drive keeps you ~ (cars)

glued to their screens
young people are ~ all day (computers)

glued to their smartphones
students walk past, eyes ~ (any campus)

glued to the television
during the World Cup she was ~

glued to the TV
on Sundays, my husband is ~ (sports)

attachment: materials & substances

glut (noun)

supply glut
a ~ of lobsters

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

glutton (person)

glutton for punishment
I should have quit my job years ago, but I guess I'm a ~

glutton for food, sex and praise
he is a ~

video glutton
I am a ~ (stop me before I rent again)

person: food & drink

consumption / enthusiasm: food & drink / person
sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink / person

gluttonous (adjective)

gluttonous appetite
he responded with a ~ for work (given responsibility)

consumption: food & drink / person
enthusiasm: food & drink

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink / person
gnash (gnash one's teeth, etc.)

see *teeth* (*gnash one's teeth*)

gnaw (verb)

gnawed at him

it ~ (what to do about a problem)
a secret worry ~ (a researcher and his results)
the letter ~ (a journalist gets a tip)
his desperation to be vindicated ~ (Churchill)

gnawing away at him

it was guilt ~

affliction: animal / sensation / teeth / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / sensation / teeth / verb

gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.)

gnawing anxiety

the ~ that he could win again (a politician)

gnawing doubt

I had a ~ about my choice of a profession

gnawing hunger

they had a ~ for a better life (Ellis Island immigrants)

gnawing fear and uncertainty

a ~ (living in era of terrorism)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / sensation / teeth

affliction: animal / sensation / teeth

go (go wrong, etc.)

go bad

when things ~, they go really bad

going badly

the project is ~

go wrong

where did I ~
so much must go right, so much can ~ (making movies)

went wrong

what ~
they blame Democrats for everything that ~

went (so) wrong

a routine call that ~ so quickly (two cops murdered)

gone from bad to worse

things have ~ (surprising news)

♦ **Managers are only responsible when things go well, not when things go wrong.**

failure, accident & impairment: movement

development: movement

go (go right, etc.)

go a little better

things began to ~ after that

go right

so much must ~, so much can go wrong (making movies)

going great

things are ~ (a relationship)

going well

when things are ~ at home

gone smoothly

but the hangings have not always ~... (Iraq)

went smoothly

elections ~ and without violence (Ghana)

went well

his adventure with Honnold that week ~ (climbers)

failure, accident & impairment: movement

development: movement

go (not go anywhere, go nowhere)

go anywhere

that's not going to ~ (a political strategy)

going nowhere

the project is ~ (a pipeline)

development / progress & lack of progress: movement

go (not go anywhere, etc.)

not going anywhere

I'm a believer in print, print is ~ (*The New York Times*)

LIV is here and it is ~ (golf)

♦ **"Covid is, without a doubt, here to stay. (It will go from a pandemic to being endemic.)"**

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / survival, persistence & endurance: movement / verb

go (develop)

go either way

at this point it could ~ (a criminal trial)

going to go

we know how the vote is ~

how this pandemic goes

the next months are pivotal in terms of ~

how it goes

they want the same thing, but ~ is not the same (plot)

where the puck is going

if you can see ~, as we use in the hockey metaphor

development: direction / movement / verb

go (where are we going, etc.)

where things are going

it's hard to know ~ (in the future)

where things go from here

~ is quite honestly up in the air

where are we going

what's next for the Brexit process, ~

where do we go now

~ (Guns N' Roses)

where do we go from here

~ (troubled relationship)

where does the program go from here

~ (sports)

where does he go from here

but ~ (boxer after unexpected loss)

where we are and where we're going

the general will address ~ (Afghan evacuation / bombing)

♦ *Where are we now, where are things going?*

development / future / time: journeys & trips / movement

go (go places, etc.)

go places

they are going to ~ (the Azzurri soccer team)

going places

"Women who are ~ start at Hollins" (Virginia university)

under twenty and ~ (brother and sister classical musicians)

I need to keep track of this guy, he's ~ (soldier KIA)

♦ "Going Places" is our new weekly travel segment..."

♦ see also *far (progress)*

progress & lack of progress: movement

go (have a go at something)

had a go at it

practically everyone ~ (writing mystery novels)

attempt: movement

go (a road can go, etc.)

goes from Canada to Mexico

the mountain range ~

♦ "It *began* at the Forum in Rome; it *coursed* through a virtual tunnel, formed by villa walls on either side; it *left* the great outer wall through the Porta Appia; it *headed* southeast along the line of the peninsula; it *passed* the Alban Hills; it *spanned* the gorge of Aricia; it *pushed across* the Pontine Marshes; it *reached* the Sea at Tarracina (Terracina); it *followed* a stunning cliffside cut facing the sea; it *headed* inland again; it *reached* the shore once more at Formiae (Formia); it *followed* the coast to Sinuessa; it *cut inland* and *headed* further east; it *passed through* Capua and Beneventum (Benevento); it *climbed* onto the rocky Apennine Plateau; it *reached* the Ionian Sea at Tarentum (Taranto), on the instep of the boot; it *cut through* the heel to Brundisium (Brindisi), the main port to the East, on the Adriatic; and *carried on* to Otranto, a secondary port... But the Via Appia was only one-half of Rome's Great East Road... (Adapted from *To the Ends of the Earth: The Great Travel and Trade Routes of Human History* by Irene M. Franck and David M. Brownstone.)

fictive motion: verb / walking, running & jumping

go (a distance to go, etc.)

how far he can go

see *far (progress)*

far to go

the field has come a long way but still has ~ (AI)

further to go

we have come a long way, but we have much ~

go far

see *far (progress)*

gone (quite) a distance

see *far (progress)*

a little way to go

we still have a ~ (restoring electricity after hurricane)

a long way to go

we've got ~, but we've had some success

Afghanistan has ~ in its pursuit of peace

this is a step in the right direction, but there is still ~

we still have ~ (putting out a wildfire in California)

progress & lack of progress: distance / journeys & trips / movement

go (let something go)

let it go

he rolled his eyes and told me to ~ (book idea)

let go of that

I want to ~ (a boxer speaking of a defeat)

♦ "Let it go, get it over with, and put it behind us..." (Former Solicitor General Ted Olsen, on allowing KSM—the mastermind of 9/11, on which almost 3,000 people died—to plead guilty in exchange for life in prison with parole.)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: hand / verb

possession / resiliency: hand / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb

go (behavior)

going berserk

this crowd is ~ (an exciting boxing match)

went too far

she ~ (bad behavior gets her in trouble)

went overboard

she ~ (bad behavior gets her in trouble)

go over the line

anything goes as long as you don't ~ (Las Vegas)

went off the deep end

she ~

anything goes

~ as long as you don't go over the line (Las Vegas)

willing to go

how far are you ~ to get these people (cops)

behavior: direction / distance / movement / verb

go (direction)

go

Obama is taking this country where it should never ~

going forward

turning back was not an option, ~ was a minefield

went round and round
we ~ (in an argument)

gone either way
it could have ~ (the decision in a close boxing match)

go this route
I'm surprised more people don't ~ (reject fame)

direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb

go (argument)

goes to a difficult issue
your question ~

goes to the heart
this argument ~ of the issue

♦ see also *follow* (argument)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / comprehension & incomprehension: journeys & trips / movement / verb
go (go from zero to one hundred, etc.)

went from zero to one hundred
when my friend approached her, she ~, cussing...

went from zero to 100 really fast
we ~ (the popularity of the Netflix hit *Cheer*)

went from zero to 60
we went from ~ in the first two months (a relationship)

♦ "Our life was running at 150,000 miles an hour." (The husband about his marriage to a pop celebrity, which ended badly. The inflated number is a typical example of linguistic supersizing.)

♦ "It's been six years of trying times—so strange when one day you're Cinderella, so to speak, and then in 0.6 seconds, you're Quasimodo." (The actor Johnny Depp, about how people's attitudes towards him have changed.)

feeling, emotion & effect / speed: engine

go (the time has gone, etc.)

time has gone
we worry about where the ~, how much of it we have left
the ~ of getting excited about heavyweight boxing

been and gone
irrelevant club whose time has ~ (Manchester United)

come and go
see *come and go* (time)

time: direction / movement / verb
past & present: direction / movement / verb
go (a month to go, etc.)

months to go
there's still a couple of ~ (in the season)

future / time: distance / movement

go (go long)

gone long
critics have ~ trying to explain the show's success

fate, fortune & chance: football / sports & games

go (go with it)

see *go with it* (verb)

go (raring to go, etc.)

rarin' to go
I take a shot of Old Crow at night and wake up ~

raring to get out there
he is ~ and campaign (a politician)

raring to start
Trump's attorneys are ~ their counter-arguments (trial)

hopeful, energized and rarin' to go
they're ~ (activists)

eagerness & reluctance: horse

goad (verb)

goad him into launching
Trump appeared to ~ a presidential bid

goaded one another
both fighters viciously ~ in the runup to the fight (boxers)

coercion & motivation / directing / oppression: animal / speech / verb / violence

go after (attack)

going after the senator with reference
the President is ~ to Native Americans

went after his critics
he ~ (Turkish President)

going after the school
he was ~ (a 15-year-old school shooter)

accusation & criticism: hunting / verb
pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb
speech: hunting / verb

go-ahead

go-ahead from Turkey
uncertainty over a ~ (military operation)

go-ahead for the flight
the ~ came through

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: movement / part of speech

goal (own goal)

embarrassing own goal
this is an ~ for the president's allies

major own goal
claiming he was on "urgent transfer business" was a ~

failure, accident & impairment: sports & games

goal line (across the goal line)

get this across the goal line
she needs her party's support to ~ (Brexit)

success & failure: football / sports & games

go along (verb)

go along
to get along, you've got to ~ (it's the way of the world)
you want to get along to ~ in D.C. (lobbyists / regulators)
I didn't make the custom, I just ~ (segregation)

go along with Israel
he will probably ~ (foreign policy)

go along with it
but he was willing to ~ (a politician)

went along with their leader
they ~ (politics)

go along with what's fair and what's just
we're asking you to ~

♦ In a discussion about politics, the following words and phrases were used: stand up to; challenge; take him on; bring him down; go along; and wait it out.

♦ "What do you boys want!" he asked us. And we said, "We simply want to be served." "Well, I can't serve you here, I can't!" We said, "Can't or won't? What is the problem?" "Well, we just don't serve black people at this counter." "Well, why not! Do you condone this custom, of discrimination?" "Well, I didn't make the custom. You know, I just abide by it. I just go along." "Well, we're asking you to go along with what's fair and what's just..." (BBC, Sounds, Witness History, "The Greensboro lunch counter sit-in.")

social interaction: direction / movement / verb

goalpost (target)

goalpost
that ~ seemed to fade out of sight (a deadline)

constantly changing goalposts
the ~ will be a challenge (government requirements)

move the goalposts
they shouldn't ~ and change things in the middle of game

moved the goalposts
every time Obama met their demands, they ~ (politics)

moving the goalposts
the government keeps ~ (reporting requirements)

moves the goalposts
he always ~, demanding still more evidence (RFK Jr.)

♦ (A) "Did I do that right?" (B) "Correct. Yes." (C) "Yes." (A) "All right. Through the uprights. Thank you very much. Okay, so then the question is why..." (A radio science show with three people.)

♦ Touch Down / Field Goal / First Down / Fumble ("What's your take on this story?" The rating system for *New York Post* sports stories.)

♦ "They [the goalposts] have not so much moved as been ripped out and carried off to another playing field. It is just not acceptable behavior. We were told..." (Backbencher Sir Charles Walker, unhappy that the government was tightening, not loosening, Coronavirus restrictions for summer 2021, in spite of worldwide vaccination programs. He was worried about the effect on the travel industry.)

success & failure: football / sports & games / target
target: football / sports & games

go around (verb)

go around congress
the president will try to ~ to get what he wants

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

GOAT (greatest of all time)

GOAT of his sport
Slater is considered the ~ (Kelly Slater / surfing)

peddling AJ as a GOAT
the BBC has been ~ for years as part of their agenda

♦ bye brat. You were a GOAT but your head is now far too big. (Online criticism of a great soccer player.)

superlative: animal

go away (verb)

go away
there were some problems that didn't ~ (physics)
the racist abuse did not ~
this is not going to ~ (a boxing controversy)

going away
the reasons for migration are not ~
I'm right here, in the middle of everything, and I'm not ~
porn isn't ~, acknowledge it (Kate Lonsdorf)
the scandal is not ~ (at Harvard)

Going Away
"Why Nationalism Works And Why It Isn't ~" (Wimmer)

went away
the coal and manufacturing jobs ~ (a region)
the reducing machines just ~ (jiggling devices, etc.)

go away (anytime) soon
the controversy over VAR is not going to ~ (sports)

go away as quickly as possible
Republicans want this to ~ (impeachment trial)

go away and be forgotten
if we didn't do this it would just ~ (ice harvesting)

appearance & disappearance: movement / verb
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb

go back (verb / time)

go back in time
walking backwards encouraged their mind to ~
we will ~to learn about... (prosecuting a cold case)
I would like to ~

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

going back in time
you feel like you're ~ (a visit to Wrangel Island)

go (all the way) back to the 1960s
his alleged attacks ~ (sexual assaults)

go back to a romanticized past
they want to ~ that never existed

go back (more than 100 years) to an epic tale
we ~ of survival (Shackleton's Trans-Antarctic expedition)

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

♦ "Do you remember...when Gas was 29 cents a gallon? WE ARE OFFERING YOU A CHANCE TO GO BACK IN TIME AND PURCHASE TWO GRAVE SPACES FOR ONLY \$600. / Forest lawn memorial Park.

past & present / time: direction / movement / place / verb

go back (and get back)

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

get back to basics
AJ needs to ~ (Anthony Joshua, the boxer)

get back to (fiscal) health
we need to ~

get back to journalism
CNN needs to ~

get back to a place
we need to ~ where individuals can feel free

♦ see also *return (and return to)*

situation: direction / movement / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement / verb

gobbledygook (speech)

Gobbledygook
"~: The proliferation of jargon" (TESOL)

gobbledygook
~, or the circumlocutions of bureaucratic language

described his arguments as gobbledygook
a federal judge ~ ("Sovereign citizen movement")

♦ For a first-rate roasting of "TESOL-speak," read "Gobbledygook: The proliferation of jargon in English language teaching" by Joshua D. Bernstein, *tesol* journal, surprisingly not (yet) hidden behind the TESOL / WILEY paywall.)

♦ "Gobbledygook, or the circumlocutions of bureaucratic language, is intentionally difficult to understand."

♦ "Based on open sources and discussions with serving officers, the UK concept of 'Influence' would seem very similar to a lot of the ideas that failed under fire in 2006. What is important is that the IDF took firm remedial action to enforce a strict back to basics campaign. As a result mission verbs like 'capture' and 'destroy,' have regained primacy over those that suggested '*rendering the enemy incoherent*.' Simplicity has once again become virtue. Short, clear and simple orders have been proven as the only ones that work." (The IDF versus Hezbollah. From "Back to Basics: What the British Army should learn from the 2nd Lebanon War" by William F. Owen.)

♦ see also *boilerplate (noun)*, *buzzword (noun)*, *doublespeak (noun)*, *ese (legalese, etc.)*, *language (types)*, *lip service (pay lip service, etc.)*, *newspeak (noun)*, *speak (NASA-speak, etc.)*, *supersizing (linguistic supersizing)*, *talk (mediator talk, etc.)*, *word salad*

language: speech

gobble up (verb)

gobble up (as much) raw data
the NSA wanted to ~ as it could (Edward Snowden)

gobbled up land
developers ~ (housing and golf courses)

gobbled up the market
rivals have ~

gobbling up properties
real estate developers have been ~

consumption: food & drink / verb

go big (verb)

go big
keep the case local, or ~ (murder of child)
they decided to ~ (police / murder of child)
the intent is to ~ and do it now (a Biden bill)

go big on a national response
we need to ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

go big, or go home
~ (a championship soccer game)

go big or go home
~ (defend yourself against criticism)
~ (The filmmaker James Cameron about *Avatar* sequel)

go big or go small
yet the Kremlin still had to decide whether to ~ (military)

♦ "We pressed the big button with rescue helicopters, rescue dogs, the Red Cross, the civil defense, fire, health and police." (A Norwegian, speaking about eight homes that were swept into the sea by a mudslide. Miraculously nobody was at home.)

♦ Anne Hathaway: "I'm a sort of all-or-nothing girl." / David Letterman: "Go big or go home." (The David Letterman show.)

extent & scope: size / verb

commitment & determination: size / verb

go for it (and go for broke, etc.)

go for broke
expect the athletes to ~ (Olympics)

go-for-broke
doing ~ art
a skier with a ~ style
a ~ cancer treatment

go for it
let's ~ (win versus tie / sports)
Pulev will ~, he will have a go (box aggressively)

go-for-it
you need a ~ attitude (ski competition)
he had a ~ mentality (skateboarder)

go for the victory
he decided to ~ (versus tie / coach)

go hard and go early

the New Zealand response to the pandemic was “~”

♦ “He had a go-for-it mentality—“Make it, or take me to the hospital.” (A skateboarder.)

♦ “I just did it, and just kind of went as big as I could, and threw it all at the wall knowing the only mistake we could make was not going far enough. And so we both just went for it... I had turned it up to eleven and then realized I had to go even higher...” (Elisabeth Moss on performing in *Her Smell*.)

♦ “And I loved the message of like, you know, it’s going to be do or die, so let’s just go for it. And always trust your cape.” (The actress Lilly James, about the song “The Cape” by Eric Bibb. *Inheritance Tracks Lilly James*.)

attempt: direction / movement / verb

commitment & determination: direction / movement / verb

go by (an hour can go by, etc.)

goes by

time ~, no time to cry (Joe Cocker)

gone by

which events will still matter after months or years ~

went by

an hour ~

the years ~

time: movement / verb

god (play god / actual life and death)

god complex

the sniper had a ~ (DC sniper)

♦ “Look on the Tarot card. It says, ‘Call me God.’ Do not release to the press.” (A phone call to police by the D.C. sniper. See the Wikipedia article, “D.C. sniper attacks.”)

♦ “She enjoyed ‘playing God’ with her defenseless victims.” (Nurse Lucy Letby.)

death & life: religion

god (perspective)

god complex

there’s a little bit of the ~ (CIA does what it wants)

god game

a ~ called Black and White (computers)

~, like the SimCity series and Dungeon Keeper

god-game

he invented the ~ genre in 1987 with Populous

God gamers

~ escape the real world (computer games)

“hacking god”

he described himself as a ~ (imprisoned swatter)

play god

she tried to ~, and now she is in trouble

control & lack of control: religion

god (mountain gods, etc.)

baseball gods

the ~ are making us pay a little bit (hard-won victory)

football gods

the ~ weren’t going to let Auburn lose last night

I chalked it up to the ~ testing me a little bit personally

golf gods

the ~ have turned against him (a famous golfer)

mountain gods

sometimes the ~ say, “Not today” (climbing)

Concordia is the throne room of the ~ (Pakistan / Rowell)

poker gods

he felt cursed by the ~

river gods

the ~ are hungry (a rafter)

the ~ were with me (a relieved kayaker)

sea-gods

and since the ~ had ordained that he should soon become my

shipmate... (*Moby Dick*)

soccer gods

the ~ at times are fair (two judging errors cancel out)

weather gods

the ~ had shown an uncanny sense of occasion

the swell was an unexpected gift from the ~ (*Jaws*)

the ~ had finally delivered (Eddie Aikau competition)

political gods

someone has to be sacrificed to the ~ for the greater good

golfing gods

the ~ hear that (a golfer’s boast that could jinx him)

racing Gods

the ~ have shined down upon Red Bull (Verstappen)

gift (we have) from the (football) gods

what a ~ today (two excellent NFL playoff games)

cursed by the (poker) gods

he felt ~

♦ “On the top, on the right-hand side of the trail, stood a small joss-house, built of logs. Within was a crude carving illustrating Chinese gods, and in front of it two wooden boxes with the stamps of paper candles. On the other side were a few leaves of tobacco and a couple of pieces of sugar, sacrifices to the God of Forests.” (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

fate, fortune & chance: religion

god (importance)

God

Oates was a soldier, his ~ was duty

in the industry, he was a ~ (charismatic salesman)

god on campus

Len Bias was a ~ (University of Maryland)

“Guitar God”

he is remembered as a ~ (Eddie Van Halen)

guitar god

by then his reputation as a ~ was firmly enshrined

the astonishing techniques that made Eddie Van Halen a ~

the late ~ Eddie Van Halen

gun god
human sacrifices on this altar of the ~ (2nd amendment)

Punt God
the Buffalo Bills drafted the “~” Matt Araiza (NFL)

scientific god
he was idolized as a ~ through Europe (Niels Bohr)

♦ “Bohr was God and Oppie was his prophet.” (Oppie was J. Robert Oppenheimer, the “father of the atomic bomb.” At Berkeley.)

importance & significance: religion

goddess

goddess
she is a ~

pop goddess
a ~, Carly had been in love so many times...

superlative: religion

godfather (verb)

godfathered
the strategy that Sam Admas ~... (US revolution)

father and god-father
he had been imported to ~ the bill (C.P. Ilbert)

help & assistance: family / verb

godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.)

Godfather of the Stikine ice caps
he’s known as the ~ (climber Dieter Klose / Alaska)

Godfather of Clouds
some call him, with good reason, the ~ (Luke Howard)

godfather of modern comedy
Richard Pryor, universally considered the ~

godfather of Marvel Comics
Lee is considered the ~ (Stan Lee, died age 95)

Godfather of ecstasy
he became known as the ~ (Alexander Shulgin)

Godfather of Freeskiing
the ~, Mike Douglas (New Canadian Air Force)

godfather of (molecular) gastronomy
Ferran Adria, the Spanish chef who is considered the ~

“godfather of grime”
the rapper Wiley, known as the ~ (“Boasty,” etc.)

‘godfather’ of artificial intelligence
the ~ regrets his work (Geoffrey Hinton)

“Godfather of Metal”
he has earned the informal title ~ (Ozzy Osbourne)

godfather of (modern) mindfulness
the man now considered the ~ (Jon Kabat-Zinn)

Godfather of the New Right
they call him the ~ (Richard Viguerie)

godfather of black postmodernism
Ishmael Reed is the ~ (Henry Louis Gates, Jr.)

Godfather of snowboarding
Jake Burton Carpenter, known as the ~, has died...

Godfather of Soul
the governor proclaimed him the ~ (the great James Brown)

Godfather of (modern) surfing
Hawaii and Duke Kahanamoku, the ~

godfather of kayak surfing
Randy Phillips, the ~

godfather of global warming
he is sometimes called “~” (James Hansen of NASA)

Godfather of electronic voice phenomenon
the ~ Konstantin Raudive

Godfather of reality TV
Jerry Springer, the ~, has died... (BBC)

comic godfather
Richard Pryor, the ~

intellectual godfather
Harry Jaffa, an ~ of Claremont (right-wing think tank)

♦ “Alex Jones is sort of the Godfather of the current American conspiracy theory movement.” (Will Sommer speaking with Fresh Air’s Terry Gross.)

♦ “It’s called the Jerry Springer effect. He opened the door for the idea of reality programming...for the Real Housewives and the Kardashians. He was the father of all of that.” (Journalist and psychologist Cooper Lawrence.)

♦ “The three so-called Godfathers of AI...” (Geoffrey Hinton, Yoshua Bengio, and Yann Le Cun, according to Meta’s Nick Clegg, whose previous gig had something to do with Britain’s government.)

♦ NPR’s Rodney Carmichael: Rico’s legacy is one that reverberates beyond Atlanta, the South and even hip-hop. I mean only a dude as cool and connected as Rico could basically organize the sound, the soul, and the swag to something that the rest of the world couldn’t deny. I mean, he’s the godfather.” / NPR’s Ailsa Chang: [Reverentially] Rest in peace... (“Renowned Atlanta hip-hop producer Rico Wade dies at 52,” NPR, All Things Considered, April 15, 2024.)

♦ see also *godmother* (*Godmother of Title IX, etc.*)

epithet / person / relationship: family

help & assistance: epithet / family

godforsaken

godforsaken battlefields
months or even years on ~ (Korea)

godforsaken hellhole
a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.)

‘Godmother of Funk’
~ Betty Davis dies aged 77

godmother of German punk
these days Nina Hagen is considered the ~

Godmother of Title IX

Bernice Sandler, ‘~’

godmother of Freak / Outsider Folk
Josephine Foster, the ~ (Ann Powers / NPR)

Godmother of Silicon Valley
the ~ (Esther Wojcicki, for her daughters’ successes)

♦ “Astronomical foremothers. At the Harvard College Observatory, women studied and curated over 130 years of the night sky, all preserved on glass plate photographs.” (Harvard.edu.)

♦ see also *godfather* (*Godfather of Soul*, etc.)

epithet / person / relationship: family

help & assistance: family / person

godmother (fairy godmother)

activist fairy godmother
an ~, wise, a benevolent matriarch (Color Me Country)

help & assistance: creature / family / person

go down (happen)

went down
what more can you tell us about what ~
what we know what ~, what happened... (school shooting)

♦ It is common to translate *contempo-speak*: “So, what went down, what happened...?”

occurrence: direction / verb

go down (digestion)

gone down well
his comments haven’t ~ with many in India

go down (pretty) smoothly
he’s able to make these questionable ideas ~ (the comic David Chappelle)

consumption: food & drink / verb

acceptance & rejection: food & drink / verb

go down (decrease)

gone down by two-thirds
my income has ~

increase & decrease: number

decline / increase & decrease: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

godsend (noun)

godsend
OnlyFans was a ~, now it’s kind of a nightmare (porn)

godsend to the library
he was been a ~ (John Heubusch, Reagan Library)

help & assistance: religion

God’s-eye

God’s-eye (crane) shots
swooping, ~ (a film)

perception, perspective & point of view: religion / eye

Godzilla (force)

Godzilla of news subscriptions

The New York Times has become the modern ~ (paywalls)

♦ A FUNNY ADVERTISEMENT. The 1993 Nike advertisement “Godzilla vs Charles Barkley” is wonderful. In it, Barkley dunks on Godzilla, sending Godzilla reeling into a skyscraper, which crumbles to the ground. Afterwards, we see the backs of Barkley and Godzilla as they walk down a street. Barkley’s left arm is consolingly draped over Godzilla’s shoulder, and Barkley is saying, “Have you ever thought about wearing shoes?” In another version, the line goes, “The Lakers are looking for a big man.”

♦ “We did all sorts of studies and finally accepted the fact that every once in a while Godzilla arrives and fills the channel up to the edge with water. We just did the research and stuck to the facts, and the facts were that communities along the river were suffering, they needed parks and open space and they also need to be protected from floods.” (Tensho Takemori, working with Frank Gehry to find ways to revitalize the Los Angeles River. Quoted in “Remaking The River That Remade L.A.” by Michael Kimmelman, *The New York Times Magazine*, November 13, 2022. In the first paragraph of that article, Kimmelman mentions an incredible fact: At Long Beach, the 1938 flood exceeded the flow of the Mississippi at St. Louis. Eighty-seven people died. That was truly a “Godzilla” of a flood!)

♦ see also *zilla* (*bridezilla*, etc.)

force: creature / film & TV

size: creature

gold (black gold, etc.)

black gold
~, or petroleum (oil)
Arabia’s other ~, Khawlani coffee beans (dried black)
the “~” epithet has been given to both coal and coffee

blue gold
bulk water shipments could be ~ (to arid countries)
investors have called the metal “~” (cobalt)

gray gold
lead was called ~ (1820s / northwestern Illinois)

liquid gold
‘~’ prices skyrocket due to poor harvest (Greek olive oil)

green gold
all this ~ (avocados / NPR)

white gold
~, they sometimes called it (guano in the 19th century)
whalers boil the ~ in giant containers (whale blubber)
cotton, also known as “~” (India)
these hair extensions are often referred to as “~” (Ukraine)
camel milk, Kenya’s new ‘~’
lithium is now being called “~” (high demand / batteries)
Spain’s ‘~’ super-drink (Horchata)

♦ “This is that ice cold, the Michelle Pfeiffer, that white gold, them good girls...” (Mark Ronson, Bruno Mars, and “Uptown Funk.”)

epithet: color / materials & substances

worth & lack of worth: epithet / materials & substances / mining

gold (worth)

gold
speech is silver, silence is ~

worth its weight in gold
it's ~

gone from gold to tarnished brass
its reputation has ~ (the CDC)

turned into (movie, TV and theater) gold
his books have been ~ (Roald Dahl)

♦ "They arrive with gold and depart with pepper." (An amazed Tamil trader. From *At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson.)

♦ Gold makes the belagaana crazy. (A Navajo in a Tony Hillerman novel.)

♦ "It is a well-known fact that gold blinds all and corrupts even the best of people." (*Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ "With money you are a dragon; with no money, a worm."

♦ "With gold I can buy things; with thinking I can understand things." (A Turkish proverb.)

♦ "The shroud has no pockets." (Turkish.)

♦ "A miser does not own money; money owns the miser." (Said in Saudi Arabia.)

♦ "Better poor with honor than rich with shame." (A point of pride in Kosovo.)

♦ "Friends are better than money." (If you need money, you can borrow it from your friends.)

worth & lack of worth: mining

gold (strike gold)

struck gold
he finally ~ (won an award)

struck (comic) gold
they knew they had ~ (idea for film)

success & failure: mining

searching & discovery: mining

gold digger (person)

gold digger
a ~ is someone who marries for money, not for love
she was a small-town girl, a Playboy pinup, and ~
the relationship was toxic and she was a ~

♦ "I don't have any shame in flaunting a gold-digger aesthetic." (Linda Andrade, the "Original Dubai Housewife." Her spending sprees are watched by millions on TikTok.)

character & personality: mining / person

person: mining / money

gold-digging

gold-digging
prenuptial agreements protect wealthy from ~ spouses

behavior: mining

golden (golden opportunity, etc.)

golden opportunity
that was a ~ for him (overthrown pass by QB / football)
did we miss a ~
his media posts destroyed a ~ (admission to Harvard)

superlative: materials & substances / mining

golden age (and golden era)

golden age of dinosaurs
we're really in a ~ (new species, theories, etc.)

"golden age" of peace
they look on his reign as a ~ (Afghanistan)

golden age of quiz shows
the ~ of the 1950s

golden age of the detective story
the period has been called the ~ (between world wars)

golden age of TV
The Sopranos was the tripwire event that set off the ~

golden era
the ~ of whaling, from about 1820 to 1860
the ~ of boxing was the 80s and 90s (20th century)

sport's Golden Era
the 1970s, the ~ (US boxing)

♦ "We're really in a golden age of dinosaurs." (Finding new species, computer modeling, theories about dinosaur behavior based on birds, shows like *Prehistoric Planet* with David Attenborough, etc.)

♦ "Golden ages never last."

growth & development / superlative: history
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

golden boy

golden boy
he was a ~ from the get-go (Justice John Roberts)

golden boy of crypto
he was the ~, he made crypto cool (Sam Bankman-Fried)

golden boy of cryptocurrency
he was once considered a ~ (Sam Bankman-Fried)

golden boy of this (island) nation
he was once the ~ (Malta's prime minister resigns)

golden boy quarterback
~ faces uncertain future (in NFL draft)

golden boy of the (London theater) scene
he was essentially the ~ (Kevin Spacey trial)

England's golden boy
Rooney was ~ (2004 Euros)

PSG's (attacking) golden boys
~ Mbappe and Neymar

Hollywood golden boy
at the time, he was riding high as a ~

Democratic golden boy
the ~'s career could be about to end (Gavin Newsom)

liberal golden boy
he became a ~ during his Senate bid (Beto O'Rourke)

brings down (Rhode Island) 'golden boy'
college cheating scandal ~ (tennis coach took bribes)

♦ "Why does the BBC continue to push Joshua as their number 1 golden boy when it's clear he's finished at the top?" (An online commenter about the boxer.)

person: society

achievement, recognition & praise: person

attraction & repulsion / character & personality: person

golden girl

golden girl of Silicon Valley

she was the ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

golden girl of the music industry

Whitney Houston was the ~

Britain's golden girl

she was ~ (the actor Emma Thompson)

Country Music's new 'Golden' Girl

Kacey Musgraves, ~ (breakout success)

person: society

achievement, recognition & praise: person

attraction & repulsion / character & personality: person

golden rule

golden rule

the ~ in meatpacking plants is "the line never stops"

message: religion

golden hour

golden hour

a clock starts ticking on what is called the ~ the "~", when life can hang in the balance

"Golden Hour" of injury

if treatment is available within the first ~

♦ "Detectives call this stage of an investigation the gold hour, when memories are fresh and evidence is easier to find." (A missing child.)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: hour

Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.)

Goldilocks approach

many people believe in a ~ to stress (not too much)

Goldilocks candidate

Klobuchar is "the ~" (Democrat contestant)

Goldilocks civilization

it's a good example of what I call a ~ (Harappans / climate)

Goldilocks economy

we are in the middle of a ~ (just right)

Goldilocks place

trying to find the sweet spot, the ~ is important (medicine)

Goldilocks principle

finding the middle way forward is called the "~"

Goldilocks zone

planets in the "~" (not too hot or cold for liquid water)

* In the fairy tale "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," Goldilocks was a horrid willful privileged naughty little girl who could not control herself,

and the bears were Mama, Papa, and Baby Bear. Goldilocks broke into the bears' house. She ate the porridge that was just right, sat on the chair that was just right, and slept on the bed that was just right. When the bears returned, she fled.

♦ "You talked about people that you rejected as either too white or too Asian and these are your words here, 'As if we were playing a game of Goldilocks and we were the only ones who were "just right."' ("Biting the Hand": Korean American author calls for weaponizing invisibility," NPR, Morning Edition, April 19, 2023.)

* In *Krakatoa*, the great writer Simon Winchester points out that volcanic eruptions are often associated with death and disaster and yet in fact they are one of a number of reasons why the Earth is "just right" for life. The earth is just the right distance from the sun, allowing for water in liquid form. Its size is just right, too, with just the right gravitational pull to maintain an atmosphere. It has just the right number of volcanoes of the right size to create and recycle elements essential "to the making and maintenance of organic life." Finally, the volcanic eruptions are often the result of the movement of great plates, which can't exist on planets that are too hot or too cold.

flaws & lack of flaws: allusion

allusion: books & reading

gold mine

gold mine of data

a ~ about enemy plans

gold mine of (genealogical) data

a ~ for family researchers (census)

gold mine of documentation

the prison is a possible ~ (Iraq / US POW)

gold mine of information

he is a ~

the Web is a ~

gold mine of research

it was a ~ (Lyme disease hotspot)

gold mine (of data) for researchers

the census is a ~ (genealogy)

goldmine for (Chinese wood) traders

the vast forests of Eastern Siberia are a ~

fossil goldmine

the limestone caves contain a "~" of species

literal goldmine

kids' private information is a ~ to these companies

potential gold mine

college graduates are ~s for retailers

♦ "What happens when the mine closes?" (Question relating to the degradation of the environment by gold mining, and the way gold companies walk away from the cleanup.)

source / worth & lack of worth: mining

gold rush

gold rush of the "unicorn" boom

the ~ (Silicon Valley startups)

gold-rush frenzy

the bold promises and ~ of Silicon Valley

gold-rush morality

he grew increasingly dismayed by his industry's ~ (solar)

dot-com gold rush

Wall Street's ~

natural-gas gold rush

the country is at the heart of Colorado's ~

Internet gold rush

start-ups and the ~

marijuana gold rush

Oklahoma is the latest frontier in the ~

latter-day gold rush

a ~ is on (Arctic oil and gas)

“green gold rush”

Oklahoma is in the midst of a ~ (legal marijuana)

the dark side of America's ~ (marijuana)

new gold rush

we are experiencing a ~ (renewable energy / California)

gold rush, or a curse

it's a ~ for Oklahoma, I don't know which (legal marijuana)

gold rush has attracted

the ~ a cartoonish array (cryptocurrencies)

♦ “In 1849 the harbor of San Francisco was speckled with idle ships from which the crews had deserted in a body to go to the gold fields... The price for washing clothes was so high that the more well-to-do among the miners, gamblers and merchants sent bundles of laundry work to the Hawaiian Islands, which meant that they had to wait three months before they got back their shirts and socks... With great flourishes the newspapers announced the arrival of each fresh batch of prostitutes, describing their charms...” (From *A New American History* by W. E. Woodward.)

activity / amount & effect / cost & benefit / worth & lack of worth: history / mining / money

gold standard (noun)

“gold standard” of safety

approved by the FDA, which he called the ~ (vaccines)

gold standard in doing voter research

the cellphone number is the ~

gold standard for pot

it was soon the worldwide ~ (Colombian in the 1980s)

seen as the gold standard

PCR tests are ~ (COVID)

superlative: mining / money

Golgotha (Golgotha of Norilisk, etc.)

Golgotha of Norilisk

the hill is referred to as the ~

Albanian Golgotha

the Great Retreat (Serbian) is also known as the ~ (WWI)

♦ Or Calvary, where Jesus was crucified.

death & life: epithet / religion

epithet: religion

Goliath (Bible)

Goliath

Hillerich & Bradsby is the industry ~ (70% of bat market)

billion-dollar goliath

he has conquered a ~ (the tech industry)

David and Goliath

see *David (David and Goliath, etc.)*

people versus Goliath

the ~, that's what this is (day traders vs Wall Street)

♦ “Roe v. Wade has been our Goliath. So now we've slain Goliath, presumably... there are still a lot of Philistines.” (An anti-abortion activist. The abortion issue will be left to each state. Certain states will allow it.)

♦ see also *David (David and Goliath, etc.)*

strength & weakness: allusion / Bible / religion

size: allusion / Bible / religion

gone (absent)

gone

you have a house, and then it is ~

gone forever

his reputation is ~

possession: movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

presence & absence / survival, persistence & endurance: movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

gone (those days are gone, etc.)

gone

those days are ~

the Ceausescus and Idi Amins and Saddams are ~

long gone

those days are ~ (Western hegemony)

♦ “Students used to have an understanding that you aren't supposed to be on your phone in class. Those days are gone.” (A teacher.)

♦ “The days when global decisions were dictated by a small group are long.” (Chinese criticism of Group of Seven.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

past & present / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

gone (dead)

gone

if she gets sick she's gonna be ~ (an old woman)

he was ~, we did CPR, we got him back (soccer player)

someone tried to resuscitate the baby, but the baby was ~

he may be ~, but he will never, ever be forgotten

♦ “On Thursday, Tom's not going to be there. You know he's not coming back to that unit.” (An Idaho corrections director about the serial killer Thomas Eugene Creech, set to be executed after spending 50 years in prison. Update: On Feb 28, 2024, the medical team was unable to establish an IV line, and he was returned to his cell.)

♦ “Gone, but not forgotten!”

death & life: euphemism / movement / presence & absence

good (good crazy, etc.)

good busy

I've been busy, but ~

flaws & lack of flaws: part of speech

good (as noun)

feed good

feed hope, feed love, ~ (rescuing food for NYC / donate)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: part of speech

goodbye (say goodbye, etc.)

say goodbye to Oakland Arena

Golden State Warriors ~ (basketball)

says goodbye to lectures

Vermont medical school ~

said goodbye to Radio 2

Steve Wright ~ last year (retired)

say Sayonara to your skinny jeans

is it time to finally ~ (fashion)

bidding goodbye to polio

Nigeria is on the verge of ~ (2015)

Kissed Dating Goodbye

I ~ (evangelical purity movement book)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: exclamation / speech / verb

Good Earth (Pearl Buck)

Good Earth country

the Red Basin is ~ (China)

allusion: books & reading

good girl (person)

good girl

I'd been the ~ for years, I was tired of it (Britney Spears)

played the good girl

Hunt usually ~ in comedies and dramas (Hollywood)

♦ "The good girls who love bad boys..." (A trope in romance fiction for women. On the other hand, being a "good girl" is denounced by feminists.)

♦ "This is that ice cold, the Michelle Pfeiffer, that white gold, them good girls..." (Mark Ronson, Bruno Mars, and "Uptown Funk.")

♦ "But together 'Blurred Lines' and 'Hold On, We're Going Home' play out an old crisis—the crisis of the compromised good girl—by the book." ("Drake And Pop Music's Good Girl Problem" by Ann Powers, NPR, September 18, 2013. An excellent analysis that focuses on race.)

♦ In the movie musical *Grease*, Olivia Newton-John starred as good girl Sandy Olson, who fell for a bad boy played by John Travolta. (Both white.)

♦ "Even in Hawaii, Mazie Hirono is viewed as the quote 'good girl' of politics, polite, never in-your-face, not a boat-rocker. But in the last year and a half, as one Hawaii columnist put it, she's become quote, 'a badass.' / 'I always was. I just wasn't very noisy about it. I've been a fighter all my life. I just don't look like that.'" ("The Quiet Rage Of Mazie Hirono" by Nina Totenberg, NPR, Morning Edition, June 7, 2018.)

♦ *FBoy Island* is a dating reality TV series hosted by the comedian Nikki Glaser. A spinoff called *FGIRL Island* is in the works. A man is either a nice guy or a F-boy. In slang, a "fuck boy" is a male womanizer, a playboy, a Lothario. See the Wikipedia article "FBOY Island," which has the following caveat: "This article may have been created or edited in return for undisclosed payments, a violation of Wikipedia's content policies, particularly neutral point of view."

♦ "The father defended his daughters as 'good girls.'" (Palestinian activists.)

♦ "She thinks a princess in a pink gown is kid stuff. 'I want to be Britney Spears, no more princess or angel.'" (A young girl about her Halloween costume.)

♦ "Self-proclaimed 'bad girl' Drea de Matteo..." (*The New York Post*. No. Not. Really.)

behavior / character & personality / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person

good-hearted

good-hearted

a nice kid, polite and ~

character & personality: heart

goods (damaged goods)

damaged goods

I was ~, I wore that badge very early on in my life

character & personality / flaws & lack of flaws / worth & lack of worth: person

go off (verb)

goes off

when the president ~ on one of these tweet storms...

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb

initiation: explosion / verb

google (China's google, etc.)

known as China's Google

Baidu, ~

comparison & contrast: epithet

computer: epithet

go on (what's going on, etc.)

going on with Boeing

what's ~ (explain situation / news radio)

going on with the suffix

what's ~ -ment (a linguist)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / occurrence: movement / verb

go on (persist)

go on

when you feel you can't ~, I'll come and hold you life and the economy must ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

goes on

and so it's over, and yet it ~ (congressional hearing)

heart does go on

near, far, wherever you are, I believe that the ~ (*Titanic*)

life goes on
Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da, ~ (the Beatles)

resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / movement / verb

goose (golden goose)

Warren's golden goose
Fury is ~ (the boxer and promoter)

killing the golden goose
they are risking ~ that laid the golden egg (ESL soccer)

♦ "Perhaps, if he will husband his resources, and not kill, with overwork, the mental goose that has given us these golden eggs, he may one day rank among the brightest of our wits." (A favorable review of Mark Twain's first book, *The Jumping Frog and Other Stories*.)

cost & benefit: allusion / animal / bird

worth & lack of worth: allusion / animal / bird

goosebumps

gives you goosebumps
it's the kind of video that ~ (housefire)

♦ In Western North Carolina many refer to these as chill bumps.

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction

Gordian knot

Gordian knot of international affairs
trying to unravel that ~

Gordian knot of race
the ~ continues to choke large portions of our country

diplomacy's Gordian knot
how to untie ~ (Israeli-Palestinian issue)

untie this Gordian knot
let the British people choose how to ~ in a referendum (Brexit)

♦ An oracle prophesized that whoever untied the intricate knot on the chariot of King Gordius would rule Asia. Alexander the Great simply slashed it apart with his sword. Cutting the Gordian knot means settling a complex problem with bold, decisive action.

complexity: allusion / rope

action, inaction & delay: allusion / history / rope

gored

getting gored
the unicorns are ~ as investors rebel

destruction: animal

gorge (gorge on)

gorge on graft
many members of the ruling party ~ (corruption)

gorge themselves on the tabloids
the British ~ (scandals, etc.)

gorging on the latest crime thriller
sexual violence can be gripping stuff when you are ~

consumption / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink / verb

gorilla (800-pound gorilla)

800-pound gorilla
China is the ~ yet it is not in the negotiations
race has always been the ~ in this case

800-pound gorilla of search engine optimization
and then there is the ~ (SEO / writing headlines)

600-pound gorilla
he's probably the ~ (NPR's Mara Liasson about Trump)

9,000 pound gorilla
we as a society refuse to address the ~ in the room (guns)

♦ A lawyer said, "We refuse as a society to address the 9,000-pound gorilla in the room." I supposed the next gorilla will be nine million tons. This is a good example of linguistic supersizing.

♦ "So I would say the takeaway from the recent Republican primaries is that Trump is no longer the 800-pound gorilla in the room, he's probably the 600-pound gorilla." (Elite punditry / snark from Mara Liasson, a national political correspondent for NPR.)

♦ "Whale" as an epithet for an establishment figure is not used nowadays; the modern term might be "old white men." But in the *New York Magazine*, a writer recently referred to two competing Hollywood and Broadway producers as "silverbacks." A silverback is a mature male mountain gorilla.

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. In *The New Yorker Magazine* of 2 / 14 / 2011, there is a cartoon by Mick Stevens. It shows the back of an 800-pound gorilla, who is being interviewed for a job by a petite human personnel officer. She is saying to him, "We already have an eight-hundred-pound gorilla."

presence & absence / size: animal

gospel (preach the gospel, etc.)

Gospel of Wellness
The ~: Gyms, Gurus, Goop and the False Promise of...

preached the gospel of (environmental) activism
he ~

preaching a gospel (of rebirth) to everyone
he is ~ (Detroit mayor)

preached the gospel that free trade
they ~ was a rising tide that would lift all boats

message: Bible / religion

gotcha (contempo-speak)

gotcha journalism
that's pure ~

game of 'gotcha'
they were playing a ~ rather than trying to help

♦ "In a neat exercise of philosophical jujitsu, he argues that the real problem with feminism today is that it tries too hard to be 'manly'—but (gotcha!) in the bad, nihilistic way." ("The Anti-Democracy Think Tank" by Katherine Stewart, *The New Republic*, September 2023.)

♦ "It was a softball, not a gotcha." (Laurence Tribe about the question, "Do calls for the killing of people violate policies at Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, and MIT?" For "context," see "Holding Campus Leaders Accountable and Confronting Antisemitism," the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, December 5, 2023.)

♦ "Well, first of all, this is one of the things that keeps getting distorted. When I said we don't need to do anything different right at his moment, please don't forget that was followed by a semicolon, and then a 'however,' and then by 'This could change rapidly, and we better be prepared for that.' I said that every single time. And the people who want to do gotchas on me only show the first part." (Anthony Fauci, one hero in a great line of American heroes of public health.)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

go through (endure, etc.)

go through

separation is a developmental stage that nearly all kids ~
I don't want them to ~ what I went through (breast cancer)

went through a (tough) breakup

he ~ with his girlfriend

going through a divorce

she was ~

went through much (diplomatic) haggling

the resolution ~ (U.N.)

going through some trials

please keep praying for me, as I am ~

go through this whole thing

you ~ called life (a person feeling his mortality)

go through this again

I'm sorry you have to ~

going through withdrawal

sports fans are ~ (sports stop during pandemic)

♦ see also *get through* (endure, etc.), *been through* (endure, etc.)

survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips /

movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

experience: journeys & trips / movement / verb

go up (increase)

go up

the number would ~ (coronavirus cases)

gone up by two-thirds

my income has ~

increase & decrease: direction / number / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

go with it (verb)

shrug your shoulders and go with it

you just have to ~ (speeding worms, *Dune: Part 2*)

♦ Sabai, sabai...

♦ Whatever blows your hair back...

resistance, opposition & defeat: movement / verb

grab (verb)

grabbed headlines

the *Titanic* ~ as the most glamorous luxury liner

grab you

boxing will ~ and hold you tight (Deontay Wilder)

grabbed it with both hands

we gave him the opportunity and he ~ (Jamie Vardy)

possession / taking & removing: hand / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

grab (land grab, etc.)

cash grab

a very rushed and lazy sort of ~ (*adulthood*, etc.)

I think it's a ~ (attorney of athlete charged with rape)

land grab

countries are involved in an Arctic ~

power grab

many lawmakers called it a ~ (president's action)

possession: hand / part of speech

grab (up for grabs)

up for grabs

five belts were ~ (an important boxing match)

my word this is ~ suddenly (exciting boxing match)

certainty & uncertainty: prep, adv, adj, particle

certainty & uncertainty / possession: hand

grabbing (attention-grabbing)

attention-grabbing advertisement

~s aimed at the superstitious (muti)

attention-grabbing antics

his ~ are grist for the tabloid mill

attention-grabbing flourish

he finished with an ~

attention-grabbing royal

she is an ~

attention-grabbing blaze orange

marking high-voltage parts with ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: hand

fictive possession: hand

grace (grace period)

grace period

they were given a ~ to... (new ordinance)

elimination of the grace period

the ~ (student loans)

time: religion

timeliness & lack of timeliness: religion

grace (fall from grace)

fall from grace

it was a stunning ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

fell from grace

the democracy icon who ~ (Aung San Suu Kyi)

decline: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

graced

graced with the talents
the NFL had been ~ of many undrafted players

cost & benefit: religion

grade (failing grade)

failing grade
the media deserves a big fat ~ (President Trump)

deserves a failing grade
strategy in Afghanistan ~

gave the nation's infrastructure a failing grade
a civil-engineering group ~

judgment: school & education

success & failure: school & education

graduate (verb)

graduated to crack cocaine
she ~ and forged checks to support her habit

graduated from alcohol to drugs
he ~

growth & development: school & education / verb

grail (holy grail)

Holy Grail
for collectors, this map is the ~ (1734 Murillo Velarde)
a vaccine is often seen as the ~ that will end the pandemic

Holy Grail of economics
pinning down the sources of economic growth is the ~

Holy Grail of exploration
it was the ~ at that time (the source of the Nile)

Holy Grail of investors
the ~ (stock-picking system that beats market)

holy grails of (tropical) medicine
a malaria vaccine is one of the ~

Holy Grail of (HIV) research
a cure remains the ~

“holy grail” of shipwrecks
the famed galleon is often called the ~ (*San Jose*)
the ~ to be exhumed off Colombia (*San Jose*)

holy grail of can you find the very first galaxy
there is kind of this ~ of the very first stars (space telescope)

Holy Grail for advertisers
word-of-mouth marketing is the ~ (social media)

holy grail for collectors
the edition is considered the ~ (a book)

holy grail for any professor
tenure is the ~

holy grail for (flu) researchers

a universal flu vaccine is the ~

“‘Holy Grail’ 2007 iPhone
~ sells for record \$190,000” (BBC)

industry's "holy grail"
oral insulin is the pharmaceutical ~

retailer's holy grail
new parents are a ~ (new shopping habits)

I found the holy grail
~ (Garrett McNamara and wave off Nazare, Portugal)

♦ “The ability to perform so many tests on just a drop or two of blood was something of a Holy Grail in the field of microfluidics. Thousands of researchers around the world in universities and industry had been pursuing this goal for more than two decades, ever since the Swiss scientist Andreas Manz had shown that microfabrication techniques developed by the computer chip industry could be repurposed to make small channels that moved tiny volumes of fluids.” (*Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup* by John Carreyrou.)

♦ “We have grown up in a society that has always pursued the Holy Grail, the fountain of youth.” (Madeline Di Nonno, president of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, about ageism, particularly towards older female actors.)

♦ “The transhumanist holy grail is artificial general intelligence.”

♦ This refers to a cup or plate used by Christ at the Last Supper.

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. Two medieval knights in armor are crossing a bridge, each one on horseback. The one knight is saying to the other, “Wait, the Grail is a cup? We’re looking for a cup?” (*The New Yorker*, October 11, 2021.)

searching & discovery / wants, needs, hopes & goals:
allusion / Bible / epithet / Middle Ages / religion

grain (grain of truth)

grain of truth to reports
there is a ~ of what happened

grain of truth in a lie
there is often a ~

♦ A grain of wheat? A grain of sand? Whatever, certainly a small amount.

amount: size

grain (against the grain)

against the grain
she has always won by going ~ (country music)

against-the-grain affinity
her ~ for formal wear (fashion)

“Against The Grain” column
his “~” is sarcastic and comic

against the grain of its time
it’s an album that goes sharply ~

against the grain of what
music that went ~ rock was becoming (music)

cut against the grain
it ~ of the typical 80s high-school fare (a film)
I stand for a lot of issues that ~ (Dr. Cornel West)

went against the grain
her book has two case studies that ~

so I really consciously ~ with this record (k.d. lang)

unanimity & consensus: tree

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: tree

grammar (language)

pronouns

her and her boyfriend

~ were down with this together

she and her son

she sent in a picture of ~ (ex-NPR host)

my son and I

he gave ~ years of entertainment (wrestler Bray Wyatt)

him and I

~ would have sex...

never bothered nobody

she was a sweet girl, she ~ (murdered by boyfriend)

neither have

~ ever been charged... (Wikipedia article)

nobody are asking

~ why...

principal parts of verbs

beat

sold, ~, and effectively enslaved (NPR)

drug

they ~ a scared 19 year old with them

fleed

those who ~, or they died (Weekend Edition Saturday)

forecasted

more rain is ~ for California (NPR)

had went

the suspect ~ into that building (live reporting on CNN)

has began

the population ~ linking with... (bears)

has drank

which one of you ~... (Lily Du / *Dirty Laundry*)

has sank

the *Rubymar* cargo ship ~ in the Red Sea (NYP caption)

have chose

I ~ to be (Katie Mettler, the *Washington Post*)

have went

things seem to ~ pretty deadly pretty quickly
which is how things seemed to ~ very quickly
he should ~ for a field goal (NYP / sports)

hung himself

hours later, he ~ (*New York Post* link / should be *hanged*)

laid on the field

he ~ after the hit (football / CNN / laid what?)

laid on the ground

Garrett, in obvious pain as he ~... (lay)

lied down

as he sat and ~ on the ground (ABC)

liking

I'm reeeally not ~ the medical field (don't like?)

loving

everyone is ~ the video (on TikTok) (loves?)

should have did

they ~ the play before

sprung

his spacecraft ~ a leak (NPR headline / funny!)

sung

G Flip put it best when they ~...

verb + verb constructions

demanding the school to turn over

she sent a letter ~ documents (no "to")

demands her to fly home

her dad ~ (*The New York Post*)

demanding for the teacher

supporters are ~ to return to the classroom (NYP)

helped changed

but the reaction ~ the outcome (*New York Post*)

promising to cancelling

viewers are ~ their subscriptions

set to promises

iPhone 15 ~ upgrades...

tried to groomed

she ~ her... (*New York Post*)

noun + preposition

anxiety to leave

I have ~ my house...

embedded question

how did it taste

she asked ~ (an academic ESL paper! / QAR Strategy)

what is antisemitism

it's an arms race to define ~

what are we able to do

I am not sure ~

what can we do

we gotta figure out ~ to reduce the car-jackings...

what does race have to do with criticism

and really I'm perplexed to try to figure out ~ that...

when was the last time

we asked him ~ he ate cheese (NPR's Daniel Estrin)

who are the people

they also want to know ~ that are injured or dead
who you can see his name
Trammel Crow, ~ across Dallas (whose name you can see)

count / uncount

amount of people
I am shocked, especially when I saw the ~ that were dead
amount of laws
I don't have enough fingers to count the ~ he was breaking
amount of times
the ~ people came to me to tell me terrible stories (*number!*)

who / that / which

her cousin that
~ attends the university...

that's so full of life
someone like her, ~

there is / are

there is
sure hope ~ some major changes down the road
~ cameras everywhere...

there was
~ some levee failures inland... (report on NPR)

adjectives / adverbs

more harder
his task got all the ~ after...

more worse
icy conditions make it even ~

much worsen
it was much ~ than anyone could ever imagine

the hugest
it's not ~ group in the world (NPR)

look badly
this will make the FCC ~ (pundit on NPR)

smell badly
they can ~ if they die in large numbers together (cicadas)

placement of prepositional phrases, etc.

since July 2022
serving as the 9th president of the U of Pennsylvania ~

with a gun
a man was trying to get into a bar ~ (a man with a gun?)

from the IDF
he offered condolences to the victims' families and co-workers ~ (condolences from the IDF?)

collocation

time where
we're moving to a ~ COVID won't be a constant crisis

♦ "There's a lot of morons." (True that!)

♦ "This is the best school I've ever taught at." (The character Dewey Finn in *School of Rock*, addressing his fellow teachers in the lunch room. The line is clearly meant to provoke a laugh. Nowadays, however, I suspect it would simply pass over the heads of most listeners.)

♦ "This espionage charges are ridiculous." (White House spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre.)

♦ "iPhone 15 set to promises upgrades at steeper prices, analysts say." (ABC.)

♦ The grammar of embedded questions has changed. The following is quite fascinating: "He's always crying. He needs to remember who is his coach is?" Another odd one like that comes from Michele Martin of NPR: "Do we have any sense of how much longer are these mud slides are going to be a risk for people?" A more typical example follows: "It's an arms race to define what is antisemitism." Luckily, academic analysis exists. See "Inversion in embedded questions," Yale Grammatical Diversity Project English in North America, at ygdp.yale.edu/phenomena/inversion-embedded-questions.

♦ See also Award Abstract # 1423872. "The Microsyntax of Pronouns in North American English." A four-year Federal grant for \$285,951.00.

♦ See also "Norm vs variation in British English irregular verbs: the case of past tense *sang* vs *sung*," Lieselotte Anderwald, published online by Cambridge University Press, 07 February 2011.

♦ The "time when" and "place where" distinction no longer seems to apply.

♦ "Want" and "like" are not ordinarily used in the continuous. At least, that's how we teach it...

♦ "Are you his teacher or wot? I would of thought (sic) that the grammar police had better things to do." (An online commenter on a BBC HYS about a soccer match. The target of his comment had criticised a poster's use of "would of" versus "would have." The (sic) was ironic and funny!)

♦ Commenter A: it doesn't seem to matter who the referee's are. / Commenter B: Referees, no apostrophe. / Commenter A: Really doesn't matter. / Commenter C: Well maybe it should / Commenter ?: *Removed comment.* (A BBC sports HYS.)

♦ The principal parts of verbs are simply beyond most Americans, including lie / lay / lain versus lay / laid / laid; broadcast / broadcast / broadcast; and hang / hung / hung versus hang / hanged / hanged, etc.

♦ Can you imagine a recitation of "Requiem" by Robert Louis Stevenson with the "lie" and "lay" verbs all screwed up? I can. "Under the wide and starry sky / Dig the grave and let me lay / And I lied me down with a will / Here he lays where he longed to be." Hilarious!

♦ "I mean about 9,000 people were just hung, or executed, shot..." (NPR's Weekend Edition Saturday host talking with Burkhard Bilger. In a completely different story, the same host spoke about the Jewish musicians and composers who "either fled, or they died, tragically..." during and after the period of Weimar Germany.)

♦ "Man found hanging in subway tunnel near Grand Central Station: cops." (The *New York Post*. The man was dead. He had committed suicide. He had hanged himself. Cops say no criminality suspected.)

♦ "Mychal Denzel Smith is the author of the forthcoming book *Stakes Is High*, from which this essay was adapted." ("Police Reform Is Not Enough: The moral failure of incremental change," *Atlantic Monthly*, September 2020.)

♦ Watch "YouTube The Grammar of Double Negatives, Francis Blanchette TEDxPSU." Talk about ruining a funny cartoon! On the other hand, read "Professor leads NSF-funded study of double negative use among American dialects" by Josh McAuliffe, psu.edu, September 21, 2023. "Blanchette and three fellow researchers recently received a \$384,272 National Science Foundation collaborative research grant to fund their study, 'A Microcomparative Study of Negation in Dialectal Variation,' a continuation of Blanchette's longtime research on linguistic diversity among American English dialects."

♦ "Cause of death revealed: How did he died." (Such clickbait is often foreign and unsecured. Americans are constantly reminded to be on the lookout for such sites, with one tipoff being "ungrammatical" language or spelling "mistakes." In this *single* area of life, it seems, it is perfectly okay for Americans and linguists to be judgmental about language use. See the quote directly below.)

♦ "Red Flag—The person can't meet in person, often working overseas for a government, army or an aid organization, and there are inconsistencies with what they tell you. For example, 'I'm born in

America' but then they have poor English in messages." ("From romance baiting to sexual extortion: Red flags and romance scams to look out for on Valentines Day" by Madeleine Achenza, Feb. 8, 2024.)

♦ "Click here to report a spelling or grammar error. Please include the headline." (actionnews5.com in Memphis. If only all websites—ABC, NPR, the New York Post, etc.—had such a link!)

♦ OXYMORONS. Language arts; prescriptive linguist...

*** analysis

♦ "Waal, north of the Mason Dixon line, that may well be true." (The grammatical correctness of "hanged by the neck until dead" versus "hung by the neck until dead." A North Carolinian putting the compiler of this work in his place.)

♦ This sort of language has many possible explanations.

language: grammar

granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.)

grain bowl

Punjab is India's "~"

granary of the Mediterranean

Greater Greece was a main ~ (*Magna Graecia*)

Granary of Mexico

the Bajío, the traditional ~ (corn, beans, wheat)

granaries of the American Revolution

the Mohawk Valley was once one of the ~

♦ This is similar to *breadbasket*.

wheat: epithet / sign, signal, symbol

farming & agriculture: epithet / sign, signal, symbol

Grand Canyon (Grand Canyon of the South, etc.)

Grand Canyon of the East

the Tallulah Gorge, the ~ (northern Georgia)

Grand Canyon of the Stikine River

British Columbia's ~

Grand Canyon of Switzerland

the ~ (Vorderrhein River / Eurotrek Sammy Wimmer)

"Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone"

Thomas Moran's immense oil painting, the ~

Swiss Grand Canyon

the Rhine gorge, the ~ (between Reichenau and Ilanz)

tout the Breaks as the "Grand Canyon of the South"

local signs ~ (Breaks Interstate Park, U.S.)

♦ "Throng of tourists came to see the men and their iron leviathans at work. They held their children up to see and hear the dynamite blasts. They came day by day to watch the limestone walls appear, running straight and true for miles, and to see great new canyons form in front of them, like one of the huge chasms out west that excited travelers were reporting having seen. This was becoming Chicago's Grand Canyon, and it was made by man. (The Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. From *The Men Who United The States* by Simon Winchester.)

♦ "When someone under the ice shines a flashlight, you see the flashlight in his hand and the spot where the light hits something, but you don't physically see the beam. There's nothing in the water to backscatter light. It's like you put a layer of ice seven feet thick across the top of the Grand Canyon and stepped through it. That's how you feel under Antarctic ice. As if you were hanging in space." (An ice diver.)

♦ If you are interested in kayaking, see the Wikipedia entry for "Grand Canyon of the Stikine." A whole book might be written comparing it to the Rhondu Gorge of the Indus in Northern Pakistan.

♦ The "Swiss Grand Canyon" is on the Vorderrhein.

♦ "You may have heard of tightrope walking, but have you heard of a slackline? Well, here it is, it's pretty much what you would expect, a rope that's not tight, but slack. Unsurprisingly, this is American Dean Potter. He is crossing this canyon in central China. It is 1,800 meters above sea level and you may have noticed he does not have a safety line." ("US slackline walker Dean Potter crosses China canyon," BBC video, 23 April 2012. Potter walked 40 meters across the Enshi Grand Canyon in China's Hubei Province on a slackline in just over two minutes. Slacklining is much more difficult than tightrope walking. See the Wikipedia article "Enshi Grand Canyon." Another spectacular Chinese canyon has a Wikipedia entry, "Yarlung Tsangpo Grand Canyon.")

♦ See *Grand Canyon Colossal Mirror: The Term "Grand Canyon" as used in Geographical Nomenclature, Analogy, Metaphor, and Neology with an Appendix on Colorado River Nomenclature, compiled by Earle E. Spamer*. It is an absolutely original, remarkable, free-to-all Raven's Perch Digital Production, 2022.)

♦ "1869. "Powell's men slid their four boats into the Green River on Monday, May 24, 1869... and would not emerge from their own unprecedented epic for ninety-eight days of nearly perpetual terror, hunger, cold, and wonder." (*The Men Who United The States* by Simon Winchester. Powell was one-armed. He had lost his arm at the Battle of Shiloh, but that did not stop him from serving in battles right to the end of the Civil War.)

♦ "And five years after leaving the waters [the Colorado River] behind, in 1876, John Wesley Powell first wrote out the name Grand Canyon. He appears to have concluded that Big Canyon simply didn't do justice to the almighty crevasse he had seen and journeyed through, so he replaced it with a pair of words soon to be on every American's lips and not much later on the lips of most sentient English-speaking beings on the planet, as one of the great natural wonders of the world." (*The Men Who United The States* by Simon Winchester.)

comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

granddaddy (and grandfather)

granddaddy of (American) caves

this is the ~ (Mammoth Cave)

'granddaddy' of the cumulus family

cumulonimbus is the ~ (massive cloud formation)

grandfather of Tartan noir

"Bill Knox: the return of the ~" (BBC / Pauline McLean)

granddaddy of (adventure) races

Raid Gauloises, the ~

granddaddy of all rehabs

Hazelden, the ~ (Center City, Minnesota)

granddaddy of all motorcycle clubs

the Hells Angels: the ~

grandfather of Manhattan's bridges

that ~ (the Brooklyn Bridge)

♦ "He was a grandfather of electronic pop music." (Composer Ryuichi Sakamoto. Note the use of the *indefinite* article.)

♦ see also *grandmother*

origin / superlative: family

grande dame (noun)

grande dame of Southern cooking

the ~ (Edna Lewis / *The Taste of Country Cooking*)

grande dame of crypto-currency

the ~ (Bitcoin)

grande dame of (America's) public hospitals
Bellevue Hospital, the ~ (David Oshinsky)

grande dame in podcast years
it is a ~ (debuted in 2016)

♦ "In 1948, [Edna] Lewis, with Karl Bissinger, a photographer, and Johnny Nicholson, an antiques dealer, opened Café Nicholson, a French-inspired restaurant on Manhattan's East Side. As one of the era's few Black female chefs, Lewis quickly became famous in the city, and the café became a haunt for the likes of Gloria Vanderbilt, Tennessee Williams, Paul Robeson and Salvador Dalí. Lewis blended French and Southern cuisine, preparing fried oysters, Virginia ham, filet mignon and chocolate soufflés. The novelist William Faulkner once asked Lewis if she had trained in Paris and was shocked to learn she had never left the United States." ("Food: The Grande Dame of Southern Cooking" by Taryn White, *Smithsonian*, June 2023. Edna led an extraordinary life, and Taryn White's comprehensive article is accompanied by wonderful photos. The article mentions, "Lewis was officially named a 'Grande Dame' by Les Dames d'Escoffier International." She is not simply a figurative "Grande Dame," but an actual one!)

superlative: person

grandmother (noun)

grandmother of the movement
she was the ~ (Opal Lee / Juneteenth holiday)

origin / superlative: family

grandparent

grandparents of sports reporting
the ~ are dead (*The New York Times* and *Real Sports*)

origin: family

grand slam

grand slam
I think it's been a ~ (successful heart treatment)

success & failure: baseball / sports & games

grandstanding (noun)

grandstanding
his request is just ~ (for an exhumation)
this is nothing to do with protecting rights but ~

performance: theater

granite (noun)

granite chin
a southpaw endowed with a ~ (boxer Gervonta Davis)
he is easy to hit but has a ~ (the boxer Joe Joyce)

♦ "He's all business. Listens well; doesn't talk much...the granite of old New England was in his foundations..." (The librarian Everett Robbins Perry. Quoted in *The Library Book* by the wonderful writer Susan Orlean.)

strength & weakness: materials & substances

granular (adjective)

granular (real time) data
Amazon used very ~ about listings and sales

granular detail

the book lays out in ~ how voter suppression...
~ down to a GPS coordinate (public health)

granular (policy) issues
his willingness to dive deep into ~ (Pete Buttigieg)

granular level
she learned about cops at a ~ (became a reserve cop)

granular picture
the documents paint a ~ of the strain on hospitals
(COVID-19)

granular (day-to-day) stuff
big-picture strategic stuff vs. the ~ (marketing job)

granular enough
the FCC data isn't ~

accurate or granular
automated systems are not always as ~ (YouTube)

better and more granular
~ data about vaccine distribution by age, race, etc.

local, "granular"
a cessation of hostilities at the ~ level (CAR)

get more granular
respondents have the option to ~ (census form)

perception, perspective & point of view: size

grapevine (through / over the grapevine)

through the grapevine
I heard ~ that...

over the (international surfer's) grapevine
word traveled quickly ~ (big waves!)

through the (college) grapevine
word got back to him ~

heard through the grapevine
I ~ that...

♦ *Viva voce* is Medieval Latin for "with a living mouth." If you hear something *viva voce* it means somebody told you. It has come to mean "word of mouth."

♦ Hawaii has the "coconut wireless" or the Coconut Wire. The Philippines have the Bamboo Telegraph. Ghanaians can hear things via "the talking drum." From time immemorial, as Ibrahim al-Koni tells us, the desert winds have brought rumors and reports to the Sahrawis: "I heard it on the wind." Americans can "hear it through the grapevine," or hear a report or account through the rumor mill or catch wind of something. Italians say "*per sentito dire*" which basically means, "heard it said," and they hear gossip "*voci di corridoio*" which means "hall voice" or "voices in the hall." These systems operate by word-of-mouth, and, nowadays, the Internet.

♦ "From time immemorial, it has been said that desert winds carry with them all kinds of rumor and report—especially stories of scandal and outrage." (*Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ "They've got a gallows-bad reputation, but, you know what a place the beach is for talking." / "The beach, if you don't know is the name of the gossip mill of white derelicts and rough customers that hang around your South Sea island ports. You'll find captains and traders too fond of their

grog and properly down on their luck. I'll admit, I was fond of the gin myself back then..." (*The Beach of Falesa* by Robert Louis Stevenson.)

◆ "You may take it for a fact that anything of this kind is not only noticed and discussed by a man's own race but by some hundred and fifty natives as well... [T]he news flew, in the usual mysterious fashion, from mouth to mouth, till Bisesa's duenna heard of it and told Bisesa." (The affecting and horrible story "Beyond the Pale" by Rudyard Kipling.)

◆ "'You're sure you've took no 'arm?'" cried Mrs. Cloke, who had heard the news by farm-telegraphy, which is older but swifter than Marconi's. / 'No. I'm perfectly well,' Sophie protested." ("An Habitation Enforced" by Rudyard Kipling.)

◆ "But I ain't one to gossip, so if anyone ask you ain't heard it from me. No, you haven't. Oh, oh, look, there go Miss Jenkins...!" (Kim Wayans as the character Benita Buttrel from the 1990s "In Living Color" TV Series. Hilarious!)

◆ "Word around the campfire for me was...that there was at least speculation, maybe informed speculation, that..." (A sports analyst.)

◆ "The *talk around town* [italics mine] was that Pacino..." (Film celebrity gossip. New York City.)

◆ "When a professional golfer wants to pass along a rumor, he'll tell you that he heard it 'on the range'... The range, the one location where everyone in the sport gathers, is also golf's back room. Pre-round chat may concern course conditions, or who is sleeping with whose wife. Recently, the range has been preoccupied by one topic..." ("Sand Trap: Saudi money and Donald Trump roil 'the gentleman's game'" by Zach Helfand, *The New Yorker*, October 24, 2022.)

◆ "[The internet] is the modern world's equivalent of those bars in Donegal where rumors about the case used to circulate." (*No Body Recovered*, BBC Sounds, Episode 6. A missing child.)

◆ "The coffee-cup critics down at the local drug store..." (People discussing "Oklahoma Girl Scout murders." From *The New York Times*, 1977.)

◆ "Washington is a small town." (Washington, D.C. and the federal government, politics, etc.)

◆ Thomas: Hey, Victor! I'm sorry about your dad. Victor: How'd you hear about it? Thomas: I heard it on the wind. I heard it from the birds. I felt it in the sunlight. And your mom was just in here cryin'. (The affecting 1998 film *Smoke Signals*, based on the book by the great poet and writer Sherman Alexie. "He went to Reardan, a white high school, where he played on the basketball team and was the only real Indian on the Reardan Indians.")

◆ "'Gossip is a fearful thing'—this phrase was found in the note left by the film star Ruan Langyu after she took her own life." ("On 'Gossip Is a Fearful Thing' by Lu Xun, from *Jottings under Lamplight*, edited by Eileen J. Cheng and Kirk A. Denton.)

◆ He who gossips to you will gossip about you!

gossip: plant

grapple (verb)

grappling with their aftermath
the US is still ~ (9/11 attacks)

grapples with (deepening) recession
the city ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sports & games / verb / wrestling

grasp (comprehend)

grasped (that)
Dallaire quickly ~... (Rwanda genocide)

grasp the concept
it is so easy to ~, but... (a puzzle)

grasped the fact
within a few months he had ~ that... (a toddler)

grasp the idea
they can't yet ~ that... (toddlers)

grasp the importance
most toddlers don't yet ~ of...

grasp the news
his brother said the family was still trying to ~

grasped the significance
minutes later, he ~ of that moment...

grasp the potential and risks
they have been among the first to ~...

grasped early
he and other technophiles ~ how important...

difficult (for people) to grasp
it's ~ (a physics concept)

difficult to grasp
it is very ~ our situation...

quickly grasped
I ~ what he was trying to do and...

comprehension & incomprehension: hand / verb

grasp (in one's grasp)

in our grasp
what was once ~ is now beyond our reach

in their grasp
Wolves looked to have victory ~ but...

within their grasp
with the title ~, Boston seized it (NBA 1984)

attainment / possession: hand

grasp (out of one's grasp)

out of his grasp
but success was ~

attainment / possession: hand

grasp (attainment)

grasp of (spoken) English
he had a limited ~ (foreign teaching assistant)

attainment: hand

grasp (possession)

grasp of reality
my husband's tenuous ~ slipped away (brain injury)

firm grasp
infantry leaders must have a ~ of how to motivate...

escape its grasp
he was born into poverty and determined to ~

snatched from their grasp
victory was ~ (athletes)

possession: hand

grassroots (grassroots level, etc.)

grassroots army

his war chest and ~ make him an unstoppable juggernaut

grass-roots democracy

the kind of ~ the Founding Fathers envisioned

grassroots efforts

~ by citizens' groups

grass roots level

go back home to the ~

grassroots organizations

astroturfers present themselves as ~

bases: ground, terrain & land

perception, perspective & point of view: ground, terrain & land / height / position

grate (verb)

grates on people

it's something that just ~ (government helps banks)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / verb

grave (symbol)

cradle-to-grave work force

the ~ work force

from the cradle to the grave

she gave advice on problems people face ~

death & life: sign, signal, symbol

grave (end point)

hastened the schools to their graves

Flexner ~ and deprived them of mourners (his report)

passed into the grave

what was born from Wounded Knee, and what ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: burial / death & life

grave (place)

grave

wreckage proved the Indian Ocean was its ~ (MH370)

watery grave

when the sub is raised from its ~

place: burial / death & life

grave (dig one's grave)

dug their own grave

they ~ (a basketball team that failed)

destruction: burial / death & life / verb

fate, fortune & chance: burial / death & life / verb

graveyard (people)

graveyard of the Pacific

the region is known as the ~ for its winter storms

Graveyard of the Pacific

the mouth of the Columbia Rivers is known as "the ~"

graveyard of the German paratroopers

Crete was "the ~" (a Pyrrhic victory / W.W. II)

graveyard for the Americans

Falluja will be a ~ (Iraq)

graveyard spiral

pilots call this the ~ (flying)

mariners' graveyard

Cape Horn is a ~

known as the graveyard of the Turks

Yemen is ~ (*maqbarat al-Atrak*)

♦ "The Mediterranean has been described as the biggest cemetery in the world." (Migrants.)

♦ see also *cemetery (people)*

death & life: burial / epithet

graveyard (things)

graveyard of (rocket and satellite) debris

the region is a ~ (the South Pacific)

graveyard of empires

Afghanistan is known as the ~

graveyard of ships

the reef is a veritable ~

graveyard for (Antarctica's greatest) icebergs

South Georgia is something of a ~

graveyard for (communist) statues

Budapest's ~ (Memento Park)

bell cemeteries

collection points, known as *Glockenfriedhofe*, or ~

car graveyard

the ~ is below Lookout Park (St. Joseph, Michigan)

ship graveyard

this ~ is the final destination for luxury liners (Turkey)

digital graveyard

BuzzFeed News joins sites like Gawker in the ~

veritable graveyard

the reef is a ~ of ships

watery graveyard

Truk Lagoon is a ~ for hundreds of ships

♦ Between 1939 and 1945, 175,000 bells across Europe were taken by Nazi Germany. They were transported to collection points, known as *Glockenfriedhofe*, or bell cemeteries, the biggest of them in Hamburg. ("The seizing of Europe's bells" by Stephen J. Thorne, in *Legion: Canada's Military History Magazine*, November 21, 2018.)

♦ Cars, crushed flat and stacked on one another, were used to shore up sections of the riverbank. They can be seen to this day. (On the Tuckaseegee River upstream of Bryson City, North Carolina. And unusual kind of "auto graveyard.")

♦ "Lying on the beach beyond the glacier was wreckage that told of many ill-fated ships. We noticed stanchions of teakwood, liberally carved, that must have come from ships of the older type; iron-bound timbers with the iron almost rusted through; battered barrels and all the usual debris of the ocean. We had difficulties and anxieties of our own, but as we passed that graveyard of the sea we thought of the many tragedies written in the wave-worn fragments of lost vessels. We did not pause, and soon we were ascending a snow-slope heading due east on the last lap of our long trail." (*South!: The Story of Shackleton's Last Expedition, 1914-1917* by Ernest Shackleton.)

♦ see also *cemetery (things)*

place: burial / death & life / epithet

graveyard (of diplomacy, etc.)

graveyard of bilingual education
if sense prevails, Massachusetts will be seen as the ~

graveyard of (international) diplomacy
Iran has been the ~

graveyard of (US-led) peace initiatives
it is the ~ (Israelis / Palestinians)

♦ "It's a graveyard where all good things go to die." (Said of the U.S. Senate.)

destruction: burial / death & life

graveyard (whistle past the graveyard)

whistle past the dump
Adam Silver continues to ~ (the NBA Commissioner)

whistling-past-the-graveyard exercise
this is a ~ because... (politics)

whistling past the graveyard
are these people ~, maybe (no concern about... / politics)
Schumer could be ~ in claiming... (politics)

♦ The great old-style sports writer Phil Mushnick wrote that the NBA Commissioner Adam Silver was "whistling past the dump" by ignoring the thuggish behavior of NBA athletes. In the same article, he wrote, "Don't rain on his charade." At one time, sportswriters were real writers and masters of the language. This is no longer the case. The internet, which has ruined so many industries with its proud "disruption," has spelled the end of journalism in general and the golden era of sports writers in particular. Nowadays, much sports talk simply relates to sports betting, which seems to have been de-regulated, like drugs. The current zeitgeist seems to be just about money, fame, and diversity. The simple query, "How old is Phil Mushnick?" reveals nothing, nor does his Wikipedia entry, which has problems, answer that basic question. Odd indeed.)

consciousness & awareness: burial

gravitate (verb)

gravitated to John Roberts
Kavanaugh ~ (two Supreme Court justices)

gravitated to him
the press ~ (a politician)

gravitate (more) towards digital
younger audiences ~ than listening on the car radio

attraction & repulsion: astronomy / verb

gravitational (adjective)

gravitational pull
the ~ towards attrition (vs. relational maneuver / warfare)

attraction & repulsion: astronomy

gravity (substance)

gravity of the situation
realizing the ~, he jumped on the grenade

enormous gravity
a crisis of ~ has arisen

understood the gravity
if clients truly ~ of the risks (climbing Everest)

**substance & lack of substance: atmosphere / weight
importance & significance: weight**

gravy (noun)

mop up the last bit of the gravy
they tried to ~ (profiteers)

cost & benefit: food & drink

gravy train

gravy train
more people want to get on the ~ than stop it (doctors)

gravy train has come to a halt
probably the therapist realizes the ~ (fees)

riding the (FIFA, Infantino) gravy train
he's a hypocrite who's ~ (Gary Lineker in Qatar)

upset the gravy train
he didn't want to ~ he was on with Weinstein (a film director)

cost & benefit: food & drink / train

gray (gray area)

gray area around Canelo Alvarez
so it's a very ~ (doping with clenbuterol)

legal and ethical gray area
a ~ (using drugs for interrogations)

in a gray area
the Web site operates ~ of Russian law (spam)

certainty & uncertainty: color

great (great hatred, etc.)

great hatred
there is ~ towards Americans

♦ see also *big (big love, etc.), enormously (exciting, etc.), huge (huge gratitude, etc.)*

feeling, emotion & effect: size

great (the Great Resignation, etc.)

Great Flood

California's ~ of 1862

“Great Mining Migration”

the ~ may lead to serious repercussions (bitcoin)

‘Great Resignation’

economists have dubbed it the ~ (workplace / pandemic)
~ reaches White House with staff turnover

Great Unbundling

the ~ (customers cancel cable / “cut cords”)

great unwinding

this is the ~ (Martin Pichinson / startups / 2020)
the ~ (Medicaid disenrollment post-pandemic)

♦ “Now it's time for what's being called the great unwinding, a return to the usual process of checking everyone's eligibility ever year.” (Massive post-pandemic Medicaid disenrollments.)

importance & significance: epithet

epithet: size

Great Gatsby

Korea's Great Gatsby

he is known as ~ for his lavish lifestyle (Big Bang's Seungri)

money: allusion / epithet

allusion: books & reading

Great Wall of China

“Great Wall of Lagos”

the ~ reinforces and protects the coast (Nigeria)

protection & lack of protection: allusion / history

green (green list, etc.)

green-list

people can travel freely to ~ (COVID pandemic)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol

green (green with envy)

green with envy

I was ~

♦ *Green With Envy: Why Keeping Up With the Joneses is Keeping Us in Debt.* (The title of a book.)

feeling, emotion & effect: color

green (experience)

green hand

Melville shipped as a ~ on the *Acushnet* (age 21)

greenhorn

see *greenhorn* (person)

greenest medical student

the ~ is able to...

pretty green

I was 25 when I went into that job, ~ (forensic psychologist)

junior and green

Taylor was too ~ to understand what...

♦ “Green as we were, we said okay...”

experience: color

green (environment)

green economy

Indonesia seeks to achieve a ~ (Joko Widodo)

Green Energy

“Drax: The ~ Scandal Exposed” (BBC)

green gentrification

Frogtown is Exhibit A for ~ (Los Angeles / LA River)

green infrastructure

definitions, goals and forms of ‘~’

green (stormwater) infrastructure

~ can reduce both heat and flooding

green justice

policy and planning tools for urban ~

“green” masses

~ dedicated to our responsibility (in a Franciscan parish)

green minerals

mining for so-called ~ can be very destructive (lithium)

“green” (marketing) ploy

the “7th-generation principle” is overused as a ~

green revolution

neocolonialism dressed up as a ~ (lithium mining)

green roof

the Chicago City Hall has a ~ (vegetation)

green space

increase ~ within urban areas where possible (heat equity)

greenspace

it is a vital ~ for all New Yorkers (Central Park)

Green Sport

the BBC's ~ Awards (awareness of environmental issues)

green steel

a market for expensive “~”

investments in ~

there is a demand for ~ (HYBRIT process)

green tsunami

voters turned out for her in a “~” (Marina Silva / Brazil)

green walls

~, also known as living walls or vertical gardens...

greenways

parks, open spaces, and connections such as trails or ~

green roofs and walls

~ can help cool both the insides and outsides of buildings

♦ “Going green is all the rage now.” (Environmental activism by celebrities, corporations, etc.)

♦ “The so-called Big Greens, like the Sierra Club and the Nature Conservancy...”

♦ “How green laws stop green projects,” NPR, *The Indicator From Planet Money*, April 6, 2022.

♦ “I’m a romantic. I loved the old harbor with its working tugs, its decaying piers and vague sense of ruin. It was just so beautiful. The new version with all its parks is generic and sanitized—a ‘noose of green.’ It’s as if someone had an idea of how a waterfront should look and came up with a cookie-cutter plan for the whole city.” (Ben Gibberd, author of *New York Waters: Profiles from the Edge*. Quoted in “Wet and Wild” by Tony Perrottet, photographs by Gina LeVay, *Smithsonian*, May 2017.)

♦ “The global energy transition is set to trigger a 40-fold increase in lithium demand between now and 2040, per the International Energy Agency, and mining companies are competing to secure supplies. Many fear local communities in the Argentina Puna, home to some 50,000 people, will meet the same fate as those in Chile: seeing their resources pillaged and lands destroyed to serve richer countries—neocolonialism dressed up as a green revolution.” (“Lithium Mining’s Next Frontier” by Ciara Nugent, Antofagasta De La Sierra, Argentina, *TIME*, August 8/August 15, 2022.)

♦ Ecodefense; ecosabotage; ecophilosophers and activists... (Words with “eco.”)

♦ See also *greenwashing* (noun)

biodiversity, nature & life: color

greenhorn (person)

greenhorn

the conditions turn veterans into ~s (flying in Alaska)

♦ William Safire examined this word, and dictionary entries for words, in “On Language; Greenhorn” in *The New York Times*, June 23, 1991.

experience: animal / color / horn / person

person: animal / color

green light (noun)

green light

a judge has given the ~ to...

green light to proceed

I was given a ~

cultural green light

we give a ~ to drinking (alcohol / US)

gave me the green light

she ~ to do the project

♦ “I want to tell Moroccans directly that France was devastated by this terrible earthquake. We are ready to provide humanitarian aid but we await your green light.” (President of France Emmanuel Macron after the 2023 Marrakesh-Safi earthquake. The message actually infuriated many Moroccans, but that is another story. For the purpose of this work, “green light” means “permission.”)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol

green light (verb)

green-lighted the deal

he heads one of the agencies that ~ (government)

green-light a film

the one person who can ~

green-lit the story

the *New Yorker* stood up to the threats and ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol / verb

green-lighted (and green-lit)

green-lit and budgeted

the security revamp was ~, but... (Maersk IT failure)

got green-lighted

his show ~ as a two-hour pilot (TV)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol

green shoots

green shoots

there are, however, ~ (political science)

green shoots of optimism

I see some ~ growing at United now (soccer talk)

green shoots of recovery

Chelsea showing ~ under Pochettino (football)

‘green shoots’ of academic recovery

the ~ have not materialized (post-pandemic)

♦ Signs of progress. The phrase has been used in the context of the economy, political science, sports, and the pandemic. It has a short Wikipedia entry. Not entered in Merriam-Webster. Entered in the Cambridge Dictionary. The term is hardly original: see *shoot* (plant).

♦ “Had there been any so-called green shoots or positives from the game...” (Test cricket.)

growth & development: farming & agriculture

greenwash (noun)

“greenwash” (ad) campaigns

~ make their clothes appear sustainable (fashion)

subterfuge: color / hygiene

inclusion & exclusion: subterfuge

greenwashing (noun)

greenwashing

it’s “~,” minor cosmetic measures (aviation industry)

~, exaggerated sales pitches and bogus claims (UN’s PRI)

greenwashing, spin, and (outright) lying

~ (the aviation industry and the environment)

accused of greenwashing

companies ~ (misleading environmental claims)

enabled greenwashing

the ESG movement has ~

engaged in “greenwashing”

a former manager claimed DWS had ~

♦ “It’s one thing to support a company to, hopefully, transition to alternative energy sources and making sure they operate safely. It’s another thing to actually be supporting new oil and gas projects... [Talk about cutting greenhouse gas emissions] is probably happening in the PR team and the marketing and branding team, but it’s not happening in the operational division as far as I can see.” (Caroline Dennett, from “Contractor quitting puts Shell in spotlight over climate” by Frank Jordans, AP, May 23, 2022.)

♦ "Deutsche Bank subsidiary DWS says its chief executive is resigning after authorities raided its offices as part of a probe into claims that the company exaggerated the sustainable credentials of some of the financial products." (AP, June 01, 2022.)

subterfuge: color / hygiene

inclusion & exclusion: subterfuge

greet (verb)

greeted the death with relief and elation
Iraqis ~

greeted the announcement
applause ~

greet customers
the dazzlingly lit shop ~ with gunmetal gray shelves

greet me
first to ~ was the smell of hamburgers frying...

greeted them
the squalid labor camps that ~ (Black Okies in California)

fictive meeting & seeing / welcome: speech / verb
perception, perspective & point of view: speech / verb
greeted

greeted by an alarming sight
as I prepared to rappel over the lip, I was ~

perception, perspective & point of view: speech
fictive meeting & seeing: speech

gremlin (noun)

gremlin
~s love to destroy machinery
a ~ lives inside and makes the camera go all kooky
a ~ is an elusive and mischievous flaw (computing)

gremlin in the (track) computers
a ~ crippled on-track betting

gremlin in the software
there appears to be a ~

gremlin in the system
there appears to be a ~

common gremlin
radio-wave interference is a ~ (cellphone buzz)

affliction: creature

grenade (person)

hand grenade
he is a ~ with a loose pin
he's a ~ who is going to blow everyone up (a lawyer)

character & personality / person: explosion

grenade (disruption)

hand grenade of a story
a woman with a ~ came forward (murder investigation)

Mind Grenades

~ (Contents, *Wired Magazine*)

socialism grenade

when the pin is pulled and the ~ is lobbed (culture wars)

financial grenade

men in suits concoct ~s with acronyms like C.D.O.

political grenade

nominating Biden will be a ~ that explodes
it was a ~ in the form of a 345-page report (Hur report)

likened to a grenade

his book has been ~ thrown into the royal family (gossip)

thrown a grenade into the heavyweight landscape

Andy Ruiz Jr has just ~ (beat Anthony Joshua)

♦ "As far as I'm concerned it's a grenade that has been thrown into the middle of the family and it has casualties and Kate is one of them, despite doing nothing wrong. I am furious that he has attacked Kate." (Paul Burrell, Princess Diana's former butler, about Omid Scobie's book.)

♦ "We're pulling the pin out of the grenade, but we haven't got the guts to throw it." (Former Immigration Minister Robert Jenrick, a hardliner, who supports sending illegal migrants to Rwanda.)

♦ "But I was getting too soft, and so I had to *throw one* [italics mine] at the quartermasters and the French and everybody else except Ordnance. The ordnance men were too busy patching up the vehicles these gasoline cowboys had wrecked." (*Up Front* by Bill Mauldin. By "throw one" he meant not a grenade but four funny cartoons about the crazy truck and jeep drivers who would frighten soldiers walking along the roads, make them jump into ditches, and splash mud on them. The captions of the four cartoons are (1) "You'd hurry home too if you lived in a ration dump!" (2) "Some of you may not come back. A French convoy has been reported on the road" (3) "I'll be darned! Here's one wot wuz wrecked in combat" and (4) "Damn fine road, men!")

♦ "One day, Klimov and Shaposhnikov had to go right up to the German lines. They climbed over the railway embankment and crept up to a bomb-crater that sheltered a heavy-machine-gun crew and an artillery officer. Pressed flat against the ground, they watched the Germans go about their tasks. One young man unbuttoned his jacket, tucked a red checked handkerchief under his collar and began shaving; Seryozha could hear the scrape of the razor against his wiry, dust-covered stubble. Another German was eating something out of a small flat tin; for a brief moment Seryozha saw his face take on a look of concentrated, lasting pleasure. The officer was winding up his watch. Seryozha felt like asking very quietly, so as not to frighten him: 'Hey! What time is it?' / Klimov took the pin out of a grenade and dropped it into the crater... / 'You're not a Baptist, are you?' Old Polyakov once asked this man who had killed a hundred and ten people... / Once Seryozha saw Klimov after he had drunk a captured bottle of schnapps; then he had been quite terrifying—even Grekov had seemed wary of him." (*Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman.)

disruption: explosion / military

gridlock (noun)

create gridlock

people in the ER for days ~ for new patients

♦ This term relates to vehicles caught in a traffic jam.

♦ "More than 10,000 vehicles are stuck in a 120 km (75-mile) traffic jam on China's Beijing to Tibet motorway. The gridlocked section of road is in the north-eastern region of Inner Mongolia. The majority of the vehicles stuck in the jam are coal trucks heading for the capital. A 100 km traffic jam that had lasted nine days on the same motorway was cleared just over a week ago. The authorities say roadworks are to blame for the latest gridlock. The motorway is among China's busiest, as Beijing's population of more than 20 million requires massive quantities of goods." ("Thousands of vehicles stuck in 120 km China traffic jam," BBC, 2 September 2010.)

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

gridlocked

gridlocked

climate policy is ~, with no chance of a breakthrough

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

grief (groups)

climate grief

the experts call this ‘~’ (see quote below)

ecological grief

dealing with ~ (see quote below)

grief and trauma

understanding intergenerational ~ (a Cherokee Indian)

it has added a layer of ~ (Latinos / NPR)

♦ (1) antidote for ‘climate grief’ (2) the experts call this ‘climate grief’ (3) how she is processing her own climate grief (4) It’s so deep, climate grief is real (5) all about managing and discussing and embracing climate grief (6) climate grief had moved to engagement (7) you have managed your own climate grief by first embracing it and not pushing it away, and focusing on action. (References to “climate grief,” with and without quotation marks. From “Her antidote for ‘climate grief’ and a shrinking Great Salt Lake? Don’t look away” by Rachel Martin, NPR, All Things Considered, October 8, 2023. With Terry Tempest Williams, who managed to name-drop George Floyd during her interview. At the time of her NPR interview, Terry Tempest Williams was Writer-in-Residence at the Harvard Divinity School: courses she taught include “Apocalyptic Grief and Radical Joy.”)

♦ “In these days of climate crisis, the phenomenon of ecological grief is real.” (“The Comfort of Crows’ is fuel to restore spirits in dealing with ecological grief” by Barbara J. King, NPR, Book Reviews, October 25, 2023. Type in “grief” at NPR and you get 65,149 hits and counting.)

♦ “Psychologists have come up with a term—solastalgia—for the feeling that occurs with the disappearance of what’s perceived as the normal, stable, healthy, natural world. The Australian philosopher Glenn Albrecht, who coined the term, identifies it as a suffering at the loss of solace, ‘a deep emotional response to the desolation of a loved home environment.’ The condition of solastalgia, then, is primarily one of grief, environmental grief, mourning for the death of home, which is the place of solace. (“Stephen McRae seems to be a man who refused to ignore such emotion,” Albrecht told me.) (“The Machine Breaker: Inside the mind of an ‘ecoterrorist’” by Christopher Ketcham, *Harper’s Magazine*, November, 2023. There is a Wikipedia entry, “Solastalgia.”)

♦ “For a certain group of people it is hitting particularly hard. For Latinos, seeing the names, the photos of the victims, kids and teachers who look and sound like them, it’s added a layer of grief and trauma. And to talk through this we have called... She’s a...” (“For Latinos, the Uvalde shooting has an extra layer of grief and trauma,” Mary Louise Kelly, NPR, All Things Considered, June 3, 2022.)

♦ A plan by four churches on the Cherokee Indian Reservation to apologize to the tribe for a historical failure to recognize traditional Cherokee religion or culture has been greeted with surprise by tribal leaders. / “I don’t see what they need to apologize for,” said Tribal Council Chairman Bob Blankenship. “But if they feel they’ve offended us in any way, we’ll accept it.” / The majority of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians’ 13,000 members belong to mainstream Christian churches... / As far as I’m concerned, it’s a waste of time,” said the Rev. Bo Parris of Big Cove Baptist Church. “There’s nothing to apologize for.” / Patty Grant, a member of the Eastern Band and one of the event organizers, said understanding intergenerational grief and trauma is an important part of what the churches are trying to do by making the apology. She said trauma from centuries of oppression often manifests itself in drug abuse, domestic violence and depression. / Pastor Steven Phillip...said, “From my perspective as a white male, I see a need for the white church to apologize for the oppression by Christian missionaries of Native American people,” he said. “We thought we had to Europeanize them to evangelize. I am not apologizing for the Gospel. But I do apologize for how we perverted the Gospel in the name of Jesus and oppressed God’s people. / Principal Chief Leon Jones, the top elected leader of the Eastern Band, doesn’t think an apology is necessary. / “Personally, I think the past is history and I don’t hold

present-day people responsible,” he said. “All we can do is live today’s life and do the best we can today.” (“Churches to offer apology to Cherokee” by Jon Ostendorff and Quintin Ellison in the *Asheville Citizen-Times*, July 22, 2002 A1.)

♦ “I remember saying in Sunday school, not that long ago, ‘Who am I without Mormonism?’” said Osborne. “This is a feeling of grief and just the pain of change, and the pain of not being naïve anymore. It’s hard to know the truth.” (“Hulu special ‘Mormon No More’ offers rare look of two former Mormons exploring faith and LGBTQ+ identity” by Haley Yamada, June 23, 2022. “Two Mormon moms who fell in love.” Trendy!)

♦ Grief is the price of love.

♦ see also *despair (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine / mental health

grill (verb)

grill him on arrangements

she began to ~ for the party

grilled (oil industry) executives

members of a House subcommittee ~ (oil spill)

grills passengers

Israel uses in-flight guards and ~ (terrorism)

accusation & criticism / coercion & motivation / speech:

cooking / fire / verb

grilled

grilled by both sides

witnesses were ~ (sports doping)

coercion & motivation / speech: cooking / fire

accusation & criticism: cooking / fire

Grim Reaper (death)

Grim Reaper

the ~, the symbol of death...

death & life: farming & agriculture / sign, signal, symbol

grind (daily grind, etc.)

grind of the workplace

a week’s break from the ~

daily grind

I’m sick of the ~

stealing time away from the ~ (to go climbing)

work & duty: mechanism

difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism

grind away (verb)

grind away

just put your head down and ~

♦ “Get up, get up, you lazy lout / Get into your working clothes! / Toil and slave the livelong day / With a grindstone to your nose.”

difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb

grind down (verb)

grinds down opponents with ground strokes

he ~ (tennis)

grinding him down
the amount of homework was ~ (high school)

destruction: direction / mechanism / verb

grinder (meat grinder)

see *meat grinder*

grinding (grinding poverty, etc.)

grinding deflation
Spain faces years of ~

grinding poverty
the region suffers from ~

grinding (Big East) season
it's hard to stay fresh during a ~ (sports)

grinding (82-game) season
it's a ~ (NBA)

grinding ugliness
he experienced the ~ of racism at his high school

grinding war
the ~ in the Donbas

long, grinding
we need to end this ~ war

♦ **Pinching poverty, grinding labor...**

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism
difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism

grind on (verb)

grinds on
as the revolt ~ (Syria)
on the ground, the fighting ~ (warfare)

grinding on for 8 years
the war has been ~ (Eastern Ukraine)

investigations grind on
~ (politics)

war (on terror) grinds on
the ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb

grind out (verb)

grind out the classics
some musicians are content to ~ (versus playing new work)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / tools & technology / verb

grip (verb)

grip him
the work began to ~ (*Dante's Divine Comedy*)

control & lack of control: hand / verb

fictive possession / possession: hand / verb

grip (in the grip)

in the storm's grip
all Eastern Province cities were ~ (rain, wind, dust)

in the grip of a (slow-burning) rebellion
the nation is ~ against the regime

control & lack of control: hand
fictive possession / possession: hand

grip (come to grips)

come to grips with the new reality
unions are trying to ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb
grip (control)

grip of terror
Saddam Hussein's ~ is being loosened (war in Iraq)

grip on Iraq
Hussein's three-decade-long ~

grip on Nasiriyah
US forces tightened their ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

grip on this country
the king's ~ may be eroding

grip on power
his ~ is still firm
his ~ is slipping
until recently, his ~ had been near absolute (a governor)

government's grip
a sign that the ~ was loosening

king's grip
the ~ on this country may be eroding

rebels' grip
the ~ is being loosened (Iraq)

viselike grip
she has a ~ on power

three-decade-long grip
Hussein's ~ on Iraq

iron grip
the coup leaders are keeping an ~ on the country

grip (on this country) may be eroding
the king's ~

grip (on the company) had been pried loose
her ~ finger by finger

grip (on the area) waxed and waned
their ~

loosened their grip
tradition, ideology, and religion have ~ in the West

retain its grip
the professional military caste will ~ (conscription)

tightened their grip

US forces ~ on Nasiriyah (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

control & lack of control: hand

oppression / possession: hand

gripped

gripped by uncertainty

she was ~

totally gripped

I was not merely interested, but ~ (*Lord of the Flies*)

♦ "As I read on, I found that, reluctantly, I was becoming not merely interested, but totally gripped... (Charles Monteith at Faber and Faber, reading a manuscript from the "slush pile." An anonymous reader known only as "Polly Perkins" had rejected it as rubbish, dull and pointless. It would be published as *Lord of the Flies*.)

feeling, emotion & effect / possession: hand

fictive possession: hand

gripping (adjective)

gripping account

his book is a ~ of high-stakes investigative reporting

utterly gripping

~ (*People* magazine about *I'll Be Gone In The Dark*)

feeling, emotion & effect / possession: hand

fictive possession: hand

grist (grist for the mill, etc.)

grist for actors

it has become ~ eager to cast doubt on elections

grist for their mill

he has given Democrats a whole lot of ~ (hearings)

grist for their (propaganda) mill

the leaks will be more ~

grist for historians' mills

this trip would provide the ~ for centuries to come (Galileo)

grist for the tabloid mill

his attention-grabbing antics are ~

grist to the mill

this is ~ of those who dislike the pope (sex abuse)

sensational grist

the news was ~ for conspiracy theorists and the far right

provided the grist

the report ~ for a lot of conspiracy theories

♦ **Grist is grain that is ground to make flour.**

content: farming & agriculture / plant / wheat

gossip: farming & agriculture / plant / wheat

grit (political grit, etc.)

political grit

candidates will need ~ to defeat the incumbent president

softness and grit

Yola combines ~ (Americana music)

strength and grit

Lewiston is known for our ~ (a mass shooting in Maine)

♦ "If you pay attention to education trends, you know that a lot of talk these days is about grit. This idea that passion and persistence are really important traits in kids, rather than IQ or natural talent. And, the thinking goes, helping kids to be more gritty makes them more likely to succeed. Now, a new study says, we should care less about grit. To talk about this, we are joined by Anya Kamenetz..." ("MacArthur 'Genius' Angela Duckworth Responds To A New Critique Of Grit" by Anya Kamenetz, NPR, All Things Considered, May 25, 2016.)

♦ "Identifying and Building Grit in Language Learners" by Kelly Keegan, *English Teaching Forum* 2017, Volume 55, Number 3.

♦ "The Finns would win or lose on the basis of their conventional, professional, military skills, the fiber of their discipline, the worthiness of their commanders—and above all else, on the depth and stubbornness of their *sisu*. That bristling little word was once the most famous Finnish idiom ever to become part of the outside world's vocabulary. It can be translated as 'guts' or 'spunk' or 'grit' or 'balls,' or as a combination of all those words together. The word in Finnish has nuances that resist easy translation... / "No battle of the Winter War captured the public's imagination like the Battle of Suomussalmi. The campaign continues to be taught at military academies as a 'classic,' an example of what motivated, well-led troops can do, with innovative tactics, against even a much larger adversary." (*Frozen Hell: The Russo-Finnish Winter War of 1939-40* by William R. Trotter.)

♦ "Grit of Women" by Jack London is one of the greatest love stories ever written.

commitment & determination / survival, persistence &

endurance: materials & substances

groan (amount)

groaned with more food

the table ~ than we could possibly eat

groaning with stuff

all these shelves that are ~ (runaway consumerism)

groaned with scrolls, archives, records and registers

the shelves ~ (East India House in London)

groaning under a mountain

Europe is ~ of debt

fictive communication: speech / verb

amount: weight

groom (prepare)

groomed him to do all this

they make me like I ~ (father of mass shooter)

groomed victims for his own sexual gratification

he ~ (a famous singer)

readiness & preparedness: animal / horse / verb

grotesque (adjective)

grotesque anti-Zionism

the anti-Semitism and ~ (Anti-Defamation League)

grotesque attacks

you did not deserve these ~ (a judge about testimony)

grotesque conduct

those who engaged in this ~ (police share grisly photos)

grotesque (feedback) loop
the ~ between President Trump and Fox News (NPR)

grotesque parody
the sequence is a ~ of patriotism (a film)

grotesque rituals
these ~ (fraternities, college secret societies, etc.)

grotesque spectacle
this was the first night of the ~ (trial in Iran)

grotesque, exotic, or deficient
Black people and Black language aren't ~ (Sonja Lanehart)

too grotesque
you really can't make any of this up, it's ~ (politics)

repeated and grotesque
these ~ attacks on you (a trial)

♦ Grotesque; ugly; hateful; toxic... (Anti-Semitism.)

♦ "How delighted I was when, for the first time, I saw the breaking up of the ice in the Dwina! Sometimes the immense blocks seemed to assume the shape of a lion, a dog, a swan, and every kind of figure, beautiful or grotesque, according to the fancy of the spectator... [T]he flocks of wild swans; the solitary sea-mew, skimming with snowy pinions the liberated waves—formed a scene altogether strange and beautiful." (*The Englishwoman in Russia; Impressions of the Society and Manners of the Russians At Home by a Lady, Ten Years Resident in That Country*, 1856.)

feeling, emotion & effect: picture

ground (area)

proving ground
see *proving ground*

area: ground, terrain & land

ground (feeding ground)

feeding ground for the music industry
YouTube is a ~ (sign up popular talent)

feeding ground for TV and dire poverty
its marshes were a ~ (the Maremma / Tuscany)

consumption: animal / predation

ground (fertile ground)

fertile ground for spammers
Russia is a ~ and hackers

growth & development: farming & agriculture / ground, terrain & land / plant

ground (moral high ground, etc.)

moral high ground
if the US is to keep the ~, we need to...
there is no longer any ~ left to stand on (diplomacy)
the ~ can be lonely terrain

♦ "We look for songs that mean something. Higher ground. You know, everybody know where the higher ground is. It sure ain't here on earth. It's above us. So we all want to go to the higher ground." (Clarence Fountain of the Blind Boys of Alabama.)

character & personality / behavior: direction

ground (break ground)

break new ground
we are trying to ~ in this area (public diplomacy)

importance & significance / starting, going, continuing & ending: farming & agriculture / ground, terrain & land / infrastructure

ground (get off the ground)

got off the ground
the project died before it ~
the task force never ~

growth & development: flying & falling / ground, terrain & land / plane / verb

ground (give ground)

give-no-ground
the ~ defensiveness... (academia)

gave no ground
he showed no fear and ~ (Pfc. Jesse Buryj / Iraq)

gave (significant) ground
Trump ~ (a treaty)

♦ "Microsoft will not cede ground to rivals at Google or Anthropic." (AI.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / ground, terrain & land / verb

ground (gain ground)

gained ground
a number of states ~ in math (educational testing)

gaining ground
the sport is ~ (public in-door ax-throwing)
the campaign to free them was ~ (Cardiff Three)

gained ground against government forces
the rebels ~

gaining ground across France
the coronavirus is ~

gaining ground over death and fear
life is cautiously ~ (Algeria)

progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / movement / verb

ground (lose ground, etc.)

losing ground
climate science is ~ with the public
the left is ~ in America (the culture wars)

lost ground
a hope that a secular Algeria is gaining ~

reclaimed ground
he ~ for the theater most thought had been abandoned

progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / movement / verb

ground (hold / stand one's ground)

hold his ground

he elected to ~ to protect his fallen comrade

holding her ground

she is ~ and not giving in

stand our ground

we must ~ on education and health care (budget cuts)

standing their ground

other schools are ~ (mask requirements / pandemic)

stood her ground

she ~ and didn't let the defense undercut her (trial)

stood their ground

the mayor and the police chief both ~ (criticism)

the enemy fighters ~

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat:

animal / ground, terrain & land / verb

ground (cover ground)

covered a lot of ground

his speech ~

covers a lot of (historical) ground

the movie ~, from...

covers (some of) the same ground

Betts ~ as Nasaw, but his focus is... (2 authors)

extent & scope / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / verb

ground (prepare the ground)

prepare the ground for a (crucial) referendum

the elections will ~ (Sudan)

preparing the ground for it

he's ~ (emergency declaration)

bases: ground, terrain & land / verb

readiness & preparedness: ground, terrain & land / verb

ground (hit the ground running)

hit the ground running

we ~ and within 36 hours we... (police)

readiness & preparedness: verb / walking, running & jumping

ground (both feet on the ground)

have both feet on the ground

she does appear to ~ (a mature girl)

character & personality: ground, terrain & land

ground (shaky ground, etc.)

shaky ground

their relationship is on ~

the franchise is on ~ (troubled NBA team)

unplowed ground

when we got onto ~ (interview)

ground is shifting

the ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land
equilibrium & stability: ground, terrain & land
ground (firm ground, etc.)**

comfortable ground

steer the conversation to more ~

friendly ground

don't assume Ireland will be ~ for the pope (sex abuse)

safer ground

then they'd be on ~ (by following procedure)

firm ground

the show is still struggling to find ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land
equilibrium & stability: ground, terrain & land
ground (on the ground, etc.)**

ground conditions

~ matter (resources for hospitals, etc. / pandemic)

on the ground

he is ~ covering the protests (a foreign correspondent)

the Red Cross and other organizations are ~ (disaster)

life ~ goes on, people maintain their daily lives

the president asked for an assessment of the situation ~

from the ground

journalists report the truth ~

presence & absence: ground, terrain & land

perception, perspective & point of view: ground, terrain & land / height

ground (go to ground)

gone to ground

Bolton has ~, refusing interviews (politics)

went to ground for a few months

he ~ but then resurfaced (wanted by Hague)

**appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of
concealment / protection & lack of protection / pursuit,
capture & escape: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land /
hole / hunting / verb**

ground (common ground)

common ground (people share) is shrinking

the ~ (journalism and the media)

find common ground

they want to bridge the divide and ~ (gun control / suicide)

seek common ground

I call upon all of us to ~

reach common ground with Iran
the US has been unable to ~

concede common ground to his adversaries
he will not ~

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

ground (middle ground)

middle ground
there's no ~ with him
people either support or condemn, there's no ~
finding ~ is still elusive (compromise)
the ~ is the place where most of us live (gun control)

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

groundbreaking

groundbreaking leader
Wilma Mankiller was a ~ (Cherokee)

groundbreaking research
she has done ~

groundbreaking story
the results of this ~

groundbreaking (gene-therapy) studies
the magazine has published many ~

importance & significance: farming & agriculture / ground, terrain & land

grounded

grounded in science and truth
information ~, analysis rooted in integrity (*The Guardian*)

grounded personality
his ~ is appreciated by all (boxing champ Josh Taylor)

bases / character & personality: ground, terrain & land

Groundhog Day (film)

Groundhog Day
we've been here before with Jose, it's all very ~ (Spurs)

groundhog day cycle
they hope to end the ~ (EMTS take care of mentally ill)

Groundhog Day experience
she spoke of being stuck in a ~ (pandemic / mental health)

"Groundhog Day" replay
we'd do it again in a ~ (firebomb civilians / World War II)

judicial Groundhog Day
it was a ~ (a third retrial)

turned into Groundhog Day
Brexit Day has ~ (yet another delay)

♦ "In describing their lived experiences during the pandemic, several participants specifically referenced the movie Groundhog Day remarking that they felt as though they were stuck in some sort of repeating existence."

♦ "I've been wondering lately if feminism is subject to a Groundhog Day-style curse in which all previous knowledge is periodically obliterated." ("Wifedom: Mrs Orwell's Invisible Life by Anna Funder review—inside a troubled marriage" by Olivia Laing, *The Guardian*, 10 August 2023. "This feminist reimagining of the fierce and witty Eileen O'Shaughnessy strips her of agency all over again.")

♦ "It's déjà vu all over again in Washington... Kinda like watching Groundhog Day, right, I mean it kinda feels that way, uh, do you think anything will change today?" ("A" Martinez. From "Ohio Republican Jim Jordan fails again to get the votes needed to be House Speaker," NPR, Morning Edition, October 19, 2023.)

allusion: film & TV

time: film & TV

fantasy & reality: allusion / day / film & TV

repetition: allusion / day / film & TV

ground rule

ground rules
the new post-Cold War ~
new ~ might help

♦ A ground rule modifies a rule to a particular place, pitch or field.

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sports & games

groundswell (noun)

groundswell of cases
a ~ like hers rippled through Hollywood (MeToo)

groundswell of hostility
there has been a ~ toward outsiders (migrants)

groundswell of support
there is not yet a ~ for sweeping change

groundswell moment
we're at that ~ (rising demand for antibiotic-free meat)

♦ A groundswell refers to a swell at sea.

amount & effect: sea / wave

groundwork (noun)

groundwork
laying the ~ for a ceasefire in the Middle East

groundwork for a ceasefire
laying the ~ in the Middle East

groundwork for his own undoing
he had laid the ~

decades of groundwork
~ typically precede any real advances (psychiatry)

laid the groundwork
he had ~ for his own undoing

bases: ground, terrain & land

ground zero

ground zero for one of history's greatest tank battles
Hushniya was ~ (the Golan / 1973)

ground zero in the New Economy
Austin is ~

ground zero of the (anti-vaccine) movement
California is ~

ground zero for climate change
Miami is ~

ground zero for (race-based) street gangs
California is ~

ground zero for sea-level rise
Miami is ~

snowboarding's ground zero
Lake Tahoe is ~

♦ Related phrases are "patient zero" and also "year zero," as in the following: "Fourteen eighty-five is taken by historians to be one of the great 'year zeros' of history." (Along with such dates as 1066 and 1789.)

location / place: nuclear energy

effect: explosion / nuclear energy

importance & significance: nuclear energy

grouphink (and herdthink, etc.)

Democratthink

per ~ everything is racist when it needs to be...

doublethink

see *doublethink* (noun)

grouphink among major media companies

the ~ is more troubling (Elon Musk)

group think of the pundits

the ~ following like sheep using these terms (language)

enforced group-think

this environment of ~ (at the *New York Times*)

liberal media grouphink

a critique of ~ (Jonathan Chait)

progressive grouphink

NPR changed from open-minded curiosity to ~

academic herdthink

diversity, equity and inclusion is simply ~

dangerous radical grouphink

~ (DEI at MIT / Harvard / UPenn)

herdthink

diversity, equity and inclusion is simply academic ~

right-think

the same prevailing ~ (DEI)

blind spots and grouphink

the media bubble caused ~ (politics)

bullying and group-think

we often discussed ~ (managers, by activists at NYT)

suffered from grouphink

NPR has ~ (Uri Berliner)

♦ "It's not enough to say we don't support racism. You have to actually actively fight racism to get the work done." (Ashland, Oregon mayor Julie Akins.)

♦ "It is not enough to indicate that you are not racist, instead you must demonstrate that you are anti-racist." (Sophomore volleyball player Rachel Richardson, Duke University.)

♦ "When it comes to identifying and ending systemic racism, we can be agents of change. Listening and deep reflection are necessary but they're not enough. They must be followed by constructive and meaningful steps forward." (CEO John Lansing of NPR.)

♦ "Racism is a societal problem, and it is no longer good enough to simply be non-racist, Scottish sport must now be actively anti-racist." (Steward Harris, chief executive of SportsScotland.)

♦ "Everyone has the same background, votes the same way, and thinks the same way." (At National Public Radio / NPR.)

♦ "I think he'll have plenty of like behind-the-scenes support but, yeah, it'll be hard to support him in public." (A comment about an ex-NFL player who criticized a female "analyst" and "rising star" at ESPN.)

♦ "And once everyone agrees on what matters, it gets repeated." (Sam Bankman-Fried, about the best way to advertise FTX and crypto: pay to become a part of a sport stadium's name.)

♦ "This environment of enforced group-think, inside and outside the paper, was hard even on liberal opinion writers." ("When the New York Times lost its way" by James Bennet, *1843 Magazine* (*The Economist*), Dec 14th 2023.)

♦ "Yeah, no conspiracy. I think it's totally a matter of grouphink. You coalesce around people of similar views, it's uncomfortable to stand out, people might censor themselves, I don't know, but there's a consensus that builds and it has momentum and it becomes the way things work." (Uri Berliner talking about NPR with Bari Weiss. From "NPR Editor Speaks Out: How National Public Radio Lost Americans' Trust," *Honestly* with Bari Weiss.)

♦ "[D]on't tell people how to think." ("I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust" by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.)

unanimity & consensus: animal

grow (increase)

grew (more than) 700 percent

the number of women in prisons and jails ~

increase & decrease: number / plant / verb

grow (develop)

grow in their careers

medical professionals like him, who are looking to ~

grew in confidence

Yarde ~ especially in the second round (boxing)

grew very fast

the company ~ (fashion)

growth & development: life span / farming & agriculture / plant

grow (grow the economy, etc.)

grown its (podcasting) arm

NPR has ~ in recent years to reach a younger audience

grow its arsenal

how did Hamas ~ to strike Israel

grow our audience

we must ~ and cultivate their financial support (WBUR)

grow the family business

he saw the opportunity to ~

grow our economy

we need to ~

growing progress

see how farmers are ~ in Tanzania (ad for Corteva Agri)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / part of speech / plant / verb

growing (increasing)

growing criticism

his policy is the subject of ~

increase & decrease: plant

growing pains

growing pains

a TV show can have ~, too

normal growing pains

these are ~ for a new-film operation

overcame (most of) its growing pains

it ~ pretty quickly (a TV series)

growth & development: life span

growl (verb)

growling at each other

ten minutes later, you're both ~

conflict / speech: animal / sound / verb

speech: animal / dog / sound / verb

sound: animal / verb

grownup (person)

grownup in the room

he positioned himself as the ~, the worldly chaperon

grownup at Facebook

for 14 years, Sheryl Sandberg has been the ~

♦ "In Sam's World, Dan Friedberg—who was in his early fifties—had been the only important grown up... He was FTX's general counsel... He'd followed Sam to Hong Kong and then moved again to the Bahamas, where he spent a lot of time looking out of place in Bermuda shorts. Friedberg was who Sam usually had in mind when he complained about the pointless stuff that grown-ups asked him to worry about... [I]n the week of FTX's collapse, he'd been the first employee to abandon ship, and had gone immediately to the US financial regulators and the FBI." (*Going Infinite: The Rise And Fall Of A New Tycoon* by Michael Lewis. "Sam" is Sam Bankman-Fried.)

experience: baby / life span / person

growth & development: life span

person: baby

growth (cancerous, etc.)

cancerous growth

he refers to the other country as a ~

affliction: health & medicine

growth & development: health & medicine

grow up (grow up together, etc.)

grew up together

census-taking and a science of statistics ~

growth & development: life span / verb

relationship: death & life / verb

grow up (grow up! etc.)

grow up

~, it's not all about you (a soccer player)

as a nation, we need to ~, accept this reality (COVID)

Oh grow up

~, TMZ is the problem for...

urged Mr. Grainger to grow up

the Tory mayor of Birmingham ~ (called city a "dump")

♦ "Grow up. Now do us a favour and disappear." (A boxing fan about Anthony Joshua's bizarre antics following Joshua's second loss to Oleksandr Usyk.)

♦ "Oh grow up! TMZ is the problem for calling the sister. A joke is a joke, and it was a funny one." (A comment relating to criticism of the comedian Chris Rock.)

growth & development: life span / verb

experience / insult: life span / verb

grub (person)

cowardly grubs

he referred to the online trolls as ~

person: animal / insect

character & personality / insult: animal / insect / person

gruel (thin gruel, etc.)

thin gruel indeed

Being the Ricardos does seem like ~ (vs. other biographies)

substance & lack of substance: food & drink

grumble (noun)

grumbings and cross-talk

the statement elicited ~ in the chamber (England)

Draw Grumbles

Spain's Civil Servants ~, And Envy...

elicited grumbings

the statement ~ and cross-talk in the chamber (England)

♦ "I think you might start *seeing* some grumbings on Capitol Hill that this is not the way it's supposed to be done." (An ABC reporter.)

♦ "I'm starting to *notice* some real grumbling." (Lockdowns.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

speech: sound

guard (off guard)

caught the US off guard

Iran's response ~

caught off guard

he is ~ (a diplomat / surprising information)

residents said they were ~ (by a tornado)

caught off guard by the ferocity

scientists were ~ of the eruption

caught off-guard (last year) by a (flu vaccine) shortage

many in the US were ~

caught me off guard
he ~

caught (even) meteorologists off guard
the storm ~

totally caught off guard
Jeanette was ~

readiness & preparedness: military
protection & lack of protection: military
guard (on guard)

on guard for any signs
we are ~ of infection (doctor)

readiness & preparedness: military
protection & lack of protection: military
guard (changing of the guard)

changing of the guard
I'm glad to see a ~ (liberal attitudes in sports)

changing of the guard on Court Philippe-Chatrier
it felt like a ~ (French open 2021)

changing of the guard with younger Americans
we are seeing a ~ (their attitude towards taxes)

changing of the guard moment
a real ~ (Alcaraz defeats Djokovic 2023 Wimbledon)

♦ "The changing of the guard is something that happens. I respect that... My turn to wear the cape has passed." (The British actor Henry Cavill announces on Instagram that he will not return as Superman.)

♦ Changing of the guard; passing of the torch... (Both phrases were used by online commenters after the youthful Alcaraz defeated the older Djokovic at 2023 Wimbledon.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: military
dismissal, removal & resignation: military
guard (lower one's guard, drop one's guard, etc.)

dropping our guard
I think we are ~ too soon (COVID)

let our guard down
Dr. Fauci warned it's too early to ~ (pandemic)

lowered their guard
they thought they were in private and ~ (naked photos)

readiness & preparedness: boxing / military / verb
protection & lack of protection: boxing / military / verb
guard (keep one's guard up)

keeps her guard up
she ~

readiness & preparedness: boxing / military / verb
protection & lack of protection: boxing / military / verb

guard (old guard)

see *old guard*

guardian (protection)

guardian of a (150 year) legacy
the Mariinsky Theater is a ~ (ballet and opera)

guardian of his reputation
she became the ~ after his death (writer)

protection & lack of protection: military / person
guardrail (behavior)

guard rails
what are the ~ to make sure that technology does no harm
Facebook can have harms without adequate ~ in place
moderating individuals provide some equilibrium, some ~
this has been done, so the ~ are there (25th amendment)
what kind of ~ have they mounted to make sure...

guardrails
~ to prevent all forms of trafficking (Facebook)

guardrails (at home) to prevent that
there were ~ (bad behavior by a child)

guardrails to keep kids safe
Facebook is building ~

guard rails of our democracy
they have been ignoring the ~ (ethics in government)

guardrail against the (US-Russia nuclear) rivalry
the treaty is a ~ (INF nuclear treaty)

guardrails within that media ecosystem
there are no more ~ (conspiracy theories, misinformation)

guardrails around the personal data
TikTok has put ~ belonging to American users (Oracle)

guardrails, (these) break-the-glass
these emergency ~, ~ measures... (Facebook)

guardrails and kill switches
so what ~ can we put on AI systems (AGI)

no guardrails
there are ~, anyone can try to create a new reality (media)

fewer guardrails
Democrats will have ~ against their party's radical lurch

few or no guardrails
there are ~ to stop it (disinformation on social media)

emergency guardrails
these ~, these break-the-glass measures... (Facebook)

human rights guardrails
we must put ~ on the use of AI (and algorithms, etc.)

legal guardrails
establish ~ to prevent misuse (generative AI)

legalization without guardrails

~ is premature (psychedelic mushrooms, etc.)

guardrail has come down

the ~ (end of INF nuclear treaty between Russia and US)

guardrails are gone

he is in hot water because the ~, he was relying on...

blow through all the guardrails

they seem to want to ~ are OK with that (extremists)

building guardrails

Facebook is ~ to keep kids safe online

designing those guardrails

who should be ~ for society (OpenAI's GPT-4)

establish "guardrails"

~ that might prevent an accident from... (diplomacy)

have some guardrails up

presidents would ~ to avoid the appearance of impropriety

have some guardrails in place

we, as a board, didn't ~ (Time's Up)

put in a bunch of guardrails

we ~ to make it less likely (another financial collapse)

put up guardrails

~ to prevent abuse (AI)

set guardrails

Facebook ~ to deal with violent content

set up guardrails

~ to protect against discrimination in algorithms (AI)

skirt around (the Vision Pro's X-rated) guardrails

users seek to ~

swerve around (time-honored investigative) guardrails

senior officials appeared to ~ (the politicization of the FBI)

♦ "A backstop; a guardrail; trying to keep the President from going outside the bounds; minimize the damage..." ("John Bolton's Place in Ukraine Policy" by Mara Liasson, NPR, Morning Edition, October 25, 2019.)

♦ "Make sure competition doesn't veer into unintended military conflict; establish commonsense guardrails; establish some rules of the road..." (Commentary about summit between President Biden and Xi Jinping.)

♦ "These emergency guardrails, these break-the-glass measures, are blunt instruments." (Facebook and its attempts to control fake news, hate speech, election interference, etc. can also hurt free speech.)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / protection & lack of protection: boundary / infrastructure

guinea pig

guinea pig

I can understand why I was used as a ~ (hospital)

we are being used as ~s (new rules in soccer)

he used his own sons as "~s" (sports doping)

pharmaceutical guinea pigs

they feel like ~, put on one antidepressant after another

treated as guinea pigs

Africans should not be ~ (vaccinations)

used as a guinea pig

they don't like the city being ~ (for driverless cars / SF)

♦ "Be my guinea pig, and I'll give you a free tattoo." (Is that a good idea?)

♦ "I convinced my sister to be the guinea pig." (For a Brazilian bikini wax.)

♦ "I'm not going to be someone's guinea pig, we don't know what'll happen to me if I take that stuff." (The film *Words On Bathroom Walls*.)

experimentation: animal

guide (verb)

guided him into the gang

he ~

guides him

Islam ~

directing / direction: journeys & trips / verb

guide (person)

guide

our ~ knows China very well indeed (Reith lecture)

Therapy guide

Heather is also a Certified Nature and Forest ~...

spiritual guide

the cult became her ~

♦ "And I, sick with alarm at his new pallor, / cried out, "How can I go this way when you / who are my strength in doubt turn pale with terror?" / And he: "The pain of these below us here, / drains the color from my face for pity, / and leaves this pallor you mistake for fear. / Now let us go, for a long road awaits us." (*The Inferno*, translated by John Ciardi.)

♦ Jon Krakauer's book, *Into Thin Air*, confronts us with an important question: "What do you do when your guide dies?"

directing / direction: journeys & trips / person

person: direction / journeys & trips / movement

relationship: direction / journeys & trips

guide (nonperson)

used the stars as guides

they ~

direction: journeys & trips

gulf (division)

gulf

psychologically the ~ is even wider (Mitrovica, Kosovo)

gulf of difference

human groups often regard each other across the ~

gulf of mistrust

there was a ~ (newspaper and government)

gulf of misunderstanding

the ~ is only growing (Saudi-US post-9/11)

gulf between the haves and the have-nots

the ~

gulf between leaders and people

antiwar marches reveal ~

gulf between rich and poor
the widening ~

gulf between the two
there's a huge ~ (kinds of companies)

gulf between the two departments
the ~ (police helicopters, firefighters)

gulf in class
the game exposed the ~ between these two clubs (soccer)

gulf in their worldviews
the ~ appears unbridgeable (two academics)

widening gulf
the ~ between rich and poor

cultural and linguistic gulf
a ~ has widened between Yoji and his parents (raised in US)

gulf has widened
a cultural and linguistic ~ between Yoji and his parents

bridge the (cultural, linguistic and political) gulfs
telemedicine can ~

symbolizes a (wider, more basic) gulf
the Moei River ~ between Burma and Thailand

division & connection: sea

gum up (verb)

gum up the system
his purpose was to ~ (politics)

functioning: mechanism / verb

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / verb

disruption: mechanism / verb

gumbo (mixture)

gumbo of (certain) characters
thrown in is a kind of ~ (*The French Dispatch* / real people)

gumbo of traditions
the music of New Orleans is a ~

artistic and musical gumbo
few have concocted such a wild ~ (Van Dyke Parks)

♦ "You know, you put 'em all together, and it's like a gumbo, you put everything in the pot, and, in the moment, you just fly, ya know, after you make your 100th vat of gumbo, you get a feel for [for] where to place these things, and it's not really contrived, it just is a spirit in a moment that you follow..." ("Fresh Air" Favorites: Bandleader Jon Batiste," January 1, 2020. He grew up in Louisiana, near Kenner, internalizing the Bambara rhythm.)

identity & nature / mixture: food & drink

gun (verb)

gunning for him
Oppenheimer was now certain that Strauss was ~

gunning for me
why are you ~ (dispute)

gunning for a mistrial

the defense is ~

target: verb / weapon

gun (big gun)

see *big gun* (and *heavy gun*)

gun (jump the gun)

jump the gun
don't ~
so he sits on his ideas, he doesn't want to ~ (Darwin)

♦ "**Too soon**—pretty obvious we may well get there, but there's no reason to jump the gun." // "I just don't want to jump the gun on adding said statement, even if it is reliably sourced." (Wikipedians painstakingly creating an article for a breaking event of potentially historical importance. At "Talk: October 2023 Gaza-Israel conflict." The process is extraordinary, and if you can afford to donate to Wikipedia, you should do it.)

action, inaction & delay / eagerness & reluctance / timeliness & lack of timeliness: sports & games / verb

gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.)

with a gun to their head
the Iranians would never negotiate ~

with a gun to her head
famously stubborn, she is unlikely to co-operate ~ (Aung San Suu Kyi / 2021)

holding a gun to the head
the US is ~ of Canada (tariff negotiations)

hold a gun to her head
I didn't ~, it was consensual (sex abuse)

put a gun to your head
they ~ (drug treatment for doctors)

coercion & motivation: weapon / verb

gun (under the gun)

under the gun
the deadline puts us ~

oppression / fate, fortune & chance: weapon

gun (criticism)

turn their guns on Bill Barr
I think it laughable to see Democrats ~ (politics)

accusation & criticism: weapon

gun (with guns blazing)

guns a' blazing
he came out ~ right from the start of the round (boxer)

with (all) guns blazing
the White House will go into that process ~ (impeachment)

coming with guns blazing
I'm not ~, looking for a fight (a tennis reformer)

accusation & criticism: weapon

gun (stick to one's guns)

sticking to his guns

he is ~, continuing to deny the allegations against him

stuck to their guns

he and his directors ~ (resisted a takeover)

stuck to her guns artistically

Joni is someone who's ~ (the singer Joni Mitchell)

♦ "He stuck with his guns," he said, with his characteristic mild mangling of cliché. ("Who Will Fight With Me?" by Rivka Galchen, *The New Yorker*, October 3, 2022.)

commitment & determination: weapon

gun (hired gun)

hired gun

we are ~s (Scott Sanders / voices for political attack ads)

hired-gun

before 1968, ~consultants were rare (politics)

financial hired gun

he has worked as a ~ (hedge funds, etc.)

works as a hired gun

he ~ to defeat school bond referendums

♦ "I used to be a warrant officer in the British SAS and now I'm a soldier of fortune. I'm a hired gun, a mercenary if you like, and I'm the man who was trying keep the other four guys in the car alive on the drive from Jordan to Baghdad..." (*Highway To Hell: Dispatches From A Mercenary In Iraq* by John Geddes.)

conflict / help & assistance: person / weapon

person: money

gung ho (and gung-ho)

gung-ho

sales were "~" in February but... (sales 'softened')

it was a great place to work, everybody was ~

not everyone is as ~, though, about the need...

I tend to be the kind of person that is ~ (gets involved)

Gung Ho On Health Care Overhaul

"Pelosi And Reid Exit White House ~" (NPR)

gung-ho about going

everybody's so ~ to college... (there are alternatives)

gung-ho approach

his ~ wasn't valued at Boeing (hired by Elon Musk)

"gung-ho attitude

he backed away from the ~ they had embraced...

gung-ho group

a ~ of space enthusiasts has started the process of...

gung-ho spirit

its ~ is infectious (a graphic novel)

less gung-ho

teachers were a bit ~...

way gung-ho

and I was ~, it was too much...

♦ "By the mid-eighteen-forties, American farmers, too, had become gung ho for guano." ("Elemental Need: Phosphorus helped saved our way of life—and now threatens to end it" by Elizabeth Kolbert, *The New Yorker*, March 6, 2023. "Gung ho" is very much a Chinese word relating to World War II (first entry 1941), so of course American farmers weren't "gung ho" for guano in the mid-eighteen-forties. The word might have been put in quotation marks, but it wasn't. On the other hand, the essay is breezy: Elizabeth refers to guano as "yellowish clay," "bird shit," and simply "shit." The use of "gung ho" is a form of presentism.)

♦ See "The Long, Strange Journey Of 'Gung-Ho,'" by Jess Kung, NPR, Code Switch, October 18, 2019. If you type in "Carlson's Raiders" at Wikipedia, you will be redirected to "Evans Carlson." In that entry, Wikipedia says, "Carlson popularized the phrase *gung-ho*."

commitment & determination / enthusiasm: military

gun-shy (adjective)

gun shy

some have described him as "~" (a boxer after K.O.)

he didn't fight like a champion and looked ~ (a boxer)

gun-shy about getting married again

he may have felt a little ~

gun-shy fighter

he was too negative, he seemed like a ~ (boxing)

eagerness & reluctance: weapon

gunslinger (person)

legal gunslinger

Alex Spiro, an edgy and funny ~ (lawyer for Elon Musk)

♦ "Rodri showed the world that gunslingers don't always wear cowboy hats." (The online commenter Amin Yashed about Man City 3-1 Red Star. Smart use of language. It echoes the cliché, "Heroes don't always wear capes.")

character & personality / person: weapon

behavior: person

guru (person)

adventure guru

the magnum opus of ~ Ray Jardine

computer guru

the N.S.A.'s alienation from the ~s

mind guru

he's labelled as a ~ (boxing trainer Joby Clayton)

motivational guru

he is not a traditional lacquer-haired ~

style guru

Cosmo's ~ Elaine Farley

software guru

a popular ~ named Tim O'Reilly

relationship and self-esteem guru

~ Phil McGraw

message: person / religion

knowledge & intelligence: person / religion

person: religion

gush (verb)

gushed about her (Sophia Loren) looks
People magazine ~

gush about how
we're going to ~ much we appreciate you (podcast)

gushed about parenthood
he ~

gushed about him
she ~ (praise)

gush over its strong female leads
fans ~ (ACOTAR)

gushed over her longtime pal
DeGeneres has openly ~ (Stephen 'tWitch' Boss)

♦ "So welcome! Uhh, as you all probably know this is the virtual launch of Jas' *We Deserve Monuments* which I'm going to gush about in a minute..." (Oblong Online: Jas Hammonds, *We Deserve Monuments*, with Mckisha Telfer.)

♦ "And I think this really is like a, a sort of blueprint for how it can be both sexy and spur of the moment but also every step of the way there are plans, in part because, like you said, Mandalit, she's a planner, and that is her thing..." ("Emma Thompson finds herself, and pleasure, in 'Good Luck To You, Leo Grande,'" NPR, Pop Culture Happy Hour, June 16, 2022.)

♦ "Without being too TMI, I can really relate to..." (Blah blah blah...)

♦ "NPR newscasters and reporters have gotten completely casual and unprofessional, so much so that I fully expect one to respond to another in quick staccato with the new affirmative phrase: "Yeah yeah, yeah yeah yeah!" (One of 2,371 comments to an article at *The Washington Post* titled, "NPR is losing some of its Black and Latino hosts. Colleagues see a larger crisis," by Paul Farhi and Elahe Izadi, Jan. 5, 2022.)

♦ "Kamala Harris mocked for gushing over a 'yellow school bus.'"

♦ "'I see my body and mind transform everyday,' Samsonova had gushed while describing her restricted eating regimen." ("Foodfluencer" Zhanna Samsonova, known on social media as Zhanna D'Art, dead age 39.)

amount & effect / speech: verb / water

gush (noun)

trickle, flow, gush
we had a theory called, "~" (rescuing hostages)

amount & effect / movement: water

gut (destroy)

gutted a (historic) building
the huge fire that ~

gutted the kitchen
a fire has ~ of a wooden clubhouse at a holiday park

gut the presidency
the generals tried to ~ (Egypt)

gut the program
the Republicans are trying to ~

gut that protection
the proposed rule would ~

gutted the (California) regulation
the Supreme Court ~ (declared it unconstitutional)

destruction: blade / hunting / knife / stomach / verb

gut (feeling)

gut feel
he has a ~ for what the voter thinks (politics)

gut feeling
I went with my ~
he was seized by a ~ of lurking danger
range estimation by "~" is subject to error
you may have some ~s that could be terribly wrong

gut instinct
I would never again go against my ~s (climber)
her ~ told her that he was lying
trust your ~s
I followed a ~ and chose to run the rapid (kayaker)

gut feelings and emotions
neural systems tap into ~

gut feelings and intuitions
people are often influenced by ~

"cop's gut"
when a ~ tells him to stop someone

gut told me
my ~ that she was lying

does everything from his gut
Biden ~ (not disciplined / doesn't follow script)

knew in her gut
she ~ that her son was dead too

**feeling, emotion & effect / judgment: stomach
analysis, interpretation & explanation: stomach
knowledge & intelligence: stomach**

Gutenberg

Gutenberg of the blind
Braille was the ~ (Louis Braille)

creation & transformation: epithet

gut out (verb)

gutted it out
he ~ (Tyson Fury beats Wallin in ring)

**courage & lack of courage: stomach / verb
commitment & determination: stomach / verb
survival, persistence & endurance: stomach / verb
difficulty, easiness & effort: stomach / verb**

guts (insides)

guts
someone had tended to its ~, if not its skin (an old rifle)
the ~ no one wants to see, think about (Web hosts)

orientation / bases: stomach

guts (courage)

guts

such bravery, such ~ (the Scottish boxer Luke Campbell)

guts, passion and heart

he plays with ~, he's all in (NFL player)

guts or spunk or grit or balls

~ or a combination of all those words together (*sisu*)

bottle and guts

fair play to Chisora who is showing plenty of ~ (boxer)

have the guts

do you ~ to rescind the law (politics)

showed (lots of) guts

he ~ and plenty of skill too (a boxer)

took (a lot of) guts

it ~ to do what he did

♦ "The Finns would win or lose on the basis of their conventional, professional, military skills, the fiber of their discipline, the worthiness of their commanders—and above all else, on the depth and stubbornness of their *sisu*. That bristling little word was once the most famous Finnish idiom ever to become part of the outside world's vocabulary. It can be translated as 'guts' or 'spunk' or 'grit' or 'balls,' or as a combination of all those words together. The word in Finnish has nuances that resist easy translation... / "No battle of the Winter War captured the public's imagination like the Battle of Suomussalmi. The campaign continues to be taught at military academies as a 'classic,' an example of what motivated, well-led troops can do, with innovative tactics, against even a much larger adversary." (*Frozen Hell: The Russo-Finnish Winter War of 1939-40* by William R. Trotter.)

♦ No guts, no glory!

courage & lack of courage: stomach

commitment & determination: stomach

gutted (destroyed)

gutted by fire

body discovered in house ~

gutted by the fire

the landmark building was ~ within a matter of hours

gutted (by legislators) and abandoned

the proposal was ~

destruction: blade / knife / hunting / stomach

gutted (feeling)

gutted

I'm ~, it's a tough one to swallow (Conor McGregor loss)

gutted for you

I am so ~ and your family (terminal diagnosis)

gutted for the players

I'm ~ (coach on tough soccer loss)

gutted with the way

we're ~ things have gone (tough soccer loss)

gutted when

she said she was ~ she heard the news

gutted and heartbroken

I'm ~ (missed penalty)

drained, run down, (mentally) low, gutted

I felt ~ (promoter after an upset boxing loss)

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / hunting / knife / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / stomach

gutter (in the gutter / decline)

in the gutter

morale is ~

employment gutter

they are left in an "~~" due to linguistic impoverishment

♦ "Ridiculous clickbait. BBC is in the gutter with everyone else." (An online commenter, about yet another needless article about Manchester United.)

decline: direction / infrastructure

gutter (in the gutter / behavior)

get (down) in the gutter

I refuse to ~ with him

behavior: direction / height / infrastructure

gutter (out of the gutter)

get your mind out of the gutter

you need to ~ (preoccupation with sex)

behavior: direction / infrastructure

gutter (end up in the gutter)

end up in the gutter

if you don't do well in school, you'll ~

decline: direction / infrastructure

gutter (gutter politics, etc.)

gutter politics

this is ~ of the lowest sort

this is the dirtiest ~ that I've ever seen (a politician)

gutter press

the day-to-day imbecilities of the ~

♦ Can boxing go any lower than the gutter... Have we really sunk this low?... Boxing being dragged down to a new low... And just when we all thought boxing couldn't stoop any lower than it already has... (Fight fans on a BBC HYS reacting to the announcement of a boxing match between "Iron" Mike Tyson and the YouTuber Jake Paul. Other comments included: I didn't realise it was April 1st? / Let's be honest. If it makes him money, Jake Paul would box Helen Keller / [I hope that Tyson] knocks him into that Japanese forest he enjoyed so much / He could nibble his ear too / If [Paul] wins this maybe they can dig up Jack Dempsey and he can fight him next... (Funny!)

♦ "Mixed up with the buzz of conferences and the crash of guns are the day-to-day imbecilities of the gutter press. Astrology, trunk murders, the Oxford Groupers with their 'sharing' and their praying-batteries, the Rector of Stiffkey (a great favorite with Mr. Muggidge: he makes several appearances) photographed with naked female acquaintances, starving in a barrel and finally devoured by lions, James Douglas and his dog Bunch, Godfrey Winn with his yet more emetic dog and his political reflections ('God and Mr Chamberlain—for I see no blasphemy in coupling these names'), spiritualism, the Modern Girl, nudism, dog racing, Shirley Temple, BO, halitosis, night starvation, should a doctor tell?" ("The Limit to Pessimism" by George Orwell, 1940. To know more about the Rector of Stiffkey, see the Wikipedia entry for "Harold Davidson.")

behavior / decline: direction / infrastructure

gut-wrenching (adjective)

gut wrenching

one scene after another is ~ (a film)

gut-wrenching memoirs

incredible personal testimony, ~ (the Blitz)

gut-wrenching testimony

he heard ~ of bullying and heartbreaking stories

gut-wrenching visit

Kerry made a ~ to Hiroshima

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / stomach

guy (nonhuman)

guy

we're seeing these ~s all over the place (carpet vipers)
call this ~ Typhoon Seven (*Hunt for Red October*)

bad guys

for years they've been the ~ in movies like *Jaws* (sharks)

big guy

he's a ~, for sure... (a large Colorado bear)

fun guys

~ known as chanterelles (a coveted wild mushroom)

little guys

all these ~ grow here so well (cherries in Michigan)

♦ "Her 'little guy' is the majestic chow mix, Blaze." (A dog.)

♦ "The guys at the invasion front up in the tropics are moving often kilometres in a single night..." (Professor Rick Shine of the University of Sydney about the "warty amphibian," cane toads.)

♦ "Unfortunately for these young guys, they're too sick and too young for us to release them (back into the wild)." (Doctor Alex Herman, Vice President of Veterinary Services at the Oakland Zoo, about two of her institution's orphaned female mountain lion cubs.)

♦ "Sure, we see lots of these guys on the edge of the sun, and we see them do their [unintelligible] circular dance, but this guy [unintelligible] lifted off and went around." (A Scottish scientist.)

person: object

guy (the guy)

the guy

he was ~ then (Len Bias / University of Maryland)

I'm ~ who beat the guy (political chest-thumping)

♦ "And so I think he likes to kinda thump his chest about that a bit... When people are looking at turning the page and moving on, the new candidate, the new future, somebody younger, brighter, shinier, it allows him to say, 'Yeah, I'm the guy that beat the guy,' which is a pretty big claim." (David Urban, former Trump campaign consultant, speaking about Joe Biden on NPR.)

importance & significance: person

guy (good guy, etc.)

guys like us

~, nobody gives a hoot in hell about them

guy's guy

his dad was a ~ (snakeskin boots, Harley, muscle truck)

my guy

I loved Allen Iverson, he was ~ (the NBA player)
that's ~, I'm here for him (NFL)

bad guy

~s are bad guys, the Army is the Army, orders are orders
it doesn't mean the ~s have changed their tune (Baghdad)
you never know who's a good guy or a ~
our job is about killing ~s (US in Afghanistan)
he is a ~, too conciliatory to hetero sensibilities (author)
he's a people pleaser, so I have to be the ~ (management)

big guy

prosecutors turned their gaze to the ~ (Bernardo Arevalo)

big (tough) guy

he talks like a ~, then does nothing (a politician)

dream guy

new dating services guarantee a ~

fall guy

see *fall guy* (noun)

good guy

the ~s are gonna win
you never know who's a ~ or a bad guy
he was just a ~ with a gun...until he wasn't

great guy

I was on a blind date with this ~

hard guy

he's a tough guy, he's a ~ (boxer Chris van Heerden)

his guy

Trump is still ~ (teen will vote in his first election)

Laundry Guy

Patric Richardson, host of "The ~" on HGTV...

little guy

he isn't afraid to stand up for the ~

New Guy

the Hanoi Hilton included Heartbreak Hotel and ~ Village

new guy

~s make dumb-ass mistakes (combat)

Nice Guy

Parker is the 'Mr ~' of boxing (lacks nasty streak)

nice guy

On *FBoy Island*, a man is either a ~ or an F-boy (TV)

old guy

I'm the ~ in the room (Bryant Gumbel about new media)

race guy

fears a reputation as a "~" will hurt success (complaints)

regular guy

he was a ~ who liked to watch sports, chase girls, party...

right guy

Urban Meyer might not be the ~ for the team (a coach)
but the ~ gets the win in this fight (Usyk vs. Joshua II)

Straight Guy

Bravo's *Queer Eye For The ~*

strong guy

Victor Orban, a very tough ~ (politics)

that guy

I guess I'll be ~ (Jon Guay publicly criticizes State Police)

tough guy

he's a ~, he's a hard guy (boxer Chris van Heerden)

it would take a pretty ~ not to feel his heart go out...

NHL ~s have actively looked to get a piece of Rempé

tough-guy

he hides behind a ~ posture

he was a ~ hockey enforcer (NHL's Derek Boogaard / CTE)

Tuff Guy

Talks like Big ~, then does zero ~! (a politician)

white guy

letting ~s or non-Indians in ruins the ceremony

presidential politics with just two ~s

tough, strong guy

the head of Hungary, a very ~, Victor Orban (politics)

all-about-me guy

he remained a conspicuously ~ (an NFL player)

License Plate Guy

Giants superfan Joe "~" Ruback (NFL)

type-A-my-way-or-the-highway guy

he was a ~

angry "get off my lawn" guy

he comes across as ~ (a blowhard)

back-the-blue guy

I've always been a ~ (support the police)

breed of guys

old, tough guys, they were just a different ~ (Italians)

kind of guy

he's known as a hard-charging, take-no-prisoners ~

Max is a no-quarter ~ and Lewis... (F1 racing)

he's a go-out-on-his-shield ~ (the boxer Deontay Wilder)

♦ "I don't think we'll ever be able to do presidential politics with just two white guys ever again." (Breezy political punditry by Ali Vitali (female) on NPR.)

♦ "I guess I'll be that guy. 24 years gives me that clout." (Jon Guay, a veteran local lawman, who publicly slammed the upper echelons of the Maine State Police on Facebook over the manhunt for mass murderer Robert Card.)

♦ "I've always been a back-the-blue guy. But the evidence in this case is overwhelming and it doesn't point to Karen." (Aidan Kearney, aka Turtleboy, about the #FreeKarenRead case.)

♦ "The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun."

♦ The bad guys; bad actors; bad elements; bad hombres... (Descriptions used by the US president, military, State Department, and members of Congress.)

♦ "We have some bad hombres here and we're gonna get them out."

♦ "He's a very dangerous hombre with big, big power." (The boxer Tyson Fury about Deontay Wilder.)

♦ He's just an average Joe. / "Joe plumber"...

♦ "The working-class Joe identity is important for Biden politically."

♦ *FBoy Island* is a dating reality TV series hosted by the comedian Nikki Glaser. A spinoff called *FGIRL Island* is in the works. A man is either a nice guy or a F-boy. In slang, a "fuck boy" is a male womanizer, a playboy, a Lothario. See the Wikipedia article "FBOY Island," which has the following caveat: "This article may have been created or edited in return for undisclosed payments, a violation of Wikipedia's content policies, particularly neutral point of view."

♦ "I know America loves its bad guys. But I'm a great guy. I just won a Super Bowl. I'm an American hero." (The NFL player Antonio Brown, on being cut from his team.)

♦ "He's a nice fella... A guy don't need no sense to be a nice fella." (*Of Mice and Men*.)

♦ "Guys like us, they don't got nobody in the world who gives a hoot in hell about them." (George speaking to Lennie. From the brilliant 1992 film *Of Mice and Men*, with Gary Sinise and John Malkovich, screenplay by Horton Foote, based on the novella by John Steinbeck.)

♦ "Sure, I know the type, he don't rile easily, but when he blows, look out." (YouTube, "Gomer Pyle Learns a Bully")

♦ "Hey, what a great guy." "Yeah, good, good, good bloke..." (Two commentators at The Day of Reckoning fight event in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, having just interviewed the New Zealand boxer Junior Fa. No doubt viewers around the world had a similar reaction to the boxer's smile, personality, and speech. He ended up losing his bout, but he put up a good fight.)

♦ Cinnamon rolls; golden retrievers... (Romance novels publisher-speak for men. Cinnamon rolls are men who are sweet, supportive and kind. Golden retrievers are men sporting floppy energy and positive energy.)

♦ "He's not a sad sack, this guy, you know, I mean he's a bit of a disaster of a human being in some ways, but he's not a sad sack and he's this kind of very aggressive guy." (The actor Paul Giamatti about his character Chuck Rhoades in *Billions*.)

♦ "Government ministers, newspaper columnists, ordinary people—they're all asking why the BBC doesn't say the Hamas gunmen who carried out appalling atrocities in southern Israel are terrorists. / The answer goes right back to the BBC's founding principles. / Terrorism is a loaded word, which people use about an outfit they disapprove of morally. It's simply not the BBC's to tell people who to support and who to condemn—who are the good guys and who are the bad guys... / And it's always been like this in the BBC. During World War Two, BBC broadcasters were expressly told not to call the Nazis evil or wicked, even though we did call them 'the enemy'. / 'Above all,' said a BBC document about all this, 'there must be no room for ranting'. Our tone had to be calm and collected. / It was hard to keep that principle going when the IRA was bombing Britain... / But we held the line. And we still do, to this day." ("Why BBC doesn't call Hamas militants 'terrorists'—John Simpson" by John Simpson, BBC, Israel Gaza War, October 11, 2023.)

♦ "We don't wanna stop at just simply saying this is the bad guy this is the good guy you know and then just stop right there." (Dartmouth professor Tarek El-Ariss, about the forums he and Professor Susannah Heschel held for Dartmouth students in the wake of the Saturday, October 7, 2023 attack by Hamas on Israel.)

♦ "Nobody is acting out of anger. He's the bad guy, we're the good guy. It's just the way it is." (Special Forces operative in Afghanistan, after the completion of a successful mission that ended with all the enemy dead.)

♦ "Neck tattoo guy catches him outside and beats him savagely leaving Jules naked, bloody, traumatized..." (Bob Mondello's review of the 2024 film *Femme* on NPR, All Things Considered.)

♦ "The clothing Allen admitted wearing to police matches the outfit worn by a man—known as 'Bridge Guy'—who was captured on video by Libby walking towards the two girls, instructing them to go 'down the hill' moments before their deaths." (Murders of Abigail Williams and Liberty German.)

♦ "It's weird that all these professors look alike. There is a 'type'—still dressing like a turn of the last century intellectual, Granny Clampett wire frames and all." (An online commenter about "Stanford professor who vanished in hike ahead of domestic violence court date is found" by Emily Crane, *The New York Post*, June 12, 2023.)

*** analysis

♦ People protest "stereotyping." Yet, *men* have always been and always will be "typified." It would be impossible to comprehend and deal with reality without categories.

♦ see also *boy (type), girl (type), joe (average joe, etc.), lady (crazy lady, etc.), man (big man, little man, etc.), mister (and Mr., Missus, Mrs.)*

character & personality: film & TV / person

characterization: person

gymnastic (adjective)

gymnastic voice

her rich, ~ is center stage (Sabina Sciubba)

ability & lack of ability: movement / sports & games

difficulty, easiness & effort: movement / sports & games

gymnastics (effort)

"gymnastics" of the tongue and throat

the vocal ~ (speech)

genetic gymnastics

these ~ are a big part of why... (the polio virus)

linguistic gymnastics

he performed ~ on the issue in testimony (Bill Clinton)

logistical gymnastics

getting surgery patients to the ship required some ~

mathematical gymnastics

her plan is ~ (politics / paying for healthcare)

mental gymnastics

Democrats do this ~ nearly every election cycle

you don't have to do any ~ to imagine that if...

what ~ we have to do for this craziness (pronouns)

he uses depraved ~ to justify murder

it takes ~ to follow that logic...

verbal gymnastics

local media use ~ to avoid placing responsibility (police)

vocal gymnastics

I would try to imitate her ~ (Celia Cruz)

her guitar playing and ~ are an unstoppable force

difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games

ability & lack of ability: movement / sports & games

H

habit (enthusiasm)

kayaking habit

he works mainly to support his ~

support his (kayaking) habit

he works mainly to ~

♦ "Chen had found a new hangout. In late May, he spent 32 hours straight in the illegal Internet café, working his way through six packs of Double Happiness cigarettes and relieving himself in a bucket by the stairs." (A Chinese Internet café.)

♦ He was so addicted to his sport that he rarely spent a weekend at home. (A climber.)

enthusiasm: addiction

habituated

habituated to seeing

audiences are now ~ league-produced documentaries

♦ One goal of the Internet companies has been to habituate everyone, especially children, to address machines as though they were people. They have given their virtual assistants names like Siri, Alexa and Cortana and encouraged us to ask them questions, as if that were normal. They have succeeded completely.

behavior: addiction

hack (hack something / endurance)

hack the pace

Isaac wasn't sure he could ~ (child actor)

survival, persistence & endurance: verb

hack (break into)

hack the NSA

he managed to ~

protection & lack of protection: blade / verb

computer: blade / verb

hack (fix)

hack

tech can optimize, or "~", any aspect of our lives

amelioration & renewal: blade / verb

computer: blade / verb

hack (a fix)

hacks for coping

~ with extreme heat (heat waves, warming climate)

hacks and tips

interesting beauty ~ found on TikTok

life hacks

your web site for ~

the book repackages Stoicism as a series of ~

simple 'hack'

there's no ~ for better sleep...

tiny hack

one ~ for better hips

ultimate summer beach hacks

Mom of 4 shares her ~

tips and hacks

turkey ~ on TikTok (Butterball / Thanksgiving)

~ to make life better (NPR)

♦ Lifestacker offers "tips and tricks for getting more done in less time." (A website.)

♦ "Mom of 4 shares her ultimate summer beach hacks ahead of Memorial Day weekend." (ABC "News.")

♦ "This coffee hack saved my marriage—and it only takes 5 minutes." (Clickbait.)

amelioration & renewal: blade

help & assistance: blade

computer: blade

hacking (fixing)

body hacking

his ~ did him in (pills, powders, liquids)

amelioration & renewal: blade

help & assistance: blade

hackles (raise hackles)

raise some hackles

this will ~

raised hackles in Switzerland

the proposals have ~ (EU restrictions on firearms)

♦ Piloerection is a sign of emotional arousal. In chimpanzees, it will cause the hair on their shoulders to stick straight up. At the same time, chimpanzees might hoot and throw pebbles.

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / dog / hair / verb

conflict: animal / dog / hair / verb

haggle (verb)

haggle over forming

political factions continue to ~ the new government

position, policy & negotiation: money / verb

haggling

diplomatic haggling

the resolution went through much ~ (U.N.)

position, policy & negotiation: money

hagiographic (superlative)

hagiographic movie

Hollywood made a ~ about Young (Mormon leader)

behavior / reverence / superlative: religion

hail (in a hail)

in a hail of (police) bullets

they died ~

in the (initial) hail of fire

~, 2 soldiers were wounded

amount & effect: snow & ice / storm

hail (noun)

hail of criticism

the ruling drew a ~ from the legal community

hail of gunfire

the Humvee desperately tried to escape the ~

hails of (machine-gun) fire

the Allied troops who braved ~ on Normandy's beaches

♦ "Wholesale devastation of many cereal and fruit crops; apples split in two with 'one half left hanging on the tree'; long pieces of bark stripped off fruit trees; trees 'absolutely barked'; hedges 'completely peeled'; trees left leafless and stripped of bark; fields of cereal crops completely threshed; 50,000 panes of glass broken in Chipping Norton; leaden

window framework battered in; slate roofs and chimney pots destroyed; the piles of hail contacting warmer ground created a mist or steam; continuous thunder and vivid lightning; roads knee-deep in hailstones; flooding ..." (The Great Hailstorm of 9 August, 1843, in Great Britain. Information from "Severe Hailstorms in the United Kingdom and Ireland: A Climatological Survey with Recent and Historical Case Studies" by Jonathan D.C. Webb and Derek M. Elsom.)

amount & effect: snow & ice / storm

hailed

hailed as a liberal hero

Humphrey was ~ (politics)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

Hail Mary

Hail Mary from a defense

his decision to testify is seen as a ~ that has struggled...

Hail Mary addition

bitcoin was a ~ to Bhutan's economic masterplan (*Forbes*)

Hail Mary Attempt

"Bush's ~ at Mideast Peace" (NPR)

Hail Mary pass

legal cliffhangers include a ~ in 2009 (Death Row)

Hail Mary (legal) strategy

the legal team went for a sort of ~

threw a hail mary

he ~, he took the stand... (Sam Bankman-Fried)

♦ "In all of its sense, it was just a Hail Mary, I didn't see Abby... It was just insane." (Megan Rapinoe about her 2011 World Cup cross to Abby Wambach against Brazil.)

fate, fortune & chance: football / religion / sports & games

hair (resemblance)

leaf hair

~s can help identify different kinds of oaks

root hairs

~ (oak tree)

resemblance: hair

hair (hair on fire)

have their hair on fire

centrist Democrats ~ over Sanders (too radical)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / hair / sensation

hairpin (shape)

hairpin turns

fans lined the ~ (Tour de France)

shape: direction / hair

hair-raising

hair-raising glimpse

a ~

hair-raising trip

a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: hair

hair trigger

hair-trigger situation

he feared a ~ (miscalculation, pre-emptive strike, etc.)

hair-trigger temper

he had a ~

he developed a ~ (steroid abuser)

he was an imperious boss with a ~

initiation: weapon

hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.)

within a hair's-breadth

she was ~ of losing her place in the tournament (sports)

came within a hair's breadth of dying

she ~ at his hands (grievous bodily harm)

comparison & contrast / proximity: breadth / hair

half-baked (adjective)

half-baked idea

this ~ will pose a threat to Democrats (politics)

flaws & lack of flaws: cooking

half-hearted

halfhearted

I made a ~ effort to learn French

commitment & determination: heart

hall (halls of academe, etc.)

halls of academe

plagiarism can result in banishment from the ~

power: infrastructure / sign, signal, symbol

hallmark

hallmarks of al-Qaida

officials said the attacks bore the ~

hallmark of the administration

arrogance has been the ~ (Bush)

hallmarks of a bygone era

quaint ~

hallmark of great leaders

Amundsen had the personal magnetism that is the ~

hallmarks of a contract killing

his murder had none of the ~

hallmarks of eating disorders

one of the ~ is denial (lying about eating habits)

bore the hallmarks

officials said the attacks ~ of al-Qaida

bore (all) the (al Qaeda) hallmarks

the operation ~ of careful planning

carried all the hallmarks

it ~ of the other rapes, the same warning... (a new rape)

♦ Hallmarks were marks on precious metals like silver and gold used to indicate purity.

evidence: mark

hall of fame (HOF)

hall of fame reel

that ~ of Oscar screwups... (getting, not getting one)

shame Hall of Fame

see *hall of shame*

♦ The International Boxing HOF; Football HOF; Basketball HOF; Baseball HOF; Rock & Roll HOF; Country Music HOF; The Blues HOF; The Funk Music HOF (Dayton, Ohio, "the funkier place on Earth"); Pro Rodeo HOF; National Cowboy HOF; US Ski and Snowboard HOF; American Royal Barbecue HOF; the Laksa Festival HOF (Darwin, Australia); Radio HOF; Toy HOF; The World Video Game HOF; Mascot HOF (opened in Whiting, Indiana in 2018); Songwriters HOF; The National Inventors HOF; the U.S. Chess HOF; the Society of Illustrators HOF; National Soccer HOF; Opera HOF; National Teachers HOF (Emporia, Kansas—Who knew?)... (Various HOFs, in order of significance.)

♦ "JACKSON, Miss.—A legendary rodeo clown who spent decades performing has died after the final performance of the 55th Annual Dixie National Rodeo and Livestock Show in Mississippi. / Lecile Harris, 83, died in his sleep after the show Wednesday night in Jackson, news outlets reported citing a release from the Mississippi Fair Commission. / Born in Lake Cormorant, Mississippi, Harris...was inducted into the Mississippi Rodeo Hall of Fame, the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame and won the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association award for Clown of the Year five times... / Harris started out as a bullrider but switched to comedy after being injured at age 52, WANT-TV reported. He was also a drummer in the Memphis area during the 1950s and 60s, and played football at the University of Tennessee-Martin." ("Legendary rodeo clown Lecile Harris dead at 83," the Associated Press, Feb 14, 2020.)

♦ "Y'all really going to have a red carpet for a discipline that's been around for three years?" (Chris Tolley, amused by the idea of a hall of fame for gravel racing. He has described the sport as "a marketing circle jerk." From "End Of The Road: In America's bike-racing community, a murder exposes a lot of dirt" by Ian Parker, *The New Yorker*, November 14, 2022.)

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: place

hall of shame (HOS)

shame Hall of Fame

if you do want to get into the ~... (politics)

bribery hall of shame

the \$2M NYCHA ~ (New York City Housing Authority)

women's sports hall of shame

the latest entry for the ~ (trans woman injures player)

♦ The Headline and Clickbait HOS; Contempo-speak HOS; Word Salad HOS; Corporate Appropriation of Cultural Capital HOS; Lip service HOS; Educational Bureaucrat HOS; Illinois Politics HOS...

♦ The inaugural class of the Headline and Clickbait HOS included, from the various categories: (1) "The OG Yield Curve Whisperer," Stacey Vanek Smith and Cardiff Garcia, NPR, Planet Money, August 9, 2018 (2) "Scientists Discover Prehistoric Giant 'Squawkzilla' Parrot, As Big As Small Child" by Vanessa Romo, NPR, Science, August 7, 2019 (3) "Meet the 'chicken from hell' 2.0: a newly discovered dinosaur" by Michael Levitt, Justine Kenin, and Mary Louise Kelly, NPR, Science, All Things Considered, February 1, 2024 (4) "Space telescope records baby star's first screams" by Jonathan Amos, science correspondent, BBC, November 3, 2023 (5) "Have you been pooping wrong your whole life?"

Doctor reveals 'hack'" (6) "This cute mammal's poop has superpowers," Manoush Zomorodi, NPR (7) "Young Ukrainians are spreading joy by organizing cleanup parties" by Kat Lonsdorf, NPR, All Things Considered, October 14, 2022 (8) "How some people are trying to make art, not war, in Ukraine right now" by Lauren Frayer, NPR, March 17, 2022.

♦ "Barney the bear is a secure test item!"; "The brain loves peppermint!"... (Two entrants into the Educational Bureaucratese HOS, North Carolina division.)

♦ The inaugural Contempo-speak "Michele Flaherty award" went to Esther Zukerman of Vox: "Yah, I mean, I think, you know, obviously..."

♦ "If you do want to get into the shame Hall of Fame, you have to do a lot more than you had to do even ten years ago." (Former Democratic congressman Anthony Weiner about former Representative George Santos. From "When politicians have no shame, the old rules don't apply," NPR, Morning Edition, Feb. 15, 2023. Talk about the pot calling the kettle black! What a wiener! See below a funny joke about Illinois politicians.

♦ A FUNNY JOKE. A former Illinois governor, sentenced to prison for corruption, is eating his first meal in the prison mess. "This food is awful!" he says. The con across from him says, "Yeah, I know. When I was governor, the prison food was *much* better."

*** analysis

♦ "But the question is not: Can we understand this typist (who types *professor* as *professor*)? It is: How did this typist come to be, and what does this mean for us all?" (Richard Mitchel, 1929-2002. "The Underground Grammarian advocates ridicule.")

♦ "One cannot change this all in a moment, but one can at least change one's own habits, and from time to time one can even, if one jeers loudly enough, send some worn-out and useless phrase...into the dustbin where it belongs." ("Politics And The English Language" by George Orwell, Horizon, April 1946.)

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: place

hallowed (adjective)

hallowed ground

this memorial wall is ~ for the CIA (137 stars)

Lambeau Field is ~ (fans of the Green Bay Packers)

hallowed Boston Latin School

few seats come open in a given year at the ~

hallowed spot

to me it was a ~ (island associated with James Cook)

hallowed (maritime) tradition

hazing inexperienced sailors with a fool's errand is a ~

hallowed (boxing) venue

Madison Square Garden is a ~

♦ Just as a clear sun sank ahead of my ship I took a bearing of a little island..., an insignificant crumb of dark earth, lonely... But to me it was a hallowed spot, for I knew that the *Endeavour* had been hove to off it in the year 1762 for her captain, whose name was James Cook, to go ashore for half an hour. ("Geography and Some Explorers" by Joseph Conrad.)

importance & significance / reverence: religion

hallucinate (computer)

hallucinate

AI chatbots are known to "~" (make things up)

"hallucinate" stories

AI can ~

computer: health & medicine / verb

hallucination (computer)

prone to 'hallucinations'

the AI tools are ~

call them hallucinations

developers ~ (content generators make up things)

dubbed 'hallucinations'

deceptively convincing responses, ~ (AI chatbots)

♦ "AI content generators are known to sometimes invent things, which developers call hallucinations."

♦ "AI chatbots have been known for providing deceptively convincing responses, dubbed 'hallucinations.'"

♦ "Even a machine can lose its mind." (ChatGPT, etc.)

♦ "What happens when the web becomes dominated by so much AI generated content that new models are trained not on human-made material, but on AI outputs? Will we be left with some kind of cursed digital ouroboros (a snake or dragon) eating its own tail? / It's what Jathan Sedowski has dubbed Habsburg AI..." ("Is artificial intelligence a threat to journalism or will the technology destroy itself?" by Samantha Floreani, Opinion, *The Guardian*, Sat 5 Aug 2023.)

computer: health & medicine

halo (noun)

Obama halo

8 years of working with Obama gave him the ~ (Biden)

health halo

"natural" and "organic" create a "~" (ads / NAS cigarettes)

bestow a halo

the US news media was eager to ~ (on Amanda Knox)

taken off his halo

a little of the shine had now been ~ (a politician)

behavior / reverence / superlative: religion / sign, signal, symbol

halt (grind to a halt, etc.)

came to a screeching halt

his wild success ~

the sports world ~ (coronavirus epidemic)

grind to a halt

England's workplaces were set to ~ (football fever)

innovation could gradually ~ (low returns on capital)

without the parts, factories would soon ~

grinds to a halt

a surface transportation system that ~

ground to a halt

traffic on the expressway ~

France ~ (May 1968)

his career ~ soon after (architect)

screeched to a halt

his career ~

shuddering to a halt

wide swaths of the economy are ~ (virus pandemic)

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

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / movement / verb

hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.)

Hamburger Hill

Hill 937 got its nickname, ~ (Vietnam War)

♦ "This is a ship of war, and I will grind whatever grist the mill requires in order to fulfill my duty." (Capt. Jack Aubrey, played by Russell Crowe, in the film *Master and Commander*.)

military: consumption / epithet / meat

death & life: consumption / epithet / meat

ham-handed

vague and ham-handed

the legislation is ~

oppression: size / hand

Hamlet (Hamlet on the Hudson, etc.)

Hamlet on the Hudson

sometimes labeled ~, Mario Cuomo...

♦ Mario Cuomo, governor of New York, was labeled the Hamlet on the Hudson. He got much attention as he debated the pros and cons of running for president.

allusion: books & reading

character & personality: allusion / books & reading

hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.)

Thor's Hammer

~ is an unusual rock formation in Bryce Canyon

proper name: hammer / religion

geography: proper name / religion

hammer (blizzards hammered the Karakoram, etc.)

hammer the Deep South

three killed as severe weather, tornadoes ~

hammered the Karakoram

severe blizzards ~ (Gasherbrum IV)

hammers the Philippines

super typhoon Mangkhut ~

storm: force

hammer (criticize)

hammered the White House team

she ~ (in her memoir / politics)

accusation & criticism: force / hammer / speech / verb

hammer (hammer and anvil, etc.)

combined arms hammer

the ~ that is about to strike him (Saddam)

military: hammer / tools & technology

hammer (hammer of the law, etc.)

hammer of the law

the ~ has to come down on misconduct (social media)

the ~ falls down harder on leftist demonstrators

emotional hammer

pandemic's ~ hits hard (depression, etc.)

legal hammer

the group is bringing a ~ on the right (SPLC)

hammer (of the law) falls (down) harder

this perception that the ~ on leftist demonstrators

brings the hammer down

corporate America ~ (against conservatives)

bringing a (legal) hammer down

the group is ~ on the right (Southern Poverty Law Center)

force: hammer / tools & technology

hammered out

hammered out in negotiations

important deals are ~ (W.T.O.)

hammered out between opponents and supporters

in a compromise ~

creation & transformation: hammer / manufacturing

hammer out (verb)

hammered out a compromise

opponents and supporters ~ (state song)

hammered out the trick

after some trial and error they ~ (kayakers)

creation & transformation: hammer / manufacturing / verb

hamstring (verb)

handcuffs or hamstrings

it ~ administration's ability to disciple students (policy)

♦ "Every horror that could make war hideous attended this retreat; distress, conflagration, death in all modes... And the spirit of cruelty smote even the brute creation, for the French general, to lessen incumbrances, ordered beasts of burden to be destroyed, and the inhuman fellow charged with the execution hamstrung 500 asses, and left them to starve. They were found so by the British; and the mute, sad, deep expression of grief and pain visible in the poor creatures' looks excited a strange fury in the soldiers—no quarter would have been given at that time..." (Napier on combat against the French in 1811 on the Iberian Peninsula. Quoted in *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: animal / health & medicine / leg / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

hamstrung

hamstrung

the administration is ~

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: animal / health & medicine / leg / movement / walking, running & jumping

hand (at hand)

at hand

success is ~
perhaps a cure is ~

close at hand

they believe the end of the world is ~

proximity: hand

hand (in hand)

well in hand

she has her diabetes ~
they had things ~ (law enforcement / a school shooting)

control & lack of control: hand

hand (on hand)

on hand

thousands of police and security forces are ~ (festival)

on hand for the ceremony

bishops, archbishops and the papal nuncio were ~

on hand to help

she was ~ with translations for the doctor

presence & absence: hand

hand (at the hands)

at his hands

many people suffered ~ (a deposed ruler)

at the hands of a mob

it was the eighth killing ~ this year (Peru)

at the hands of an intimate

victims of violence ~

at the hands of an (Illinois) mob

he died ~ (Joseph Smith)

at the hands of police officers

he sought death ~ (suicide by cop)

at the hands of police officers

his plan was to die in a fire or ~

at the hands of slave owners

the abuse his ancestors suffered ~

at the hands of a spouse, lover or relative

a woman's risk of death ~

death at the hands of the Americans

a martyr's ~

harm at the hands of other students

protect students from ~ (gays)

violence at the hands of his father

protect a four-year-old boy from ~

violence at the hands of an intimate
victims of ~

violence at the hands of a partner
patients who are victims of ~

death at the hands of a spouse, lover or relative
a woman's risk of ~

death at the hands of police officers
he sought ~

die at the hands of police officers
his plan was to ~ (suicide by cop)

die at the hands of the IRA
innocent people will ~

died at the hands of an (Illinois) mob
he ~ (Joseph Smith)

suffer at the hands of other students
many ~ (transgressors)

suffer at the hands of (unscrupulous) employers
these immigrants ~

involvement / responsibility: hand

hand (dealt a hand)

hand

these things come along, that's the ~ you drew (illness)

dealt a difficult hand
they have been ~

♦ "We play with the cards we're dealt."

fate, fortune & chance: cards

hand (control)

in the hands of the Justice Department
the case is already ~

in the hands of (a few large) companies
the industry is now consolidated

in the hands of the people
the power was not ~

in the hands of one person
the power was ~

in small-town hands
a small-town paper ~

in (very) capable hands
the department is ~ (police)

in good hands
the health of publishing is ~ (readers)

in great hands
I knew she was ~ (assisted climber on Mt. Everest)

in private hands

the restaurants are ~
in the right hands
~, that stage has enormous possibilities (a theater)
steady hand
he is supposed to be a ~, he's a veteran (attorney general)
rests in the hands
power and wealth ~ of a small elite
leave it in the judges' hands
he didn't ~ (boxer knocks out opponent)

control & lack of control: hand

hand (raise one's hand)

raised its hand right away
Kosovo ~ (to accept Afghan refugees)

allegiance, support & betrayal: gesture / hand / verb

hand (possession)

in the hands of the enemy
she didn't want to be left ~ (POW)
how to escape if you are ~
in the hands of US forces and their allies
in 2 months Afghanistan was ~

in enemy hands
the ridgetop was still ~ (Afghanistan)

in Palestinian hands
that would leave the hilltop ~

in Kurdish hands
Kirkuk, home of ethnic Turks known as Turkomen, is ~

in loving hands
she left the restaurant ~ (died)

changed hands
the town has ~ in the past month (rebels vs. government)

leave the hilltop in Palestinian hands
that would ~

left in the hands
she didn't want to be ~ of the enemy (POW)

fall into the hands
weapons that may ~ of terrorists (NBC, etc.)

fallen into the hands
regions that have ~ of the insurgents

fall into enemy hands
he feared the machine gun could ~
we don't want the information to ~

fell into rebel hands
the stronghold of Korhogo ~

fall into the (wrong) hands
it could ~

fell into the wrong hands

if the information ~
if Pakistan's nuclear weapons ~

get the (lost) items into the right hands
Y staffers try to ~

get their hands on booze
minors using online ordering to ~

get their hands on (classified) information
lawyers can't ~

leave Saudi hands
nor did the whole \$55 billion ~

get weapons out of the hands
trying to ~ of local warlords (Afghanistan)

make their way into the hands
treated, the beaver skins ~ of fashion designers

push (Pakistani) society into the hands
~ of the militants

possession: hand

hand (bite the hand that feeds one)

bit the hand that feeds him
he ~ (boxer withdraws without a good reason)

bit the hand that fed him
he ~ (a troubled NFL athlete running out of chances)

♦ "One of our obligations is to bite back, to bite the hand that feeds us in order to speak up for justice or social justice." Julia Lee, author of *Biting the Hand: Growing up Asian in Black and White America.*

♦ "Not only did they throw you a life preserver, they drove the boat and picked you up!" (Shannon Sharpe, speaking to Skip Bayless about Antonio Brown, on the sports show "Skip and Shannon: Undisputed." "They" refer to Tom Brady, Bruce Arians, and the Miami Dolphins football team, who hired Antonio Brown after he had been cut from 3 teams. Brown ended up walking off the field in the middle of a game.)

♦ I place a date in your lips, and you spit the pit in my face! (Ingratitude.)

♦ "Invite a beggar into your house and he will put his feet up on your table!"

help & assistance: hand

hand (tie one's hands, etc.)

tie our hands
this will ~ (a trade union)

ties judges' hands
the bill ~ (vis-à-vis non-dangerous mentally ill)

Biden's hands were tied
~ when he came into office

their hands were tied
there was no loss of expertise but their ~ (security)

the company's hands would be tied
the ~ if... (a court ruling)

free hand
gave him a ~ to go after terrorists

constraint & lack of constraint: hand / rope / verb

hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)

hand

our ~s are clean (allegations of abuse)

my ~s are clean (I'm not guilty)

dirty hands

only ~ can get the job done (counterterrorism)

guilt / involvement / responsibility: hand / hygiene

hand (bloody hands, etc.)

blood on his hands

he has ~ (terrorist financier)

he has ~ (a politician)

blood on their hands

we say they have ~ (companies that used slaves)

bloody hands

once again the ~ of terror have struck

hands were drenched

his ~ in blood (a terrorist)

has bloody hands

he ~ (a politician)

♦ "Afterwards, the President [President Truman] was heard to mutter, 'Blood on his hands, dammit, he hasn't half as much blood on his hands as I have. You just don't go around bellyaching about it.' He later told Dean Acheson, 'I don't want to see that son-of-a-bitch in this office ever again.' Even in May 1946, the encounter was still vivid in his mind, he wrote Acheson and described Oppenheimer as a 'cry-baby scientist' who had come to 'my office some five or six months ago and spent most of his time wringing his hands and telling me they had blood on them because of the discovery of atomic energy.'" (*American Prometheus: The Triumph And Tragedy Of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.)

♦ "The enlightened peace-and-love progressives of Silicon Valley don't just have egg on their faces, they have blood on their hands." ("YouTube Banned Me, But Not the Hate Imams" by Michelle Malkin, Opinion, Townhall, Jun 07, 2017.)

guilt / involvement / responsibility: blood / hand

hand (upper hand)

upper hand

Republicans have the ~ inside the legislative arena

it was Peru who had the ~ after the break (soccer)

gain the upper hand

protesters are starting to ~ (France)

getting the upper hand

crews are finally ~ on the wildfire

have the upper hand

in a tight labour market employees ~

dominance & submission: direction / hand

control & lack of control: direction / hand

hand (iron hand, etc.)

iron hand

the country needs an ~ to lead it

with an iron hand

I will deal with terrorism ~ (a leader)

with an authoritarian hand

President Lansana Conté has ruled Guinea ~

with a firm hand

the police will act ~ to avoid any violence (protests)

with a heavy hand

he would run the settlement ~ but by the book

with a strong hand

he ruled Chile ~ (a dictator)

ruled (Guinea) with an authoritarian hand

President Lansana Conté has ~ since 1984

oppression: hand / materials & substances

hand (dead hand)

dead hand

culture isn't a ~ blocking all progress (values can shift)

dead hand of the 18th century

you can't freeze the Constitution with the "~"

dead hand of the past

military law subjects leaders to the ~ (adultery)

dead hand of the class system

there is some snobbery too, the ~ (the Gary Lineker affair)

dead hand (of Summers) has been lifted

now that the ~ (U.S. economic policy)

control & lack of control: death & life / hand

hand (strengthen one's hand)

strengthen our hand

this will ~ (politics)

strengthened our hand

Boies and King made two admissions that ~ (lawyers)

power: cards / verb

hand (rub one's hands)

rubbing their hands together over the opportunity

they are ~ presented by the vaccine (criminal gangs)

eagerness & reluctance: gesture / hand

hand (fate)

in the hands of God

whatever happens, we are ~ (Muslim)

in the hands of their deity

the Samburu believe their fate lies ~, Nkai

in the hands of the jury

the case is ~

his fate is ~

in God's hands

I've put the whole thing ~ (woman with brain tumor)

it is all ~ now (fate of a very sick person)

out of our hands
it's all ~ now (fate)

put the whole thing in God's hands
I've ~ (woman with brain tumor)

fate, fortune & chance: hand

hand (have one's hands full)

have their hands full
they are going to ~ (sports team facing game)

difficulty, easiness & effort: hand

hand (help)

hand
his ~ is extended to all factions (a politician)

hand of welcome
extending the ~ to... (a biker convention)

helping hand
she often lends a ~

Helping Hand
~ Program (to pay electric bills)

pair of hands
Mom asked if they could use an extra ~ (volunteer)

extended a hand
the Web-hosting company ~ and brought Parler back online

lend a hand
can I ~ (help)

join hands
people are willing to work together and ~ to solve the problem

use a hand
I could ~ (I need help)

help & assistance: hand

hand (get out of hand)

get out of hand
in the event that hostilities ~

got out of hand
it ~ (a fight)

gotten out of hand
British worry that drinking has ~ (lager louts)

getting out of hand
this is ~ (proliferation of blogs, etc.)

let her problems get out of hand
she ~ (at school)

argument got out of hand
an ~, and soon Vicente lay dead...

celebrations got out of hand
fan ~ after several college football games...

hostilities get out of hand
in the event that ~...

matters got out of hand
then ~, a knife appeared, and Igor wound up...

drinking has gotten out of hand
British worry that ~ (lager louts)

restraint & lack of restraint: hand / verb

control & lack of control: hand / verb

hand (take matters into one's hands)

taken matters into their own hand
citizens have ~ (New Orleans recovery)

taking matters into their own hands
people are ~ (oil spill)

took matters into our own hands
and so we ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb

hand (on the one / other hand)

on one hand
~, he wanted to help Kevin...

on the other hand
~, anthropological writings have suggested...
~, the reverse is true for...
~, there are just as many people who...
the bathrooms, ~, have made no progress (Russian trains)

comparison & contrast: hand

alternatives & choices: hand

hand (hot hand)

with the hot hand
finding the teammate ~ (basketball)

success & failure: cards / temperature

hand (sit on one's hands)

sat on their hands
they ~ on the sidelines (politicians)

sit on their hands
they're going to ~ and not show up and vote
they will have to ~ until...

sit (back) on our hands
what are we supposed to do, ~ when we see...

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb

hand (try one's hand)

tried his hand at bricklaying
he ~

attempt: hand / verb

hand (throw up one's hands)

throw up their hands

faced with a crisis, leaders simply ~ (fail to act)

threw up his hands at the subpoenas

he ~ (an overreaching request for information)

throw up our hands and walk away

we can't just ~

action, inaction & delay: gesture / hand / verb

hand (wring one's hands)

wringing their hands and pointing accusing fingers

a lot of black people today are ~ at white doctors

♦ "A lot of black people today are wringing their hands and pointing accusing fingers at white doctors from the public health service." (Janie Taylor, "Origins of the Infamous Tuskegee Syphilis Study," NPR, August 7, 1972. It's a seven-part series available in its entirety at NPR. Type "Janie Taylor" in search at NPR, and all seven of her reports should be available. Should access change, try searching at NPR for "The digital preservation of this audio has been made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities" and then search through the at present 112 results for the seven episodes: "Was The Tuskegee Syphilis Study Unethical?" / "Why Weren't Tuskegee Syphilis Study Patients Given Penicillin As Treatment?" / "Were Participants Informed Of The Purpose Of Tuskegee Study?" / Tuskegee Syphilis Study Patient Believed He Was Being Treated" / "Nurse Who Worked 39 Years For The Tuskegee Syphilis Study" / "Former Director For Tuskegee Syphilis Study Believes Work Was 'Completely Ethical'" / "Origins Of The Infamous Tuskegee Syphilis Study." See also "Stop Blaming Tuskegee, Critics Say. It's Not An 'Excuse' For Current Medical Racism" by April Dembosky, NPR, March 23, 2021.)

♦ see also *handwriting* (noun)

feeling, emotion & effect: gesture / hand / verb

hand (the right hand vs. the left hand)

right hand

the ~ didn't know what the left hand was doing

♦ "The right hand didn't know what the left hand was doing." (Janet Reno, on FBI counterterrorism prior to 9/11.)

consciousness & awareness: hand

hand (work)

experienced hands

the tension has alarmed ~ on both sides (diplomats)

green hand

Melville shipped as a ~ on the *Acushnet* (age 21)

head, heart, hands and health

youngsters pledge their ~—hence, 4-H

♦ see also *old hand* (experience)

experience / work & duty: hand

hand (worker)

short of hands

we're ~ (not enough guards)

work & duty: hand / person / sign, signal, symbol

person: sign, signal, symbol

hand (old hand)

see *old hand* (experience)

hand (all hands on deck)

all-hands meeting

in an ~, employees gathered in a circle...

all hands on deck

it was ~ (response to measles epidemic)

it was ~ (law enforcement responds to serial bomber)

these efforts will be ~ (Missing & Murdered Unit)

all hands (are needed) on deck

~ to protect the public from coronavirus

all-hands-on-deck effort

this is absolutely an ~ (US evacuates from Afghanistan)

all-hands-on-deck (24/7) frenzy

it was an ~ (an Elon Musk "surge")

"all hands on deck" moment

there has to be an ~ from the international community
Philadelphia's mayor called the storm an ~

all-hands-on-deck operation

it's essentially an ~, we are laser-focused (police manhunt)

all-hands-on-deck search

an ~ for him has spread to multiple states (criminal)

"all hands on deck" situation

it's kinda like an ~ (leak of classified documents)

all-hands-on-deck 24/7

it was an ~ frenzy (an Elon Musk "surge")

work & duty: boat / hand / person

difficulty, easiness & effort: boat / hand / person

commitment & determination: boat / hand / person

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / hand / person

hand (force someone's hand)

force his hand

they will try to ~ by holding that over his head

coercion & motivation: hand / verb

strategy: hand / verb

hand (overplay one's hand)

overplayed his hand

then Kerr ~ (Clark Kerr vs. Maria Savio)

overplayed that hand

he knew he had ~

overplayed their hand

they ~ (Google versus the EU)

failure, accident & impairment / position, policy &

negotiation / restraint & lack of restraint: cards / verb

hand (play into one's hands)

played (right) into Oleksandr's hands

he ~ (Anthony Joshua / boxing)

social interaction: hand / verb

hand (one hand washes the other)

one hand washes the other
a favor, a quid pro quo, ~

social interaction: hand / verb

hand (wash one's hands of something)

washing my hands of this
I'm ~, I did all I could...

wash his hands of the whole affair
he was by now disgusted, and wanted to ~ (expedition)

wash his hand of controversial calls
he won't be able to ~ (Zuckerberg / Facebook / Trump)

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / starting, going,
continuing & ending: hand / hygiene / verb**

hand (hand in something)

had his hand in everything
Bill Belichick ~ (Patriot's coach)

involvement: hand

hand (hands off)

Hands Off Mueller
a crowd gathered for a “~” protest (politics)

protection & lack of protection: hand

handbook (script)

practical, step-by-step handbook
there's a ~ (for mass shootings / UnitedOnGuns)

script: books & reading

handcuff (verb)

handcuffed themselves with turnovers
the Irish ~ (football)

handcuffs or hamstrings
it ~ administration's ability to disciple students (policy)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime / hand / verb

handcuffed

handcuffed by government
business should not be ~

handcuffed by his history
he seems ~ of not...

handcuffed by (Isner's) big serve
he was ~ (tennis)

handcuffed to my desk
I'm ~ most of the day (work)

feel handcuffed

they ~ by the rules (military)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime / hand

hand down / out (punishment, etc.)

handed down a (5-year) prison term to a man
a judge ~ convicted of...

♦ In American trials, the judge is almost always front and center on a raised dais.

**judgment / punishment & recrimination: direction / hand /
justice / verb**

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: direction / hand /
justice / verb**

handed (given)

handed to you
respect is not something ~ (leadership role)

handed a (one-year) suspension
he was ~ for his third violation (NFL)

handed a victory
the extremists will have been ~ (failure of peace talks)

handed (its first major) setback
the terrorist group was ~ when...

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand

handed down / out (punishment, etc.)

handed down for murder
beheading is routinely ~ (Saudi Arabia)

handed out in Asia
the harsh penalties ~ for trafficking don't deter

**punishment & recrimination: hand / justice
giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand / justice
judgment: hand / justice**

handed down (by ancestors, etc.)

handed down by your ancestors
an heirloom ~ for generations

handed down by generations
a story ~ of Blackfeet

♦ see also down (*down through the centuries, etc.*)

**transmission: direction / hand
past & present / time: direction / height / history /
mountains & hills / prep, adv, adj, particle**

handed over (possession)

handed over to the authorities
she was captured and ~

handed over to the Native Americans
the bones should be ~

immediately handed over
Russia demanded that the fighters be ~

possession: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle

handful (amount)

handful of areas

only a ~ remain outside of the U.N. control

handful of cities

a ~ have outlawed the sport (cockfighting)

handful of items

they could only salvage a ~ (eruption)

handful of olives

trees hold little more than a ~ (drought and freeze)

handful of (American) soldiers

a ~ jumped off the planes (Ivory Coast)

handful of studies

bolstered by a ~

handful of (no-frills) airlines

one of a ~

amount: hand

handicapped

handicapped by glare, mirages, and haze

the defenders are ~ (desert warfare)

ability & lack of ability / condition & status / constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: health & medicine / movement

hand in hand (go hand in hand, etc.)

go hand in hand with fortitude

hardship and suffering ~ and courage

goes hand in hand with (military) might

information warfare ~

go hand in hand

in Africa, where oil and corruption often ~

energy conservation and saving money ~

ethics and booze rarely ~ (selling alcohol)

reform and repression ~

rioting and looting often ~

gone hand in hand

for centuries, the words "Vatican" and "intrigue" have ~

went hand in hand

paperwork and legwork ~ (a job)

fear and filth ~ (E.B. Sledge in combat on Okinawa)

worked hand in hand

corrupt doctors and rogue pharmacists ~ (to push opioids)

division & connection / relationship: hand

handle (get a handle on something)

get a handle on the problem

they tried to ~, but...

get a handle on this problem

how can we ~ (crime)

control & lack of control: hand / verb

handle (deal with)

handle it on a case-by-case basis

airlines ~, without a blanket policy

handle whatever

she can ~ the future brings

handle (such) cases

it had specialists to ~ (a hospital)

handle the deluge

companies couldn't ~ of holiday orders

handle disaster

flaws in the nation's plans to ~ (New Orleans hurricane)

handle it

let the cops ~...

handle the load

the system can barely ~ (airline travel)

handled (most of) the negotiations

he ~ with the Americans (an Iraqi)

handle pain

a person may ~ well one time and poorly the next time

handle stage fright

performers have various ways to ~

control & lack of control: hand / verb

action, inaction & delay: hand / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb

handle (shape)

Big Dipper's handle

the ~

curved handle

the Big Dipper's ~

shape: hand

handled

handled with (great) care

it is a delicate matter that must be ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand

control & lack of control: hand

action, inaction & delay: hand

handling

handling of complaints

they are critical of police ~

handling of the epidemic

questions about the ~

handling of the investigation

the Navy's ~

Navy's handling
the ~ of the investigation

police handling
critical of ~ of complaints

questions about the handling
~ of the epidemic

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand
control & lack of control: hand**

handmaiden (help)

handmaiden of the sailor
it is no wonder that astronomy became the ~ (navigation)

handmaiden of Saudi victory
Israel was the unlikely ~ (Yemen in 1967)

handmaiden to the Russian revolution
Imperial Germany served as a ~ (gave passage to Lenin)

person: hand / royalty

help & assistance / relationship: hand / person / royalty

hand-me-down

hand-me-downs
they got ~ from the previous year

hand-me-down Chevy Blazer
a ~

possession / transmission: hand

handoff (football)

hand-me-downs
they got ~ from the previous year

♦ "On China policy, Biden basically took a handoff from Trump and kept running in the same direction." (NPR's John Ruwitch.)

transmission: football / sports & games

handout (noun)

handout
it's a hand up, not a ~ (charitable group)

handouts from friends and family
he survives on ~

government handout
~s promote discontent and a sense of helplessness

small handout
surviving on ~s

looking for handouts
old friends came ~ (pro athlete)

help & assistance: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle

hand over (verb)

hand over the task (of patrolling) to the Marines
the Army will ~

handed over control (of the plane) to Zurich

Munich controllers ~

handed over control to the mayor
the State Legislature has ~ (school system)

handed the documents over to the Justice Department
we voluntarily ~

handed over the documents
we ~ (government official)

**possession: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb
giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand / prep, adv,
adj, particle / verb**

handover (noun)

handover of power
standing in the way of a peaceful ~

hand-over ceremony
Macao's ~

minefield handover
~ is an extremely important task

peaceful handover
standing in the way of a ~ of power

**possession: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle
giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand / prep, adv,
adj, particle**

hands down (certainty)

hands down
it is one of the best restaurants in the world ~

hands-down favorite
the ~

♦ This relates to horse racing, jockeys and reins. It means, "without question."

certainty & uncertainty: horse

hands down (easily)

hands down
Green Destiny wins ~ (a computer)

hands-down
the Europeans would have won ~

won hands-down
he ~

♦ This relates to horse racing, jockeys and reins. It means, "without much effort."

difficulty, easiness & effort: horse

handshake (noun)

electronic "handshake"
MH 370's final ~ along an arc (southern Indian Ocean)

division & connection: hand

hands-off

hands off

though loving, their parenting was ~

hands-off approach

continued to take a ~

those with a more ~

government should maintain a ~ to the economy

a ~ towards the tribal areas (Pervez Musharraf)

hands-off policy

at times a ~ can be justified (diplomacy)

avoidance & separation / control & lack of control: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle

hands-on

hands-on approach

a ~

hands-on individual

he is a ~ (controlling micromanager)

hands-on organizer

she is a ~

avoidance & separation / control & lack of control: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle

hand-to-mouth (live hand to mouth, etc.)

hand-to-mouth basis

he had been living on a ~

survival, persistence & endurance: food & drink

handwinger (person)

handwinger

the ~s who said, "It's not going to work!" (war)

handwinger and a worrier

anybody who knows me knows I am a ~

hand wringers, worriers and whiners

~ (foreign policy)

character & personality: gesture / hand / person

handwringing (noun)

handwringing from Democrats

there has been a lot of ~ (but no action)

hand-wringing and finger-pointing

the battle led to a lot of ~ in Washington (war)

hand-wringing and the talking

the ~ has done nothing (school shootings in the U.S.)

adult handwringing

the inevitable ~ (about the younger generation)

ethical handwringing

the rise of AI programs has triggered a tidal wave of ~

criticism and handwringing

the ~ is far from over (foreign-policy issue)

fence sitting and handwringing

this is not a time for ~ (failure to condemn terrorism)

moody judys, sobbing and hand wringing

lot of ~ tonight (BBC HYS about Everton FC)

♦ "Wringing our hands and quoting facts is not a corrective response." (A letter to the *Audubon* magazine, praising the group for its "Guide to Climate Action.")

♦ "Teenage angst and apathy are not some novel social development. Every generation has its own version of hormonal uprising—and yes, the inevitable adult handwringing that goes with it." (Kirsten Fleming, *New York Post*.)

♦ "And when a relative novice gets put into a coma or worse, the hand wringing will start." (An online commenter on the Tommy Fury-Jake Paul boxing match.)

♦ "Back in Britain, hands were wrung, and indignant questions were asked." (Singapore falls to the Japs, World War II.)

♦ "I felt no remorse or guilt that I had bombed the city." (Charles W. Sweeney, pilot of plane that dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki in World War II.)

♦ "I don't feel any guilt or blame about it. I think my view really is if we hadn't done it someone else would have. And it would be with us in any case." (Lilli S. Hornig, who worked on the Manhattan Project. From "The Bomb," PBS, 2015.)

♦ Edward G. Uhl helped invent the bazooka in 1942. It was devastatingly effective against German tanks, able to penetrate more than 4 inches of a tank's armor plate. General Eisenhower hailed the bazooka as one of the four "tools of victory" that won World War II. The others were the jeep, the C-47 Skytrain, and the atomic bomb.)

♦ "Afterwards, the President [President Truman] was heard to mutter, 'Blood on his hands, dammit, he hasn't half as much blood on his hands as I have. You just don't go around bellyaching about it.' He later told Dean Acheson, 'I don't want to see that son-of-a-bitch in this office ever again.' Even in May 1946, the encounter was still vivid in his mind, he wrote Acheson and described Oppenheimer as a 'cry-baby scientist' who had come to 'my office some five or six months ago and spent most of his time wringing his hands and telling me they had blood on them because of the discovery of atomic energy.'" (*American Prometheus: The Triumph And Tragedy Of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.)

♦ "In 1945, news reached the camps that the US now possessed the atomic bomb. According to Solzhenitsyn, this unexpected development gave hope to many prisoners, who began to pray for atomic war." ("On The Prison Highway, The gulag's silent remains," by Ian Frazier, *The New Yorker*, August 30, 2010.)

♦ "The wailing over Hiroshima finds no echo in Japan." (Isidor I. Rabi, in an article in the *Atlantic Monthly*, criticizing *Military and Political Consequences of Atomic Energy* by Patrick M. S. Blackett.)

♦ see also *hand (wring one's hands)*

feeling, emotion & effect: hand

action, inaction & delay: hand

eagerness & reluctance: hand

handwriting (handwriting on the wall)

handwriting

the ~ is on the wall

handwriting on this Congressional Wall

social studies advocates can hardly miss the ~

saw the handwriting on the wall

these were smart men, they ~ (Native American chiefs)

♦ "These were smart men, they saw the handwriting on the wall." (Native American chiefs. Many Native Americans sent their children off to boarding schools, like the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, in the hope they would have a good future.)

future / time: religion / writing & spelling

fate, fortune & chance: Bible / religion / writing & spelling

hang (hang somebody out to dry)

hanging him out to dry

Boeing is ~ to deflect blame from others in the company

♦ The meaning is abandonment, and the salient point is that laundry on a clothesline is *outside and exposed*. Of course, nobody *actually* abandons their laundry.

allegiance, support & betrayal: atmosphere / clothing & accessories / verb

hanging (hanging offense)

hanging offense

his mistakes did not constitute a ~

judgment: justice / violence

punishment & recrimination: justice / violence

hang in there

hang in there

some will be less charmed, but ~ (a book review)

♦ "We need to hang in there just a bit longer, we're going to get through this, we're going to get this behind us." (Dr. Anthony Fauci, encouraging people to continue wearing masks and socially distancing.)

resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: hand / verb

hang on (verb)

hang on in office

Churchill continued to ~

♦ It looks like we're in for a wild ride, so hang on. (A Wall Street bear market.)

resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: hand / prep, adv, adj, participle / verb

hang on to (verb)

hang on to their senate seat

democrats are trying to ~

possession: hand / verb

hangover (relic)

hangover from evolution

shoulder, hip and knee pain might be a ~

hangover from its (mining) past

Johannesburg's mine dumps are a ~

political hangovers

there are still ~ from the past (Northern Ireland)

survival, persistence & endurance: height

past & present / time: height

hangover (alcohol)

hangover from the last defeat

I still have a bit of a ~ (an upset soccer manager)

COVID hangover

Britain is still struggling from the ~ and...

\$1 billion hangover

Vancouver faces a ~ from its Olympic party

debt hangover

Britons face ~ from festive spending (credit cards)

long economic hangover

along with the ~... (2008 financial crisis)

feeling the hangover

the bubble has burst, and now we're ~ (economy)

have a (big) hangover

we will ~ (disappointment over Euro 2020 loss)

left us with a hangover

the real estate binge has ~

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

hang up (hang up the gloves, etc.)

hang up his cleats

he may choose to ~ for good (a sportsman)

hang up the gloves

see *glove* (*hang up the gloves*)

Hang Up The Car Keys

"When Should Seniors ~?" (Patti Neighmond)

hang it up

it's time to ~ (retire)

dismissal, removal & resignation: sign, signal, symbol

Hannibal (American Hannibal, etc.)

"American Hannibal"

the sheer audacity won Arnold the title of the ~ (Quebec)

♦ According to historian John Julius Norwich, Hannibal led 37 elephants over the Alps, and Norwich notes that the Carthaginians must have had some secret way with elephants, as African elephants are generally considered to be untamable, unlike their Indian counterparts.

♦ David's painting, "Napoleon Crossing the Alps," shows a rock with Hannibal's name inscribed on it.

♦ Hannibal is also associated with his great military victory over the Romans at the Battle of Cannae, a double envelopment that is still taught at military schools. However, he failed to follow up on his victory, which has become at least one definition of a "Hannibalic victory."

♦ Hannibal learned of the defeat of his brother's relief force when the Romans delivered his brother's head to his camp. Carthage, of course, would end up being razed to the ground.

♦ The military man praised as the "American Hannibal" for his heroism at Quebec, on Lake Champlain, in the Mohawk River valley, and particularly at the Battle of Saratoga, was none other than Benedict Arnold, who, as the supervisor of West Point, schemed to deliver that strongpoint on the Hudson to the British. Unlike other notorious traitors, he lived out his days in relative peace and prosperity, in Canada, and then London, where he died.

♦ see also *fabius* (*Fabius Maximus*)

comparison & contrast / military: epithet

happen (stuff happens, etc.)

life happens

~, and you...

stuff happens

we are having sex, ~ (syphilis)

shit happens
~, what can you do...

occurrence: verb

happy (as noun)

“feed your happy”
~ (Hardee’s Monster Angus Thickburger advertisement)

find your happy
~, become a member of the Beer Now Family

♦ “[You are] idiotic beyond all lexicographic parameters. (Chuckling.) Your impertinent assumption that I’ve ‘found my happy’ by becoming a member of the ‘Beer Now Family...’” (The BBC. Ed Reardon’s Week. Series 14. You’re cancelled. Hilarious.)

feeling, emotion & effect: part of speech

happy (not happy)

not happy
our community’s ~ (Uvalde school massacre activist)

♦ “I don’t feel happy and I know that our community’s not happy, and I know the parents aren’t happy. So, you know...” (An activist.)

language: judgment

harbinger (noun)

harbingers of these equity debates
the feminist campaigns were ~

♦ As Wilfred Funk writes about this word in his fascinating *Word Origins And Their Romantic Stories*, this is “formerly a war word.” As he explains, “One of the earliest forms of harbinger was *heriberga*, an Old High German word formed of *heri*, “army,” and *-berga*, “shelter”; that is, ‘a shelter for the army.’”

♦ “The robin is a harbinger of spring.”

sequence: military

harbor (verb)

harbors (Colombian) rebels
Venezuela ~

protection & lack of protection: boat / sea / verb

harbor (safe harbor)

safe harbor for those
her workshops and retreats offer a ~ who are...

♦ “Hate can be given no safe harbor in America.” (President Biden.)

protection & lack of protection: boat / sea

hard (space is hard)

space is hard
yes, ~, but we are only just getting started...
we need partners because ~ (Gen. John W. Raymond)
~ (NPR’s Eyder Peralta)
the CEO of Virgin Galactic said, “~” (fatality)

♦ “Yes, space is hard, but we are only just getting started.” (Melissa Thorpe, head of Spaceport Cornwall, after the failure of the Virgin Orbit mission, dubbed “Start Me Up” after the Mick Jagger song. The mission resulted in the loss of nine satellites. More like, “I Can’t Get No Satisfaction.”)

♦ “We choose to go to the Moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard...” (President John

Kennedy, in a speech at Rice University in Houston, Texas, on September 12, 1962. See the Wikipedia entry for “We choose to go to the Moon.”

♦ This usage is very interesting. It is very hard to say if people who use it or hear it are aware of the attribution.

difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion

hard (character)

hard kids
the ~ put a needle in their trousers...

hard man
see *hard man (character)*

♦ “It was abominable. I was lucky. I wasn’t affected by it. The hard kids put a needle in their trousers so that when the priest went to touch them they got a nasty shock.” (*Peter O’Toole: The Definitive Biography* by Robert Sellers.)

character & personality: hardness & softness / materials & substances

hard (love hard, go hard, etc.)

hard enough
have I loved him ~, have I hugged him and told him...

go hard
hey bitch, do you really, really really wanna ~ (song)
I ~, take what’s mine, I’m a star (Beyonce, “Formation”)
~ at everything you do (part of epitaph on gravestone)

goes (pretty) hard
it ~ (“Machine Gun Kelly X Cordae—Doja Freestyle”)

gifted me hard
this guy ~ (a restaurant check)

loved hard
if you knew Lauri you know she ~ (tribute to slain woman)

loved anything as hard
I have never ~ and as fast as those dogs (a musher)

love Finch harder
she had a plan, to ~ in the weeks leading up to...

love our neighbors harder
we have work to do to ~ (gun violence / Baltimore)

slayed (so) hard
Beyonce ~ in her cowboy bikini look

spend hard
Maneater... make you ~ (“Maneater” by Nelly Furtado)

stood up hard
groups haven’t ~ enough for minors (pro-abortion)

triggers me so hard
them being teachers ~ (commenter at Libs of TikTok)

went hard
Schwarzenegger ~ at the neo-Nazis in a video

♦ “Hey bitch, do you really, really really wanna go hard? / Go in the crib, steal your stepfather’s credit card...” (“Go Hard (La.La.La) / Kreyshawn.)

♦ Listen to DJ Khaled “Go Hard” featuring Kanye West & T-Pain.

- ◆ "Do you like my sweater? I fw it hard" (= I like it a lot).
- ◆ "Beyonce slayed so hard in her cowboy bikini look for the Renaissance tour announcement."
- ◆ "I just love how we celebrate out here, really love our team and we go hard." (2023. A young lady about the Kansas City Chiefs.)
- ◆ "Travis Kelce is going hard at the Chiefs' Super Bowl parade." (2024. Drunk and wobbly.)
- ◆ "I have never loved anything as hard and as fast as I loved those dogs, as I loved dogsledding itself." (The remarkable Blair Braverman about her passion, from "Don't get dragged! Iditarod musher shares tales from the trail," NPR, Fresh Air, Nov. 16, 2021.)
- ◆ "He was funny, unique, charismatic and always knew how to have a good time. Most importantly, he loved HARD!!! He went above and beyond for his loved ones and made sure no one was ever sad around him." (Kemar Jewel about O'Shae Sibley, who was stabbed to death.)
- ◆ "Can't believe I seemed u die today bro... I know what u want me to do and that's go hard for Mama Daddy Our Brothers Naychur and Whiteboy." (Lil Gotit on the death of his brother Lil Keed, a protege of Young Thug.)
- ◆ "So many Native people have a Daniel. Someone we grew up with, who lived hard and died too young." (A reference to the fictional character who committed suicide in *Reservoir Dogs*.)
- ◆ "For me, it's a catalyst to go harder. It's a catalyst for the next door that I walk into to create a space where we can combine this scholarship and this culture to have more Black girls dominating these academic spaces." (Emani Stanton, 17. At *People*, "Black Female Duo Wins Harvard Debate Competition" by Rachel DeSantis, July 21, 2021.)
- ◆ The motto of Glenville's Bob Davis Boxing Club is "Train hard, play hard." (Cleveland.)
- ◆ "The uniforms that go as hard as they do..." (An advertisement for Carhart Company Gear showing oilfield roughnecks, etc.)
- ◆ A variation of "love hard" might be "love big," as in the following testament to a child killed in a school shooting: "We're gonna love big, like she did." Another example, about a teen who was murdered: "He loved big, he was an exceptional boy."
- ◆ Abby Wambach is the host of the *We Can Do Hard Things* podcast.
- ◆ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "Try hard," "work hard," "study hard," etc.
- ◆ compare with *big* (*big love*, etc.)

language: adverb

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

hard (feelings, etc.)

hard feelings
there shouldn't be any ~

feeling, emotion & effect: hardness & softness / materials & substances

hard (hard "no," etc.)

hard "maybe"
that sounds like a ~ (irony)

"hard no"
the player said it was a ~ (refuses to visit White House)

hard 'no'
for 6 months it was a ~ (no visitors to hospital / COVID)

hard no's
and then what are my ~ (sex and consent)

"hard no" and a "soft no"
there is a difference between a ~

◆ "I will say that we would be in a bad spot if we just said hard no, we can't change at all. I mean, so where can we find some common

ground?" (Nancy Barnes, NPR's senior vice president for news, on the issue of journalists who wish to demonstrate for a cause. From "New NPR Ethics Policy: It's OK For Journalists To Demonstrate (Sometimes)" by Kelly McBride, NPR, July 29, 2021.)

◆ "I'm good, thanks" = no.

◆ In the old days, "no" meant no. No longer!

commitment & determination: hardness & softness / materials & substances / speech

hardball (noun)

corporate hardball
they are playing ~

play hardball
~, she deserves it (Depp vs. Heard legal case)

playing hardball
the MLB is ~ with Georgia (sports and politics)
they have met their match, the WTA is ~ with them

position, policy & negotiation: baseball / sports & games

hard-charging (adjective)

hard-charging general
the ~ Jim "Mad Dog" Mattis loved his troops

hard-charging maverick
he was a ~ who shook up football (a coach)

character & personality / force: horse

harden (increase)

hardened opinion against North Korea
the maritime clash has ~ (Japan)

hardened its policy against the Roma
the government has ~ (France)

hardened his grip
he has ~ on power (leader)

hardened its position
Iran has ~

hardened its rhetoric
the government has ~ about the danger

increase & decrease: hardness & softness / verb

harden (feelings)

harden them
some parents bully their kids to ~

attitudes have hardened
~ on both sides after the death of..

feeling, emotion & effect: hardness & softness / verb

harden (protect)

harden schools
ways to ~ (school shootings)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / hardness & softness / verb

hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)

hardened criminal

an official report described him as a ~

jail-hardened

he was a ~ felon (teen rapist)

well trained and battle-hardened

the fighters are ~

experience / strength & weakness: hardness & softness / materials & substances

hardened (other)

hardened to the plight

he has become ~ of the poor

feeling, emotion & effect: hardness & softness

hardheaded (and hard-headed)

hardheaded administrator

she was a ~

character & personality: hardness & softness / head

hardhearted (and hard-hearted)

hard-hearted

hard-edged, hard-headed, ~ education methodologists

character & personality: heart

heart: hardness & softness

hard man (character)

hard man

he is a ~

the legendary “~” (Scotland)

he lives up to the ~ image

hard men

all the ~ want to try it (a tough new climbing route)

hard men of the IRA

the ~ (Irish Republican Army)

fearless hard men

their brands as ~ (two sponsored rock climbers)

one of the hard men

Pevenage was ~ (Rudy Pevenage, the Belgian cyclist)

hardest of (IRA) hardmen

he was the ~ (Bobby Storey)

♦ “In the beginning of October, General Burgoyne, in the uncertainty of his situation, deemed it expedient to lessen the daily rations of the troops, a measure to which they submitted with cheerfulness...” (*British Battles On Land And Sea* by James Grant. “Saratoga, 1777.”)

character & personality: hardness & softness / materials & substances

hard-nosed (adjective)

hard-nosed attorney

he was a very ~

hard-nosed defender

he's a ~ (soccer)

hard-nosed and tough

Curtis LeMay was ~ (WWII)

old-school, hard-nosed

Barber was an ~ football player who ran with a will...

character & personality: hardness & softness / nose

hard-pressed (adjective)

hard-pressed

to say the least we were ~ (no money)

difficulty, easiness & effort / oppression: pressure

harm (groups / noun)

harm

hold them accountable for the ~ they inflict (SMVLC)

harm to our entire community

the removal of the flags caused ~ (BLM / Pride)

harm-reduction

outside the ~ van (services drug addicts)

harm or distress

we had no intention to cause any ~ (BBC apology / gays)

harm or offense

avoid language that perpetuates ~ (inclusive language)

online harms

the UK's Online Safety Bill will protect people from ~

irreparable harm

they have suffered ~ (a lawsuit following school shooting)

psychological harm

Facebook's growth not linked to ~, study shows

racial harm

employees who have experienced ~ (DEI)

real harm

microaggressions cause ~

traumatic harm

malicious responses to the survey caused ~ (I identify as...)

stress and harm

it causes us ~ (Native American bodies in museums)

reduction of harm

defunding the police will result in tremendous ~

caused harm

Girl Guides said the old name ~ (“Brownies” / 7-year-olds)

causes (serious real-life) harm

lack of diversity in AI ~ for people of color

suffered harm

she ~ due to Instagram addiction (a lawsuit)

cause or constitute harm

does hate speech ~

♦ The use of the word “harm” often suggests, threatens, or lays the basis for a legal case.

♦ “The assertions are strident, and the vocabulary is esoteric (‘harm,’ ‘insurrection’) as if it were translated from a foreign language. In a sense, it is. The language is legalese, and it is designed to build a foundation upon which a company can be held liable under civil-rights law in an American court. This activist tactic has been widely misunderstood... The word ‘safe’ is carefully chosen. It gestures at certain specific kinds of negligence for which a university could pay dearly in a court of law.” (“The Inequality of ‘Equity,’” by Christopher Caldwell, *National Review*, May 17, 2021.)

♦ “In 2016, the writer Sarah Schulman published a book called *Conflict Is Not Abuse*, elaborating on [Catherine] Hodes’s work. She argues that overstatement of harm can itself cause more harm. The person seen as good will be supported and the person seen as bad will be shunned. On social media, Hodes said, these binaries become even more entrenched, because people are encouraged to take sides. This was the case with Ford’s tweet, and thousands of other ephemeral dramas.” (“That’s It. You’re Dead To Me. Suddenly everyone is ‘toxic’” by Kaitlyn Tiffany, *The Atlantic*, September, 2022.)

♦ “Family sues Meta alleging teen daughter suffered harm due to Instagram addiction” by Katie Kindelan, *GMA*, June 9, 2022.)

♦ “You know, we have a situation where a handful of people are crying wolf, about social media. But we don’t actually have the data, we don’t have the materials we need to build a wolf detector.” (Professor Andrew Przybylski of the Oxford Internet Institute (OII). From “Facebook’s growth not linked to psychological harm, study finds” by Chris Vallance, *BBC*, August 9, 2023.)

♦ INJURY, n. An enmity next in degree of enormity to a slight. (*The Devil’s Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: “No harm, no foul,” “What’s the harm of me staying out late on a Friday?” “Smoking can harm your health,” etc.

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

harm (groups / verb)

harm LGBTQ children
the “Don’t Say Gay” bill will ~

harms mental health
the Chiefs’ imagery ~ (the NFL team / a Native activist)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine / verb

harmed (groups)

felt harmed
she ~, and she wanted to tell someone (sex)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

harmful (groups)

harmful word
Lizzo removed the ~ from her new song “GRRRLS”

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

harness (verb)

harness social media to stoke
they ~ their base (young female politicians)

harness technology to enhance
~ productivity

harness his ability
the club should be able to ~ (a young soccer player)

harness that word-of-mouth
we ~ (social-media advertising)

control & lack of control: animal / horse / verb

harness (in harness)

in harness at army headquarters
he remained hard at work, ~ (General U.S. Grant)

♦ “He stayed in the traces for two years.” (A job / position.)

work & duty: animal / horse

harmony (in harmony)

in harmony
all the factions are ~

in harmony with nature
we need to live ~

in harmony with the ocean
for centuries the islanders lived ~

live in harmony
Muslims, Christians and Jews ~

worked in harmony
we ~ for four months

unanimity & consensus: music

harrowing (adjective)

harrowing to watch
it was ~ (stock-market free fall)

harrowing danger
his heroic actions in the face of ~ (military)

harrowing plunge
a day after a ~ in the stock market

harrowing scenes
some of the ~ are hard to watch (film about earthquake)

harrowing tales
survivors told ~ (plane crash)

♦ A harrow is an agricultural device used to chop up clods of dirt. In the 1949 film *Border Incident* starring Ricardo Montalban and George Murphy, the character played by George Murphy, Jack Bearnese, meets his fate under a harrow. His end is, literally and figuratively, harrowing.

♦ Cynthia Ozick used the word as a plural noun to describe the Holocaust writings of Hans Gunther Adler: “[He recorded] harrowings that would forever be too late to erase.”

♦ Dante, in the *Inferno*, refers to the harrowing of hell by Christ. This usage of the word is based on the Old English word for “to harry or despoil.”

feeling, emotion & effect: farming & agriculture

Harvard (epithet)

Harvard of American evangelism
Graham graduated from Wheaton College in Illinois, the ~

Harvard of the hedge funds
I was proud to go to D. E. Shaw, known as the ~

Harvard of the Midwest

Truman State University is sometimes called the ~
Tony Romo called Eastern Illinois University the ~
he referred to Washington University as the “~”

Harvard of the South

Vanderbilt University is known as the ~ (Nashville, TN)

China’s Harvard

Harbin was ~ (high-containment laboratory / viruses)

♦ “Now whether you like the nickname or not, the ‘Harvard of the Midwest’ label has stuck with Wash. U. since it first grew beyond a regional university. But like any nickname, the ‘Harvard of the Midwest’ label has probably been used before by other schools. So the only question to ask now is how many other schools refer to themselves as the ‘Harvard of the Midwest.’ The answer? Dozens.” (“So which school is the real ‘Harvard of the Midwest?’” by Nathan Everly, *Student Life* (the independent newspaper of Washington University in St. Louis since eighteen seventy-eight), December 6, 2006.)

♦ “The ‘Harvard of the Midwest’ editorial in The Daily Eastern News on Sept. 7 was the best editorial the paper has had in quite some time. / The editorial strongly rebuked Eastern’s administration for proclaiming on its Web site that the university has been called ‘The Harvard of the Midwest.’ / As the editorial indicated, the statement is absurd and ridiculous. The editorial was headlined: ‘The Harvard of untrue boasts.’” (“The truth behind ‘The Harvard of the Midwest’” by Allan H. Keith, *The Daily Eastern News*, September 12, 2005. The newspaper’s motto is, ‘Tell The Truth And Don’t Be Afraid.’)

♦ Google “Harvard of the Midwest” and in the “People also search for” box you will find links to harvard of the plains; harvard of the south; harvard of the west; and harvard of canada.

♦ “AAI is the Harvard of climbing schools.” (A small advertisement in *Outside Magazine* for the American Alpine Institute. 100% carbon neural.)

♦ “They hate, we ball... This is what you want... That’s the way we roll.” (Harvard Housing Day 2023, Currier House, Currier vs the World, YouTube. “A Team of superheroes are making the future bright.”)

♦ “A whale-ship was my Yale College and my Harvard.” (*Moby Dick* by Herman Melville.)

achievement, recognition & praise / knowledge & intelligence / superlative: epithet

harvest (war’s chief harvest, etc.)

harvest of (innocent civilian) victims

I plead for an end to the military operations and their ~

war's (chief) harvest
misery is ~

♦ “I plead for an end to the military operations with their appalling harvest of innocent civilian victims...” (Pope Francis in his Urbi et Orbi Christmas address of 2023.)

military / product: farming & agriculture

harvest (harvest data, etc.)

harvested the data

the company ~ of 90 million unsuspecting Facebook users

harvest text and speech

computer scientists ~ from the Web (machine translation)

computer: farming & agriculture / verb

harvest (verb)

harvesting useful data

land networks were ~ (weather)

harvest grapes

you don't ~ from planting thorns

harvested deer, moose

my family has always ~ (Lake Superior Chippewa)

♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (An Arab proverb.)

product: farming & agriculture / verb

harvested

harvested in a decent and humane manner

it's important that whales are ~

harvested tendon

the ~ looks like a piece of dental floss (from hamstring)

ice was harvested

~ from lakes and rivers and stored (in the old days)

organs were harvested

his ~ for donation (high-school athlete)

product: farming & agriculture

Harvey Weinstein (epithet)

Harvey Weinstein of the fashion industry

the man some call the ~ (Gerald Marie)

character & personality / comparison & contrast: epithet

has been (person)

has been

~ beats a never has been (AJ versus Ngannou)

gobby has-been

Fury got a battering and now he just looks like a ~ (boxing)

♦ “A HAS BEEN V NEVER BEEN” (An online commenter about the announcement of the Whyte-Joshua rematch, scheduled for August 12, 2023. The fight was ultimately cancelled when Whyte failed a drug test.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: person

person: part of speech

hash out (verb)

hash out (emerging) clues

they met to ~ (scientists / pandemic)

hash out a compromise

diplomats are trying to ~

hashing out ways

lawmakers are ~ to put guardrails on the industry (A.I.)

♦ “If you like laws and sausages, you should never watch either one being made.”

♦ “We'll figure out what the sausage looks like when it comes out of the machine.” (White House press secretary Jen Psaki about a hugely expensive bill.)

♦ “While the judicial sausage-making may be more discreet on today’s Court...” (Dealmaking, alliances, rivalries, leaks, etc. on the Supreme Court.)

creation & transformation: food & drink / verb

hat (role)

sceptic’s hat

I'm going to keep my ~ on here... (Mary Louise Kelly)

grammar hat

with my strict ~ on, I have to say that's called the unrealis

NPR hat

I'll speak personally now as opposed to wearing my ~

three hats

you really have ~ right now (jobs and positions)

institutional hats

he has acquired so many ~ he is now irreplaceable

in-charge hat versus the submissive-woman hat

the ~

donning his detective hat

after ~, he began to sense the harpsichord was a fake

wears three very important hats

he ~ (cabinet secretary, etc.)

wear several hats

I, like other writers, ~ (travel writer, foreign analyst, etc.)

wear so many hats

I ~, from adviser to counsellor to mother (a cheer coach)

put her amateur detective hat on

she ~ and called Jamie (NBC Dateline)

take off your editor hat

can I ask you to ~ for a moment and talk as a student

♦ "You need to put your big-girl pants on and deal with it, pull them up and get out there and show them what you got..."

♦ "It's time to take your engineer's hat off and put a managerial hat on." (A boss with "go fever" just prior to the Space Shuttle *Challenger* Disaster.)

representation: clothing & accessories / hat

role: clothing & accessories / hat / sign, signal, symbol

hat (old hat)

old hat

sundials are ~

battles over party nominees are ~

GMOs are ~, synthetically modified food the new frontier

old masters are ~ (art reproductions no longer popular)

old hat for you

is winning the Kentucky Derby ~

'old hat' Glastonbury festival

he is not keen to play the ~ (Charlie Watts)

experience: clothing & accessories / hat

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: clothing & accessories / hat

hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.)

hats off

congrats to both and what a fight, ~ (Khan vs. Brook)

hats off to the governments

~ that acted responsibly (Maha Akeel)

hats off to Usyk

~, what a performance (victory against Anthony Joshua)

hat tip

big ~ again to the group, so proud of it (a tweet)

hat-tip

"Farm" is a nice ~ to Michael and Emily Eavis

hats off and congratulations

~ to Hamilton for writing history today (F1 victory)

take my hat off to you guys

I ~ (admiration and respect)

♦ a well put together comment not akin to the HYS forums! tip of the hat sir (One respectful commenter to another about a soccer match.)

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / hat / verb

hat (hold on to your hat)

hold on to your hat

~, for the first time ever...

♦ This means a big surprise and may relate to a rollercoaster.

feeling, emotion & effect: gesture / hat / verb / wind

hat (hang one's hat on something)

hang their hat on him

promoters were reluctant to ~ as a main event (a boxer)

allegiance, support & betrayal: hat

hatch (verb)

hatched the murders

she ~ with two men she'd been sleeping with

hatched a (clever) scheme

he ~

initiation: bird / verb

hatch (escape hatch)

tried-and-tested escape hatch

he has his ~ (just asking a question, not accusing)

pursuit, capture & escape: mechanism

hatch (batten down the hatches)

see *batten (batten down)*

hatched

plan was hatched

a ~...

initiation: bird

hatchet (bury the hatchet)

bury the hatchet

let's ~

they were unable to ~ and move forward (two teammates)

♦ "In 1989, at a United Press International dinner in Los Angeles at which they both were guests, Stone and Bregman—still not speaking after five years—sat at opposite ends of the room. After the meal Bregman felt a

hand squeeze his shoulder and turned to see Stone standing there. 'Hello, Marty,' he said. The hatchet was buried over dinner a few nights later." (Producer Marty Bregman and screenwriter and director Oliver Stone. From *Al Pacino: A Life On The Wire* by Andrew Yule.)

♦ "Hey, so Sara and I finally buried the hatchet. You know, it's really weird imagery for forgiveness." (A silly line from the silly 2009 film *Sorority Wars* starring Lucy Hale.)

♦ "There was a good deal of bitterness among the Indians, for whom war was not the casual affair it was for the white man; they pointed out to Johnson that once they took up the hatchet it was not easily buried." (*The Mohawk* by Codman Hislop. His wonderful book is about the river.)

♦ "'O bury the hatchet, irascible Red, / For peace is a blessing,' the White Man said. / The Savage concurred, and that weapon interred, / With imposing rites, in the White Man's head." (Attributed to John Lukkus. Quoted in Ambrose Bierce's *The Devil's Dictionary* at "hatchet." This is wonderful language use based on collocation. You can "bury" the hatchet, or you can "bury the hatchet in someone's head!")

♦ "Hatchets that have been buried can be dug up." (*The Balkans in the 1990s*.)

♦ see also *scalp* (noun)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: blade / military / verb / weapon

hatchet job (noun)

hatchet job

the series was a ~ riddled with falsehoods (a documentary)

hatchet job on him

the *New York Times* did a complete ~

political hatchet job

the "investigation" was a ~ by a rival

♦ "People are just tired of sleazy tactics and hatchet jobs." (LSU coach Kim Mulkey about *The Washington Post* reporter Kent Babb.)

♦ A hatchet job, a hit job / piece, a drive-by...

accusation & criticism / conflict / punishment & recrimination: blade / crime / violence / weapon

hatchet man (person)

hatchet man

he dispatched him as his ~

your ~ has done a real number on me

Sunny took on the role of ~ and spawned a culture of fear

person: ax / blade / weapon

coercion & motivation: blade / history / person / violence / weapon

hate on (something)

hate on the Golden Globes

much as some like to ~ (Eric Degans)

hate on her

do they love her, or do they love to ~ (Lil Tay)

hate on all this life

let them ~ (Beyonce / 'Bama' Blackness)

hate on another man

the world is too big to ~ (Dwight Howard / NBA)

hating on me

that's why people are ~ (the mayor of New York City)

hate on one another

we shouldn't ~ (Shemekia Copeland)

hating on philosophy

why are physicists ~

♦ "And people hate on everything that's life." (A white rapper whom everyone hates on for being a white rapper.)

♦ "The producer Carol Baum went viral for hating on Sweeney's skills." (Baum said Sydney Sweeney couldn't act and wasn't pretty. Now the world is hating on Carol Baum. Who is Carol Baum?)

feeling, emotion & effect: prep, adv, adj, particle

haul (long haul)

long haul

it's a ~, son, it's a 15-rounder... (timeline for pandemic)

for the long haul

I think we're in it ~ (an intractable bear problem)

time: burden / distance / movement / weight

haul (verb)

hauled him (off) to jail

a sheriff's deputy ~

hauled him to the station

the police ~ (Mexico)

haul tourists

bus-sized Tundra buggies ~ (Churchill / polar bears)

transportation: animal / verb

hauled in (verb)

hauled in for questioning

he was ~ by the Mabath (Saudi Arabia)

transportation: animal

hauled off (verb)

hauled off (again) to prison

he was ~

hauled off from her reception to jail

the "Bridezilla" was ~

hauled off in handcuffs

she was ~ (a "Bridezilla," from her wedding reception)

transportation: animal

haunt (verb)

haunt me to this day

those images ~... (soldier back from Iraq)

haunted this city for (four) decades

closing the door on a crime that has ~

haunt a community for generations

some murder cases ~

haunted me for a decade

the things I saw have ~ (Rwanda genocide)

haunt us forever
the horror of the final days will ~ (family of hostage)

haunt me the rest of my life
it will ~ (comment by murderer)

haunt the Ethiopians
such tactics may come back to ~ (torture / rebels)

haunt New York
the mystery of what really happened continues to ~

haunts the country
El Salvador's bitter civil war still ~

haunted detectives
Ms. Beal's murder had long ~ on the case (finally solved)

haunt him
the day will ~ (Tour de France crash)

haunted him
during these years, Annapurna always ~ (3 attempts)

haunts every (kayak) instructor
this is the type of accident that ~

haunted his life
he recounted the racism that ~

haunted me
these simple words ~

haunting scientists
these problems had been ~ for years (vaccine)

still haunts
the unsolved case ~ him (a detective)

case (still) haunts him
the unsolved ~ (a detective)

images haunt me
those ~ to this day (soldier back from Iraq)

came back to haunt
his past ~ him (Mike Richards / Jeopardy show)

come back to haunt
gossip can ~ you
what you do on the computer can ~ (queries)

continues to haunt
the mystery of what really happened ~ New York

♦ "Be careful about sharing intimate gossip in a party situation—you may find it comes back to haunt you..."

**affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: creature / verb
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: creature / verb**

haunted

haunted to me
this campus is ~ (Dartmouth student / 4 deaths)

haunted by that day
she has spent her life ~

haunted by a death

he is ~ he was unable to prevent

haunted by demons
he was a deeply troubled man, ~ (Timothy Treadwell)

haunted by (perceived) failures
he was ~ (a suicide)

haunted by nightmares
she is ~ (veteran of war in Iraq)

haunted by evil spirits
the Udehé say places like that are ~ (forest)

became haunted
Father Desbois ~ by the history of the Nazis in Ukraine

remain haunted
city residents ~ by the murders

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: creature

haunting (adjective)

haunting images
the ~ of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks
~ of starvation (Africa)

haunting memory
the Irish have ~s of the famine
the ~s returned (of a murder)

haunting premonition
she awoke with a ~ (mother of soldier who died)

haunting story
the most ~ in the annals of exploration

most haunting
it is one of the ~ stories in the annals of exploration

familiar and haunting
those ~ notes (24 notes of Taps at funeral)

painful and haunting
the most ~ story involves SuAnne Big Crow

feeling, emotion & effect: creature

have (you have, etc.)

have an event like this
anytime you ~...

have these armchair explorers
so, back in England, you ~

♦ An alternative to the "There is / was / were" we are all used to teaching in our classrooms.

presence & absence: verb

haven (safety)

haven for journalists
the *Free Press* is a ~ (vs. woke progressive press)

haven for young people and their families
the school is a ~ (a violent Yorkshire community)

germ haven

airplane toilets have a reputation for being a ~

surveillance safe haven

Email providers 'seen as ~' (Germany)

safe haven

at the nadir of the financial crisis, gold was a ~
my bedroom is my ~

safe haven for hate

he charged Facebook for providing a ~

safe haven for priests

the archdiocese provided ~ accused of sex abuse

see gold as safe haven

investors ~

♦ A haven was a harbor.

protection & lack of protection: boat / place / sea

haves (and have-nots, etc.)

haves and have-nots

the deep divide between the ~

haves and the have-yachts

even among the truly rich, there is a gap between the ~

have-littles and have-nots

for the ~, summer means an open window (no A.C.)

world of haves and have-nots

a Dickensian ~

divide between the haves and have-nots

the deep ~ (*The White Tiger*)

gulf between the haves and the have-nots

the ~

♦ "Even among the truly rich, there is a gap between the haves and the have-yachts." ("The Floating World" by Evan Osnos, *The New Yorker*, July 25, 2022.)

♦ "[S]ports highest paid full-time phony, Roger Goodell, the man who reminds us that there are haves and have-yachts." (The great sportswriter Phil Mushnick.)

♦ "The message was one of the have-nots rising up against the haves." (A meme that was also anti-Semitic.)

society: money / person

money / superiority & inferiority: part of speech

Hawaii (China's Hawaii, etc.)

China's Hawaii

Sanya, known as "~" (Hainan Island)

comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

hawk (person)

Israeli hawks

many ~ were against the attack (1981)

person: animal / bird

military: sign, signal, symbol

character & personality / violence: animal / bird / person / predation

hawkish (adjective)

hawkish stance

his ~ on Iran (an Israeli)

character & personality / violence: animal / bird / predation

hay (make hay, etc.)

political hay

politicians make ~ out of it (pandemic)

make hay from the shooter's political affiliation

idiots try to ~ (a mass shooting)

made (political) hay out of it

everybody ~, used it for their own purposes (terror event)

content: farming & agriculture / plant

haywire (go haywire, etc.)

go haywire

when things start to ~

gone haywire

the curriculum has ~ (Critical Race Theory / CRT)

decline: farming & agriculture / verb

failure, accident & impairment: farming & agriculture / verb

haze (perception)

alcoholic haze

he spent much of the next four decades in an ~

perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark

consciousness & awareness: light & dark

head (head into the future, etc.)

head into November

as we ~, crunch time (college football)

head into summer

as we ~, don't forget... (pandemic)

head into this Labor Day weekend

as we ~

headed

there is so much fear about where we are ~ (Covid)

heading into the winter

now we are ~ (pandemic)

future / time: direction / movement / verb

head (orientation)

head of the bed

the ~ (versus the foot of the bed)

headwater

the Yangtze has three ~ streams

orientation: direction / head

head (development)

heading

no one knows where the region is ~
where is the crisis ~ (racist abuse in soccer)

headed

we don't know where this fight is ~ (politics)

direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb

development: direction / movement / verb

head (reason)

head

people reason mostly from their hearts, not their ~s

calmer heads

~ have typically prevailed in our history (politics)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: head

head (intelligence)

head for planning

they all said that Mrs. Enderby had the best ~

wiser heads

~ among the Taliban may well argue for...

knowledge & intelligence: head / sign, signal, symbol

head (head of the school, etc.)

head of the school

he's the ~

♦ *The fish rots from the head. (Organizations.)*

hierarchy: head

head (go over one's head / hierarchy)

go over their heads

he tried to ~ (to their supervisor)

hierarchy: direction / head / position / verb

head (go over one's head / comprehension)

went over my head

what he said just ~ (not understood)

comprehension & incomprehension: head / verb

head (get in over one's head, etc.)

over-your-head

thrown into the ~ waters, he was floundering (combat)

got in over their heads

they ~ (crime)

involvement / situation / survival, persistence &

endurance: depth / head / verb / water

head (butt heads)

butted heads

the mayor and the union have ~ ever since he took office
we ~... (conflict)

conflict: animal / head / horn / verb

head (on one's head / responsibility)

see on (*it's on you, etc.*)

head (scratch one's head)

scratching its head

Congress is ~ (over confusing remarks by President)

scratching our heads

a lot of us are ~, with so many of these questions (a crime)

scratching their heads

scientists are ~ as to how...

scientists are ~ to understand why...

♦ *Who actually does this?*

comprehension & incomprehension: gesture / head / verb

head (shake one's head)

shake our heads at the folly

we like to ~ of those who...

shaking my head and rolling my eyes

I'm just ~ (Boeing debacle of 2019-2020)

the shooter is now the victim, I am ~

leave you shaking your head

the details of this scandal just ~ (college admissions)

♦ *"All these previous issues and incidents, yet she still held a nursing license and a driver's license, smh." (A comment about "Nicole Linton Was Involuntarily Committed Multiple Times Before LA Crash, Attorneys Said" by Kui Mwai, Yahoo news, August 16, 2022.)*

comprehension & incomprehension: gesture / head / verb

head (clear head)

clear head

~s are needed (vs. sleep deprivation)

consciousness & awareness: head

head (keep / lose one's head)

keep your head

~ and don't go crazy

lose his head

in the closing laps he seemed to ~ (F1 racecar driver)

control & lack of control: head / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: head / verb

head (head and shoulders above)

head and shoulders

~, he is above everybody else (a skier)

head and shoulders above anyone else

he is ~ in his ability to lead (a politician)

head and shoulders above most of his colleagues

he is ~ (a politician)

head and shoulders above most of his peers
for that, he is ~ (a musician)

stand head and shoulders
the two ~ above the rest (baseball players)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: height
superiority & inferiority: height**

head (heads will roll, etc.)

head
his ~ is under the guillotine every season (a coach)

political beheadings
the series of ~ (see quote below)

head will (probably) fall in the basket
my ~, but I have done my best... (General John Lucas)

heads rolled
~, careers were ruined (the Tailhook scandal)

heads will roll
~ if...

calling for Liz Magill's head
donors and elected officials are ~ (U. of Pennsylvania)

calls for his head
there have been ~ (a government official)

♦ "Rishi Sunak has welcomed nearly 30 billion pounds in foreign investment into the U.K., as he hosted global business leaders at Hampton Court Palace... Not in the script at Hampton Court was the series of political beheadings business leaders have witnessed. Since 2019 there have been six chancellors and four prime ministers, with every chance of a fifth come the general election next year, one reason why many of the firms here today also met Sir Keir Starmer, and the shadow chancellor Rachel Reeves..." (A business summit hosted by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to attract foreign investment to the U.K., BBC, Six O'Clock News, 27/11/2023.)

♦ "You don't put him on the guillotine if he didn't commit a crime." (The father of NBA player Ja Morant, defending his son.)

♦ "My head will probably fall in the basket, but I have done my best." (Major General John Lucas, about the Anzio Invasion, or Operation Shingle. World War II. Italy.)

**destruction / dismissal, removal & resignation / fate,
fortune & chance / punishment & recrimination: ax / blade
/ head / neck / violence**

head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)

handing them their head
I'm boxing these guys, and I'm ~ (young Bobby Czyz)

got my head handed to me
I ~ at that meeting (politician and angry constituents)

**punishment & recrimination: ax / blade / head / neck /
violence**

head (put a head on a wall)

put my client's head on his wall
he made it his personal goal to ~ (Kyle Rittenhouse case)

**punishment & recrimination / pursuit, capture & escape:
head / hunting**

head (head on a stake, etc.)

head on a stake in the middle of the town
there is a ~ (Uber's Travis Kalanick / bad behavior)

♦ "While [Micajah] Harpe was still conscious, Moses Stegall slowly cut off the outlaw's head. Later, the head was spiked on a pole...at a crossroads...that is still known as "Harpe's Head" or "Harpe's Head Road...in Webster County, Kentucky. / In January 1804, Wiley Harpe [was] executed by hanging. [His head was] cut off and placed high on [a stake] along the Natchez Trace as a warning to other outlaws." (The Wikipedia entry for "Harpe brothers." Bad, bad boys they were, no doubt.)

**punishment & recrimination / pursuit, capture & escape:
head / hunting**

head (keep one's head down)

keep their heads down
it might be better for them to ~

kept their heads down
they see themselves as stoics who've ~ (politics)

kept her head down
for her first two terms, she ~, forgoing media appearances

♦ "A protruding nail will be hammered down." (Japan.)

**protection & lack of protection: gesture / head / military /
verb**

head (come down on one's head, etc.)

come down on his head
a lot of opprobrium has ~ (whistle-blower)

brought down on his head an avalanche
the book has ~ of publicity

brought her family's condemnation down on her head
her marriage ~

brought the establishment down on her head
her early success ~ (a poet)

brought disaster down on her head
her meddling appears to have ~

amount & effect / failure, accident & impairment: head

head (turn heads)

turned heads
her good looks and confidence ~

turned heads in the ballroom and the bar
personalities at the hotel who ~ (Raffles in Singapore)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: gesture / head
feeling, emotion & effect: gesture / head**

head (hold something over one's head)

hold over his head
we needed to have something to ~ (child murder case)

holding that over his head

they will try to force his hand by ~

coercion & motivation: head / verb

fate, fortune & chance: head / verb

head (rear its head, etc.)

reared its head

the Ebola virus has ~ again

♦ Ordinarily only something negative raises its head: anti-Semitism, the Ebola virus, tyranny, etc.

appearance & disappearance: head / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: head / verb

head (turn something on its head, etc.)

flip the investigation on its head

a tragic turn of events would ~ (DC sniper)

turn the paradigm on its head

the plan will ~ (homelessness)

turned the race on its head

the late downpour ~ (F1 / changed everything)

turning the sport on its head

the teenager is ~ (Luke Littler / darts)

disruption: direction / equilibrium & stability / head / verb

head (get one's head around something, etc.)

get our arms around it

it's important to try and ~ and figure out... (a report)

get their heads around

that's very difficult for people to ~ (murder trial)

get my head around it

I still can't ~

get your head around

there are a lot of twists and turns to ~ (Jesse Smollett case)

get my head around what

I can't seem to ~ she just said

try to get their heads around this

they try to ~ by taking a fresh look at the data (NPR)

wrap our minds around what

it was hard to ~ had happened

♦ "I ask for some privacy at this time to grieve and to wrap my head around this turn of events."

♦ NPR has given us "get one's *hands* around something," seemingly on the analogy of a part of the body, or perhaps to "freshen up" a cliché. What's next?

comprehension & incomprehension: head / verb

head (come to a head)

came to a head

it all ~ in December of 1989 (ACT UP / Catholic Church)

the animosity that surfaced had now ~

♦ This might relate to a pimple or boil and basically means *crisis*.

development: health & medicine

head (keep one's head up)

keep your head up

things are tough, but you've got to ~

keep your heads up

I spoke to some players and said ~ (after huge loss)

resiliency: direction / gesture / head / height / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / gesture / head / height / verb

head (hold one's head high)

hold his head high

he can ~ (a losing boxer who did well)

holding our heads high

we are ~, marching forward... (union loses vote)

head held high

I leave with my ~ (cricket player retires)

resiliency: direction / gesture / head / height / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / gesture / head / height / verb

head (hang one's head)

hang his head in shame

the video umpire should ~ (a hockey game)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / gesture / head / height / verb

head (pat on the head)

pat on the head

I looked at that as a ~

achievement, recognition & praise: dog / gesture / head

head (Deadhead, etc.)

Alamo-head

President Lyndon B. Johnson was a huge ~

Chile Head

Cherries for ~s (spicy cherries in a hot cold-fruit salad)

Deadhead

Bill Walton, ~... (the great NBA basketball player)

Parrotheads

I live in Dallas now and we have a lot of ~ there

~ toast Jimmy Buffett (on his death)

petrolheads

Leilani Munter and ~ (motorsports)

Potterhead

Rachael Parker, ~, 32, wedding planner (Harry Potter fan)

puzzlehead

~s love the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament

a puzzle-within-a-puzzle, for the diehard ~s (D C-T!)

sneakerhead

it's a masterly satire of ~ fanaticism (HBO's *South Side*)
sneaker enthusiasts, otherwise known as ~s
for ~s, there is a style for every taste and identity

♦ "Chicago sneakerhead store closes after being robbed a 5th time in 2 years," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, April 9, 2022.

♦ *Bunheads* by Misty Copeland, illustrated by Setor Fiadzigbey, G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers.

♦ The Deadheads had managed to turn the North Carolinian stadium parking lot into a very good replica of a Central Asian or North African bazaar / medina / Souq / casbah / caravanserai. Every half hour or so, in the full-on grip of mystical possession, a Deadhead with flying dreads would race up the glaciis surrounding the bowl like a forlorn hope, scale the palisade at the top like a Barbary ape, and be arrested by an oppression of waiting uniformed centurions. Meanwhile the crowd in the parking lot cheered and celebrated with much music, dancing, pipe smoking, and cookie and brownie nibbling. I can't say I didn't participate... (Phil Lesh and Friends.)

♦ A FUNNY JOKE. Question: What did the Deadhead say when the drugs wore off? Answer: This music *sucks!*

enthusiasm: affix / person

headache (noun)

headache

the decision is one in a series of ~s for... (a company)

headache for the administration

this will be a ~ (oil spill)

headaches (continued to mount) for the (German) Pope

the ~ (Pope Benedict)

foreign-policy headache

Israeli-Palestinian conflict gives Biden a ~

transportation headache

the daily ~s faced by many

biggest headache

one of our ~s is simply counting the fish (scientist)

diplomatic headache

she poses a ~ for Britain (a UAE princess)

new headaches

the new system created ~ (Iowa caucus)

caused headaches

his mercurial personality ~ (an employee)

cause headaches for the organisers

the weather has continued to ~ (Tokyo Olympics)

affliction: health & medicine

headed

headed

futurists are asking questions about where we're ~ (tech)

headed for a train wreck

we are ~ (a politician about budget proposal)

headed in the wrong direction

Washington is ~ (politics)

direction: journeys & trips

future: direction / movement

headhunter

headhunter

he was recruited by a management ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

headlong

headlong retreat

the Americans are in ~

haste: horse

head-on

confront these things head-on

we must ~

♦ "Should we avoid the controversy or should we dive right into it? I say of course we dive right into it, we confront this thing head on." (Adrian Lamo and "Informants: villains or heroes?")

conflict: animal / crashes & collisions / head / horn

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: animal / crashes & collisions / head / horn

head-scratching

head-scratching comments

he has made some ~

comprehension & incomprehension: gesture / head

headspace (frame of mind)

headspace

what ~ were you in at the time (pop singer)

club headspaces

Ezra Rubin is more interested in ~ than dance-floor moves

creative headspace

what sort of ~ have you been in since... (a singer)

different headspace

like now, I'm in a ~ than I was 6 months ago (pop singer)

right headspace

what was the process like for you to get into the ~ (writing)

I am not in the ~ (Simon Biles)

in (precisely) the right headspace

you're ~ for this film (you are curious, etc.)

occupied a lot of the country's collective headspace

the election has ~ for the last few years (2020 election)

sharing that headspace with listeners around the U.S.

when you tune into All Things Considered, you're ~ (NPR)

♦ "It was obvious from the first bell that he was not in the right headspace." (An online commenter about Joe Joyce in his rematch with Zhilei "Big Bang" Zhang.)

♦ "I remember just hiking through the woods. Beautiful nature, big thickets, and I was on the streets of Manhattan. I couldn't get out of that movie. I couldn't get out of that headspace for, it felt like, days. I don't know if I've ever been affected so much by a movie." (Filmmaker Richard Linklater after seeing the 1976 film *Taxi Driver* when it first came out.)

♦ "I was like, I am not in the right headspace." (The gymnast Simon Biles, quitting at the Olympics. She was widely praised as brave.)

♦ "There are lots of places to go to find what you're looking for if this is the headspace you're in..." (Something or other, anything...)

♦ "Headspace provides app-based guided meditation and offers a free trial." / "Bevel recently partnered with meditation app Headspace to offer free mental health services to Black people."

♦ OLD: in the right mindset, frame of mind... / NEW: in the right headspace...

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: head

head-spinning

head-spinning

the explanations have been ~

head spinning week

it's been a ~ in Australian politics

♦ "Once again, a tweet sends the head spinning."

♦ "This has been the most dizzying, jaw-dropping, eyeball-popping, head-spinning news conference I have ever attended. And I was at Bill Clinton's news conference in 1998 when he faced the press for the first time over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky." (John Sopel for the BBC, following a press conference with President Trump on Monday, April 13, 2020.)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / head

head start

head start on the assignment

I want to get a ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: head / horse / journeys & trips / movement

heads-up (warning)

heads-up

you should have given us a ~ (warning)

warning: direction / head

head-to-head

head-to-head confrontation

~ versus guerrilla war (US in Iraq)

head-to-head match

China beats Russia in ~ (chess)

Nadal leads their ~s by 14-7 (tennis)

went head to head with the conservatives

the liberals ~ over the issue

went head to head over the issue

they ~ of...

take on Romney head-to-head

Santorum will ~ (nomination process)

conflict: animal / crashes & collisions / head / horn

headway (noun)

making any headway

we're not ~ at all (poor economy)

progress & lack of progress: boat / journeys & trips / movement

headwind (noun)

headwind on the economy

this is the biggest ~ (poor housing market / Obama)

headwind to rebuilding

communication missteps have created a massive ~ trust

economic headwinds

~ in a difficult digital advertisement environment

political headwinds

Democrats know the ~ are not in their favor (elections)

social and economic headwinds

shielding the town from the larger ~ buffeting small towns

overcome these headwinds

he should be able to ~ (Tim Cook of Apple)

♦ "While the global headwinds are strong, the U.K.'s engines are stronger." (Prime Minister Boris Johnson, during a speech in Blackpool.)

force: atmosphere / boat / plane / wind

obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress:

atmosphere / boat / plane / wind

heal (verb)

heal itself

remove dams and let nature ~

heal all those problems

Prince Salman is the doctor to ~ in Saudi Arabia

healed the rift

the years have not ~ between Shipa and her family

heal (old racial) wounds

help ~

heal (old) wounds

the project will ~ (slavery)

heal the wounds

a ceremony of reconciliation meant to ~ left by the War

heal these wounds

a lifetime's not going to ~ (parents / school shooting)

heal the housing market

we need to write down mortgages to ~

heal and renew

the water has power to ~ (Medicine Lake)

never healed

the rift between his mother and father ~ (divorced)

time to heal

it's going to take ~ (emotionally)

♦ "Time heals all wounds."

♦ "Time apparently doesn't heal all wounds."

♦ "A knife wound heals; a wound caused by words does not." (A Turkish proverb.)

♦ "Now God be thanked that the name of a hill is such music, that the name of a river can heal." (*Cry, The Beloved Country* by Alan Paton.)

mental health: health & medicine

amelioration & renewal / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: health & medicine / verb

healing (noun)

healing

~ through writing (*I'm Glad My Mom Died*)

Healing Power

The ~ of Storytelling (Brewster / Zimmerman)

healing process

he hopes renaming the buildings is part of the ~

confronting trauma is part of the ~ (an artist)

language is part of the ~ (local languages)

I wanted to document the ~

this is a step forward in the ~ (\$600 million)

liberated healing

peer support for ~ (Project LETS)

sexual healing

and when I get that feeling, I want ~ (Marvin Gaye song)

step toward healing

an apology might be the first ~ (Native boarding schools)

solace, healing, and strength

the ride empowers warriors to find ~ through movement

♦ NPR's Michel Martin: Thank you so much for talking with us. I imagine this just has to be exhausting. / Aly Raisman: Thank you for having me on. You know, this is one of the moments where right now I'm definitely, I'm definitely feeling it, I'm definitely exhausted, but that's that's what surviving and healing looks like. You know, there are some moments where I feel okay and then other moments....."

♦ "We're giving our staff some time to process what has happened, but also give them some time to start the grieving process and healing process. (Courtney Jolly, director of public relations and marketing for the Naples Zoo. From "An endangered tiger was shot dead by police in a Florida zoo after attacking a man" by Tien Le, NPR, Animals, December 30, 2021.)

♦ "While we are extremely embarrassed of the alleged actions of some of our Department's senior commanders, we look forward to the healing process that can begin to take place now that this has been heard in open court." A St. Louis County Police Union statement. From "Missouri Cop Who Says He Was Told 'Tone Down Your Gayness' Wins Discrimination Case" by Rachel Treisman, an intern on NPR's Nation Desk, October 30, 2019.)

♦ "Carly star Jennette McCurdy opens up on healing from writing her new memoir, *I'm Glad My Mom Died*."

♦ "How about, instead of being more angry, try being less angry? Healing is a choice." (Kk. The question mark is a good indicator of the online commenter's age, sex and mentality.)

♦ "I came out of treatment and began working on this album shortly after, and I was very angry, umm, I had some healing to do, but I got out a lot of that anger in my music... you see me going from angry to then like owning my power and my sexuality and then like happier love songs." (Demi Lovato about her new album, *Holy F****.)

♦ "[The ride] empowers warriors to find solace, healing, and strength through movement." (The website of the Wounded Warrior Project's Soldier Ride DC. See the Wikipedia entry "Wounded Warrior Project." Always investigate charities carefully before donating. Check their endowment. If it's hundreds of millions, do they really need your hard-earned dollars?)

♦ "Failure To Save A Child In Wartime Inspires Wound-Healing Tech" by Jon Hamilton, NPR, Morning Edition, April 2, 2018.

mental health: health & medicine

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine
amelioration & renewal / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: health & medicine

health (in good health / in bad health)

in good health

everybody is hoping the lander is ~ (India space mission)

engineers report Perseverance to be ~ (on Mars)

condition & status: health & medicine

health (condition)

health of the (global) economy

what his trade policies could do to the ~ (G7)

health of the planet

what his stance on climate change could mean to the ~

health of publishing

the ~ is in good hands (readers)

health of a (free) society

good journalism is essential to the ~

health and wellness

those pumps were so critical to the ~ of the experiment

industry's health

absorption, an indicator of the ~ (apartment market)

financial health

women's ~ is at a five-year low (economy)

intellectual health

the ~ of publishing is in good hands (readers)

economic and cultural health

problems that threaten the ~ (reindeer people)

threaten the environmental health

problems that ~ (reindeer people)

get back to (fiscal) health

we need to ~

♦ "Ten Hag still has many ills to cure but he is at least prescribing the sort of medication that is returning Manchester United to something like their former health." (Phil McNulty, Chief football writer for the BBC. Five of the words in that single sentence relate to health.)

condition & status: health & medicine

healthy (condition)

healthy

10 percent thought conditions were ~ (economy)

corporate profits are ~

the spacecraft is ~ and we're excited (New Horizons)

healthy economy

his government's failure to build a ~

healthy (space) exploration

I think it's all ~ (privatization)

remains healthy

NASA will extend the mission if the hardware ~ (Mars)

condition & status: health & medicine

healthy (strength)

healthy fear

a ~ is the best defense (of scorpions / desert warfare)

healthy skepticism

in science, a ~ is a professional necessity

strength & weakness: health & medicine

healthy (as noun)

make healthy a habit

we ~ (an advertisement for Optavia ®)

strength & weakness: part of speech

heap (verb)

heap abuse (even) on the home team

Philly fans ~

heaped contempt on her (hated) rival

she ~ (a politician)

heaped invective upon whites

the hate group ~ they saw (at the National Mall)

heaped praise on him and his work

officials have ~ (police commander)

amount & effect: pile / verb

throwing, putting & planting: pile / verb

heaped

heaped on him

honors and diplomatic missions were ~ (Wellington)

heaped on the protagonist

the preposterous excess of humiliation and suffering ~

amount & effect: pile

throwing, putting & planting: pile

heard (groups)

seen, heard and loved

we want students to know they are ~ (Fulton County, GA)

Seen, Heard, and Paid

~: *The New Work Rules for the Marginalized* (book)

supported, seen and developed

programming that makes us feel ~ (minorities)

♦ "This is not just for me, this is for every little girl that looks like me... We want to be seen. We want to be heard." (Michelle Yeoh touting herself on Instagram for an Academy Award.)

♦ "She made Palestinians feel heard and seen." (A tribute to Shireen Abu Akleh by her niece, Lina Abu Akleh.)

♦ "Everybody is desperate to tell you who they are, to be seen. Which is sadly or not a reality of our species. We are all desperate to be seen or to be heard." (The Mexican filmmaker Guillermo del Toro, talking with Terry Gross of *Fresh Air* about his film *Nightmare Alley*.)

♦ "Humans want to be seen and to be loved." (A trendy screenwriter / TV producer.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

heart (allegiance)

way to (anyone's) heart

the quickest ~ is with an MCL gift card (ad)

after my own heart

he's a man ~

captured the hearts

he has ~ and minds of Americans (Olympic athlete)

captured my heart

the first time I saw him, he ~ (an orphan)

give my heart

I'm going to be very cautious who I ~ to

invest my heart in someone

I can't ~ who might not stick around

win the hearts

we can ~ and minds of people (AID official)

won our hearts

he has ~ (Oleksandr Usyk becomes champion)

pledge their head, heart, hands and health

youngsters ~—hence, 4-H—to such goals as... (4-H)

allegiance, support & betrayal: heart

heart (hearts and minds)

see *hearts and minds*

heart (heart and soul)

see *heart and soul*

heart (basis)

heart of cycling

France, the ~ (Tour de France, etc.)

heart of courtesy

the ~ is respect for persons

heart of the (US) economy

small businesses have become the beating ~

heart of the fair

the ~ is the 4-H livestock show (US)

heart of jazz

improvisation is the ~

heart and soul

(see *heart and soul*)

envy at its heart

much anti-Americanism has ~

at the heart of the argument

~ is the claim that...

at the heart of the debate

~ lies the question...

at the heart of the matter
Kandahar is again ~ (war)

lies at the heart
a failure of political will ~ of the problem (polio)

get to the heart
we need to ~ of the matter

goes to the heart
this argument ~ of the issue

♦ "Getting to I guess the heart of the book, the stomach of the book, the intestines of the book (laughing), Jay [the main character of the book], he gets swallowed by a giant sperm whale..." (Ayesha Rascoe speaking with writer Daniel Kraus about his latest book.)

bases: heart

heart (young at heart, etc.)

at heart
~ he's an optimist

fundamentally at heart
I am ~ a shopper (online shopping Amanda Mull)

Bedouin at heart
Sheikh Zayed remained a ~ (Abu Dhabi / UAE)

fashion girl at heart
I'm a ~ (model Natalie Mariduena)

young at heart
she remains ~

wild at heart
the play is a hymn to the ~

character & personality: heart

identity & nature: heart

heart (identity)

in your heart
if you're born here it's ~ (a festival in Ivrea, Italy)

in their heart
every single Palestinian has Palestine ~

♦ Home is where the heart is!

identity & nature: heart

heart (heart on one's sleeve)

fights with his heart on his sleeve
he always ~ (boxer Johnnie Tapia)

wears his heart on his sleeve
he ~ when it comes to his dad (Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini)

♦ "The Pirate rode with his heart on his sleeve—all or nothing, death or glory." (The great Italian cyclist "Il Pirata," Marco Pantani.)

commitment & determination / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart

heart (commitment)

heart

she said her ~ was now set on revenge (a Palestinian)

heart of a champion
she has the ~ (coach speaking of child gymnast)

heart of a (true) champion
he showed the ~ (boxer / title bout)

heart of a (true) warrior
battered and bloodied, but showing the ~ (boxing)

heart and intuition
have the courage to follow your ~ (Steve Jobs)

heart and soul
see *heart and soul*

heart and stomach
his ~ for boxing are no longer there

fighting heart
the American soldier still has the ~ and will to win

fighter's heart
he showed a true ~ (boxing)

lion's heart
I have a ~ (winning boxer after hard match)

a lot of heart
anybody else would have quit, he's got ~ (a boxer)

no heart
he had ~ (fighter who quit)

so much heart
the cut was serious but he warriored on, ~ (Tyson Fury)

with heart
they are playing with passion, ~, they can do it (World Cup)

guts, passion and heart
he plays with ~, he's all in (NFL player)

heart is set on revenge
her ~

heart had gone out of the game
I think me ~ (a Yorkshire boxer)

follow your heart
~ and dare to take risks

showed (real) heart
he ~ (a boxer)

fought his heart out
he ~ every fight (the great Arturo Gatti)

sang her heart out
she ~

fight with their hearts
they ~ more than their heads... (two boxers)

fights with his heart on his sleeve
he always ~ (boxer Johnnie Tapia)

leave your heart on the floor

~ (a basketball player, exhorting his teammates)

left his heart in the ring

he ~ every time he fought (the great "Thunder" Gatti)

put her heart into it

she really ~ (an art project)

poured our hearts into the movement

for over 20 years we've ~ (social justice)

played with (unquestioned) heart

he ~ and leadership (dead quarterback)

fight with (a lot of) heart

he ~ and determination

took the (hate) message to heart

they ~ (Hispanic gang vs. blacks)

commitment & determination: heart

heart (beating heart)

beating heart of this book

the three protagonists are the ~ (Boer War)

beating heart of the (lower Mekong) ecosystem

the Tonle Sap Lake, the so-called ~

beating heart of her work

nature as a springboard to the sacred is the ~ (a poet)

Columbia's beating heart

Bogota is ~, an engaging and vibrant capital

bases: heart

heart (eagerness and reluctance)

for the faint of heart

it's not ~ (a horror film)

combat is not ~

lost heart

many people have ~ (problems, obstacles)

♦ see also *heart (commitment)*

eagerness & reluctance: heart

heart (half-hearted, etc.)

with all her heart

she loved him ~

halfhearted

I made a ~ effort to learn French

half-hearted performances

boxers content to turn in uninspiring, ~

amount: heart

heart (container)

in Russian hearts

it occupies a special place ~ (the film *Irony of Fate*)

in our hearts

he's ~, and we're in his (friend of missing boy)

in your heart

if you're born here it's ~ (Battle of Oranges, Ivrea, Italy)

in the heart of another

who really knows what lies ~

goodness in their hearts

the justness of their cause, the ~ (military)

hatred in the hearts

this statement fuels the ~ of all the Arabs

hole in my heart

it left a huge ~ (loss of a baby)

joy in their hearts

they watched with ~ (Manger Square / Bethlehem)

heart had closed up

after his beloved married another man, Bulu's ~

hearts are filled with joy

our ~ that she is safe (missing woman found)

hearts are opening up

~ through volunteering, donating, and sharing

fills my heart with joy and laughter

she ~

find room in my heart

I tried to ~ for him, but I couldn't

hold her in our hearts

we're going to ~ (Lori Piestewa)

instill fear into people's hearts

the main purpose is to ~ (government vs. a province)

lies in the heart

who really know what ~ of another

poured his heart (and soul) into the game

he ~ (Larry Bird / basketball)

put fear in your heart

my granddaddy said don't ever let no one ~ (authority)

put (some) hate in your heart

~ (Dhahran Scud kills 28 / Highway of Death)

♦ "The Hopi believe that when they die, they bring snow and moisture back to the people. So the snow is fitting." (Vanessa Charles, commenting on the death of Lori Piestewa, killed in action in Iraq, and a rare April snowfall.)

heart: container

heart (empathy)

heart of flint

she was an elderly female with a ~

hearts of stone

those State Department bureaucrats have ~

heart goes out to him

your ~ (drowned child)

hearts go out to the families

our ~ (mass shooting)
hearts go out to him
our ~ and all the other healthcare workers (pandemic)

marshmallow heart
she has a tough exterior, but she's got a ~

kind heart
she has a ~

open heart
she has the most ~ (open to all)

bless your heart
well, ~

have a heart
please, ~

show some heart
why can't you ~

touch (American) hearts
suffering Afghan children ~

♦ "They wouldn't give a crippled crab a crutch if they owned a lumber yard." (John Artis on the Patterson, New Jersey police and the justice system in the 1960s and 70s.)

empathy & lack of empathy: heart

heart (a broken heart, etc.)

broke my heart
it ~ to see...

breaks my heart
it ~ to see these kids (politician / injured soldiers)

heart: functioning / mechanism

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart / mechanism

heart (romance, love)

broken heart
you can overcome a ~

hide your heart
Eli's coming, better ~, girl...

heart won't let me be right
if it's wrong, then my ~ (love)

unbreak my heart
~, say you love me again (Toni Braxton)

♦ "Near, far, wherever you are, I believe that the heart does go on."
(Titanic My Heart Will Go On (Music Video))

feeling, emotion & effect: heart

heart (center)

in the heart of North-West Frontier Province
Buner (boo-NAIR) lies ~ (Pakistan)

in the heart of peanut country
Albany lies ~ (Georgia)

in the heart of the (fall foliage) season
we are ~

heart of the city
just north of the ~
the Pul-i-Imam Bukhri bridge leading into the ~

heart of (California's wine) country
the ~ (earthquake)

heart of the desert
invaders were never able to penetrate the ~ (Saudi)

heart of the forest
the Cuiabá-Santarém road, which slices through the ~

heart of Tanzania
the Wagogo Plains, the wild ~

commercial heart
Casablanca, a port city and the ~ of Morocco

industrial heart
Manchester, the ~ of the British Empire

lies in the heart
Buner (boo-NAIR) ~ of North-West Frontier Province

sits in the heart
Albany ~ of peanut country (Georgia)

penetrate the heart
invaders were never able to ~ of the desert (Saudi)

heart, the mecca
the Strip was the ~, where you went (Summer of Love)

center & periphery: heart

heart (goal)

heart was (now) set on revenge
she said her ~ (Middle East)

set his heart on St. Joseph's Academy
he ~ (desired to attend it)

follow his heart
he decided to ~ (accept a job in different city)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: heart

heart (heart of stone, etc.)

heart of flint
she was an elderly female with a ~

heart of gold
he had a ~ (tribute for soldier killed in combat)

Hearts of Oak
the British have ~

hearts of stone
those State Department bureaucrats have ~

marshmallow heart
she has a tough exterior, but she's got a ~

heart: materials & substances

heart (heart sank)

heart sank

my ~... (news of murder of boy)

heart (just) sank

when I heard those words, my ~ (loss of brother)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / heart

heart: direction

heart (heavy heart)

heavy heart

we definitely have some ~s here (athlete injured)

with a heavy heart

~, he headed down the mountain

it is ~ that I...

with heavy hearts

we left ~ and broken spirits

with the heaviest of hearts

it is ~ that I have to tell you of the passing of our friend...

with a particularly heavy heart

he has concluded, ~, that... (commissioner of enquiry)

left with heavy hearts

we ~ and broken spirits

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / weight

heart: weight

heart (change of heart)

change of heart

industry must undergo a ~ (exploitation vs. conservation)

he went public with his ~ in an opinion piece (politics)

a ~ is a good legal strategy (terrorist cooperates)

change of government, ~ (diplomacy)

belated change of heart

well, why the ~

undergo a change of heart

industry must ~ (exploitation vs. conservation)

reversal: heart

allegiance, support & betrayal: heart

heart (shape)

heart, round or oval

whether you have a ~ face

shape of a heart

it was cut into the ~ (a yearbook)

drawing of a heart

a red-ink ~ in the palm of her left hand

♦ He was wearing a T-shirt that read, "I heart Kosovo."

♦ The heart symbol only vaguely resembles the actual shape of a heart.

shape: heart

heart (sincerity)

with all her heart

she believed in his innocence ~ (wife of serial killer)

with all my heart

I honestly believe ~ that...

believe in you with all my heart

I ~

from the bottom of my heart

I'd like to tell you ~ how sorry I am...

thank you ~

his heart was in the right place

he made mistakes, but ~

his heart is (always) in the right place

~ (Sean Penn)

come from my heart

these words ~

speaking from my heart

I am ~ when I say... (sincerity)

wears his heart on his sleeve

he ~ when it comes to his dad (Ray Mancini / boxer)

wearing their hearts on their sleeves

he'd sing about people showing their emotions, ~

♦ "Do you want me to speak my heart?" (A Tigrayan woman speaking in English and being interviewed by the BBC.)

♦ "He'd pour his whole heart and his emotion into those songs... He'd sing about people crying, showing their emotions, you know, wearing their hearts on their sleeves." (Tim Marlow talking about the great singer Marvin Gaye on BBC's Great Lives.)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart

heart (by heart)

play by heart

it is a fixed rule that instrumentalists shall ~ (concerts)

know symphonies by heart

conductors ~

know them by heart

we've heard those slogans for so many years that we ~

learned it by heart

he ~ (a long poem)

recite the Qur'an by heart

he can ~

heart: memorization

heart (knife in the heart, etc.)

knife in the heart

the date Feb. 6, 1958, is still a ~ (Man. U fan)

knife to the heart

it's a shocking ~ (loss of Tangier Island to erosion)

rip your heart out

the new study will just ~ (coronavirus deaths)

destruction: blade / death & life / knife / heart

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / death & life / heart / knife

heart (stake through the heart, etc.)

put a stake through the heart of Row

there is a majority on the court willing to ~ (SCOTUS)

put a stake through the heart of these theories

you might think that would ~, but no (conspiracy theory)

put a stake through their hearts

we definitely ~ (Operation Anaconda, Shah-i-Kot)

drive the stake into Ron DeSantis

Nikki Haley is really trying to ~ (politics)

driving a wooden stake into the heart

he thought he was ~ of the civil-rights movement (Bull Connor in Birmingham, Alabama)

♦ "This will hopefully drive a final stake through the heart of these China Initiative cases..." (Attorney Peter Zeidenberg, after a federal judge threw out three of four convictions against his client. The DOJ program, begun in 2018, was ended in early 2022.)

♦ see also *Dracula* (noun), *vampire* (noun)

destruction: allusion / creature / death & life / heart

heart (miscellaneous)

makes my heart sing

this kind of football ~ (Sawa Homare and team)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart

heartache (noun)

heartaches and misery

all the ~ it causes (alcoholism)

deaths and resentments and heartaches

all the ~

sorrows and heartaches

all the ~ of this life

~ versus joy and fulfillment (religion)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation

heart and soul

hearts and souls

their ~ are in it (NASA scientists)

heart and soul of the dancing grannies

she was the ~ (Waukesha Christmas parade attack)

heart and soul of sports journalism

traditional print publications were once the ~

heart and soul of a newspaper

the journalists are the ~ (*Asheville Citizen-Times*)

heart and soul of our team

he was the ~ (mountaineering)

lost its heart and soul

racing has ~ (death of popular driver)

poured his heart and soul into the game

he ~ (Larry Bird / basketball)

bases / identity & nature: heart / religion

commitment & determination: heart / religion

heartbeat (in a heartbeat)

in a heartbeat

if he could undo his actions he would ~

change in a heartbeat

the weather can ~ (Kauai)

leave in a heartbeat

the US is unreliable, it could up and ~ (diplomacy)

speed: heart

heartbeat (noun)

heartbeat of the cave

the ~ (dripping water)

heart: functioning / sound

heartbreak (Heartbreak Hotel, etc.)

Heartbreak Hill

~, the steep half-mile at mile 20 (Boston Marathon)

Heartbreak Hotel

the Hanoi Hilton included ~ and New Guy Village

Heartbreak Ridge

the Battle of ~ (Korean War, 1951)

Misery, Agony, and Heartbreak

the three hills at Fort Knox, ~ (recruit training)

military: epithet

heartbreak (noun)

heartbreak of (constant medical) crises

the ~ and setbacks

died of heartbreak

I think he ~...

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart

heart: functioning / mechanism

heartbreaking (adjective)

heartbreaking cry for help

his suicide attempt was a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart

heart: functioning / mechanism

heartbroken (adjective)

heartbroken

he was ~

heartbroken city

Liverpool is a ~ (Hillsborough tragedy)

♦ Sean: Anyone who is 'heartbroken' or 'gutted' that England lost, really needs to have a good look in a mirror & have a word with themselves..... / Harry Stottle (to Sean): Especially if they are 'literally' heartbroken or gutted. (Smart repartee on a BBC HYS after Spain beat England in the final of the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart

heart: functioning / mechanism

heartfelt (adjective)

heartfelt commitment

a ~ to democratic values

heartfelt prayers

with ~, the families of the trapped miners waited...

heartfelt sorrow

we want to express our ~ (murder of young woman)

heartfelt views

her ~ got her in trouble with the authorities

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart / sensation

heartland (noun)

in the heartland

two American kids growing up ~ ("Jack and Diane")

heartland of China

Xi'an, in the antique ~, watered by the Yellow River

Amhara-speaking heartland

Gondar, in the ~ (Ethiopia)

Christian heartland

the ~ north of Beirut (Lebanon)

Yoruba heartland

Nigeria with its ~, Ibo strongholds and Hausa north

industrial heartland

in China's ~

spiritual heartland

the province is the Taliban's ~ (Helmand)

center & periphery: heart

identity & nature / place: heart

heartless

heartless so-and-so

he's a cool, ~ who...

empathy & lack of empathy: heart

hearts and minds

battle for hearts and minds

he is losing the ~ at Stamford Bridge (a soccer coach)

competition for hearts and minds

~ in Ukraine (China vs. the EU)

people's hearts and minds

politics is about persuasion, about winning ~ (Ted Cruz)

captured the hearts and minds

he has ~ of Americans (Olympic athlete)

win the hearts and minds

we can ~ of people (AID official)

wins hearts and minds

sometimes the edit ~ at the expense of the truth

♦ "Politics is story-telling, and politics hopefully is about persuasion, about winning people's hearts and minds." (Senator Ted Cruz.)

♦ "Techniques to encourage loyalty down the years haven't always been entirely compliant with the outlook of a modern human-resources department. The former labour cabinet minister Jack Straw recalled in his memoirs being grabbed by the 'the goolies' by his whip, a method that led to teary-eyed agreement within moments. More enlightened recent times mean such tales of robust or physical twisting of arms, or indeed anything else, are less frequent..." (Political correspondent Chris Mason, BBC Sounds, Six O'Clock News, "Senior Conservative alleges MPs 'intimidated' by Government whips," 20/01/2022. Clever writing!)

♦ "General McChrystal and every expert that talks about counterinsurgency...we pretty clearly understand now that the key to winning any fight like this is to control the population, not control them, but... I don't want to use 'win hearts and minds' but that's basically it, you know, to get the people on your side and let them understand that you're here for them." (A Marine captain in Marjah in 2010.)

♦ "Get them by their balls and their hearts and minds will follow." (A saying popular among combat soldiers during the Vietnam War who were cynical about US government campaigns to "win the hearts and minds" of the Vietnamese people.)

♦ "We'll take their hearts and we'll take their minds." (Outpost Restrepo, Korangal Valley, Afghanistan.)

♦ "You can't change hearts and minds through legislation." (Gay, trans rights, etc.)

♦ "Hollywood is winning in the battle with the West over hearts and eyes." (In Russia. The Russian film *The Witness* (unpopular) vs. *Barbie* (popular).)

♦ "Gratitude is not a relevant concept in international relations and never has been."

allegiance, support & betrayal: heart

heartsick

heartsick about it

we're ~ (brother of soldier facing tough tour in Iraq)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / heart

heart: health & medicine

heart-stopping

heart-stopping beauty

her ~ (a ballerina)

heart-stopping moment

it was a ~ (near-accident)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart

starting, going, continuing & ending: heart

heartthrob

heartthrob

the ~ Leonardo DiCaprio

vampiric heartthrob

Blyth, who is that ~ type that's very in vogue

♦ "Blyth, who is that vampiric heartthrob type that's very in vogue at the moment..." (A review of *The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*.)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation

heart-to-heart

heart-to-heart with her
it's been a while since I have had a ~ (dad / daughter)

heart-to-heart conversation
we had an open, ~ about sex

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart

heartwarming (adjective)

heartwarming
what's ~ about them is...

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / temperature

heart: temperature

heartwood

heartwood
the outer, lighter sap wood vs. central, darker ~
bark, sap wood and ~ (trees)

center & periphery: heart

heart-wrenching

heart-wrenching
it's ~ (comment on murder of family)

heart-wrenching picture
the ~s (Haiti earthquake)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation

heat (in the heat of passion, etc.)

in the heat of the moment
he said some things he wished he hadn't ~
I made my decision ~ (regret)

in the heat of passion
threats are often thrown out ~
manslaughter is the killing of another ~
~, man loses his better judgment

acted in the heat of passion
her lawyer contended that she ~

kills in the heat of passion
the defendant is held less responsible if he ~

committed in the heat of passion
prosecutors believe the crime was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

heat (pressure)

catching (so much) heat
we were ~ (cops on a stalled serial-rapist case)

feeling the heat
they are ~ (competition)

keep the heat on Venezuela
the administration is trying to ~

pressure: temperature

heat (turn up the heat, etc.)

turned up the heat
then he really ~ by starting a Web site accusing...

turning up the heat on BP
the president is ~

turning the heat up on its (long-time NATO) ally
the U.S. is ~

turned up the heat to scalding
President Trump ~ this week... (on immigration debate)

coercion & motivation: temperature

heat (criticism)

a lot of heat
Biden has gotten ~ recently about his record on race

take heat
he'll ~ for this

accusation & criticism: temperature

punishment & recrimination: temperature

heated (emotion)

heated argument
the ~s in their bar
I got into a ~ with him

heated (phone) conversation
engaged in a ~

heated debate
the ~ revealed deep political divisions (politics)

heated disagreements
there have been ~ over troop levels (war)

heated discussion
propelled scientists into a ~
a ~ about the study results

heated dispute
~s over strategy and tactics are inevitable (officer corps)

heated exchange
they got into a ~ (a protester and a local)

heated response
their story drew a ~

heated rhetoric
~ is unlikely to disappear from politics

heated (business) rivalry
in a ~, you must still consider ethics

heated falling out
a ~ between the mayor, police chief

heated and emotional
after years of ~ debate, the university banned...

get heated

when it comes to gun laws, things can sometimes ~

got heated

he went to confront her, and things ~

grow heated

arguments ~ (local government)

grew (more) heated

the detective ~ as he spoke

remains heated

the debate ~ (educational issue)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

heatedly

debated heatedly

Rwanda policy was ~ by US officials

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

heat up (verb)

heating up

competition is ~

heated up to a full boil

his messages to her ~ in 2014 (an online stalker)

heated up at NPR

let's talk about how things ~ after George Floyd's death

activity: temperature / verb

increase & decrease: temperature / verb

heaven (move heaven and earth)

move heaven and earth to make certain that...

I instructed my team to ~ (coronavirus response)

moved heaven and earth to provide

we have ~ security (Olympics)

difficulty, easiness & effort: religion

commitment & determination: religion

heaven (environment, food, etc.)

heaven

two weeks of sun, sand, and surf, it was ~

in the early 1970s, it was ~ (Iran)

heaven on a plate

it is ~ (Kethel's fried chicken / Hotel Rahmaniya)

girls' heaven

you'd think this is like a ~, but... (social media)

in heaven

Spielberg was ~ (filming *West Side Story* in New York)

I was ~, standing right in front of the stage...

with Pro-Tools, Garage Band, I was ~ (a songwriter)

♦ "After the turmoil [of W.W.II], it looked like heaven." (Military doctor who saw Andrews, western North Carolina, and on the spur of the moment decided to settle there. He spent the rest of his life living among and doctoring to the mountain people.)

♦ "I don't know what heaven looks like, but this seems like a version of it." (Jalen Rose, former "Fab Five" member and NBA player. From the official trailer for the 2024 Hulu documentary *Freaknik: The Wildest Party Never Told.*)

♦ "You'd think this is like girls' heaven, but actually, this is girls' hell." (Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt, about girls' use of social media. Haidt is the author of *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness.*)

♦ A FUNNY STORY. A father accidentally ran over the family cat while backing out of the garage. His little daughter cried and cried and was inconsolable. "Don't be sad," he said, and told her to get an empty shoebox from the house. He put the dead cat in the shoebox, and then he led her out into the yard, where he dug a hole. All the while, he explained to her how the cat had gone to cat heaven, and how happy the cat was there. In cat heaven, he explained, it rained cream, and the cats licked the cream off the leaves. Cat nip and cat treats grew on all the bushes. All the dogs were in zoos, and the cat mothers and fathers took their kittens to look at them. He went on and on in a soothing voice, and gradually his little daughter calmed down. She stopped crying, and even helped to fill in the little grave with clods of dirt from her little hands. When the funeral was over, she said, "Daddy? Can we kill another cat?"

environment / superlative: religion

flaws & lack of flaws: religion

heavy (tank-heavy, etc.)

CGI-heavy

studios produce an increasing number of ~ movies

fish-heavy

their ~ diet (bald eagles)

run-heavy

Alabama took a ~ approach (a football game)

top-heavy

a ~ senior officer corps (military)

amount: affix / weight

heavy (amount)

heavy blow

the offensive has dealt a ~ to Hamas (in Gaza)

heavy favorite

she is the ~ (Tokyo Olympics)

heavy fire

he has been taking ~ from his rivals (politics)

heavy (rocket and mortar) fire

A Company came under ~

heavy price

fame came with a ~

he was overconfident throughout and paid a ~ (soccer)

they will pay a ~ for these actions (politics)

heavy rains

~, hail, reports of funnel clouds

heavy security

~ didn't dampen the enthusiasm of fans (Olympics)

heavy toll

rebel resistance was taking a ~

the US raid, while brief, inflicted a ~

heavy (Internet) user

she had been a ~ (murdered)

run-heavy

Alabama took a ~ approach (a football game)

top-heavy

a ~ senior officer corps (military)

amount: weight

heavy (emotion)

heavy

things are getting a little ~, let's lighten things up

feeling, emotion & effect: weight

heavy (heavy heart, etc.)

heavy hearts

we left with ~ and broken spirits

feeling, emotion & effect: weight

heart: weight

heavy (serious)

heavy

I think it's pretty ~, man... (potential repercussions)

♦ If everything comes out he'll be lucky if he coaches in the NBA to be honest wit' chew. / Oh, you think it's that bad. / I think it's pretty heavy, man... Some stuff you can't do, you know what I mean, 'cause some stuff you *can* do, so... Not judging... (Sports talk about the latest sex scandal in the NBA.)

contempo-speak: language

heavy (substance)

heavy ideas

to get a young audience to engage with such ~...

importance & significance: weight

substance & lack of substance: weight

heavy (oppression)

heavy

the burdens of leadership are ~

heavy burden

he carries a ~ of responsibility (ruler)

the ~ of this mammoth job (Man U manager)

heavy charges

these are ~

heavy criticism

after facing years of ~ nationally and internationally...

heavy price

fame came with a ~

heavy responsibility

I feel a ~ for these police failures (official)

oppression: burden / weight

affliction: burden / weight

heavy-handed

heavy-handed

I think the punishment was ~

heavy-handed response

the ~ of the government has invited criticism (to protests)

heavy-handed and unnecessary

the decision was ~ (a sports kerfuffle)

oppression: hand / weight

heavy-hearted (adjective)

heavy-hearted

she seemed ~

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / weight

heart: weight

heavyweight (noun)

heavyweights of the industry

the meeting was attended by global ~ (mining)

EU heavyweights

Switzerland is next to ~ France and Germany

turn uncompetitive Americans into heavyweights

STEM was a magic word that would ~ (education)

♦ "One of the problems when you go down this rabbit hole is you meet up with all the long-ball hitters in the history of art. They're all in the batting cage waiting. Because it's the ultimate long-ball challenge, from Chaucer to Shakespeare to Philip Roth, that of the dying man." (The great filmmaker Paul Schrader, a Michigander.)

substance & lack of substance: boxing / weight

power: boxing / weight

hector (verb)

hectors her children not to divulge

she ~ personal information online

♦ From the Trojan hero, transformed to mean *braggart* or *bully*. As Wilfred Funk, Litt.D., says in his fine book, *Word Origins and Their Romantic Stories*, "it is unexplainable why this distinguished name should have contributed such an unpleasant word to our language."

♦ "[H]e is the prince of the city, on whose shoulders its defense depends ('Hector' means something like 'the one who holds things together'), the dutiful son of the aged king and queen, Priam and Hecuba, the responsible older brother to numerous siblings whom he must often whip into shape (not least the playboy Paris, whose adultery with another man's wife set the war in motion), and, above all, the husband of a beautiful young wife, Andromache, and the father of an enchanting child, Astyanax." ("JFK, Tragedy, Myth" by the wonderful classicist Daniel Mendelsohn.)

♦ Many historical personages—such as Hector, Machiavelli, Charles A. Lindbergh, and Joe McCarthy—have been mischaracterized in the language.

affliction / coercion & motivation: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey / verb

hedgehog (protection)

hedgehog concept

the ~ had succeed at the Battle of Na San

hedgehog defense

they cannot be reinforced, so they must mount a ~

Czech hedgehogs

~ symbolized “defense at all costs” in the Soviet Union
the beaches of Normandy were spiked with ~

♦ “The fox knows many tricks, the hedgehog, one good one.”
(Archilochus.)

♦ A hedgehog defense involves an isolated stronghold or strongpoint which can be surrounded yet still survive, in modern times, by aerial resupply. The strongpoints are capable of all-around (perimeter) defense. The Battle of Khe Sanh (1968) was such a defense. Hedgehogs or strongpoints can be bypassed but will slow an attacker down and expose the enemy’s rear to attack. Problems include the fact that strongpoints can simply be bypassed (as happened to the French at the start of World War II) or that the enemy can prevent aerial resupply, as happened to the 6th Army under Paulus at Stalingrad in 1943 and the French at Dien Bien Phu in 1954. In Vietnam, the hedgehog concept had worked at the Battle of Na San but proved to be a decisive catastrophe for the French at Dien Bien Phu in 1954. Many wondered if the Battle of Khe Sanh in 1968 would be a Dien Bien Phu for the US, but the U.S. Marines somehow managed to hang on.

protection & lack of protection: animal / military

heel (under the heel)

under the heel of (Saddam's brutal) regime
after decades ~ (Basra)

oppression: foot / heel

heel (on the heels)

on the heels of (another) security breach
the report came ~

on the heels of the (debt-ceiling) debate
his came ~

on the heels of discovery
mapmaking follows ~

came on the heels
the report ~ of another security breach

come on the heels
the protests ~ of the events elsewhere in the region

sequence: heel

heel (on one's heels)

on its heels
the government is ~ (losing against rebels)

put the defense on its heels
they ~ (football)

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / heel

heel (dig in one's heels)

digging in their heels
but four members of the board are ~ (culture wars)

dug in their heels
they have ~ and refuse to bend (negotiations)

resistance, opposition & defeat: foot / heel / verb
eagerness & reluctance: foot / heel / verb

heel (nip at somebody's heels)

nipping at his heels

24 rivals are ~ from every direction (politics)
he is leading the pack but ~ is Pete Buttigieg (election)

competition: animal / dog / predation / verb / wolf

heffalump (creature)

EU heffalump

the ~ has been taken behind the barn by the vet (Brexit)

♦ The Heffalump was a creature in A.A. Milne's *Winnie-the-Pooh* and *The House at Pooh Corner*. It occurs only in the imagination of Piglet and Pooh.

fantasy & reality: allusion / creature

heft (noun)

emotional heft

he depicted the struggles of black emotions with ~

record industry heft

she has used her ~ to secure royalties... (Taylor Swift)

substance & lack of substance: weight

hejira (and hejira)

hejira across the Himalayas to Tibet

he made that amazing ~ (the wonderful Heinrich Harrer)

hejira to the Schoharie

Weiser, prime mover in the ~ (Mohawk River valley)

pursuit, capture & escape: journeys & trips / religion

height (at the height)

at the height of his glory

the waters of the Nieman River reflected Napoleon ~

at the height of its popularity

he stopped drawing the strip ~ (a cartoonist)

at the height of his powers

On the Waterfront, 1954, he was 30, ~ (Marlon Brando)

**achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency,
decline & obsolescence: direction / ground, terrain & land /
height**

heighten (verb)

heightened fears

the report ~ of a second recession

heightens worries

the killing ~ over the fate of Afghan journalists

increase & decrease: direction / height / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: direction / height / verb

heights (to new heights, etc.)

heights of government

he never scaled the ~ (MP Sir David Amess)

heights of performance

it isn't likely to motivate employees to new ~

heights of stardom

she has ascended to the ~ (film actor)

new heights

it isn't likely to motivate employees to ~ of performance

ascended to the heights

she has ~ of stardom (film actor)

scaled the heights

he never ~ of government (MP Sir David Amess)

take their rivalry to new heights

they ~ (promotion for wrestling match)

taking flying to new heights

the new Boeing Dreamliner is ~

motivate employees to new heights

it isn't likely to ~ of performance

reclaim the heights

they have managed to ~ (tennis sisters)

achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / ground, terrain & land / height

heights (commanding heights, etc.)

commanding heights

the left controls the ~ of the culture (schools, media, etc.)

♦ "The problem is that the left controls the commanding heights of the culture: universities, news organizations, Hollywood, art museums, advertising, much of Silicon Valley, and the teachers' unions and teaching colleges that shape K-12 education." ("After Babel: How Social Media Dissolved The Mortar of Society And Made America Stupid" by Jonathan Haidt, *The Atlantic*, May, 2022.)

superiority & inferiority: ground, terrain & land / height / military

heir (noun)

heirs to a great (and ancient) civilization

the Egyptian people are ~

ideological heirs

Earth Liberation Front, ~ to Earth First!

political heirs

they are the ~ of the segregationist South

product and an heir

Napoleon was both a ~ to the French Revolution

transmission: family / history / money

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: family / history / money

heir apparent

heir apparent

Kamala Harris is the obvious ~ (to President Biden)

heir-apparent

he and his ~ are dead (Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi)

heir apparent to al Qaeda

he was the ~ (Hamza bin Laden)

heir apparent of the (white nationalist) movement

he was once the ~ (Derek Black)

Logan's heir apparent

the role of Kendall Roy, ~ (*Succession*)

no clear heir apparent

Nancy Pelosi has ~ (Democratic leader of the House)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

heirloom (noun)

heirloom grains

flour milled from ~ grown in Illinois (bagels)

♦ Much in U.S. society is and always has been and always will be commercial, promotional, and self-promotional. And our language reflects it: *big, super-, trendy, performative, curated, boutique*, "throw it all on the wall and see what sticks," *artisanal, craft, custom, heirloom, designer, bespoke, bedazzled* (or is it *bejazzled?*), *uber, meta, hyper, upcycled, -forward, -informed, -driven, -ized, reinvented, pop-up, verb-up, kinetic, fluid, deep, massive, generational, transactional, intersectional, insanely cool*, "try this genius hack to..." In warfare, bombs and missiles have gone from *dumb to smart to brilliant*. As Michael Goldhaber said, "The value of true modesty or humility is hard to sustain in the attention economy."

transmission: family / history / money

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: family / history / money

heist (noun)

heist

snatching a draw would have been a ~ (soccer)

taking & removing: crime

helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.)

helicopter mom

~, people called her (connection to adult daughter)

helicopter parent

she was accused of being a ~ (with 21-year-old daughter)

♦ "There are helicopter parents, and then there are tennis parents..."

character & personality / behavior / surveillance: plane

helicopter (verb)

tendency to helicopter

she had a ~ (with her adult daughter)

behavior / surveillance: plane / verb

hell (rhododendron hell, etc.)

slicks and (rhododendron) hells

laurel ~ (Appalachia)

resemblance: religion

hell (Green Hell, etc.)

Green Hell

travelers christened it the "~" (Mato Grosso)

"hell highway"

killed returning to the reservation on the ~ (Arizona)

Hell week

~, trying to survive, the pressure to quit (SEAL training)

highway to hell

see *highway* (*highway to hell*)

epithet: religion

hell (violence, etc.)

hell of war

in the ~, how does a chaplain hold on to faith

hell for pedophiles

prison can be a living ~

Hell's jaws

the killings began, as ~ opened... (ethnic cleansing)

scene from hell

he saw a number of bodies in a "~" (friendly fire)

escaped from a living hell

he ~ (POW)

♦ I know I'm going to heaven 'cause I've spent my time in hell. (A veteran.)

♦ War is hell. (General William Sherman.)

environment / situation: religion

hell (personal, traffic, etc.)

hell

I've been through ~

hell of the pandemic

after the ~, football heaven... (Euro 2020 final)

hell of a forced marriage

his bid to rescue his love from the ~ (Pakistani)

hell on earth

he transformed the job into a ~ (a bad supervisor)

hell on heels

she was ~ (a troubled young socialite)

living hell

working there was a ~

traffic hell

Manhattan to be ~ today (Biden, Obama, Clinton in town)

sheer hell

this autumn is going to be ~ for him

divorce from hell

Alec Baldwin is living through the ~

make their wife's life a living hell

men who ~ (dowry scam)

put you through hell

win, lose or draw, Holyfield will ~ (the great boxer)

scare the hell out of you

it will ~

♦ "You'd think this is like girls' heaven, but actually, this is girls' hell." (Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt, about girls' use of social media. Haidt is the author of *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness*.)

environment / situation: religion

survival, persistence & endurance: religion

hell (hell to pay, etc.)

hell to pay

later, they have ~ (people who cheat on their spouses)

hell is going to break loose

all ~ tomorrow (civil strife)

judgment / punishment & recrimination: money / religion

hell (hell hath no fury)

hell hath no fury

~ like a weak man ignored (slut-shaming by ex-husbands)

~ like an IT guy scorned (disgruntled employee)

~ like a screenwriter's scorn (*Tales From the Script*)

~ like a woman fed up with a man's idiocy

~ like a Minnesotan scorned (Red Lake County)

~ like a recording artist scorned (self-releases for free)

feeling, emotion & effect / judgment / punishment & recrimination: religion

hell (Hell's Gate, etc.)

Hell's Gate

~, the second big rapid (kayaking)

the Nahanni bends through a constriction called the ~
the explorers named the crack ~ (Kenya national park)

Hell's Gates

the sandbar at the mouth of ~ was silting up

Hell's Backbone

she drove down a road called ~ (southern Utah)

Hell's Kitchen

~, known for the Irish, actors, firefighters... (Manhattan)

CTR's ~ lithium and power project (Salton Sea, CA)

Hell Night

~ at the Citadel (Military School)

proper name: religion

hell (raise hell)

raising hell

she was ~ there, too (TV star fights with cast mates)

behavior: religion / verb

hell (go to hell)

go to hell

the politicians should all ~

insult: religion

hell (judgment)

going to hell for this one
somebody's ~ (responsibility for building collapse)

judgment religion

hellbent

hellbent on destroying
we are ~ the environment (Wajahat Malik, Indus River)

hellbent on rushing
he is ~ the trial through (impeachment)

hell-bent on taking down
some saw him as a sanctimonious partisan ~ the Clintons

commitment & determination: religion

hellfire (Hellfire missile, etc.)

Hellfire missile
a ~ fired from a Reaper drone killed...

Hellfire (air-to-ground) missile
a ~ launched from the Predator

proper name: fire / religion

military: proper name

hellhole

hell-hole
the state prison is a ~

world's hellholes
humanitarian personnel in the ~

godforsaken hellhole
a ~

environment: hole / religion

hellish (adjective)

hellish days
those ~ of stock car racing's infancy

hellish dust devils
they had to contend with heat and ~

hellish situation
they found themselves caught in a ~ (mass shooting)

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

comparison & contrast: affix

hell-raiser (person)

hell-raiser
he admits he was a ~ as a young man

Hellraiser Ball
violence erupted at the motorcycle and tattoo expo, the ~

Hellraisers Ball
the melee at the ~ resulted in one death

from hell-raiser to born-again Christian

his conversion ~

behavior: person / religion

person: religion

hell-raising

hell-raising drinkers
~ and womanizers

behavior: religion

helm (at the helm)

at the helm
they have won with him ~ (a coach)
we need a tough person ~ (Turkey)
the church needed someone else ~ to stop the rot (a Pope)
the sport grew with Carpenter ~ (snowboarding)

at the helm of the (world's most valuable) company
Tim Cook's first decade ~ was a success (Apple)

at helm of radical group
controversial CUNY Law grad now ~ gets cuffed (protest)

at the helm of an organization
she is leaving after a 2-year tenure ~ beset by controversy

♦ "Controversial CUNY Law grad now at helm of radical group gets cuffed..." (Nerdeen Kiswani.)

control & lack of control: boat / direction

helm (verb)

helm an MCU film
she is the youngest ever to ~ (director)

control & lack of control: boat / direction / verb

helm (take the helm)

take the helm
it's time for a new generation of leaders to ~ (aging pols)

took the helm
he ~ of the war this week

took the helm from Steve Jobs
when Tim Cook ~ (Apple)

control & lack of control: boat / direction

helmet (pith helmet)

pith helmet
there is a bit of the ~ in Wrong herself (a historian)

history: sign, signal, symbol

character & personality: hat / history / sign, signal, / symbol

helmsman (the Great Helmsman, etc.)

Great Helmsman
Mao was known as the ~

great helmsman
he was our ~ (David Ben-Gurion)

control & lack of control: boat / epithet

epithet: boat

help (keep from, avoid)

couldn't help myself

I ate the whole thing, I ~

restraint & lack of restraint: verb

helping (amount)

helping of praise

there are two reasons to give the show another ~ (TV)

heavy helping

there is a ~ of the usual buzzwords (Cornell University)

served up another helping

she ~ of her trademark word salad (U.S. Vice President)

amount: food & drink

hemorrhage (verb)

hemorrhaging hosts

NPR is ~ from marginalized backgrounds

hemorrhaged (star) journalists

in the last two years, *The New York Times* has ~

hemorrhaging money

they were losing money, they were ~

Royal Bank of Scotland was ~ (2008)

leaking: blood / health & medicine / verb

condition & status: blood / health & medicine / verb

hemorrhage (noun)

hemorrhage of personnel

the Pentagon is trying to stop the ~ (soldiers)

♦ "President Obama is sending an additional 17,000 American troops to Afghanistan, as part of his effort to try to put a tourniquet on the hemorrhaging war effort there."

♦ "Another spectacularly bad idea, and another cut to the already bleeding-out cinema experience." (A Brad Bird tweet about Netflix's new variable playback feature.)

leaking: blood / health & medicine

condition & status: blood / health & medicine

herald (verb)

heralded the end

the uprising ~ of the regime

herald a new era

Republicans hope to ~ of limited government

attention, scrutiny & promotion: royalty / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: royalty / verb

herald (noun)

heralds of winter

snowflakes are ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: royalty

attention, scrutiny & promotion: royalty / verb

herculean (adjective)

herculean effort

we are involved in a ~

the ~ behind the 1969 moon landing

just getting condo owners to vote can be a ~

"Herculean effort"

the UK had made a ~ to deliver PPE (pandemic)

herculean task

squeezing the evidence into a 90-page document was a ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion

comparison & contrast: affix

herd (verb)

herded five victims into one cooler

they ~ and killed them (Brown's Chicken & Pasta)

herded them into (army) buses

soldiers ~ (Palestinian suspects)

directing: animal / cows & cattle / verb

control & lack of control: animal / cows & cattle / verb

herd (ride herd)

ride herd on them

we need to ~

directing: animal / verb

control & lack of control: animal / verb

coercion & motivation: animal / verb

herd (herd immunity, etc.)

herd immunity

high vaccination rates can ensure ~

group, set & collection: animal

herd (herd mentality, etc.)

herd animals

people are ~ (they take cues from others)

a core idea behind our research is that people are ~

herd belief

this ridiculous ~...

herd madness

it's a story of greed, deceit and ~ (OneCoin)

herd mentality

~ leads to panic buying (COVID-19 panic)

it is a clear example of ~ (panic buying of toilet paper)

human herd

one must follow one's conscience and not the ~

liberal herd

thinning the ~, one head at a time (a drug overdose death)

one of the herd

but the difference was that I'm not ~ (John Geddes)

culling the herd

~ (commenter about "swooping landing" parachute fatality)

thinning the (liberal) herd

~, one head at a time (snark about drug overdose death)

follow the herd

traders who just ~ and join the party late will lose money

♦ "It's like in the wildlife documentaries, where a herd of water buffalo will bunch up at the edge of a river they are collectively considering crossing. They'll wait for a few brave ones to jump in and make it across before doing so themselves." (Will Felps, a management professor at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. From "Turnover contagion: The domino effect of one resignation" by Christine Ro, BBC, 16 September 2021.)

♦ "Moore, 68, told *The Guardian* that his purpose, in effect, is to puncture herd-thinking." (Michael Moore, the documentary filmmaker. A Michigander.)

♦ "Then one evening in mid-November, the herd decided Twitter was about to collapse..." (*The Economist*, December 3rd, 2022.)

♦ "Mary Harrington is a contributing editor at UnHerd."

behavior / society / uniformity & consensus: animal

herded

herded into a bus

he was handcuffed to other prisoners and ~

coercion & motivation / directing: animal

here (out here)

out here

you got so many kids ~ acting crazy (gangs)

~, people will smile to your face and stab you in the back

♦ "I may not win, but I can't be thrown / Out here on my own." (Irene Cara, "Out Here On My Own," from the film *Fame*.)

environment: ground, terrain & land

here (situation)

here

if they hadn't let it escalate, we wouldn't be ~

and ~ we are (said in a bitter tone / situation)

development / situation: place

here (we have been here before)

been here before

when we look at the past, we see we've ~ (pandemic)

every oil-addicted town has ~ (bust after boom)

past & present / time: place

time: journeys & trips / place

here (go from here, etc.)

from here on out

what should we do now ~

go from here

where things ~ is quite honestly up in the air

but where does he ~ (boxer after unexpected loss)

where do we ~ (troubled relationship)

where does the program ~ (sports)

development: movement / place

past & present / time: movement / place

here (the present)

here

the future is ~ now (wildfires caused by global warming)

the moment you have been waiting for is ~

how did we get ~ (=how did that happen)

already here

tomorrow is ~

here and now

does it apply to the ~, or is it aspirational (diplomacy)

got here

gas hits \$5 a gallon, here's how it ~ and what's ahead

♦ "It seemed like science fiction just 20 years ago. Well, we are there. We're looking at it right now." (Mike Pondsmith.)

♦ "The fire impressed upon me that the future had crashed right through into our present. Climate change and its consequences were truly here now in the most shocking and vivid and graphic and painful way." (Jack Eagan, Australian, about the bushfires of 2019-2020, called Australia's "black summer.")

♦ The fuzzy boundary between time and place (or space) is encapsulated in the irreversible binomial, "the here and now."

past & present / time: place

here (here to stay / groups)

here to stay

his brand of populist conservatism is ~

we are ~ (Latino / Hispanic community / elections)

♦ "We're not going anywhere; we're here to stay; we're in your face; we're present and not absent; you will not erase us..." (Various groups.)

♦ "We're here, we're queer, we won't disappear." (A chant at a demonstration.)

♦ "We're here, we're queer, we're coming for your children." (A chant by LGBTQ activists during New York City's annual Drag March in Tompkins Square. From "Drag marchers spark outrage with 'we're coming for your children' chant at NYC Pride event" by Patrick Reilly, *The New York Post*, June 24, 2023.)

♦ "Stand with us or against us, because we ain't going nowhere." (Protester at a public city-council meeting.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

here (here to stay, etc.)

here to stay

Covid is, without a doubt, ~ (will become endemic)

so social networking, I think, is ~ (2009)

survival, persistence & endurance: movement / place

presence & absence: movement / place

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning; movement / place

hereafter (from now onwards)

hereafter and forever

for ~...

time: place / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

future: place / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

heresy (noun)

heresies against Tea Party orthodoxy
I'd committed various ~ (a Republican politician)

risk of heresy
at the ~, I'd suggest that...

bordered on heresy
even asking the question ~ a year ago (COVID)

committing heresy
a law professor who lectures is ~ (vs. Socratic method)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

heretic (person)

heretic on the left
Orwell exposed the lie and that made him a ~

heretic at *The New York Times*
I was a ~ (Adam Rubenstein)

attacks of the heretics
he defended Establishment wisdom against the ~

thought of him as a heretic
they ~, they wouldn't use that word...

treats him as a heretic
the party now ~ (politics)

♦ "I Was a Heretic at *The New York Times*" by Adam Rubenstein, *The Atlantic*, February 26, 2024.

person: religion

acceptance & rejection: person / religion

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person / religion

heretical (adjective)

heretical
at the time, the idea was ~ we were afraid to consider it

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

hermit (person)

hermit
is chronic bad breath turning you into a ~

modern-day hermits
in Japan half a million people live as ~ (*hikikomori*)

turning you into a hermit
is chronic bad breath ~

♦ Greta Garbo was once described as a "hermit about town."

♦ "The columnist Earl Wilson dubbed Al Pacino "the male Greta Garbo."

♦ HERMIT, n. A person whose vices and follies are not sociable. (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ "A *hermit* should really live in the desert, for the word *hermit* is from the Greek *eremites*, which means 'man of the desert.'" (*Word Origins And Their Romantic Stories* by Wilfred Funk, Litt.D.)

isolation & remoteness / society: person

social interaction: person

avoidance & separation: person

person: acceptance & rejection / society

hermit (the Hermit Kingdom, etc.)

hermit kingdom
Bhutan, once known as the ~ of the Himalayas

♦ Korea is often referred to as the Hermit Kingdom. But it has also been referred to as The Land of the Morning Calm.

isolation & remoteness: epithet

hero (character)

hero to Kyrie Irving's villain
Jayson Tatum is ~ (NBA playoffs)

heroes or villains
in times of crisis, New Yorkers appoint ~

hero becomes a villain
and the ~ (Sam Bankman-Fried)

♦ "What a final, what a game. This has been an incredible watch. Now to see who will become a World Cup final hero and who will be the villain." (A commentator, before penalties to determine the winner of the World Cup in Qatar in 2022.)

♦ "Imagine setting out to write a book on a singular figure and before you're done writing the hero of the story becomes a villain to many. That's what has happened to two of the most prominent chroniclers of American life, Michael Lewis and Walter Isaacson." ("As Walter Isaacson and Michael Lewis wrote, their book's heroes became villains," David Folkenflik, NPR, Morning Edition, October 18, 2023. Isaacson's book was *Elon Musk* (an authorized biography) and Lewis' book was *Going Infinite: The Rise and Fall of a New Tycoon*, about Sam Bankman-Fried.)

♦ "Everybody can't be the hero, you need a good villain once in a while, and I'll be the villain..." (Jarrell "Big Baby" Miller talking with Steve Bunce prior to the Day of Reckoning fight card in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. "Big Baby" is Brooklyn born and raised!

♦ In the U.S., history, war, politics, love, religion and everything else is grist for the entertainment mill.

character & personality: film & TV / person / theater

hero (person, child, queer, dog, rat, etc.)

hero
she's tired of people calling health care workers ~s (doc)

hero dogs
~ return to South Jersey from Uvalde (Crisis Canines)

hero rat
Magawa the ~ retires from job detecting landmines (BBC)

hero twin sister
she doesn't like the "~" label (saved sister from crocodile)

hero worship
see *worship* (verb)

American hero
they called her an ~ (Facebook whistleblower)

my (guitar) hero
he was ~ (he inspired me to play guitar)

civil rights heroes
everyday people were ~, too (NPR)

pandemic hero
he went from a ~ to a political pariah (Andrew Cuomo)

Poll Hero

~ Project aims to recruit younger poll workers

queer heroes

~ who paved the way...

unsung hero

the ~ for me was... (a championship soccer game)

he is a bit of an ~ (the remarkable Martyn Stewart)

the ~s (five maintenance workers at pre-K-12 school)

Unsung Hero

time now for My ~, a series from Hidden Brain (NPR)

greatest heroes

you are truly some of the ~ this nation has seen (nurses)

national hero

Jose Bove became a ~ (tore down a McDonald's)

Joe Wicks became a ~ as he livestreamed PE lessons

superhero

see *superhero (contempo-speak)*

fierce and heartwarming hero

she is a ~ (Afghan woman gets top score on test)

cast as a hero

a guard ~ was recast as a villain (Richard Jewell)

considered heroes

at one time we were ~ (worked jobs during pandemic)

hailed as a hero

she is being ~ (recorded police trying to make arrest)

hailed as heroes

once ~, health care workers now face a rash of violence

went from heroes to zeros

we ~ (medical workers / pandemic starts to recede)

*** LGBTQ+

♦ "Essays by contemporary queer figures pay homage to queer heroes who paved the way." (A blurb for *The Queer Bible*.)

♦ "We have our icons, elders, we have our heroes." (A drag queen.)

♦ "The value of true modesty or humility is hard to sustain in the attention economy." (Michael Goldhaber.)

*** minorities

♦ "What I bring as a Black female to my craft and in being a director... [is] recognizing how important it is that everybody deserves to be seen as a hero." (Gina Prince-Bythewood, director of *The Old Guard*, speaking to Terry Gross on Fresh Air.)

*** ordinary people

♦ "Take Tracy in Massachusetts. She's a nurse who's been treating veterans with COVID-19. Every day she's had to put on a hazmat suit and go to work for 12 hours, days on end. If it wasn't for folks like Tracy, our own families wouldn't have a chance to be reunited. If you want to find a hero in America, they're all around us, and Tracy's one of them." (Joe Biden, July 2020.)

♦ "Heroes wear glasses." (The character of Mirabel in Disney's film *Encanto*.)

♦ "Look inside you and be strong / and you'll finally feel the truth / that a hero lies in you." Mariah Carey—Hero (Official HD Video)

♦ "The crowd was right. That crowd was full of heroes." (Prosecutor Thomas Binger, during the Kyle Rittenhouse trial. The jury disagreed with Binger, and found Kyle not guilty of all charges.)

♦ "The heroes saving Ireland's seals." (A BBC article about an "inspiring" seal sanctuary.)

♦ "She focusses on wildlife 'heroes.'" (The TV series *Wildlife Warriors*.)

♦ "Over the first four months of the Covid pandemic in 2020 Joe Wicks became a national hero as he livestreamed PE lessons every morning to hundreds of thousands of Brits." ("Joe Wicks: 'I realized my childhood wasn't normal'" by Thea de Gallier, BBC, May 14, 2021. The intersection of the pandemic, mental health, "online reporters," clickbait, and the BBC.)

♦ "Opinion: In Paris, heroes carry espresso," by Scott Simon, NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, July 9, 2022.

♦ "Opinion: Some heroes drive city buses," by Scott Simon, NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, March 9, 2024. "Not all heroes wear capes.")

♦ "I do not consider myself a hero...what have we come to if turning down a bribe is 'heroic'?" (Senator Larry Pressler, who was referred to by Waler Cronkite on National TV as a "hero" because he turned down a bribe in the Abscam scandal.)

*** point of view

♦ Some Australians regard Ned Kelly as a national hero. Others view him as a murderous villain and cop killer.

♦ "One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter." (PLO Chairman Arafat in a 1974 speech before the United Nations.)

♦ NPR: Ma Heng, the central figure in this odyssey, is portrayed in your book as a hero... / Adam Brookes, author of *Fragile Cargo*: I'm not sure I think of him as a hero...

♦ "Should The Late George Floyd Be A Black American Hero?" by B. Robinson, *The Tennessee Tribune*, July 23, 2021.

*** sports

♦ "I know America loves its bad guys. But I'm a great guy. I just won a Super Bowl. I'm an American hero." (The NFL player Antonio Brown, on being cut from his team after abandoning it.)

♦ "How about that 'They are still Heroes' headline. They weren't heroes before the game, and certainly were less so after. All this jingoistic hyperbole is an irritation. They did well in the tournament. Got the Silver. They didn't storm the beaches. They didn't rescue anyone. They didn't put their lives at risk. They did get outplayed by better team. They had a great tournament, but heroic? Nah." (An online commenter about England's loss to Spain in the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup. To which "Johnny Thunder" replied, "Language is contextual. You are just another misplaced internet pedant." With-er-ing! The following—unrelated—comment about England's loss to Spain was "Aha ha ha, Aha ha ha, Aha ha ha, Aha ha ha, Aha ha ha, Aha ha ha, Aha ha ha, Aha ha ha, Aha ha ha." To which a commenter responded, "Open a window there has been a leak of nitrous oxide in your building." Another commenter wrote, "They are heroes— what, for losing?")

♦ "I stopped watching, reading and listening to the media hype when I heard the players being called 'heroes' after the Germany game. Get a grip BBC." (Grommy on the BBC HYS on the eve of England vs. Ukraine, Euro 2020.)

♦ "If he's your hero, sort your life out." (A snarky online comment about Mike Tyson on a BBC HYS. Commenters were posting their thoughts on the announcement of a fight between "Iron" Mike Tyson and the YouTuber Jake Paul.)

*** academia

♦ "We actually call that heroization, right..." (An academic expert about heroes.)

*** military

♦ "I don't do it for the glory / I just do it anyway." Toby Keith—American Soldier (Radio Edit)

♦ The official name of the Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital in Asheville, western North Carolina, is the Charles George VA Medical Center. As a young man, Charles George walked from the Cherokee Indian reservation to Whittier to sign up for the Korean War. He died thousands of miles away from the Oconaluftee River. See his Wikipedia entry.

♦ "Rank and organization: (X). Place and date: (X). Entered service at: (X) Citation: (X)...Suddenly, an enemy grenade landed in the midst of the (branch of the armed forces) and rolled alongside Private First Class (X's) head. Unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his personal safety, he reached out, grasped the grenade, pulled it to his chest and curled around it as it went off..." (The Medal of Honor.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

heroic (groups)

heroic efforts

his ~ saved the night (a Black *understudy* goes onstage)

heroic (TSA) officer

~ saves baby from choking (Cecilia Morales)

heroic rat

a ~ has been working in Cambodia (de-mining)

heroic survivor

a ~ of brutal abuse (Amber Heard vs. Johnny Depp)

heroic tasks

Moms perform ~ every day

extraordinarily heroic

most of them do ~ jobs (Arthur Labinjo-Hughes failure)

♦ "We are proud of the heroic and swift actions of our staff to ensure that our residents were protected and kept safe." (A senior living facility. A resident shot and killed two employees he had had a conflict with, then lay down on the floor and waited for the police to arrest him.)

♦ "By far and away I think Charlie is the most heroic man I have ever played. His superpower is to see the good in others and bring that out of them." (Brendon Fraser about his role in the film *The Whale*, in which he plays Charlie, a 600-pound-man who rarely leaves his couch. The article goes on to read, "Hunter, who also wrote the screenplay, said his play is personal. He started it 12 years ago when he was teaching a mandatory expository writing course at Rutgers University that no one wanted to take and everyone resented. He also pulled from his own background, setting the play in his hometown of Moscow, Idaho, and weaving in his history of being depressed, self-medicating with food and going to a fundamentalist religious high school as a gay teenager." (From "Brendon Fraser celebrated for a comeback role in 'The Whale'" by Lindsey Bahr, AP Film writer, Sept 4, 2022.)

♦ "It is a great honor to witness firsthand the heroic efforts of our mission control team overcoming enormous challenges to recover and operate the spacecraft. I look forward to sharing these, and more remarkable stories, after the mission concludes..." (Astrobotic CEO John Thornton, about a *failed* [italics mine] mission to the moon.)

♦ "We told you that this would be a performance, the role of her lifetime as a heroic survivor of brutal abuse." (Camille Vasquez, in her closing arguments in the Amber Heard-Johnny Depp trial. She defended Depp, she was being sarcastic when she said "heroic survivor," and, of course, she and Depp prevailed.)

♦ "Presidents Day Sale / Heroic Deals on Top Tech." (An advertisement for Dell Technologies.)

♦ The official name of the Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital in Asheville, western North Carolina, is the Charles George VA Medical Center. As a young man, Charles George left the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indian Nation reservation and walked to Whittier, North Carolina, where he signed up for the Korean War. He died in Korea, thousands of miles away from the Oconaluftee River. See his Wikipedia entry.

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

heroism (groups)

ordinary heroism

her view of painful injustice and ~ (*Women Is Losers*)

stories of heroism

there are great ~ (Adam Schiff hawking his book)

dress up incompetence as heroism

it is less disturbing to ~ (Scott and the South Pole)

♦ "Look, I never expect a foreign leader I'm dealing with, or a colleague senator, to voluntarily appear in the second edition of *Profiles in Courage*. So you got to think of what is in their *interest*." (Joe Biden speaking to Evan Osnos.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

heroization (noun)

heroization of Russian mercenaries

pop culture and the ~

call that *heroization*

we call that ~, right...

♦ An academic expert on a show about heroes said, "We actually call that *heroization*, right..."

♦ There is no Wikipedia entry. This has a Wiktionary entry: "the act, or result, of heroizing someone." While Merriam-Webster recognizes "heroize" as a very old word, it doesn't recognize "heroization."

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

heroize (verb)

heroize surgeons

he is skeptical of our tendency to ~ (Jay Wellons)

♦ "She's tired of people calling health care workers heroes." (A doctor.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation / verb

hew (hew to the line, etc.)

hew to her beliefs

a young person trying to ~ and save the world

hew to your intention

you try to make language ~

hews to his (conservative) roots

he ~ (a judge)

hew to the rules

she helped schools ~ (Title IX)

hews (close) to tradition

the band ~ (bluegrass)

hew closely

he promises to ~ to the course set by Raul Castro

hews too closely

the author ~ to events

unanimity & consensus: line / tree / verb

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: line / tree / verb

heyday (noun)

heyday of Brazilian rock

the 1970's was probably the ~

heyday of hotels

life after the Catskills' ~

Kameny's heyday

in ~, and my youth... (gay history)

Shanghai's heyday

the colonial architecture that dates back to ~

'70's heyday

his ~ (a singer)

since the heyday of LaFace Records

the strongest R&B vibes to emerge ~ (Atlanta)

achievement, recognition & praise: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

hibernation (in hibernation)

in hibernation

the industry has been ~ for 20 years (the nuclear industry)

in the winter hibernation

his leadership appeared ~ at Cape Evans (in Antarctica)

activity: animal / death & life / sleep

hibernation (other)

hibernation environments

hospitable ~ for apples (controlled atmosphere storage)

awoken from hibernation

the comet lander, Philae, has ~

emerged from his hibernation

Betts ~ to hit a home run (baseball)

put in hibernation

the spacecraft was ~ for 31 months (Rosetta)

reopen the US economy from its hibernation

how and when to ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

♦ "The Zhurong rover has yet to wake up since going into hibernation for the Martian winter nearly a year ago."

activity: animal / death & life / sleep

hiccup (noun)

hiccup

the datacenter is having some ~s (down Websites)

we've had some ~s along the way

hiccups in this matter

there's been a lot of ~ which has taken a lot of time (trial)

hiccups with supply

limited time to sort out ~ (COVID vaccine)

minimal hiccups

we followed a detailed plan with ~ (big-wall climbing)

sort out hiccups

limited time to ~ with supply (COVID vaccine)

♦ "There are always land mines and hiccups that come along." (Doctor Anthony Fauci on vaccine production during the 2019-2020 pandemic.)

flaws & lack of flaws: bodily reaction

failure, accident & impairment: bodily reaction

hidden

hidden conversations

"America's '~' about race (Michele Norris on NPR)

hidden costs

the ~ of gambling (divorce, etc.)

hidden enemy

landmines, the ~

hidden epidemic

sex trafficking is a ~ (US)

hidden gems

the road reveals many ~ (N7 in France)

hidden logic

the ~ behind military training

Hidden Toll

"The Orphans of COVID, America's ~"

kept the story hidden

she ~ for 20 years, never sharing it with anyone

concealment & lack of concealment: eye

hide (hide behind something)

hide behind anonymity

it's easy to be forthright when you ~

hides behind a facade

he ~ of jokes

hides behind the nom de plume

the woman who ~ of...

hides behind a (tough-guy) posture

he ~

hides behind a locked door

the bureaucrat or politician who ~

hides behind a friendly face

fraud often ~

hides behind a fictitious name

he ~

hides behind innocuous phrase

she ~ (an administrator)

concealment & lack of concealment: direction / verb

hide-and-seek

game of hide and seek

a very serious ~ (with Palestinian terrorist)

pursuit, capture & escape: sports & games

hidebound (adjective)

hidebound bureaucracy

a ~

constraint & lack of constraint: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

high (noble)

high art

I walked past ~ and low art (New York City)

highbrow

see *highbrow* (and *lowbrow*, *middlebrow*)

high character

he is a solid American, a man of ~

high-character
it's a team that prides itself on hiring ~ people (NBA)

high-class
I'm a redneck woman, I'm not a ~ broad (hell yeah)

high expectations
it was a cocoon of ~ and harsh discipline (a black school)
~ coupled with love is a gift (child-rearing)

high ground
see *ground (moral high ground, etc.)*

higher (moral) imperative
a ~ than objectivity is the alleviation of suffering

high purpose
a great speech is made for a ~ (inspire, ennoble, rally...)

high regard
he is held in ~

highest traditions
Sfc. Ashley's bravery was in the ~ of... (died in battle)

♦ "I walked past high art and low art, past the theaters where famous people played to packed houses, past theaters where anonymous people played with themselves." ("In the Temple," a chapter from *All Over but the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg.)

admiration & contempt: direction / height

high (from on high)

directive from on high
there's a clear ~ to investigate thoroughly (government)

edict from on high
an ~ banned any mention of sex (Woman's Weekly)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: direction

high (on a high)

on a high
he's ~ right now and will use it for motivation (victor)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

high (emotion)

high
emotions are ~, everybody has strong emotions about it

highs and lows
so you suffer fewer energy ~ (diet)
her eyes gleamed as she recalled the ~ (of her life)
it's a game of ~ (baseball)

emotional high
it was an incredible ~

incredible (emotional) high
it was an ~

get our hopes (too) high
we should not ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

high (enthusiasm)

real high
it's a ~, you just get hooked (genealogy)

enthusiasm: addiction

high and low

searching high and low
they are ~ for him (a cop killer)

extent & scope: ground, terrain & land / height

highbrow (and lowbrow, middlebrow)

highbrow arts
never has apparel been so focused on ~attire (litcore)

highbrow conversations
the *Daily Mirror* was filled with ~ about art and politics

highbrow critics
it confounds the expectations of ~

highbrow pedestal
we're watching a genre step off its ~ (documentaries)

highbrow thinkers
contestants identify ~ by their fictional lowbrow digs

middlebrow readers
Howells was acceptable to ~ and attuned to the avant-garde

among the highbrows
the argument didn't stay in the academies ~ (a dispute)

attitude toward the highbrow
contributors take an irreverent ~ (a podcast)

low-brow and exploitative
critics dismissed the show as ~ (Jerry Springer)

archaic and 'highbrow'
in the US Shakespeare has the reputation of being ~

♦ "JUNK SHAKESPEARE. A family-friendly version of the hit show "DRUNK "Shakespeare"! This Off-Broadway comedy combines a classic Shakespeare play with extreme food challenges—trying to discover the original intent of William Shakespeare. We don't know what he was eating...maybe it was Doritos?"

♦ "He's not a dignified old greybeard, like you know he's not Sir Laurence Olivier or Liam Neeson, he'd be like you know this 21-year-old surfer dude from California with like sick abs." (The 48-year-old George O'Connor thinking about the Greek God Zeus. From "Graphic novelist O'Connor turns ancient gods and goddesses into modern superheroes," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, April 16, 2022.)

♦ "What if these beloved comic book characters fucked? And also solved murders? And had super powers? ("Riverdale' Will Finally Come to an End After Seven Absolutely Unhinged Seasons" by Jordan Julian, *Daily Beast*, May 19, 2022. Jordan (female) seems to be a freelance entertainment writer. She also seems to do a lot of paid content articles.)

♦ "The language a writer uses to create a world is that world, and Franzen's strenuously contemporary and therefore juvenile language is a world in which nothing important can happen. Madame Bovary's marriage sucked, Heathcliff was into Catherine: these words fail the context not just because they are of our own time. There is no import in things that 'suck,' no drama in someone's being 'into' someone else. A writer like Franzen, who describes two lovers as 'fucking,' trivializes their relationship. The result is boredom." ("Smaller Than Life," by B. R. Myers, *The Atlantic*, October, 2010.)

♦ "It stars Emma Stone, Willem Dafoe and Mark Ruffalo, and it has a story that critic Bob Mondello says is what you might expect if Mary Shelley had written *Frankenstein* as a sex comedy." (The 2023 film *Poor Things*.)

♦ "It's a little bit like, say, *Spitting Image* has done in the past doing "fur" the present moment... On the eve of Good Friday, a man on the run from life finds himself in a deep dark wood, and he spends Easter weekend on a rollercoaster...Let's have a quick listen to Canto 26 here." ("Dante's *Divine Comedy* mined for 21st-century meaning," BBC, 11 Jan 2021, with BBC Europe Editor Katya Adler.)

♦ "The short-list for this year's Turner prize doesn't feature any individual artists for the first time. Instead, the contenders are all collectives, which created artwork ranging from a 24-hour fundraising rave to the use of food to help understand the workings of the world... There's a strong political thread. The raves... are part of what is described as queer, trans and intersex black and people of color radical activism." (BBC Six O'clock News, 07/05/2021. J.M.W. Turner was born 1775 and died 1851. Many people know him for his painting, "The Fighting *Temeraire*.")

♦ "[F]or me this is just two lads kissing, fully clothed, what could be more normal than that? If you don't like the picture, you're not going to like the book." (Douglas Stuart about the cover of his second novel *Young Mungo*. From "Douglas Stuart: Booker Prize-winning author 'feels like an impostor,'" by Rebecca Jones, April 14, 2022.)

♦ "Alex Humphreys asks if video games should be appreciated as a form of art." (BBC.)

♦ "Is the nude selfie a new art form?" (BBC Culture.)

♦ "A slightly more down-market version of the *Folies Bergere* (Las Vegas.)

♦ "There is an almost kind of fetishization of street art these days." (Banksy, etc.)

♦ "Plywood From Boarded-Up Shops Turned Into Art Commemorating Floyd Killing" by Leila Fadel, NPR Culture, March 18, 2021.

♦ "Killer Mike calls for protection of Black art amid Young Thug and Gunna indictment."

♦ "Beyonce's 'Renaissance' is a thotty, naughty and ethereal work of art."

♦ "The assemblage provokes a meta-consideration: what truly separates the stripper from the actor, the club from the theater?" ("Down South: P-Valley" by Doreen St. Felix, *The New Yorker*, August 8, 2022. The theater, after all, is the world's second oldest profession.)

♦ "We do not believe there is a difference between arts coverage and hard news and understand that art is inherently political." (The value statement of the *Baltimore Beat* newspaper, a free newspaper. Its metal receptacles provide a space not only for newspapers but also for people to donate to the community, for example, food, clothing, books, Narcan, etc.)

♦ "This is the 70th birthday of one of the most important works of art in American history. (Sound of opening music to the beloved TV show *I Love Lucy*.) Yeah, think of it as a work of art..." (Steve Inskeep, NPR, Morning Edition, Feb 5 2021.)

♦ "The dialogue is...rich through White House Plumbers, and so are the performances and characters. Harrelson is wonderful, exploding like Ralph Kramden one moment, simmering like Macbeth the next." ("White House Plumbers' puts a laugh-out-loud spin on the Watergate break-in" by David Bianculli, NPR, Fresh Air, May 1, 2023.)

♦ "Spielberg's *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* signaled a shift towards broader popcorn sensibilities." (Versus *2001: A Space Odyssey*, etc.)

♦ "It is *Gulliver's Travels*, Homer's *Odyssey*, *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo*, and Edgar Rice Burrows..." (Tom Shales' 1977 review of *Star Wars*.)

♦ "In the modern United States, food sculpture is the art of the people." ("A Toast To Butter Sculpture, The Art That Melts The Hearts Of The Masses" by Tove Danovich, NPR, The Salt, June 25, 2015.)

♦ He threw a three-hit masterpiece. (Baseball.)

♦ The great Shaquille O'Neal, one of the greatest NBA players of all time, has been referred to as the Big Baryshnikov. And Lynn Swann was labeled the Baryshnikov of football for his acrobatic receptions at Super Bowl X.

♦ "Maybe I'll lean into the pain narrative, write that and get a good advance, ya'll pay me for that, right." (Fantasy author L.L. McKinney.)

♦ "However, this freaky fairy-tale world is really a playground for Stone, whose willingness to be foolish and risky is a breath of fresh air amid all the polite Oscar-bait turns we're handed this time of year." ("Poor Things' review: Emma Stone is a sex-crazed science experiment" by Johnny Oleksinski, *New York Post*, December 11, 2023. He gives it three out of four stars. "Running time: 141 minutes. Rated R for strong and pervasive sexual content, graphic nudity, disturbing material, gore, and language. In theaters.")

♦ see also *masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)*

superiority & inferiority: direction / face

higher-up (person)

pressure from higher-ups

the recruiters are under ~ (military)

hierarchy: direction / height / person

high five (noun)

social-media high-five

you can send them a ~ via Facebook, Twitter... (NPR)

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / hand

highlight (verb)

highlights a tension

the dilemma ~ within the ruling elite

highlighted (major) weaknesses

the report ~ in the economy

underline, highlight

the Soviets did not ~ the tragedy of the Jews (WWII)

♦ "More recently, we have approached the Israel-Hamas war and its spillover onto streets and campuses through the 'intersectional' lens that has jumped from the faculty lounge to newsrooms. Oppressor versus oppressed. That's meant highlighting the suffering of Palestinians at almost every turn while downplaying the atrocities of October 7, overlooking how Hamas intentionally puts Palestinian civilians in peril, and giving little weight to the explosion of antisemitic hate around the world." ("I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust" by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / verb

high-minded (adjective)

high-minded politician

it's hard to find a ~

high-minded project

he tried to raise money for his ~ (library)

character & personality: direction

mind: direction

high-powered (adjective)

high-powered law firm

he has retained a ~ and says he is innocent

power: tools & technology

high priest

high priest of imperialism

Winston Churchill, the ~ (opinion)

theory's high priest

General Petraeus, counterinsurgency ~...

message / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

high-spirited

high-spirited

if your child is ~, give her unstructured time

high-spirited man

a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

high tide

high tide of American greatness

the ~ has passed

extent & scope: sea / tide

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: sea / tide

high-water (high-water mark)

high-water mark of student activism

this was the ~ (school shootings)

high water mark of the (Sanders) campaign

Nevada was the ~ (politics)

high-water mark of his career

it was the ~ (sports)

high-water mark of partisanship

the vote was a ~ (Republicans versus Democrats)

high-water mark for religious participation

1962 as the ~ in the US (Life Magazine)

♦ "It would prove to be the high-water mark of the German invasion." (Khimki, just 15 miles from the Kremlin. Watch Soviet Storm, WW2 in the East, YouTube. The Wikipedia article is titled "Soviet Storm: World War II in the East.")

extent & scope: flood

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: flood

highway (iceberg highway, etc.)

highway

the Rhine is a ~ as much as a moat (Roman history)
oceans are ~s rather than protective moats (geopolitics)
the oceans were the ~s of the late 19th century (ships)
the Med and Black Seas have been ~s since antiquity

humpback highway

the so-called "~~" (whales migrate by Australia)

"iceberg highways"

one of the four major ~ that lead beyond Antarctica

ocean highway

it's a very busy ~ (Santa Barbara Channel / shipping)

water highway

this mighty ~ of China (Yangtze River)

well-travelled highways

the rivers and streams of South Vietnam are ~

became (enormous and busy) highways

the rivers ~ (Mississippi basin circa 1812)

route: infrastructure

highway (highway to hell)

Highway to hell or a livable future

"Humanity at climate crossroads, ~"

on a highway to (climate) hell

we are ~ with our foot on the accelerator

♦ "We are on a highway to climate hell with our foot still on the accelerator." (UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres at COP27. One writer described his speech as fiery.)

♦ This may or not echo the Australian AC/DC rock song "Highway to Hell," which has a Wikipedia entry. "Ain't nothing that I'd rather do!"

♦ U.S. 666, in the Four Corners region of the Southwest, had its number changed to U.S. 491. (In 2003. Some Navahos had referred to the road as "Satan's Road." Listen to "Highway to Hell Gets Name Change," Linda Wertheimer, NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, June 7, 2003.)

♦ "I used to be a warrant officer in the British SAS and now I'm a soldier of fortune. I'm a hired gun, a mercenary if you like, and I'm the man who was trying keep the other four guys in the car alive on the drive from Jordan to Baghdad..." (*Highway To Hell: Dispatches From A Mercenary In Iraq* by John Geddes.)

fate, fortune & chance: infrastructure

highway (my way or the highway)

my way or the highway

him and his edicts and his "~~" (recall election)

type-A-my-way-or-the-highway

he was a ~ guy

allegiance, support & betrayal / character & personality / control & lack of control / unanimity & consensus: walking, running & jumping

high wire (fate)

Life On The Wire

Al Pacino: A ~ (by Andrew Yule)

walking a (political) high wire

the Taliban have been ~ ever since they took charge

♦ see also *tightrope (fate)*

♦ "The Taliban have been walking a political high wire ever since they took charge in Kabul. How do they...? How do they...? That high wire is not wobbling. The world is watching." ("Ayman al-Zawahiri: Shock in Kabul as US kills al-Qaeda leader" by Lyse Doucet, BBC, 2 August 2022.)

♦ In 1970 the German-born Karl Wallenda walked across the Tallulah Gorge in northern Georgia (the US state, not the country) on a high wire. He performed 2 handstands—one in honor of the US troops in Vietnam—as 30,000 men, women and children looked on. When he reached the end of the walk, his wife handed the 65-year-old Wallenda a martini.

♦ "I am interested to inspire people to uplift their soul and to look at the sky and say 'Wow, I can move mountains now, nothing is impossible' so that's why I love what I do... I never leave anything to chance and I have weaved this safety net in my head for the past 55 years. So I value life too much to risk my life and I do something I think much more inspiring and noble, I don't risk my life, I carry my life across." (The remarkable high-wire artist Philippe Petit.)

fate, fortune & chance: circus

difficulty, easiness & effort: circus

hijack (verb)

hijacked the agenda
anti-Western countries have ~ (UN)

hijacked the debate
she ~ to announce her candidacy (politics)

hijacked the (electoral) process
organized labor has ~ in Canadian provinces

hijacked the revolution
his opponents fear that he has ~ (politics)

hijacking our culture and our minds
how outrage is ~ (Shankar Vedantam)

♦ "Attention hijacking and how it is used to wield power..." (On the internet. See the Wikipedia entry, "Attention economy.")

control & lack of control: crime / verb

taking & removing: crime / verb

possession: crime / verb

hyperbole: crime / verb

hijacked

hijacked around the world
meetings have been ~ (video-conferencing app)

hijacked by the (economic) elite
government has been ~

hijacked by her emotions
she let herself be ~

hijacked by this group
the Republican Party has been ~ (the Tea Party)

hijacked by the virus
T-cells spot which cells have been ~ and destroy them

control & lack of control: crime

possession / taking & removing: crime

hill (over the hill)

over-the-hill

♦ "He's still talented, but he's on the other side of the hill now." (Said about an older boxer.)

decline: mountains & hills

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: mountains & hills

hill (difficulty)

psychological hill
he has a ~ to climb

difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / mountains & hills

hill (resistance)

die on this hill
I am wrong a lot, but I'll ~... (an opinion)

♦ "Thank you. I am wrong a lot, but I'll die on this hill. Sportsmanship and personal accountability are 'non negotiables' in athletics." (An online commenter, about getting rid of the traditional handshake line after sports events to forestall ugly behavior and incidents.)

commitment & determination / resistance, opposition & defeat: military

hilt (to the hilt)

defend itself 'to the hilt'
the US will ~ in trade

perform her diva role to the hilt
she chose to ~ (a celebrity trial)

extent & scope: blade / sword / weapon

Hilton (Fontana Hilton, etc.)

Fontana Hilton
the ~, a famous shelter on the Appalachian Trail

Hanoi Hilton
the ~ included Heartbreak Hotel and New Guy Village

♦ Names like these are often ironic. The Fontana Hilton is a trail hut, but it is near the parking lot at Fontana Dam, where there are hot showers. Those showers are much appreciated by trail walkers.

proper name: infrastructure

Himalayan (miscalculation, etc.)

Himalayan proportions
it was a mistake of ~

size: mountains & hills

himself (every man for himself)

every man for himself
it's ~, it's keeping alive (the film *On the Waterfront*)
there's no real sense of civil society, it's sort of ~ (Greece)
they'll work together and suddenly it's ~ (Tour de France)
greed is good and it's ~

every-man-for-himself play
~ versus selfless team play (NBA)

♦ "They were surrounded by troops led by Rommel... And being from these ancient Scottish regiments with a very noble tradition, they wouldn't surrender... And in the end it was every man for himself and they all tried to scatter and break through the lines..." (The actor Hugh Grant wonderfully explaining the Battle of St. Valery, "the Other Dunkirk," to Terry Gross. From "No More Mr. Nice Guy: Hugh Grant Embraces the 'Blessed Relief' Of Darker Roles," NPR, Fresh Air, July 23, 2021.)

competition: jungle

hindsight (noun)

20/20 hindsight
we are expressly forbidden from using ~ (shootings)

with hindsight
he said ~ he wouldn't have done it (forced to resign)

lens of hindsight
use of force should not be viewed from the 20-20 ~

♦ "When we analyze police-involved shootings, we must look to the totality of the circumstances, and we are expressly forbidden from using 20/20 hindsight, because unlike all of us, officers are not afforded the luxury of armchair reflection when they are faced with rapidly evolving, volatile encounters in dangerous situations." (An attorney representing a police officer. From "Family of Donovan Lewis demand accountability after police killing" by Nick Evans, *Ohio Capital Journal*, Sept 2, 2022.)

♦ "At the time we did what we thought was best. Hindsight being wonderful we will probably look back and think we could have done some things better. We have learned lessons since 2008." (From "Independent assurance review of the effectiveness of multi-agency responses to child sexual exploitation in Greater Manchester, Part Three, The review into Operation Span and the investigation of non-recent child sexual exploitation in Rochdale," Malcolm Newsam CBE and Gary Ridgway, January 2024.)

past & present / perception, perspective & point of view / time: direction / eye / prep, adv, adj, particle

hinge (hinge event, etc.)

Hinges of History

his ~ series (the historian Thomas Cahill / turning points)

hinge event

this was a ~ in the industry (a crypto bankruptcy)

hinge moment

this conflict is a ~, if could change world politics if...
your characters are often living through historical ~s...

history's hinges

Casey saw the Iraq War as a pivot point, one of ~

development / importance & significance / reversal: direction / mechanism / movement

hint (verb)

hints that

the study ~ the father's age really might matter (birth)

evidence: speech / verb

fictive communication: speech / verb

hint (noun)

hint of foul play

there was no ~

hint of an irregular trip

there is the ~ (naval officer)

evidence / fictive communication: speech

hint at (verb)

hints at an accident

the radioactive cloud ~ further east (radiation leak)

hints at a growing American military role

the remote airstrip in Syria ~

hints at ways

the research ~ to stop Parkinson's and Alzheimer's

hint at where

Australian fossils ~ to search for life on Mars

evidence: speech / verb

fictive communication: speech / verb

hip (joined at the hip)

joined at the hip

he and the company he founded were ~ (MTK Global)
they usually disagreed, but on this they were ~ (a decision)

the unions and Jerry Brown are ~ (California politics)

linked at the (etymological) hip

"medicine" and "meditation" are ~ (mindfulness)

politically joined at the hip

the gay-and-lesbian and trans movements became ~

division & connection: health & medicine

relationship: family / health & medicine

Hiroshima (epithet)

Ceausima

Romanians referred to the razed areas as ~ (1980s)

call "Hiroshima"

a rubble-strewn terrain the locals ~ (Bucharest)

destruction: epithet / history / nuclear energy / place

history (secret history)

secret history of the term

the ~ "pundit"

'Secret History' Of Nuclear War

"The ~" (Fresh Air / with the journalist Fred Kaplan)

Secret History of Wonder Woman

"The ~" (Fresh Air with Jill Lepore)

concealment & lack of concealment: history

hit (arrive)

hit the big time

he ~

hit some (real) low points

I've ~ in my life

hit pay dirt

he finally ~ (a researcher)

on the fourth day, Fitch seemed to ~ (experiment)

hit the eddy

he managed to roll up and ~ (kayaker)

hit a plateau

if you slip up or ~, don't beat yourself up (weight loss)

hit the weight room

he ~ (basketball)

hit middle age

now that we've ~

adolescence hits

childrearing can be difficult, especially when ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: verb

hit (hit the market, etc.)

hitting the bookstores

new books on women and sex are ~

hit the market

COVID-19 blood tests ~

hit (long-track) speedskating
clap skates ~ in 1997-98

inauguration: verb

hit (hit \$30, etc.)

hit the mid-20s
during a hard freeze, temperatures ~ for 6-8 hours

hit the speed of sound
at 22,200 feet, the airplane ~ (jetliner in dive)

hit (an estimated) 140 mph
winds ~ in Tennessee (tornadoes)

hit \$30
the stock ~ before settling down to \$23 (share price)

hits \$5
gas ~ a gallon, here's how it got here and what's ahead

attainment: number / verb

hit (take a hit, etc.)

reputational hit
it would have been a huge ~ for FX (bankruptcy)

taken a hit
tourism along the Gulf has ~ (oil spill)

took a (major) hit
her grades ~ (online learning / pandemic)

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / verb

hit (affect)

hit me forcibly
it really ~ (an insight)

hit (real) hard
it ~ (a murder)

pandemic hit
once the ~, we started doing virtual visits
once the ~, nobody came, so... (ad for Microsoft Teams)

effect: fist / force / sensation / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation / verb

hit (affected)

hit by Covid-19 and the shutdowns
when these industries were ~... (pandemic)

hit hard
Bosnia's fragile economy was ~ by the financial crisis
the cruise industry was ~ by the pandemic

effect: fist / force / sensation

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation

hit (computer)

hits on the (erotic) Web site
5 million viewer ~

hits a day

his Web site was getting nearly 2 million ~

viewer hits
5 million ~ on the erotic Web site

5 million (viewer) hits
~ on the erotic Web site

computer: force

hit (comprehension)

hit me
and then it ~, Joe was ill...

♦ "And then one day it hit me, like I had this lightbulb moment where I realized..." (A writer.)

comprehension & incomprehension: force / fist / verb

hit (success)

hit
a ~ is better than a flop (Broadway)

hit on (Top 40) radio
she has a fast-rising ~

hit play
his ~, "The Sunshine Boys"

hit song
recorded a ~, toured England

hits and flops
seeing ~ at the local movie theater;
he has had ~ (film actor)

monster hit
the studio hasn't had a ~ since... (films)

TV hit
it was a smash ~ from 1959 to 1963

Broadway hit
he chalked up about a dozen ~s

fast-rising hit
she has a ~ on Top 40 radio

success & failure: target / weapon

hit (mob hit, etc.)

hit job
see *hit job* (noun)

hit operation
it's a progressive ~ now (Southern Poverty Law Center)

hit piece
it was a blatant ~ (by *The New York Times*)

political hit
the hearings were a ~ (politics)

partisan hit job
this is a ~ (political kerfuffle)

political hit job
how a ~ backfired

ridiculous hitjob

he called the *New York Times* article a ~ (Carlos Watson)

♦ A hatchet job, a hit job / piece, a drive-by...

♦ "It's a terrible feeling to have these orchestrated media hits on you." (Christine Blasey Ford speaking to Terry Gross on Fresh Air in 2024.)

♦ "I feel very misled, and it is shameful The New York Times would use my words to hurt my daughter." (The 78-year-old mother of Neera Tanden. She had thought the interview would result in an article that would be "a nice story about Neera." At least one columnist described it as a "blatant hit piece.")

♦ "LSU's Kim Mulkey threatens to sue Washington Post if outlet publishes rumored 'hit piece' about her" by Jared Schwartz, *The New York Post*, March 23, 2024.)

conflict: crime / death & life / violence

accusation & criticism: crime / death & life / violence

punishment & recrimination: crime / death & life / violence

hit back (verb)

hit back

prosecutors ~ in court documents (politics)

resistance, opposition & defeat: fist

hitchhike (verb)

hitchhikes with people throughout the world

the Mediterranean recluse spider ~

hitchhike with passengers

the virus continued to ~ from other hot spots (COVID)

'hitchhiking' on ships

invasive species are ~ (Antarctica)

transmission: journeys & trips / movement / verb

hitchhiker (noun)

hitchhiker

it could be a ~ (latent virus in transplanted pig's heart)

barnacles, sponges and other hitchhikers

he found ~ (on the bottom of a boat)

transmission: journeys & trips / movement

hit it off (verb)

hit it off well

we ~, I didn't really know him or his work (film actor)

attraction & repulsion: crashes & collisions / verb

hit job (noun)

hit job

the Bloomberg article was a ~ (against a company)

partisan hit job

this is a ~ (a political kerfuffle)

political hit job

how a ~ backfired...

victim of a (political) hit job

he appeared to be the ~, orchestrated to...

♦ "I didn't appreciate the hit job he wrote on Brian Kelly." (Coach Kim Mulkey, about Kent Babb.)

♦ A hatchet job, a hit job / piece, a drive-by...

accusation & criticism / conflict / punishment & recrimination: crime / death & life / violence

hitter (heavy hitter)

heavy-hitters from the worlds

~ of sports, entertainment, and pop culture (NPR)

BBC's big hitters

two more of the ~ are departing

two heavy-hitters

you have ~ meeting (Rapinoe on France vs. US soccer)

force: boxing / fist / sports & games

hive (noun)

hive

if the outside was dark and lonesome, the inside was a ~

hive of activity

the marketplace is a ~

activity: insect

hives (noun)

gives people (like Kennan) hives

his opinions ~

affliction: health & medicine

hobble (verb)

hobbled past (Labour) governments

the matter of military intervention has ~

hobble the organization

the FBI were finally able to ~ (KKK)

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: animal /

health & medicine / leg / movement / verb / walking,

running, & jumping

hobbled

hobbled by a (deadly) pandemic

the US economy has been ~

hobbled by (international) sanctions

Iran has been ~

hobbled by a (debilitating) stammer

he was ~ (George VI)

hobbled for a generation

the real-estate market is going to be ~

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: animal /

health & medicine / leg / movement / walking, running &

jumping

Hobson's choice

presented him with a Hobson's choice

the crisis ~ (response to caving fatality)

♦ Thomas Hobson was an English liveryman who required every customer to take the horse nearest the door. It means an apparently free choice when there is really no alternative.

♦ "Health officials have said the best vaccine is the one you're offered." (Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca, Moderna, etc.)

alternatives & choices: allusion

hog (verb)

hog the headlines

Haaland will continue to ~ (Erling. Haaland.)

hog photo spots

they ~ so no-one else can enjoy them (Instagram tourists)

behavior: animal / verb

hog (noun)

room hog

you can lose your job for being a ~ (writers room)

behavior: animal

hogtie (verb)

hogties U.S. counter-proliferation strategy

diplomatic dialogue only ~ (with North Korea)

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / verb

hold (the future can hold something)

holds

nobody knows what the future ~

I am optimistic about what the future ~

getting people to prepare for what a warmer climate ~

hold

so what does the future ~ for the Supreme Court

holds for us

I don't know what the future ~

future / time: container / verb

hold (long-held)

long-held assumptions

challenge ~ about...

long-held practice

it dropped its ~ of... (way a company orders goods)

long-held resentments

she was a creature of her ~

long-held tradition

abandoning such a ~ is heresy

possession: hand

hold (verb / possession)

held him in its grip

the current ~

hold its monopoly

Portugal ~, but then began to lose its hold

possession: hand / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

hold (noun / possession)

hold on power

he is trying to maintain his ~

lose its hold

Portugal held its monopoly, but then began to ~

losing their hold

residents are ~ on the middle class (recession)

possession: hand

fictive possession: hand

hold (noun / emotion)

hold

he was unnerved by the ~ it still had on him (trauma)

fictive possession / possession: hand

mental health: hand / possession

feeling, emotion & effect: hand / possession

hold (close held, etc.)

close held

it's ~, few people have read this (a report)

concealment & lack of concealment: cards / gambling / sports & games / hand

hold (take hold)

take hold

the trend could ~ in other states (declaring bankruptcy)

taking hold

competitive instincts are ~ (classroom)

take hold in Spain

when liberal ideas began to ~

take hold in the community

we don't want extremist elements to ~

began to take hold

the idea ~

beginning to take hold

democracy is ~

failed to take hold

democracy has ~

contagion took hold

~ (Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, Massachusetts)

drugs took hold

AIDS cases fell as new, more effective ~

growth & development: hand / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

hold (on hold)

on hold

negotiations are ~
his life in the sky has been ~ (crash with fatalities)
many Afghan lives now seem to be ~ (Taliban takeover)

recovery efforts are on hold
~ because of dangerous conditions (avalanches)

put our relationship on hold
we had to ~

action, inaction & delay / situation: hand

hold back (restraint)

hold back
Spike Lee did not ~ during the press conference

hold back at the United Nations
she didn't ~ (Greta Thunberg's "How Dare You" speech)

restraint & lack of restraint: arm / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: arm / verb

hold back (obstacle)

held them back
another policy that women believe ~

holding you back
do you think I'm ~

hold her back
the fact that she is shy needn't ~ (toddler)

♦ "She talked about how it was 'gangs'—'not white people'—who were responsible for holding back Black and Hispanic men." (The politician Marjorie Taylor Greene.)

obstacles & impedance: arm / verb

constraint & lack of constraint: arm / verb

hold in (emotions)

hold it in
don't ~ (emotions)

feeling, emotion & effect: container / verb

hold off (verb)

held off the future
they ~ by building a fragile present from pieces of the past

obstacles & impedance: arm / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: arm / verb

hold on (survival)

hold on
controller said to ~ (soldiers waiting to be exfiltrated)
the Maasai won't be able to ~ much longer
~ (911 operator to 9/11 caller)
just ~, there will be tomorrow (Maria Carey)

held on to win
AC Milan ~ the title... (soccer)

strength to hold on
I ask God to give me ~ (mother of missing kid)

♦ "The worst part is behind us, we *are* seeing a new dawn, hold on, have faith, because good days are coming."

♦ "Keep your eye on the prize, hold on." (A moving song from the Civil Rights era of the 1960s.)

♦ "Keep your hand on that plow, and hold on." (A moving Negro spiritual.)

survival, persistence & endurance: hand / verb

resiliency: hand / verb

hold on to (verb)

hold on to faith
in the hell of war, how does a chaplain ~

holds on to grievances
he ~

holding on to hope
they're ~ that they will find survivors (building collapse)

held on to its role
the department has ~ as... (State Department)

held on to his people's ancient religion
Nicholas Black Elk, who ~ when it was actively suppressed (Oglala)

hold on to her sanity
her work enables her to ~ (an activist)

hold on to my senses
I am trying to ~, to fend off the black dog (depression)

hold on to that
if I ~, I'll never be able to move on (a boxer and a defeat)

attachment / possession: hand / verb

hold out (persist)

hold out for real change
the parents hope protesters will ~ (Sandy Hook murders)

survival, persistence & endurance: verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: verb

hold out (offer)

held out the promise
California ~ of a better life for migrants

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand / verb

hold up (rob)

hold up corporations
activists can ~

taking & removing: crime / verb

♦ "[M]inority activists can 'hold up' (in both senses of the idiom) corporations, raising objections that can be overcome with compensation." ("The Inequality of 'Equity,'" by Christopher Caldwell, *National Review*, May 17, 2021.)

hold up (obstruct)

holding me up
you are ~

obstacles & impedance: hand / verb

holdup (noun)

holdup

come on, what's the ~

**obstacles & impedance: hand
action, inaction & delay: hand**

hole (feeling)

hole in my heart

it left a huge ~ (loss of a baby)

hole in my life

it left a ~ that won't ever be filled (loss of her mother)

feeling, emotion & effect: hole

hole (flaw)

holes in her game

there are no ~ (tennis player Emma Raducanu)

security hole

the break-ins exploited ~ on these systems (computers)
the ~s have now been plugged (computers)

gaping hole

the case has ~s in it

full of holes

your theory is ~ (discussion comment)

shoot holes in the study

skeptics have been quick to ~ (science)

blew a (sizable) hole in the stock

his report ~ of the high-flying, high-tech company

♦ "There are so many holes in her story and what the boyfriend is further disclosing you could drive a truck through it." "Story has more holes than a foot long slice of Swiss cheese," "There are holes in the story that just don't make sense..." (Online commenters. See the Wikipedia article, "Carlee Russell disappearance hoax.")

♦ "It doesn't take long at sea to learn that nothing is too rich to rust... / Hang around the superyacht world for a while and you see the metaphor everywhere. Four months after Putin's invasion of Ukraine, the war had eaten a hole in his myths of competence." ("The Floating World" by Evan Osnos, *The New Yorker*, July 25, 2022. A brilliant writer!)

flaws & lack of flaws: hole

hole (dry hole)

dry hole

it was a ~ (combat mission fails to detain target)

♦ "It was a dry hole, which is the term that we use whenever a mission doesn't find anything or is unsuccessful..." (A U.S. military operation in Iraq.)

success & failure: ground, terrain & land / mining / water

hole (tree hole)

at a tree hole

people can post secrets for strangers to read ~

♦ People can reveal secrets for strangers to read at several "tree hole" sites on Weibo.

♦ An actual tree hole used for secret communication features in the beloved book *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

concealment & lack of concealment: tree

computer: tree

hole (situation)

hole of addiction

it's easy to fall into a ~ (skateboarding)

job hole

we're still in a deep, deep ~ (unemployment)

dark hole

he's in that ~ right now (mentally ill, drug addled, homeless)

deeper hole

I want him to dig a ~ for himself with his mouth

demographic hole

it's going to be so hard to get out of this ~

financial hole

he had to declare bankruptcy to get out of his ~

climb out of their hole

will they be able to ~ (losing team)

dig a (deeper) hole

I want him to ~ for himself with his mouth

digging herself (deeper) into this hole

she is ~ and she'll never get out (a trial)

digging ourselves into a hole

we could be ~, for a very long time...

dug herself out of the hole

she finally ~ (financial)

dug ourselves into a hole

we have ~ (budget deficit)

claw their way out of the hole

Spain dug deep to ~ but Scotland... (soccer)

fill in that hole

it will take a lot more jobs to ~ (unemployment)

get out of this (demographic) hole

it's going to be so hard to ~ (aging people, low birth rate)

♦ "We've been digging ourselves into this situation for 40 years, and it's likely going to take us 40 years to get out." (Eric Tars, the legal director at the National Homelessness Law Center.)

♦ "He's in that dark hole right now, and if you could force treatment there's a chance he could possibly crawl out of it." (A mentally ill homeless drug addict who refuses treatment and is in and out of crisis police holds, emergency rooms, jails, and homeless shelters.)

♦ First law of holes: if you are in one, stop digging.

♦ "If you dig a hole for your brother, you will fall down in it." (Said in Saudi Arabia, about revenge.)

involvement / situation: container / hole

holed up

holed up in his (Ramallah) compound

Arafat remained ~ for 2 years

holed up in a (hotel) room

he is ~ after being attacked (a reporter abroad)

protection & lack of protection: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hole

hole up (verb)

holed up

and that's where we ~ (musicians record in bedroom)

protection & lack of protection: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hole / verb

holic (shopaholic, etc.)

shopaholic

I was a ~

she was a ~ (designer clothes)

workaholic

I was a ~

♦ "-holic" is entered at Wiktionary. The four examples there are: danceaholic; workaholic; sexaholic; and sugarholic.

behavior: addiction / affix / alcohol

language: affix

hollow (hollow promises, etc.)

hollow promise

the joint agreement was a ~ (diplomacy)

hollow sentiment

it's a rather ~ considering that...

hollow slogans

I began to dislike this girl for her ~ and bombastic cliches

hollow victory

it's a ~ (boxing / an impaired contestant)

hollow and self-serving

their platform is ~ (politics)

hollow, cynical and inauthentic

he is often dismissed as ~ (a politician)

proved hollow

the pledge ~ (U.N.)

rang hollow

his apology ~ (insincere)

his boasts ~

ring hollow

promises that the country's best days lie ahead ~

rings hollow

his argument ~ to many

that is an argument that ~ (a bad argument)

sounded hollow

his speech ~ (president)

♦ "These arguments' obvious hollowness..."

speech / substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere / materials & substances

hollowed out

hollowed out

key programs were ~ under the administration

with the State Department ~, the military is driving policy

enforcement has been hollowed out

ATF ~ (politics)

weakened and hollowed out

America's local newspapers have been ~

becomes hollowed out

without the rush and brush and crush of the world, one ~

getting hollowed out

the middle class is ~ in America

♦ "Without the rush and brush and crush of the world, one becomes hollowed out. The cavity fills with envy." (Cynthia Ozick, on the isolation of being a writer without success.)

attenuation / strength & weakness: tree

hollow out (verb)

hollowed out enforcement

years of budget cuts have ~ of the nation's tax laws

hollow it out

the Supreme Court will reverse or ~ (Row v. Wade)

hollow out abortion rights

legal restrictions designed to ~

hollowed out the island's rural towns

the recession has ~ (Puerto Rico)

attenuation / strength & weakness: tree / verb

Hollywood (Hollywood of Africa, etc.)

Hollywood of Africa

Ouarzazate, sometimes called the ~ (*Gladiator*, etc.)

Hollywood of the South

Atlanta, Georgia, the ~

Hollywood on the Tiber

~ (see the Wikipedia entry / Rome in 1950s and 60s)

Bollywood

she was known as the Nightingale of ~ (Lata Mangeshkar)

Indiewood

and '~' was born (*Pulp Fiction*, Miramax, etc.)

Nollywood

Hollywood, Bollywood, make way for ~ (Nigerian films)

Jocelyn Bioh's vampy off-Broadway comedy ~ *Dreams*

Y'allywood

Atlanta emerges as '~' (the U.S. state of Georgia)

so much Hollywood is going on in Atlanta they call it ~

♦ 'Black Hollywood' reshoots classic film scenes with Black actors. (*Black Hollywood: Reimagining Iconic Movie Moments*, a photography book by Carrell Augustus.)

♦ "The business is run by the cornflakes men. And they're only in it for the girls. You used to join amateur dramatics to get at the crackling. These men buy up studios to achieve the same end." (The great theater actor Peter O'Toole, about the film industry. *Plus ça change...*)

♦ "Two guys who would never get layed [sic] if not for the movie industry." (A online commenter about an incarcerated film producer and a famous director.)

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet

Hollywood (Hollywood ending, etc.)

Hollywood ending

this is a ~ (strike by IATSE averted = happy ending)

Hollywood fantasy

that's not ~ any more (robotic bees)

♦ "I bet more Marines have joined the Corps because of *Full Metal Jacket* than because of any fucking recruiting commercial." / "And that's an antiwar film." / "Nothing's an antiwar film," I say. "There's no such thing." (From the brilliant short story "War Stories" in *Redeployment* by Phil Klay.)

♦ According to Justin Chang, "The great French director Francois Truffaut once said there was no such thing as an anti-war film, because it's in the nature of war films to valorize the spectacle of armed combat." ("1917' Is A Mind-Boggling Technological Achievement—But Not A Great Film," NPR, Fresh Air, January 15, 2020.)

fantasy & reality: film & TV

holocaust (not the Shoah)

holocaust of abortion

unborn babies murdered in the ~ (pro-life activism)

Black Holocaust

"America's ~ Museum" (title of Wikipedia article)

our modern Holocaust

this is ~ (an Israeli psychoanalyst / Israel-Hamas War)

ongoing holocaust

the African American experience is an ~ to the present day

African Holocaust

"~" redirects to the Wikipedia article "*Maafa*"

racial holocaust

Fidel Castro accused Paris of carrying out a "~"

♦ "Holocaust remembrance Day is a time to remember more than one atrocity." (The *Louisville Courier-Journal*, Opinion, Jan 27, 2023. The opinion includes references to Black people, Asians, Hispanics, Muslims, LGBTQ+ and trans-gender people, Native Americans, skin color, religion, gender identity, ethnic background, hate speech, current "autocratic" leaders, and "polite racism" versus outright bigotry.)

♦ According to the Wikipedia article "*Maafa*," that term "is derived from a Swahili term for 'disaster, terrible occurrence or great tragedy.'" Palestinians speak of the "Nakba," or "Catastrophe."

♦ "The use of 'holocaust' by Mr. Castro demonstrates his ignorance of history and disdain towards its victims. Such words are unacceptable." (French foreign ministry spokesman Bernard Valero, responding to comments by Fidel Castro that France's deportation of Roma in 2010 amounted to a 'racial holocaust'.")

♦ "So I just wanted to come here today and say that I'm truly sorry for offending people with remarks about the Holocaust. There's no comparison." (Marjorie Taylor Greene, U.S. Congresswoman.)

♦ Nick Robinson: Do you when you hear people making comparisons with the thirties pause or do you in stark contrast as some people do say, 'How dare you make that comparison?'" / Suella Braverman: To throw out those flippant analogies diminishes the unspeakable tragedy that millions of people went through. And I don't think anything that is happening in the UK today can come close to what happened in the Holocaust. So I find it a lazy and unhelpful comparison to make." ("Gary Lineker tweet 'diminishes' tragedy of Holocaust—Suella Braverman," BBC, Political Thinking with Nick Robinson, March 9, 2023.)

♦ Russia versus the Ukraine. Both sides are referring to the Holocaust.

♦ "Petrovsky-Shtern told me, 'From a purely historical standpoint, there is no comparison' between the Holocaust and the Russian invasion of Ukraine... But, he added, 'from the point of view of rhetoric, the comparison makes sense. [Zelensky] is saying, 'They are coming to erase us.'" ("The Memorial: A Holocaust atrocity was about to be commemorated. Then came another war" by Masha Gessen, *The New Yorker*, April 18, 2022.)

♦ "It would be good generally if people could stop using Nazi Germany as a kind of bad things emoji. Better to explain and use detail. Save Nazi Germany. Keep it in your back pocket for those occasions when only Nazi Germany will do." ("Why there are no winners after the BBC's two-footed tackle on Gary Lineker" by Barney Ronay, *The Guardian*, 10 March 2023.)

♦ "In the United States, Holocaust deniers have had more success than any other country." (Linguist Deborah Tannen.)

♦ "A circle is closing. For the first time in 20 or 30 years, the Jewish congregations commemorate Kristallnacht for themselves... It's a change that indicates that specific period of coming to terms with the criminal deeds of a forerunner government in Germany is itself becoming history. It will not be forgotten, but it is not anymore an issue of major emotional importance for the population." (Cilly Kugelmann, deputy director of the Jewish Museum in Berlin, on the celebration of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the remembrance of Kristallnacht, both of which occurred on November 9. From "Recalling History on a Day of Light and Darkness," by Michael Slackman, *The New York Times*, November 9, 2010.)

♦ "For several days now Sofya [Osipovna Levinton] hadn't wanted to sleep. She sat there, wide awake, in the stinking darkness... As she listened to people's cries and mutterings, she realized that their heads were filled with painfully vivid images that no words could ever convey... 'Golda! Golda!' cried a man's voice, racked with sobs. // Rozenberg the accountant was still counting as he helped dig the pit for himself and the other brenners... And then suddenly, while he was dreaming, his tears had come gushing out, burning him, breaking through the crust that had formed over his brain and his heart. 'Golda! Golda!' he cried out." // [Sofya Osipovna Levinton's] eyes—which had read Homer, Izvestia, Huckleberry Finn and Mayne Reid, that had looked at good people and bad people, that had seen the geese in the green meadows of Kursk, the stars above the observatory at Pulkovo, the glitter of surgical steel, the Mona Lisa in the Louvre, tomatoes and turnips in the bins at market, the blue water of Issyk-Kul—her eyes were no longer of any use to her... She was still breathing, but breathing was hard work..." (*Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman, translated by Robert Chandler, New York Review Books. Part 1, Chapter 43 and 44 and Part 2, Chapter 48.)

♦ Many older people are uncomfortable hearing comparisons like the ones above to the Jewish Holocaust of World War II.

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

holocaust (destruction)

holocaust of a national memory

the fire was a ~ (Rio's National Museum / Indian tribes)

nuclear holocaust

the spread of an ice sheet is more deadly to life than a ~

♦ A burnt offering; a sacrifice to the Gods consumed by fire: holos (whole) and kaustos (burned). (Greek.)

♦ "The results of Cook's intrusion into Tahiti and Australia had been bad enough for the native people: for the Antarctic animals it was a holocaust... From Le Havre in France and Hull in England, and from New Bedford and Nantucket in America, the whaling and the sealing fleets set out." (*The Fatal Impact* by Alan Moorehead.)

♦ "The battle that followed began at 1400 hours on December 6 and ended on December 15, barely a mile north of where it had begun. It was a ten-day blood bath that cost the Regiment over a hundred and fifty battle casualties. / The opening attack was made in broad daylight by Charley Company under cover of the strongest artillery support Division could muster. It was a devastating barrage...but the enemy replied with equal violence and within minutes Charley was being pounded into the saturated valley floor under a titanic upheaval of mud and steel. Dog, coming up behind, tried to avoid the worst of that holocaust..." (*And No Birds Sang* by Farley Mowat. World War II. Italy.)

destruction: fire

holy grail

see *grail (holy grail)*

holy war (noun)

holy war against stinky cheese
the Bush administration wages a ~ (Roquefort)

holy war against women
he calls SCOTUS decision a “~” (Bill Baird)

wage a holy war
conspired to ~ over our bodies (abortion)

♦ “Now comes word that the Bush administration, in its final days, waged a holy war against stinky cheese...” (“The War On Openness Becomes The War On Stinky Cheese” by Todd Kliman, NPR, Pop Culture Happy Hour, January 30, 2009. The U.S. put a huge tariff on Roquefort cheese due to an EU ban on U.S. beef containing hormones.)

♦ “Behind dusty oaken doors / six robed dinosaurs / conspired to wage a holy war / over our bodies.” (From “5 protest songs that have taken on new meaning post-Roe” by Ari Shapiro, Noah Caldwell, Jonaki Mehta, NPR, Music, July 2, 2022. It includes a link to “Reina del Cid’s ‘My Country ‘Tis of Thee (Land of Inequity)’”.

*** war, conflict

♦ “Christendom too had been changed by the Fourth Crusade. Long divided, it was now polarised. For centuries before and after the Great Schism of 1054, relations between the Eastern and Western Churches had fluctuated between the politely distant and the bitterly acrimonious; their differences, however, had been essentially theological. After the sack of Constantinople (1204) by the Western Crusaders, this was no longer true. In the eyes of the Greeks, these barbarians who had desecrated their altars, plundered their homes and violated their women could no longer be considered, in any real sense of the word, Christians at all. How now could they ever agree to the idea of union with Rome? ‘Better the Sultan’s turban than the cardinal’s hat,’ they used to say; and they meant it.” (John Julius Norwich, *A History of the Mediterranean*.)

♦ 1572. August. The Catholic party annihilated between 30,000 and 100,000 Huguenots (Protestants) across France.

♦ The Thirty Years’ War, 1618-1648. The deadliest European religious war in history. “The ur-trauma of the German people, when the German character was formed,” according to Curt Hondrich.

♦ “All during Florence Nightingale’s crushing labors in the Crimean War, her work was hampered by bickering among religious groups. / Today we may still see occasional examples of religious prejudice. But fortunately we have nothing that can compare with the violent religious feelings of nineteenth-century England. / Murmurs had already been heard because ten of Florence’s party were Roman Catholic nuns. Mary Stanley’s party included fifteen more nuns, led by a fiery Irish woman named Mother Bridgeman. There were also Florence’s fourteen Anglican Sister to be considered. The religious feeling was by no means limited to a simple case of Protestant versus Catholic. Within the established Church of England, there was distrust between ‘high church’ and ‘low church’ groups. Protestants outside the Church of England distrusted all of them. / ... And all this petty bickering was going on during the ghastly winter days, when dying men were pouring into the hospital by the thousands and the remnant of the British army was freezing in the trenches before Sebastopol.” (*Florence Nightingale* by Ruth Fox Hume.)

♦ “The day after the surrender of Fort Sumter the entire land, both North and South, blazed with an ardent and confident patriotism, although the patriotism of the South was precisely opposite to that of the North... The churches were kept open all day for the saying of bloodthirsty prayers. God, as usual, was on both sides.” (“A New American History,” by W. E. Woodward.)

♦ see also *jihad (noun), martyr (person)*

resistance, opposition & defeat: religion

home (home of golf, etc.)

home of cricket
the ~ (Lord’s Cricket Ground, London)

home of golf
St. Andrews is the ~

home of the great steamships
Wuhan, ~ of the Yangtze

home of the world’s biggest wave
Nazare is the undisputed ~ (surfing / Portugal)

home of whisky
Scotland is the ~ and has the greatest expertise

spiritual home
the Maracanã is the ~ of world football (hallowed turf)

♦ The “home of British boxing” is (a) York Hall, Bethnal Green (b) Alexandra Palace (c) the O2 Arena.

location / origin: house / place

home (home to)

home to one of the island’s largest cathedrals
the city was ~ (Arecibo, Puerto Rico)

home to an exhibition
Derry’s Tower Museum is ~ of the discovery (a galleon)

home to a (vast) collection
the museum is ~ of archives

home to all 14 of the world’s 8,000-meter peaks
Central Asia is ~

home to a (major Soviet) listening station
during the Cold War, it was ~ (Cuba / SIGINT)

location: house / place

home (home in Islam, etc.)

home in Islam
people who found a ~

lucrative, satisfying home
I had a ~ (an actor in a successful TV series)

protection & lack of protection: house

home (home for the archive, etc.)

home for the archive
a proper final ~

final home
a proper ~ for the archive

future home
~ of First National Bank and Trust

permanent home
temporary premises vs. a ~ (museum)
whales making a ~ in the Gulf of Mexico

proper (final) home
a ~ for the archive

location / place: house

home (hit home)

hit home

I have a brother who's an addict so it ~

feeling, emotion & effect: house / verb

effect / proximity: house / verb

home (close to home)

hit (very) close to home

this has ~ (a school shooting)

feeling, emotion & effect / proximity: house

home (feel at home)

feel at home

Americans never ~, even in their houses

felt at home

for the first time in his life, he ~ (athlete on team)

she had to leave her orphanage, where she had ~

feels at home in Japan

he ~ (a Latin baseball player)

feel at home with my relatives

I don't ~

feel most at home

I ~ in the gym (a boxer)

♦ Home is where the heart is!

feeling, emotion & effect / welcome: house

Homeric (adjective)

Homeric aspirations

he left Oxford with ~ (a politician)

Homeric battle

the two teams engaged in a ~ (football)

Homeric curse

he remembers the ~ of the truck drivers (Little Athens)

Homeric epic

her work is described as a ~ about...

Homeric life

he wanted to live a more ~ (Classics grad joins the army)

Homeric proportions

an armada of ~ invaded Sicily (World War II)

Homeric retreat

the climbing party's ~ down K2 is legendary

Homeric struggle

he lost a ~ (sculling)

stern, erect, Homeric

he stood over his foe, ~ (a fight)

superlative: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

comparison & contrast: affix

home run (success)

home run for Ford

the new car has become a ~

home-run line

it was a ~ (a memorable line in a speech)

conservation home run

it was a ~ (fishery rebounds)

hit a home run

you ~ (successful proposal)

this is an opportunity for us to ~ (an initiative)

♦ "It's not a home run. It's not something that's going to stop the disease or reverse it, but it may slow down progression of the disease and may give people more meaningful or quality time with their families." (A doctor about the Alzheimer's drug Leqembi.)

♦ see *park* (hit something out of the park)

success & failure: baseball / sports & games

home run (swing for a home run, etc.)

home run

that's his ~, his money-punch (Cordina vs Ogawa)

swinging for the fences

he is ~ (a restaurateur)

swinging for a home run

Trump is ~ (final status peace in Middle East)

success & failure: baseball / sports & games / verb

commitment & determination / difficulty, easiness & effort:

baseball / sports & games / verb

homestretch (noun)

home stretch of his career

what he calls the "~~" (the culmination)

homestretch of the (US mid-term) elections

race-baiting allegations have mired the ~

in the homestretch

this is crunch time, we're ~ (election campaign)

in the final stretch

we are ~ (election campaign)

development / starting, going, continuing & ending: horse /

sports & games

homework (noun)

homework

show that you have done your ~ by... (job interview)

did their homework

they ~ before creating the Mach-E SUV (an ad)

do your homework

~ before you buy...

~ and don't make assumptions

do (all) your homework

you try to ~ (preparing for NCY marathon)

readiness & preparedness: school & education

honcho (leader)

honcho of *The New York Times*
the new head ~ is Joseph Kahn

head honcho
CNN ~ Chris Licht...

hedge fund honcho
~ Daniel Loeb: stop spreading fear at Sony

♦ According to Merriam-Webster, this is Japanese for "leader of the squad, section, group," and was brought back from Japan by U.S. soldiers after World War II. It seems to be the Japanese equivalent of the French *doyen*.

♦ Soka Gakkai, a modern version of Buddhism, was brought to the US by Japanese war brides.

power: person

person: military

hone (verb)

honing her (observational) gifts
she has been ~ for 50 years (the artist Catherine Murphy)

honed a sense
he has ~ of "radical informality" (a leader)

hone their skills
they ~ in Iraq and then go elsewhere (terrorists)

hone (job) skills
as more Americans return to school to ~

hone their technique
the hole is perfect for those wishing to ~ (kayaking)

develop and hone
they practice a lot to ~ their routines (cheerleaders)

amelioration & renewal: blade / knife / verb

honed

finely honed (m)
he demonstrates ~ political instincts (a diplomat)

functioning: blade / knife

condition & status: blade / knife

honey (honey, baby, etc.)

honey
hey, ~...

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

♦ "And for Swifties, well, they seem to have embraced their Queen's new boo." (Ailsa Chang, NPR.)

vocative: taste

honeycomb (shape)

honeycomb cardboard
packaging materials such as ~

honeycomb mold

the glass flowed into a ~ (telescope mirror)

honeycomb structure
~s are widely used in the aerospace industry

honeycomb weathering
rocks and bones can display ~

♦ The cells in a honeycomb structure are usually columnar and hexagonal (6-sided).

shape: animal / insect

honeycomb (verb)

honeycombed the island with bunkers
Taiwan's military ~

configuration: animal / insect / verb

honeycombed

honeycombed with caves
the cliffs are ~

honeycombed with mines
the mountain is ~, many over a century old (Chile)

honeycombed with tombs
this area is ~ (Judean foothills south of Jerusalem)

honeycombed with tunnels and bunkers
North Korea is ~

configuration: animal / insect

honeymoon (noun)

honeymoon
the ~ didn't last (teacher on job)

honeymoon between the media and police
the end to the ~ (leak)

honeymoon period
his ~ is clearly over (an elected official)

voter honeymoon
he still basks in a ~ (a politician)

end to the honeymoon
the ~ between the news media and police (leak)

honeymoon didn't last
at first things were great, but the ~ (a new teacher)

♦ "She wasn't prepared for the honeymoon shocker... a snoring spouse."

♦ "She disappeared on their honeymoon in Jordan."

conflict: love, courtship & marriage

feeling, emotion & effect: love, courtship & marriage
starting, going, continuing & ending: love, courtship & marriage

honeypot (attraction)

weird honeypot
I was a ~ for the night clubs (Black, skinny, charismatic)

♦ "And I was also a weird honeypot for the night clubs because all these fun girls would want to stick around longer to hang out, and buy more

bottles, too." ("Outside Man: Jeremy O. Harris, before and after 'Slave Play'" by Vinson Cunningham, *The New Yorker*, September 25, 2023.)

♦ You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.

attraction & repulsion: food & drink / taste

honey-tongued

honey-tongued

the ~ French major

speech: taste / tongue

honor (noun / groups)

it is an honor for NPR to distribute

~ Radio Ambulante...

in honor of "Record Store Day"

jazz recordings to be released ~

in honor of Donovan Lewis

a large crowd gathered ~ (shot by a policeman)

in honor of George Floyd

a rally and march ~

badge of honor

see *badge (badge of honor)*

point of honor

he made it a ~ to shoot only what he could eat (a hunter)

gets (overdue) honors

Black civil-war soldier ~ (Lt. Stephen Atkins Swails)

*** **Pride events, banquets, space failures, etc.**

♦ "It's an honor for NPR to distribute Radio Ambulante and to join Daniel in elevating public radio's long-form journalism for Spanish-speaking audiences." (NPR President and CEO John Lansing, after Daniel Alarcon was selected for a MacArthur Foundation grant.)

♦ "LGBT Pride events are held annually in June in honor of the Stonewall riots." (Wikipedia.)

♦ "Ahead of Trans Day of Visibility, I rise in honor of a community that is being forced to fight for its very existence. I rise in honor of trans voices that deserve to be heard—not silenced and not criminalized. I rise in honor of trans joy that deserves to be celebrated—not eradicated." (U.S. Representative for Massachusetts Katherine Clark, House Minority Whip.)

♦ "It is a great honor to witness firsthand the heroic efforts of our mission control team overcoming enormous challenges to recover and operate the spacecraft. I look forward to sharing these, and more remarkable stories, after the mission concludes..." (Astrobotic CEO John Thornton, about a *failed* [italics mine] mission to the moon.)

♦ "Being in a sorority is a privilege. But being a Delta, that's an honor. (Dialogue from the 2019 cheerleader drama-thriller *The Secret Lives of Cheerleaders* starring Lucy Hale.)

♦ "USPS Picks Perfect Line For Maya Angelou Stamp—If Only It Were Hers" by Colin Dwyer, NPR, *The Two-Way*, April 8, 2015. / "Let's save Maya Angelou from fake quotes" by Rebecca Seals, BBC News, 13 November 2017.

♦ "Doesn't she need to go pick up some irrelevant award that she didn't actually earn and is now ruined as it is associated with her?" (Online snark against a "woke" celebrity.)

♦ "The value of true modesty or humility is hard to sustain in the attention economy." (Michael Goldhaber.)

*** **Louise Bigmeat Maney, MOH, etc.**

♦ "This potter will be remembered," Bob Blankenship, chairman of the Cherokee Tribal Council, told those gathered at the Cherokee High School Auditorium to honor Louise Bigmeat Maney. / Saturday's celebration was public recognition of the "Beloved Woman" title

conferred on Maney by tribal council in December 2001. / Principal Chief Leon Jones noted the title of Beloved Woman had been bestowed on only two other Cherokee women since the 1700s... / Marie Junaluska, the other Painttown council representative and member of the Ani'Yun'wiyahi (Principal People) committee, gave an emotional eulogy in her native tongue. Afterward Junaluska said, "She was my mentor and a great believer in preserving our culture." / The program began with a "Presentation of Colors" by the Tsalagi Warrior Society and included presentations by the Cherokee Elementary Traditional Singers and the Young Voices... / Former Principal Chief Joyce Dugan said Maney "would be embarrassed" by all the attention... / Her pottery is on display at the Smithsonian. ("Maney is third 'Beloved Woman' in 225 years" by Don Hendershot, *Smoky Mountain News / Regional / Week of 3/13/02.*)

♦ "Everything he did was with honor and style." (Jimmy Breslin's defence of the boxing referee Ruby Goldstein, accused by some of stopping fights too early, and accused by others of stopping Griffith-Paret III too late.)

♦ Duty, Honor, Country. (The motto of West Point.)

♦ "With only precious seconds to decide..." (From a Medal of Honor citation.)

♦ Better poor with honor than rich with shame.

♦ Better deserve honor and not have it, than have it and not deserve it.

♦ Where there is no shame, there is no honor. (An Ethiopian proverb.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

honor (verb / groups)

honor her body

she wants to ~ ("free bleeding" / menstruation)

honors (queer people's) existence

Queer Gym ~

honor your feelings

we ask each of you to ~ (after mass shooting)

honors (groundbreaking 1898) film

Library of Congress ~ depicting Black joy

honor Black History Month

six books republished to ~ (Penguin Classics)

honor their (sexual and emotional) needs

they ~ (women dating women)

honor '(un)known' enslaved people

new monument will ~ (IDEAS xLab / Louisville)

honors victims

the community ~ of the shooting and calls for change

honor women

we wanted to ~ who have been doing what they do...

celebrate and (we) honor

we ~ the women who made history...

♦ see also *celebrate (groups)*

♦ "Opting out of dating men is a deliberate choice made to honor their sexual and emotional needs." (Women dating women.)

♦ "Many of them have suffered much. And we honor them and we honor their pain and suffering." (Southern Baptist Church sexual abuse.)

♦ "Creator Annette talked through her process of free bleeding and said when she is on her period, she doesn't leave the house because she wants to honor her body."

♦ "As a brand, we want to honor women, like Misty, who are inspiring the next generation of girls to live out their dreams. We know role play often leads to real 'play' in life and we're thrilled to celebrate Misty with her very own doll." (Lisa McKnight, Barbie's general manager and senior vice

president. From "Misty Copeland Inspires A Barbie 'Sheroes' Doll" by Bill Chappell, NPR, The Two-Way, May 2, 2016.)

♦ Honesty; doing the right thing; learning and education; kindness and helping the weak and animals... (Things that are their own rewards.)

♦ Where there is no shame, there is no honor. (An Ethiopian proverb.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation / verb

honored (groups)

honored for grilling

he was ~ a million steaks (a cook)

honored and privileged

I have been ~ to take care of... (Suboxone.)

♦ "Others took umbrage with the fact that Mr Vine, 57, had used the word 'honoured' when describing the meeting with the teenager." (Jeremy Vine of the BBC posts a picture of him and Greta Thunberg. *The Daily Mail* described this as "gushing.")

♦ "A Georgia restaurant employee is honored for grilling a million steaks." NPR, Morning Edition, April 27, 2022.

♦ "I've been honored and privileged to take care of patients with opioid addiction..." (Suboxone.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

hood (look under the hood, etc.)

underneath the hood

there was nothing ~ ("BIC for Her" marketing fail)

under-the-hood components

I would like to focus on the ~ that make ChatGPT work

looked under the hood

he ~ of the Chrome web browser (privacy investigator)

digging under the hood

they are ~ (investigators / how company operates)

look under the hood to understand

Google doesn't ~ who these companies are (trackers)

opening the hoods

these auditors are ~, showing us how they work

kicking the tires, and looking under the hood

Microsoft is ~ of Tik-Tok (possible merger)

♦ "Under the bonnet, though, it works in a different way." (Mastodon vs. Twitter.)

♦ "And under the hood Twitter has never been a very good business right?" (Bobby Allyn giggling about Elon Musk while being interviewed by Scott Simon. NPR.)

♦ "If you consider mathematical models as the engines of the digital economy—and in many ways they are—these auditors are opening the hoods, showing us how they work. This is a vital step, so that we can equip these powerful engines with steering wheels—and brakes." (*Weapons Of Math Destruction* by the remarkable writer Cathy O'Neil.)

♦ Be sure to kick the tires and look under the hood.

bases / searching & discovery: engine

analysis, interpretation & explanation: engine

concealment & lack of concealment: engine

hood (personhood, etc.)

girlhood

all those who identify as girls or with ~ (kids)

herohood

why Mr. Floyd's ascension to ~ should be reconsidered

personhood

their radical view of '~' (Nonhuman Rights Project)

"Racist, Sexist Boy" is a joyous assertion of ~ (teens)

fetal ~, the next frontier in the legal battle (abortion)

4 states are using fetal ~ to put women behind bars

giving ~ to nature has been gaining adherents

Spain gives ~ status to saltwater lagoon

sisterhood

see *sisterhood* (noun)

thinghood

the transition from ~ to personhood (slaves, women, etc.)

victimhood

see *victimhood* (groups)

womanhood

a portrait of ~ and sisterhood (the film *She Said*)

I decided to detransition and accept my ~

inclusion & exclusion: affix / epistemology

hoof (on the hoof)

on the hoof

he made up policy ~ (UK Labour politics)

♦ "He was sacked because he booked himself on to media programs without permission, and then made up policy on the hoof." (A Labour-party official.)

haste / readiness & preparedness: horse

hook (off the hook)

off the hook for now

he might be ~, but... (criminal investigation)

got him off the hook

his lawyers ~ (acquittal)

let him off the hook

don't ~ (prosecutor to jury)

let Real off the hook

City ~... (City won, but blew first-leg big lead)

let them off the hook

she likes them, but she doesn't ~

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / justice

punishment & recrimination: fish / justice

hook (Hook of Holland, etc.)

Hook of Holland

he walked from the ~ through the Low Countries to...

proper name: shape

hook (hook, line and sinker)

swallowed his story hook, line and sinker

I ~

consumption / extent & scope: fish / food & drink

acceptance & rejection: fish / food & drink

hooked (enthusiasm)

hooked

I started with a free trial and then I was ~ (brand)

hooked on raptors

I got ~ because birds of prey are majestic, awe-inspiring

hooked on (American) TV

he got ~ (diplomat's son)

hooked on social media or even an unboxing video

kids who are ~

completely hooked

I got ~ on viruses (a scientist)

get hooked

when you're a young musician you ~ on a phrase
it's a real high, you just ~ (genealogy)

got hooked

he ~ on the game (Cow Clicker)

he tried backcountry once last year and ~ (skiing)

♦ "I love maps, and when you get hooked, you get hooked." (W. Graham Arader III, a preeminent map dealer of old American maps.)

♦ "Oxygen set a new standard by doing Grade 4 and Grade 5 jumps. They remain the greatest tower jumps in Czech history."

♦ "And ever since that day migration has had its hooks in me, raptors have had their hooks in me..." (A 12-year-old Scott Weidensaul sitting on Hawk Mountain with a strong northwest wind blowing on "one of the best migration days of the fall.")

enthusiasm: addiction / fish

hook up (connect)

hooked up with Lashkar-e-Taiba

through friends in Durham, he ~ (group)

division & connection: tools & technology / verb

hook up (relationship)

hook up with her

I might ~ sometime later down the road

hooked up with her ex-boyfriend

rumors that she might have ~

hooked up with a friend

he ~ who... (camping)

hook up online

as more people ~ (long-distance relationships)

social interaction: tools & technology

hookup (sex)

hookup

~s are happening while on the job (sex)

with a ~, it's about instant gratification (young woman)

hookup in Japan

a ~ is called a take-out (sex)

homosexual hook-ups

the Minneapolis airport is known as a site for ~

site for (homosexual) hookups

the Minneapolis airport is known as a ~

sex: tools & technology

hoop (jump through hoops, etc.)

cumbersome bureaucratic hoops

you have to jump through ~ and wait days (healthcare)

jump through hoops

they make you ~ to get a good rate (banks)

jump through (superhuman) hoops

you must ~ to become "one of the good ones" (immigrants)

difficulty, easiness & effort / obstacles & impedance: circus / sports & games / verb

hoop (as verb)

want to hoop

I just want to play basketball, I ~ (NBA's Zion Williamson)

♦ "I just want to play basketball. I want to hoop, I want to play the game I love." (The NBA player Zion Williamson.)

♦ "Danielle would hoop you up out of your birth certificate. Danielle was a hooping beast." (Rachal Nolen about former LSU basketball player Danielle Ballard.)

♦ see also *ball* (as verb)

inclusion & exclusion: part of speech

hoovered up

hoovered up

people's biometric data is being ~ (Worldcoin orb)

taking & removing: mechanism

hoover up (verb)

hoovered up (close to) half the golds

Australia and England ~ (Commonwealth Games)

hoovering up (all of these) influences

Biden was ~ (Kennedy, Kinnock)

hoovering up talent

big clubs have been ~

♦ Feed (it) / eat up, hoover up, snatch up, vacuum up / gobble up, ingested (the book) / regurgitate (everything), spit out... (What AI does. From "The alleged theft at the heart of ChatGPT," Planet Money, November 10, 2023. Other articles use words like *devour*, *scrape up*, *suck up* (language and ideas) / *vomit up* (words), *spew* (false information), *spout* (misinformation), etc.)

taking & removing: mechanism / verb

hop (verb)

hopping

the stockyards were ~ during the war (Chicago)

the city of Memphis is ~ this month (civic festivals)

activity: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: animal / verb / walking, running & jumping

hop (hop across, etc.)

hopped the ocean

it has now ~ and arrived in Latin America (banana fungus)

transmission: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

horde (people)

internet horde

he and the ~ discovered this and... (conspiracy theorists)

♦ This originally referred to groups of Asian nomads, for example, the Golden Horde.

amount / group, set & collection: history

horizon (on the horizon)

on the horizon

there's no miracle cure ~

a solution is not yet ~ (nuclear waste)

with the threat of a war ~ (with Iran)

a wedding is ~, she says... (celebrity)

American sanctions are ~ (diplomacy)

what's next ~ for you (question to a celebrity)

on the immediate horizon

children are not ~ (an actor)

see the collapse on the horizon

we can ~

see anything on the horizon

I don't ~ (a change in the law in the future)

♦ "A new day is dawning on the horizon." (The Democrat Nancy Pelosi. The final three words are redundant and fall flat.)

♦ "There is a horizon of peace after war." (An Israeli official.)

future / time: distance / eye / horizon / sky

horizon (expand one's horizons)

expand his horizons

he wanted to ~ (oilman working in Nigeria)

experience: earth & world / horizon / sky

horizon (extent and scope)

widening (strategic) horizons

the naval deploy is a clear sign of Iran's ~ (the Med)

extent & scope: horizon / sky

horn (shape)

Horn of Africa

over 90 million people inhabit the ~

Cape Horn

the ~ is at the southern end of South America

♦ Towers (the Trango Towers); tooth (The Tooth near Seattle); cathedrals (the Baltoro Cathedrals); spires (the Lobsang Spires); spurs (the Abruzzi Spur); peaks (Broad Peak); horns (the Matterhorn); pyramids (Carstensz Pyramid / Puncak Jaya); pinnacles; pillars; crags; domes (Half Dome); knobs (Huckleberry Knob); balds (Hooper Bald); monoliths (El Capitan, Shiprock, Stone Mountain)...

shape: animal / horn

horn (Horn of Africa, etc.)

the Horn

Eritrea and Ethiopia are the pole around which ~ moves

Horn of Africa

over 90 million people inhabit the ~

Cape Horn

the ~ is at the southern end of South America

bedrock of the Horn

Eritrea and Ethiopia are the ~

proper name: animal / horn / shape

geography: animal / horn / proper name / shape

horn (lock horns)

lock horns

former champions ~, they are to go head to head (Scrabble)

lock horns with (the inexperienced) Zelensky

Poroshenko would love to ~ (a debate)

locked horns in the debate

the three leaders ~

lock horns in (television) debate

assembly candidates ~

lock horns over spy charges

China and US ~

lock horns over whether

Betty and Mark ~ Bono should... (TV)

locked horns on the economy

Labour and Conservative politicians ~ (BBC debate)

lock horns with him over whether

they will ~ LSD allows access to a deeper reality (discussion)

Oxford and Cambridge lock horns

live coverage as ~ (Boat Race)

conflict: animal / crashes & collisions / head / horn / verb

hornet's nest

hornet's nest of (antiaircraft) fire

the Apache helicopters ran into a ~ (Iraq)

hornet's nest of (surface-to-surface) missile

Baghdad's air defenses were a ~

hornet's nest of (local) politics

he stepped into a ~ and got stung (President)

poke a stick in the hornet's nest

what we did was to ~ (investigation)

stumbled into a hornet's nest

she ~ (criticised transgender athletes)

activity / environment: animal / insect

conflict / danger: animal / insect

horrible (as noun)

my horrible

I can't complain about ~ (Hal Harrell / Uvalde shooting)

♦ "I feel guilty for saying I'm having a tough time. Because I'll never have it as tough as they [the families of the May 24 victims] had it that day. I can't complain about my horrible because in the back of your mind, you say 'it's not as horrible as somebody else who is living it.'" ("Uvalde superintendent speaks out for 1st time since announcing retirement" by Patrick Linehan, ABC, October 30, 2022.)

feeling, emotion & effect: part of speech

horribly

horribly wrong

my husband's ELF on the Shelf prank went ~

hyperbole: bodily reaction

horrific (adjective)

horrific

the footage is ~, a terrorist attack (2021 US Capitol riot)

this season could be '~' (tick season and Lyme disease)

horrific agenda

their ~ (an anti-abortion group)

horrific calls

he made some ~ behind the plate (MLB umpire)

'horrific' strike calls

College baseball umpire suspended after ~ end game

horrific (travel) conditions

Chinese New Year brings celebration, ~

horrific (budget) crunch

most states are in the middle of a ~

'horrific' editorial

she has sued the paper for its ~ (politics)

horrific experience

it was a ~ (slow Black female golfers kicked off course)

horrific infection

Guinea worm is a ~

horrific (racial) slurs

she attacked our son with ~

horrific looking

it was quite ~ (a beautiful frilled shark)

horrific and disgusting

she labeled the revelations as ~ (*Quiet on Set* documentary)

horrific, frustrating

he had a ~ Masters hole (a golfer / triple-bogey)

absolutely horrific

'~' stories show 'culture in cricket is rotten' (BBC)

fundamentally horrific

something ~ has happened (cleaning crew erases artwork)

called the graffiti "horrific"

Mayor Robert Garcia ~ (on a statue)

calls the situation "just horrific"

Ruth ~ (Ruth Madoff, wife of Bernard Madoff)

♦ "And I think that that's the frame that we should that I at least take into so many of the problems that we see in our society. It's like, well, yah know, we are working to end mass incarceration. We are working to end poverty or we are working to end all these horrific things..." (Clint Smith, author of *How The Word Is Passed*. From "Why Juneteenth Isn't Taught In Schools—And What That Means For Our Understanding Of Slavery" with Tonya Mosley, wbur, June 15, 2021.)

♦ A group of Black lady golfers was kicked off a golf course for playing too slowly. One of them described it as a "horrific" experience.

♦ "Black attorneys make up less than 5 percent of all attorneys and continue to face horrific experiences in law school and in the legal community." ("Must I Mentor a White Law Student When I Requested a Black Mentee?" The Ethicist by Kwame Anthony Appiah, *The New York Times Magazine*, Dec. 4, 2022.)

♦ "Capital letters are horrid. Hard to read." (Message board snark.)

♦ "Oh for goodness sake. Anyone would think you were dying. You've only got suspected leprosy." (A British nurse to a terrified English patient just returned from Afghanistan who is howling in pain, delirious with fever, and covered in enormous black lumps.)

*** war, conflict, etc.

♦ "I heard yesterday that there is a military hospital hidden in the forest for the soldiers who have had their faces shot away. They apparently look so horrific that ordinary people can't even look at them. Things like that make me despair." (Elfriede Kuhr, a young German schoolgirl. From *The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter England.)

♦ He watched the coverage and couldn't believe his eyes. (9/11.)

*** analysis

♦ "Geoff Nunberg deconstructs this word in "'Horrific' And 'Surreal': The Words We Use To Bear Witness," NPR, Fresh Air, April 26, 2013.)

hyperbole: bodily reaction

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

horrifically

horrifically offensive

I think that was a ~ thing to say

♦ "Places like Monte Cassino, if they're defended, are always going to be horrifically violent and horrifically bloody." (World War II. Italy.)

hyperbole: bodily reaction

horrified

easily horrified

you are ~ ("join the discussion" snark)

hyperbole: bodily reaction

horrifying (adjective)

truly horrifying

this is ~

♦ "This is truly horrifying." (Polina Edmunds, speaking on NPR to Scott Simon about the Russian figure skater Kamila Valieva at the Beijing Winter Olympics, after Valieva finished fourth in a skating event.)

hyperbole: bodily reaction

hors de combat

hors de combat

Dmetri, too, was ~ (Terra Nova expedition in Antarctica)

♦ Out of combat; unable to perform duty.

condition & status / functioning / presence & absence:
military

hors d'oeuvres (noun)

mere hors d'oeuvres

what had gone before were ~...

♦ "Here [in Marble Canyon] the men started to grow restless: the trip was taking too long and was bruising, cold, and dangerous. Major Powell, they complained, was interested only in science—in taking observations, in collecting, in writing. He seemed less concerned with getting the team down to calm waters, to safety, and to home. / There were mutinous rumblings, and they were scarcely mitigated when their leader realized—and promptly told his men—that it was going to get worse and take still longer. For with the cliffs fast rising around them and the outflow of a known river named by the old conquistador explorers the Colorado Chiquita bursting in on their left side, it was clear that the main part of the huge cleft, the hitherto untraveled Big Canyon, as it was then vaguely known—lay now directly in front of them. What had gone before were mere hors d'oeuvres. The main dish lay just ahead. / 'We are three quarters of a mile in the depths of the earth,' Powell would later write in his diary." (*The Men Who United The States* by Simon Winchester.)

development: food & drink

horse (warhorse, war horse)

see *warhorse* (and *war horse*)

horse (hold your horses)

hold your horses

~, we got it right here... (a good boxing show)

eagerness & reluctance: animal / horse / verb

control & lack of control: animal / horse / verb

horse (get back on the horse)

get back (up) on the horse

it's important to ~ (Simon Biles / Tokyo Olympics)

resiliency: animal / horse / verb

horse (switch horses)

switched horses

progressive school reformers have ~ (tactics)

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / horse / verb

horse (high horse)

high (though not very reliable) horse of privilege

the foreigner tends to ride upon the ~ (in Asia)

judgmental high horse

people are quick to jump on the ~

come down from your high horse

you can ~ now (an overdose death)

superiority & inferiority: animal / height / horse

horse (horse in the race)

have no horse in this race

I'm not a Democrat and ~ (comment message)

see also *dog* (*dog in the fight*)

involvement: animal / horse / sports & games

horse (back the wrong horse)

backed the wrong horse

he ~, Clinton trounced Bush (John Major)

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / gambling / horse / verb

horse (the willing horse, etc.)

willing horse

the ~ is overworked (in human organizations)

work & duty: animal / horse

horse (a gift horse)

look fashionability in the mouth

a rebel artist should not ~ (Joan Didion)

worth & lack of worth: animal / horse

horse (cart before the horse)

putting the cart before the horse

it was ~ (making it smaller before making it work)

sequence: horse

horseshoe (shape)

horseshoe of the Carpathians

every superstition is gathered into the ~

shape: horse

horse-trading

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this ~ is disgraceful (politics)

negotiations and horse trading

spending and budgeting are fair game for ~ (politics)

position, policy & negotiation: horse / money

host (host of questions, etc.)

host of questions

Democrats have a whole ~

host of symptoms

they have suffered a ~, including... (Gulf War Syndrome)

amount: military

hostage (held hostage)

held hostage to the unions

the city is ~ (transportation unions)

held hostage to (political) posturing

reform has been ~

held hostage by the (culinary) canon

he is not ~ (a chef)

held hostage by (union) demands

public education is ~

held hostage by elites
democracy is ~ (Africa)

held hostage by politicians
we're being ~ who don't know how we survive

held hostage by (politically powerful) interest groups
their budgets are ~ (universities)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime

hostage (other)

hostage to (larger) forces
architecture is always ~ (high-rise success or failure)

willing hostages
they have made themselves ~ to a dangerous man (politics)

legislative hostages
he had no qualms about ~ (politics)

holding us hostage
the weather is ~ (emergency response)

take yourself hostage
don't ~ to your own fears (reaction to terrorism)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime

hostile (adjective)

hostile (anti-LGBTQ+) bills
we have seen an onslaught of aggressively ~

hostile comments
the British press were just full of unbelievably ~ about...

hostile environment
our children are trained to operate in a ~ (school shootings)
created a ~ for Jewish students (Harvard, UPenn, MIT)

hostile (work) environment
she abused her power as our boss, she created a ~

'hostile' haters
Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard slam ~...

hostile way
she crossed a line by airing her views in a ~

bitter, angry and hostile
he was ~ (sick man with undiagnosed illness)

crazy and hostile
Boston Celtic fans are ~ (NBA)

became more hostile
we found that the language ~ (a study)

♦ "Albert Sabin... turned to me and said, 'Now Dr. Salk, you should know better than to ask a question like that.' It was like being kicked in the teeth. I could feel the resistance and the hostility and the disapproval. I never attended a single one of those meetings afterward without that same feeling." (Dr. Jonas Salk on being put in his place by Albert Sabin at a meeting.)

♦ "Our children are trained to operate in a combat zone, in a hostile environment." (School-shooting drills.)

♦ "AFFAIRS IN MINNESOTA / Movements of the Hostile Sioux Indians / ...They rushed on to the camp with that unearthly scream and yell

peculiar to their race... This shouting is done on purpose to terrify their opponents, and give them an exaggerated idea of their strength. Whatever the strength of the assaulting party was, it is sufficient to say they were repulsed, but not before they had killed one enlisted man of the Seventh Minnesota Volunteers, and one boy. Two women were wounded and three or four men...[The] Indians carried away with them several horses. Col. Miller, upon being informed of this unfortunate event, immediately sent a force of well-mounted cavalry in pursuit, and if the redskins are captured they will be summarily dealt with. This outrage has again stricken the inhabitants of the border settlements with terror, and many are fleeing from an expected crusade of the savages..." (Correspondence of the *New-York Times*, May 1, 1863.)

♦ ATTACK ON BRITISH TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN. / Bombay, April 18. / Intelligence has been received that a considerable force of hostile Pathans have attacked and massacred a small party of British troops in the vicinity of Quettah. The party included the British officer commanding. The enemy have since followed up the attack by blocking the high road between Quettah and Candahar. Strong detachments have been despatched against them from both places." (*The Brisbane Courier*, Tuesday, April 20, 1880.)

♦ "A machine gunner scans for hostiles while his helicopter is on patrol over the Mekong Delta." (Music of Vietnam, YouTube)

♦ "NPR's increasingly restive newsroom staff..." (National Public Radio.)

behavior / conflict / feeling, emotion & effect: military / society

hot (controversial)

hot
the issue has gotten so ~ that...

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

hot (emotion)

hot temper
he had a ~ (an executive / verbal abuse)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

hot (sex)

hot stuff
lookin' for some, baby, this evenin' ~ (Donna Summer)

steamy, hot, sultry
~ (boudoir, romance, YA fiction)

♦ "Sizzling-hot; ignite the most fiery of passions; a little sizzle; sexy; hot; forbidden; temperature rises; sweats with passion; 'the heart is an organ of passion'; hotter; scalding; sexy; rampant; the broad strokes (ha!)..." ("Sizzling-Hot Reads for Those Cold Winter Nights" by Barrie Jessica Hardymon, NPR, All Things Considered, February 13, 2015. Listen to "Squeeing about Outlander with RedHeadedGirl and NPR's Barrie Hardymon" at Smart Bitches Trashy Books. Hardymon is Senior Editor, Investigations, for NPR's Investigations.)

♦ "All it takes for love to blossom; love finds a way; when sparks are flying and hearts and minds are open; a night of drinking at the coolest lesbian bar in Greenwich Village; Cassidy is *totally* into helping her explore; a hot read; the rekindling of old flames; getting to happy ever after..." ("For July, 3 Romantic Reads That Prove Summer Is For Lovers" by Maya Rodale, NPR, July 8, 2018. "Maya Rodale is a best-selling romance author.")

sex: temperature

hot (activity)

hottest (real estate) markets
during the housing boom, Florida was the ~ in the world

hot mess
see *hot mess*

hot mike
she was caught on a ~

hot mic
a ~ caught the candidates trading accusations
~s are just a hot mess (Nato meeting embarrassment)
a ~ picked up his remarks about... (TV commentator)

activity: temperature

hot (popularity, attention, etc.)

hot favorite
Holloway was the ~ (Tokyo Olympics)
he starts the season as a ~ for a 4th world title (Verstappen)

hottest new flex
hyper-realistic toupees are the ~

hot prospect
she is already a ~ for nomination to the Supreme Court

hot topic
the term "midsize" has become a ~ on TikTok (fashion)

hottest trends
cryotherapy has become one of the ~ in health, wellness

- ♦ "In pop culture, *hot* is sexy. *Hot* is cool. *Hot* is new."
- ♦ "Right now the California desert is the hottest place and I'm not talking about the weather." (The 2022 Coachella Music Festival kicks off.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: temperature

hot (come in hot, go in hot)

keep coming in hot
if economic indicators ~ like that, the Fed may have to...

- ♦ The OED recognizes three senses of this phrase at "hot" to include (1) to arrive at a high or dangerous speed (2) to be prepared to go to work immediately, energetically, intensely, enthusiastically and (3) to come in with guns blazing (military).
- ♦ "The helicopters stayed low. Some distance to the front we could see jets strafing the ground. Clouds of smoke drifted up from an area on the horizon and gnatlike gunships moved in and out of it. As we got closer we saw bombs falling from diving planes. The napalm tanks tumbled and exploded into fireballs when they hit the jungle. / As the large, open LZ finally came into view, the gunners on both sides of the slicks began firing into the jungle. I had the impulse to sit on my M-16 to give me an extra measure of protection from bullets that might come up through the floor. / In the field ahead I saw soldiers moving around. Several downed helicopters were lying on their side. Fires were burning in the nearby jungle. I felt myself breathing faster. I tightened my grip on my M-16 and retightened it... / The helicopter finally flared out to brake its forward speed and settled down in the field... Adrenaline pumping, we barely avoided the soldiers carrying the stretchers as we jumped to the ground. Some of the men on the stretchers were dead..." (*Last Man Out: A Personal Account Of The Vietnam War* by James E. Parker Jr. Operation Crimp, the Ho Bo woods.)

force: military / weapon

hotbed (noun)

hotbed of racism
stereotypes of Mississippi as a ~ (civil-rights activists)

hotbed of revolt
the region has been a ~

hotbed of extremism
a reputation as a ~ (a university)

hotbed for al Qaeda activity
Yemen is a ~

hotbed of volcanic activity
Iceland is a ~

cyclo-cross hotbed
New England is a ~ (bicycling)

reputation as a hotbed
it has a ~ of extremism (a Saudi university)

- ♦ A hotbed is a garden enclosed by glass and fertilized with manure. In such an environment plants grow rapidly.

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

hot-blooded (adjective)

hot-blooded crime
it was a ~, not a cold-blooded one, if you will

hot-blooded fits of anger
his ~, spewed in Spanish (beloved *I Love Lucy* TV show)

hot-blooded Romeos
~, looking for the perfect mate

character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

hot dog (person)

hot dog
he's a ~

hot dog, a daredevil
he's not a ~, he takes it seriously (Stockton Rush)

character & personality: dog / person / temperature

hothead (person)

hothead
he's a ~

message for the hotheads
here's a ~ in the community (stand-your-ground killing)

person: head / temperature
behavior / character & personality / control & lack of control / feeling, emotion & effect: head / person / temperature

hotheaded (and hot-headed)

hotheaded (political) aspirant
he's a ~

hotheaded ways
he was known for his ~

behavior / character & personality / control & lack of control / feeling, emotion & effect: head / temperature

hothouse (noun)

musical hothouse
the Dominican Republic is a ~

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant creation & transformation: farming & agriculture / plant hotline (988, etc.)

hotline

988, the new national suicide ~

Lifeline

Trans ~ is a hotline for trans people

Blackline

~ is a hotline for Blacks

“warm” lines

~ are typically staffed by “peers”

~ are an alternative to the 988 hotline (suicide)

♦ “Blackline is a hotline geared towards the Black, Black LGBTQ+, brown Native, and Muslim communities.” (A hotline.)

♦ “Trans Lifeline is a hotline for trans and questioning individuals.”

help & assistance: mechanism

hotly

hotly anticipated

boxing fans look forward to the ~ rematch

hotly debated

this question has been ~ for decades

hotly contested

BASE jumping is a ~ issue (Yosemite Valley)

hotly disputed

nuclear reactor safety is a ~ issue

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

hot mess (person)

hot mess

I admit it, I’ve been a ~ lately

being in your 20s is a ~, a mad time

drugs, alcohol and low self-esteem turned her into a ~

hot mess (best) friend

Wren, Lily’s ~ (film characters)

person: hygiene / temperature

character & personality: hygiene / person / temperature

hot mess (situation, etc.)

hot mess

I didn’t understand what that article said, it was a ~

it’s a ~, c’mon guys, get it together (school policy)

flaws & lack of flaws / situation: hygiene

hot seat (noun)

in a hot seat

the CEO of Boeing is back ~ on Capitol Hill (crashes)

in the hot seat

he’s ~ as he tries to boost CNN’s ratings (Chris Licht)

in the hotseat with regulators

Facebook is also ~ because...

♦ “It can’t surprise us that our language began with metaphors. Words are being made today under our own eyes in precisely the same fashion. Witness the terse and vivid terms that the gangsters coin: gun moll, for the racketeer’s girl-friend; hot seat, for the electric chair; stool pigeon, for the traitor who acts as a spy for the police.” (*Word Origins and Their Romantic Stories* by Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., 1950.)

accusation & criticism / judgment: crime / electricity / justice / temperature

hotshot (person)

hotshot

he’s a ~

hot-shot (account) executive

a ~

♦ “The engineers were formed into three divisions, and some experiments were made with red-hot shot... / Artillery salvos more tremendous, if possible, than ever were now directed from Gibraltar; incessant showers of red-hot balls of every calibre, of flaming carcasses, and shells of every species, flew from all quarters... / From the depressed guns the red-hot globes of iron seemed to streak the air with red lines as they went on their errand of destruction... / Upward of 8,000 rounds (more than half of which were red-hot shot) and 716 barrels of powder, were expended by our artillery.” (Gibraltar. From *British Battles On Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

person: weapon

behavior: hunting / person / weapon

character & personality: explosion / hunting / person / weapon

hotspot (place)

hotspot for celebrities

L.A.’s newest ~

hotspot for migrants

Melilla became a ~, just like the Balkans

L.A.’s (newest) hotspot

~ for celebrities

Hollywood hotspot

she stays clear of ~s

disease hotspot

the Lyme ~ was a goldmine of research

selfie hotspot

she fell from a ~ where people climb over the fencing

surfing hotspot

they have turned Yakutat, Alaska into a ~

skateboarding hot spot

the Tampa Bay area is a ~

global hotspot

the Congo basin is a ~ for thunderstorms (meteorology)

newest hotspot

L.A.’s ~ for celebrities

piracy hotspot

the Gulf of Guinea is the world’s most dangerous ~

turned Yakutat into a (surfing) hotspot

they have ~ (Alaska)

activity / location / place: temperature

hot water (in hot water)

in hot water with my dad
I'm ~

in hot water with that woman
I'm already ~ (an authority figure)

in hot water for the crime
he now finds himself ~

in (judicial) hot water
she finds herself ~

finds himself in hot water
he now ~

get me into hot water
my pride and stubbornness ~ once in a while

gotten in hot water
he has ~ lately for his tweets (auto executive)

keep me in hot water
you ~ all the time (George to Lennie / *Of Mice and Men*)

landed him in hot water
his unapologetic remarks on issues have frequently ~

landed himself in hot water
Ye has ~ multiple times (controversies)

situation: heating water / temperature / water

Houdini

Houdini of British Politics
the ~ shows no signs he intends to step down

veritable Houdini
Swallow was a ~ (William Swallow, Australian convict)

♦ "My dad wasn't Harry Houdini, but he managed to disappear out of my life before I knew him." (The football player Keith McCants, referring to the famous escape artist.)

♦ "Zach Wilson would Houdini out of harm's way to make magic..." (A rave review of the New York Jets quarterback after he finally played well and New York won a game.)

pursuit, capture & escape: allusion / epithet

hound (autograph hound, etc.)

autograph hound
an ~

gossip hounds
~ wondered if she was doomed in love and marriage

powder hounds
joy for ~ falling in love with backcountry skiing

publicity hound
a pack of bizarre ~s (public meetings)
yes he's an opportunist, yes he's a ~ (a lawyer)

pack of (bizarre publicity) hounds

a ~ (public meetings)

enthusiasm: dog / hunting / person

hound (verb)

hounded Congress to pass their measures
they ~ (U.S. presidents FDR and JFK)

hounded her
the tabloids ~ (Britney Spears)

hounded Zhao
U.S. federal agents ~ (a Chinese national)

harassed and hounded
bill collectors ~ me, it was horrible

affliction: animal / dog / hunting / verb
pursuit, capture & escape: animal / dog / hunting / verb

hounded (dogged)

hounded with questions
candidates have been ~ about whether... (politics)

hounded from their lands
Native Americans were ~

hounded until his death
he was dragged to a court and ~

hounded by allegations
he has been ~ of unethical business dealings

hounded by the paparazzi
he has been ~ for his whole life (Prince Harry)

hounded by "the footnote police"
he said he was being ~ (a politician / plagiarism)

hounded by scammers
lottery winners are ~ and sometimes robbed or killed

hounded by investigators and the media
he has been ~

hounded and hunted
the gang is on the run, ~ by the law

paparazzi-hounded
what it's like to be a ~ celebrity

affliction: animal / dog / hunting
pursuit, capture & escape: animal / dog / hunting

hour (finest hour, etc.)

finest hour
this was his ~ (soccer player scores important goal)

Liberal Hour
it was the ~, when liberalism was at its ascendancy (1960s)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / superlative / time: hour

hour (timeliness)

hour

the ~ is getting late

early hours

I know it's ~ but...

eleventh hour

why did she wait until the ~ to reveal this
it's disingenuous to wait until the ~ (politics)
they didn't bring this to us until the ~ (labor talks)

11th-hour

Samra made no ~ appeals to the court (executed)
he got an ~ stay of his execution

golden hour

a clock starts ticking on what is called the ~
the "~", when life can hang in the balance

"Golden Hour"

if treatment is available within the first ~ of injury

hour is getting late

so let us stop talking falsely now, the ~

time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: hour

hour (of one's hour / of the hour)

heroes of the hour

Johansen was one of the ~ (along with Nansen)

man of the hour

he is the ~ (FBI director gives Congressional testimony)

question of the hour

women suffrage was the burning ~ (late 1860s)

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

hourglass (shape)

hourglass figure

the ~ shape (a body type)

hourglass-shaped

the Bottleneck, an ~ gully beneath a serac (on K2)

♦ Sh2-106 is also known as the Celestial Snow Angel. It's a nebula in the constellation Cygnus (the Swan), and its shape has also been compared to an hourglass and butterfly.

shape: clock / tools & technology

hourglass (time)

hourglass

the sand is running through the ~ (approaching deadline)

hourglass for a political settlement

the ~ is running out

diplomatic 'hourglass'

the ~ is running out for Lebanon to stop Hezbollah

♦ "We are close to the point where the hourglass will turn." (From diplomacy to war.)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock / mechanism

time: mechanism / sign, signal, symbol

house (a house in order)

fiscal house

we must get our ~ in order

put your house in order

~ before you condemn others

get its house in order

the church must ~ (pedophile priests)

get our own house in order

we need to ~when it comes to data governance (hacking)

amelioration & renewal: house

house (hype house)

this hype house

this ~ is leaning into the campaign in a big way (2020)

group, set & collection: house

attention, scrutiny & promotion: house

house (clean house)

cleaning house

she is ~ and stopping harassment and discrimination

mandate to clean house

the new police chief has a clear public ~

on a mission to clean house

somebody who's ~

need to clean house

we ~

♦ Michele Rhee was an educational crusader. As chancellor of the Washington, D.C. school system, she was given a mandate to "clean house." She appeared on the cover of *Time Magazine* with a broom. But community members felt like they had been compared to dirt, and she ended up having to resign her position.

amelioration & renewal: house / hygiene / verb

disruption: house / hygiene / verb

house (origin)

royal house

his descent from a ~, the Ranas (India)

origin: house / royalty

house (house that somebody built, etc.)

house that Emile Griffith built

the ~ (boxing / Madison Square Garden)

House That Jack Ma Built

Alibaba: The ~ (book by Duncan Clark)

house that Kobe built

some have dubbed the Staples Center "the ~"

House That Ruth Built

Yankee Stadium—the ~

house that Henry Ford built

a dip brought the ~ to a value of \$45 billion (Ford)

“House That Trump Built”

the convention will celebrate the ~ (Republican party)

♦ On hearing his fellow commentator for the 2014 “Irish” Andy Lee—John Jackson fight claim that Madison Square Garden was “the house that Emile Griffith built,” Roy Jones went “Mmm.” Both Jackson and Griffith came from the Virgin Islands, and Emile Griffith fought many times in Madison Square Garden.)

creation & transformation / origin: house

house of cards

house of cards

her ~ was about to collapse (Holmes of Theranos)

Enron's house of cards

~ began to disintegrate (bankrupt company)

house of cards collapses

the whole ~ and the entire statute falls (Supreme Court)

substance & lack of substance: cards / house

hover (numbers)

hovers at (around) 70%

unemployment ~ in winter (reservation)

temperatures hovered

in July 1995, when ~ around 100 degrees (Chicago)

configuration: flying & falling / verb

increase & decrease: number

hover (other)

hover

the batterer may ~ and refuse to leave the patient (ED)

hovers

the fear that he might recognize me still ~

hovered behind her

her manager ~ protectively

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: flying & falling / movement / verb

howl (noun)

howls of carpetbagging

her strategy drew ~ (politician runs in different district)

howl of pain

that ~ has a vent through the ballot box (democracies)

heard the (same) howls

we ~ in the 1980s (amateurism and sports)

sound: animal

conflict: sound

resistance, opposition & defeat / speech: animal / dog / sound

howl (verb)

howl

why didn't liberals ~ when... (culture wars)

howling about the (new pricing) policy

people are ~ (airline fees)

howling in protest

people are ~

sound: animal / verb

conflict: sound / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat / speech: animal / dog / sound / verb

hub (center)

hub airport

he is the security chief at a major ~

hub of the militia movement

northwestern Michigan was a ~

hub of (contemporary Middle East) painting

Damascus has evolved into a ~

narcotics hub

Guinea-Bissau has become a global ~ (cocaine)

transit hub

the UAE is a business and tourist center as well as a ~

publishing hub

lower Manhattan is re-emerging as a ~

shopping hub

the Fulton Street Mall is an eclectic ~

commercial hub

protesters occupied the ~ of Bangkok (2010)

financial hub

Warsaw has become a ~

center & periphery: mechanism

location / place / shape: mechanism

hub (branching system)

hub-and-spoke

the ~ model is out of favor (airlines)

smuggling hub

Atlanta is a major ~ (US)

branching system: mechanism

hug (configuration)

hugs the cliff

the trail ~, 70 feet above the sea, and is very dangerous

hug the (Mediterranean) coast

beaches that ~ (Egypt)

hugs a mountainside

the Poomau Ditch Trail ~ (Kauai, Hawaii / hiking)

configuration: arm / verb

huge (significant)

huge

I knew this was ~, this was so big (photojournalist)

boxing used to be ~, times change, tastes veer...

huge for us

Clax is ~ (praise for NBA player Nic Claxton)

huge deal

this is a ~, she is alleging... (a sensational trial)

importance & significance: size

huge (huge gratitude, etc.)

huge gratitude

so we also owe Megan a ~ (Wajahat Ali)

♦ "She signed off 'Big huge love.'" (The Irish actor Jessie Buckley to the writer Jordan Kisner. Kisner characterized the signoff as a "spirit of abundance." From "Monster Talent: In role after indelible role, Jessie Buckley is exploring the darkest corners of human nature" by Jordan Kisner, photograph by Jennifer Cheng, *The New York Times Magazine*, December 4, 2022.)

see also *big* (*big love, etc.*), *enormously* (*exciting, etc.*), *great* (*great hatred, etc.*)

feeling, emotion & effect: size

hugely

hugely loved

she was ~, and she will be sorely missed by so very many

extent & scope: size

Hugo Chavez

Gallic Hugo Chavez

he has been called a ~ (France's Jean-Luc Melenchon)

♦ "Clever, funny, a former professor..., and a brilliant orator, Melenchon has been called a Gallic Hugo Chavez." (The beloved NPR contributor in France, Eleanor Beardsley.)

comparison & contrast: epithet

hum (verb)

hummed with activity

the narrow streets ~

activity: animal / insect / mechanism / sound / verb

hum (noun)

hum

the ~ is incessant (emergency room / NYC)

hum of activity

from the vast Allied camp rose a mounting ~

activity: animal / insect / mechanism / sound

hum along (verb)

humming along

the team just keeps ~

the economy has been ~

functioning: engine / mechanism / sound / verb

activity: engine / mechanism / sound / verb

condition & status: engine / mechanism / sound / verb

hump (noun)

get over that hump

we need to ~ (a sports team)

get people over the hump

he was an elite player who could ~ (Michael Jordan)

obstacles and impedance: direction / infrastructure / shape

hung (hung out to dry)

hung out to dry

he feels like he's been ~

gets hung out to dry

he does it and he ~ (CIA operator)

allegiance, support & betrayal: atmosphere / clothing & accessories

hunger (noun)

hunger to escape

an aching ~ the loneliness and boredom (teen)

hunger to succeed

he has a ~ (an foreign athlete in US)

hunger for (snake) meat

the ~ is a country-wide phenomenon (China)

hunger for opportunity

they have a ~ (Samoans in NFL)

hunger for the profits

the ~ from arctic oil (Canada)

hunger for revenge

ways people can peaceably satiate their ~

hunger for a better life

a gnawing ~ (Ellis Island)

nation's hunger

our sports-starved ~ for baseball (during pandemic)

aching hunger

an ~ to escape the loneliness and boredom (teen)

gnawing hunger

a ~ for a better life (Ellis Island)

hunger and desire

the ~ which has driven them (Manchester City win Treble)

♦ "[Our hosts] gave us some fat pork, corn bread, and a kind of coffee, made, I think, out of burned peas. But it was warm... Hunger made that breakfast the most delicious we had in six months." (*Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby, about his service during the Civil War.)

♦ "Hunger was now torturing us. The Cossacks sat gloomily round the fire and hardly spoke. Hoping to forget their hunger a little, the men tried to sleep. I lay down too, but could not sleep. Anxiety and doubt tormented me. If we did not manage to kill something tomorrow, or reach the Iman, things would be desperate indeed. In the summer a man can carry on without food for several days, but in the winter hunger kills quickly." (*Dersu* by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "The mental adjustment took longer. It was a continual surprise to encounter no queues at food shops—'like a man who braces himself to pick up a heavy suitcase,' wrote Ginzburg, 'and finds it empty.' The words 'I'm hungry,' recently so charged with desperation and despair, only slowly reverted to their old function of expressing an ordinary desire for lunch." (*Leningrad* by the great writer Anna Reid.)

♦ "Man, you eat all the goddamn oranges and all the goddamn bananas you want." (An American merchant-marine sailor in 1947, to Tom Lantos (1928-2008), who was traveling from Europe to the US on a converted troop ship. Lantos, a Holocaust survivor, had discovered a big basket of oranges and a big basket of bananas in the mess and had asked the sailor, 'Should I take an orange or a banana?') On hearing the sailor, Lantos thought, "Then I knew I was in paradise." He went on to become the lone Holocaust survivor to serve in the US Congress. He was admitted to the US because he had been awarded an academic scholarship to study in the US on the basis of an essay he had written about the US president Franklin D. Roosevelt.)

♦ "There is always trouble if meat is not divided by lot. Someone immediately says that he has been given more than his share, and tries to hand a piece to someone else. Then there is much arguing and swearing 'by God!' with everyone insisting that he has been given too much, and finally a deadlock ensues which can only be settled by casting lots for the meat—as should have been done in the first place. I have never heard a man grumble that he has received less than his share. Such behaviour would be inconceivable to the Bedu, for they are careful never to appear greedy, and quick to notice anyone who is. I remember the story of a destitute Bedu boy, who told his mother that he liked dining when there was no moon, for then his companions could not see how much food he took. His mother said, 'Sit with them in the dark and cut at a piece of rope with your knife turned the wrong way round.' The boy did so that very night. There was no moon and it was very dark, but as he picked up the knife a dozen voices called out, 'You have got it the wrong way round!'" (Wilfred Thesiger, *Arabian Sands*.)

♦ Bedouins will appoint a man to divide the food into portions. Each man will take a portion, but never one he thinks is larger than the other portions. And so, the last portion goes to the man who divided the food, and if his portion is larger, he will eat shame. And so he is very careful to divide the portions equally.

♦ One third food. One third water. One third empty. (What the stomach is for, according to a Bedouin.)

♦ It is said a Tuareg can survive in the desert for nine days on just three dates, if it is necessary. On the first day, he will eat the skin of one date. On the second day, he will consume the meat of that one date. And on the third day he will suck the stone of that one date. And so on for nine days. On the tenth day, however, he will die.

♦ "He who eats his fill while his neighbor goes without food is not a believer."

consumption / wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink

Hunger Games (film)

Hunger Games feel

it does have a bit of ~ to it (too few vaccines for teachers)

Hunger Games (type) situation

college has become a ~ for many poorer students

evolutionary hunger games

in the ~, the drunk apes beat the sober ones (alcohol)

from America the Beautiful to the Hunger Games

the cancel culture is leading us ~

♦ "You have hundreds of college students who are living in their cars while attending classes. To me, it just kinda shows what kind of a Hunger Games type situation college has become for so many type people [sic] of doing what they can to make sure they get that piece of paper that will keep them in the middle class." (Journalist Will Bunch. From "College is increasingly out of reach for many students. What went wrong?" NPR, Fresh Air, August 3, 2022.)

♦ "'One down, two to go' makes it sound like she's playing the *Hunger Games*, she's on the hunt, for people who don't follow her particular right-wing agenda, the Maga agenda." (Harvard's Laurence Tribe about Representative Elise Stefanik, and calls to replace Harvard President Dr. Claudine Gay following her testimony at "Holding Campus Leaders Accountable and Confronting Antisemitism," House Committee on Education and the Workforce, Dec. 5, 2023.)

allusion: film & TV

competition / oppression: allusion / film & TV

hungry (adjective)

hungry

I was ~, ready... (Bruno in ring waiting for Tyson)

hungry for adventure

weary of England, ~, he found himself in Bratislava...

hungry for sex

they are ~ (ad for porn site on Web)

women were assumed to be just as ~ as men (1700s)

hungry for new talent

Hollywood is constantly ~

hungry for attention or sympathy

parents ~ abuse their kids

hungry spiritually

I'm ~ (defies pandemic to go to church)

hungry-eyed

he would stay there, ~

celebrity-hungry

a ~ electorate

content-hungry

programming for ~ cable networks

Internet-hungry

~ investors

power-hungry

another ~ self-seeker (a politician)

publicity-hungry

the ~ D.C. lobbyist (a person)

publicity hungry

prosecutors in his own office described him as ~

stay hungry

~, stay foolish (Steve Jobs / Apple Computer)

♦ "Unseemly hungers; biting honesty; spitting it back at others; female hunger; female hunger; everybody was starving around me; if you were starving you were doing great; you must starve; then you'll be palatable; "palatable" displays of womanhood; she looks hungry, as if she could swallow the whole world and it wouldn't be enough; What Buckley remembers her whispering most was, "You're starving, you're absolutely starving"; take a bite of the apple; her taste for playing women who want something they are not supposed to want; really take a bite of the apple; demand the right to see the world as it really is, to eat what is delicious; a tree teeming with apples; her hunger is recognizable; it doesn't feed her enough (being 100% in love with her partner)... (Figurative language relating to food and eating in "Monster Talent: In role after indelible role, Jessie Buckley is exploring the darkest corners of human nature" by Jordan Kisner, photograph by Jennifer Cheng, *The New York Times Magazine*, December 4, 2022.)

♦ "I'm hungry for nature; I don't think I've ever seen kind of England so kind of delicious; I dunno, whatever feels like kind of nourishing; like [?] that I can get my teeth into..." ("Cannes 2022: Irish actress Jessie Buckley talks 'Men,' YouTube France 24 English, May 23, 2022.)

♦ (1) 9 1/2 Weeks (1986 / strawberries). (2) Tampopo (1985 / ramen, raw eggs and sake). (3) Tom Jones (1963 / chicken bones, apples, oysters). (4) Varsity Blues (1999 / whipped cream). (5) Like Water for Chocolate (1993 / quail in rose-petal sauce). (6) Woman on Top (2000 / chili peppers). (7) Flashdance (1983 / lobster). (8-Tie) Henry and June (1990 / wine). (8-Tie); Jamon Jamon (1993 / prosciutto or Serrano ham). (9) Women in Love (1969 / figs). (10) La Grande Bouffe (1973 / turkey leg). (11-Honorable Mention) Chocolat (2000 / chocolate. (12-Honorable

Mention) Xiu-Xiu, the Sent Down Girl (1998 / apple). ("Top Ten Food & Sex Scenes in the Movies," at <http://blogs.houstonpress.com/eating/2008>.)

♦ "The significance of sex and food is reversed between the Siriono and us Westerners: the Sirionos' strongest anxieties are about food, they have sex virtually whenever they want, and sex compensates for food hunger, while our strongest anxieties are about sex, we have food virtually whenever we want, and eating compensates for sexual frustration." (The Siriono Indians live in Bolivia. From *The World Until Yesterday* by Jared Diamond.)

♦ "Then started again, and, coming to a small log cabin, entered and asked for something to eat. The poor people seemed to be alarmed and said they had nothing. 'Oh,' we said, 'we do not wish to deprive you, and we are willing to pay.' Then they took courage and gave us some fat pork, corn bread, and a kind of coffee, made, I think, out of burned peas. But it was warm. There were three of us, the two doctors and myself. We gave our hosts five dollars, and they were delighted, and so were we. Hunger made that breakfast the most delicious we had in six months." (*Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby. Corby served during the Civil War.)

♦ "It is a fact that if you are hungry and you see somebody eating something you would like to have your teeth in too, spit will flood to your mouth and you will swallow to make a noise. That noise Shani made as I watched her. Then I saw her eyes, and they were on my can. / 'Why no home for dinner to-day?' I asked her... / Next morning I went to school with my can packed tight... Not a word from my mother, only a little smile. / So Shani and me sat together to have dinner every day in my mother's smile..." (*How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn.)

♦ "We will make do. Everyone will have a little bit." (Abdul Aziz, 63, of Dhaka, Bangladesh, disappointed that his money could not buy more beans and cauliflower for his family.)

♦ "He who eats his fill while his neighbor goes without food is not a believer."

wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink

consumption: food & drink

eagerness & reluctance: food & drink

hunt (in the hunt)

in the hunt for the championship
they could be ~ (sports team)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

hunt (verb)

hunted for his sock
he ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

hunt (noun)

hunt for a Northwest Passage
Sir John Franklin's doomed 1845 ~

hunt for the hackers
investigators continue the ~ behind the virus

hunt for the sniper
a setback in their frustrating ~ (D.C. area)

talent hunt
the ~ (to fuel the new economy)

title hunt
eliminated early from the ~ (NASCAR)

treasure hunt
most ~s are scams

Easter Egg Hunt
~ on Sunday (sign)

frustrating hunt
a setback in their ~ for the sniper (D.C. area)

setback in their (frustrating) hunt
a ~ for the sniper (D.C. area)

continue the hunt
investigators ~ for the hackers behind the virus

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

hunt down (verb)

hunted down his critics
he ~ (Turkish President)

hunt down jargon
~ mercilessly and kill it (science writer David Dobbs)

♦ 'Hunting rivals down' is that a joke. Utd are a good 13 points behind Liverpool, 11 behind Arsenal and Man City... (A BBC HYS commenter about "Aston Villa 1-2 Man Utd: 'Momentum' with Red Devils as they hunt down top-four rivals" by Simon Stone, BBC, 11 February 2024.)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

hunter (plants)

hunters for ginseng
the first Chinese who appeared in the region were ~

ginseng hunter
a ~

mushroom hunter
thousands of species are collected by amateur ~s
~s all have their secret places (France);
~s are wise to stay away from the Amanita species

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / person
person: hunting

hunter (other)

aurora hunter
~s chase the perfect pictures of the Northern Lights

bargain hunter
the souk is a ~'s delight (Sharjah City)

job hunter
~s are searching globally

house hunter
some of these ~s were asked...

relic hunter
~s have dug and taken artifacts (Civil War battlefield)

souvenir hunter
~s elbowing each other aside

treasure hunter
ship's loot unearthed by ~s
historical researchers and ~s

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / person

person: hunting

hurdle (noun)

hurdle

it was a difficult ~ to overcome
she still has another ~ to overcome

procedural hurdles

put ~ in the way of...

technological hurdle

there are a lot of ~s (medicine)

hurdles remain

~ in restarting power at the plant

running into some hurdles

marine-energy developers are ~

clear the (first major) hurdle

they are sounding hopeful that they will ~

cleared the first hurdle

she has ~ of her bid to serve again as speaker (vote)

cleared all of the hurdles

they had ~ (opposition candidates)

obstacles & impedance: sports & games / walking, running & jumping

hurl (verb)

hurling accusations (of racism) at anyone

he has been ~ who dares criticize him (politician)

hurling (rare) charges

Egyptian media were ~ of negligence (against military)

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

hurled

hurled at him

insults and racial slurs were ~

throwing, putting & planting: arm

hurrah (and hoorah, etc.)

great hurrah

I wanted to wish you a ~ (John Major to Geo. HW Bush)

hoorahs for his discovery

before the ~ had entirely died away... (Fritz Schaudinn)

huzzah for poetry

~ and memorization

achievement, recognition & praise: sound

hurricane (noun)

hurricane of notes

she'll peel off a ~ (guitarist Sarah Louise Henson)

hurricane of bad vibes

be prepared for that ~ over you (advice to Ruud Gullit)

typhoon of steel and destruction

the war descended on them in a ~ (WW II)

♦ "You could say that 'Hurricane Impeachment' remains a category four or five storm that is still well offshore and moving in an erratic direction very very slowly." (Ron Elving, NPR, Week in Politics, Weekend Edition, Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, right after Hurricane Dorian. Overblown.)

♦ "So, be prepared for that hurricane of bad vibes over you." (Johan Cruyff's advice to Ruud Gullit. "Inheritance Tracks, Ruud Gullit.")

♦ "There are a lot of ways a hurricane can kill you." (The storm surge, falling trees, electrocution from down power lines, carbon-monoxide poisoning, vehicle crashes, etc.)

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

activity: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

hurt (feeling and emotion / verb)

hurt

adjusting appropriately to words that ~

hurting

a lot of these guys and gals are really ~...

hurt my feelings

she ~

hurts the feelings

the film ~ of Muslims and stirs up religious sensitivities

hurt my daughter

the *New York Times* used my words to ~

hurt you

what's her name, the woman who ~...

I didn't mean to ~

♦ "A lot of these guys and gals are really really hurting, because of what they saw, and what they went through, and then when you add on top of that, the criticism, like I said, the moral injury..." (Andy Carrier, clinical social worker, who counseled Uvalde school-shooting officers.)

♦ See "Adjusting Appropriately' To Words That Hurt," NPR, Opinion, Language, August 8, 2018. See also the Wikipedia entry, "Scalping."

♦ "Sticks and stones will hurt my bones / But words will never hurt me." (Said by schoolchildren.)

♦ "I never worry about hurting the feelings of the good officers when I draw officer cartoons. I build a shoe, and if somebody wants to put it on and loudly announce that it fits, that's his own affair. / A few of them have done it, to the subsequent enjoyment of the guys who read the letters to the editor in the Mail Call section of *Stars and Stripes*. One poor lieutenant... (*Up Front* by Bill Mauldin, World War II.)

♦ "Anyone who says that words can hurt has never been punched in the mouth."

♦ "A knife wound heals; a wound caused by words does not." (Turkish.)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation / verb

hurt (passive)

incredibly hurt

he spoke of being ~ by the comments (Azeem Rafiq)

stunned and hurt

her teammates were ~ (racist chants at sport event)

get hurt

people are going to ~ (in California / high risk, reward)

people are going to ~ (migration to California)

♦ “Jada’s feelings were hurt, Nichol’s family feelings are hurt, Rock’s face hurts, Will’s hand and career hurts, Simpson’s prosecutor doesn’t think the slap was hard enough. I feel for comedians today, can’t say anything without hurting someone’s feelings.” (Robert, commenting on the latest controversy involving the comedian Chris Rock.)

♦ “We don’t need these emotional terms like people being hurt.” (The beloved comic John Cleese, in a BBC interview with presenter Karishma Vaswani. From “John Cleese walks out of BBC World News interview,” BBC, 16 December 2021.)

♦ “You must not think of him as a man who had been broken... He had been hurt, he was wounded, but he was still the same man in great spirits. He thought the best spirit of resistance is joyfulness.” (An acquaintance of Boris Pasternak in his last years.)

♦ “We could not leave him where he was, to the Turks, because we had seen them burn alive our hapless wounded. For this reason we were all agreed, before action, to finish off one another, if badly hurt: but I had never realized that it might fall to me to kill Farraj.” (*Seven Pillars of Wisdom* by T.E. Lawrence, Book VIII, Chapter XCIII.)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation

hurt (damage, injure)

hurt the (team) chemistry
he ~ (an athlete)

hurt (domestic) demand
a new clampdown by the authorities could ~

hurt Bernie Sanders
“Black swan” events that ~ in his bid

hurt free speech
Facebook can also ~ (to control hate speech, etc.)

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

help or hurt
trust can ~ you

♦ “If you hurt a monkey, you will be cursed.” (Japan.)

♦ “It couldn’t hurt...” (Taking a break from your stress and worries to have a cuppa tea, etc.)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation / verb

hurt (as noun)

a whole lot of hurt
we’re in for ~ (coronavirus)

world of hurt
you’re gonna be in a ~ (the military)

♦ “There will be more hurt in a year that has already been painful.” (The economy.)

feeling, emotion & effect: part of speech

hurting

hurting
small businesses are clearly ~ (economy)

condition & status: health & medicine

husband (verb)

husbanded that character
he ~ for five years (but finally killed off in TV show)

directing: animal / verb

hurtle (verb)

hurtled from project to project
he has ~ at a rapid clip (a filmmaker)

movement: force / verb

force: movement / verb

husk (husk of its former self, etc.)

husk of its former self
the company is a ~ (General Electric)

attenuation / substance & lack of substance: plant

husk (mental health)

empty husks
they had become ~, spiritually depleted, burned-out (war)

♦ “Keep it in mind during the days ahead that war does inexplicable things to people, and no man can guess how it is going to affect him until he has had a really stiff dose of it... The most unfortunate ones after any war are not those with missing limbs; they are the ones who have had their spiritual feet knocked out from under them. The beer halls and gutters are still full of such poor bastards from my war, and nobody understands or cares what happened to them...I remember two striking examples from my old Company in the 4th Battalion. Both damn fine fellows, yet both committed suicide in the Line. They did not shoot themselves—they let the Germans do it because they had reached the end of the tether. But they never knew what was the matter with them; that they had become empty husks, were spiritually depleted, were burned-out.” (A letter Farley Mowat received from his Dad. From *And No Birds Sang* by Farley Mowat. World War II. Italy. The Moro River.)

mental health: container

hyena (person)

syrup-coated hyena
Giacometti Feltrinelli described him as a “~”

♦ Giangiacomo Feltrinelli described Alexei Surkov, chairman of the Soviet writers association, as a “syrup-coated hyena.” Surkov personally visited Feltrinelli in Milan in a failed effort to try to prevent the publication of Boris Pasternak’s *Doctor Zhivago*.

♦ “Hyenas have been known to nibble feet protruding from hut doors.” (Malawi.)

behavior / character & personality / insult / person: animal

hymn (noun)

hymn to the beauty
the film is a ~ of endless prairies (Lakota Indian country)

hymn to the wild at heart
the play is a ~

hymns to drinking
in one of his many ~... (Charles Bukowski)

achievement, recognition & praise / reverence: music / religion

hymnal (noun)

2016 hymnal
his platform is chapter and verse from the ~ (politics)

script: religion

hyper (hypersexualized, etc.)

hypersexualize

how movies and TV shows ~ Asian Americans

hyperempowered

~ computer models (*Weapons of Math Destruction*)

hyper-globalized

the delicate equilibrium of our ~ (wars)

hyper-individualized

the algorithms have gotten ~ (YouTube, etc.)

hyper-masculinized

Black men are ~, fetishized, pitied or feared (Sam Sanders)

hyper-personalized

optimize everywhere, ~ (Optimizely / "A/B testing")

hyperpolarized

the feverish fervor of the ~ Age of Twitter

hypersexualized

Asian women have been ~ and fetishized (in the U.S.)

hyperactivity

children diagnosed with attention deficit ~ disorder

hyper-awareness

there is a ~, an empathy that young people have (suicide)

hyper-connection

loneliness in the midst of ~

hyperdrive

the aggressive media went into ~

hyper-globalism

the malignant effects of ~

hyperintelligence

we hope her ~ might be contagious (Jennifer Wilson)

hyperpop

Pop 2 is considered to be the blueprint of ~
and so came the birth of the ~ playlist (Spotify)
all of the sub-genres under that huge umbrella of ~

hyperreality

in 1981, philosopher Jean Baudrillard coined the term ~

hyperreality

the realm that the postmodernists call ~

hyper-safetyism

the tradeoffs of ~ (pandemic mandates)

hyper-sexualisation

finding agency through ~ is freeing (*Poor Things* film)

hypersexualization

~ and fetishization of Asian women in the US

hyper-articulate

I'm often given the part that's ~ (actor Paul Giamatti)

hyper-aspirational

Instagram favored a ~ aesthetic

hyperaware

I was ~ (a victim of a crime)

hyper-catchy

~, female-fronted pop (Eurovision)

hyper-competent

the image of the FBI as ~, nonpartisan, professional

hypercompetitive

the ~ world of academic publishing

hyper conservative

we are not a ~ state (Stacy Abrams / Georgia)

hyper-current

~ rhythms and attitudes and styles (TikTok)

hyper-exclusive

inside the ~ Florida enclave for billionaires

hyperlocal

a new study uses ~ data and climate projections (NBC)

hyper-masculine

a ~ machista culture

hypermasculine

fighting football's '~' culture of silence (mental health)

hyperpartisan

in ~ America...

public education was now itself a ~ issue

hyperprogressive

~ Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg

hyper-realistic

~ toupees are the hottest new flex

hyper sensitive

DEI teaches us to be ~ about identity

hypersensitive

she is ~ to perceived slights

pilots are ~ to sitting on an active runway

hypervigilant

we should all be about the words that we use or hear

hypervisible

my Korean face made me ~ where we lived

how it feels to be treated as both invisible and ~

on campus, I was either ~ or invisible (Sisonke Msimang)

hyper-wealthy

power in the hands of so few ~ individuals

hyper-electronic, hyper-ambient, hyper drum and bass

it's ~ (Digicore music)

hyper-industrialized, hyper-commercialised

it's a ~ sport (European soccer)

super-hyper-mega-uber

this ~ French entry (Barbara Pravi / Eurovision Contest)

♦ "Dede is this combination of an extreeemly like hyper-intelligent person (light upspeak) but also a hyper-empathetic person." (Filmmaker Berry Jenkins about film producer Dede Gardner.)

♦ Much in U.S. society is and always has been and always will be commercial, promotional, and self-promotional. And our language reflects it: *big, super-, trendy, performative, curated, boutique*, "throw it all on the wall and see what sticks," *artisanal, craft, custom, heirloom, designer, bespoke, bedazzled* (or is it *bejazzled?*), *uber, meta, hyper, upcycled, -forward, -informed, -driven, -ized, reinvented, pop-up, verb-up, kinetic, fluid, deep, massive, generational, transactional, intersectional, insanely cool*, "try this genius hack to..." In warfare, bombs and missiles have gone from *dumb* to *smart* to *brilliant*. As Michael Goldhaber said, "The value of true modesty or humility is hard to sustain in the attention economy."

♦ She's hyper...

♦ see also *supersizing* (*linguistic supersizing*)

contempo-speak / speed / superlative: affix

language: affix

hyperdrive (into hyperdrive)

kicked into hyperdrive

at that point the investigation really ~ (cold case)

went into hyperdrive

the aggressive South Korean media ~

functioning: engine / mechanism

hyperventilate (verb)

hyperventilating about a couple of tough remarks

mainstream media is ~ on assimilation (politics)

feeling, emotion & effect: breathing / health & medicine / verb

hyperventilation (noun)

hyperventilation about threats

despite his ~ to academia... (Critical Race Theory)

feeling, emotion & effect: breathing / health & medicine

hypnotize (verb)

hypnotized the world

Israel has ~ (according to Ilhan Omar)

control & lack of control: magic

hysteria (noun)

hysteria and knee-jerk reactions

~ (election politics)

McCarthyite hysteria

Democrats are sometimes prone to ~ (against Russia)

accused the West of hysteria

the Kremlin spokesman ~ (Ukraine)

stoked hysteria

the media have ~ (public health)

♦ "Until psychoanalysis came along, the accepted antidote to hysteria was rest."

mental health: health & medicine

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

ice (on thin ice)

on thin ice

you're ~, buddy... (warning)

she had been ~ for more than a year (fired)

he was on ~ because... (Secretary of Labor resigns)

skating on thin ice

I was ~ with my cholesterol (heart attack)

fate, fortune & chance: snow & ice

ice (put on ice / constrained)

put on ice

he was ~ (a news executive)

dismissal, removal & resignation / constraint & lack of

constraint: snow & ice / temperature

ice (put on ice / delayed)

put on ice during the war

it had been ~ (Churchill's *History*)

action, inaction & delay: snow & ice / temperature

ice (break the ice)

break the ice

he uses humor to ~

once you ~, you got a new friend

break the ice with audiences

she used humor to ~

break the ice with someone

dancing is a way to ~

break the ice by getting

~ party guests out of their shoes (Twister)

helps break the ice

her friendly, confident demeanor ~ (female soldier)

♦ "You need a way to actually break the grass and start a conversation." (The wonderful Hafida Hdoubane, first female Moroccan mountain guide, who leads groups of foreign women that meet Moroccan women, who are historically famous for their shyness. Her variation on the cliché is charming.)

♦ A FUNNY STORY. Human Relations organized an orientation for a group of new hires that included the regular employees they would be working with. As part of an ice-breaking game, all the new hires were asked what their favorite sandwich was. One guy said, "The spicy chicken sandwich from Chick-fil-A." Everyone in the room was shocked. An HR representative said, "We don't do that here. They hate gay people." The guy sat down, feeling shamed by the group..." So much for breaking the ice! ("I Was a Heretic at The New York Times" by Adam Rubenstein, *The Atlantic*.)

amelioration & renewal / division & connection / feeling,

emotion & effect: snow & ice / temperature / verb

iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)

the tip of the iceberg

reported incidents may be only ~ (child abuse)

all we know so far is ~ (investigation);
the disclosures so far are merely ~ (pedophiles)
what we're seeing here may be just ~ (vaping deaths)
what we're seeing is ~ (COVID-19 cases)

the tip of the iceberg of potential
we're just at ~ (wasps trained to detect things)

the tip of the iceberg of (secret) warfare
the affair is just ~ the US is waging in Pakistan

the tip of the (pollination) iceberg
bees are just ~

the tip of the (fiscal) iceberg
Wisconsin is just ~ (states facing deficits)

just the tip of the iceberg
this is ~

merely the tip of the iceberg
the disclosures so far are ~ (pedophiles in education)

only the tip of the iceberg
reported incidents may be ~ (child abuse)

only the (small) tip of the iceberg
what you see here is ~ (repository of poached animals)

amount / appearance & reality: snow & ice
substance & lack of substance: snow & ice
extent & scope: snow & ice

ice-cold (adjective)

ice-cold revenge
he dished out ~ on his enemies

grew ice-cold
their relationship ~

feeling, emotion & effect: snow & ice / temperature

icon (graphic)

icons on your camera
strange ~

sign, signal, symbol: picture

icon (symbol)

icon
the cup of tea is a great ~ (for England)

icons of America
3 ~ are alive and well (buffalo / eagle / Native Americans)

icons of the Isle of Wight
the Needles and lighthouse have become ~

icon of (American) popular culture
the Barbie doll has become an ~

icons of democracy
~ are targets for terrorists (Washington, D.C.)

icon of fall
the plump, round, orange ~ (the pumpkin)

icon of imperialism
a massive ~ over 14 feet long (the Zam-Zammah Gun)

icon of (American) mobility
Greyhound has long been an ~ (bus company)

icon of the (body positivity) movement
she is an ~ (Lizzo)

icon of broadcast news
Ted Koppel was an ~

icon of the sport
Mike Tyson is an ~ of boxing, a legend (Eddie Hearn)

icon of a failed state
anarchy has made Somalia an ~

icon to black journalists
he was an ~ (Ed Bradley / 60 Minutes)

icon in the pantheon
Kirk Douglas will always be an ~ of Hollywood

icon status
Ali had achieved ~ by then (the boxer)

Australian icon
a virtually sacred ~, the Surf Life Saver

Australia's (national) icon
~ (the Koala)

cartoon icons
~ like Bugs Bunny, Elmer Fudd, the Roadrunner

chess icon
Georgian ~ Nona Gaprindashvili

film icon
large portraits of silent-movie ~s

film "icon"
he was an unforgettable actor and a ~ (Kirk Douglas)

lesbian icon
she became a ~ in the late 1990s

pop icon
America's biggest ~ (Michael Jackson)

hip-hop icon
Lee Iacocca did commercials with ~ Snoop Dogg

two icons
Kobe and Dwyane, ~ of American sport (NBA)

American icon
quotes from this ~ (Mark Twain)
the teenage rebel, the quintessential ~ (adolescence)

cultural icon
taco trucks, ~s and social magnets in Mexico (and US)

gay icon
Madonna is widely considered to be a ~

heroic icon
Nimitz was a ~ of W.W. II

international icon
McDonald's is an ~

mainstream icons
Net culture prides itself on scoffing at ~

national icon
Australia's ~ (the Koala)
the hairstyle is a ~ (the mullet in Australia)

sacred (Australian) icon
a virtually ~, the Surf Life Saver

career as an advertising icon
a reborn ~ (Hakman)

quotes from this (American) icon
~ (Mark Twain)

become an icon
the Barbie doll has ~ of American popular culture

representation: picture / religion / sign, signal, symbol

iconic (adjective)

iconic doll
Raggedy Ann, the 86-year-old ~

iconic crops
rising temperatures threaten Georgia's ~ (peaches)

iconic figure
he was an ~, an old-school reporter

iconic image
~s of the Holocaust
it has become an ~ of his lack of connection (Bush)

iconic look
it just happened to become an ~ (Addicted to Love video)

iconic (Trestles) surf break
the road project could ruin the ~

comparison & contrast: affix
representation: picture / religion / sign, signal, symbol

iconoclasm (noun)

nurtured her iconoclasm
her parents encouraged her ambitions and ~ (musician)

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

iconoclast (person)

iconoclast
he was an ~, willing to buck the tide (Bernard Rimland)

iconoclast of (American architecture)
he was an ~

iconoclast of the group
he was the ~

iconoclast or maverick
I was more like an ~ when I was young (Felix Bast)

advertising iconoclast
the ~ Ted Chin spoke at the conference

political iconoclast
he has a history of being a ~ (eccentric governor)

♦ An earnest *bien pensant*; their pieties; iconoclast; brought back into the bucket by the other crabs; cultural Marxism; academic herdthink; orthodoxy... (Language related to a cultural issue.)

person / idea: religion
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person / religion

iconoclastic (adjective)

irreverent, anti-authoritarian and iconoclastic
~ (*Mad* magazine)

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

identify (identify as, etc.)

identified as transgender
Audrey Elizabeth Hale ~ (Memphis school shooter)

identified as Native
I am a white person who has incorrectly ~ (an academic)

identifies as First Nations Ojibwe
Fawn Pochel, who ~...

identifies as LGBTQ
any who ~ may be subject to imprisonment (Uganda)

identify as a queer MMIND college student
if you ~ you can complete this form...

identify as LGBTQ+
13% of players ~ (Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup)

identify as "furries"
it's estimated that at least 250,000 people ~ (cos-play)

self-identify
people can ~ with any racial category (new Federal forms)

♦ MMIND = mad, mentally ill, neurodivergent and disabled...

♦ "Jacob Agamao (any pronouns) identifies as queer nonbinary, asexual and aromantic."

♦ "As a trans nonbinary climber who is mentally struggling..."

♦ "And for readers like me, who can relate to the experience of being a non-binary gestational parent..."

♦ "The opposite of inclusion is erasure... Not everyone who is pregnant identifies as a woman." (NPR Public Editor Kelly McBride, about the use of "pregnant people" versus "pregnant women." FTM trans, and various binaries, for example, might get pregnant but not identify as a woman. Also, an underage girl can become pregnant through rape, incest, etc.)

♦ "Trans, non-binary, gender non-conforming (TGNC), bisexual, and queer identities tend to be invisible and erased."

♦ "She identifies as Xicana of Yaqui and Mexica descent. (Ramona Beltran.)

♦ "Thomas Groover is white and Afro-Latino." (NPR.)

♦ "My name is Alicia O'Brian and my six words are, "Mexican white girl, doesn't speak Spanish." (NPR's The Race Card Project, which asks people to "share their thoughts on race and identity in just six words.")

♦ "In L.A., many young people who are both black and Mexican are turning to a handy word to describe themselves: 'Blaxican.'" (People with a Mexican parent and an African-American parent. Not to be confused with "Afro-Mexican.")

♦ “Pre-motherhood I was slippery, a thousand tiny, silver fish—a woman, a writer, a friend, an educator, a queer person, a performer, a Philly girl, a Bay Area transplant, a wife, a lefty Jew.” (Minna Dubin, author of *Mom Rage: The Everyday Crisis of Modern Motherhood*.)

♦ “The program is geared towards students who identify as people of color, immigrants or refugees, or as LGBTQ+.” (“Nebraska high school students learn how to channel their beliefs into action” by Kassidy Arena, National, NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, April 6, 2024. “Correction / April 6, 2024 / An earlier introduction to this report referred to the murder of Michael Brown. The police officer who shot and killed Brown was never charged with a crime.”)

♦ “[Rachel Anne] Dolezal acknowledged that she was ‘born white to white parents,’ but maintained that she self-identified as black.” (The Wikipedia entry for “Rachel Dolezal.”)

♦ “Every step I’ve taken has gaslighted those whom I love... I am not a culture vulture. I am a culture leech. You should absolutely cancel me, and I absolutely cancel myself.” (Rachel Dolezal, an academic who claimed “identities of color,” including Black Caribbean, North African Blackness, US rooted Blackness, Caribbean rooted Bronx Blackness, Boricua...)

♦ “I am a white person who has incorrectly identified as Native my whole life, based on incomplete information.” (A female academic.)

♦ “She got grants, and she got fellowships, and she checked boxes, and she got positions.” (A Pretendian, known for the beadwork and the Native American signifiers she would wear and her loud laughter at gatherings and pow-wows.)

♦ “Well, geez, if gender is just a ‘social construct’ shouldn’t ethnicity be as well? By the progressive tenants of gender identity she should be able to identify as any ethnicity she pleases.” (An online commenter about “Activist Raquel Evita Saraswati has faked her ‘Arab and Latin’ racial identity as far back as 2004: reports” by Ben Kessler, *The New York Post*, February 21, 2023. The article states that the activist has been referred to online as “the new Rachel Dolezal.”)

♦ “The self-identified ‘Hamas fighter’ was arrested...” (Patrick Dai, a Cornell University engineering student. See “Who Is Patrick Dai ‘24, Student Charged for Posting Antisemitic Threats?” by Julia Senzon and Marian Caballo, *The Cornell Daily Sun*, November 1, 2023.)

♦ “Airman who set self on fire grew up on religious compound, had anarchist past,” *The Washington Post*, February 26, 2024. Aaron Bushnell, 25, “sent the friend a copy of his will on Sunday. In it, he gave his cat to his neighbor and a fridge full of root beers to his friend.”

♦ “Buffy is our family. We chose her and she chose us. We claim her as a member of our family and all of our family members are from the Piapot First Nation. To us, that holds far more weight than any paper documentation or colonial record keeping ever could.” (“Statement from the Piapot Family” about Buffy Sainte-Marie.)

♦ “Nearly 40% of Brown University students identify as LGBTQ+.” (The Ivy League School in Providence, Rhode Island, founded in 1764.)

♦ “She said for years...she didn’t identify as a survivor because she had not personally witnessed the carnage that occurred...” (A school-shooting survivor who “sees herself” as a survivor now.)

♦ “Neurodivergent” is a non-medical term. A medical condition isn’t required to have neurodivergence, nor does neurodivergence mean that a person has a medical condition.

♦ “Riley Gaines is calling upon the NCAA to take greater action to protect women’s sports against biological males who identify as transgender females.” (Riley is female.)

♦ “I was brought into this world visible, but I identify as invisible. My preferred pronouns are who/where.” (Snark from an online commenter about a “woke” celebrity.)

♦ “Can’t he identify as 17?” (Snark from an online commenter about a 25 year old teacher / coach who had sex with a high-school student.)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology / verb

identity crisis

Azerbaijan's (current) identity crisis
the issue reflects ~

Belgian identity crisis

the ~ hit new heights (rumor Flanders succeeded)

identity & nature: mental illness

idol (person)

matinee idol

he lit up screens as a dashing ~ (Dirk Bogarde)

cites Taylor Swift as an idol

she ~ (Marie “girl in red” Ulven)

importance & significance / reverence: religion

idolize (verb)

idolized his big brother

growing up, he ~

importance & significance / reverence: religion / verb

idolized

idolized by the media

the same military that was ~ was now being pilloried

idolized and demonized

he has been alternately ~ by the press (a boxer)

importance & significance / reverence: religion

ification

see *fication* (*adulthoodification, etc.*)

ified (Principified, etc.)

abstractified

the term is ~ into mean something else...

datified

descriptors express a ~ digital community (wlvw, etc.)

fancified

El Quijote spiffed up and ~ (Chelsea Hotel restaurant)

greenified

Antarctica is getting ~ (science educator from India)

hellified

~ (US Black / African-American Vernacular, slang)

Honey Boo Boo-ified

“Reality TV Has Become ~” (NPR)

objectified

see *objectified* (*groups*)

prettified

a ~ take from mostly white creators (*The Color Purple* film)

Principified

they make it utterly ~ (cover of a Prince song)

sluttified

getting ~ (at Slutty Vegan, Atlanta-based burger chain)

yassified

~ men’s photos feature chiseled jawlines

zombified

AMC was hot until it ~ itself with ‘Walking Dead’ spinoffs
disturbing footage shows ~ addicts (Kensington / Philly)

♦ see also *ify* (*mainstreamify*, etc.)

♦ see also *ized* (*invisibilized*, etc.)

contempo-speak: part of speech

ify (mainstreamify, etc.)

Beastify

~ your inbox (*The Daily Beast*)

broadcastify

the website, ~.com

Distractify

Sam Westmoreland’s Cause of Death—~

gamify

Robinhood is trying to ~ share trading

gentrify

the craft-beer bar helped ~ Williamsburg (priced out)

Gen Z-ify

how to ~ your wardrobes (advice to millennials)

Happify

~ encourages users to break old patterns (mental health)

Holidify

~ is the best travel app...

Indify

~, a music-data startup...

“Kazakhifying

~ Kazakhstan” (*The Economist* / demographics)

mainstreamify

everybody in America has to ~ their blend (racial roots)

meme-ify

a boot camp to help left-leaning orgs ~ politics

mouse-ify

they discover the boy and ~ him (Roald Dahl’s *The Witches*)

objectifying

she is ~ (a TikTok)

Shopify

~ Inc.

Spotify

~ is built on the back of the music streaming business

Torify

the drive to “~” Britain (a liberal critic)

wokeify

ESG policies are determined to ~ every corporation

youthify

we’re not trying to ~ the show (*And Just Like That*)

♦ Cynthia Nixon, about *And Just Like That*, the reboot of *Sex and the City*, said, “I like that we’re not trying to *youthify* the show.”

♦ “This group holds a boot camp to help left-leaning orgs meme-ify politics” by Elana Moore, NPR, *Weekend Edition Saturday*, January 20, 2024.

♦ see also *ified* (*Principified*, etc.)

contempo-speak: affix / part of speech

ignite (verb)

ignite a (larger) conflagration

Somalia could ~ across the Horn of Africa

ignited a (robust) debate

the conflict in Lebanon has ~ on jihadist Web sites

ignited fear

the attack ~ among its Muslim worshippers

ignite the (#metoo) movement

his sex crimes helped ~ (Harvey Weinstein)

ignite a revolution

he tried to ~ in New York City’s schools (education)

ignite another war

the clash showed how a small spark could ~

ignites competition and conflict

the need for recognition and power ~ (schools)

ignite and fan

it’s a way to ~ the flames of an epidemic (wildlife markets)

ignited and fueled

opposition was ~ by the church (innovation)

initiation: fire / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: fire / verb

Iliad (Japanese Iliad, etc.)

Japanese Iliad

the classic Heike monogatari, sometimes called the ~

military: epithet

ill (ills of society, etc.)

ills of (American) society

the candidates offered solutions for the ~ (debate)

♦ “Ten Hag still has many ills to cure but he is at least prescribing the sort of medication that is returning Manchester United to something like their former health.” (Phil McNulty, Chief football writer for the BBC. Five of the words in that single sentence relate to health.)

affliction / condition & status / corruption: health & medicine

illegitimate (adjective)

denounce federal authority as illegitimate

they ~ (militias)

worth & lack of worth: family

illiteracy (noun)

Computer Illiteracy

“Combating ~ In Afghanistan” (by Benjamin Tupper)

produce illiteracy
we are witnessing a national scandal of ~ (see below)

science illiteracy
~ (science education)

Biblical illiteracy
~ is the number one problem in America (Rick W. Allen)

economic illiteracy
the evident ~ of the reporting staff

financial illiteracy
the poll shows a high rate of ~ (high school seniors)
the leagues are aware of the ~ (NFL, etc. / athletes)

historical illiteracy
this ~ would be hilarious if... (ethnic-studies curriculum)

scientific illiteracy
neither party has a monopoly on ~ (politics / ignorance)

contributes to this illiteracy
the language barrier ~ (scientific illiteracy)

♦ "What's this?" the grocery cashier asked me, holding a tan melon at eye level. 'I don't know how much to charge you, because I don't know what to call this.' / 'That,' I answered, trying to hide my surprise, 'is called a *cantaloupe*.'" ("No Chive Left Behind" by Danny Heitman, *The Last Page*, *Smithsonian*, March 2004. A wonderful essay! Other items that checkout cashiers had no clue about included: strawberries; celery; cauliflower; and different kinds of cabbages. The title of the essay, of course, is a variation on "No Child Left Behind," which itself has been relegated to the dustbin of history.)

♦ "Athletes and other entertainers can acquire great wealth without having a clue about money." ("For Some Athletes, A Short-Lived Financial Success" by Mike Pesca, *NPR*, Morning Edition, May 19, 2011.)

♦ "Some argue that Emoji is a step backwards to the dark ages of illiteracy, making us poorer communicators, but this view is nothing more than ill-informed and blinkered cultural elitism." (Vyvyan Evans. *He likes emojis*.)

ability & lack of ability: books & reading

illiterate (adjective)

illiterate in math and science
many students are ~

Biblically illiterate
we are a ~ society (Congressman Rick W. Allen)

financially illiterate
leaders and their economic advisors are ~
it shows how ~ he is (a politician)

historically illiterate
his strategy is shallow, proud, and ~ (diplomacy)

militarily illiterate
people who were ~ but accustomed to power (civilians)

rhetorically illiterate
she is ~

scientifically illiterate
many students leave school ~

technologically illiterate
many "science" journalists are ~ (free-lancing, titles)

financially and economically illiterate
many Americans are ~ and pay the price

♦ compare with *competence* (*metaphoric competence, etc.*), *literacy* (*noun*), *literate* (*adjective*)

♦ "Beware, Monsieur, of the memory of the illiterate man!" ("The Bull That Thought" by Rudyard Kipling.)

ability & lack of ability: books & reading

illuminate (verb)

illuminates
research info that sometimes mystifies as much as it ~

illuminated the lives
for 14 centuries the Holy Qur'an has ~ of Muslims

illuminate their motives
a biographical detail that may ~ but...

♦ "I had no idea there were bears in Japan." (TexasVulcan on the ABC comments section about a bad-tempered bear that caused havoc in Sapporo, on the island of Hokkaido.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / comprehension & incomprehension / consciousness & awareness / knowledge & intelligence: light & dark / verb

illuminating (adjective)

illuminating insight
the new study provides an ~ into what's going on

illuminating window
the case is an ~ into the pitfalls of capital punishment

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark
comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark
consciousness & awareness: light & dark
knowledge & intelligence: light & dark
feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark**

illustrate (verb)

illustrates a conundrum
the story ~

**evidence: picture / verb
characterization: picture / verb
fictive communication: picture / verb**

illustration (noun)

illustration of (tobacco's) consequences
a vivid ~

illustration of the gap
this is yet another ~ between the king and...

classic illustration
Sarajevo was a ~ of how an agreement can be reached

vivid illustration
~s of tobacco's consequences

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture
characterization / evidence: picture**

imbalanced

imbalanced

if a relationship is ~, the door is open for toxic behaviors

equilibrium & stability: scale

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability / scale

disruption: equilibrium & stability / scale

imbibe (verb)

imbibed

all the things he ~ (various philosophies / Coleridge)

imbibed from my seniors

views of frontier policy I had ~ (military)

imbibe culture

there are new places to ~ (Harlem)

imbibe new ideas

they ~ from the locals

imbibed his love

I read about Thaddeus Kosciusko and ~ of liberty

imbibe the author's views

they will read this story and gradually ~

absorption & immersion: food & drink / verb

consumption: food & drink / verb

I mean (filler)

I mean

Everyone—~ everyone—sang along...

it didn't have as much meaning to me, ~, because...

~, try to imagine...

~, this is absolutely silly that I am not free to talk...

~, it was crazy... (sleep deprivation experiment)

~, I don't think we have that many male pop stars...

~, I sort of fell in love with hip-hop

we have difficulties, ~, big difficulties...

the pressure is on, ~, how am I going to top this

~, I was stunned (by the media attention)

I mean, actually

see *actually* (*contempo-speak*)

I mean basically

see *basically* (*contempo-speak*)

I mean, I think

see *I think* (*filler*)

I mean kind of

see *kind of* (*contempo-speak*)

I mean, really kind of

see *kind of* (*contempo-speak*)

I mean, obviously

see *obviously* (*contempo-speak*)

I mean, really

see *really* (*gushing*)

I mean, well

see *well* (*filler*)

absolutely I mean

~ (1,146 hits at NPR and counting)

So, I mean

~, there was a deep well of people I was drawing on...

Well, I mean

~, even before...

~, I've talked to...

Well, I mean, I think

see *I think* (*filler*)

Well, I mean, obviously

see *obviously* (*contempo-speak*)

Yeah, I mean...

~ (6,501 hits at NPR and counting)

Yeah, I mean

~, I agree...

~, I was a fan...

Yeah. I mean

~ I used to get high all the time and I still do

Yeah, I mean, I think

see *I think* (*filler*)

Yeah, I mean, I think, you know

see *you know* (*filler*)

Yah, I mean, I think, you know, obviously

see *obviously* (*contempo-speak*)

Yeah, absolutely. I mean

~, it is a compliment

Yeah. Well I mean

~, most bands...

so yeah I mean

~, it's going to be...

♦ *Yah, I mean, I think, you know, obviously...* (Esther Zukerman of VOX on NPR.)

♦ *"I mean, it's called 'Dicks: The Musical.' What did you expect" by Glen Weldon, NPR, Pop Culture Happy Hour, October 13, 2023.*

♦ *See also right (right? / polemical)*

contempo-speak: filler

immerse (verb)

immersed himself in books

he ~ about the financial collapse

immerse yourself in Indian culture

~ at the Fairmont, Jaipur, a five-star hotel

immersed herself in each project

she ~

immersed himself in his work

for more than a decade, he ~

immersed myself in the (Eisenhower) papers

I ~ (a researcher)

immerse yourself in the culture
you try to ~ (anthropology)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

involvement: verb / water

immersed

immersed in Chinese
the kids spend every other day ~ (charter school)

absorption & immersion: water

involvement: water

immersion

immersion in English
only ~ has proved successful (vs. bilingual ed)

immersion in the (stenographic) record
his ~ of... (a historian)

immersion techniques
actors famous for their ~ (Day-Lewis, Hoffman, etc.)

English immersion
the most effective instruction is ~
Virginia, has chosen ~ (vs. bilingual ed)
~ is more effective than bilingual education

absorption & immersion / involvement: water

immortal (person)

immortal of English sport
he departs an ~ (Eoin Morgan / cricket)

medical immortal
Fritz Schaudinn, a ~

person: religion

superlative: person / religion

importance & significance: person / religion

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person / religion

immortality (noun)

sporting immortality
this South Africa side have become used to talk of ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

immovable (adjective)

immovable
the negotiators won't budge, they are ~

immovable bureaucracy
Egypt's large and ~

immovable forces
the ~ in American politics (polarization, low trust, etc.)

immovable support
she offered ~ (Thatcher to Reagan)

nearly immovable
his voters are ~ (Trump)

ideological, doctrinaire and immovable

his views on race and religion are ~ (a judge)

remained immovable

Hanoi ~ (the Vietnam / American War)

♦ "What happens when an unstoppable force comes up against an immovable object?" (Politics.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: movement

position, policy & negotiation: movement

commitment & determination: movement

survival, persistence & endurance: movement

immune (adjective)

immune to cold
the natives seemed ~

immune to it
I've had to deal with so much, I'm ~

immune from the "great resignation"
not even the White House is ~ (job-hopping, etc.)

immune from terrorism
no country is ~ in today's world

inoculated, if not immune
I was more or less ~, to criticism

remained (largely) immune
until this week the capital ~ to the violence (Syria)

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine

immunity (noun)

immunity
Iran has no ~ anywhere (Israel strikes Iran sites in Syria)

immunity from prosecution
she requested ~

diplomatic immunity
Mr. Qaddafi was not arrested because he has ~

psychological immunity
experience of painful feelings can help kids develop ~

granted immunity
he was ~ from prosecution in exchange for...

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine

impact (affect)

impacted New Mexico
how COVID-19 has ~

effect: force / sensation / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation / verb

impact (effect)

economic impact
the ~ of these latest tariffs

high-impact
it's considered a ~ journal
what weather forecasters are calling a ~ event (storms)

effect: force / sensation

feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation

impacted (affected)

financially impacted

half of all households have been ~ by coronavirus

effect: force / sensation

feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation

impasse (noun)

moral impasse

psychiatry is stuck in a kind of ~

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips / movement

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement

implode (verb)

implode in a major tournament

it's not like the French to ~ (Euro 2020 vs. Swiss)

imploded (in recent weeks) with major losses

two businesses ~ (causing problems for Credit Suisse)

implode violently

the repressive regime might now ~ or lash out

life imploded

and then my ~ (diplomat falsely accused of pedophilia)

destruction: explosion / physics / verb

implosion (noun)

implosion

this ~ will have devastating consequences (Tigray war)

career implosion

the ~ of a Tory transport minister

economic implosion

Venezuela's ~ exacerbates inequality

inside Syria's ~

verbal implosion

Don Imus' ~ (a racist, sexist insult)

destruction: explosion / physics

impossible (as noun)

start your impossible

Toyota: ~ (an advertisement)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: part of speech

imposter (noun)

imposter

it's not really cinnamon but an ~ (bark from cassia tree)

appearance & reality / subterfuge: materials & substances / person

impotence (weakness)

political impotence

corporate greed, entertainment addiction and ~ (the US)

functioning: health & medicine

strength & weakness: health & medicine

attenuation / force: health & medicine

impotent (adjective)

impotent to stop

our leaders were ~ the series of crises

functioning: health & medicine

strength & weakness: health & medicine

attenuation / force: health & medicine

imprimatur

given its imprimatur

the UN has ~ to the policy

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

imprint (noun)

imprint on the Japanese

deflation has left a deep ~

imprint of his (chief) speechwriter

the words bore the strong ~ (presidential speech)

impression: mark

imprisoned

imprisoned in their homes

they are not being ~ (the need to quarantine for COVID)

imprisoned in ice

the two ships had been abandoned, ~ (the Arctic)

imprisoned in our own ways

are we so ~ that we can't break loose of our chains

imprisoned by the domestic

middle-class women ~ in some way or another

imprisoned by the social system

every man that feels like he can't get his fair due or he's ~

♦ "The image of a brain traveling to the confines of space and time, diving deep into some of the biggest mysteries of science while imprisoned in a wheelchair, excited the public imagination." ("Brief Answers To The Big Questions' Is Stephen Hawking's Parting Gift To Humanity" by Marcelo Gleiser, NPR, Book Reviews, October 16, 2018. Gleiser has appeared in *Through the Wormhole with Morgan Freeman* and in Oprah Winfrey's *Belief*. His Wikipedia entry does not mention whether or not he is "imprisoned" in a wheelchair, but it *does* include a notice at the top: "This article includes a list of general references, but it lacks sufficient corresponding inline citations. Please help...")

♦ "Byrne's work has long been obsessed with the many ways of being imprisoned—in oneself, in an addiction to things, in a meaningless life—and equally attuned to different forms of escape." ("David Byrne And Spike Lee Conjure Up A Joyous Vision Of 'American Utopia'" by John Powers, NPR, Fresh Air, October 13, 2020.)

♦ "I wanted to speak up for my rights. And also I didn't want my future to be just sitting in a room and be imprisoned in my four walls and just cooking and giving birth to children. I didn't want to see my life in that way." (Malala Yousafzai. Greta Thunberg was born in 2003. Malala Yousafzai was born 1997. Florence Nightingale was born in 1820. Joan of Arc was born circa 1412.)

♦ "She's also started telling her own story in public. She's given just a handful of speeches, but each time she's been met with a line of women

coming up to her afterward, confessing their own secret desire to escape. Her story resonates, she says, because so many women wonder if they wouldn't do the same thing. They feel pressure to smile and pretend their life is fine, even when trapped in a bad relationship or a bad job or any number of circumstances that seem beyond their control. Toby thinks these women are inspired by her not only because she had the guts to leave, but also because she tells her story without shame." ("Toby Dorr's Great Escape" by Michael J. Mooney, *The Atlantic*, October 2020.)

♦ "Then there is the other idle man, who is idle in spite of himself, who is inwardly consumed by a great longing for action, because he seems to be imprisoned in some cage. A just or unjustly ruined reputation, poverty, fatal circumstances, adversity—they are what make men prisoners. And the prison is also called prejudice, misunderstanding, fatal ignorance of one thing or another, distrust, false shame. One cannot always tell what it is that keeps us shut in, confines us, seems to bury us, but nevertheless, one feels certain barriers, certain walls. Such a man does not always know what he can do, but he feels by instinct: Yes, I am good for something; my life has an aim after all; I know that I might be quite a different man! There is something inside of me; what can it be? / Do you know what frees one from this captivity? It is..." (*Dear Theo: The Autobiography of Vincent Van Gogh*, Edited by Irving and Jean Stone.)

♦ "[W]hat Shah calls 'eco-incarceration, 'reinforcing Adivasis' marginalization.'" ("You First: Does anyone really know what it means to be 'Indigenous?'" by Manvir Singh, *The New Yorker*, February 27, 2023.)

♦ "Happy remains imprisoned in a Bronx Zoo exhibit." (According to the Nonhuman Rights Project. A court had decided that an elephant was not a person and had no right to habeus corpus.)

♦ "Auerbach had been imprisoned in the ghetto..." (*The Warsaw Ghetto*, World War II. Only one percent of Polish Jews survived the war.)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime

in (and in thing, etc.)

in this year
long skirts are ~

latest 'in thing'
not long ago Osaka was the ~ to blow in (vs. Gauff)

new IN thing
the ~ is "burnout" (a *Times-Picayune* columnist)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

in (the cowboy in me, etc.)

in him
he had always had the cop ~ (a DEA agent)

in me
the cowboy ~ just ain't gonna die (ex-rodeo rider)
occasionally, the street ~ would surface...

inside me
the child ~ was dead (Jesse Leon / *I'm Not Broken*)

in you
if you've got the quit ~, there will always be doubt (boxing)

in my people
for singing is ~ as sight is in the eye (*How Green Was My Valley* / the Welsh)

in all of us
there's an innovator ~ (an advertisement)

in Wrong
there is a bit of the pith helmet ~ (a historian of Africa)

brought out the tiger in him
attacks on his family or friends always ~ (Winston Churchill)

♦ "Occasionally, the street in me would surface and I'd say: 'Fuck you!'" (The boxing trainer and manager Tunde Ajayi.)

♦ "But what do you expect from the French, eh? They've always had a strange sense of humour. I apologize. I wasn't trying to dehumanize anyone here. It's just that I'm half-English and sometimes the English in me colonizes everything else." ("Is it really offensive to say 'the French?'" by Arwa Mahdawi, Opinion, *The Guardian*, 30 Jan 2023. Funny!)

♦ "I fight until the end, I've not got a quit in me." (The boxer Leigh Wood after his knockout win against Josh Warrington. Prior to the knockout, Warrington had been winning the bout. During the post-fight ring interview, the commentator told Wood, "There's no panic in you. I know there's no quit in you... But there's no panic in you. There's no panic at all." To which Wood replied, "No, it's about staying calm and composed...")

♦ "There's an innovator in all of us." (A full page magazine advertisement for Dell Technologies.)

♦ "There's good and bad in everyone."

♦ see also *inner (inner sloth, etc.)*

identity & nature: container / prep, adv, adj, particle
in (inclusion)

in-group
there is a lot of ~, out-group bias (empathy)

in-crowd
a teenager who tries to join the ~

voted him in
they ~

acceptance & rejection: container / prep, adv, adj, particle / society

in (in pain, in anger, etc.)

in anguish
they were ~, but they listened to what the baker had to say

in pain
if Aaron was ~, he took care not to show it (dad died)

feeling, emotion & effect: container

in (all in)

all in
he plays with guts, passion and heart, he's ~ (NFL)
everybody's ~, all want to be great (a coach)

all in with the players
he has gone ~ (a football coach)

all in with President Trump
republican candidates are not ~

all-in on the outrage
I was ~ (viral video, regrets later)

all in on the sacrifice
he was ~ (an Effective Altruist)

all in for this day
I was ~ (Charlotte Purdue on a personal best)

all in for fight night

Las Vegas is ~ (Fury vs. Wilder)

all-in kind of defense

he wanted a loud, clear ~ (Edward Snowden)

all-in mindset

Elon Musk's ~ (surges, late nights, etc.)

all-in moment

her ~ comes in 1989 (magazine editor)

all-in proposition

football is an ~, you must be committed (NFL)

hardcore, all-in

he went into ~ mode (Elon Musk)

♦ "His experience of starting a life of activism at a young age—and going all in—is an increasingly common story among Gen Zers." (Those born between 1995 and 2010.)

♦ "He has a level of certainty that causes him to put all of his chips on the table." (A comment about Elon Musk.)

♦ "At this level, if you're half in, you're nowhere." (The basketball coach of a major university about the commitment of athletes to a program and the transfer portal.)

action, inaction & delay / allegiance, support & betrayal / commitment & determination: cards / gambling / prep, adv, adj, particle

in (situation)

in

I empathize with the situation that he found himself ~

situation: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

in (involvement)

in it

everybody in town knew who was ~ (civil-rights murder)

in (deep) with a gang

she is ~

in or (you're) out

you're either ~, you can't be both (Queen of England)

want in

do you ~ (to join a cybercrime investigation)

involvement: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

in (in it for me, etc.)

in it for me

what's ~

worth & lack of worth: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

inauthentic (groups)

inauthentic versions

women are forced into becoming ~ of themselves / likeability

inauthentic and (openly) problematic

it means it's completely ~ (t.A.T.u. / Jill Gutowitz)

so inauthentic

like, her accent is ~, right...

become inauthentic

when does a depiction of culture, history and identity ~

come across as inauthentic

some politicians ~

deemed the scenes inauthentic

queer audiences ~ (the film *Blue is the Warmest Colour*)

expose the inauthentic

those who present themselves as authentic and those who ~

risk looking inauthentic

fail to do so and you ~ (see quote below)

♦ "We're going to read the script and every time something feels inauthentic, I want you to raise your hand and tell me..." (Director Olivia Wilde to Gen Z cast members.)

♦ "Every single problem in the film is inauthentic,' Renata Adler claimed in *The New Yorker*. 'Every crisis and dilemma it claims to find is false. Pacino has never been so unconvincing.'" (*Al Pacino: A Life On The Wire* by Andrew Yule.)

♦ "The conflation of indigeneity with primitiveness can be stifling. Indigenous intellectuals—including the Lenape scholar Joanne Barker and the Maori scholar Evan Poata-Smith—write about the pressure to adopt identities that are 'primordial,' 'naturalistic,' and 'unchanging.' Fail to do so, they say, and you risk looking inauthentic." ("You First: Does anyone really know what it means to be 'Indigenous'?" by Manvir Singh, *The New Yorker*, February 27, 2023.)

♦ "Looking at it today, it may seem inauthentic for our Spanish-Jewish-Irish Catholic family to belt out lines from Jamaican folksongs." (Scott Simon. From "Opinion: Harry Belafonte's voice will live on," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, April 29, 2023. It's a wonderful tribute.)

♦ "I started to delve into breathwork and mindfulness because I felt inauthentic." ("Anthony Mullaly: The remote retreats shaping men and medal prospects" by Nikki Culley, BBC Sport in Cornwall and North Yorkshire. Nikki Culley was an NES Artist in Residence in Skagastrond, Iceland, in October, 2023. In her article she uses words or phrases such as: *community; journey; mental health; vulnerability; mindfulness; inauthentic; tough guy; hard man; space; anxiety; and bravery.*)

♦ "So the faceless corporate account that doesn't need these words to build relationships or communicate safely used them just for the clout? That feels inauthentic AF." ("How Brands Ruin Slang," hosted by Erica Brozovsky, Ph.D., PBS Digital Studios, *otherwords*. Her use of "AF" is sly, ironic, and funny!)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

inauthenticity (groups)

inauthenticity of a straight guy

the ~ playing a gay guy (Tom Hanks)

cultural inauthenticity

middle-classness is a marker of ~ (Blacks / assimilation)

racial inauthenticity

he accused Obama of ~ ("acting white")

fear of inauthenticity

folk's biggest bugaboo is the ~ (folk music)

practiced to the point of inauthenticity

he seemed ~ (a politician)

♦ "What's more obnoxious—equating Obama's refusal to behave exactly as Jackson wants him to with racial inauthenticity, the fact that Jackson would make that rhetorical move so casually as not even to remember it afterwards, the offhand insult to whites who are interested in the Jena case and support the defendants, or the fact that he's conveniently

overlooking the fact that Obama is white on his mother's side? Or is that the point, to remind black voters that his blood isn't 100% 'authentic'?" (Hot Air. From "Jesse Jackson Says Obama 'Acting White'" by Geoff Bennett, NPR, September 19, 2007. See also the Wikipedia entry at "Jena Six.")

♦ "A new novel by Jeanine Cummins has opened up a debate about white privilege, racism in publishing, and the unintended consequences of telling a story that is not your own... [T]here is so much...to say about these very difficult issues of race and identity and publishing and which voices are elevated in the boarder culture..." (Rachel Martin. From "Latinx Critics Speak Out Against 'American Dirt': Jeanine Cummins Responds," NPR, Morning Edition, January 24, 2020.)

♦ "The resume breeds inauthenticity in every area of job search and job interviewing."

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

incandescent (character)

incandescent (18-year-old Barnard College) freshman
she was an ~ (Tessa Majors / murdered in park)

character & personality / superlative: electricity / fire / light & dark / temperature

incarnation (character)

another incarnation
yet, in ~, he was wearing a leather jacket (a professor)

different incarnation
in a ~ he assists lovers (Pandarus)
before she was a lesbian, she had a ~ (Christian, etc.)

latest incarnation
would the ~ of feminism accuse me of body shaming
the ~ of the character will be bisexual (Superman's son)

modern incarnation
the ~ of the lottery arose out of a crisis in state funding

new incarnation
deciding to mount a ~ of *Frasier* is a very tall order (2023)

perfect incarnation
the Festival is a temple of glamour and Marilyn is its ~

woke incarnation
Teen Vogue, in its current ~...

♦ "In our next iteration we will absolutely fold in the voices of our critics." (Time's Up reorganizes in response to criticism.)

♦ "The Festival is a temple of glamour and Marilyn is its perfect incarnation." (Marilyn Monroe. The 2012 Cannes film festival.)

representation: religion

incendiary (speech)

incendiary claim
it's a circumstantial case but it's an ~ (journalism)

incendiary comment
that's an ~

incendiary invective
politics is filled with ~

incendiary post
what triggered the uproar was an ~ at a Website

incendiary (political) rhetoric
the shootings caused a backlash against ~

incendiary call to arms
she made an ~ for people to resist Washington

speech: fire / temperature

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / temperature

initiation: fire / temperature

incendiary (other)

incendiary
the situation in the south is ~ (rebellion)

incendiary issue
race can be an ~ in American politics

politically incendiary
the organization has made some ~ missteps

initiation: fire / temperature

incestuous (adjective)

incestuous
academia is ~ (peer review, smallness, etc.)

incestuous alliance
the union is an ~ between public officials and labor

incestuous relationship
the scandal revealed an ~ of lobbyists and politicians
the web of ~s is troubling (stock analysts, the media)

super-incestuous
the Beltway is a ~ zone (Washington politics)

ingrown, incestuous
she represented a very ~ culture in that institution

♦ "Sixty-eight percent of tweets between journalists who work at *The Washington Post*, NPR, [and *The New York Times*...] are to each other." ("How Journalists Congregating Into 'Microbubbles' Affects Quality Of News Reporting," NPR, All Things Considered, August 12, 2020.)

♦ "By their nature, information bubbles are powerfully self-reinforcing, and I think many *Times* staff have little idea how closed their world has become, or how far they are from fulfilling their compact with readers to show the world 'without fear or favour.'" ("When the New York Times lost its way" by James Bennet, *1843 Magazine (The Economist)*, Dec 14th 2023.)

♦ "Officially, the groups are all independent. In practice, everyone seems to be everyone else's co-author, drinking buddy, former mentor, or romantic partner." (Groups like Justice Democrats, Sunrise, and Data for Progress. From "The Left Turn" by Andrew Marantz, *The New Yorker*, May 31, 2021.)

♦ "I feel like podcasting is still small enough...but podcast is still small enough where we all know each other. In the sense like we either went to each other's wedding, or we interned together, or we used to work for so-and-so, or we went to college with them... We've all made projects for each other, too." (Podcast producer Jesse Baker interviewed by podcast producer Carolina Groppa.)

♦ see also *bubble (isolation)*

relationship: family / sex

incestuousness (noun)

social incestuousness
how much of this ~ exists in DC (media and government)

relationship: family / sex

inclusion (groups)

inclusion, belonging, and respect

build ~ for diversity (Georgetown Law)

greater inclusion

positive momentum towards ~

Beyond Inclusion

~ seeks more empowerment, more representation

diversity, equity, and inclusion

embed ~ (DEI) intentionally in TESOL activities

equity and inclusion

the culture of ~ at Georgetown Law

♦ "The opposite of inclusion is erasure... Not everyone who is pregnant identifies as a woman." (NPR Public Editor Kelly McBride, about the use of "pregnant people" versus "pregnant women." FTM trans, and various binaries, for example, might get pregnant but not identify as a woman. Girls can become pregnant.)

♦ "And for readers like me, who can relate to the experience of being a non-binary gestational parent..."

♦ "I don't want to hear one more peep out of them about diversity, equity, and inclusion. I don't wanna see any more of our C-suite execs recommend books for women's history month. There were tangible actions they could've taken and they chose to perform these values. No thank you." (An underpaid employee with an Asian name who was repeatedly turned down for a raise. She finally applied for her job as a new hire at a higher salary, and her posts went viral.)

♦ "There had been some great sport on offer and some great moments and stories / Why write an article, emphasising how diverse these games are and highlighting the fact there is more womans medals [sic]. / Surely this is irrelevant. Why can't we just celebrate all the athletes and enjoy the sport we have seen across all competitions / It seems this agenda is compulsory in BBC written articles" (A commenter on "Commonwealth Games: Birmingham breathes life into Games" by Mike Henson, BBC Sport, 9 August 2022. Another commenter posted, "Please concentrate on the sport, that is what most watched and will remember it for....not the BBC looking for politics or identity politics in everything." And yet a third person commented, "Typical BBC trying to find something to fit their 'woke' agenda to denigrate." In the last decades it has become common to disparage great sporting events—the Olympics, the FIFA soccer World Cup—with controversies unrelated to sports.)

♦ "But [Bros] also mocks more recent trends like the mass production of LGBTQ-themed entertainment by TV and movie studios once they realized there was a huge audience for it..." (Justin Chang's review of the 2022 film *Bros* on Fresh Air.)

♦ "This film includes discussion of eating disorders, body dysphoria, self-harm, sexual assault, and suicide... Use the resources at the end of the film to find support if you are struggling with any of these topics." (*They / Them: One Climber's Story*, a film about the trans climber Lor Sabourin.)

♦ The Japanese refer to foreigners as *gaijin*, literally, "outsider."

♦ "We don't mind people settlin' in the area. Just don't put your house on a ridgetop so you can look down on us, and don't tell us how you did it back home." (A Southern Appalachians woman.)

♦ "Dude should have looked into living there a little better before stepping on locals' toes like that, especially if he took his family—he owed it to them to look out for their welfare..." (A commenter on the article "2 Hawaiian men found guilty of hate crime for attacking white homeowner" by Michelle De Pacina, Yahoo / NextShark, November 21, 2022.)

*** analysis

♦ "*Inclusion*, 'the value of people being, feeling included in a community...' That use of "inclusion," I've often found it very sneaky because, once again, what it tends to mean is 'I will only feel included if you don't evaluate me according to the standards that you evaluate other people.' And I don't like it." (The linguist John McWhorter, speaking at the Citrin Center at the University of California Berkeley. "John McWhorter: Pitfalls in the Policing of Language—YouTube." Watch and listen to: youtube.com/watch?v=Fer2yb5qgWE)

♦ see also *diversity (groups)*, *representation (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

inclusive (groups)

inclusive language

~ is about possibility...

making this mindful choice of ~ (use "Y'all")

embrace ~ and encourage others to do the same

inclusive and empowering

make our language more ~ (no gender assumptions)

more inclusive

the outdoors will be a ~ place (all-Black team on Everest)

how to be an ally and nurture a ~ world

safe and inclusive

a ~ place for anyone to play football (GFSN)

safe, inclusive, respectful, and welcoming

create psychologically ~ environments (DEI)

make birdwatching more inclusive

it's part of an effort to ~ (for minorities)

♦ "Inclusive language is not about critical mass, it's about possibility." (NPR Public Editor Kelly McBride, about the use of "pregnant people" versus "pregnant women.")

♦ "Once they're finished, the outdoors will be a more inclusive place, according to their GoFundMe page." ("A mountaineering group is aiming to be the 1st all-Black team to climb Mount Everest" by Sharon Pruitt-Young, NPR, October 9, 2021.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

incoming (criticism)

incoming from both Republicans and Democrats

Facebook should expect ~ (Congressional hearing)

took some incoming

Trump ~ on his past comments about... (politics)

♦ "I remember I went down into this hole for another scoop of dirt, and then that's when the bomb hit. I looked at the man I was digging this hole with; half his body was gone. And I looked up at the trees and I could see body parts on the limbs on the trees, and I shook myself out of it and I stood up, and it was so quiet." (Private Manuel Orona, Hill 875, Dak To, Vietnam War. The 500-pound bomb from a Marine plane caused the worst friendly-fire incident of the Vietnam War. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is referred to as the American War.)

accusation & criticism: explosion / military / weapon

incontinent (fiscally incontinent, etc.)

fiscally incontinent

the Labour party is ~ (politics)

♦ "Conservative opponents label Labour fiscally incontinent, *unable to restrain the urge* [italics mine] to tax, borrow, and spend." (U.K. politics. Older people know.)

control & lack of control: health & medicine

incubator (noun)

incubators of crime

prisons could not reform but were ~

incubators of despair

the refugee camps have become ~

incubator of espionage
the campus is an ~ (free flow of ideas)

incubator of innovation
the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is an ~

incubator for (left-wing) talent
his show was an ~ on the air (TV)

incubator for France's top talent
the elite Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA) is an ~

incubator for terrorists
the religious school is an ~ (Indonesia)

business incubator
a ~ helps new and startup companies

meme incubator
it's a ~ (TikTok)

talent incubator
the art gallery has emerged as a top ~ (Damascus)

technology incubator
the zone is one of three ~s in the state (New Jersey)

environment / growth & development: bird
creation & transformation: bird

incurable (adjective)

incurable optimist
I used to be an ~, but... (an Iraqi)

character & personality: health & medicine
identity & nature: health & medicine

indebted

indebted to them
my work is tremendously ~ (an author about other writers)

obligation: money

indelible (adjective)

indelible mark
he left an ~ on the world around him (Luke Howard)
she's made an ~ on Morgan County (tragedy)
terrorism has left an ~ on his presidency (9/11)
his trip to Sri Lanka left an ~ on him (Chekhov)

indelible stain
doping left an ~ on his record (sports)

survival, persistence & endurance: mark

indignity (groups)

indignity
the ~ in which some people live is why terrorism grows

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

industrialize (industrialize death, etc.)

industrialized death

modern warfare ~ (World War I)

military: manufacturing

industry (noun)

trauma industry
as the ~ was building steam and attracting clients...

in the (concussion) industry
~, there are lots of opportunists out for the quick money

made the rape and murder of women an industry
TV culture has ~ unto itself

creation & transformation: manufacturing

inebriate (verb)

inebriated both parties
his political fantasy has ~ (that victory is total)

restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol / verb

behavior: alcohol / verb

inequality (groups)

inequality in the internet age
the digital divide, a look at ~

inequality in high education
~, past and present (Fresh Air, Terry Gross)

fitness inequality
the pandemic accelerated ~ (Natalia Mehlman Petrzela)

gender inequality
efforts to fix South Korea's ~ at its cultural roots

income inequality
the Gilded Age was characterized by great ~
a guaranteed income program hopes to reduce ~ (Georgia)
Ras Baraka on guaranteed income to alleviate ~ (Newark)

vaccine inequality
what does ~ look like
the moral threat of ~ (eco-activist Greta Thunberg)

wealth inequality
why ~ is growing in the pandemic (rebroadcast)

learning inequality
demand for wilderness education may widen ~

economic inequality
'Davos Man' is an angry, powerful look at ~
deadly protests against ~ and police brutality (Colombia)

racial inequality
~ and anti-Blackness (the 1619 Project)

sexual inequality
sued for ~ and harassment (game company Activision)

social inequality
these philanthropists haven't moved the needle against ~
the link between water quality and ~ (Jackson, MS, etc.)

systemic inequality

Black Muppets teach kids about ~, racism (Sesame Street)

Research On Inequality
Princeton's Program For ~

persistence of (racial) inequality
the ~

widen inequality
how taxes continue to ~

♦ "The assertions are strident, and the vocabulary is esoteric ('harm,' 'insurrection') as if it were translated from a foreign language. In a sense, it is. The language is legalese, and it is designed to build a foundation upon which a company can be held liable under civil-rights law in an American court. This activist tactic has been widely misunderstood." ("The Inequality of 'Equity,'" by Christopher Caldwell, *National Review*, May 17, 2021.)

♦ "Cohen wonders what happens when children's belief in Santa intersects with their increasing awareness of the inequality around them, especially when they may be looking for that inequality." (Philip N Cohen, professor of sociology at the University of Maryland, College Park. From "Time to end Santa's 'naughty list'?" by Dan John, BBC, *Family Tree*, 14 December 2022.)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

inequity (groups)

heat inequity
~ is an environmental justice issue

racial inequity
one more ~...

thermal inequity
urban heat and climate justice, ~

♦ "The more we learn about the coronavirus, the clearer it becomes that it's disproportionately affecting communities of color." ("The Coronavirus in America: One More Racial Inequity." (Consider this from NPR, June 2, 2020.)

♦ "Top U.S. official says Brazil is making progress in combatting racial inequity," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, May 6, 2023."

♦ "The number of people *in the theater world* who used George Floyd's dead body to pivot to inequity in the theater world is the most hair-raising thing I've ever seen in my life." ("The Radical Self-Awareness of Michael R. Jackson" by Thomas Chatterton Williams, *The Atlantic*, March 2024.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

inertia (noun)

years of inertia
environmentalists blame the government for ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: movement
progress & lack of progress: movement
action, inaction & delay: movement**

infancy (in infancy)

in its infancy
the field is ~
ecosystem forecasting is ~
in late 1862 photography was ~ (Mathew Brady)
scientists point out the research is ~ (medicine)
motoring was still ~ (1908 motor sledge for snow, ice)
the investigation is still very much ~ (Esther Dingley)
if we think back to 1987, DNA was ~ (cold case solved)
at an early stage, when a start-up is ~ (Silicon Valley)
in 1996, the internet was ~ (Communications Decency Act)

in Google's infancy
~, its co-founders reviled Microsoft as a technological bully

growth & development: baby / death & life

infancy (other)

infancy of our DNA testing
back in 2000, that was the ~ (wrongfully convicted)

stock car racing's infancy
those hellish days of ~

growth & development: baby / death & life

infant (noun)

infant colony
merchantmen were drawn to the ~ (Australia)

infant market
nurture the ~ (e-publishing)

growth & development: baby / death & life

infatuated (enthusiasm)

infatuated with social networking
young adults are ~

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage

infect (computers)

infected (industrial) computers
the Stuxnet worm ~ in Iran

computer: health & medicine / verb

infect (corrupt)

infected every corner
criminality has ~ of the government

infected our culture
narcissism and exhibitionism have ~

infect the knowledge
a misconception can ~ associated with it

infected the (educational) system
the disease of grade inflation has ~

infecting the (entire) system
he is a symptom of a much wider pathology ~ (politics)

infect many of these works
assumptions of automatic agreement ~ ("woke" art)

♦ "[Gas gangrene] may cause discoloration and death of the skin alone, or else the whole limb may swell enormously and be rapidly converted into a gangrenous mass of putrefying material emitting the odour of a newly manured field..." (From the 1915 Bradshaw Lecture on Wounds in War by Surgeon-General Sir Anthony Bowlby, K.C.M.G., A.M.S., Surgeon in Ordinary to H.M. the King; Consulting Surgeon to the British Expeditionary Force in France; Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.)

corruption: health & medicine / verb

infected

infected with (a succeed-at-all-costs) recklessness

cycling is ~ (doping)

infected with systemic racism

it's kind of a big thing to say America is ~ (Uri Berliner)

infected by a (false) doctrine

I became ~ (religion)

infected by this (intellectual and moral) rot

campuses are ~ (antisemitism)

infected computers

the data came from 729 ~ (botnets)

♦ "How did your campuses get this way? What is it about the way your hire faculty and approve curriculum that's allowing your campuses to be infected by this intellectual and moral rot." (Congresswoman Ms. Virginia Foxx of North Carolina, Chairwoman at the hearing, "Holding Campus Leaders Accountable and Confronting Antisemitism," the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, December 5, 2023. Congresswoman Foxx directed her questions to (1) Claudine Gay, president of Harvard (2) M. Elizabeth Magill, President of the University of Pennsylvania, and (3) Sally Kornbluth, President of MIT.)

computer / corruption: health & medicine

infection (enthusiasm)

infection of his thinking

the ~ has mutated, gone pandemic (quantum computing)

enthusiasm: health & medicine

infection (corruption)

one single infection

amid that epidemic, ~ was fateful (NotPetya worm)

infection spreads

amputate before ~ (bad players, coach at Man U)

affliction / corruption: health & medicine

infectious (adjective)

infectious

his zest for life was ~ (Ernest Hemingway)

courage is ~, it really is (a Churchill biographer)

Ty's personality and smile were ~ (football player)

infectious enthusiasm

he had an ~ for ceramics and pottery

infectious smile

we will miss his ~ and love for football (murdered player)

transmission: health & medicine

infest (verb)

infested the country

bands of guerillas ~ (US Civil War)

infest a careless mind

cliches ~ (thinking, speaking, writing)

infest both sides

bandits ~ of the border

♦ "Cliches, like cockroaches in the cupboard, quickly infest a careless mind." ("Orwell on Writing: 'Clarity is the Remedy'" by Lawrence Wright, NPR, All Things Considered, Sept. 22, 2006.)

affliction: insect / verb

infested

infested by German U-boats

a North Atlantic ~ in February 1942 (film *Greyhound*)

infested with extremely dangerous individuals

NYC is ~ (The Brooklyn Mirage / kidnapping, murders)

bomb-infested

the marines are trying to control a ~ stretch of road (Iraq)

crime-infested

the ~ streets of Baltimore

drug-infested

people who live in ~ neighborhoods

gang-infested

the ~ neighborhood is riddled with lookouts

mafia-infested

a ~ industry...

mine-infested

steaming through ~ waters

pirate-infested

Indonesia's waters remained the world's most ~

pirate infested

the ~ waters off Sumatra (Malacca Strait, etc.)

drug- and guerrilla-infested

in the ~ jungle

♦ "Feed a Pigeon, Breed a Rat." (Slogan for a NYC public-education campaign to reduce food for rats.)

♦ "The rats, at times numbering in the hundreds, according to witnesses, have drawn early evening crowds of curious spectators to the island that divides the north and south roadways between 58th and 59th Streets." (A *New York Times* article about an infestation of Park Avenue rats, perhaps attracted to tulip bulbs, quoted in Robert Sullivan's wonderful book, *Rats*.)

♦ James Clavell's novel *King Rat* focuses on survival, competition and dominance in a World War II prisoner-of-war camp.

affliction: insect

infidelity (noun)

financial infidelity

~ is on the rise

~ is when people hide their accounts or debts from their spouses

allegiance, support & betrayal / behavior / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: love, courtship & marriage

infiltrate (verb)

infiltrate culture

her song helped ~ to move acceptance along (group)

infiltrated this nursing home

we still don't know how the virus ~ (COVID-19)

infiltrated the White House

COVID has ~ (pandemic)

concealment & lack of concealment / transmission: military / verb

inflame (verb)

inflamed the (national immigration) debate
his arrest ~ (a murderer)

inflame (voters') fears
the surest way to win elections is to ~

inflame people's passions
this will ~ (politics)

inflame the situation
the photos could ~ (of dead civilians)

inflame them
good therapists usually work to resolve conflicts, not ~

increase & decrease: fire / verb

initiation: fire / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb

inflammatory (adjective)

inflammatory comment
this is a baseless, ~ (diplomacy)

inflammatory quotes
the army report didn't say who was responsible for the ~

inflammatory language
let's have a conversation without ~ (anti-Semitism)

shocking and inflammatory
desecration of the Koran is a ~ act

increase & decrease: fire

initiation / speech: fire

feeling, emotion & effect: fire

inflate (verb)

inflate our grades
we are pushed to ~ (teachers)

inflated the pay
these schemes were designed to ~ of the C.E.O.

inflates the (Latino dropout) rate
which ~... (education)

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon / verb

inflated (numbers)

inflated prices
items trickle in at ~ (Kisangani)

sharply inflated
~ wages

vastly inflated
the figures are ~

figures are (vastly) inflated

that the ~ is an open secret (refugees)

increase & decrease: number

inflated (expectations, etc.)

inflated ego
he is known for his ~ (a banker)

inflated expectations
many high-school graduates have ~

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon

inflation (noun)

concept inflation
~ of terms and memes ("Karen," etc.)

grade inflation
the disease of ~ has infected the educational system

emotional inflation
your kids don't really care about your ~ (war reporter)

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon

inflection point

inflection point
Hello, Dolly! was an ~ (producer goes nuts)
this was like a very intense moment, an ~...

inflection point in history
we're living at an ~, both at home and abroad (politics)
we're facing an ~ (Biden addressed nation, October 2023)

inflection points in history
October the seventh was one of those ~ (Kaplan / Panthera)

inflection point in a story
his appearance was an ~ that will continue...

inflection point on race
his trial became an ~ in America (OJ Simpson)

inflection point and wakeup call
this strike should be an ~ (collateral damage)

at an inflection point
the country is at an ~ in its history (Biden / 2022)

became an inflection point
his trial ~ on race in America (OJ Simpson)

♦ "But, look, the next shoe to drop is Tara Reid's TV appearance, maybe on Fox, maybe this weekend. What kind of case will she present? So, Friday's Biden appearance was not an end point, but an inflection point in a story that's probably going to be around for a while." (Vague but important sounding lines on a graph. NPR's Ron Elving talking to Scott Simon, *Week in Politics, Weekend Edition*, Saturday, May 2, 2020.)

♦ "The word appears to be having its inflection point right now." (The word "bae" in 2014, in popularity. See the excellent Wikipedia entry, "Bae (word).")

♦ "Inflection point" provides a nice statistical sheen to pundits. The Battle of Stalingrad was a turning point in World War II. Nowadays, it might be described by a contempo-speaker as an inflection point.

♦ OLD: turning point... / NEW: pivot point, inflection point, hinge...

*** analysis

♦ "Inflection point" is on the Lake Superior State University 2023 Banished Words List—words banned for "misuse, overuse, and uselessness."

development: direction

inflexible (character)

stubborn or inflexible

she has a lot of resolve, but sometimes can be ~

ability & lack of ability / character & personality: materials & substances / movement

in for (a ride, etc.)

in for (a whole lot of) hurt

we're ~ (coronavirus)

in for a (bumpy) ride

consumers are ~ this year (customer service)

in for a (rough) ride

we're ~ (new troops in Iraq)

in for a (wild) ride

it looks like we're ~, so hang on (Wall Street bear market)

in for a treat

you are ~

experience: prep, adv, adj, particle

inform (verb)

inform your actions

hope and love should ~, not hate

informed her artistry

these stories have ~ and sense of home (book review)

informed her life

references to the pop culture that has ~ (book review)

informs what the Battle Group does

intelligence ~

fictive communication: speech / verb

informed (trauma-informed, etc.)

trauma-informed

we must equip our teachers to be ~

an expert in ~ journalism told us...

~ therapies for anxiety, depression & PTSD

she is an expert in ~ journalism (Elana Newman)

trauma informed

restorative discipline and ~ education

survivor-centered and trauma-informed

our Special Victims Division is ~ (appeal for sex victims)

contempo-speak: affix

inclusion & exclusion: affix

infrastructure (noun)

intellectual infrastructure

education initiatives aim at building the ~

the country's ~ is still eroding (research, funding, etc.)

bases: infrastructure

infuse (verb)

infuses us with confidence

Steph just ~ (the great NBA player Stephen Curry)

infused her novel with her love of music

she ~

Infuse Chilean Island

"Myth and Magic ~" (Chiloe)

directing / throwing, putting & planting: verb / water

infused

infused with dread and horror

it's ~ (a book)

horn-infused

San Antonio's ~ doo-wop scene (Royal Jesters, etc.)

directing / throwing, putting & planting: water

infusion (noun)

infusion of (new) jobs

the recovery will suffocate without a rapid ~

infusion of money

high-speed rail projects get an ~ (government)

infusion of (young) recruits

there was an ~, many of them women (CIA post 9/11)

cash infusion

he has stepped in with a ~ for the company

directing / throwing, putting & planting: water

ingenue (person)

relative ingenue

he is a ~ (politics)

character & personality: person

experience: film & TV / love, courtship & marriage / person

ingest (verb)

ingested a heavy dose

in Copenhagen he ~ of Aristotle (Tycho Brahe)

♦ "This data is then ingested into a physics model which then makes a prediction." (Meteorology, weather prediction, and AI.)

♦ Feed (it) / eat up, Hoover up, snatch up, vacuum up / gobble up, ingested (the book) / regurgitate (everything), spit out... (What AI does. From "The alleged theft at the heart of ChatGPT," Planet Money, November 10, 2023. Other articles use words like *devour*, *scrape up*, *suck up* (language and ideas) / *vomit up* (words), *spew* (false information), *spout* (misinformation), etc.)

absorption & immersion: food & drink / verb

consumption: food & drink / verb

ingrained

ingrained in the public consciousness

that photo became ~ (Charles Manson / *Life Magazine*)

ingrained in me
winning and competing is ~ (a coach)

“ingrained” and “completely normalised”
abuse in gymnastics training became ~ (Whyte Review)

attachment / impression: cloth / color

ingredient (noun)

ingredients for victory
Democrats are not sure what the right ~ are (politics)

mixture: food & drink

inhabit (verb)

inhabited Travis Bickle
the way that De Niro ~... (acting)

inhabit each other
how these cultures ~ (Vietnam / Paris)

inhabit the part
he knew how to ~ (Marlon Brando)

inhabited the role
he just kind of ~ (Biden, of Neil Kinnock)

talk about and inhabit
he can ~ loss in life (President Joe Biden)

fictive possession: house / verb

inhale (verb)

inhaled this stuff
I ~ and couldn't get enough of it (comedy)

absorption & immersion: breathing / verb

consumption: breathing / verb

inherit (verb)

inherit a mantle
he will ~ that Bernstein once wore with immense elan

inherited his mantle
she ~ (politics)

inherited Ray's mission
Linnaeus ~ (classification)

inherited his father's fiery temperament
the son ~

giving, receiving, bringing & returning / transmission: family / history / money / verb

inheritance (noun)

railroading inheritance
our national ~

economic inheritance
the government faces a terrible ~ (Britain's new coalition)

national (railroading) inheritance
our ~

giving, receiving, bringing & returning / transmission: family / history / money

inhospitable (adjective)

inhospitable to women
the Defense Department has long been viewed as ~

acceptance & rejection: society

inhospitable (adjective)

inhospitable conditions
life flourishes in some of the most ~ (Antarctica)

inhospitable place
the Weddell Sea is a notoriously ~

come across as inhospitable
a “no shirt, not vaccine, no service” policy may ~

feel inhospitable
gyms can ~ if your body doesn't fit the norm

welcome: house

inject (fresh blood, etc.)

inject fresh blood
the king might reshuffle his cabinet to ~

injected new life into the industry
suspended coasters ~ (roller coasters)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

inject (put)

inject his personality into the offense
he wants his quarterback to ~ (coach)

injected the phrase "right to die" into the lexicon
she ~ (Quinlan)

injected race into the drama
her allegation ~ (a murder case)

directing: health & medicine / verb

throwing, putting & planting: health & medicine / verb

injection (noun)

injection of aid
only a massive ~ can help

throwing, putting & planting: health & medicine

directing: health & medicine

injure (verb)

injure the BBC
this report will not just ~ but scar it (Lady Di)

♦ “Marine injured in Kabul airport blast says...” (He lost his right arm and a leg to a suicide bomber.)

failure, accident & impairment: health & medicine / verb

injury (moral injury)

moral injury
see *moral injury* (noun)

injury (other)

traumatic stress injury
“~” is different from “post-traumatic stress disorder”

trauma and injury
when people don’t validate you that’s another ~

added insult to injury
he ~ by...

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine **inkblot (Rorschach)**

inkblot
we call this case an ~ (the murder of two girls)

♦ “We call this case an inkblot. I see what I see, Barb sees what she sees, and you see what you see.” (The podcast “Down The Hill: The Delphi Murders,” Chapter 7: Madness.)

♦ A group of Kentucky teenagers, a Native American, and black Hebrew Israelites all met by accident on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Read “Viral standoff between a tribal elder and a high schooler is more complicated than it first seemed” by Michael E. Miller, *The Washington Post*, Jan 22, 2019. Or “January 2019 Lincoln Memorial confrontation” (Wikipedia).

perception, perspective & point of view: picture **inner (inner sloth, etc.)**

inner ‘Barbie’
scores of New Yorkers are embracing their ~ (2023 film)

inner child
she was in touch with her ~ (writer Margaret Wise Brown)
I created these watches because they made my ~ happy
Andra Day raps about her unhealed ~

inner conservative
unleash your ~ (politics)

inner FDR
Biden channels his ~ (speech to nation, Oct. 19, 2023)

inner gangster
my coolness, my ~, my hip-hop-y-ness (young female)

inner hero
she discovers her ~ and rises to the occasion

inner sloth
embracing their ~ and being lazy (the pandemic)

inner Thoreau
I channeled my ~ and vowed to go confidently...

♦ “It started being used a lot more during the pandemic, I think, when people became more comfortable with embracing their inner sloth and being lazy. It went viral last spring when...” (Siobhan Leahy of the BBC, about the phrase, “Goblin mode,” Oxford Dictionary’s word of the year for 2022.)

♦ “Look inside you and be strong / and you’ll finally feel the truth / that a hero lies in you.” (Watch Mariah Carey—Hero (Official HD Video) on YouTube.)

♦ see also *in* (the cowboy in me, etc.)

identity & nature: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

inner circle (noun)

inner circle
you’re in the ~, or you’re in exile (politics)

White House inner circle
she has left the ~ (resigned)

part of his (inner) circle
she was not ~ (politics)

make their own inroads into Trump’s inner circle
the Emiratis helped the Russians ~

group, set & collection / power / society: center & periphery **inning (in the first inning)**

in the first inning of the game
we are still ~

time: sports & games

development: baseball / sports & games

timeliness & lack of timeliness: baseball / sports & games

inning (ninth inning)

bottom of the ninth inning
we are reaching the ~ (an election)

development: baseball / sports & games

time: sports & games

timeliness & lack of timeliness: baseball / sports & games

inning (extra innings)

went into extra innings
the election ~ (decided by courts)

starting, going, continuing & ending: baseball / sports & games

innocence (noun)

lost its innocence
overnight the community ~ (serial killer on loose)

♦ “In the Shark’s Domain,” Omnibus, BBC Sounds, 16 Jan 2003 juxtaposes a serial killer’s spree, the killing of a swimmer by a great white shark, and a loss of innocence in Perth, Australia. It is a fascinating juxtaposition.

experience: love, courtship & marriage

growth & development: life span

inoculate (verb)

inoculate themselves from the national mood
politicians are trying to ~ (elections)

inoculate us from these vanities
Vietnam did not ~ (US ‘exceptionalism’)

inoculate it against (possible legal) consequences
they came up with a framework to ~ (a company)

inoculated the US against foreign wars
the Vietnam War temporarily ~

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine / verb

inoculated

inoculated against Western ideas
the population must be ~

inoculated against (empty) promises
the public was long ago ~ (from the government)

inoculated, if not immune
I was more or less ~, to criticism

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine

inoculation (noun)

inoculation
but the ~ lasted less than a decade (Vietnam to Grenada)

stress inoculation
making a soldier stronger and better through ~

effects of the inoculation
the ~ are wearing off (memory of Holocaust / anti-Semitism)

♦ "Before the next campaign, we had to take the usual inoculations plus some additional ones. Our arms were sore, and many men became feverish. The troops hated getting injections, and the large number (someone said it was seven) before Okinawa made us crotchety. The plague shot burned like fire and was the worst." (E.B. Sledge on Pavuvu, after Peleliu, before Okinawa. From *With the Old Breed*.)

♦ "In those days, you could say, 'Shut up and take it, we're fighting the Japanese.' The Japanese didn't have it, and they were devastated by malaria. You could make a case that atabrine won the war." (Col. Alan J. Magill, speaking about World War II. The atabrine turned the skin yellow.)

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine

inquisition (noun)

Spanish Inquisition
I didn't expect the ~ (questioning)

extraordinary American inquisition
the AEC set in motion an ~ (of J. Robert Oppenheimer)

Great Sorority Inquisition
I haven't seen you since the ~ (*Sorority Wars* / Lucy Hale)

♦ "First...my suspension from Twitter itself and now the inquisition." (The Canadian psychologist Jordan Peterson, about being investigated by the College of Psychologists of Ontario.)

♦ "Alex Levy contacted me just before the meeting began to tell me to use whatever question I got first to apologise, and at some point to acknowledge my privilege. / A Zoom call with a couple of thousand people is a disorienting experience, particularly when many of them are not particularly mindful of your 'full humanity'. I do not recommend it. As my first turn to speak came up, I was still struggling with what I should apologise for. I was not going to apologise for denying my colleagues' humanity or endangering their lives. I had not done those things. I was not going to apologise for publishing the op-ed. Finally, I came up with something that felt true. I told the meeting that I was sorry for the pain that my leadership of Opinion had caused. What a pathetic thing to say. I did not think to add, because I'd lost track of this truth myself by then, that opinion journalism that never causes pain is not journalism. It can't hope to move society forward." ("When the New York Times lost its way" by James Bennet, *1843 Magazine* (*The Economist*), Dec 14th 2023.)

♦ "One day Savostyanov came into Viktor's office and pleaded with him. / 'Viktor Pavlovich, I entreat you, we all of us entreat you: write a letter, say you repent! I can assure you that will help. Just think: you're throwing away everything—and at a time when an important—no, a truly great—work lies before you, a time when all that is genuine in our science looks

to you with hope. Write a letter, admit your errors.' / 'What errors? What do you want me to repent of?' / 'Who cares? It's what everyone does—writers, scientists, political leaders, even your beloved Shostakovich. He admits his errors, writes letters of repentance—and then returns to work. It's like water off a duck's back.' / 'But what do you want me to repent of? And who to?' / 'The director, the Central Committee... It doesn't matter—as long as you repent! Something like this: 'I have committed errors and I admit my guilt. I am now conscious of this and I promise to mend my ways.' That sort of thing—you know what's expected. That's bound to help; it always helps.' / Savostyanov's bright, laughing eyes were for once quite serious. They even seemed to be a different colour. / 'Thank you, thank you, my friend,' said Viktor. 'I'm grateful to you for your concern.'" (*Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman, translated and with an introduction by Robert Chandler, New York Review Books.)

oppression: allusion / history / violence

judgment: allusion / history / violence

inroads (make inroads)

make their own inroads into Trump's inner circle
the Emiratis helped the Russians ~

♦ *Road* comes from a word for a *raid*.

progress & lack of progress: horse / military

insatiable (adjective)

insatiable
the appetite for pornography seems to be ~
the appetite of the European rich for porcelain was ~

insatiable appetite
India's seemingly ~ for gold (jewelry, dowries, temples)
the American public has an ~ for crime stories

consumption: food & drink

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

inscribed

inscribed in our DNA
some places are ~ (Lake Ohrid, the Balkans)

impression: mark / tools & technology

insecure (insecure work, etc.)

insecure work
there are now 3.9 million people in ~

food insecure
half of Peru's population is ~ (NPR headline)

financially insecure
many veterans are isolated and ~

♦ "Many veterans are isolated and financially insecure, and the safety nets meant to help them are too small."

♦ "There are now 3.9 million people in insecure work." (BBC / jobs. Insecure work is work with no guarantee of hours or earnings.)

♦ "We will make do. Everyone will have a little bit." (Abdul Aziz, 63, of Dhaka, Bangladesh, disappointed that his money could not buy more beans and cauliflower for his family.)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: mental health

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

insecurity (food insecurity, etc.)

cyber insecurity
former NSA official calls U.S. ~ a 'chronic disease'

energy insecurity

~ among low-income households

food insecurity

the war in Ukraine is exacerbating ~ in Afghanistan
1.58 million are experiencing ~ (in Angola)
the high levels of ~ on campus (in the U.S.)

housing insecurity

those at risk of ~
the millions of Americans facing ~
~ may be keeping college students from graduating

shelter insecurity

refugee children face food and ~, exploitation...

economic insecurity

we look at indicators that shed light on ~ in the U.S.

financial insecurity

~ plagues many who live with disability
many rural Americans struggle with ~

linguistic insecurity

~ (see Wikipedia entry)

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inside (emotions)

inside

how are you feeling ~

feeling, emotion & effect: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

insider (insider attack, etc.)

insider attacks

so-called ~ have risen dramatically (Afghanistan)

allegiance, support & betrayal: fortification

insider (person)

entrenched insiders

he is a Washington outsider facing down ~

power / society: center & periphery / person

person: society

instrument

instrument of terror

a burning cross is a particularly powerful ~ (KKK)

instrument of foreign policy

he believed war was an ~

powerful instrument

a burning cross is a particularly ~ of terror (KKK)

help & assistance: tools & technology

insular (adjective)

insular (American media) bubble

the ~

insular (warrior) caste

Marine pilots are an ~

insular sport

it's a very ~ (horseracing and corruption)

insular world

he conquered a famously ~ (Kanye West / fashion)

insular (art) world

his resignation stunned the ~ (Metropolitan Museum of Art)

insular, intermarrying

they are an ~ Brahmin elite (David Brooks' Bobos)

siloeed and insular

political journalists are even more ~ today (than in 2016)

♦ "Throughout the winter in Tokyo I went to the Kabuki theater a great deal and gradually I came to know the actors themselves and their families. It is an extraordinary society, rigid, insular, with a great tradition and an equal consciousness of it." (*East of Home* by Santha Rama Rau.)

♦ "Sixty-eight percent of tweets between journalists who work at *The Washington Post*, NPR, [and *The New York Times*...] are to each other." ("How Journalists Congregating Into 'Microbubbles' Affects Quality Of News Reporting," NPR, All Things Considered, August 12, 2020.)

♦ "We're able to provide a fresh, outsider perspective on US politics—one so often missing from the insular American media bubble." ("If you can, please consider supporting *The Guardian* today.")

♦ *Insula* is "island" in Latin.

isolation & remoteness: island / sea

division & connection: island / sea

insulate (verb)

insulate our kids from (the kind of) news

we try to ~ that frightens them

insulate their lives from modern life

the Amish try to ~

protection & lack of protection: electricity / verb

isolation & remoteness: electricity / verb

insulated

insulated from violence

they lived in a world where they were ~ (Amish)

avoidance & separation / division & connection / isolation & remoteness / protection & lack of protection: electricity

insulation (noun)

community, acceptance and insulation

they feel a sense of ~ (lesbians)

protection & lack of protection: electricity

isolation & remoteness: electricity

insurance

insurance against (unpleasant) surprises

there is no ~

protection & lack of protection: money

insurgency (noun)

insurgency

HBO was an ~ (versus broadcast networks)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

allegiance, support & betrayal: military

insurrection (noun)

insurrection among his staff

the problems led to an ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

allegiance, support & betrayal: military

intelligent (things)

intelligent design

the VW ID. Buzz stands for *intelligent design* and *electric*

intelligent machine

a super ~ could break capitalism (AI)

intelligent (writing) suggestions

get ~ as you type (Microsoft Word)

intelligent technology

badly designed ~ makes us feel out of control

♦ Technology can be dumb, smart, or brilliant and can even teach itself (AI).

♦ "Smart doorbells becoming more intelligent."

♦ News reader: "South Yorkshire's police and crime commissioner has written to the government to say smart motorways should be abandoned. Dr. Alan Billings said they were unsafe. Earlier this week, a coroner at the inquest of two men who died on a smart motorway near Sheffield called for such roads to be reviewed..." (From BBC's Six O'clock News, 24 / 01 / 2021, "SNP sets itself on collision course with Westminster.")

♦ The US is speeding up the delivery of dozens of bomb-detection dogs to Iraq after it was learned that the ADE 651 hand-held wand that was supposed to detect car bombs and weapons at vehicle checkpoints didn't work. The wands cost just \$250 to make but drew up to \$60,000 each from the Baghdad government, which spent a total of \$85 million for them. Their British manufacturer has been arrested for fraud.

♦ In late December 2009 modern electric rail service was disrupted in England by cold and snow which even shut down the Channel Tunnel. A steam locomotive offering "Christmas meal" trips was unaffected, however. On its final trip of the season, it picked up 100 stranded passengers at Victoria Station and carried them to cities in the south for free. (Old technology rescues new.)

♦ "Another resident of the Isle of Skye, Ross McKerlich, told the BBC that he was surprised to see the submarine outside his home when he awoke this morning." (The HMS *Astute*, stuck in the mud just yards off the coast of Scotland. The new submarine has been described as Britain's 'stealthiest' because its 39,000 acoustic panels rendered it invisible to enemy warships and submarines. The Navy used old-fashioned ropes and tugboats to tow it back out to deeper water. Old technology rescues new.)

♦ "What's "smart" or "intelligent" or "brilliant" today will be "dumb" or "legacy" tomorrow. So much for the enthusiasm of all those "early adopters."

ability & lack of ability: tools & technology

intention (noun)

with intention

Gabby Bernstein shares tips on how to start 2024 ~

live with intention

~ (an ad for Golden Mind Vanilla Chai)

takes intention

willing a plot of land into a garden ~

puts a lot of intention into her work

she ~ ("Hey Hey" Pride collection / NPR Shop)

put some intention into creating some space

so I'm going to ~ for trips this spring (non-binary)

♦ "AI things should be based in intention." (Sheryl Crow, 2024, NPR)

♦ "I started dressing up for the (music) studio about a year and a half ago, really putting a lot of intention into what I wear. If you can come to the studio feeling really good, you can pull off a recording that has presence and energy." (Nelly Furtado.)

♦ Live with intention Boost Cognitive Function with Golden Mind Vanilla Chai. (An advertisement for Cymbiotika. Shop Now.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "Thought"? "Purpose?"

♦ "The clientele knows..."

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

contempo-speak: language

intentional (adjective)

intentional

we leave nothing to chance, art is ~ (fashion)

responsibility to create content that is ~ (Storm Reid)

is the timing just a coincidence, is there anything ~ about it

intentional to not try

he was ~ to make it about him (he came out as gay)

intentional to other objectives

to what extent are sanctions ~ (foreign policy)

intentional with your approach

be ~ (helping kids post-lockdown)

intentional with its use

devote more focus on being ~ (technology, screens, etc.)

intentional about home

I think there is something really delightful about being ~...

intentional about that

I think that was very important to be ~

intentional about making sure

he's been pretty ~ that...

intentional act

this is an ~, it's not accidental (CRSV)

intentional actions

~ taken to get people out of prison (states)

intentional conversations

~ between partisans could be a catalyst for national healing

intentional crime

an attack like this on critical infrastructure is a serious ~

intentional dating

she advises singletons to embrace "~~" (vs. "avalanching")

intentional-design

with ~ thinking, we can... (engineering cars)

intentional (career) focus
~ on... (social justice, etc. / LinkedIn)

intentional impression
how to make an ~, invent yourself into a character...

intentional moments
the Newport Folk Festival showcases ~ of change (music)

intentional stupidity
my greatest strength is ~ (a very successful salesman)

intentional togetherness
we've introduced a programme for ~ (online meetings)

intentional partnerships and decisions
we always lead with ~ (NPR sells PPW Pride merch)

intentional or radical
that can feel like maybe a bit more ~ than it does to me

way more intentional
we must be ~ about the technology we develop (problems)

very intentional
I think it's ~, the way they've made this announcement

active and intentional
Avery makes like a very ~ decision to...

careful and intentional
this is part of a ~ effort to... (liberal against the right wing)

conscious and intentional
personal branding is the ~ effort to create... (advertising)

focused, intentional
allocate your attention in more ~ ways (attention economy)

slow, intentional, purposeful
visions of ~ living (the soft life aesthetic)

small and intentional
Pvolve focuses on ~ movement (fitness)

systemic and intentional
Hamas sexual violence '~~' (October 7, 2023)

need to be intentional
we ~ in building resilience into those decisions

- ◆ "He's been pretty intentional about making sure that everything we do has a racial equity component to it." (Cedric Richmond, a senior advisor to the president and Director of the Office of Public Engagement at the White House, responding to Black criticism of President Biden.)
- ◆ Ari Shapiro: Is there ever a part of you that thinks, 'Should I really be letting people in on this particular aspect of the queer experience?' / Troye Sivan: You know, I actually don't think about it that much... Maybe to other people, that can feel like maybe a bit more intentional or radical than it does to me. ("Royce Sivan's new album has something to give us," Ari Shapiro, NPR, All Things Considered, updated October 17, 2023.)
- ◆ "Instead, the Jan. 6 hearings were meticulously choreographed... Unlike typical congressional hearings, these would have a script. 'Every word was intentional,' one senior staff member recalled. 'Nothing was spontaneous.'" ("Inside the Jan. 6 Committee" by Robert Draper and Luke Broadwater, *The New York Times Magazine*, January 1, 2023.)
- ◆ "Every single word, every single pause, has to be intentional, but it has to sound as if and look as if you just thought of it in that second." (The

- comedian Viv Groskop about stand-up comics and their preparation before performance.)
- ◆ "The firing was very abrupt and it was very intentional to my audience, my viewers, that you are not the type of viewers that the company cares about." (An aggrieved Tiffany Cross, about MSNBC not renewing her contract.)
- ◆ "They had been really intentional about their lifestyle." (Until the wedding, when they hired chariots. An article about Blacks and their finances.)
- ◆ "I was very aware and wanting to really be intentional about making sure..." (Huh?)
- ◆ "I think that was very important to be intentional about that." (That the *Baltimore Beat* is an incubator for Black journalists to get experience and then go on to better jobs elsewhere, according to its extraordinary editor-in-chief, Lisa Snowden. As she says, Baltimore is known for its violence and *The Wire*. She is too modest. She should include herself, and the *Baltimore Beat*.)
- ◆ "I didn't see that ending with one intentional single shot." (Steve Bunce, about Tyson "The Gypsy King" Fury's uppercut that dropped Dillian White in front of 94,000 fight fans at Wembley Stadium. Surprising usage from a beloved old fart.)
- ◆ "Deep belief in racial equity work and challenging the institutionalized construct of race and power. Intentional career focus on increasing my depth of knowledge of the intersection of social welfare, social justice and 'access' as a civil right..." (A licensed clinical social worker describing herself on LinkedIn.)
- ◆ "I appreciate the advice. But every conversation I have on this platform is very intentional. Not just for the account I'm conversing with, but for all the others who follow me." (Eric Deggans at NPR on Twitter in response to a tweet, "I would suggest ignoring the sealion, Mr. Deggans. I know I am." Sealioning is a type of trolling.)
- ◆ "Wealth Management Achievement Takes Being intentional Learn More Advertisement"
- ◆ OLD: dress for the cold... / NEW: fans need to be more intentional about what kind of clothing they choose (Kansas City Chiefs v. Miami Dolphins, January 13, 2024)
- ◆ see also *mindful (adjective)*, *purposeful (adjective)*
- ◆ It's hard to know what this word means, but it is beloved by contempo-speakers and legitimized by advertisers. On purpose? Calculated? Willful? Instrumental? Thoughtful? Purposeful? "The clientele knows..."

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

contempo-speak: language

intentionality (noun)

with intentionality
handling finances ~

- ◆ "There's a significant amount of intentionality based on the information that's been reported. They were doing this with a purpose to cause fear in our communities." (Drew Evans, superintendent at the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.)
- ◆ *Intentionality* is one of those cliches slung by contempo-speakers and bureaucrats. It has a Wikipedia entry.

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

contempo-speak: language

intentionally

intentionally connect
you can use your screens as a way to ~ with each other

intentionally meet
boys schools ~ the developmental needs of boys

intentionally designed
books ~ with young people in mind (LGBTQ+)

intentionally intersectional

I embrace an ~ embodiment of my identities (Black)
intentionally transgressive
much of the youth culture was ~ (1990s)
more intentionally
use technology ~ (screens, smartphones, etc.)
very intentionally
he ~ addressed some of those concerns
systematically and intentionally
Hamas gunmen ~ committed sexual crime (Oct. 7, 2023)

embed (DEI more) intentionally
~ in TESOL activities (diversity, equity, and inclusion)

- ◆ "Language should be chosen intentionally and not just in a reflexive manner based on how words were used in the past." (Emily Barske, the Office of the Public Editor, NPR.)
- ◆ "These book are overwhelmingly books that feature LGBTQ+ identities, or books that include characters of color, as well as books that do talk about sex and sexuality, umm, but you know they do so in a way that is appropriate, that is intentionally designed, curated, you know, brought into schools with young people in mind." (Kasey Meehan, Freedom to Read / PEN America. From "A secret shelf of banned books thrives in a Texas school, under the nose of censors," Neda Ulaby, NPR, Morning Edition, February 21, 2024.)
- ◆ "My momma got off welfare purposefully..." (Didn't want the supervision, visits, the questions, etc.)
- ◆ "She dressed the part, using shorts skirts and plunging necklines instrumentally." (The comedian Amy Schumer.)
- ◆ Terry Gross: Did you consciously say, when you sat down to write the song, it needs 20 different time signature changes? / Burt Bacharach: Oh, no. I've never done anything, like, intentionally... So it's not deliberate. I mean, that's the main thing. It can drive musicians crazy, you know, until they stop counting and just hear and feel the music. ("Fresh Air pays tribute to legendary composer Burt Bacharach," NPR, Fresh Air, February 13, 2023. "Consciously." "Intentionally." "Deliberate.")
- ◆ "Once we give up on free will, after all, we have to be willing to say that nobody has ever done anything intentionally (or voluntarily or deliberately or on purpose)." ("Make Me: Is free will an illusion? You decide" by Nikhil Krishnan, *The New Yorker*, November 13, 2023.)
- ◆ This usage is a favorite of activists seeking to push their agendas / goals. It often has to do with tactics and stratagems. Or, it is simply a claim: "Boys schools intentionally meet the developmental needs of boys."
- ◆ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: Pay attention!; mind your head (low ceiling); get your head out of your ass!; think!...

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection
contempo-speak: language

interference (run interference)

ran interference for him
they ~ (males support male, who is cheating on wife)

- ◆ "I wondered how often they ran interference for him like this." (Males support a male who is cheating on his wife and children.)

help & assistance / protection & lack of protection: football
intermission (noun)

intermission in the continuing saga
his appearance this week could be just an ~ (trial)

development / starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

interrogate (verb)

interrogate

this idea of migration as a crisis is what I'm trying to ~

interrogate that
okay, let's ~, NPR's Brian Naylor is with us...

interrogate who is privileged and who is marginalized
~ by the notion of "standard" English

interrogate what we know
we have to ~, how we know... (NPR *mea culpa*)

interrogate the data
his tabulating machine made it easier to ~ (punched cards)

interrogate (Black) history
Johnson is able to ~ (the author of novel *Loving Day*)

interrogates the intersections
her work ~ of... (a Black academic)

interrogates masculinity
there are ways to make a show that ~ (crime entertainment)

interrogates the notion
next, the author ~ of academic language (Black English)

interrogate the statistics
collating data enables us to ~ on crime (immigration)

interrogates tragedy and trauma
Paula Hawkins in new thriller (a book)

- ◆ "It's both a pleasure and an education to look over Barnes's shoulder as he interrogates, wonders at, and relishes works of art." (A blurb in an advertisement for a book.)

- ◆ BEING abused (physically, psychologically or casually); assaulted; battered; batoned; beaten; beat(en) up; conditioned; deprived of water / food / sleep; forced to run around and dance / forced to kneel over a toilet in the floor / forced to submit for trophy photographs and videos / forced into stress positions; head butted; hit; hooded; humiliated; ill-treated; karate chopped; kicked; manhandled; mistreated; played like musical instruments ("the choir"); pulled up from the floor by the eye sockets; punched; roughed up; shouted at; slapped; struck (with a metal bar / rifle butt); subjected to suffocating holds / subjected to loud noise / subjected to white noise / subjected to the "harsh approach (interrogation)"; threatened; treated roughly... HAVING the eyes gouged / fingers inserted into the mouth / fingers pushed into the eye socket / liquid poured over a detainee in a staged immolation by gasoline... (Abuse of detained citizens of Basra by the Queen's Lancashire Regiment in 2003, from the Baha Mousa Public Inquiry, 2011.)

fictive communication: military / speech / verb

analysis, interpretation & explanation: military / speech / verb

interrogated

interrogated
a word, when ~, will tell us about the people who used it

- ◆ Why not just waterboard that word?

analysis, interpretation & explanation: military

fictive communication: speech

interrogating (questioning)

interrogating race and racism
Critical Race Theory is the practice of ~ in society

analysis, interpretation & explanation: military

fictive communication: speech

interrogation (questioning)

interrogation

political ads require discussion, conversation, ~

critical interrogation

a ~ of the role of gender and sexual identities in...

deserves some interrogation

the rise of the weird achiever ~ (Ann Powers)

♦ “Next, research in language education advocate [sic] for a critical interrogation of the role of gender and sexual identities in world language education, where trans, non-binary, gender non-conforming (TGNC), bisexual, and queer identities tend to be invisible and erased. (Cashman & Trujillo, 2018; Coda, 2017; Krisely, 2020, 2021; Krisely & Paiz, 2021; Paiz, 2020). (“Teacher Perceptions of Inclusion in Online Instructional Practices” by Sheri K. Dion, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Office of Education, NECTFL Review Number 90, March 2023.)

♦ “‘You son of a bitch, you swine,’ he cried out in a piercing howl, ‘where were you when I led people into battle in the Ukraine and the Bryansk forests? Where were you during the winter I was fighting outside Voronezh? Were you ever in Stalingrad, you bastard...’ / After that he was beaten up. He wasn’t just beaten up any old how; he wasn’t just punched in the face like in the Special Section at the front; he was beaten up carefully, intelligently, by two young men in new uniforms who had an understanding of anatomy and physiology... / They carried on with their work, quite without anger and leaving nothing to chance... / They hadn’t once hit Krymov in the teeth, but blood was pouring out of his mouth... / Suddenly Krymov remembered how the man in bloodstained underwear who hadn’t been shot properly had come back from the steppe at night, back to the Front Special Section. / ‘That’s my fate too,’ he thought. ‘I’ve got nowhere to go. It’s too late.’” (The Lubyanka Prison. From *Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman, translated by Robert Chandler, New York Review Books.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: military

fictive communication: speech

contempo-speak: language

intersect (verb)

intersects with (one’s daily) existence

how one’s faith ~

division & connection: boundary / geometry / verb

intersection (noun)

intersection of art, beauty, and justice

A Thousand Pansies project sits at the ~ (Mia Birdsong)

intersection of crime, politics and law and order

the show was a look at the ~ (*The Wire*)

intersection of culture, politics, economics and identity

she is intensely interested in the arts at the ~ (NPR)

intersection of faith and politics, law, science & culture

I switched to the religion beat and reported on the ~

intersections of gender, race, immigration, pop culture

she writes most often about the ~ (Hannah Giorgis)

intersection of law, policy, and advocacy

she is pursuing a career at the ~ (Amie Rodriguez)

intersection of religion and politics

she writes about the ~ (a journalist)

intersection of (national) security and technology

she focuses on the ~ (NPR cybersecurity correspondent)

intersection of sports and social justice

he explores the ~ (a podcaster)

intersection between creativity and commerce

he explores the ~

intersection between entertainment, culture and politics

we do the hard work of ~ (yet another podcast)

intersection between grief and love

the reverend shared messages about the ~ (funeral)

intersection of positivity, grief, and Disneyland

she reported stories about the ~ (NPR’s Meghan Keane)

heart and the intersection

he’s really at the ~ of the jazz, R&B, and hip-hop scenes

interrogates the intersections

her work ~ of... (a Black academic)

♦ This word is one of the top ten in contempo-speak, along with *conversation*, *deep dive*, etc. It is even used to express grief.

♦ “Deep belief in racial equity work and challenging the institutionalized construct of race and power. Intentional career focus on increasing my depth of knowledge of the intersection of social welfare, social justice and ‘access’ as a civil right...” (A licensed clinical social worker describing herself on LinkedIn.)

division & connection: boundary / geometry

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

contempo-speak: language

intersectional (groups)

intersectional approach

SCA privileges scholarly work that takes an ~ (university)

intersectional band

they never seen [sic] an ~ (white drummer, female trumpet)

intersectional diversity

obviously there needs to be more ~ on screens, no kidding

“intersectional” lens

we have approached the Israel-Hamas war through the ~

intersectional oppression

those who face ~

gets even more intersectional

as you move into the genres it ~ (women / electronic music)

♦ “I, as a Black trans woman, I’m facing oppression due to being a woman, I face oppression due to being black, I face oppression due to being trans, I face oppression due to being queer...” (The comedian Mx Dahlia Belle, a Black trans woman.)

♦ “The Gayly Prophet is an intersectional, queer Harry Potter analysis podcast hosted by Jessie Blount, a queer Black woman, and Lark Malakai Grey, a white disabled trans boy... It is also unflinchingly critical of JK Rowling and everything that she stands for.”

♦ The WMC FBomb is “An intersectional teen feminist media platform created by and for socially conscious youth.” The “WMC” stands for “Women’s Media Center.”

♦ “[The poem that he wrote] was basically talking about intersectionality 20 years before it became a term that lots of people recognized and can discuss.” (“Black Artists have always led AIDS Activism. This tribute wants to give them credit” by Allyson McCabe, NPR, Morning Edition, May 27, 2022.)

♦ "I'm Korean, queer, neurodivergent..." (Jezz Chung (They / Them), Storyteller, Speaker, Equity Advisor. An advertisement for LinkedIn that invites everyone to "join the conversation.")

♦ "Hello, I am a queer, mad and neurodivergent higher education researcher and I am looking to explore the lived experiences of queer MMIND (mad, mentally ill, neurodivergent and disabled) college students and their experiences on college campuses..."

♦ I use she and they pronouns... I am a white, queer and non-binary, Disabled and neurodivergent educator, facilitator, parent, non-clinical healer, and strategist... (Hire Me.)

♦ "As the medalists posed for photos, Saunders raised her arms and crossed them into an X shape. She said it represented 'the intersection of where all people who are oppressed meet.'" / The 25-year-old, who is black, gay, and has spoken frankly about her struggles with depression, said she wanted 'to be me, to not apologise'. / After competing, she said she aimed to give light to 'people all around the world who are fighting and don't have the platform to speak up for themselves'. ("Raven Saunders: What the Olympian's X protest means to her," BBC, 1 August, 2021.)

♦ "U.S. shot putter Raven Saunders raised her hands above her head in an "X" after receiving her silver medal to support intersectional oppression." (Good Morning America, recapping "Olympic Games Day 10. Surely Raven's gesture was to protest intersectional oppression!")

♦ "I've had a lot of gay people tell me, 'Okay, fine, you know, be gay, but just, the Jewish thing, tone down the Jewish thing, it's too much too many things, Ari, too many things going on. (Laughing) And, you know, but we're multifaced individuals, we all have a lot of different aspects of us, and we're complex, and I think that it's cool to try and figure out how to express that, you know.'" (The singer Ari Gold in 2007, before the word "intersectional" became a cliché. At "From Bar Mitzvah to MTC: Ari Gold's Pop Journey, NPR, Tell Me More, June 18, 2007. Gold was interviewed by Michel Martin.)

♦ "More recently, we have approached the Israel-Hamas war and its spillover onto streets and campuses through the 'intersectional' lens that has jumped from the faculty lounge to newsrooms. Oppressor versus oppressed. That's meant highlighting the suffering of Palestinians at almost every turn while downplaying the atrocities of October 7, overlooking how Hamas intentionally puts Palestinian civilians in peril, and giving little weight to the explosion of antisemitic hate around the world." ("I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust" by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

contempo-speak: language

intersectionality (groups)

intersectionality

she is a speaker and organizer who prioritizes ~
the poem that he wrote was basically talking about ~
how ~ affects our lives (Haili Blassingame)

Intersectionality and Social Policy

the Center for ~ Studies (Columbia University Law School)

solidarity and intersectionality

what ~ can mean for all struggles

centered the (interwoven) intersectionalities

she ~ inherent in our fight for equality (Urvashi Vaid)

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♦ "When you trace it back, the word 'intersectionality' dates back to 1989, when a civil-rights professor named Kimberle Crenshaw used the word in an academic paper." ("Weekly Wrap: Government Takes On Big Tech, What 'Intersectionality' Means, RIP iTunes," NPR, It's Been A Minute, June 7, 2019.)

♦ White privilege; systemic racism; unconscious bias; intersectionality; racial humility; critical race theory... ("Agencies, Contractors Suspend

Diversity Training To Avoid Violating Trump Order" by Melissa Block, NPR, Morning Edition, October 30, 2020.)

♦ "Wokeness is not just a social philosophy, but an elite status marker, a strategy for personal advancement. You have to possess copious amounts of cultural capital to feel comfortable using words like *intersectionality*, *heteronormativity*, *cisgender*, *problematize*, *triggering*, and *Latinx*..." ("How The Bobos Broke America" by David Brooks, *The Atlantic*, September 2021.)

♦ "In conversation, Jackson repeatedly returns to the ways the evolving discourse around race, identity, and social justice fails to take into account the perspectives of flesh-and-blood Black people. Jackson's best friend, Kisha, is a Black woman who runs a day-care center in South Carolina. The two of them talk constantly about how initially compelling concepts like intersectionality have turned into rhetorical class markers. 'So many of these [concepts] don't have any practical applications to anybody's actual lives,' he told me. 'I bet you a garbageman has never had to do a diversity training,' he said. 'This only operates at a certain class level...' The issue, as he sees it, boils down to the fact that *more school* is always required to make use of these terms, or even to understand them, and as a result they're deeply exclusionary. 'You have to read more...It's endless working and reading and studying,' he said. 'I feel like there's a scam inside of it that's meant to keep some people on top and some people on bottom.' He went on, 'It's all about these social-class associations, and you either have entrance into this country club or you don't, based on whether you subscribe to a kind of thought or belief system.'" ("The Radical Self-Awareness of Michael R. Jackson" by Thomas Chatterton Williams, *The Atlantic*, March 2024.)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

contempo-speak: language

intertwined

intertwined

how politics and health are ~

intertwined with our politics

race and identity are so ~

intertwined crises

the ~ of biodiversity loss and climate change

intertwined issues

the many ~ that confront us (conservation efforts)

deeply intertwined

in *X*, horror and pleasure are ~ (the horror thriller film)

become intertwined

the economies of the US and Mexico have ~

division & connection: cloth

intervening (adjective)

intervening years

in the ~, the university had announced a partnership...
the ~ have been more fallow (after Calzaghe / Wales)

♦ From the Latin "to come between."

future / time: direction / movement / position

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement

interwoven

interwoven into the (social) fabric

aggression is ~ of schools (bullying, status, etc.)

interwoven stories

it's a collection of ~ (a film)

division & connection: cloth

into (be into something)

into hang gliding
he's really ~

deep into
a lot of prisoners were ~ books (reading)

really into
I'm ~ horror, whether it's books or films

super into
everybody then was ~ *Kitchen Confidential* (line cooks, etc.)

got into
I ~ Jerry Butler late, you know... (Bruce Springsteen)

enthusiasm: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

into (involvement)

into it
once you get that far ~... (extremism)

got into the (fishing) business
he ~ when he was just 13 years old (Florida shrimper)

involvement: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

intoxicate (verb)

intoxicated us
the ability to wield force has ~

behavior / feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol / verb

intoxicated

intoxicated with power
he was ~ (a politician)

intoxicated by a desire
he was ~ to run in a marathon

intoxicated by having
liberals are ~ a majority (politics)

behavior / feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

intoxicating (adjective)

entrepreneurship is intoxicating
she said ~

game is intoxicating
the ~

music was intoxicating
the ~

night was intoxicating
the warm spring ~

opera is intoxicating
Italian ~

passion is intoxicating
their ~ (performers)

scene was intoxicating
the ~ (nature)

scent was intoxicating
the ~ (flowers)

sound (of drums) was intoxicating
the ~ (at an African soccer game)

found freedom intoxicating
he ~ (immigrant)

♦ "Watching red-tailed hawks and sharp-shinned hawks and golden eagles passing by was intoxicating." (A 12-year-old Scott Weidensaul sitting on Hawk Mountain with a strong northwest wind blowing on "one of the best migration days of the fall.")

enthusiasm / feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

introduce (verb)

introduced the word in the usual, literal way
I ~ (an English teacher)

introduced the word to the English language
Captain James Cook may have ~ (taboo)

introduce new perspectives into curriculums
trying to ~ (schools)

introduce new technology into the mail stream
~ (post office)

introduce recreational divers to the rewards
trying to ~ of fish watching

introduced me to the best pizza
my brother ~ I have ever eaten

introduced us to the music, the culture
"Sweet Jamaica" ~ (England)

fictive communication: speech / verb

inundate (verb)

inundated the help line with calls
the public ~

♦ Like *abundant*, this word comes from the Latin *unda*, or wave.

amount & effect: flood / verb / water

inundated

inundated by a flood
the public is being ~ of conflicting information

inundated with email
you probably feel like you're ~, don't you

inundated with phone calls
the hospital was ~

amount & effect: flood / water

invade (verb)

invades the area
as cold air ~... (weather)

invading her dreams

she said her brother's ghost was ~ (Chinese)
invaded (1.5 million acres of) the ecosystem
exotic plant species have ~
invaded (close to 70% of) the Kimberley
cane toads have ~ (Australia)
invade US
snow and ice move South as temperatures below zero ~

amount & effect: military / verb

invader (noun)

underwater invaders
~ (zebra and quagga mussels / Montana)
alien invaders
looking for ~ (US Customs and Border Protection)
primary invader
the ~ is eastern red cedar (grasslands)
smelly invader
~s (brown marmorated stink bug)

toxic invaders
they are ~ (the Australian cane toad)

bug and seed invaders
hunting for alien ~ at Baltimore's port

fight off the invader
the immune system's attempts to ~ (an amoeba)

♦ "Eat the Invaders." (The invasive Asian carp.)

♦ "Some believe the many mounds built by the Tocobaga tribe in what is now Pinellas County are guardians against invaders, including hurricanes." (Tampa and St. Petersburg, Florida.)

♦ "They are toxic invaders that have conquered swathes of northern Australia as they continue their seemingly irrepressible march west towards the Indian Ocean." ("The rapid spread of Australia's cane toad pests" by Phil Mercer, BBC, 22 March 2017.)

♦ "This is freedom. This is real freedom. The invaders are gone, and now we have true Islam." (Ahmed Shah, a 40-year-old Taliban supporter in Afghanistan.)

destruction: military / person

invasion (noun)

invasion of (Asian) carp
the ~ into the waters of the South and the Midwest...

invasion of immigrants
what European countries perceive as an ~

invasion of privacy
they were furious at the ~

invasion by the national media
an ~, followed by a hasty retreat... (school shootings)

invasion (of the Antarctic) by men of science
this was the first ~ (De Gerlache and the *Belgica*)

invasion front
at the ~ up in the tropics (cane toads in Australia)

tourist invasion

the economic benefits that will accompany the ~

British invasion
the ~ of the 1960s (music)

aquatic invasion
the Great Lakes is a hot spot for ~s (non-native species)

furry invasion
blame this ~ on climate change (polar bears in Churchill)

invisible invasion
people see immigration as an ~ (Europe)

see immigration as an (invisible) invasion
people ~ (Europe)

♦ "Dollar General is the invading force in a dollar-store war. Absolutely Dollar General is going for the attack on Family Dollar." (Dollar stores across the street from one another.)

♦ "Invasions are magnificent things to watch but awful things to be in." (*Up Front* by Bill Mauldin, World War II.)

amount & effect: military

invest (verb)

invest my heart in someone
I can't ~ who might not stick around

invested years in toiling
she ~ over a nonfiction account (an author)

commitment & determination: money / verb

investment (noun)

emotional investment
there's a great deal of ~ on the part of all the players

commitment & determination: money

invigorate (verb)

invigorated the party
he ran a campaign that ~ nationwide

amelioration & renewal: death & life / health & medicine / verb

invisibility (groups)

invisibility
the ~ AAPI people feel (as people, crime data, etc.)

invisibility of queers
the wholesale ~

invisibility, erasure
the ~ of native Americans in the datasets (public health)

challenges invisibility
she ~ (Lola Flash, a queer gender-fluid Black woman)

♦ "I would say up to the age of 25 or 26 we're the *it* girls, right? And then after you pass over this threshold of maybe 30, 35, you're put out to pasture. When we get older, we aren't seen." (Lola Flash, who uses she / her and they / them pronouns. From "Photographer Lola Flash is honored for creating images that challenge invisibility," NPR, All Things Considered, December 14, 2021. Told by Allyson McCabe.)

♦ "Zero is the nickname of Omar, the lead character, a young Black Italian delivery worker who is more or less ignored by the white society

around him. But his metaphorical invisibility turns into a magical power when he discovers he can actually make himself invisible. He becomes a superhero, helping save his neighborhood..." ("In New Italian Netflix Series 'Zero,' A Black Hero Makes Invisibility His Superpower" by Sylvia Poggioli, NPR, May 27, 2021.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

invisibilize (groups)

invisibilize and delegitimize

society tries to ~ our existence (Liniker Barros)

view, engage and invisibilize

how people ~ those around them (DEI)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence / verb

invisibilized (groups)

invisibilized

convicts have been ~

invisibilized to (middle-class) society

they are ~ (the incarcerated)

invisibilized by the (justice) system

those ~ (the incarcerated)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

invisible (groups)

invisible in this society

you're not present, so you're like ~ (Roma)

invisible people

at times, we're an ~, lumped in to other ethnic groups

invisible and erased

trans, non-binary, gender non-conforming, etc., tend to be ~

invisible and hypervisible

how it feels to be treated as both ~

essentially invisible

the belief that women are ~ until we're chose by a man

hypervisible or invisible

on campus, I was either ~ (Sisonke Msimang)

normalized and invisible

sexual violence is ~ in our society (Irene Montero / Spain)

continue to be invisible

"Latinos ~ in Hollywood and the media" (NPR)

felt invisible

my AAPI friends used words like they ~ (Mazie Hirono)

they ~, not seen (President Biden about AAPIs)

made to 'feel invisible'

Asian women are ~ in America

rendered invisible

they have been ~ and not received their due (Sherpas)

♦ *The Invisible Man* (1952) by Ralph Ellison is at least partly about social invisibility.

♦ "Those 'invisibilized' by the justice system... / They are invisibilized to middle-class society." (The incarcerated.)

♦ Native Americans speak of "Native invisibility." Colleen Medicine, program director at the Association on American Indian Affairs, explains how "Our people go missing three times over." (1) Abducted, taken, murdered. (2) Missing in the data. (3) Not at home or in their communities.

♦ An ultra-orthodox Satmar woman speaks about having to be inconspicuous, the problematic nature of her female presence, having to cover it up and negate it.

♦ Says Cindy Tran, a poet, "Ever since I was little, I was made invisible in physical and emotional ways." Says Diane He, a student, "They see us as quiet, not very outspoken, almost as if we fade into the background."

♦ "There are so many anti-LGBTQ attacks going on around the country and a lot of them are really about trying to erase our existence and to make us invisible, and to make our young people invisible and our elders invisible." (Michael Adams, CEO of SAGE.)

♦ "We refuse to be invisible, we refuse to be erased. (A Pride parade.)

♦ "For all the little kids who have autism, it's validating to see characters like themselves on television, instead of feeling invisible." (Rose Jochum of the Autism Society of America, about the Sesame Street character Julia.)

♦ An actor said, "We are literally demanding to be seen," talking about the Oscars, nominations, awards, and people of color.

♦ "I just feel like black gay ppl have to fight to be seen in this world and even when we make it to the top mfs try to pretend we are invisible." (A Lil Nas X tweet.)

♦ "They have often been rendered invisible by the global lens and have seldom received their due." ("How Climbers Reached the Summit of K2 in Winter for the First Time" by Adam Skolnick and Bhadra Sharma, *The New York Times*, Jan. 19, 2021. The writers' claims are ludicrous, but good contempo-speak.)

♦ "You're not present in the curriculum or textbooks, so you're like invisible in this society." (Lana Jurko, Network of Education Policy Centres, about Roma education in the Balkans.)

♦ "At times, we're an invisible people, lumped in to other ethnic groups." (Native Hawaiians.)

♦ "I am Puerto Rican, from the Bronx, and I was raised in the 50s, loved television, never saw anybody who looked like me, I began to feel on some level that I was invisible. I didn't know what I would contribute to a society that was determined not to see me..." (Sonia Manzano, actor, screenwriter, author, speaker, TV series creator, producer, etc., who played Maria on Sesame Street for 44 years. According to her Wikipedia entry, which is extensive, she attended the High School of Performing Arts, then Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh on scholarship. She currently lives on the Upper West Side in New York City.)

♦ "I know what it's like to be a woman who is essentially invisible to most people because of not being seen as traditionally beautiful or whatever." (Rebel Wilson, on BBC. She has been in films, is a producer and director, and is on the BBC's 100 Women of 2021.)

♦ "For Anders, although his newly brown skin is a constant physical reminder that he's no longer who he used to be, the greatest change may be in his psyche. He's now acutely aware of otherness and being observed, how he moves in the world and how he takes up space. When he returns to work...he's both drawn to and repulsed by the only other dark-skinned employee, who, unlike him, has always known what it's like to be treated as both invisible and hypervisible." (Cady Lang's *Time* review of *The Last White Man* by Mohsin Hamid, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Exit West*. This paragraph deftly weaves together several tropes relating to inclusion and exclusion.)

♦ *Black Victorians: Hidden in History* by Keshia N. Abraham and John Woolf.

♦ "I had to be nonexistent, invisible." (The 11-year-old Amos Oz, the only child at a tableful of adults discussing literature, politics, etc.)

♦ "I guess I was invisible for so long that it felt good to be noticed." (The film *John Tucker Must Die*.)

♦ "I can disappear when I get that scared." (Thandie Newton's character from the great film *The Journey of August King*, based on the book by John Ehle and with Sam Waterston.)

♦ "I was brought into this world visible, but I identify as invisible. My preferred pronouns are who/where." (Funny snark from an online commenter about a "woke" celebrity.)

♦ see also *presence, representation, space, voice*, etc.

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

invitation (noun)

invitation to frostbite or edema
it seemed an ~ (high-altitude bivouac)

invitation for ridicule
being a rookie is an engraved ~

open invitation
an e-mail address in a chat room is an ~ to spammers

attraction & repulsion / welcome: speech

fictive communication: speech

invite (verb)

invite kids to rebel
such limits may ~ (parents are too strict)

invites abuse
open editing ~ (Wikipedia)

invites aggression
appeasement ~ (diplomacy)

invites (both direct and indirect) fires
detection of a unit's location ~

invites neglect
quarantining inmates with H.I.V. and AIDS ~ (US)

invite (nuclear) retaliation
use of chemical or biological agents will ~

invited (a lot more) scrutiny
he's ~ because there's more media (politics)

invite trouble
certain songs in certain parts of town ~ (gangs)

invites the question
but that ~, ...

invite hand and finger movement
silly putty, play dough, and clay all ~

invite retaliation and counter expulsions
this action will ~ (spying)

attraction & repulsion / welcome: speech / verb

fictive communication: speech / verb

inviting

inviting
the people and the water are ~ (Jamaica)

inviting coffeehouse
a lively arts scene, an ~ on every corner (Seattle)

warm, welcoming and inviting
schools should be ~ (gay harassment)

attraction & repulsion / welcome: speech

inward (turn inward, etc.)

turning inward

we are ~ (US foreign policy)

avoidance & separation: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

IQ (ability)

opponent's (boxing) IQ
can he match his ~ (AJ vs. Usyk / boxing)

bball IQ
his ~ is so high that he... (basketball)

boxing IQ
he had terrific ~ (Marvin "Marvelous" Hagler)

ring IQ
his ~ isn't good enough (a boxer)
he used his ~ to keep Joshua off-balance (Usyk)

high (basketball) IQ
he earned a reputation as a defender with a ~

♦ "Wicking and Fresh IQ® combined helps fight stinky feet." (Hanes men's cushion ankle socks.)

ability & lack of ability: school & education

knowledge & intelligence: school & education

iron (Iron Lady, etc.)

Iron Brigade
the ~ (the U.S. Civil War)

"iron brother"
Chinese diplomats refer to Pakistan as their ~

Iron Chancellor
German unification and the ~, Otto von Bismarck

Iron Dome
many rockets were intercepted by its ~ air-defense system

Iron Duke
Arthur Wellesley, the Duke of Wellington, the ~

"Iron Erna"
she earned the nickname ~ (Erna Solberg of Norway)

Iron General
Ukrainians called Valerii Zaluzhnyi the ~ (beloved)

Iron Lady
Margaret Thatcher, the ~ (unions, Falklands, Ireland, etc.)

♦ "The tough 'Iron Lady' may have been to the Falkland Islands, what she didn't realize was that she would be met with stronger steel." (Margaret Thatcher visited Beijing...and slipped and fell to her knees on the steps of the Great Hall of the People.)

♦ "The Iron Brigade embodied the resolve of Michigan, Wisconsin and Indiana during the Civil War."

epithet: materials & substances

character & personality / commitment & determination / strength & weakness: epithet

iron (strength)

iron will
those close to Fury speak of his ~ (the boxer Tyson Fury)

blood and iron

see *iron and blood* (effort, sacrifice)

strength & weakness: materials & substances

iron and blood (effort, sacrifice)

iron and blood

the great questions of the day will be decided by ~

♦ "The position of Prussia in Germany will not be determined by its liberalism but by its power. ... Not through speeches and majority decisions will the great questions of the day be decided... but by iron and blood." (Otto von Bismarck.)

sacrifice: blood / sign, signal, symbol

strength & weakness: materials & substances / sign, signal, symbol

ironclad (adjective)

ironclad

you can't report on those settlements, they are ~ (NDAs)

ironclad accounts

there are ~ of him ordering a destruction of documents

ironclad proof

you will hear ~ of Richard Kimble's guilt (*The Fugitive*)

ironclad, waterproof, bulletproof, (legally) binding

we need ~ guarantees (Sergey Ryabkov / diplomacy)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

strength & weakness: materials & substances

iron curtain

Iron Curtain of the late Middle Ages

this was the ~ (Turks block routes to the east)

information iron curtain

China is no longer shrouded by an ~ (Internet)

economic iron curtain

an ~ falling on Russia (McDonald's closes its restaurants)

new Iron Curtain

we are seeing the ~ (a Swede, after Ukraine invasion)

Bamboo Curtain

the ~ in Southeast Asia

celluloid curtain

the ~ (attack on Russian culture after Ukraine invasion)

barbed wire curtain

the Iron Curtain has been replaced by a "~" (migrants, war)

♦ "From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the Continent." (Winston Churchill at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, March 5, 1946.)

division & connection: allusion / epithet / history

ironfisted

iron-fisted

he's ~ (a dictator)

iron-fisted dictator

~s have ruled the country since its birth

iron-fisted empire

the US State Department is the gloved hand of an ~

oppression: fist / materials & substances

iron out (verb)

iron out

there are still a few wrinkles to ~

iron out any kinks

they are having a test run to ~ (restaurant opening)

iron out the problems

I can ~

iron out wrinkles

they still need to ~ in their new contract

♦ "A faint smell of charcoal in the room. A smell of ironing. Tonia is ironing, every now and then she gets a coal out of the stove and puts it in the iron, and the lid of the iron snaps over it like a set of teeth. It reminds me of something, but I can't think of what... As soon as I feel better I must go to the town library and read up on the ethnography and history of the region." (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak. The sight and smells of Tonia ironing at Varykino have subconsciously reminded him of Lara ironing linen in Meliuzievo, and when he goes to the library he sees her and they start their affair.)

amelioration & renewal: cloth / verb

irreverent (adjective)

irreverent attitude

contributors take an ~ toward the highbrow (a podcast)

irreverent and unshocked

he was ~ by taboos (Dirk Bogarde)

irreverent, anti-authoritarian and iconoclastic

~ (*Mad* magazine)

reverence: religion

irritant (noun)

lingering irritant

his decision was a ~ to Republicans

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

irritated

surprised, dismayed, irritated and outraged

the French have been ~ by...

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

irritating

irritating

she is really ~

character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

irritation (emotion)

irritation and anxiety

students express ~ (rising tuition, fewer classes)

anger or irritation

he never displays ~ in public (a Shia cleric)

disagreement or irritation
"Gimme a break" expresses ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

ish (androgyny-ish, etc.)

60 percent-ish
it's ~ (with upspeak on *-ish* / Lauren Sommer)
45ish percent of voters... (NPR's Tamara Keith)

amateurish
I expected him to be wild, ~, novicey (a box about a boxer)

androgyny-ish
he picked "Eli" because it sounded ~ (non-binary)

Black-ish
the TV sitcom series ~ (and its -ish spinoffs)

bullyish
he morphed into a more dominant, ~ personality

business-ish
Adrian Ma covers the economy and other "~" (NPR)

cartoonish
~ stereotypes (a silent film)

dozen-ish
the group is supporting about two ~ candidates... (NPR)

femin-ish
the newer books—call them ~... (pop-feminist nonfiction)

Italian-ish
the food is ~ (Hannah Goldfield / The New Yorker)

leftish
blending ~ politics with reporting (the *New York Times*)

monogamish
~, a committed relationship allowing for sexual variety

neighborhood-ish
while it's in the ~ (close to the earth)

nightmarish
see *nightmarish*

Pollyannaish
see *Pollyannaish*

scammer-ish
~ subjects who ooze hubris (*WeWork* documentary)

sheepish
Democrats are ~, weak and prone to waiver endlessly

snake-oil-ish
overprice ~ self-optimization remedies (Gwyneth Paltrow)

stalkerish
Audrey Hale was '~' with ex-teammates
it's ~ and just plain weird (a girl and her social media)

trollish

see troll (noun / computers)

year-ish
this ~ lease was kind of like a gift to myself (Pokimane)

brightish
that film is her only ~ spot in a decade of disappointment

dead-ish
animals survive cold snaps by playing ~ (brumation, etc.)

easyish
Manchester City is in an ~ group (Champions League)

FIT(ish)
Phoebe Parsons, the millennial host of the ~ podcast

happy-ish
I'm ~ for him (kinda happy)

healthy-ish
he decided to swap his ~ diet for...

jazzy-ish
this song sounds jazz-adjacent, ~ (Adele)

newish
brand spanking new, well, ~ (Paul O'Grady / Lily Savage)
I'm a ~mom, I have a 3-year-old... (NPR)
I'm cooking a new dish, well, ~...

thirty-ish
it's been, what like, ~ minutes (with high upspeak)
it follows a day in the life of the ~ Angela (John Powers)

westernish
I was planning on wearing a ~ shirt (actor Elliot Page)

"X-Files"-ish
it feels a little too ~ for its own good (Night Country)

♦ "It's nicknamed the green comet...and you may be able to see it while it's in the neighborhood-ish. I mean, it's gettin' to within 26 million miles from earth." (NPR's A Martinez. Stellar reporting. Trendy language.)

♦ "Policy-ish." (NPR's Selena Simmons-Duffin.)

♦ "Brumation and torpor: How animals survive cold snaps by playing dead-ish" by Vanessa Romo, NPR, Animals, February 14, 2024.)

♦ "So, the group is planning on supporting about two dozen-ish candidates under the age of 35..." (Elena Moore, who covers "youth politics" for NPR, Morning Edition, Morning News Brief, August 9, 2023. Of course, "about" is redundant. But "-ish" is highly associated with the younger demographic.)

♦ "We're already out, and it's been, what like, thirtyish minutes." (Riley Sullivan, with high upspeak on "minutes." Riley was passing out free Naloxone and fentanyl testing strips on the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill campus. His goal is for every student to carry Naloxone on his or her person and know how to load and inject it. Three UNC-Chapel Hill students have died of fentanyl in the last two years. From "Naloxone On college campuses saves lives" by Liz Schlemmer, NPR, All Things Considered, October 16, 2023.)

♦ "For the third of singles who reported trying it, consensual nonmonogamy covered a range; polyamory (where relationship partners agree that each may have a romantic relationship with other people); open relationships (a committed primary relationship that openly allows for romantic and/or sexual activity with others); swinging (expanding an exclusive romantic relationship to seek out other sexual partners together); and being monogamish (a committed relationship that allows for sexual variety with others, either together or individually)." ("Where do Americans stand on consensual nonmonogamy?" by Cady Lang, Time, February 26, 2024. "Cady Lang is a staff writer at TIME. She covers

culture, focusing on identity, celebrity, and fashion." "She is a writer and producer living in Brooklyn, by way of the Bay Area.")

♦ "I'm seventy...ish." (A coquettish elderly lady with grey hair. An advertisement for AARP Medicare Supplement from UnitedHealthcare.)

♦ "So, as I've said many times and I think you've heard me say this, I always joke, I'm Catholic, but I'm also Jew...ish, as in 'ish.'" (Congressman George Santos, expelled from Congress in 2023. "Don't let the door hit you on the way out.")

♦ A Black female blogger refers to Jewish people as "Ish-es and Palestinian people as "Palo-s."

♦ Rich Eisen and Bryant Gumbel were talking about people who retire and come back. Eisen said about Tom Brady, "Brady said he was gone and then wasn't." Gumbel said, "Now he stayed gone." Eisen replied, "Nuuuh, ish," while making a hand gesture for "maybe." The recovered word would be "gone-ish."

♦ From the data, it seems the suffix means "about" or "maybe" or "like" or "kinda." The usual suspects employ it. "The clientele knows."

♦ see also *adjacent* (pop-adjacent, etc.), *y* (pulpy, etc.)

contempo-speak / language: affix

comparison & contrast: affix

island (society)

island

no man is an ~

schools are not ~s, they are connected to communities

island on my own

politically, I've felt a little bit of an ~ (Maxine Peake)

island among his men

he was sullen and morose, an ~... (a troubled leader)

♦ "I don't know why we have you know made it this separate thing, as if it's an island nation in which you need a visa and passport." (Ken Burns talking about his series on country music.)

♦ "I'll stay over here on Gen-X island by myself." (Good-natured podcast banter having to do with pop-culture references and knowledge.)

♦ *The Gulag Archipelago* by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.

♦ "And I thought, if I was doomed to be sent to this island of punishment, of grief, at least I will try to make it with my own words..." (The Israeli writer David Grossman about his novel *Falling Out of Time*.)

♦ No man is an island entire of itself; every man / is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe / is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as / well as any manner of thy friends or of thine / own were; any man's death diminishes me, / because I am involved in mankind. / And therefore never send to know for whom / the bell tolls; it tolls for thee. (John Donne.)

♦ *The Atlas of Remote Islands* by Judith Schalansky is a wonderfully short, impressionistic, and graphically distinguished book about actual islands that should be on the bookshelf of every household with children.

♦ Islands can be remote, and they are often the source of endemic species. On the other hand, if the island has a port, than it might be a place where people from all parts of the world mingle and mix.

♦ "When I first moved to Manhattan in 1990, it was easy to forget that New York City is a collection of islands (of the five boroughs, only the Bronx is on the mainland) or that it has over 520 miles of coastline, more than either San Francisco or Seattle." ("Wet and Wild" by Tony Perrottet, photographs by Gina LeVay, *Smithsonian*, May 2017. The map is superb.)

♦ Sir Winston Churchill wrote of the "Niagaras of folly and misstatements" about "the Second Front" that Stalin so insisted on, from 1941 onwards. It is interesting to compare the rivers of Britain and the United States. And while we Americans are honestly surprised by how puny and weak the British Rivers are in comparison to ours, we must not forget Joseph Conrad's description of the Thames from *The Heart of Darkness*: "The old river in its broad reach rested unruffled at the decline of day, after ages of good service done to the race that peopled its banks, spread out in the tranquil dignity of a waterway leading to the uttermost ends of the earth." The identity and strength of Britain has always been due to its

status as an island nation with a great Navy, not a continental one, as Sir Winson knew so well.)

division & connection: island / sea

society: island / sea

island (island of affluence, etc.)

islands of affluence

there were isolated ~ (the Great Depression)

islands of excellence

~ surrounded by a failing system (Israeli education)

island of stability

Somaliland is an ~ in a sea of armed chaos

islands of convenience and prosperity

there are ~ within seas of squalor (Lagos, Bombay, etc.)

cultural island

Tunisia is a ~ bordered by sea and desert

de facto Russian island

Kaliningrad became a ~, an exclave... (fall of USSR)

♦ "Paraguay is an island surrounded on all sides by land."

♦ "There's even an expression, 'To go to the mainland.' We feel like we're on an island... Of course we feel separated." (A young man in Magadan, Russia.)

division & connection: island / sea

environment: island / sea

island (beech island, etc.)

beech island

no one knows why these ~ exist (stands of beech)

coffee island

he tends the dozen dispensers at the ~ (at a mini-mart)

heat island

Tokyo is becoming a vast ~ (thermal pollution)

an urban ~ (UHI) is warmer than its surroundings

urban ~s and lack of access to cool spaces (heatwave)

pump island

see a car pull up to a ~ (gas station)

Self Serve Island

~ (a sign at a gas station)

traffic island

public bathroom on a ~ in the city center

glacial islands

nunataks are also called ~

resemblance: sea / island

ism (groups)

ableism

factors like ~ and racial and socioeconomic bias (justice)

disability rights groups are fighting against ~

Afro-centrism

~ posits that ancient Egypt was a black civilization

ageism

I find ~ so old-fashioned (Vera Wang, looking *good*)

antisemitism
~ in the Labour Party (U.K.)

authoritarianism
so many people vote for racist ~ (Brad S. Lander)

birtherism
he promoted ~, saying that Barak Obama...

bothsidesism
arbitrary ~ (NBC's Ben Collins v. Jonathan Chait)
misleading '~' (race, LGBTQ+ rights, climate, etc.)

capitalism
black ~ as a strategy for black liberation
'woke ~' is a derogatory reference to ESG

classism
she calls out the ~ even within Black media circles
racism, sexism, ~ and elitism in cricket (the ICEC Report)

colonialism
see *colonialism (noun)*

colorism
see *colorism (groups)*

Dataism
Yuval Noah Harari refers to this idea as “~”

degrowththerism
~ (fly, travel, buy, use less / climate change)

denialism
fact-checks of the 2016 ~ were anemic (Hillary Clinton's)
AIDs ~, climate ~, vaccine ~...
midterm results show voters reject election ~ (NPR)

elitism
racism, sexism, classism and ~ in cricket (the ICEC Report)

factionalism
progress has been made to rid the part of ~ (Labour Party)
toxic ~ is far from over (Labour Party / U.K.)

heightism
how '~' affects careers (BBC)
~ is an implicit bias

heterosexism
the NBA is a bastion of testosterone-driven ~

hyper-safetyism
the trade-offs of ~ (COVID pandemic)

linguicism
the impact of racism and ~ on the ELT profession (TESOL)
~ (see the Wiktionary entry)
“~” redirects to “Linguistic discrimination” (Wikipedia)

momism
twisted ~ unseen since *Psycho* (the film *Beau Is Afraid*)

nationalism
~ has a bad reputation today (Andreas Wimmer)
the virtue of ~ (by Yoram Hazony)

Orientalism
it's a troubling example of techno~ (2023 *The Creator*)

otherism
see *otherism (noun)*

prescriptivism
~ comes from the same well as... (linguistics)

progressivism
~ was once populism

populism
~ seems to be a bad word nowadays

racism
see *racism (groups)*

rightsism
~ (Jamal Greene / *How Rights Went Wrong*)

sexism
he compared speciesism to racism and ~ (Peter Singer)
retaliation for speaking out against ~ is never okay
racism, Islamophobia and ~ in the Labour Party (U.K.)

sizeism
requiring a large passenger to buy two seats is ~

speciesism
Peter Singer popularized the concept of ~ (animal lib)

stigmatism
ending the ~ of being overweight (fat liberation)
do you know the ~ of Alabama education

transgender-ism
polls show the public is increasingly rejecting ~ (anti)

transgenderism
teachers are converting kids to gayness or ~

TERFism
so ~ is a hate movement that... (trans Natalie Wynn)

wokeism
they clashed over alleged “~” in the military
~ divides societies into identities
can Christmas survive ~

womanism
~ is a social theory (see the Wikipedia entry)

misogyny, classism and racism
Senator Tiara Mach dismissed criticism as ~ (twerking)

populism, nationalism, and authoritarianism
contending with ~

racism and classism
its ~ (the novel *The Well of Loneliness*)
~ still shape drug policy

racism and linguicism
the broad impact of ~ on the ELT profession (TESOL)

♦ “But I just, you know, what a disservice that she did to not only my husband, but to anyone facing a disability and working through it. I don't know how there were not consequences. I mean, there are

consequences for folks in these positions who are *any of the -isms* [italics mine]. I mean, she was ableist, and that's what she was in her interview." (Giselle Fetterman condemns Dasha Burns of NBC News. Her politician husband had suffered a stroke. Dasha Burns had raised questions about his fitness for office.)

♦ "Prescriptivism comes from that same well." (As racism, sexism, classism, and various other isms that we should resist. The linguist John McWhorter. Listen to "The shifting Meanings Of Our Evolving Modern Language," wbur, on point, December 26, 2016.)

♦ "One of the more bothersome aspects of *The Creator* is the way it reflexively equates Asians with advanced technology. It's the latest troubling example of techno-Orientalism, a cultural concept that..." (The film critic Justin Chang.)

♦ "I thought I could escape the isms and messiness of people." (In technology. Joy Buolamwini, the founder of the Algorithmic Justice League.)

♦ "[Ezra] Pound was a maker and shatterer, prancing around London with his isms—his Imagism and his Vorticism and his anti-Georgianism." ("The Prophecy of The Waste Land" by James Parker, *The Atlantic*, January / February 2023. James Parker is *not* George Packer.)

*** analysis

♦ "Creeds, parties, programmes of every description have simply flopped, one after another. The only 'ism' that has justified itself is pessimism." ("The Limit to Pessimism" by George Orwell, 1940, about the 1930s.)

♦ Back in the old days the "ism-s" were Capitalism, Communism, Socialism, and Fascism.

♦ It's a short walk from "ism" to "ist." See the following entry.

inclusion & exclusion: affix

ist (racist, etc.)

-ists and -phobes

he's being called a racist and all the other ~

antinatalist

the celebrated "~" philosopher David Benatar

anti-racist

it's not enough to be non-racist, you must be ~
pedagogy rooted in ~ and anti-patriarchal practices

ableist

Richard III and ~ views (Shakespeare)
criticism for using an ~ slur (Beyonce / "spaz")
concerns over racist, sexist and ~ theories and language

chauvinist

a male ~ believes that women are inferior to men
a female ~ is a misandrist

feminist

this book set the tone for ~ transphobia

linguicist

a ~ discriminates on the basis of language (Wiktionary)

misandrist

a female chauvinist is a ~

misogynist

Andres Tate arrested has been accused of being a ~, but...

populist

a ~ wave is sweeping the Western world (anti-elites)

racist

see *racist* (groups)

rape-apologist

he's a racist and misogynist and a ~, too (Dan Savage)

Raptivist

"A Conversation With Houston's '~' Genesis Blue"

sexist

she's NOT busting ~ stereotypes but perpetuating them...
concerns over racist, ~ and ableist theories and language

Socialist

the Brooklyn Democratic ~ is an anti-white race-baiter

supremacist

Euro-Christian ~ (versus indigenous languages)

"Womanist

~ theology" (see the Wikipedia entry)

♦ "How To Be An Anti-Casteist" by Gregory Warner, Lauren Frayer, Derek Arthur, NPR, Rough Translation, September 30, 2020. Frayer's reporting has been controversial in India.

♦ *Better Never to Have Been* by the "antinatalist" philosopher David Benatar. See the Wikipedia entry, "Better Never to Have Been."

♦ John: Any criticism leveled at anything is labeled toxic or some sort of ist/phobic thing... Many people have forgotten or never learned how to take honest criticism." (A commenter about diversity casting and *The Rings of Power*.)

♦ "It's easier to keep quiet than to be labeled with a word that ends with -ist, or -phobic." ("Letting trans players participate in girls' and women's sports is a ticking time bomb" by Kirsten Fleming, *The New York Post*, Feb. 20, 2024.)

♦ "Ist" is often linked to an "ism." See the entry above this one.

inclusion & exclusion: affix

ista (barista, etc.)

barista

seven ~s fired over union organizing (Starbucks)

bookishnista

the rise of the ~ (litcore fashion, T-shirts, etc.)

Clintonistas

he was enemy number 1 among the ~ (Matt Drudge)

deliverista

NYC residents fight '~ hub' for e-bike charging

fashionista

will ~s embrace the Alpaca boom
~s appropriate the checkered kaffiyah scarf
apprehensive ~s are divided... (hot pants)

Hijabistas

"~: Young Muslim women meld fashion and faith" (CNN)

♦ A "hijabista" is a female interested in a "fashion-forward" hijab (head covering). This is a portmanteau word that combines "hijab" and "fashionista." A "hijabi" is a Muslim woman who wears a hijab. "Hijabi women" who wish for a fashionable hijab might buy one from a "hijabi Muslim-run, women-run business."

♦ "Power struggles between Fidelistas and Raulistas." (Cuba.)

♦ "She described herself as a lifelong PRI-ista." (Mexican politics.)

♦ See the Wiktionary entry, "Category: English terms suffixed with-ista" for a very good list. Wiktionary is amazing and wonderful!

contempo-speak / language: affix

isthmus (shape)

isthmus

the narrowest part of the Eustachian tube is called the ~

♦ See the Wikipedia entry "List of anatomical isthmi."

♦ "Eliot's words are everywhere, in other words. The more closely you map 'The Waste Land,' the more it assumes the shape of an isthmus; so much of the past, both public and personal, streamed into its making, and so much has flowed from it ever since." ("On The Rocks: A hundred years of 'The Waste Land,'" by Anthony Lane, *The New Yorker*, October 3, 2022. An isthmus connects two larger pieces of land. By this wonderful analogy, the larger pieces of land are the past and the present.)

division & connection / shape: ground, terrain & land

it (it girl, drug, color, etc.)

see *it girl* (and *it drug*, etc.)

itch (verb)

itching to incite

the moderators were ~ conflict (a political debate)

eagerness & reluctance: sensation / verb

itch (enthusiasm)

itch to ride

once you get the ~ motorcycles, you can't help but scratch it

scratched this itch

Bitcoin ~ (for idealistic nonconformist Vitalik Buterin)

enthusiasm: insect / sensation

itchy (adjective)

itchy to leave

he was ~

itchy to get back

he is ~ in the ring (a boxer)

eagerness & reluctance: insect / sensation

I think (filler)

I think it absolutely shows that

yeah, ~... (punditry on NPR)

I think that it's clear that

~ you know... (off on a tangent)

I think we should have a high level of confidence that

~... (punditry on NPR)

I think what we do want to underscore is

~ we do need to...

I think for sure

~ (heard on NPR)

I think absolutely

see *absolutely* (contempo-speak)

I think actually

see *actually* (contempo-speak)

I think basically

see *basically* (contempo-speak)

I think definitely

see *definitely* (contempo-speak)

I think maybe

see *maybe* (contempo-speak)

I think obviously

see *obviously* (contempo-speak)

I think well

see *well* (filler)

I mean, I think

~ in general, that has always been a sort of..

~ often when people say *rainforest*, you think of...

I mean, I think, you know

see *you know* (filler)

Well, I think

~ the issue is that these are not...

~ it was great that...

Well, I mean, I think

~ it's a story that's hard to understand...

Yah, I mean, I think, you know

see *you know* (filler)

Yeah, I mean, I think, you know obviously

see *obviously* (contempo-speak)

♦ "I think maybe they think that there's some sort of... (Transgender Dylan Mulvaney.)

♦ "And so, I think that that is the thing that... (NPR punditry. NPR is out front in its desire to attract a younger demographic.)

♦ "I think that like what they were able to do was just like... (Heard on NPR.)

♦ Listen to "Should the US worry that assistance to Ukraine could end up in the wrong hands?" NPR, Morning Edition, Feb 2, 2023, with NPR's Leila Fadel and Conor Savoy of the Center for Strategic and International Studies.)

♦ Yah, I mean, I think, you know, obviously... (Esther Zukerman of VOX on NPR.)

♦ Are you sure?!

contempo-speak: filler

ity (intersectionality, etc.)

fabulosity

she is just looking like ~ (Brittany Snow in Ty West's *X*)

her aviation skills, philanthropy and ~ (Lauren Sanchez)

heteronormativity

its aggressive whiteness and ~ (*And Just Like That*)

the pale leaden hand of ~ was camped down tight

intersectionality

see *intersectionality* (groups)

normativity

see *normativity* (groups)

♦ "Wokeness is not just a social philosophy, but an elite status marker, a strategy for personal advancement. You have to possess copious amounts of cultural capital to feel comfortable using words like

intersectionality, heteronormativity, cisgender, problematize, triggering, and Latinx... ("How The Bobos Broke America" by David Brooks, *The Atlantic*, September 2021.)

inclusion & exclusion: affix

it girl (and it drug, etc.)

IT

that quality known as ~ (see quote below)

It Boy

~ is a French romantic comedy film (2013)

it color

Pantone Color Institute has christened an "~" for 20 years

'It' drug

it has emerged as the ~ on the Australian party scene

"it" girl

her attitude has turned her into the new political ~
meet Broadway's newest ~
fashion's new ~... and boy

'it' girl

she became known as the fashionable ~ (Korea)

it-girl

actor and current ~ Jenna Ortega hosts SNL

it girls

don't let the bouncy, cheery ~ make you feel bad

It Plant

the Powdery Liveforever has become the ~ for thieves (CA)

'it' (electric) vehicle

why trucks are the ~ to buy right now

It Girls of the moment

"relatable" stars like Emma Chamberlain are the ~

♦ The 1927 film *It* starred Clara Bow.

♦ "I would say up to the age of 25 or 26 we're the *it* girls, right? And then after you pass over this threshold of maybe 30, 35, you're put out to pasture. When we get older, we aren't seen." (Lola Flash, who uses she / her and they / them pronouns. From "Photographer Lola Flash is honored for creating images that challenge invisibility," NPR, *All Things Considered*, December 14, 2021. Told by Allyson McCabe.)

♦ "Emily Ratajkowski solidified her spot as a fashion *It* girl by wearing a tiny giraffe-print string bikini."

♦ "The flossy and intimate night clubs have discovered that their orchestras and bar tenders can be more than mere dispensers of tunes and tipplers. They can, indeed, bring much romantic feminine patronage by that quality known as IT... / The gossip tattlers are often stressing the attachment of some debutante for a musician or Harvard boy turned drink juggler. As a result, these employees are being selected as much for their looks as for ability. And there are some first rate Robert Taylors among them..." ("New York Day by Day" by O.O. McIntyre, from the newspaper *The Day*, New London, CONN., Thursday Afternoon, April 1, 1937.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: allusion / film & TV / object

ization (marginalization, etc.)

colonialization

see *colonialization (groups)*

colonization

see *colonization (groups)*

criminalization

see *criminalization (groups)*

cryptoalisation

~ ("Lavender" language / queers)

decolonialization

see *decolonization (groups)*

eroticization

the ~ of women's subordination (Catherine A. MacKinnon)

feminization

the single mother confronts the ~ of poverty
teens talk about the ~ of schools (*The War On Children*)

fetishization

see *fetishization (noun)*

heroization

see *heroization (noun)*

idealisation

"thin ~" is a preference for thin bodies

idealization

the ~ of heterosexual romance (compulsory heterosexuality)

marginalization

see *marginalization (groups)*

Marvelization

Elizabeth Sandifer decries "the ~ of all things"

normalization

see *normalization (groups)*

otherization

see *otherization (groups)*

Problematization

see the Wikipedia article "~"

revictimization

see *revictimization (or revictimisation)*

sexualization

the ~ of women
she has become a tool of ~ for men (Sydney Sweeney)

socializations

the covert ~ that channel women into marriage

Southerization

The ~ of America (by Cynthia Tucker, Frye Galliard)

Uberization

these betting apps represent the ~ of gambling (sports)

valorization

the ~ of self-immolation as protest (NPR)

victimization

see *victimization (or victimisation)*

villainization

she resists ~ (a film / mother abandons children)

hypersexualization and fetishization
the history of ~ of Asian women in the US

see also *fiction (adultification, etc.)*

**contempo-speak / inclusion & exclusion: affix
ize (racialize, etc.)**

colonize
see *colonize (verb)*

concretize
see *concretize (verb)*

criminalize
see *criminalize (groups)*

decolonize
see *decolonize (verb)*

dehumanizes
it ~ the entire collective (Muslim women)

eventizing
he persuaded Oscar voters by ~ smaller films (Weinstein)

exceptionalize
resist the urge to ~ yourselves (advice to white women)

feminize
appropriate and “~” the diction and subject matter (Sappho)

fetishize
see *fetishize (verb)*

hypersexualize
how movies, TV dehumanize and ~ Asian Americans

internalize
viewing post about exercise also ~s thin ideals

invisibilize
see *invisibilize (groups)*

marginalize
see *marginalize (groups)*

medicalizing
Big pharma makes enormous profits by ~ children

minoritize
see *minoritize (groups)*

normalize
see *normalize (groups)*

otherize
see *otherize (groups)*

prioritise
~ climate or face catastrophe (UN chief)

problematizing
~ traditional forms of success in higher education

racialize
see *racialize (groups)*

sexualizing

schools are ~ children
she is ~ her own body to garner attention

soldierize
every drill sergeant trying to ~, to build a soldier

spatialize
the MASS Design Group seeks to ~ memory

stigmatize
see *stigmatize (groups)*

tokenize
see *tokenize (groups)*

traumatize
see *traumatize (verb)*

vampirizes
a drab 30-something who ~ other people’s emotions

victimize
see *victimize (groups)*

dehumanize and hypersexualize
how movies and TV shows ~ Asian Americans

♦ A self-identified Black educator, writing about *middle and high-school education* in a *short article*, used the following: Africanize; contextualize; dehumanize; historicize; internalize; legitimize; marginalize; narrativize; organize (social protest); racialize; realize; signify; socialize; theorize; testify; and vernacularize. That’s a lot of -ize’s!

♦ see also *ify (mainstreamify, etc.)*

♦ From -ize it is a very short leap indeed to -ization / -ification.

**contempo-speak / inclusion & exclusion: affix
ized (invisibilized, etc.)**

bubble-ized
Beijing will be ~ (Christine Brennan, sports columnist)
there will be ~ flights to get to the Olympics

colonized
see *colonized*

corporatized
F9 seems less ~ than other blockbusters (the film)

decolonized
see *decolonized*

criminalized
see *criminalized (groups)*

marginalized
see *marginalized (groups)*

minoritized
see *minoritized (groups)*

otherized
see *otherized (groups)*

traumatized
see *traumatized (groups)*

victimized
see *victimized (groups)*

fragilized

CRT uses “social-emotional learning” on already ~ kids

exoticized

see *exoticized (groups)*

intelligentized

China is focused on ~ technology (vs. old IT)

invisibilized

see *invisibilized (groups)*

racialized

see *racialized (groups)*

sexualised

the female body is objectified and ~ early on

sexualized

post pics like that and of course you’re going to be ~
the ads featured children with ~ teddy bears (Balenciaga)
how ~ violence is used as a weapon in conflict and beyond

hyper-masculinized, fetishized, pitied or feared

we’re ~ (Black men, according to NPR’s Sam Sanders)

♦ “[W]e as blacks have been opera-ed, have been operated upon, have been operationalized by white composers...” (Novelist and critic Samuel R. Delany.)

♦ “The instruments were all fabricated in-house and “ruggedized” by Sairdrome and NOAA.” (Made rugged.)

♦ *babysittered.com* (Porn.)

♦ see also *iffed (Principled, etc.)*

contempo-speak / inclusion & exclusion: affix

J

jab (noun)

took a jab at Biden

Trump ~ (politics)

traded jabs with his opponents

he ~ (politics)

accusation & criticism / conflict / speech: boxing

jackal (noun)

“jackal diplomacy”

he practiced ~

♦ “He practiced “jackal diplomacy” to the extent that he requested for his nation a share of the spoils won by the British lion in combat; had Britain or China opposed his request, he was powerless to do more.” (Commodore Lawrence Kearny in China, from *Far China Station: The U.S. Navy in Asian Waters 1800-1898* by Robert Erwin Johnson.)

♦ The jackal is a lion in his own country. (An insult.)

character & personality / insult: animal

jackass (noun)

jackass

he's a foolish ~

character & personality / insult: animal

jackpot (hit the jackpot)

political jackpot

that would be a ~ for the president

hit the jackpot

you ~

hit the (intelligence) jackpot

they were hoping to ~ (Russian spies in US)

success & failure: gambling / money / verb

Jacobin

Jacobin publication

he has written for *The Nation*, a ~ (culture wars)

school reform’s new Jacobins

~ have opted for a hard left turn into identity politics

disruption: allusion / history / violence

jack up (verb)

jack up the cost

green technology will ~ of power (opinion)

jack up earnings

Wall Street will always find ways to ~

jack up (used book) prices

the company has ~

jack up (interest) rates

credit-card companies have ~ again

jack up (defense) spending

the government seeks to ~

jacking up tuitions

colleges are ~ like never before

increase & decrease: direction / number / tools & technology / verb

jail (Twitter jail, etc.)

in Twitter jail

this is the family photo that got @SteveDaines put ~

punishment & recrimination: justice

jam (situation)

in a jam

the company is ~
she found herself ~

get in a jam

and if you ~ and need to raise cash...

got in a jam

and that’s how the company ~

put us in a jam

what he did ~

get him out of this jam

perhaps a lawyer could ~
maybe the lawyers could ~

♦ On the 6th of May the Yukon began to rise rapidly, lifting the ice, which, however, remained fast in front of the town... The sight was one to inspire respect. When a big floe, forty feet across, struck the front of the barrier, it half rose out of the water, then dived under, or turned on edge, crunched into the front with a dull roar, and remained there... At four o'clock on the morning of the 8th the cry was raised, "The ice is going out!" and everybody rushed out in time to see the bridge of ice crack, groan, then slowly push together and stop; then slowly, slowly the whole mass began to move, and in a few minutes there was nothing but a swift river, with cakes of ice as big as cabins strewn along the banks..." (*The Klondike Stampede* by Tappan Adney, Special Correspondent of *Harper's Weekly* in the Klondike, 1900.)

situation: container / tools & technology

obstacles & impedance: river

jambalaya (mixture)

digital jambalaya

minorities are losing out in this ~ (internet sanctuaries)

identity & nature / mixture: food & drink

jaw (Dragon's Jaw, etc.)

"The Jaw"

~, a peak overlooking Hanging Canyon (Wyoming)

Dragon's Jaw

the North Vietnamese called it the ~ (US bombing target)

Hogjaw

the ~ Up In Flames Tour, Europe, May / June 2019

Moose Jaw

~, Canada, a deeply disturbing city (Saskatchewan)

proper name: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

jawbone (shape)

Jawbone Canyon

Europeans named it ~ for its shape (Mohave Desert)

Jawbone Falls

the big pool below ~ (Panthertown, North Carolina)

shape: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

jaw (jaws of defeat, jaws of victory, etc.)

jaws of defeat

if anyone knows how to grab a victory from the ~, it is Serena Williams

jaws of disaster

the Israeli tankers charged into the ~ (1973)

jaws of (Mr. Cosby's significant) defeat

he is trying to snatch victory from the ~ (Gloria Allred)

jaws of victory

the team somehow managed to snatch defeat from the ~

Hell's jaws

the killings began, as ~ opened... (ethnic cleansing)

♦ "Call him Peps Guardiola, because he knows how to bottle it." (Soccer snark after Manchester City snatches defeat from the jaws of victory against Real Madrid.)

fate, fortune & chance: animal / hunting / predation

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / predation

jaw (jaws of life, etc.)

'jaws of life'

he was extracted from the wreck with the ~

resemblance / shape: mouth

jaw-dropper

real jaw-dropper

that was a ~ for me

♦ "The verdict was a stunner, and my jaw dropped."

♦ "I was just sent this letter that has my jaw on the floor..."

♦ "The details left many people's jaws on the floor." (European Union corruption case of late 2022. Police seized a suitcase filled with cash, etc.)

♦ "His jaw was on the floor in disbelief."

♦ "My jaw was really aching from hitting the floor so many times." (Elon Musk visits Twitter HQ.)

feeling, emotion & effect: mouth / gesture

jaw-dropping

jaw-dropping moment

this is the ~ when a sea lion attacked a girl (video)

♦ "This has been the most dizzying, jaw-dropping, eyeball-popping, head-spinning news conference I have ever attended. And I was at Bill Clinton's news conference in 1998 when he faced the press for the first time over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky." (John Sopel for the BBC, following a press conference with President Trump on Monday, April 13, 2020.)

feeling, emotion & effect: mouth / gesture

Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde)

Dr. Jekyll and Hyde in Mike

there's a little ~ (the great boxer Mike Tyson)

Jekyll-and-Hyde character

for some, he was a ~, a decorated chief who... (SEAL)

Jekyll and Hyde existence

he was rumored to have lived a ~ (government official)

Jekyll-and-Hyde existence

he was rumored to have lived a ~ (high official / low places)

"Jekyll and Hyde" figure

he was a ~ who could be charming but had a dark side

Doctor Jekyll – Mister Hyde moment

it was a very strange ~ (holding job and eating disorder)

Jekyll and Hyde portrait

a ~ emerges of SEAL accused of murder

Jekyll and Hyde role

there is a bit of a ~ for the agency (helps but also arrests)

Jekyll and Hyde side

unsure what to expect, Liverpool a complete ~ this season...

Jekyll and Hyde transformation

every now and then, desert locusts undergo a ~ (swarms)

absolutely Jekyll and Hyde
the team has been ~ (up and down, good and bad)

♦ *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde* was written by Robert Louis Stevenson and published in 1886.

allusion: books & reading
character & personality: allusion / mental health / person
Jeopardy! (snark)

I'll take 'what is a royal douche' for \$300
~ Alex (a commenter about Harry and Meghan)

I'll take What Causes a Short Lifespan for \$1000
~ Ken (a commenter about death of Gangsta Boo)

I'll take outraged fans for \$1,000
~ (outrage about woke "neopronouns" question)

♦ Alex Trebek hosted the general knowledge quiz game *Jeopardy* for 37 seasons, from 1984 to 2020. "I'll take 'X for \$X, Alex" is a meme. The new host is Ken Jennings.

♦ see also *Wheel of Fortune* (snark)

contempo-speak: sarcasm
jeremiad (bitter lament)

jeremiads of a Southern apologist
the nation didn't pay heed to the ~

♦ A jeremiad often has two elements: a bitter criticism of society and a prophecy of doom.

message: allusion / Bible / religion
accusation & criticism: allusion / Bible / religion
Jerusalem (Jerusalem of the North, etc.)

Jerusalem of the North
the Jews called it the ~ (Vilna / Vilnius)

Balkan Jerusalem
Lake Ohrid, known as the ~

Japanese Jerusalem
groups have turned the area into a kind of ~ (Mt. Fuji)

♦ "The complex has been called the 'pearl of Ukraine' and the 'Vatican' of Ukrainian Orthodoxy. (The Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra complex in Kiev. It is a UNESCO world heritage site.)

comparison & contrast: epithet

Jesus (come to Jesus, come-to-Jesus)

come-to-Jesus moments
I began to have various ~ (a bulimic / awful health issues)

come-to-Jesus session
it was a ~ where we had to make him truly commit

♦ "It was a come-to-Jesus session where we had to make him truly commit that we were going to build the insane Gigafactory together." (JB Straubel about him and Elon Musk meeting Kazuhiro Tsuga, the new young president of Panasonic. From *Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson.)

commitment consciousness & awareness: religion

jettison (verb)

jettisoned the case law
the court has ~ (lawyers will appeal)

jettison (the under-performing) ministers
many people wonder why he doesn't ~

jettisoned the (Obama) playbook
the Trump Administration ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: boat / verb
jettisoned

jettisoned
he was ~ (an athlete who was traded)

jettison its pariah status
Zimbabwe seeks to ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: boat

Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.)

Jews of the Caribbean
Indo-Caribbean immigrants have been called the ~

Jews of the Arab world
the Palestinians are sometimes said to be the ~

Jews of the Far East
the Chinese have been called the ~ (business, diaspora)

Jews of the 21st century
a sign said, "Latinos are the ~" (immigration protest)

migration: epithet / person
person: journeys & trips
comparison & contrast: epithet

jewel (noun)

jewel
Sikkim is a ~ nestled between Bhutan and Nepal

jewel of these mountains
she was a ~ (bookmobile lady in Western North Carolina)

jewels in the crown
they are the ~ of public education (elite NYC high schools)

real jewel
it's a ~ (a kayaker speaking of a river near Vancouver)

hidden jewel
it's a ~ (a park)

national jewel
the Okavango Delta is the ~ (tourism / Botswana)

superlative: materials & substances / mining
flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances
worth & lack of worth: materials & substances / mining

jewel (jewel of Syria, etc.)

jewel of Syria
this city once known as "the~" (Aleppo)

superlative: epithet
epithet: materials & substances

jibe (verb)

jibe with his record
his statement doesn't ~

direction: boat / verb

jigsaw puzzle (noun)

jigsaw puzzle of (smaller) languages
Europe was once a ~ like Ladin (Italian Dolomites)

configuration / complexity: sports & games

jihād (noun)

waging (total) jihād
he is ~ (a Wikipedian / see quote below)

♦ "He's waging total jihād against 'comprised of' across five million English language Wikipedia articles and he's vowed not to stop until he's driven it into the sea." ("Don't You Dare Use 'Comprised Of' On Wikipedia: One Editor Will Take It out" by Geoff Nunberg, the University of California, Berkeley, on NPR, Fresh Air, March 12, 2015.)

*** **war, conflict, religion**

♦ "You provide the jihād with a technology that will defeat the crusaders' modern technology. Your bodies are our new cruise missiles and atomic bombs." (Taliban commander Mullah Dadullah Akhund in Afghanistan.)

♦ "As a father, I was thinking and hoping that we lost one son and that was enough. But I could tell Amer was thinking, 'This life doesn't count anymore and I will follow the way of my brother.' One time, I tried to get him away from these things. I said, 'Shall we get you a wife,' and he said, 'No, this is not important to me. Jihād is.'" (A Jordanian father from Zarqa, speaking of two of his sons who blew themselves up in Iraq.)

♦ see also *holy war (noun), martyr (person)*

resistance, opposition & defeat: religion

jiu-jitsu (and jujitsu)

interpretive jiu-jitsu
is this just an act of ~ (see quote below)

philosophical jiu-jitsu
in a neat exercise of ~, he argues that... (polemical)

♦ "Is this rendering of Faulkner's weaknesses as the source of his strength just an act of interpretive jiu-jitsu? Or perhaps a reversion to a romantic notion of redemptive genius?" ("What to Do About William Faulkner" by Drew Gilpin Faust, *The Atlantic*, September 2020. Which begs the question, "What to Do about Drew Gilpin Faust.")

ability & lack of ability: sports & games

job (hit job, etc.)

hatchet job
see *hatchet job (noun)*

hit job
see *hit job (noun)*

♦ A hatchet job, a hit job / piece, a drive-by...

accusation & criticism / conflict / punishment & recrimination: crime / death & life / violence

jockey (verb)

jockey for advantage
partisans ~ (politics)

jockeying for position
he has been ~ in the department for years

jockey for power
Ukrainians, Tatars, and ethnic Russians ~ (Crimea)

jockey for leaks and scoops
reporters ~

jockeyed for face time
guests ~ with the newly minted star (party)

fiercely jockey
reporters ~ for leaks and scoops

competition: animal / horse / sports & games

joe (average joe, etc.)

Joe in the street
it's one thing when you're talking about ~ (not important)

Joe Blow
the generic ~ made his first appearance in the 1920s

Joe the Plumber
Samuel Joseph Wurzelbacher, or ~ (Barak Obama)

Joe Public
and they're hoping ~ will pay for this farce (boxing)

Joe Schmo
these companies expect ~ or a guy like me to...

Joe Sixpack
Sarah Palin invoked ~ (first time in national politics)

working Joes
they screw over ~ (activist block roads)

G.I. Joe
~ came home and just wanted to forget the war (1945)

Lunch Bucket Joe
Biden has been disparaged with the epithet "~-"

average Joe
he was just an ~, trying to get along...
I would consider myself more of the ~ type of guy who...
Samuel Joseph Wurzelbacher became a symbol of the ~

average (sweat-rent) Joe
the rich sports-team owner and the ~ (Phil Mushnik)

good joe
he was a ~

regular joe
a ~ twelve-pack (Homer Simpson)

♦ "The Jimi Hendrix Experience—Hey Joe (1967)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUPifXX0foU>

♦ John Mellencamp—Jack & Diane
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h04CH9YZcpl>

♦ "Hey, Joe, what do you know?" (The lifelong burden of being named Joe. My response continues to be, "Potatoes grow in Idaho." And if the question is, "Hey Joe, where you going with that gun in your hand," my response is, as always, "I'm gonna shoot my old lady, I done caught her messin' round with another man.")

♦ If you are curious about “G.I. Joe,” see the Wikipedia entry for “G.I.” and also the Wikipedia entry for “Devil dog.”

♦ See the Wikipedia article, “Willie and Joe,” the two cartoon G.I.s from World War II. My favorite “Willie and Joe” cartoon is the one labeled “The Prince and the Pauper.” In *Up Front* by Bill Mauldin, the text about the cartoon reads, “It would take a pretty tough guy not to feel his heart go out to the shivering, little six-year-old squeaker who stands barefoot in the mud, holding a big tin bucket so the dogface can empty his mess kit into it... [T]here is a big difference between the ragged, miserable infantryman who waits with his mess kit, and the ragged, miserable civilian who waits with his bucket. The doggie knows where his next meal is coming from. That makes him a very rich man in this land where hunger is so fierce...” I showed this cartoon to our military students in Saudi Arabia, and some wondered who the “Prince” was, but their buddies explained it to them, and they got it and admired it greatly.

♦ O it’s Tommy this, an’ Tommy that, an’ “Tommy, go away”; But it’s “Thank you Mister Atkins,” when the band begins to play. (Rudyard Kipling. His son John was killed at the Battle of Loos, September 1915, age eighteen. President Teddy Roosevelt’s son Quentin was killed in action July 1918, age 20. Both fathers grieved deeply, as any father would, famous or not, over the death of their son in combat.)

*** analysis

♦ Geoff Nunberg comprehensively discussed this word, “Joe.” Listen to “Geoff Nunberg Nominates 2008’s Word of The Year,” NPR, Fresh Air, December 24, 2008. A 5-minute Listen. Fresh Air does not seem to have replaced Nunberg as its go-to linguist. A good candidate would be the linguist John McWhorter.

♦ see also *boy (type), girl (type), guy (good guy, etc.), lady (crazy lady, etc.), man (big man, little man, etc.), mister (and Mr., Missus, Mrs.)*

importance & significance: person

characterization: person

Johnny Appleseed

Johnny Appleseed

we must drop the idea the US is ~ spreading democracy

Johnny Appleseed of Agriculture 2.0

she is the ~ (brings together entrepreneurs, investors)

Johnny Appleseed of near Earth object deflection

his work as the ~ has begun to bear fruit (astronomy)

Johnny Appleseed of American modernism

Arthur Wesley Dow, the ~ (taught Georgia O’Keeffe)

Johnny Appleseed of protest music

a self-styled “~” (the blacklisted Pete Seeger)

served as a Johnny Appleseed

he ~ for electric cars (made long trip in one, blogging)

♦ “Go forth and be the Johnny Appleseed of books and reading!” (A North Carolina teacher-trainer. Good advice, never forgotten.)

♦ Bookmobile Schedule: Tuesday: Hanging Dog community, Boiling Springs, Grape Creek, Highway 294 and Upper Bear Paw Road, Oak Park Guest Home, Andrews Elementary School... (Cherokee County, western North Carolina, U.S.A.)

♦ Camels serve as bookmobiles in Kenya.

transmission: allusion / apple / epithet

joke (you must be joking, etc.)

joking

you must be ~

comprehension & incomprehension: speech

joke (it’s a joke, etc.)

joke

this university is a ~

insult / worth & lack of worth: speech

jolt (noun)

jolt of anxiety

the murder sent a ~ around the city

jolt to some

it was quite a ~ (Trump wins election)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force / sensation

journey (life is a journey)

life’s journey

my ~...

life will lead me

I don’t know where ~, but I know where I’ve been

on the journey of life

how a person behaves ~ is directly related...

♦ “Cmdr. Robert Ramirez has crossed the bar for the final time, he is off to sea, never to return.” (An online commenter’s tribute to a Navy Seal.)

death & life: journeys & trips

journey (in one’s journey)

in his journey from boy to man

it was an important moment ~

in our journey towards the promise

this is a significant milestone ~ of stem-cell-based medicines

course: journeys & trips

journey (on a journey)

on a journey to understand

the host and producer take you ~ what...

on her journey of self-discovery

she embarked ~

on a journey of healing

if you’re ~ your mind in some way...

on a journey of self-destruction, betrayal

choosing this path led him ~, and redemption (a true story)

on a journey to the past and present

she takes readers ~ of the region

on your own wellness journey

first, let’s check in about where you are ~

embarked on a journey

he ~ to create the ideal pasta

takes his fans on a journey

Young Thug ~ of energy and emotion

♦ “First, let’s check in about where you are on your own wellness journey. When was the last time you had your vagina steamed?” (“We

Have Found a Cure! (Sort of...)" by Taffy Brodesser-Akner, *Outside Magazine*, 11/12/2022.)

♦ "When [Isaaco] had reached the middle of the river, a crocodile rose close to him, and instantly seizing him by the left thigh, pulled him under water. With wonderful presence of mind he felt the head of the animal, and thrust his finger into its eye; on which it quitted its hold... The wound on the left thigh was four inches in length... Drew the lips of the wounds together with slips of adhesive plaster secured with a roller..." (Mungo Park.)

♦ "It may have been a little after midnight when I ran into a bear standing on his hind legs in the middle of my path, growling at me. At this point the sound of the swiftly running waters of the Ganges was so loud that we had neither of us heard the other's approach. Pointing my primitive spear at his heart, I backed step by step so as to keep my eyes fixed on him. Around the first bend of the track I hurriedly lit a fire, and pulling out a burning stick, I brandished it in front of me and moved forward to meet my enemy. But coming around the corner I found the road clear and the bear gone. Tibetan peasants told me later that bears are only aggressive by day. At night they are afraid to attack..." (*Seven Years in Tibet*, Chapter 2 "Escape," by Heinrich Harrer.)

course: journeys & trips

journey (noun)

journey

this whole ~ has been really amazing (actress does film)

journey towards modernity

Bhutan's carefully ordered ~ (elections of 2007)

journey from boy to man

in his ~

journey from complacency to (political) power

her ~ (Wilma Mankiller)

journey with math

reflecting back on my own ~, I did struggl with it

Bhutan's (carefully ordered) journey

~ towards modernity (elections of 2007)

Farmer's Journey

Pastoral Song: A ~ by James Rebanks, Custom House

A Martinez's (public radio) journey

~ (NPR)

weight loss journey

inside Jazz Jennings' ~

breastfeeding journey

Ashley Graham has been open online about her ~

never-ending journey

growth and development are a ~

mental health journey

she has always been so open about her ~

legal journey

the families have had a lengthy ~

medical journey

work was difficult, starting a long ~ (Havana syndrome)

spiritual journey

it is the story of a ~

total journey

my ~ is two hundred ten point one (pounds lost / diet)

story of a (spiritual) journey

it is the ~

journey is ongoing

this ~ (the composition of music)

completed his journey

he ~ from personal despair to sporting glory

♦ Life's a journey, not a destination. (Bumper sticker.)

♦ "My total *journey* is two hundred ten point one." (A YouTube diet advertisement, referring to pounds lost.)

♦ *A Season For Justice: The Life and Times of Civil Rights Lawyer Morris Dees* (1991) was updated and reissued in 2003 as *A Lawyer's Journey: The Morris Dees Story*.

♦ Glennon Doyle said, "If you've come this far with me in my—I hate the word—journey..." ("Glennon Doyle's Honesty Gospel" by Ariel Levy, *The New Yorker*, February 8, 2021. I hate the way the word is abused.)

♦ "To keep class discussion buoyant, lecturers are told to 'encourage students to practise the verbalisation aspect of knowledge'. Multiple 'learning outcomes', sacred buzzwords before the pandemic, have been supplemented with 'learner journeys', promising against the odds a positive experience as well as a realistic hope of achieving something." ("Diary: On Quitting Academia" by Malcolm Gaskill, *London Review of Books*, 24 September 2020. "In May, I gave up my academic career after 27 years...")

♦ "Everybody who I speak to who's been studying coronavirus tells me that Omicron is a step on the journey towards humanity being able to coexist with this virus. And that in the end, the COVID should become not more serious than the common cold. And so there's a journey to get there, and we're on that journey." (David Nabarro of the WHO.)

♦ "My chronic hives journey." (CNN.)

♦ "Jamie Lauren Keiles follows one patient along his phalloplasty journey."

♦ "I left Tangier, my birthplace, on Thursday, 2nd Rajab 725 [June 14, 1325], being at that time twenty-two years of age [22 lunar years; 21 and 4 months by solar reckoning], with the intention of making the Pilgrimage to the Holy House [at Makkah] and the Tomb of the Prophet [at Madinah]. (The great traveler Ibn Battuta.)

♦ "[At Edfu, north of Luxor] we crossed the Nile and, hiring camels, journeyed with a party of Arabs through a desert. One of our halts was at Humaythira, a place infested with hyenas. All night long we kept driving them away, and indeed one got at my baggage, tore open one of the sacks, pulled out a bag of dates, and made off with it. We found the bag next morning, torn to pieces and with most of the contents eaten." (Ibn Battuta.)

♦ "It's sometimes necessary during a journey to repack and remount a horse." (Chinese proverb relating to a change in the middle of a plan.)

♦ No trip is long with good company!

♦ "Sometimes life takes you to places you never imagined."

course / development / experience: journeys & trips / movement

joust (verb)

joust among themselves for ownership

corporations ~ of...

jousting over (sensationalist) ads

the two campaigns are ~ (politics)

jousts with (more left-leaning) partisans

she is a close Clinton ally who frequently ~ online

competition / conflict: history / Middle Ages / verb

jousting (conflict)

courtroom jousting with (federal) lawyers
the ~ was otherworldly (secrecy)

geopolitical jousting in the South China Sea
he covered stories such as ~ (a correspondent)

social jousting
a lot of ~ goes on (teenagers)

♦ In *Don Quixote*, Cervantes refers to Suero de Quinones and the Jousts of the Honourable Pass at the Bridge of Orbigo in 1434. Cervantes died in the same year that Shakespeare died: 1616.

competition / conflict: history / Middle Ages

joy (groups)

joy
~ can be also a revolutionary tool against oppression
the ~ found in Blackqueerness
~ is infectious, see what it sparks for you (queer)
~ is the ember and the fire behind social movements

joy button
Blitz Bazawule pushes the ~ too hard (*Color Purple*)

joy and love and desire
their capacity for ~ (Blacks, lesbians)

joy and passion
he carried a special ~ (Alex Collins, ex-NFL player)

Black joy
Library of Congress honors 1898 film depicting ~
Don Cornelius pioneered the business of ~ (Soul Train)
it showcased ~ and our everyday lives (Soul Train)
~ as an act of resistance on Juneteenth (ABC)
the legacy of Freaknik is ~, self-determination (Hulu doc)
skater Jasmine Moore says roller skating is all about ~

#BlackBoyJoy
“Speak Up Leeds” ~

Latinx joy
Hola is a triumph of ~ and feminist agency (Avon book)

queer joy
~ and Latino belonging (Orlando nightclub shooting)
LGBTQ+ hip-hop artists use their spotlight to express ~
O’Shea Sibley was killed after expressing ~ by voguing
Fifa 2023 Women’s World Cup: ‘Good, ~’ (BBC)
for me, ~ is a celebration of uninhibited self-expression
I’ll find ~ outdoors, too (drag queen Patti Gonia / get it?)

trans joy
I rise in honor of ~ that deserves to be celebrated

beautiful joy
Jewish anarchism offers this ~ (Cindy Milstein, queer)

collective joy
she described the experience as ‘~’ (Boot Tan Fest)

new joy
New adaptation of ‘The Color Purple’ finds ~ in the pain...

Radical Joy
Apocalyptic Grief and ~ (a Terry Tempest Williams course)

culture of joy
a resistance ~ (“Little Egypt” section of Astoria, Queens)

declaration of (Black) joy
David Gilfillian’s latest album is a bold ~

expression of joy
one person’s loud is another person’s ~ (Brooklyn)

moments of joy
~ for the Tennessee drag scene are becoming rarer
Palestinian children find ~ at Gaza shelter school (ABC)

celebration and joy, and (also) purpose
there can be ~, in protest (Lambda Legal)

community, joy and safety
support groups provide ~ (Queer people)

ferocity and joy
the group could have fed the Oscars a jolt of ~

inciting joy
“Ross Gay on ~ while dining with sorrow” (NPR)

brings joy
farming drag queen ~ to Welsh countryside (BBC)

claim their joy
Renaissance gives people permission to ~ (ballroom)

cultivate my own joy
I will always have the power to ~

express their joy
they actually went to the mike to ~ (trans day of visibility)

express queer joy
LGBTQ+ hip-hop artists use their spotlight to ~

exudes joy
the new ‘Color Purple’ ~ (NPR review)

feel joy
if players are happy, if they feel welcome, if they ~...

feeling that joy
and I’m ~ every day (actor Elliot Page about being Trans)

Finding Joy
How Trans kids are Surviving Hate and ~ (Nico Lang)

living in joy
she said she was ~, living in truth, existing in her body...

prioritize joy
in order to ~, you must... (Emily Ratajkowski)

spreading joy
young Ukrainians are ~ by organizing cleanup parties

suppress her joy
the world around her tries to ~ (Celie / *The Color Purple*)

*** race, etc.

♦ “Joy is an important survival mechanism for oppressed people.”

- ◆ “The legacy of Freaknik is Black joy, Black self-determination, Black love, Black excellence, Black enterprise...” (The official trailer for the 2024 Hulu documentary *Freaknik: The Wildest Party Never Told*.)
- ◆ “The presentation of Black bodies on stage singing, dancing, expressing joy, expressing melancholy.” (A Broadway musical.)
- ◆ “We live in a world and work in industries that are so aggressively committed to upholding whiteness and perpetuating an unabashed misogyny towards Black women. And yet. I am forever in gratitude for the greatest lesson of my life—regardless of any challenges or obstacles, I will always have the power to cultivate my own joy, and it is this joy that will continue to be one of my greatest forms of resistance.” (“Oscars 2023: *Till* director Chinonye Chukwu calls out misogyny and racism after snub” by Paul Glynn & Ian Youngs, BBC News, Jan 25, 2023.)
- ◆ “And our film-culture gatekeepers don’t like Black joy. They only want movies where Black people are brutalized and depressed and sad and victimized. They don’t want movies of how Black people...where their humanity is defined by their capacity for joy and love and desire. It’s part of what is so beautiful in *The Color Purple*.” (Culture critic Armond White, who is Black and gay.)
- ◆ “Ok, director Blitz Bazawule...pushes the joy button too hard when screenwriter Marcus Gardley lays on the gloom...” (“Review: ‘The Color Purple’ comes through with a heart that sings and a spirit that soars” by Peter Travers, ABC, Dec. 22, 2023.)
- ◆ “‘I make work for people to see, but the process is for me,’ says Gio Swaby, the Bahamian portrait artist who positions Black joy as an act of resistance. Last spring, not long after starting as an MFA student at the Ontario College of Art and Design University...” (“Fiber Optics” by Kayla Holliday, *Vanity Fair*, June 2022.)
- ◆ “The difference now is what she calls a resistance culture of joy.” (A woman about hearing the call to prayer during Ramadan in the part of Astoria, Queens, called “Little Egypt.”)
- ◆ “We wanna focus on the joy, the stories, the culture, the celebration of us existing and being human. That’s it.” (Virginia teacher Deana Forbes about Black History Month in her African-American Studies class at Freedom High. “Joy.” “Story.” “Celebration.”)
- ◆ “According to Ross, we should all take joy a lot more seriously because joy is the ember and fire behind social movements and survival. And his definition of joy isn’t something that you experience alone. His joy comes from connection and our interlocking lives or, as he puts it, entanglement.” (Brittany Luse, from “Ross Gay on inciting joy while dining with sorrow,” NPR, It’s Been A Minute, Feb. 21, 2023.)
- ◆ The rich; the bourgeoisie; then the other students arrived—the white students; WASPy; minority students; their comfort superseded our joy; the sounds of my identity; we self-segregated; people of color; immigrants; racial minorities; the gentry; black and brown communities; Brooklyn remains loud and proud; one person’s loud is another person’s expression of joy; uptown; Puerto Ricans; Nobody could call us nothing; (“Let Brooklyn Be Loud: Why do rich people love quiet so much?” by Xochitl Gonzalez, *The Atlantic*, September, 2022.)
- ◆ “Something elemental seems to have been lost. Black music, from blues to jazz to proto-rock ‘n’ roll to soul to early hip-hop, has consistently been distinguished by its sense of humor, by its playfulness. Just as joy is an important survival mechanism for oppressed people, it’s essential for the sustainability of any popular art form. Rap has gone through different periods in which the fun ebbs and flows, but the serious acts and the free spirits were always in balance... / There’s still plenty of levity...but mostly you find it on the other side of the gender divide.” (“The Future Of Rap Is Female” by Niela Orr, *The New Yorker Magazine*, August 13, 2023.)
- ◆ “At The ‘Museum Of Black Joy,’ It’s The Everyday Moments That Go On Display” by Neda Ulaby, NPR, Art & Design, August 14, 2021
- *** others piggyback
- ◆ “I rise in honor of trans joy that deserves to be celebrated—not eradicated.” (U.S. Representative for Massachusetts Katherine Clark, House Minority Whip.)
- ◆ “For me, queer joy looks like a celebration of uninhibited self-expression free from expectations around sexuality and gender performance.” (Steven Goings, who identifies as they / he. They (or he) are / is a diversity trainer at California State University—Monterey Bay.)
- ◆ “Spend some time with us. Be in community with us. Joy is infectious. See what it sparks for you.” (Jules Gill-Peterson, Ph.D., professor of History, John Hopkins University)
- ◆ “Jewish anarchism offers this beautiful joy.” (Cindy Milstein, queer.)
- ◆ “We really wanted to make sure that the show didn’t veer towards being too saccharine or, you know, like, ‘Oh, autism is my superpower!’ she said. That’s not the point of our show. It’s about showing that, yes, there is struggle, but also there is community and also there is hope and there is joy. And honestly, there is autistic culture to learn about and to respect and to celebrate.” (Librettist Rebekah Greer Melocik. From “How to Dance in Ohio’ is a Broadway musical starring 7 autistic actors,” Jeff Lunden, NPR, Morning Edition, December 5, 2023.)
- ◆ “Joy is a core value at NPR. So we’re creating a space to celebrate it,” June 28, 2022. (NPR is National Public Radio.)
- ◆ “New adaptation of ‘The Color Purple’ finds new joy in the pain of the original work.” (NPR.)
- ◆ “Young Ukrainians are spreading joy by organizing cleanup parties.” (NPR’s Kat Lonsdorf, covering the war in Ukraine. This is very interesting reporting that reflects “contempo-speak” language and consciousness: Black Joy, Queer Joy, Ukrainian Joy... Lonsdorf, of course, may not have been responsible for this headline. NPR certainly is.)
- ◆ “Opinion: The Taliban is cracking down on music, and joy,” Scott Simon, NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, August 12, 2023.”
- ◆ “There is even social-media hype around the unbridled joy of acquiring pocket-laden clothes.” (Females / NPR.)
- ◆ “He is inciting joy on his team.” (NPR’s Ailsa Chang about *Brock Purdy* [italics mine], the quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers.)
- ◆ “In the latest children’s book from mother-daughter duo Julie Andrews and Emma Walton Hamilton, a village subdued by a mysterious purple fog finds joy again by serenading an audience of appreciative houseplants.” (“A concert audience of houseplants? A new kids’ book tells the surprisingly true tale” by Rachel Treisman and Samantha Balaban, NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023. A 10-Minute Listen.)
- ◆ “Joy is underrated.” (Emily Ratajkowski in her commencement speech at Hunter College.)
- ◆ “I believe if players are happy, if they feel welcome, if they feel joy when they go on the court, they’re going to be a much better version of themselves.” (Coach Mark Madsen, about accepting the job of coach of the men’s basketball team at the University of Berkeley. His team has a 3-29 record, a 38-87 record with its previous coach, 6 consecutive losing seasons, and a 16-game losing streak.)
- ◆ “‘Joy’ was the operative word around the United States women’s [soccer] team on Thursday... Sluggish performances from the Americans thus far have drawn widespread criticism, including those not far removed from the team...” (“Lindsey Horan talks up US joy and dismisses Lloyd’s criticism as ‘noise’” by Jeff Kassouf, *The Guardian*, 3 Aug 2023.)
- ◆ “She described the experience as ‘collective joy.’ (The organizer for the Boot Tan Festival, during which women ski naked.)
- ◆ “So if there’s one thing I would hope to get across, it’s how much hope and joy lies ahead for many people with opioid use disorder.” (Dr. Emily Brunner.)
- *** problems with “joy”
- ◆ “I want our streets to be alive and full of joy. But they must be safe. That’s the most important thing.” (New York Mayor Eric Adams, after the Twitch streamer Kai Cenat riot in Union Square on August 4, 2023. See the Wikipedia article “2023 Union Square riot.”)
- ◆ “O’Shea Sibley was killed after expressing queer joy by voguing.”
- *** other
- ◆ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: “The second half was a tale of sheer joy for Liverpool and unrelenting misery for United...” (Man Utd 0-7 Liverpool.)
- ◆ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: He has such *joie de vivre*.
- ◆ OLD: happiness... / NEW: joy...
- *** analysis
- ◆ “A word is a thing on the move. This means wrapping our heads around something that cannot feel right at first, but that simple logic requires us to accept. To wit, any claim that people in general are using a word ‘erroneously’ is illogical... If a significant proportion of the people speaking a language are using a word in a way that dictionaries tend not to mention, it means that the word is moving—as we would expect, since

words always do." (*Words on the Move* by the linguist John McWhorter, Chapter 2, "It's the Implication That Matters: Words on the Move," Subsection "But That Isn't What It's Supposed to Mean!")

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

joyful (groups)

"joyful" teen

~ dead after six others stab him

joyful and hopeful

we can make a movement that is ~ (David Hogg)

charming and joyful

he was so ~ (Mina Kimes about NFL player Alex Collins)

equitable and joyful

creating a more ~ motherhood (Minna Dubin)

♦ "Joyful" teen dead after six others stab him."

♦ "We can have friends in this work. We can make a movement that is joyful and hopeful and not just sad and depressed constantly." (David Hogg. From "A lesson Parkland shooting survivor David Hogg learned: Find the joy" by Tonya Mosley, NPR, Fresh Air, June 8, 2023.)

♦ "He was so charming and joyful." (Mina Kimes about the ex-NFL player Alex Collins.)

♦ "Being queer was joyful but it was also not a joke." (An elderly lesbian, speaking today about the 1990s.)

♦ "And there's the crew out there approaching that beautiful capsule that did the *joyful ride* [italics mine] from the top of the atmosphere down... They're getting it safe and ready to start bagging her, to come over to the clean room here... and look at her, she landed perfectly, looks like a top sitting there." (The NASA male commentator gushing about the OSIRIS-Rex Sample Return.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

joyfully (groups)

joyfully dancing

a Black gay man ~ (voguing)

joyfully skews convention

Bad Bunny ~ (Benito Antonio Martinez Ocasio)

joyfully violating

~ cultural taboos, Lil Nas X... (who else?)

joyfully celebrated

New Orleans and Havana's shared love of music is ~

joyfully celebrates

Charleston ~ faith... (Black churches / South Carolina)

joyfully erotic

rap and reggaeton en Espanol can be ~ (ALT.LATINO)

joyfully raucous

a ~ follow-up to Magic Mike (Magic Mike XXL)

joyfully raunchy

the ~ *Gods and Monsters*...

joyfully trashy

it's ~ (NPR's Glen Weldon about *Dicks: The Musical*)

♦ "[S]omething as innocuous as a Black gay man joyfully dancing with friends at a gas station can put someone's life in danger and result in murder." (Melvin Williams, a professor of communication studies at Pace University in New York. From "A dancer's killing—over voguing—

highlights the dangers Black LGBTQ Americans face" by Rachel Treisman, NPR, August 11, 2023.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

joyous (groups)

joyous assertion

"Racist, Sexist Boy" is a ~ of personhood (teens)

joyous and jumpy

she makes ~ Afro-electro hymns (Linda Ayupuka)

joyous and optimistic

its exuberance promotes a ~ celebration (a Pantone color)

joyous and supportive

the ~ atmosphere (The Grace Hopper Celebration)

so joyous

watching our community's resistance has been ~ (trans)

♦ "Watching our community's resistance and display of love has been so joyous..." (The mother of a Florida trans female athlete who was playing on the high-school team, in spite of the fact that a 2021 Florida law prohibits transgender girls from playing on girls' sports teams. The school's principal and vice-principal have both been reassigned to non-school sites, pending an investigation.)

♦ "It's a really joyous thing what Lily did—speak Blackfoot up there because she brought her ancestors and her people up with her up to that podium, and she's sharing it with us all." (Robert Hall, the director of Blackfeet Native American Studies Program for the Browning Public School District, about the actor Lily Gladstone receiving a Golden Globe award for best actress.)

♦ "Other words the company used to characterize the color—and, by extension, the current cultural moment—include powerful, empowering, electrifying, boundaryless, audacious and inclusive. / 'Viva Magenta is brave and fearless, and a pulsating color whose exuberance promotes a joyous and optimistic celebration, writing a new narrative,' it says." ("How and why Pantone picked 'Viva Magenta' as its 2023 color of the year" by Rachel Treisman, NPR, Art & Design, December 2, 2022.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "A joyous end to a tense drama." (A mine rescue.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

joyously (groups)

joyously defiant

Dixie Chicks host a ~ girls' night out in Nashville

joyously big

she is a loud, proud, ~ black woman (Lizzo)

justly, sustainably, and joyously

how humanity might live on Earth ~

truly and joyously

Marfa, Texas, a place I ~ love (Aisha Burns)

♦ "We just really want to live our life as joyously as possible."

♦ "She is a loud, proud, joyously big black woman." (Lizzo.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

Judas (betrayal)

call me Judas

they will attack me in the press, ~, accuse me of...

allegiance, support & betrayal: Bible / religion

judge (role)

judge

- you be the ~ (preference contest)
- history will be the ~ (proper response to pandemic)

post judge

- are you the ~ (response to critic)

judgment: justice / person

person: justice

judged

judged by wins and loses

- as a coach, he will be ~

judgment: justice

juggernaut (noun)

juggernaut of coastal destruction

- you have this ~ (land for industry, shrimp farms)

juggernaut of optimism

- a ~ vaulted him to the White House (Obama)

juggernauts of global trade

- container ships are the ~

Fury juggernaut

- Paris is key in keeping the ~ moving (the boxer's wife)

Russian juggernaut

- the ~ in the east had moved steadily westwards (1813)

self-help juggernaut

- the ~ was published in 1936 (*How to Win Friends...*)

new-school juggernaut

- Tagovailoa turned old-school Alabama into a ~ (football)

ratings juggernaut

- it was a ~ (The Cosby Show)

bureaucratic juggernaut

- I'm up against a ~ that won't stop (immigration status)

cultural juggernaut

- K-pop has become a ~

literary juggernaut

- he has been a ~ (great American writer Stephen King)

publicity juggernaut

- she is a shill for the family's ~ (a legal case)

unstoppable juggernaut

- his war chest and grassroots army make him an ~ (election)

up against a juggernaut

- he is ~ (a politician contending for nomination)

juggernaut rolls on

- and the Anfield ~ (winning Liverpool soccer club)

transformed Apple into a juggernaut

- he ~ (Steve Jobs)

♦ A juggernaut is associated with the Hindu deity Jagannath. It was a huge wooden chariot carrying idols in a multistory construction. The idea that devotees threw themselves under it is a misconception.

♦ "They will also know that once the juggernaut starts to gather momentum it takes some stopping—and if allowed to roll unchecked can take a football generation to halt." ('Liverpool celebrations after beating Man Utd symbolic & moment of release' by Phil McNulty, BBC, January 19, 2020.)

amount & effect / force: religion

juggle (verb)

juggle careers and children

- women who ~

juggle work and school

- it can be hard to ~

juggle a full load of classes and a job

- it may be hard to ~

juggles those objectives

- he ~ with an unusual style

juggles (several) roles

- he ~ (community activist)

juggle (multiple) tasks

- employees who can handle the stress and ~

♦ "Ellis walks the reader through all the balls Madison was juggling as he advocated and negotiated at the Constitutional Convention..." (Scott Detrow, NPR Book Review. An odd image indeed. But then, you can have friends, or you can point out their odd metaphors.)

ability / difficulty, easiness & effort: circus / sports & games / verb

juggling

juggling the (conflicting) demands

- ~ of politics and governing

juggling act

- trying to build a team is a hard ~ (basketball)

♦ "There are plenty of plates spinning, and for the most part, Villeneuve displays remarkable control over them all." (Empire's favorable 4-star review of *Dune: Part Two*.)

ability / difficulty, easiness & effort: circus / sports & games

jugular (go for the jugular, etc.)

jugular of the island

- he determined Syracuse was the ~ (Sicily / WWII)

going for the jugular

- they are ~ (team in tournament)

go for the jugular

- they didn't ~ (debate for political candidates)
- she has to ~ tonight (Democratic debate)

♦ "Death is as close as your jugular and as far away as the ends of the earth." (Fate.)

conflict: animal / blood / predation / throat / verb

behavior: animal / blood / predation / throat / verb

juicy (adjective)

juicy bonuses

successful guides get ~ (Mt. Everest)

juicy elements

all the ~ (scandal at CNN sees president resign)

juicy gossip

you hear some ~ that...

the book contains nearly 400 pages of ~ (on politicians)

juicy information

in the hope of obtaining ~ (journalists)

juicy reveals

candid confessions, ~ (on reality TV hot mics)

juicy revelation

there was no ~ (press conference)

consumption: food & drink / taste

attraction & repulsion: food & drink / taste

eagerness & reluctance / feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste

jumbo (large)

jumbo jet

lightning strikes ~

jumbo squid

~, also known as Humboldt squid

♦ This word comes from the name of an Ethiopian elephant who was brought to the US in 1882 by P. T. Barnum and displayed in Barnum's circus. The poet and etymologist John Ciardi tells Jumbo's story on NPR, "Jumbo's Big Adventure Popularizes a New Word," April 20, 2006. It's a wonderful (full-of-wonder) story, and it's wonderful to hear John Ciardi's voice.)

size: affix / allusion / animal

jump (jump at the chance, etc.)

jump to conclusions

let's not ~

we don't know all the facts and no one should ~

it is important not to ~ based on the case of one patient

jumps to conclusions

he ~, makes up his mind, and is stubborn

jumped at the chance

I ~

he ~, here was the opportunity to...

jumped at the opportunity

he ~ (a filmmaker)

jump (all) over this

we knew the students would just ~ (robot fast-food

deliveries in dorms)

eagerness & reluctance / haste: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

jump (leave)

jump to another company

employers worry you'll ~ (overqualified)

allegiance, support & betrayal / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

jump (the place was jumping, etc.)

jumping

on Saturday night the venue was ~ (boxing / Ally Pally)

activity: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

jump (movement)

needle jumped

the VU meter ~ (recording sounds)

movement: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (speech)

jumps from subject to subject

she ~

speech: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (progress)

jumped from ninth place to fourth

the carrier ~ in on-time arrivals (air)

jumped six spots

Lance Armstrong ~ to second overall (Tour de France)

progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (increase / verb)

jumps by 10,000

during the summer, the county's population ~ (tourists)

jumping fast

the number of cases is ~ (virus)

demand (for electric power) will jump

the ~

increase & decrease: direction / movement / number / walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.)

breaking their banks

we have seen flooding with rivers ~ (New South Wales)

burst its banks

melting snowpack might cause it to ~

jumped its banks

the Medina River ~ today near Bandera (flooding)

constraint & lack of constraint: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

jump (jump a curb, etc.)

jumped a curb

the van ~ and plowed into three people

jumped the sidewalk
the car ~ and drove through a number of tents

jumped the tracks
the train ~ near Crescent City, Florida

♦ [Mr. Webb]: Well, she's late. Reckon she might've jumped the tracks.
/ [Loretta Lynn]: Oh, Daddy, them things [trains] don't do that. Do they?
/ [Mr. Webb, grimly]: They've been known to. (From the great film, *Coal Miner's Daughter*.)

failure, accident & impairment: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (lines)

jumped the line
she ~ to get water for her infant (Kenyan drought)

jumped a fire line
the flames ~ crews were building (Show Low)

constraint & lack of constraint / obstacles & impedance: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (transmission)

jumped from birds to humans
a strain of the virus may have ~ (flu)

jumped from the faculty lounge to newsrooms
the "intersectional" lens that has ~ (politics)

♦ "More recently, we have approached the Israel-Hamas war and its spillover onto streets and campuses through the 'intersectional' lens that has jumped from the faculty lounge to newsrooms. Oppressor versus oppressed. That's meant highlighting the suffering of Palestinians at almost every turn while downplaying the atrocities of October 7, overlooking how Hamas intentionally puts Palestinian civilians in peril, and giving little weight to the explosion of antisemitic hate around the world." ("I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust" by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.)

constraint & lack of constraint / transmission: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

jump (jump ahead)

jump ahead to the last chapter
let's ~

sequence: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (jump in)

jump in
please feel free to ~ (a discussion)

involvement: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (get the jump)

gotten the jump on all of them
he had ~ (a competition)

get a jump on the coming season
and so you ~ (high-school athletes graduate early)

competition / starting, going, continuing & ending / timeliness & lack of timeliness: walking, running & jumping

jump (in jumps)

advanced in jumps
his career ~

progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running & jumping

jump (noun)

jump in (suspicious) chatter
there has been a ~

jump in the number
contributing to growth is a ~ of online shoppers

jump in traffic
news sites saw a ~ (Internet / Operation Iraqi Freedom)

increase & decrease: number

increase & decrease: direction / movement / number / walking, running & jumping

jump ball (noun)

jump ball
the race is tight, it's a ~ (mayoral election)

looks like a jump ball
the Senate ~ (elections)

certainty & uncertainty: basketball / sports & games

jumping-off place / point

jumping-off place
this is just a ~, you still have to register (vaccine website)

jumping-off point
he used Heidegger as a ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / place / walking, running & jumping

jump out (verb)

jumps out at me
it you look at the data, something that really ~ is...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: verb / walking, running & jumping

jump-start (verb)

jump-start the economy
the government is trying to ~

jump-start (supported) housing
his mandate is to ~ (politician)

jump started an industry
in a very short period of time we ~ (Texas oyster farming)

jump-start the process
local governments have to ~

initiation: engine / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / verb

jump-start (noun)

jumpstart on the (holiday shopping) season
get a ~ (TV ad)

initiation: engine

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine

jungle (competition)

jungle

it's a ~ out there (survival of the fittest)
the fashion world can be a ~ (greed, etc.)

competition / danger: ground, terrain & land / jungle

jungle (environment)

jungle of Hollywood

in the mighty ~, the roar of the box office is king

celebrity jungle

the ~ will be his next opponent (boxer on the skids)

hobo jungle

he lives in a ~ near the train tracks

in the (mighty) jungle

~ of Hollywood, the roar of the box office is king

♦ "In the mighty jungle of Hollywood, the roar of the box office is king." (From Peter Travers' review of the film *Beast*.)

♦ "The celebrity jungle will be his next opponent." (An online commenter's negative assessment of Anthony Joshua's boxing prospects after Joshua lost to Oleksandr Usyk for a second time and then threw a tantrum in the ring.)

♦ "Better run through the jungle..." (YouTube Creedence Clearwater Revival—Run Through the Jungle (Vietnam heavy combat footage)

♦ "Jungle warfare is a new kind of warfare. It tears up text books and confounds the experts." (Narration to the short war documentary "Kokoda Front Line 1942." Papua New Guinea, World War Two.)

♦ "We fought through the bloody rain. It's only right that the bull should take place in the bloody rain." (The sentiment of many of the enlisted men at the June 14th 1945 Fourteenth Army Victory Parade and Naval Review in Rangoon, which was held in driving rain. To liberate the city they had had to march and fight over a thousand miles of jungle and mountains, and beat not only the Japs but also malaria and monsoons. From *The Life and Times of Lord Mountbatten* by John Terraine.)

♦ It's a jungle out there!

environment: animal / ground, terrain & land / jungle

junk (worth)

junk

his experiments were ~ (expert witness at trial)
television is no longer ~ (an opinion)

junk content

sponsored or spammy links and ~ (search results)

junk science

handwriting, fire, fiber, blood splatter analysis are all ~
the ~ behind wellness scams (Maintenance Phase podcast)

junk status

their stock has been reduced to ~

♦ "Don't treat your groin like junk, respect it with Gillette Intimate." (A cute Gillette Intimate advertisement, using a double-entendre.)

worth & lack of worth: waste

junk (euphemism)

touch my junk

"Don't ~"

♦ Wikipedia has an article, "Don't touch my junk."

sex: euphemism

junkie (game junkie, etc.)

adrenaline junkie

~s who risk life and limb (sports)

it's bound to appeal to ~s (skeleton racing)

~s get a thrill out of riding wood roller coasters

fitness junkie

I'm a ~ who works out every day

gadget junkie

holiday gifts for ~s (computer peripherals, etc.)

game junkie

a 16-year-old ~ with a PlayStation 2

information junkie

if you're an ~ (technology)

news junkies

day traders, ~, and the Web

~ can get a daily fix (Web site)

pain junkie

a bizarre band of ~s (ultrarunners)

space junkies

~ hoping to book a flight (to the space station)

vinyl junkie

I was such a ~, the labels, the grooves, the blackness, the artwork on the covers...

waterfall junkie

hardcore ~s (those who love to find, visit falls)

college basketball junkies

~ and the NCAA tournament

junk-food junkie

a notorious slacker and ~

Internet junkie

living with an ~ ("Come to bed!")

bona fide junkie

the average weather watcher and the ~ (storm chasers)

partisan junkies

MSNBC turns its viewers into ~

political junkies

~ will obsess endlessly about...

enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine / person

person: addiction

jury (the jury is out)

jury is (still) out

the ~, we don't know about next year (pandemic)

jury is still out on whether

the ~ this approach will be successful (medicine)

the ~ active-shooter drills do more harm than good

certainty & uncertainty / judgment: justice

fate, fortune & chance: justice

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: justice

just (filler)

just got

she's ~ this, like, atomic power that comes out of her

just hate

I ~ ...

just thought

I ~ maybe like uhh...

just wanted

I ~ to thank you guys for...

just because

see *just because (polemical)*

just definitely

see *definitely (contempo-speak)*

just completely

and so people are ~ desperate

just kind of

see *kind of (contempo-speak)*

just like

see *like (filler)*

just kind of like

see *kind of like (filler)*

just really

see *really (gushing)*

just so

see *so (gushing)*

just sort of

see *sort of (contempo-speak)*

just sort of like

see *sort of like (filler)*

just totally

see *totally (contempo-speak)*

just very

see *very (contempo-speak)*

absolutely just

this is ~ the beginning of what has been...

the tree was ~ tipped over, the roots ripped out

actually just

and I ~ want to start by talking with the show that...

~ (1,321 results at NPR and counting)

basically just

this is ~ to open a new window for us to see...

~ (1,025 results found at NPR and counting...)

exactly just

it opened our eyes to see ~ how...

a tendency to kind of say ~ what is on their minds

kind of just

I think we were both ~ still stuck in our fantasy

~ (2,011 results at NPR and counting)

like just

this album is so brave and bold and ~ hella human

she knows ~ how to really put on clothes (Teen Vogue)

I would just like give a great sigh of ~ relief (Billie Eilish)

literally just

it was ~ a big conglomerate-y type of thing (Kristen)

Really Just

"Mali's Militants—Did The ~ Vanish" (Korva Coleman)

"Moon Rock Is ~ Petrified Wood" (NPR)

really just

it's ~ about Charlie wanting...

which ~ made it so that nothing...

really just very

see *very (contempo-speak)*

sort of just

so I ~ kept working (Molly Ringwald)

I was ~ taking all of that with me (being a woman)

♦ J-K-L-R speech. ("Just," "kind of," "like," and "really.")

contempo-speak: filler

just because (polemical)

just because we don't see the problem with it

we don't get to decide what is offensive ~ or care ourselves

just because you can't vote

~ doesn't mean that you can't make a difference

just because I'm Black

I don't think that ~ I should be responsible for...

just because settlements happen

~ doesn't mean that a person is guilty (Deshaun Watson)

just because you're young

~, you can't get away with everything (students / law)

just because he said something

~ doesn't mean its true (politics)

just because Barnard is in New York

~ doesn't mean... (abortion pills)

just because you comply with the law

~ doesn't mean that... (abortion)

just because ritual does not have a direct causal effect

~, it does not mean that it has no effect in the world

just because it's about abortion

and ~, it doesn't mean that it's not about...

♦ "We don't get to decide what is offensive to other people just because we don't see the problem with it or care ourselves." (Race.)

inclusion & exclusion: polemics

justice (groups)

Justice For Jayland

~ (fled in car and on foot, shot at policemen)

Justice For Shireen Abu Akleh

~ (Aljazeera)

abortion justice

the 5th Women's March focused on ~

a rally for ~ in Washington, D.C.

Agricultural Justice

the ~ Project and the Equitable Food Initiative

Algorithmic Justice

Joy Buolamwini is the founder of the ~ League

climate justice

Tazo, a tea company, is deeply invested in ~

global warming and ~ are inseparable

Portland's ~ program has faced pushback

the crowd joined her in a chant of ~ (Greta @ Glasto)

urban heat and ~ (thermal inequity)

the NAACP's ~ program

economic justice

Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision for ~

she is an advocate for ~, immigration reform, and...

energy justice

he's a leader in the emerging field of "~"

environmental justice

she is a staunch ~ advocate

Biden's ~ plan

Rise St. James is devoted to ~ (Louisiana)

heat equity is an ~ issue

urban greening should close the ~ gap

urban tree canopy cover and ~

Environmental Justice

East Yard Communities for ~ opposes the plan (L.A.)

food justice

food security and ~ issues

topics in the Black community like ~ and Black hair

his journey into ~ activism started in high school

Caleb has helped start a revolution of ~

Abe Levine of NPR worked as an educator and ~ activist

Gender Justice

leaders with the group ~ said they plan to appeal...

Lusk and her legal team from ~ sued...

green justice

policy and planning tools for urban ~

racial justice

the link between ~ and climate change

~ activists are upset about...

readability of healthcare forms is a ~ issue

the group addresses the intersection of homelessness and ~

how struggles for ~ liberate everyone

reproductive justice

her forced contraception sheds light on ~ in the U.S.

social justice

~ groups are creating their own monuments

liberal activists and ~ warriors have become so unhinged

she reports on ~ and women's rights

racial, social and gender justice

Ericka Hart is a sexuality educator with a focus on ~

Rewards for Justice

~, the State Department's counterterrorism program

Peace and Justice

the National Memorial for ~ (Montgomery, Alabama)

♦ "Net zero, decarbonization, 1.5C—when tested, they meet blank faces. People either don't know what they mean or find them confusing. David Fenton, a longtime PR specialist for progressive causes, cites as one example the phrase 'climate justice'. When most voters hear the word 'justice', he tells me, they think of courts or police; bolt it to 'climate', and people are not moved, just confused." ("As heat records break, the climate movement has the right answers—but the words are all wrong" by Jonathan Freedland, *The Guardian*, 14 Jul 2023.)

♦ "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." (Martin Luther King. The quote and attribution appear at the end of *Mary Boyle: The Untold Story*, the documentary by Gemma O'Doherty.)

*** analysis

♦ JUSTICE, n. A commodity which is a more or less adulterated condition the State sells to the citizen as a reward for his allegiance, taxes and personal service. (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

inclusion & exclusion: judgment

K

Kafkaesque (adjective)

Kafkaesque grounds

lawyers forced him to reopen the case on the ~ that...

Kafka-esque journey

a truly ~ through the bureaucracy (France)

Kafkaesque nightmare

my ~ is to be...

he described the conservatorship as a ~ (#FreeBritney)

my client is begging the court to end this ~ (#FreeBritney)

Kafkaesque outcome

that ~ demonstrates the way the system is run (education)

♦ "Then he stopped talking. There came a long, awesome silence from my father, a sort of Gregor Samsa silence, as though I had turned into a cockroach before his eyes. From my side too there was a guilty silence, as though I really had been some kind of wretched insect all along, and now my secret was out and everything was lost. / At the end of the silence Father began talking...He initiated me into the deepest secrets of the librarian's lore..." (*A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz.)

fantasy & reality: allusion / person

allusion: books & reading
comparison & contrast: affix

kangaroo court

kangaroo court

the term “~” came to mind (Title IX investigation)
the hearing took place in a ~ (English Football)
is this a ~, get a rope and do it right (the film *Stalag 17*)
I urge my colleagues to reconsider this ~ (impeachment)

campus kangaroo courts

~ deny the accused rights (US universities)

run this kangaroo court

who appointed these people to ~ (a sports problem)

found guilty by a kangaroo court

we have been ~ (Manchester City soccer club)

♦ An older phrase for this is a drumhead court, or drumhead court-martial, which often led to a firing squad.

judgment / oppression: animal / justice

Kansas (Kansas of China, etc.)

Kansas of China

the basin is the ~, fertile and rich (Red Basin / China)

comparison & contrast / farming & agriculture: epithet

karat (24-karat)

24-karat gold

he has a heart of ~

24-karat gold (m)

he is a ~ personality (a restaurant owner)

24-karat moment

Brooklyn's championship was a ~ (baseball)

24-karat nugget

his Short Symphony is a ~ (Copeland)

24 karat product

the products I've sold are ~ in every way (fund-raiser)

24 karat or fool's gold

it's hard to say if he is ~ (an athlete bought by a team)

worth & lack of worth: materials & substances / mining

karma (fate)

Karma pie

enjoy your massive serving of humble ~ Spurs fans

artistic good karma

the musical has had ~ to... (topicality)

♦ [T]his is what is known as Karma! (A Manchester United hater, after Man U lost to Liverpool 0-4.)

♦ “Spurs fans, do you remember dancing in the stands celebrating an undeserved win against 9 man Liverpool after being gifted a win by VAR..... Isn't karma a funny old thing!!!” (Redrob68 about Tottenham 1-4 Chelsea. Another commenter posted, “What goes around, comes back around. Enjoy your massive serving of humble Karma pie Spurs fans.” The BBC's Phil McNulty called it “a night of chaos and controversy.” Bottom line: Spursy are back!)

♦ “He'd like to punch Trump in the face. Well I think Karma just punched you in the face. RIP.” (An online commenter about the overdose death of a celebrity's grandson.)

♦ “May Karma come for you and every single person making inappropriate comments on the death of this young man. Good luck.” (An online commenter. One reply to that post was three laughing crying emojis. Another reply read, “Karma is fake.”)

fate, fortune & chance / revenge: religion

keel (even keel)

keep things on an even keel

let's ~

keep an even keel

I need to ~ for my kids (while Dad is on trial)

♦ “Certainly my life was [a 'bloomin' kick-up]; but, to some extent, my Indian training served to ballast me.” (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ “It gave me a sense of ballast and balance.” (Uri Berliner, about NPR in the good old days. Read “I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust” by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.)

equilibrium & stability: boat

keep up (awareness)

keep up with the issues

I try to ~

consciousness & awareness: walking, running & jumping / verb

keep up (progress)

keep up

we want to ~ and not fall behind (government official)
technology is outpacing the ability of governments to ~

keeping up

working-class families aren't ~ (educating kids)

keeping up with the rest of the world

in education, the US is not ~

competition / progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

kernel (noun)

kernel of a (future) threat

the far-sighted saw a ~

creation & transformation: plant

growth & development: plant

kernel (amount)

kernel of truth

the story has, at most, a ~ at its core (David and Goliath)

amount: plant / size

key (important)

key

the ~ is to notice when and where he does it (toddler)
this could be the ~ that unlocks the mystery

key to (successful) marriage
the ~ is...

key to his (business) strategy
the ~

key to (mission) success
coordination and flexibility are ~ (military)

key to (the school's) success
teamwork is the ~

key to survival
hard work was the ~ (the Great Depression)

key to investing
the ~ is...

key accomplishments
write down your ~ and use specific examples (job)

key advantage
Vodafone has ~s over the competition

key aides
kill the terrorist bin Laden and his ~

key alloy
nickel is a ~ in stainless steel

key (regime) assets
targeting ~ (military)

key bridges
~, road intersections, and mountain passes (war)

key courses
avoid crowding in ~

key decision
when it comes to ~s

key detail
it overlooked one ~

key difference
he points out a ~ between the men

key emotion
empathy, the ~, emerges early

key evidence
his dying declaration was the ~ (murder case)

key fact
the ~ was that...

key factor
communications is the ~
three ~s contribute to burnout...

key (terrain) features
~ and landmarks (military)

key figure
he is the ~ in the group

key infrastructure
every other ~ depends on it (electricity) (terrorism)

key meetings
~ held privately by the rich counties

key message
I think one of the ~s is...

key moment
he failed to maintain his situation awareness at ~s (war)

key objective
the airfield would be a ~

key organizer
Beck was a ~ of the Seattle protests

key partner
Ethiopia is a ~ in US counterterrorism efforts (in region)

key (leadership) positions
troops in ~

key post
he went to work filling the ~s (government)

key principle
the ~ in the court case

key requirement
the ~ during a retrograde is to maintain positive control

key rules
teach your swimmers these four ~ (drownings)

key species
the caribou is a ~ in the refuge

key technique
mastered the ~ to create a nuclear bomb

key term
define the ~s listed in this chapter (nursing)

key terrain
the target may be ~, a farm, a ridgeline
seize or hold ~ and counterattack the enemy
the high ground in desert terrain is usually ~
~ or landmarks are used to ... (minefield)

key test
the ~ will involve...(gene therapy)

key time
their parents are home at ~s of the day

key (rebel-held) town
a ~

key witness
police didn't interview ~s
the ~ for the prosecution

key transit point
Kandahar is a ~ for raw opium

key staging area
Peshawar served as the ~

key finding

a ~ was lax security (prison escape)

importance & significance: key

key (throw away the key)

throw away the key

they should put him in jail and ~

~ this time (arrested again)

punishment & recrimination: key / verb

key (access)

have the key

you'll ~, you can open the door (NYC vaccine pass)

turn the key

we are unlocking, but we must ~ slowly (pandemic travel)

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds / key

keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.)

Keyhole

the ~ in Larimer County, Colorado (an arch)

Keyhole Falls

~ on the Lillooet River...

Keyhole nebula

the Carina Nebula, the ~, brighter than the Orion Nebula

epithet / proper name: shape

geography: epithet

keynote (noun)

keynote speaker

the ~ was...

importance & significance: sound

keystone

keystone members

vultures are ~ of the scavenging community

keystone species

a ~ helps determine the types of other species

as the ~ disappears, so do others (oaks)

the walrus is considered a ~ in Arctic marine ecosystems

♦ A keystone is the stone at the apex of an arch (or vault) that helps to lock the structure in place and prevents it from collapsing, in many cases.

bases: infrastructure

kick (kick one's butt, etc.)

kicked my butt

asthma ~ (the great boxer Shannon Briggs)

feeling, emotion & effect: leg / sensation / verb

kick (kick oneself)

kicked myself

I ~ for not doing a better job of...

punishment & recrimination: foot / verb

kick (kick in the teeth, etc.)

kick in the teeth

it's been a real ~

feeling, emotion & effect: leg / foot / sensation / verb

kickback (corruption)

bribery and kickback (m)

taken him to court on ~ charges (politician)

bribery, kickbacks, theft and conspiracy

a web of ~ (military contracts / Iraq)

social interaction: foot

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: foot

kicked off

kicked off the (soccer) team

he was almost ~ for missing practices...

kicked off her team

she may now be ~... (kid)

dismissal, removal & resignation: foot / leg

kicked out

kicked out of Harvard

he was ~ for... (William Randolph Hearst)

kicked out of her dorm

her daughter was getting ~ for not paying rent

kicked out of their families

elderly women ~ (witchcraft / Mozambique)

kicked out of a (UW master's) program

he was ~ because... (student)

kicked out of the stadium

if a fan chants racist abuse now, he is ~ (soccer)

got kicked out

if they tell their parents, they ~... (gay students);

I'd rather leave than ~ (a bad school)

got kicked out

I wanted to be a priest, but I ~ of seminary

dismissal, removal & resignation: foot / leg

kick in (start)

kick in

the link between recession and crime may ~

kicked in

the Italian mix of quality and durability ~ (soccer)

instinct kicked in

a stubborn playground ~ (not backing down in combat)

training kicks in

and then your ~ (combat)

wealth and connections kicked in

when he returned to Mexico, his ~ (extradited politician)

time to kick in

give your new diet ~ (weight loss)

initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / foot / leg / mechanism / verb

kicking and screaming

kicking and screaming

the president, ~, was bought into that (to agree a bill)

drag some along kicking and screaming

he may have to ~ (a reform police chief)

eagerness & reluctance: foot / leg / sound

resistance, opposition & defeat: foot / leg / sound

kick off (verb)

kicking off

Memoria Day sales are ~

kicked off here

an international Islamic conference ~ yesterday (Riyadh)

kicks off in Tampa

as the convention ~ (politics)

kick off this afternoon

the trial will ~ (impeachment)

kicked off the celebrations

bands and parades ~ at noon... (New Year)

kicked off a (nationwide) crackdown

authorities ~ against unlicensed Internet Cafes (China)

kick off the fiesta

revelers packed the streets to ~ (Pamplona)

kick off the (shortboard) revolution

his board designs helped ~ (surfing)

initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: foot / football / leg / sports & games / verb

kickoff (noun)

kickoff breakfast

she attended the Democratic Convention ~

tomorrow's kickoff

both sides have filed arguments ahead of ~ (trial)

Wednesday's kickoff

~ is the culmination of a process (a trade treaty)

campaign kickoff

her ~ will draw inspiration from her late mother (Clinton)

initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: foot / football / leg / sports & games

kick out (verb)

kicked her out of the house

I ~ (live-in girlfriend)

kick me out of school

they threatened to ~

kick her out

I was afraid they would ~ (toddler who bites / daycare)

she kicked him out

~ (grandmother found out he was gay)

threatened to kick me out

they ~ of school

dismissal, removal & resignation: foot / leg / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

kick-start (verb)

kick-start a (new fund-raising) campaign

she used the Walgreen's launch to ~ (Theranos)

kick-started this whole investigation

Comey's firing ~ (politics)

kick-start weight loss

Atkins saw ketosis as the obvious way to ~

kick-started the process

he ~ to have the relics returned to Libya

♦ The pundit who wrote about the need for a candidate to "kickstart a moribund campaign" made me laugh out loud. I would try to *revive*, *reinvigorate*, *resuscitate*, or *breathe life into* that poor campaign, not stomp on its chest with what I am wearing on my feet! I would only try to *kickstart* or *jump-start* it if it had *stalled*. Warning: you can point out people's mixed metaphors, or you can have friends.

initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / leg / verb

kick up (verb)

gale kicked up

a ~, causing a choking dust storm (Kansas)

waves kicked up

had the ~... (open canoe in Glacier Bay)

wind kicked up

the ~ and the ridgetop turned frigid (Afghan combat)

wind was kicking up

but the ~, there was no moon and they need to hurry

initiation: foot / leg / verb

kid (big kid on the block)

big kid on the (geopolitical) block

we're no longer the only ~ (the US in Asia)

strength & weakness: size

kill (hope, etc.)

killed the idea

a backlash from parents and school counselors ~

kills innovation

regulation ~ (tech industry)

kill such legislation

hospitals are determined to ~ (site-neutral payment / \$)

kill the legislation
liberals helped to ~

killed the story
Esquire ~ (by Nelson Algren about Rubin Carter)

hard to kill
though hope is frail, it's ~ (Whitney, Mariah)

♦ "I worry very little about change killing us." (Social media advertising, monetizing, commodification, etc.)

♦ "People have to be able to redeem themselves; they have to be able to make mistakes. Otherwise, creativity is going to be killed." (The artist Marilyn Minter, about "cancelling" people.)

♦ "They've been trying to murder memory." (Politics.)

♦ Apparently, AI has trouble understanding the difference between "kill a vehicle's engine" versus "end its life."

curtailment / destruction: death & life / verb

kill (heat kills, etc.)

killing (more and more) people
methamphetamines are ~ in the US (Blacks, Indians)

killed (1,800) people
Hurricane Katrina ~ in 2005

kill (large) ships
the Antey-class subs were designed to ~ (aircraft carriers)

kills them
your immune system identifies those rogue cells and ~

HEAT KILLS
~, Don't Leave Children in Parked Vehicles

hunger is killing
~ people too

♦ "The Nipah virus has a kill rate of 70%." (Seventy percent of infected people die.)

death & life: verb

kill (verb / accomplishment)

kill it
oh, she would ~, she would be so great on this show
they rise to the occasion, they ~ (a high-school teacher)

killed it
he ~ (an excellent performance)

killing it
they are ~ (a company doing well)

digs, kills, assists, blocks, aces
~ (volleyball)

♦ "They are killing it, they are crushing KFC." (Chick-fil-A versus Kentucky Fried Chicken, according to a professor of marketing at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, also known as Wharton Business School. The University of Pennsylvania is a private Ivy League university in Philadelphia, established in 1881.)

♦ "I ask a lot of these guys and, they rise to the occasion, and they kill it, they do so much work for me." (A high-school biology teacher, with upspeak, in Montana.)

♦ "7-year-old girl who slayed the makeup game is back." (An online advertisement from Brightly Creative.)

success & failure: death & life / verb

killed (by disease, etc.)

killed was Alicia A. Monahan
~ (drowned in a river)

killed in Italy
Beradelli is among 50 priests ~ (died from coronavirus)

killed as of April 10
with 1,185 ~ (Bronx coronavirus deaths)

killed throughout the county
39 people were ~ (a Buffalo New York blizzard / NPR)

killed by coronavirus
at least 50 priests have reportedly been ~ in Italy

♦ "Kostis was executed at close range with a spear gun." (A Mediterranean monk seal, according to the Hellenic Society for the Study and Protection of the Monk Seal, or MOM, charity.)

♦ "The Nipah virus has a kill rate of 70%." (Seventy percent of infected people die.)

♦ "The dogs were killed as they were being transported to an adoption event." (Actually, the dogs *died* [italics mine] because the AC failed in their trailer.)

♦ In the past, a person died. Now that same person is "killed": by a river, virus, etc.

death & life: verb

killer (silent killer, etc.)

killer in many OD deaths
fentanyl has been a silent ~

"carrier killer"
the ~ has speeds higher than Mach 5 (ASBM / DF-21D)

number one weather-related killer
heat is the ~ in the U.S.

Silent Killer
carbon monoxide, the ~
heat illness is called The ~

silent killer
fentanyl has been a ~ in many OD deaths

♦ "Shame. You know, shame is a silencer. Shame is a killer. Shame is a murderer... I had nothing but shame in my entire life." (The actor Billy Porter.)

death & life: epithet

killer (killer story, etc.)

killer story
if it's truly a ~, eyeballs will find it (young journalist)

killer suit
she was in this ~ and killer heels (female fashion envy)

success & failure / superlative: death & life

killing field (noun)

killing field for the truth
your platform has become a ~, hasn't it (Facebook)

become a killing field

your platform has ~ for the truth, hasn't it (Facebook)

characterized American communities as 'killing fields'
President Biden ~

♦ "Your platform has become a killing field for the truth, hasn't it?" (Senator Kennedy of Louisiana grilling Mark Zuckerberg at a senate hearing. See "Zuckerberg apologizes to families of kids harmed online as Senate grills tech CEOs" by Cheyenne Haslett and Alexandra Hutzler, ABC, January 31, 2024.)

♦ "Standing there is that small town [Uvalde, Texas]... I couldn't help but think, there are too many other schools, too many everyday places, that have become killing fields, battlefields, here in America." ("Biden urges gun action to end the 'killing fields,' YouTube, June 2, 2022. 622 views.)

♦ "I'm just a photographer; I don't know anything... 'Look straight ahead. Don't lean your head to the left or the right.' That's all I said. I had to say that so the picture would turn out well..." (Mr. Nhem En, staff member and chief of 6 photographers at Tuol Sleng prison, responsible for taking mug shots of prisoners, many of which are now on display at the prison. At least 14,000 people were tortured to death or sent to the killing fields. Only a half dozen inmates were known to have survived. From "Out From Behind a Camera at a Khmer Torture House," by Seth Mydans, NYT International, Oct 27, 2007, A3.)

♦ Killing field is recognized by Merriam-Webster, which dates first usage to 1980. There is a Wikipedia entry for "Killing Fields" about sites in Cambodia.

destruction: death & life

kill off (verb)

kill off old habits
it's difficult to ~

kills off 'Batgirl' movie
Warner Bros. ~, \$90 million in...

curtailment / destruction: death & life / verb

killjoy (person)

killjoy
she was trying to be realistic and not a ~ (an educator)

♦ "There are no votes or money to be gained from being a killjoy." (Politics in the age of the COVID pandemic.)

**feeling, emotion & effect: death & life / person
character & personality: person**

kin (noun)

kin to (mountain) country
when the sea is ~... (resemblance)

kin to the dulcimer
the bowed Psaltery, a stringed instrument ~

closer kin
laughter that's ~ to rage than joy

relationship: family

kindhearted (and kind-hearted)

kindhearted
a ~ woman gave him some food

empathy & lack of empathy / character & personality: heart

kindle (verb)

kindles fears
release of bombing figure ~

kindled an (environmental) movement
her protest ~ (save the trees)

kindle violent behavior
its ability to ~ (alcohol and cocaine)

increase & decrease / initiation: fire / verb

kind of (kind of like)

see *kind of like (filler)*

kind of (contempo-speak)

kinda what
inoculation theory, which is ~ it sounds like (NPR pundit)

kinda like
"I ~ that about him" (a "rapey" vibe / HBO's *The Idol*)

kind of pouring cold water
Trudeau is now ~ over the idea... (support for Haiti)

kind of icky
I still feel ~ about it (abortion)

kinda scared
we were ~ that like we didn't know if it was kinda like...

kind of yucky
it's ~ (red tides)

kind of absolutely
see *absolutely (contempo-speak)*

kind of basically
see *basically (contempo-speak)*

kind of directly
I don't want to ~ blame anybody, I'm just saying...

kind of do
see *do (emphasizer)*

kind of does
see *does (emphasizer)*

kind of exactly
see *exactly (contempo-speak)*

kind of feels like
see *feel like (feels like, felt like)*

kind of felt like
see *feel like (feels like, felt like)*

kind of just
see *just (filler)*

kind of, like
see *like (filler)*

kind of like
see *kind of like (filler)*

kind of maybe
see *maybe (contempo-speak)*

kind of obviously
see *obviously (contempo-speak)*

kind of pretty
see *pretty (contempo-speak)*

kind of really
see *really (gushing)*

kind of sort of
see *sort of (contempo-speak)*

kind of supposed to
these debates, they're ~ be big events (NPR)

kind of very
see *very (contempo-speak)*

kinda you know
see *you know (filler)*

absolutely kind of
and so I think that is ~ logical...
he looked ~ ashen...

actually kind of
it's really ~ cool, it never gets old
Jimmy Fallon's show is ~ great
it's ~ an interesting story
it seems ~ funny when you think about it
they are the only earthquakes we can ~ predict
this album is ~ in the same vein as RuPaul's Drag Race
it ~ worked out perfectly
I ~ used my songs, in a way, to push myself to...
and I do want to say I ~ liked the segment because...

actually kind of, like
see *like (filler)*

basically kind of
so if we can ~ get a hot lead on it (a wolverine)
so I ~ learned English watching WB

basically kind of like
see *kind of like (filler)*

definitely kind of
it was ~ hard
he ~ got sad a little bit just thinking of, Like, OK, maybe...
I think a lot of girls are ~ enticed to come to the States
it's ~ the hardboiled mystery novels that my dad loved...
she's ~ given me a sense of purpose (a dog)
it was ~, you know, bits of...
it ~ had me shook for the longest

did kind of
I think it ~ bring us together in this weird way
the music ~ serve as armor at that time for me
and they ~ always struggle to see me as a Korean (adopted)
so I ~ toy around with the idea of...

do kind of
I ~ remember my father teaching me...
you ~ question yourself in terms of what do people think

what we ~ like about...

does kind of
and it ~ provide that calming, relaxing effect (tai chi)
it ~ become a large part of who you are
and it ~ take the sheen off the fantasy
it ~ make you begin to question, well, what else...
Christmas ~ bring out the heartstrings...
it ~ suck that it's like, you can't afford to buy...
it ~ mean you don't really get to do anything else

extremely kind of
we used to have these ~ post-Soviet messages that...

I mean, kind of
Yeah, ~, it all sounds crazier the more I talk about it
~ the main criteria is...

I mean, really kind of
~ vicious battles (about sports mascots)

just kinda
bikes that we ~ leave locked up outside (thefts)
to me, it ~ shows what...

just kind of
that's ~ where my head goes a lot, you know...
it ~ happened...
I ~ stack things because there's a lot of stuff
we're ~ waiting for...
so she stood up and then the second one ~ came out (birth)
it was ~ terrifying because I was like... (a coed)

just kind of felt like
see *feel like (feels like, felt like)*

maybe kind of
these kids were ~ awful (middle school)

really kind of
I think they've ~ managed to...
we ~ don't do that...
it's ~ a wild experience
it's ~ confusing for them because it's not even clear...
the pandemic has ~ heightened the urgency...
so it ~ depends...
she was ~ well known back in the day
it's ~ pretty (evening ground fog)
I mean it's been ~ head spinning how quickly (pundit)

really, kind of
it's ~ an incredible thing to imagine happening...

really actually kind of
it's ~ cool, it never gets old
I ~ felt like I was getting to know her

Sorta, Kinda
"Your Questions For Sonny Rollins, Answered (~)"

you know, kind of
well, I trust him, ~...
it was ~ a life changing perspective (from space)
all we have to do is, ~ add water (film-making)
the lead started up, ~ mellow and then it built up (music)

♦ "I used to be in punk bands when I was a kid and I just kind of suddenly thought, 'I killed Captain Cook' sounded like a really good name for a Hawaiian punk band to have made..."

♦ "It's been a summer with a lot of good movies, to be quite honest. Wonder Woman, Dunkirk, Spider-Man: Homecoming, Girls Trip, The Big Sick. But you need a break from even the best movie binge, especially when some of the are...you know, kind of sad and explode-y." ("Pop Culture Happy Hour: The Regrettable Television Pop Quiz Returns" by Linda Holmes, August 18, 2014.)

♦ "This might be ya know a way to kinda sorta eliminate them, and, it's just awful... Drag performance is just so powerful, and that's probably why they fear it, ya know?" (Frida Nightz, a drag queen, about proposed legislation in Idaho to ban public drag shows.)

♦ "I felt like I kind of realized who I was by being with him—or like, I felt like I was allowed to be who I was, and I didn't feel like I needed to be anybody different." (A contemporary woman about her relationship with her *husband*.)

♦ "It was just kind of terrifying because I was like, that kind of could've been me." (A coed at the University of Wisconsin-Madison about the beating and rape of another student.)

♦ "We were kinda scared that like we didn't know if it was kinda like looked down upon almost..." (Kennedy, a female, partying on Maui after the 2023 wildfires.)

♦ He kinda / sorta apologized for... (A celebrity.)

♦ "To a packed courtroom, Drappi described Ellison's demeanor that night as 'sunken.' He said she was 'kinda slouching' and 'did not display confident body language.'" ("Secret recording of Caroline Ellison meeting with Alameda staff exposed in SBF criminal trial" by MacKensie Sigalos, CNBC, October 12, 2023.)

♦ "I mean it's been really kind of head spinning how quickly this paradigm has shifted in U.S. foreign policy." (Daniel Kurtz-Phelan, speaking to Jessica Chen Weiss of Cornell University on The Foreign Affairs Interview. He is referring to the shift in focus from the Arab and Muslim world and Afghanistan post-9/11 to conflict with China under Barak Obama.)

♦ Type in "just kinda" at NPR and you get 73 results and counting. Type in "just kind of" at NPR and you get 8,606 results and counting.

♦ see also *sort of* (*contempo-speak*)

♦ J-K-L-R speech. ("Just," "kind of," "like," and "really.")

♦ Are you sure!?!

contempo-speak: adverb / filler

kind of like (filler)

kinda like

and I was ~, I feel like... (The Gayly Prophet podcast)

kind of like

and I felt myself, ~, stand up straighter (empowered)

kinda like looked down upon

we didn't know if it was ~ almost (with upspeak)

kind of like taught you

in some ways I ~ how to... (a Trans)

kind of like stepping back in time

it's ~

kind of like a boy

I can't decide if I'm a girl who feels ~ or...

kind of like a cycle

so it was ~ that kept repeating

kind of like this exercise

it's ~ in conformity (DEI training)

kind of like a fork in the road

it's ~ on an endless path in the darkness... (karmic level)

kind of like a maid

she was ~ to Mrs. Lee...

kind of like this (dimension hopping) voyager

in my mind, she's ~

kind of like psychological

it's unpleasant to relive, I mean, half of it is ~

kind of, like

see *like* (*filler*)

kind of like, maybe

see *maybe* (*contempo-speak*)

kind of like really

see *really* (*gushing*)

kind of like totally

see *totally* (*contempo-speak*)

felt kind of like

I just ~ a prisoner of my childhood, I was really confused

feels kind of like

I can't decide if I'm a girl who ~ a boy or like a gay man or...

looks kind of like

it ~ gold (a bright yellow powder)

actually kind of like

we believed he was ~ that in real life (Bill Cosby)

basically kind of like

so the video is ~ in the style of Godzilla
you're ~ being in the center courtyard of a castle

just kind of like

we both were ~ mind blown at the whole entire situation
and we're being ~ told, 'unless you have...'
I think I was ~ experiencing it and...
and ~ a real range of stuff going on at once (gay music)

maybe kind of like

representing in ~ hip-hop vernacular... (a musician)

♦ "I can't decide if I'm a girl who feels kind of like a boy or like a gay man trapped in a girl's body or if I'm, like, a boy but in a very feminine way, or, like, am I a lesbian?" ("Banned Books: Maia Kobabe explores gender identity in 'Gender Queer,'" NPR, Morning Edition, January 4, 2023.)

contempo-speak: filler

kindred (kindred spirits, etc.)

kindred spirits

she was able to find other ~

feeling, emotion & effect / relationship: family

division & connection: family

king (king cobra, etc.)

king of beasts

this ~ (a lion)

king of fishes

on the white sand at the bottom lay the sturgeon, ~

king cobra

just a glimpse of a ~ can spread panic on a tea plantation
the ~ reaches up to 8 feet in length (India)
the ~ can growl (India)

king salmon

~ is the largest of Alaska's five salmon species
~ can weigh 30 pounds or more (Yukon River)
~, also called Chinook salmon...

epithet / proper name / superlative: royalty

size: epithet

king (products)

king

in this seafood-crazed country, tuna is ~ (Japan / sushi)
the automobile is ~ (issue of walkability of cities)
colleges where football is ~
in the old days the broadcast networks were ~
they came from the Deep South, where cotton was ~

King of Beers

Budweiser, the ~ (but NOT Bud Light)

king of fruit

Xiyuangualu lychees were dubbed "the ~" (China)

King of Steaks

Pat's ~ (Harry and Pat Olivieri / Philly cheese steak)

king of wool

shahtoosh wool, the "~" in Persian (Tibetan antelope)

superlative: epithet / royalty

epithet: royalty

king (person)

king

the customer is ~ (said by a Sony Corporation exec)

king of the carnival

King Momo, ~ (Rio)

king of Russian chanson

Mikhail Krug, often called the ~, was murdered

King of the city

he was the unofficial ~ (Pablo Escobar / Medellin)

“king” of *coupe-decale*

he had been referred to as the ~ (DJ Arafat)

King of Freaknik

Uncle Luke, “~” (Atlanta, Georgia)

“King of the Wild Frontier”

David Crockett, the ~

king of the hill

kids like to play ~

King of Instagram

he is often referred to as the ~ (Dan Bilzerian)

king of the mountains

points in the ~ competition (Tour de France)

King of Pop

Michael Jackson, the ~, was also the king of shyness

King of Soul

200,000 fans viewed the body of the ~ (Sam Cooke)

carnival king

a representation of the ~ is set ablaze (Martinique)

cocaine king

known as the “~ of Milan,” Morabito was arrested in...

cocaine kings

all of the ~ had mansions, limos, helicopter (Colombia)

“Gypsy King”

Tyson the ~ Fury...

Sausage King

Vladimir Marugov, the ~ (owned meat-processing plants)

Taxi King

Gene Freidman, known as “the ~” (NYC)

king and queens

homecoming, the American tradition featuring ~ (school)

♦ “We might not have a monarchy here in Brazil, but he was our King.” (A Brazilian man visiting Sao Paulo’s Museum of Football with his three children shortly after the death of Pele.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

superlative: epithet / person / royalty

epithet / person: royalty

King Canute

King Canute

eliminating abuse is like ~ trying to hold back the tide

♦ Canute was a very good Christian, and the whole story has been misinterpreted.

control & lack of control: allusion / sea / tide

kingdom (animal kingdom)

animal kingdom

Darwin linked humans to the rest of the ~ (evolution)

taxonomy & classification: royalty

kingdom (Magic Kingdom, etc.)

Magic Kingdom

smiling faces at the ~ (Disney)

proper name: royalty

kingdom (control)

their own little kingdom

to an extent it’s like ~ (prison / correctional officers)

operated as a kingdom

it essentially ~ rather than a corporation (advocacy group)

area / control & lack of control: royalty

Kingdom (Chiefs Kingdom, etc.)

joined 'Chiefs Kingdom'

a legion of new fans has ~ (the NFL football team)

♦ "Interest in Kansas City has soared this season, but that has been more down to events off the field. Tight end Travis Kelce's relationship with Taylor Swift has led a legion of new fans to join 'Chiefs Kingdom.'" (BBC.)

♦ see also *army (Arnie's Army, etc.), nation, (Who Dat Nation, etc.)*

enthusiasm / group, set & collection: earth & world

kingpin (person)

drug kingpin

the ~ was executed... (Federal execution)

~s continue to run their cartels from prison (Mexico)

powerful kingpin

police have captured many of the most ~s (drug cartels)

bandits and kingpins

ballads about ~s (gruper music)

♦ "At one point you felt like, 'Okay, I'm gonna be a queenpin.'" (A female crack-cocaine seller.)

power: person

bases / importance & significance / person: mechanism

kink (noun)

kinks

the ~ have been worked out (interagency coordination)

there are still some ~ to be worked out

kinks in the process

there are still some ~

kinks in the service

there are some ~

kinks in the system

perhaps the Mayor can work out the ~

annoying kink

the system still has ~s (gesture technology)

iron out any kinks

they are having a test run to ~ (restaurant opening)

work out the kinks

US officials are trying to ~ (border security)

flaws & lack of flaws: rope

kinship (noun)

kinship with the painter

he felt an immediate ~

kinship with their woke comrades

he may well feel a ~ on the radical left (culture wars)

queer kinship

disability justice & ~ & fat freedom (a T-shirt)

felt an (immediate) kinship

he ~ with the painter

feeling, emotion & effect / relationship: family

division & connection: family

Kipling (the Canadian Kipling, etc.)

Kipling of the Klondike

Jack London was known as the ~

Canadian Kipling

he earned the nickname, the ~ (Robert W. Service)

♦ Rangoon / Singapore / Hong Kong / Japan / San Francisco / Portland / Seattle / Victoria / Vancouver / Medicine Hat (Alberta) / Yellowstone National Park / Salt Lake City / Omaha / Chicago / Beaver (Pennsylvania) / Chautauqua / Niagara Falls / Toronto / Washington, D.C. / New York / Boston / Liverpool. (Kipling's itinerary after leaving India for England, age 24. It was on this trip back to England that he met with another great traveler and writer, Mark Twain.)

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: epithet

kiss of death

kiss of death

asking for a term paper in four weeks is the ~ (cheating)

if he does endorse someone, it turns out to be a ~

once you lose credibility, that's the ~ (crisis management)

trying to ban handguns would be the ~ (US)

to be known as gay then was a ~ (job / 1960s)

kiss of death to a teen girl's reputation

teenage pregnancy used to be the ~

kiss of death politically

to be seen as a US supporter is a ~

♦ This refers to the kiss that Judas gave Jesus after the last supper, which identified Jesus to the soldiers.

destruction / fate, fortune & chance: allusion / Bible / death & life / religion

kitchen (creation)

"kitchen" for weather

the Arctic is the ~ in the northern hemisphere

♦ Education and Sociology are the "kitchens" for much of the "contemporary" we all hear nowadays.

creation & transformation: cooking

knee (bring to one's knees)

brought the entire world economy to its knees

it suddenly ~ (COVID pandemic)

brought the pirates to their knees

the war ~ (Barbary States)

bring the rebels to their knees

their efforts to ~

brought this (once-mighty) bank to its knees

he ~

condition & status / dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / knee / standing, sitting & lying / verb

knee (on knees)

on its knees
the economy was ~, now it's on its feet (politics)

condition & status / decline: direction / knee / standing, sitting & lying

knee (oppression)

knee of injustice
we have all seen the ~ on the neck of black Americans

knee on the neck
he has his ~ of the public-health community (politics)

Get Your Knee Off Our Necks
the event included a ~ protest

took world football's knee off Africa's neck
so 2010 ~ (South African World Cup)

oppression: knee

knee (take a knee)

take a knee
George Floyd's family and lawyers ~, call for justice
public hostility towards athletes who ~

take a knee against racism
Olympians ~, under new policy (Tokyo)

"take a knee" protests
school district threatens to remove athletes for ~

Raise a Fist, Take a Knee
~: *Race and the Illusion of Progress in Modern Sports*

♦ "That issue [prejudice] is now full and centre and top of the mind in the world and I think this movement of Black Lives Matter and taking the knee campaign made the world sit back and look at the issue. So 2010 took world football's knee off Africa's neck, I don't think it will be allowed to put that knee on Africa's neck again." (Danny Jordaan, organising chief for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, won by Spain. From "2010 took world football's knee off Africa's neck," BBC, July 11, 2020. This is a form of presentism.)

♦ "I don't believe in gestures, I believe in substance, I believe in doing things that make a practical difference." (Prime Minister Boris Johnson, asked if he would "take the knee.")

♦ "Will England be taking the knee at this World Cup to highlight social injustices? If so, does this also cover gingers and baldies?" / "Of course. What do you think the G and B stand for in LGBTQ?" (Inspired repartee on a BBC HYS about the FIFA World Cup in Qatar. The snark alludes to a speech given by FIFA president Gianni Infantino in which he said, "At school I was bullied because I had red hair and freckles." Read "Fact check: 11 eye-catching lines from Gianni Infantino's speech in Qatar" by Paul MacInnes, *The Guardian*, 19 Nov 2023. The games were considered a great success by everyone, and those who visited Qatar in person praised the country for its unique culture and wonderful hospitality.)

inclusion & exclusion: sign, signal, symbol / verb

knee (risen from its knees, etc.)

risen from its knees
the country has ~, from humiliation...

dominancy & submission / superiority & inferiority / resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / knee / standing, sitting & lying

kneecap (verb)

kneecap an (American) ambassador
nobody should be able to ~ (politics)

kneecap the Postal Service
he is trying to ~ to discourage voting

politically kneecap
he tried to ~ Bill Clinton (George HW Bush)

♦ "He's basically hitting at the kneecaps of the process we all depend on." (A political kerfuffle.)

coercion & motivation: crime / knee / verb / violence

kneecapped

kneecapped through a smear campaign
she was ~ (a US ambassador)

coercion & motivation: crime / knee / verb / violence

knee-jerk (adjective)

knee-jerk reaction
the gun law was a ~ to the Parkland school shooting
hysteria and ~s (election politics)
this law is a ~ to a tragic event

knee-jerk solutions
many companies have come up with ~ (training)

♦ "[T]he simple, elegant, inexpensive almost plebeian swing of the reflex hammer has a cost/benefit ratio that I think no advanced technology will likely ever match." (Dr. Stephen Krieger, an expert on multiple sclerosis.)

control & lack of control: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

kneel (and kneel down, etc.)

kneel down before North American imperialism
we will never ~ (Venezuela)

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / knee / religion / standing, sitting & lying / verb

knell (death knell / obsolescence)

sounded the death knell for VHS
DVD ~

sounded the death knell for these landmarks
the mobile phone may have ~ (London's red phone boxes)

♦ The tolling of a bell to mark someone's death.

curtailment / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: bell / burial / death & life / sound

sound: bell

knell (death knell / destruction)

death knell for his career
the documentary will sound the ~ (a filmmaker)

sound death knell for youth
drugs ~ (Kachin State in northern Burma)

♦ The tolling of a bell to mark someone's death.

destruction: bell / burial / death & life / sound
sound: bell

knife (knife in the heart)

knife in the heart

the date Feb. 6, 1958, is still a ~ (Man. U fan)

**destruction: blade / creature / death & life / knife / heart
feeling, emotion & effect: blade / death & life / heart /
knife**

knife (sharpen one's knife)

sharpened their knives

Madrid's media ~ (over a soccer controversy)

♦ "Chris dropped a knife that was used by Zucker's enemies." (CNN president forced to resign.)

punishment & recrimination / destruction: blade / knife

knife (knife edge)

rests on a knife edge

the race for the White House ~ (close / election)

extent & scope: breadth

knife-edged

knife-edged ridge

the headwalls of back-to-back cirques form ~s

shape: blade / knife

knight (Black Knights, etc.)

Black Knights

the Robbinsville ~ (high-school football team)

Golden Knights

the ~ Army Parachute Team

Scarlet Knights

the ~ are off to a slow start (Rutgers football)

proper name: Middle Ages

knight (knight in shining armor)

knight in shining armor

I'm the ~ (Lenox Lewis, out to save boxing)

help & assistance: Middle Ages / person

knit (knit together)

knits together many threads

the story ~ of Muslim grievances (suicide bomber)

knit the plays together

he ~ through overlapping themes (August Wilson)

knits this country together

the flood ruined every thread that ~

knit this enormous planet together

migratory birds ~

knit together as a unit

it has taken the team a while to ~

♦ "The cops knitted this together like a tight cap." (#FreeKarenRead)

division & connection: cloth / verb

knit (tightly knit)

tightly knit community

it's a very ~ (Neptune City, Jersey Shore)

division & connection: cloth

knock-on (effect, etc.)

knock-on consequences

it will have ~

relationship: crashes & collisions

knock out (verb)

knocked out power

winds ~ (hurricane)

the storm ~ to thousands

the storm ~ to about 1.2 million people (California)

knocked out (several major power) utilities

the failure ~ (huge blackout)

knocked out 280 feet

the flood ~ of the 36-inch steel pipe (water line)

flood knocked out 280 feet

the ~ of the 36-inch steel pipe (water line)

storm knocked out power

the ~ to thousands

curtailment: boxing / fist / verb

storm: force

knockout (knockout blow, etc.)

knockout blow

the air campaign failed to deliver a ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

the ~ was delivered when... (investigation / indictments)

knock-out blow

he was unable to land a ~ on Amy Klobuchar (politics)

knock-out phases

time will tell if Italy can advance to the ~ (soccer)

♦ "Where is my father?" / "He is in America. Making money." / "When is he coming home to bring me toys and gifts?" / "Next year." (Jiwan, the son of Duk-koo Kim—who died following his fight with Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini—asking his mother about his father. Jiwan was born seven months after his father's death, and after his grandmother's suicide. Jiwan was nine years old when his mother told him about his father, and only watched the whole fight on DVD when he was 24. From "A Step Back" by Mark Kriegel, *New York Times*, September 16, 2012.)

force: boxing / fist

knockout (knockout voice, etc.)

knockout figure

she had a ~ and dressed provocatively

knockout voice

she has a ~ and terrific timing (a singer)

feeling, emotion & effect: boxing / fist

knock over (verb)

knocked me over
this book just ~ (*I'll Be Gone In The Dark*)

feeling, emotion & effect: boxing / equilibrium & stability / fist / force

knot (the Pamir Knot, etc.)

Pamir Knot
the ~ (Pamirs, Hindu Kush and Karakoram meet)

proper name: rope

knot (noun)

tie the city in knots
one million tourists will ~ (Olympics)

obstacles & impedance: rope

knotty (adjective)

knottier
the real story was ~ (race in America)

knotty problem
a ~ solved

complexity: rope

know (in the know)

in the know
but those ~ say...

in the know about what
was he ~ was unfolding in Ukraine

consciousness & awareness: part of speech

know (you know)

see *you know* (*filler*)

know-how (noun)

technological know-how
we have the ~ to solve the problem

knowledge & intelligence: part of speech

knuckle down (verb)

knuckle down and get to work
okay, let's ~

♦ Language from the game of marbles includes: all the marbles; lose one's marbles; knuckle down; and play for keeps.

difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games / verb

knuckle under (verb)

knuckle under to these demands
Facebook could ~ or get knocked offline (Vietnam)

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: fist / position / verb / violence

Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)

anti-DEI Kool-Aid
those who drank the ~ (Ameshia Cross)

division Kool-Aid
we as a nation must stop drinking the ~ (politics)

drinking the coolaid
you haven't seen the video or you're just ~ (comment)

drank the Kool-Aid
wow, you really ~, no, I don't feel that at all (culture wars)

drunk the Kool-Aid
kids who have ~ (only one path to good life / school)

♦ "there are only 2 genders, don't drink the Kool aid." (An online commenter about "NJ transgender woman transferred from women's only prison after impregnating 2 inmates, report says" by Stephen Sorace, Fox News, July 17, 2022.)

♦ "Already you have a little bit of hater-ade against you, people are drinking it about you." (From a woman on CBS This Morning to Jeanine Cummins on the publication of her book *American Dirt*.)

♦ This refers to the mass suicide of over 900 members of the People Temple in Jonestown, Guyana, in 1978. Many of them drank a powdered drink laced with cyanide. See the Wikipedia entry for "Drinking the Kool-Aid."

acceptance & rejection: food & drink

allegiance, support & betrayal: food & drink

commitment & determination / consumption: food & drink

kowtow (verb)

kowtow to the NCAA
the sovereign state of Montana will not ~ (sports)

kowtow to anyone
he did not feel like he had to ~

kowtow to the (religious) establishment
there is no need to ~ (broadcasting)

kowtow to (campus) orthodoxy
students and faculty who fail to ~ (DEI)

kowtow to the (very) rich
he will not ~ (Barak)

♦ "I think there's less of an intentional... I don't like the term kowtowing, but... intentionally only targeting that." (A film pundit about filmmakers and studios adapting films to the Chinese market and to the rest of the world.)

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / knee / religion / standing, sitting & lying / verb

Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.)

Krakatoa of the Middle Ages
it was the ~ (Kuwae eruption in 1453)

♦ Roger Crowley in 1453 writes about a possible link between the Kuwae eruption and weather and atmospheric effects during the siege of Constantinople.

♦ "For many, such as the young Luke Howard and his schoolmates at the Hillside Academy in Burford, the great cinema of light proved a magnificent compensation for all that was strange in the air. They gazed enraptured from the windows of the schoolhouse, while Howard, the sky watcher, wrote descriptions in his journal." (The strange weather of 1783)

included in England appearances of the aurora borealis. From *The Inventions of Clouds* by Richard Hamblin.)

♦ Another eruption often cited for its effects on sunsets and climate was the 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora that caused the “Year Without a Summer” in 1816 and may have inspired J.M.W. Turner’s vivid red sunsets.

♦ Simon Winchester writes about the atmospheric effects of the 1883 eruption of Krakatoa in his wonderful book *Krakatoa*.

comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

Krakatoan (adjective)

Krakatoan proportions

it was a car crash of an interview of ~

♦ The awful explosion of August 4, 2020 in Beirut was of Krakatoan proportions.

♦ The “2022 Hunga Tonga eruption and tsunami” (Wikipedia) was an event of Krakatoan proportions.

amount & effect: explosion / sound / volcano

size: allusion / volcano

comparison & contrast: affix

attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / sound / volcano

Kraken (noun)

Kraken of the swamp

Kash Patel refers to Milley as “the ~” (politics)

affliction: creature

kryptonite (noun)

kryptonite for syphilis

penicillin has remained the ~

superman’s kryptonite

the World Cup has proven to be this soccer ~ (Messi)

his kryptonite

I truly am ~ (Yang versus Trump / politics)

their kryptonite

the 49ers have been ~ in recent years (for the LA Rams)

Black Man’s Kryptonite

“The ~” (article by Michael Eric Dyson in *Savoy*)

political kryptonite

immigration is basically ~ (politics)

Republicans consider the ACT to be ~ (Obamacare)

ratings kryptonite

religion can be ~

bring kryptonite

I am bulletproof, next time you best ~ (boast)

♦ “As it happens, the boy in question, a budding scientist, would become serial killers’ biggest adversary, the creator of their kryptonite. His name is Alex Jeffreys. In September 1984, Jeffreys discovered DNA fingerprinting...” (*I’ll Be Gone In The Dark* by Michelle McNamara.)

♦ “Patrick Mahomes is our superman, and we’re the kryptonite for the rest of the NFL.” (A happy man celebrating the 2023 Kansas City Chiefs’ Super Bowl win.)

♦ “This could be his nemesis, this could be his kryptonite.” (A commentator at the Day of Reckoning boxing event in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, suggesting Arslanbek Makhmudov could be beaten by the

underdog Agit Kabayel. And Kabayel—German of Kurdish origin—*did* win the match in a great upset!)

danger / destruction: allusion / weapon

L

label (noun)

“one-percenter label

the ~ became a badge of honor (bikers)

“Progressive” label

more and more democrats embrace the ~

taxonomy & classification: object

labeled

labeled a troublemaker

he was ~ in school

taxonomy & classification: object

laboratory

laboratory for warfighting doctrines

Kandahar will be the ~ forged from...

experimentation: place

labor pains

labor pains

how to let peace be born despite the difficult ~

creation & transformation: birth

labyrinth (noun)

labyrinth of coral

the Great Barrier Reef, the marvelous ~ (Australia)

labyrinth of (feuding) clans and subclans

a ~ (Somalia)

labyrinth of passageways

inside the ~ (aircraft carrier HMS *Queen Elizabeth*)

bureaucratic labyrinth

working his way through the ~

waiting for years in the ~s of the immigration system

giant labyrinth

the ~ of this building (the United Nations)

♦ “So we end up building like the Winchester Mystery House. It is a structure that was okay but then it just started adding hallways to nowhere and basements that are on top of the building. That’s what our system looks like.” (Veronica Kelly, Orange County Director of Behavioral Health (DBH), who opposes California’s Care Courts, which can now mandate treatment for the mentally ill. Her office must now provide treatment or face fines. Most citizens, and families of the mentally ill, and even many of the mentally ill, favor such courts.)

♦ Gardens are associated with mazes, knot gardens and labyrinths. People also enjoy corn and mirror mazes. *Labyrinth* is of Minoan origin and is associated with the Minotaur.

♦ “[T]he spiraling arms of a labyrinth have—at various times, in parts of the world as far afield as Tamil Nadu, India; Knossos, Crete; and Flagstaff, Arizona—represented the journey of life, the cosmos, and the

womb, while serving as a trap for evil spirits, a cage for monsters, an ancestral abode, a ritual dance floor, and a path for pilgrims." ("The Garden Of Forking Paths" by Nicola Twilley, *The New Yorker*, November 29, 2021. A wonderful article about *actual* labyrinths.)

complexity: allusion / infrastructure

lace (verb)

laced cannabis with heroin
he ~ to get women addicted to drugs

mixture: cloth / verb

laced (adjective)

laced with drugs
sausage rolls found ~ in Prestatyn

laced with broken glass
peanut butter ~ found in Aberdeen

profanity-laced
he delivered a ~ speech to the seamen

configuration: cloth

lacerate (verb)

lacerated Trump's calls
he ~ for the FBI to investigate political enemies

accusation & criticism / destruction / speech: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

lacerating (adjective)

lacerating in his humor
Obama was often ~ at such dinners, ribbing his rivals...

lacerating (social) drama
a ~ (*Sorry We Missed You*)

lacerating insults
~ and dialogue that sizzles with withering wit

self-lacerating
the song's ~ lyrics address her guilt (Adele)
there is also a soul-searching quality and a ~ humor

emotionally lacerating
in perhaps the movie's most ~ scene, he...

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / knife / sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

ladder (hierarchy)

ladder
they failed right on up the ~ (politics)

ladder of prestige
it was the pioneers who occupied the highest rung on the ~

ladder's (lowest) rung
the socioeconomic ~

career ladder
he is moving up the ~ (military)

corporate ladder

women who climb the ~

immigrant ladder
Chaudri climbed a well-worn ~ (washed dishes, cab)

income ladder
for her and others up and down the ~

leadership ladder
she ascended the ~ in Congress (Pelosi)

promotion ladder
the Army should break down its rigid ~ (reform)

tenure ladder
once you've fought and clawed your way up the ~

beauty-pageant ladder
she began to move up the ~

corporate ladder
their rung on the ~
arrogance and ego at the top of the ~

economic ladder
anyone who works hard enough can climb the ~ (US)

educational ladder
as women started climbing the ~ (effects on marriage)

political ladder
by the mid-seventies he had climbed the ~ even higher

social ladder
men eternally trapped on the bottom rung of the ~

socioeconomic ladder
the ~'s lowest rung

supervisory ladder
I never tried to go up the ~

rung on the ladder
it was the pioneers who occupied the highest ~ of prestige

rung on the (corporate) ladder
their ~

at the top of the (income) ladder
the majority of stocks are held by those ~

climbed the (corporate) ladder
he ~

move up the (economic) ladder
the play chronicles the struggles of a family to ~

moving up the (career) ladder
he is ~ (military)

promoted up the (developmental) ladder
he was ~ (a baseball player)

hierarchy: direction / ladder

ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.)

ladders of opportunity
we have created ~ (education)

ladders of economic and social opportunity
they are pulling up the ~ to defend their place at the top

ladder to the middle class
the school is a ~

ladder to prosperity
they want to make education a ~

accession ladder
Western Balkans states have tried to climb the ~ (EU)

property ladder
it's not that difficult to get on the ~ (Sir Howard Davis)

climb the (accession) ladder
Western Balkans states have tried to ~ (EU)

get on the (property) ladder
it's not that difficult to ~ (out-of-touch Sir Howard Davis)

pull up the ladders
we were naïve to think the privileged wouldn't ~ of
opportunity behind them

pulling up the ladders
they are ~ of opportunity to defend their place at the top

pulls up the ladder
a girlboss ~ behind her (puts down other women)

stay on the ladder
trying to ~, stay in the middle class (poor college students)

♦ "Boxing has long been a social staircase for those on the margins."

♦ "I thought I was gonna get on this label and take the elevator, but I had to take the stairs, but like, the growth and strength that you get from taking the stairs *is* valuable, in a way, you know what I mean, but it took me a while to see it that way, like I was very very like bitter." (Rapper Reason, talking with NPR's A Martinez about his latest album *Porches* and specifically the second verse of his song "Gang Shit," about his experience with TD (Top Dog) Entertainment, which he expects will cause a beef with the TD fanbase.)

help & assistance: direction / ladder

ladder (increase)

ladder to war
stepping back helps get the U.S. off the escalation ~

escalation ladder
the posturing and the ~ that we're seeing with Iran
at that point you're moving up the ~ to nuclear war

increase & decrease: direction / ladder

lady (crazy lady, etc.)

Lady Eagles
the ~ won 57-46 (basketball)

crazy cat lady
my sister has turned into a ~ and refuses to clean her house

Crazy Plane Lady
the ~ Tiffany Gomas...

nice little ladies
just be ~ and go sit in the corner

♦ "Tiffany Gomas finally reveals what caused her viral 'not real' American Airlines meltdown" by Yaron Steinbuch, *New York Post*, November 3, 2023.

♦ "Can you understand how, for some women, that word, 'ladies,' is attached to 'little ladies,' you know, just be nice little ladies and go sit in the corner." ("Is 'ladies' acceptable workplace language?" by Robin Young, *wbur*, April 18, 2023.

♦ "Wild women's college basketball brawl features five ejections, three fans booted" by Matt Ehalt, *New York Post*, Feb. 16, 2024. The five "ladies" ejected were: Emma Imevbore; Domonique Davis; Noelani Cornfield; Brikayla Gray; and Ashja Leake. Arkansas State versus Southern Mississippi.)

♦ see also *boy (type)*, *girl (type)*, *guy (good guy, etc.)*, *joe (average joe, etc.)*, *man (big man, little man, etc.)*, *mister (and Mr., Missus, Mrs.)*

characterization: person

lady (first lady)

see *first lady (of Brazilian jazz, etc.)*

Lady Macbeth (epithet)

Lady Macbeth of Arkansas
the yuppie wife from hell, the ~ (wife of politician)

Lady Macbeth of the Balkans
she was known as the "~"

Lady Macbeth of the Mtsensk District
Robert Chandler's translations include Leskov's ~

Lady McBeth figure
you have described him as a ~ (Sunny Balwani)
Asaji, the ~... (in Kurosawa's *Throne of Blood*)

Wallis Simpson, Lady Macbeth, evil character
this ~ who led this man astray (a royal socialite)

♦ The play *Macbeth* is usually thought of in terms of manipulation, ambition, hate and revenge. On the other hand, the 2015 film *Macbeth*, directed by Justin Kurzel, portrays a *love* story. (See "Macbeth Without Evil" by Andrew O'Hagan, *The New York Review*, December 17, 2015.) And more recently, Naveen Andrews, who plays Sunny Balwani in the Hulu series *The Dropout*, compared his character to *Lady Macbeth*, and suggested that the story was about how far his character would go for *love*! (See "The Dropout's Naveen Andrews Saw Sunny Balwani as Lady Macbeth" by Roxana Hadadi, *Vulture*.) What an epithet traditionally suggested can completely change as the work is interpreted through the generations.

allusion: books & reading

person: royalty

behavior / character & personality / control & lack of

control: allusion / epithet

lag (progress)

lagging
their kids' grades and test scores are ~

lag behind
women ~ men in the most visible arena of science

competition / growth & development / progress & lack of
progress: journeys & trips / movement / verb / walking,
running & jumping

lagoon (noun)

lagoon
~s where hog manure is stored

hog-waste lagoon
North Carolina's 4,000 ~s

pumped into lagoons
sewage is ~ and left to evaporate or leach into the ground

resemblance: sea

laid low (killed)

laid low by Hurricane Michael
thousands of pecan trees were ~

death & life: direction / euphemism / position

laid low (condition, etc.)

laid low
the whole family was ~ after eating some bad chicken

laid low by malaria
few in Africa have not been ~

condition & status: direction / position

lake (noun)

lake of fire
eternal damnation in the ~

Nato lake
the Baltic will turn into a ~ (Swedes, Finns join)

resemblance: water

La-La land

in La La Land
stay tuned for more adventures in ~ (celebrities)

in "La-La land"
lost ~ (misinformation, conspiracies, false ideas)

in La-La Land
I was kind of in ~ and not really too focused...

comes from "la-la land"
the president's proposal ~ (politics)

put me off in la-la land
it just would ~ and make me feel better (an opiate)

fantasy & reality / mental health: ground, terrain & land

lamb (noun)

sized her up as a lamb
he instantly ~ (a predatory direct salesman)

♦ "He instantly sized her up as a lamb." (A predatory direct salesman. Versus a bull, owl, or tiger. With a bull, the salesman must meet force with force, stand his ground and redirect. Owls are tough sells. Tigers must be reassured they are getting the very latest technology or features. From "The Hard Sell: A door-to-door salesman's quest to rebrand his profession" by Tad Friend, *The New Yorker*, August 8, 2022. Products direct salesmen sell door to door nowadays are roofing, pest control, and solar panels.)

♦ Death devours lambs as well as sheep.

growth & development: animal / predation / sheep

lamb (sacrificial lamb)

sacrificial lamb
the computers served them up as a ~ (BCS football)

sacrifice: animal / religion / sheep

lamb (lamb to the slaughter)

lambs to the slaughter
~, that's what Forrest were (Man City 6-0 Nottingham F)

♦ "Watching lambs getting slaughtered is not entertainment." (An online commenter about Norway 6-0 Philippines at the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)

♦ "They refused to be taken like lambs to the slaughter." (Nine-eleven hijacked passengers. "Are you ready? Okay. Let's Roll." See the Wikipedia article, "United Airlines Flight 93.")

destruction: animal / predation / sheep

lambast (verb)

lambast the president
the press conference saw him repeatedly ~

♦ Lambast (or lambaste) means to beat or whip severely.

accusation & criticism: whip / verb

speech: whip / verb

lame (lame excuse, etc.)

lame excuse
she refused to listen to my ~s
~s for dumping partners
what kind of ~ is that

attenuation: walking, running & jumping

flaws & lack of flaws: walking, running & jumping

worth & lack of worth: walking, running & jumping

lament (verb)

laments the killing
Trump ~

lamented the nation's systemic racism
Biden ~

feeling, emotion & effect: burial / music / sound / verb

lance (verb)

lance this (perpetual) boil
we need to ~ (diplomacy)

two boils
~ were lanced today (fired from *The New York Times*)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / verb

lanced

lanced (today) from *The New York Times*
two boils were ~ (two men resign)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

land (clubland, etc.)

Barbie Land

the dazzling ~ picture from Warner Bros. (2023 film)

clubland
D.C. will never claim the same contributions to ~ as...

fantasyland
what kind of land have we strolled into, we're in ~ (boxing)

identity-politics-land
all the microaggressions and callings-out of ~

La-La land
see *La-La land*

Twitterland
between ~ and the Muskverse...

Promised Land
see *Promised Land*

never-never land
see *never-never land*

foreign land
school helps autistic kids navigate ~

strange land
in the ~ of gamer lingo (grokking, greebling, etc.)

♦ "Between Twitterland and the Muskverse was a radical divergence in outlook that reflected two different mindsets about the American workplace." (*Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson.)

area / environment: ground, terrain & land

area / environment / language: affix

land (land a job, etc.)

landed a (bottom-rung) job
she ~ there (at a TV station)

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish

land (landed him in jail, etc.)

landed him in hot water
his unapologetic remarks on issues have frequently ~

relationship: journeys & trips

land (arrive, affect, decide)

land
it's the latest true-crime documentary series to ~ on Hulu
you don't always know how your words are going to ~
(texting / no facial cues)

landed
there was controversy after the article ~
his argument hadn't ~ as he imagined it might (failed)

landed at this day
we would have ~ sooner or later ("it's here now" /
SolarWinds Hack)

land on that
it's a good question, where did you ~ (=decide)

landed in his in-box
the email he had been waiting for finally ~

landed in a place
it's disappointing that we've ~ where...

land there
so, I don't think it's a good idea, and I'm gonna ~
I think it's difficult, I will ~ (conclude my remarks)

landing anywhere else
lots of teams could use him, do you see him ~ (cut)

landed already
those checks could have ~ (arrived in bank accounts)

land any minute
they're waiting for information that could ~ (politicians)

place to land
that is not a very reasonable ~ (a political decision)
the data tells me this is the right ~ (a COVID decision)

how did it land
when you read his remarks, ~ with you

how this plane lands
it's unclear ~ (budget talks)

how those claims are landing
can we tell ~ (of voter fraud / how many believe, effect)

where did your school land
so, ~ (which option did it choose in response to pandemic)

where it ends up landing
we'll have to see ~ (the total number of layoffs at Meta)

wherever we land
~ on that question scientifically (COVID / = decide)

♦ This is often used with wh-question words: how did it land; where will it land; when will it land... It seems to be connected with the idea of something being "up in the air." It is a natural metaphor for people who are accustomed to flying and airports. In Bhutan, I suspect the equivalent expression is, "So, where does this yak stop?"

♦ HOWEVER. "*Titled Porches*, the album is slated to make landfall on August 11." In this instance, it is clearly a ship, not a plane, that is landing.

♦ One meaning of land means arrive. Another means "to affect you." Yet another meaning seems to be "decide."

♦ "[Choice] #2 would be admirable, but [choice] #1 is where they'll likely land." (Vivek Ramaswamy, presidential hopeful, about the resignation under fire of UPenn's President Liz Magill. Choice #2 is to "embrace true free speech." Choice #1 is to expand speech codes, or restrictions.)

♦ "Is she alive, is she not, where is she, is she dead, and she couldn't land on any particular... on one of those." (A priest about a bereft mother whose 6-year-old child had vanished.)

♦ "It's become, how do I say customary to say, to thank service members like yourself, for your service. I think that's an acknowledgement that a lot of people who came back from Vietnam in particular that the country did them dirty, you know, did not respect what they had personally sacrificed even if people did not like or agree with the overall mission, right, or the overall conflict, okay, so, I think people want to do better, and, it has been, you know, one thanks people who served like yourself for your service, how does that land with you." (NPR's Michel Martin interviewing Laura Jedeed, author of "Afghanistan Meant Nothing." Jedeed was gentle in her answer.)

♦ "It's disappointing that we've landed in a place where the uniforms are the topic of discussion." (MLB. Contempo-speak can be prolix. "It's disappointing that this is an issue." Maybe that's its whole point.)

contempo-speak: language

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: plane / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: plane / verb
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane / verb
landing (stick the landing)

stick the landing
though ambitious, the film doesn't always ~ (*Late Night*)
the book moves quickly, and she manages to ~

sticks the landing
it rarely ~ on any of them (interesting songs, but...)

stick the landing on the quid pro quo
you have to ~, I don't see proof (impeachment trial)

stick the landing on a small pad in Florida
it used rockets to stabilize itself and ~ (SpaceX / 2015)

♦ This refers to gymnastics. In Olympic gymnastics, this can be incredibly dramatic, viewed by a world-wide audience.

♦ "By the conclusion of the '187 minutes' hearing, the question was now whether the committee's last scheduled hearing in October would, in the words of both Time and CNN, 'stick the landing.'" ("Inside the Jan. 6 Committee" by Robert Draper and Luke Broadwater, *The New York Times Magazine*, January 1, 2023.)

♦ "The really tough thing about landing that scene and really selling it is that..." (Talk about a film. This seems to delete the verb "stick.")

♦ "DOWNSIDE OF SIDEWAYS Although the lander's sideways position is far from ideal..." (The 13-foot-tall "Odysseus" is not upright on the moon, but lies on its side. The IM-1 Nova-C lunar lander tipped over on landing.)

starting, going, continuing & ending / success & failure:
sports & games / verb

landing (landing spot, etc.)

landing spot for him (available) at this network
I knew there was a ~ (his job was not renewed)

♦ "I knew there were landing spots for him available at this network." (Stephen A. Smith explaining his recommendation to remove Max Kellerman from ESPN's *First Take*. Kellerman did get a new job at ESPN, only to be laid off.)

♦ When things are "up in the air," you might need a place to land.

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane
landmark (noun)

landmark act
a ~ passed by the Senate (victims of human trafficking)

landmark case
the US Supreme Court, in a ~ in 2000, rejected...

landmark climb
he made a number of ~s in the Alps

landmark discovery
the ~ could pave the way for new medicines

landmark moment
it was a ~ in the evolution of artificial intelligence

landmark project
one of his ~s was a shrine... (King Tut)

landmark step
the ruling was a ~ (rape within marriage / Mexico)

landmark study
his ~ compared students... (single-sex schools)

landmark work
"Desert of the Heart" is considered a ~ of lesbian fiction

stand as a landmark
his plays ~ in the history of black culture

♦ "Einstein is a landmark, not a beacon." (*Time* magazine, about the great man at Princeton. Some attributed the remark to Robert Oppenheimer. The idea was that Einstein's importance to cutting-edge physics of the time, particularly quantum physics, was nil.)

direction / importance & significance: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips

landmine (and land mine)

landmines
she worries about what she sees as ~ planted by Alito

landmine for the prosecution
this is a ~ (new evidence)

landmines and hiccups
there are always ~ that come along (vaccine production)

political landmines
Trump wins as Supreme Court sidesteps ~ (BBC headline)

potential landmine
social media is a ~ (news coverage and privacy, etc.)

land mines (and hiccups) that come along
there are always ~ (vaccine production)

sidesteps (political) landmines
Trump wins as Supreme Court ~ (BBC headline)

step on that landmine
no nominee would ~ (a contentious issue)

♦ "There are always land mines and hiccups that come along." (Doctor Anthony Fauci on vaccine production during the 2019-2020 pandemic.)

♦ "It was a lovely conversation. They said, 'Oh, darling, I'm so sorry you stepped on a land mine.' I listened to them and they listened to me. It was sweet and it was fun, even." (Gina Carano, about studio-mandated sensitivity train with two transgender representatives from GLAAD. Gina was a MMA fighter before being noticed by Steven Soderbergh and cast in the lead of the 2011 film *Haywire*. Her next role was in *Fast & Furious 6*. Read "Gina Carano on Getting Sacked From Star Wars and Her Grudge Match With Disney" by Seth Abramovitch, *The Hollywood Reporter*, March 14, 2024. It's an excellent article.)

♦ "The S-Mine, a bounding fragmentation device, explodes at a height of 2 metres."

♦ "I can't run any more. I can't play with the other children and I can't go to school at the moment because of the infection." (Eleven-year-old Mawa, in Egypt. She kicked what she thought was a tin can and it blew off her foot. The UXO was a leftover from World War II.)

♦ "It looked like a little can; it was interesting." (Mara al-Miri, 10, from her hospital bed, where she was taken with shrapnel wounds to her leg. She had picked up a metallic grey canister, the size of a battery with a head that looked like a cigarette lighter, not knowing it was a bomblet, more dangerous than a grenade, that had been delivered by an artillery shell and that had failed to explode. She had thrown it to a 10-year-old playmate. The bomblet had exploded, injuring her, her playmate and a third child, her cousin. This all happened in the village of Ayt el Shaab, in southern Lebanon.)

♦ "Throughout the Soviet occupation the only [mine clearing] equipment the guerrillas ever had was the winter hail, dubbed 'Allah's mine sweeper' because the crashing pellets of ice sometimes triggered the

mines." (*Soldiers of God, With the Mujahidin In Afghanistan*, by Robert D. Kaplan.)

♦ see also *minefield*

danger: explosion / military / walking, running & jumping / weapon

landscape (noun)

landscape

her patience for this ~ varies (NYC magazine publishing)

landscape of journalism

the Internet transformed the ~

landscape of Stevenson's great life

and going through the ~ will be Claire Harman (BBC)

landscape of our lives

some journeys are etched into the ~ (Lake Ohrid)

landscape around pregnancy and abortion regulation

the ~ has changed dramatically

heavyweight landscape

Andy Ruiz Jr has just thrown a grenade into the ~

media landscape

the ~ was very different in the 1980s

concern about the dominance of tech firms in the ~

sport landscape

the ~

technology landscape

a clearer picture of our future ~ (airline)

nanoscale landscape

viruses, microchips operate in a ~

culinary landscape

she is a sharp observer of the ~ (Charlotte Druckman)

dire landscape

in 1969, what was on TV for kids was a very ~

diverse landscape

pushing to create a ~ with mixed results (films / minorities)

economic landscape

changes in the ~

educational landscape

positive changes across the American ~

ethnic landscape

the brutal violence has reshaped the ~

political landscape

and here to talk about the ~ is... (radio show)

the ~ was dramatically altered by the attack

the democrats dominated the ~ for more than a generation

Merkel has left a very fragmented ~ in Germany (election)

promotional landscape

Christchurch's ~ is changing (city's wizard is let go)

religious landscape

part of the ~

social landscape

the ~

technological landscape

adapted to the new ~

American political landscape

he left the ~ much the same way it was (Mueller hearings)

fragmented political landscape

Merkel has left a very ~ in Germany (election)

new financial landscape

electronic trading has created a ~

post-Title IX landscape

in the ~, sexual panic rules (universities)

changes in the (economic) landscape

there have been vast ~ since the fall of Communism

part of the (public-school) landscape

charter schools are a significant ~

landscape can change

the heavyweight ~ in a second

landscape may (well) change

the heavyweight ~ once more (coming fights)

landscape has been overturned

Pakistan's political ~ in the last few months

landscape shifted

then, in the late '90s, the football ~ (US)

adapt to this (ever changing media) landscape

trying to ~

altered the landscape

pandemics ~ of public health forever

changes the landscape

the new rule ~ (college admissions)

changed the landscape

it ~ (grants for Duchenne research)

Obama has ~ for all America (race)

Ozempic and Wegovy have ~ for obesity in America

dominate the landscape

health-maintenance organizations came to ~

fit in this landscape

help me understand, where does he ~ (politics)

left a (very fragmented political) landscape

Merkel has ~ in Germany (new government)

moved quickly through the (American) landscape

this is an issue that has really ~ (gay marriage)

navigate the (cyber) landscape

so how are kids supposed to ~ (misinformation)

redefined (boxing's heavyweight) landscape

his defeat by Usyk has ~

reshaped the (political) landscape

in 2016 he ~ but lost (Bernie Sanders)
a populist wave has ~ (US, Hungary, Italy, Poland, etc.)

♦ (Costello) Thanks for joining us on 5 Live Boxing with Costello and Bunce. And now, with less than a month to go until the rematch between Tyson Fury and Deontay Wilder in Las Vegas, it's a chance to assess the heavyweight landscape as it stands and shapes up at the moment, Steve. / (Bunce) And what a glorious landscape it is, Mike!

♦ "The legal landscape of the past weeks and months has prompted questions of..." (Dull use of the cliché in a "Talk of the Town" article in *The New Yorker*, a magazine ordinarily known for good writing.)

♦ "The Hollywood landscape is more cautious than ever today." (*Very* dull use of the cliché. How can a landscape be cautious?)

♦ "The community needs to figure out the landscape of need." (NPR's Rob Schmitz. Umm...)

♦ "Affirmative action has changed the shape of and landscape of American education." (Drew Gilpin Faust. This is odd because "shape of" and "landscape of" seem roughly synonymous.)

♦ "Our political parties are still in the process of working out their positions in this new drug landscape." ("Slowing the Growth of Weed" by Rachel Lu, *National Review*, December 19, 2022. Much better usage than *The New Yorker* use cited above. Knowing your position in the landscape is important.)

♦ "...There appeared glimpses of a landscape now in a state of arboreal undress, much changed from what had gone before. / What Clark glimpsed was a relatively treeless brown-green country, stretching away into a violet horizon that was longer and flatter than any that these hill-born Easterners had ever witnessed or imagined before. It was landscape laid out, flatly undulating, beneath a sky so big it was overwhelming. It was a new kind of prairie, a limitless tableland of grass, a huge grazing-plain, with a wind that souged near-constantly above the vegetation, the temperature of the drifting air the only clue to the season. Its sky was flecked with mare's tails of clouds, where lightning could be seen a hundred miles distant and you could watch the black storms chewing their way toward you, the sky suddenly darkening overhead as the squalls arrived and smashed down wafting curtains of hail until the earth was quite white and crunched underfoot, though within moments the reappearing sun then melted it away, steam suddenly began to rise from the grass, and you could almost hear the plants bursting upward in the newly made and richly damp sauna of heat... / In these prairie parts one finds people and creatures uniquely suited to the conditions: the Comanche and the prairie dog, the Sioux and the rattlesnake, and all of the other Plains Indians—the Blackfoot, the Cheyenne, the Arapaho and the Crow—together with uncountable millions of the single species of animal that once so dominated and symbolized the grass-covered landscapes here, the American bison. / Generally speaking, the Great Plains extend between the 95th and 105th meridians—with the midline... marking 100 degrees west of Greenwich." (*The Men Who United The States: America's Explorers, Inventors, Eccentrics, and Mavericks, and the Creation of One Nation, Indivisible* by Simon Winchester.)

♦ "It is rough, steep, mountainous country where we were trekking, covered with dense virgin forest, the famous taigá of Siberia, in places almost impenetrable, especially where the ground is littered with fallen giants smashed down by storms." (*Dersu the Trapper* by V.K. Arseniev. The country Arseniev describes lies between the Amur and Ussuri Rivers and the Sea of Japan, north of Vladivostok, and includes the Sihoté-Alin mountain range.)

♦ "I shall always remember the next day for one of the most beautiful experiences I have ever had. As we marched forward we caught sight, after a while, of the gleaming golden towers of a monastery in the far distance. Above them, shining superbly in the morning sun, were tremendous walls of ice, and we gradually realized that we were looking at the giant trio Dhaulagiri, Annapurna, and Manaslu. As Tradun and the filigree towers of its monastery lay at the far end of the plain we had many hours in which to enjoy the view of these mighty mountains. Not even the necessity of wading through the icy waters of the Tsachu dampened our exuberance. / It was evening when we marched into Tradun. In the last rays of the setting sun the red monastery with its golden roof looked like a fairy palace on the hillside." (*Seven Years in Tibet* by Heinrich Harrer, from the chapter "Into Tibet.")

♦ "They call this plain the Nullabor (Nullarbor). If you want water you have to dig for it among the sand dunes along the shore... In this wilderness everything runs to excess; the excessive noonday heat is followed by outrageous cold by night, rainstorms burst with cyclonic

force, and when the rain fails the blown sand is suffocating; even the flies and mosquitoes are in mad abundance. There are moments of grace sometimes in the evenings when extravagant sunsets sweep across the sky and then fade slowly behind enormous stars, but in the main the Nullabor has an implacable sterility and the aborigines used to believe that it was inhabited by demons. They would not chase a kangaroo there. / This then was the terrible region into which Eyre plunged..." (*The Fatal Impact* by Alan Moorehead.)

♦ see also *scape* (*threatscape*, etc.)

area / environment: ground, terrain & land

contempo-speak: language

landslide (in a landslide)

lost in a landslide

Carter ~ to Republican Ronald Reagan

win in a landslide

if people voted today, he would ~

amount & effect: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

landslide (by a landslide)

won by a landslide

he ~ on the scorecards (boxer)

amount & effect: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

landslide (other)

landslide of evidence

there was a ~ that fell around this defendant

landslide in favor of Democrats

there was no ~ (2020 US election)

landslide vote

Proposition 187 was approved in a ~ (California)

landslide victory

the opposition won a ~ in Kenyan elections

he was appointed principal chief in a ~ (Cherokee)

♦ In 1841, an earthquake caused a rockslide that blocked the Indus River. A huge lake formed behind the natural dam. Later in the year it failed, causing perhaps the largest flood in recorded history. Far downriver and across a plain, 500 Sikh soldiers drowned at Attock.

♦ In 1999, mudslides in Venezuela killed 10- to 30,000 people in Vargas State. They are referred to as "El Desastre de Vargas."

amount & effect: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

lane (experience)

lane

this isn't just my ~, it's my highway (doctor / gun control)

he has had his ~ pretty much all to himself (politics)

she knows where her ~ in life is...

lane is

so what our ~, is we wanna work with creators...

our ~ is to figure out how to hold government accountable

healing and love lane

ya'll know me, I have one lane, the ~ (activist at demo)

fast lane

she was in the ~ of the fast group (alcohol, sex, music...)

particular lane

we can find a ~ with the *Baltimore Beat* (free newspaper)

progressive lane
they are fighting for the same ~ in the party (candidates)

safe lane
people are picking the ~ (film producer Dede Gardner)

wide enough lane
there's not a ~ for her to pick up voters there (vs. Trump)

clear and uncrowded lane
he has a very ~ (Chicago mayoral primary)

out of their lanes
cops are ~, playing judge, jury, and executioner (shooting)

carve out her own lane
she has managed to ~ (singing, fashion, etc.)

played his lane
if he would've ~ and kept his mouth shut (gang member)

running in the same lane
the two men were kind of ~ (two politicians)

stay in their lane
anti-gun doctors should ~ (fix wounded, not protest guns)

stay in your lane
you shut up and ~ (incident on plane)

stepped out of its lane
OSHA ~, it went beyond its authority (a law case)

veered into the pop lane
a lot of people have ~ (from country music)

keeps the judiciary in its appropriate lane
the idea of standing ~ (Supreme Court)

♦ This word is often preceded by a possessive adjective: my lane, their lane, your lane, etc.

♦ "That's not their lane to teach my children about sexuality, that's my job." (An upset parent protesting school-library books like *The Bluest Eye*, *All Boys Aren't Blue*, and *Fun Home*.)

♦ "Yes, it feels to me like a moment where people are sort of battering down the hatches and picking the safe lane." (Film producer Dede Gardner.)

♦ "Hey, I stay in my own yard!" (In other words, I mind my own business. From the great John Ford 1940 film *Grapes of Wrath*.)

♦ "Straying from your lane is reckless in all scenarios."

♦ "You shut up and stay in your lane." ("Passenger taken away by police after racial rant on plane in US," *Daily Mail*, Sept. 14, 2020. See the video.)

♦ "Beef or barbecue." (A saying in New Orleans, about snitching to the police. If you "beef" or complain to the police, you'll die. Better to kick back, relax, and barbecue.)

constraint & lack of constraint / experience / responsibility: infrastructure

language (types)

language of the body
this liberatory ~ (twerking, pussy popping, ass claps, etc.)

language of boxing
he understood the universal ~ (ref's gestures, etc.)

language of pop feminism
the book was marketed with the ~

language of football
Bora Milutinovic speaks the ~ (soccer)

language of hope
the ~—whether, when and how to invoke it (hospitals)

language of science
the abstract, technical ~ (environmental issues)

language of "sport"
the international ~ (soccer)

language of the string
they have the ~ (international yo-yo contest)

language of white supremacy
Southern elected leaders spoke the ~ (after reconstruction)

language of war
its language is the ~ (US football)

language of understanding, peace and harmony
a smile is the universal ~

language of acronyms and weapons systems
she fluently speaks the military ~ (a young soldier)

hoaxers' language
Lenny Pozner figured he could talk the ~ (Sandy Hook)

body language
people send messages through their ~
mismatches between words and ~ (liars)
the worst sort of ~ to show a gorilla

computer language
Java, a ~ created by Sun Microsystems
FORTRAN was the first widely used ~

programming language
write applications in the Java ~

coded language
"~" is used to encourage weight loss (ballet schools)

aspirational language
the ~ of democracy (women's rights, etc.)

different language
it's a ~ (military acronyms)
physicists are often speaking a ~ than biologists (math)

feminist language
its brand is the ~ of emancipation, empowerment, equality

international language
chocolate speaks an ~

international "language"
the ~ of sport (soccer)

Secret Language
The ~ of Color (a book)

universal language

a smile is the ~ of understanding, peace and harmony
he understood the ~ of boxing (ref's gestures, etc.)

universal cinematic language
exploding cars are a ~ (the *Fast and Furious* franchise)

fluent in the language
Jake Paul was ~ of YouTube

speaks the language
Bora Milutinovic ~ of football (soccer)

understood the (universal) language
he ~ of boxing (ref's gestures, etc.)

*** things

♦ Cars have their own language—clunks, clanks, squeals, squeaks, and rattles—which can say a lot about a vehicle's health."

♦ "Chocolate speaks an international language. There is no concern about accents or incorrectly structured sentences. Whether in Tokyo or Madrid, everyone understands chocolate's many culinary dialects." ("Chocolate: A Food Without Borders" by Alejandra Garcia, NPR, Kitchen Window, January 14, 2009.)

♦ "A brand can communicate something, how you wear your pants can communicate something, the portfolio of colors that you choose to adorn yourself with can communicate something..." (Branding and shoes, clothing, pens, politics, authenticity, identity, etc.)

♦ "If you grew up in a black household, *Ebonies* [copies of *Ebony Magazine*] were everywhere... It's one of our languages." (Rosa Duffy, bookstore owner and *Ebony Magazine* collector, about the transformational magazine that was intended to be *Life Magazine* for Blacks. Once a pillar of the Black community, this great magazine has fallen on hard times, and is now only available online. You would think some US philanthropist would endow a monthly hard-copy version of it in perpetuity. Sadly, not yet.)

♦ "And from being trained, I think it's easier for me to speak a language to producers, and I can speak engineer to the engineers." (The remarkable Lizzo, who is classically trained in music theory and performance, among other things...)

♦ "Crossword puzzles are a way of documenting the language that we share." (Anna Shechtman, crossword constructor.)

♦ "The elk whisperer speaks English, Spanish and elk." (Mark Casillas.)

*** academic language

♦ "There are no native speakers of academic language."

♦ "There is jargon, and then there is jargon." (Academic writing.)

*** diplomacy

♦ "Such language risks destabilizing an already complicated situation." (A Russian diplomat.)

♦ "Well, those phrases that you're referring to used by the [US] ambassador ["immediate ceasefire," "UN-facilitated talks"] have become empty cliches, they have been repeated for months and months, you know, if not years. The same phrases were used last year. People thought the elections were going to be organized. Nothing happened, and the people in power are still in power. So I think US diplomacy and other Western diplomacy should be refreshed, should be renewed, and a new technique should be used because Libyans have learned to ignore everything you said. I mean, this discourse by the internationals is absolutely ignored by Libyans, and foreign states as well." (Jalel Harchaoui, a fellow at the Royal United Services Institute which focuses on Libyan security and politics, speaking to David Gura on NPR.)

♦ "Israel is making troubles and problems... they could not be a good neighbor here. We want to liberate the whole Palestine, that's right, because Israel has no right to exist in this region... This war is full of hypocrisy, they are just giving sweet words and some good statements but nothing is done on the ground..." (Hamas spokesman Ghazi Hamad in Gaza talking to Steve Inskip on NPR. From "Hundreds killed in explosion at a crowded Gaza hospital", NPR, Morning Edition, October 17, 2023. In a later interview with Lebanon TV, Ghazi Hamad said, "Israel is a country that has no place on our land...[It] must be finished." He has also been quoted as saying, "We must teach Israel a lesson, and

we will do this again and again," about what Hamas calls Operation al-Aqsa Flood.)

*** the law

♦ "Those instructions [from the judge], I'm a lawyer and I couldn't understand them... They've gotten to be too much. They're legalese. And jurors tend to go by the smell test. Does it seem right? Does it seem wrong. And that's what we wanted the jury to do." (Mark Richards, Kyle Rittenhouse's attorney, speaking to Ailsa Chang. From "Kyle Rittenhouse's defense attorney discusses the trial and acquittal," NPR, All Things Considered, Nov. 19, 2021.)

*** sports

♦ "There's no 'I' in 'team.'" (An NFL coach.)

♦ "There's an 'I' in 'win.'" (An NFL player.)

♦ "A stream of players were coming over, you know, popping him on the shoulder pads, back patting him on the back, dappling him up..." (The NFL.)

♦ "Man, Brock was balling, put some respect on that man's name, you know, he was runnin', he was throwin'..." (Jesse Washington, ESPN, heard on NPR.)

♦ "Do you know the stigmatism of Alabama education?" (Kayvon Thibodaux, a football player.)

♦ "Bobo got throated." (Surfing.)

*** jobs

♦ NEWER TYPES OF WORKERS: Independent scrutineers (UK); violence interrupters (Baltimore); (seasoned) gallerists (NYC); disinformation analysts / researchers; narrative consultants; script doctors; mental performance coaches; neurodiversity coaches; sleep coaches; showrunners; social theorists; bitcoin miners; public intellectuals; thought leaders; changemakers; creatives; influencers; Minecraft video creators; personal branding experts; shadow consultants (about the shadows that skyscrapers cast); chief experience officers (CXOs); chief remote officers; Chief Wellbeing Officers (CIA, etc.); chief candy officers (Canada); senior managers in generative AI: water sommeliers and advocates; lifestyle impresarios; core brand ambassadors; trend-cycle analysts; trend forecasters; directors of digital strategies (the White House); culture-thinkers; cultural strategists; visual strategists (Nasa's Jet Propulsion Laboratory / JPL); drama therapists; online journalists; investigative data journalists; online safety experts; YouTube investigators and cold case connoisseurs; podcast critics; content coaches (newspapers); social justice reporters; civil resistance experts (NPR); Birding activists; body-image experts; gender educators; queer, non-binary, neurodivergent educators, facilitators, healers and strategists; queer, mad and neurodivergent higher education researchers; childbirth educators specializing in queer birth experiences; ethicists-in-residence; poets-in-residence; data wranglers; documentarians; directors of equity and inclusion; diversity consultants; professional Twitch streamers; play-to-earn gamers; YouTubers; crossword constructors; voter navigators; political spin doctors; youth climate ambassadors; intimacy coordinators; sex workers; professors of television studies; imagineers; healthineers...

♦ OLDER TYPES OF WORKERS: whores; pimps; taxi dancers; white-gloved tic-tac men; silhouette artists; blacksmiths; watchmakers; girdlers of pine trees for turpentine; lighthouse engineers; bateauxmen; bawling "canawlers" (the Erie Canal); log drivers; river hogs (the Kennebec River); tent makers; tinsmiths; camp followers; barber-surgeons; barbers who do rounds; apothecaries; snake-oil salesmen; tooth pullers; scribes; letter-writers; letter-readers; maltsters; railway bulls; gandy dancers; rail-splitters; spitjacks; old-clothes women; rag-and-bone men; sutlers; pure-finders; mud larks; draymen (teamsters); carters; ostlers (hostlers); spinners; doffers; sweepers; carders; fullers; dressers; sekgees; town criers; poormasters; London crossing sweepers; lamp-post lighters; wind-millers; water-clerks; stagecoach drivers (sagebrush navigators); express men; road agents; shotgun messengers; Pony Express riders; trail drivers; drovers; bull whackers; telegraphers; buffalo hunters; skimmers; Indian agents; beaters; catchers; drivers; mahouts; trackers; printer's devils; newsboys; human chimney sweeps; typewriters; elevator operators; gas-station attendants; computers; miners; muckers; swampers; nippers; drymen (to take care of the Dry); powder monkeys; muleteers (military); fusiliers (military); arquebusiers; musketeers; conductors (of slaves on the underground railroad); grammar, math and geography teachers, etc.

♦ "What the f*** is an 'online safety expert'? Do you see how media outlets baptize totally fake expertise industries and titles (like 'disinformation reporter') to launder their highly politicized censorship

agenda as scientific, data-based and neutral?" (A thundering Glenn Greenwald.)

♦ "Tuesday. The world of work has changed out of all recognition from the one I inhabited when I last received a paycheck... Now it seems, freebies are distributed with a liberality unknown in my day, in lieu of salaries, which themselves have disappeared along with actual work..." (Ed Reardon's Week, BBC Episode 5, "How did I do? Hilarious and droll!")

*** groups, social justice, etc.

♦ "If we could claim marriage, we would be claiming an engine of transformation, a vocabulary of shared values—love, commitment, family, inclusion, dignity, respect—that would help non-gay people better understand who gay people really are, and allow us to share equally, not only in marriage, but in everything." ("Radically Normal: How Gay Rights Activists Changed The Minds Of Their Opponents," NPR, Hidden Brain (with Shankar Vedantam), April 8, 2019. Many gays at the time denigrated the tradition of marriage. Many still do.)

♦ "Love is Love." (A slogan from the "Freedom to Marry" Campaign.)

♦ "As it turned out, the word 'homophobia' was exactly the concept that gay men and lesbians needed to achieve liberation." (Psychotherapist George Weinberg, in 2012. He is the author of the 1972 book *Society and the Healthy Homosexual* and a gay-rights activist. Quoted in "How 'Phobic' Became a Weapon in the Identity Wars" by Amanda Hess, *The New York Times Magazine*, Jan. 26, 2016. It's a brilliant article.)

♦ "Gay pop stars can be—and have been—subversive about slipping in references that change our language and thoughts about gay sex. The more that happens, the less likely people feel uncomfortable hearing about it." (Culture journalist Brennan Carley on BBC Culture.)

♦ "A lot of readers, both trans and cis, really want you to say, in the first sentence of the story, 'As a trans person...' But by saying as a trans person, it cedes ground to the idea that I need disclaimers about my point of view. There's a little bit of sick and twisted pleasure I get from saying, 'I'm not going to do that...' / That said, there are certain claims that I can make as a trans writer..." ("Jamie Lauren Keiles Follows the Surgical and Philosophical Journey of Phalloplasty" by Celia Ford, July 26, 2022.)

♦ "I call disabled viewing platforms the "cripple pen." (A presumably disabled commenter, reclaiming the word "cripple." From "After the N-word, the P-word" by Rajni Bhatia, BBC, 11 June 2007, which is about reclaiming the word "Paki" in the same way some Blacks have "reclaimed" the N-word. Who has the right to say what when.)

♦ "black power & intersectional feminism & gender self-determination & solidarity with muslims & indigenous sovereignty & decolonization & disability justice & queer kinship & migrant justice & fat freedom & collective liberation" (A black T-shirt with white lettering worn by Stephanie Lyn Kaufman-Mthimkhulu, Director of Project LETS. "Disability and Mad Justice cultural worker. Community Educator. Organizer. Parent. Conflict Intervention. Facilitator. Care Strategist. Writer... Hire me.)

♦ "The attention The Wing generates is, in large part, because it was founded upon a paradox: its brand is steeped in the feminist language of emancipation, empowerment and equality, while its business is based on one of society's more elitist institution: the private members' club." (Investors include Serena Williams, President Obama's friend and former senior adviser Valerie Jarrett, and members of the US women's soccer team. From "The Wing: how an exclusive women's club sparked a thousand arguments" by Linda Kinstler, *The Guardian*, 18 Oct 2019.)

*** political correctness

♦ "Language should be chosen intentionally and not just in a reflexive manner based on how words were used in the past." (Emily Barske, the Office of the Public Editor, NPR.)

♦ "I hope they don't take anything away from me, whoever they are." (Dave Chappelle on SNL.)

*** contempo-speak

♦ "[Jake] Paul was fluent in the language of YouTube, where he came across as a familiar type: the high-school jock, popular and gregarious... / His body of work is filled with dubious stunts...and with mind-numbing repetition of the word, 'bro.' / [His videos] have drawn more than seven billion views; that figure, which approaches the population of this planet, does not account for the innumerable videos that summarize or criticize the ones that Paul has posted..." ("Punching Down" by Kelefa Sanneh, *The New Yorker*, November 8, 2021.)

♦ "Yeah, they have these belts on with like all these extra bullets and they're like dressed for war." (Leah like talking to her Brit producer, Georgia, for their podcast about the militia movement.)

♦ "Alright, let's not fap around here, let's get into it..." (The opening to a Pop Culture Happy Hour episode on NPR.)

♦ "The book was marketed with the language of pop feminism." (A comment by Jill Lepore.)

♦ "He lacks the TED-talk affect of some of his peers." (Extracurricular Kids In High Places," *The New Yorker*, Jan. 4 & 11, 2021.)

♦ "In the language of the show, this is a very 'Who-y' thing for a Them to have done." ("Guiding Stars: How 'Who Weekly' explains the new celebrity" by Rachel Syme, *The New Yorker*, June 7, 2021.)

♦ "PEN15, write out the title, you'll get it, has begun its second season on Hulu..." (A well-briefed Scott Simon of NPR. This is an example of leetspeak.)

♦ "Everytime he says something he sounds like he is reading it from a Poundland self-help book." / "He can't think on his feet, relies too heavily on his corner, and just speaks in a series of cliches with very little substance behind them." (Criticism of a contemporary boxer.)

♦ "The language a writer uses to create a world is that world, and Franzen's strenuously contemporary and therefore juvenile language is a world in which nothing important can happen. Madame Bovary's marriage sucked, Heathcliff was into Catherine: these words fail the context not just because they are of our own time. There is no import in things that 'suck,' no drama in someone's being 'into' someone else. A writer like Franzen, who describes two lovers as 'fucking,' trivializes their relationship. The result is boredom." ("Smaller Than Life," by B. R. Myers, *The Atlantic*, October, 2010.)

*** criticism of "woke" language

♦ Bill's Weekly Column. "How to Speak Progressive." (Bill O'Reilly.)

♦ "Fauci Among the Humans: Health officials play language games to make COVID life permanent" by Peter Tonguette, *Washington Examiner*, January 4, 2022.

♦ "Wokeness is not just a social philosophy, but an elite status marker, a strategy for personal advancement. You have to possess copious amounts of cultural capital to feel comfortable using words like intersectionality, heteronormativity, cisgender, problematize, triggering, and Latinx..." ("How The Bobos Broke America" by David Brooks, *The Atlantic*, September 2021.)

♦ "Look, I mean voters of color don't talk about voters of color. Who the hell lives in communities of color? The people I know live in neighborhoods. Right, so there's this whole you know sort of rhetorical lexicon the left of the Democratic party has become obsessed with and insists on using. Which basically just alienates normie voters, including normie non-white voters. I mean, we have people in and around the Democratic Party talking about how all white people have white privilege, and how this is a white supremacist society, and so on, and I just don't think this is the way people think about the world, including you know normie non-white voters." (The political scientist Ruy Teixeira. From "Hispanic and minority voters are increasingly shifting to the Republican party," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, July 23, 2022.)

♦ "I don't know of a single person that thinks of themselves as a 'person of color.' I really don't..." (James Carville, sounding honestly regretful on "Conversations with Bill Kristol.")

♦ "Collaborating with these gentry was a mixed crowd of wide-minded, wide-mouthed Liberals, who darkened council with pious but disintegrating catch-words, and took care to live very well indeed." (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling.)

*** presentism

♦ "The prose yo-yoed between Academia.edu and a strained casualness that could inadvertently veer into the Borscht Belt... Too often, Briseis sounds like the voice-over from a History Channel special: 'As a woman living in this camp, I was navigating a complex and dangerous world.'" ("The Many Wars of Pat Barker" by Daniel Mendelsohn, *The New Yorker*, October 18, 2021. Barker's language is a form of presentism, using contempo-speak.)

♦ "Meacham's book, *And There Was Light*, tells of the anti-slavery politician whose election as president in 1860 triggered the Civil War. Lincoln struck back at the rebel states by ordering freedom for their enslaved workers, the Emancipation Proclamation, but the first Republican president was fiercely criticized by people who wanted less social change." (Steve Inskeep. From "Lincoln prioritized democracy over

his political future. A new biography explains why," NPR, Morning Edition, October 18, 2022. Using contempo-speak and clichés to describe historical events is a form of presentism. Notice the use of "enslaved workers" for *slaves*.)

♦ In *Churchill: Walking With Destiny*, Andrew Roberts says that Churchill, in 1940, "vigilantly guarded against *mission-creep*." That phrase struck a very wrong note with me. Luckily, Wikipedia has an entry: "The phrase first appeared in 1993, in articles published in the *Washington Post* and in the *New York Times* concerning the United Nations peacekeeping mission during the Somali Civil War." Roberts *could* have put the phrase in quotation marks, or added "in what is today called X," as he rightly did when he used "groupthink" in another part of his book, but for some reason he didn't. His use of the phrase is a form of presentism.

♦ The concept of "burnout," originally coined to describe the way many drug addicts felt in the late 1960s, has been expanded to *Achilles* in the *Bronze Age*. (See "It's Just Too Much" by Jill Lepore, *The New Yorker*, May 24, 2021. An excellent article by an excellent writer.)

*** average people

♦ "There was a lot of language I was unfamiliar with." (A parent about messages he began receiving from his children's elite private school concerning antiracism. He eventually removed his children from the school.)

♦ "It occurred to me that, because the world media establishment had ignored the Balkans for so long..., these people never had to learn, as the Israelis and Arabs did, how to talk in code, so as not to offend Western sensibilities with their racial hatred. In the Balkans, people spoke more honestly than in the Middle East, and therefore more brutally." (*Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History* by the superb writer and correspondent Robert D. Kaplan.)

♦ "A pidgin English field guide would list buk-buks, pakes, buddaheads, katonks, mokes, titas, popolos, yobos, blalabs, haoles and portagees." (Ethnic and racial labels used in Hawaii.)

*** military

♦ "EOD handled the bombs. SSTP treated the wounds. PRP processed the bodies. The 08s fired DPICM. The MAW provided CAS. The 03s patrolled the MSRs. Me and PFC handled the money... / I will remember that our HMMWV had 5 PX. That the SITREP was 2 KIA, 3 WIA. That KIA means they gave everything. That WIA means I didn't." (From the short story "OIF" in *Redeployment* by the brilliant Marine writer Phil Klay. OIF stands for Operation Iraqi Freedom.)

♦ see also *boilerplate* (noun), *buzzword* (noun), *doublespeak* (noun), *ese* (*legalese*, etc.), *funny language*, *gobbledygook*, *lip service* (*pay lip service*, etc.), *newspeak* (noun), *speak* (*NASA-speak*, etc.), *supersizing* (*linguistic supersizing*), *talk* (*mediator talk*, etc.), *word salad*

language: speech

lap (lap of luxury)

lived in the lap of luxury
for a time we ~

situation: container / lap

lap (responsibility)

in the lap of the administration
it puts the issue ~ (politics)

falls in the lap
the issue now ~ of the head of food safety

landed in the lap
the case ~ of a federal judge

puts the issue in the lap
it ~ of the administration (politics)

♦ "She puts it front and center, she puts it right in their lap." (A supporter of an outspoken Black woman who accused whites of hypocrisy and a double standard.)

responsibility: container / lap

lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)

company's lap
consumer data falls into the ~

falls into your lap
occasionally an opening line ~ (via an interview / writing)

possession: container / lap / verb

fate, fortune & chance: container / lap / verb

worth & lack of worth: container / lap / verb

lap (victory lap)

on the victory lap
Liverpool are now ~ (with win over Man U)

took a victory lap
President Trump ~ at the Michigan rally (politics)

taking a victory lap
this morning the president is ~ (peace deal)
no one is ~ here (US kills ISIS leader)

achievement, recognition & praise: sports & games

success & failure: sports & games

lapdog (noun)

lapdogs of Bush and Cheney
The New York Times reporters were ~ (Iraq War)

lapdog for the president
he is a ~ (the Senate leader)

lap-dog court system
a ~ that is beholden to the military (Myanmar)

American lapdogs
you are ~ (Lukashenko, about British sanctions)

self-serving political lap dog
he's a ~ (criticism of a US general)

♦ "Trump vilified Cheney as he had no other Republican. 'To look at her is to despise her,' he declared in one statement emailed to supporters. He called her Pelosi's 'new lapdog RINO,' a 'low-polling warmonger,' a 'smug fool' and 'bad for our Country.'" ("Inside the Jan. 6 Committee" by Robert Draper and Luke Broadwater, *The New York Times Magazine*, January 1, 2023.)

dominance & submission / dependency / insult /
relationship: animal / dog / lap

lapidary (adjective)

lapidary
The Essays in Idleness are ~ (Kenko)

lapidary chapters
Rady's fascinating ~ (*London Review of Books*)

lapidary (fourth) novel
in "Paradise," his ~... (*The New Yorker*)

lapidary poems
his most ~ (Philip Larkin)

lapidary polish
the high ~ of his witty prose (Waugh)

lapidary precision

he is a realist painter of ~ (Caleb Considine)

♦ This word often appears in the *New Yorker Magazine*, in reviews of artists. It refers to the work involved in cutting, polishing and engraving precious stones. *The New Yorker Magazine*, God forbid, does not trade in *unpolished, uncut or rough* stones!

superlative: materials & substances / mining

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances / mining

lap up (verb)

lapped up such complaints

he ~ (an editorial cartoonist)

lap it up

audiences ~ (rape and murder of females / entertainment)

consumption: animal / food & drink / tongue / verb

absorption & immersion: animal / food & drink / tongue / verb

lash (a storm lashed the Philippines)

lash the Philippines

about 20 major storms ~ each year

lashed the islands with wind and rain

the hurricane ~

storm: force

lash out (verb)

lashed out at (Obama's) campaign

the GOP nominee ~

lashed out at the (US) military

he ~

lashed out at Army officials

Barton ~ (the Angel of the Battlefield)

lashed out over (questionable) reporting

he ~ (a bereaved father)

implode (violently) or lash out

the repressive regime might now ~

speech: verb / violence / whip

accusation & criticism: verb / violence / whip

last (the last / epithet)

last fisherman

Rinaldi is known as "the ~ of Monaco"

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: epithet

last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time)

last Sunday night

I was talking to him ~

sequence: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

past & present / time: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

last (time / verb)

last forever

summer would not ~

time: verb

last-ditch (adjective)

last-ditch appeal

his lawyers filed a ~ (capital case)

last-ditch effort

a hiring freeze is often a ~ to reduce staff

this was a ~ to help him (a troubled athlete)

last-ditch measure

operators used seawater as a ~ to cool the reactors

♦ "The Army will hold its positions until the last soldier and the last ditch." (Hitler to Von Paulus.)

conflict / commitment & determination / difficulty, easiness & effort / fate, fortune & chance / resistance, opposition & defeat / survival, persistence & endurance: ground, terrain & land / military

last hurrah

last hurrah

WW II veterans gathered for a ~ (memorial)

last hurrah for the (landmark) restaurant

it was a ~ (New Year's Eve celebration / bankrupt)

girls' last hurrah

this is these ~ (bachelorette party)

beginning or a last hurrah

it may be a new ~ (US health-care legislation)

♦ The 1913 Gettysburg Reunion marked the 50th anniversary of the battle and was considered a great success. President Woodrow Wilson addressed the reunion and gave a conciliatory speech on July 4th.

starting, going, continuing & ending: military / sound coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: military / sound

last rites (noun)

last rites

don't administer ~ to Irish Catholicism yet (scandals)

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine / religion

late (timeliness)

late

the hour was ~ (need for a policy)

not too late

it's ~ to turn things around (politics)

getting late

the hour is ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

late (late Stone Age, etc.)

late Stone Age

by this time, in the ~...

time: prep, adv, adj, particle

sequence: prep, adv, adj, particle

latest (the latest / most recent)

latest on that case

what is the ~

the latest (teen) craze

~ in clothes, music, illegal drugs

the latest effort

in ~ to restore stability after a military coup...

the latest flare-up

~ of their long-running feud (2 NASCAR drivers)

the latest 'in thing'

not long ago Osaka was ~ to blow in (vs. Gauff)

the latest twist

EFPs are ~ in a lethal game of measure, countermeasure

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

Latin (Latin of Korea, etc.)

Latin of India

Sanskrit is the equivalent of the ~ (classical language)

Latin of Korea

ideographic Chinese—the ~—was isolated from everyday speech

comprehension & incomprehension: history

latitude (wide latitude, etc.)

latitude for interpretation

a rule leaves very little if any ~

latitude to intervene

that would give him more ~ (a national emergency)

creative latitude

he had wide ~ (a filmmaker)

maximum latitude

he takes speculation to its ~

allow you some latitude

I'll ~ (judge at jury trial)

have (enormous) latitude

when it comes to foreign policy, presidents ~ (US)

♦ In Latin, *latus* means wide and *longus* means long.

♦ "Discretion" is a synonym...sometimes! Or "extent." Or "room," which nowadays would be expressed as "space."

constraint & lack of constraint / extent & scope: map

latticework (noun)

latticework of conjecture

a desire for closure has grown into a ~ (who killed Tupac)

latticework of old pipelines and plugged wells

leasing maps show it contains a ~ (Gulf of Mexico)

complex latticework

the current system is a ~ of quotas (fisheries)

economic latticework

a massive ~ (China's Belt and Road / pipelines, roads, etc.)

♦ "Snow, with its intricate latticework, forms a sort of net..."

complexity: infrastructure

laugh (last laugh)

have the last laugh

he may ~ here (congressional hearing)

Freud may posthumously ~ (analysis of mass hysteria)

have a kind of last laugh

though the A380 killed off the 747, Boeing will ~

revenge: bodily reaction / sound

fate, fortune & chance: bodily reaction / sound

laughed out (of court, etc.)

laughed out of the (educational) community

if somebody suggested that model, they would be ~

laughed out of court

the case will be ~

laughed out of my profession

if I'd talked like this early in my career, I'd've been ~

laughed out of the studio

he was ~ (Dick Clark pitching *American Bandstand*)

literally laughed out of office

he was ~ (Republican arrested in a men's room)

virtually laughed out of the room

when he suggested the idea, he was ~, but...

got laughed out of a couple of professor's offices

I actually ~ (a student with a novel good idea)

admiration & contempt: bodily reaction / sound

launch (verb)

launched the age

he ~ of chemical warfare (Fritz Haber / 1915)

launched an (international) appeal

the Red Cross has ~ for aid (Haiti earthquake)

launched a (court) challenge

he has ~ against the King (Swaziland)

launched a campaign

they ~ of civil disobedience (Birmingham)

launched a crackdown

the government has ~ on corruption

launched a (hugely popular) franchise

the blockbuster film ~ (X-Men)

launched a movement

they ~ that has been both applauded and denounced

launched a (quiet charm) offensive
sensing he might welcome allies, she ~

launched a project
the department ~ to install lights at crossings (safety)

launched a review
the UKA ~ (sports doping)

launched a revolution
he ~ (astronomer looking at X-ray emitters)

launched a (massive) search
officials ~ for the missing sailor

launched a thousand ships
see *ship* (*launched a thousand ships*)

launched an (all-out) war
in 2003 Thailand ~ on meth (Yaba)

launch a (trade) war
he wants to ~

launched his business
he ~ this spring

inauguration / initiation: verb

launch (noun)

soft launch
NBC introduced the website with a ~ (NBCBLK)

inauguration / initiation: flying & falling

launching pad

launch pads for emotions
murder trials can be ~, which can be sky-high

launching pad for the invasion
Kuwait will be the main ~

launching pad for gay marriage
Hawaii seemed the likely ~

launching pad for the embassy bombings
Somalia was a ~ (1998)

used that win as the launchpad
Liverpool ~ to a golden future (Champions League)

initiation: mechanism / rocket

launder (verb)

launder their image
they are using sports to ~ (sportswashing)

laundered (the warden's) money
Andy Dufresne ~ (film *The Shawshank Redemption*)

♦ See the Wikipedia article, "Russian Laundromat."

♦ see also *wash* (*straightwash*, etc.)

**concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: clothing
& accessories / hygiene / verb**

laundry (laundry list)

laundry list of (unacceptable) behaviors
a ~

laundry list of challenges
the city is choosing a mayor to solve a ~

laundry list of demands
Chris isn't surprised by Don's ~ (media celebrities)

laundry list of illnesses
he's a 67-year-old man with a ~

amount: clothing & accessories / hygiene

laurels (praise)

resting on their laurels
they are ~, living in the past, on reputation (Man United)

won more laurels
he ~ leading world-renowned ensembles (Andre Previn)

♦ "Resting on her laurels was no option for her. Neither was losing, and neither was never getting another game with teammates she loves for a school and a state she loves." ("Caitlin Clark was 'queen among women' to reach Final Four in latest glimpse of her Iowa greatness" by Steve Serby, *The New York Post*, April 2, 2024.)

♦ "Better deserve honor and not have it, than have it and not deserve it."

**achievement, recognition & praise: allusion / history / sign,
signal, symbol / tree**

law (law of the jungle, etc.)

law of the jungle
for such is the ~, death to the weaker, food to the stronger

law of claw, horn and fang
the leopard lives by the ~

competition: animal / jungle / predation

law enforcement (as verb)

law enforcement our way out
we can't ~ of this fentanyl epidemic

amelioration & renewal: part of speech

Lawrence (T. E.)

"Lawrence of Afghanistan"
Army Maj Jim Gant, known as ~

Lawrence of Iraq
Travis Patriquin has been dubbed the T. E. ~

America's "Lawrence of Arabia"
Captain Travis Patriquin, ~ in Ramadi

♦ "The Fall of the Green Berets' *Lawrence of Afghanistan*" by Mark Thompson, *Time*, June 25, 2014.

♦ "We could not leave him where he was, to the Turks, because we had seen them burn alive our hapless wounded. For this reason we were all agreed, before action, to finish off one another, if badly hurt: but I had never realized that it might fall to me to kill Farraj." (*Seven Pillars of Wisdom* by T.E. Lawrence, Book VIII, Chapter XCIII.)

♦ According to his Wikipedia entry, the great Vietnamese general Vo Nguyen Giap "had no direct military training and was a history teacher at

a French-speaking academy, citing T.E. Lawrence and Napoleon as his two greatest influences."

military: epithet
allusion: books & reading

Lawrence of Arabia-esque

Lawrence of Arabia-esque
James was kind of ~, and he probably cultivated that image
(Alistair Harris about James Le Mesurier)

comparison & contrast: affix

lay (put)

lay the blame elsewhere
many fans ~ (struggling soccer club)

laying the blame on China
the US is ~ (politics)

throwing, putting & planting: pile / verb

lay (lay bare)

lays bare the fault lines
the report ~ that divide this group (Amish)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories / verb

lay (lay into)

laid into President Trump's policies
he ~

accusation & criticism: force / verb
speech: force / verb / violence

layer (analysis)

layer of the onion
you notice that for every ~ there's another underneath it

layer deeper
we need to dig a ~

peels back yet another layer
a revealing new interview ~ (a politician)

♦ "So many layers, Diane, to this story, a lot of moving parts, and it will of course be very interesting to see how it all plays out..." (Marcus Moore of ABC reporting on a sensational murder case.)

♦ "It's surprising, and shocking, what you learn when you begin to peel back the onion." (Dateline NBC, "Horror at the Lake.")

analysis, interpretation & explanation: fruits & vegetables / mining

lay low (emotion)

laid him low
the deaths of his parents ~

mental health: direction / position / verb
feeling, emotion & effect: direction / mental health / position / verb

lay of the land

lay of the land
he knew the ~ (Congress)
can you give us the ~ (explain something)

area / environment: ground, terrain & land
analysis, interpretation & explanation: ground, terrain & land

layup (noun)

layup
it won't be a ~, but it's a shot we need to take (prosecution)

layup for the prosecution
the case looked like a ~, but...

certainty & uncertainty: basketball / sports & games
difficulty, easiness & effort: basketball / sports & games

Lazarus (Emma Lazarus)

Emma Lazarus
somewhere, ~ is weeping (US immigration politics)

migration: allusion / history / person

Lazarus (Bible)

Lazarus
he's not the comeback kid, he's ~ (a politician)

amelioration & renewal / survival, persistence & endurance: allusion / Bible / death & life / religion

leach (verb)

leached *badass* of its badassery
overuse has ~

leached into every aspect of our lives
race has ~

leached out of the Democratic ranks
the intensity seems to have ~ (politics)

life-leached
the ~ margins of the Great Salt Lake

dismissal, removal & resignation / taking & removing: verb / water

lead (restraint)

give him a long lead
you had to ~ (the inimitable Dennis Keith Rodman)

control & lack of control: animal / horse / rope

lead (one thing leads to another)

leads his colleagues to "blow up"
the pressure ~ from time to time

led scientists to document
his discovery ~ earlier outbreaks (epidemic)

lead you to your best achievements

the truth is, fear of failure can ~
led me to a different conclusion
my analysis ~
led women to desperate acts
a decade of war has ~ (Chechnya)
led him down a dangerous path
his unswerving belief in himself ~
lead to (intraabdominal) abscess
intestinal leaks may ~
leads to abuses
secrecy ~ of power (terrorism investigations)
lead to blindness
trachoma can ~ as eyelashes turn in on the eyeball
led to the breakup
the issue ~ of their marriage (attending sex clubs)
lead to the collapse
the situation could ~ of the Iraqi government
led to a confrontation
a feud between next-door neighbors ~
lead to death
even drops of spittle or beads of sweat can ~ (Marburg)
led to death
pregnancy often ~ in childbirth (19th century US)
led to the death
what ~ of George Floyd
lead to dissention
bonus disparities can ~ in the ranks (military)
leads to doom
in social-hygiene films, transgressions ~
lead to menstrual dysfunction
an eating disorder can ~, osteoporosis (athletes)
lead to an ileus
pneumonia can ~, abdominal distention and fever
led to (rapid) innovation
his modern version of a wing suit has ~ (de Gayardon)
led to this moment
what ~
lead to reductions
price controls ~ in supply and investment
led (up) to this ruling
what ~ (by a Florida court)
led (up) to the shooting
we know little about what ~
lead to success
factors that will ~
led to trouble

how my nighttime walk ~
situation could lead
the ~ to the collapse of the Iraqi government
development / direction / relationship: journeys & trips / movement / verb
leader (person)
leader in the field
she is a ~ of cognitive psychology (Lera Boroditsky)
person: direction / journeys & trips / movement
leading light (person)
leading lights of the conservative cause
the ~ climbed the stage to rally their faithful (politics)
liberal leading light
the ~ caused a political earthquake (Ocasio-Cortez)
knew its leading lights
Pasternak ~ (members of symbolist movement)
achievement, recognition & praise / importance & significance / superlative: light & dark / person
league (out of one's league)
out of your league
you're ~, buddy...
♦ *Amateur lexicographers; unaffiliated scholars; public diplomacy; popular historians; "Don't quit your day job"; "I thought it rather a bad thing," Jude the Obscure... (Academic and class snobbery towards those who are deemed "out of their league.")*
ability & lack of ability: sports & games
league (different league)
in a different league
Max is not ~, he's in a different galaxy (Verstappen)
ability & lack of ability / taxonomy & classification: sports & games
leak (verb)
word leaked
but on Thursday, ~ that the visa would not be granted
leaking: water / verb
leak (noun)
leaks of information
he condemned ~ (FBI investigation)
leak of (classified) information
the possible ~
leaks to the press
there had been ~ about... (jetliner crash)
leaks and scoops
reporters fiercely jockeying for ~
leaks, supposition, speculation, and spin

there's been ~ (investigation)

♦ "So how do they all then try to mop up this leak or at least plug it up as much as possible..." (NPR's "A" Martinez about the latest government classified documents leak.)

leaking: water

leaked

leaked voice mail

on his ~, he called his daughter a rude little pig

leaking: water

leak out (verb)

leak out

what you tell them would ~ (school counselors)

leaked out in bits and pieces

the truth ~ (politician)

leaks out in debt repayments

aid to Africa ~ ("leaking bucket syndrome")

prevent details from leaking out

they want to ~ (explosion in North Korea)

news leaked out

the ~ about...

word leaked out

~ and... (Iraq)

leaking: water / verb

lean (size)

lean and agile

the company is ~

lean and mean

it's a ~ team (Blue Origin)

leaner and meaner

a ~ Raptor 2 (rocket engine / SpaceX)

lean and nimble

the company must become more ~

♦ "The point of leapfrogging to a new engine was to get everyone thinking boldly. 'Our goal is the great adventure engine'... The guiding principle should be to make an engine that was lean. 'There are a lot of ways to skin a cat,' he said. 'But it's important to know what the post-skinned cat looks like. The answer is muscly and gnarly.'" (*Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson. An astonishing visualization.)

♦ "There's not an ounce of fat in *Fallen Leaves*." (The 2023 Finnish film directed by Aki Kaurismaki, who believes movies should not last longer than an hour and a half. John Powers used the following expressions in his review: low-key; terseness; taut; dry; droll; ironic; precise; straightforward; tight; not an ounce of fat; no emoting; not a big movie; a small movie...)

♦ In Italy, "*americanata*" refers to something big and flashy, over the top, like an oversized American car trying to force its way up a small, narrow Italian street. The term can be disparaging or admiring.

♦ compare with *supersizing* (*linguistic supersizing*)

ability & lack of ability / flaws & lack of flaws / size / strength & weakness / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: fatness & thinness / health & medicine

lean (lean times, etc.)

lean times

voters are sick and tired of ~

the newspaper has had to shut its doors in these ~

lean years

she had some ~ (a professional golfer)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: fatness & thinness / food & drink

lean in (verb)

leaning in

he has not been trying to hide, he has been ~, begging to tell his story

leaning in on (thorny) issues

even Obama praised him for ~ (a popular young politician)

leaning in as hard as (humanly) possible

he is ~ to his position as a Trump backer (politics)

lean in to your career

~ and embrace ambition

leaned in to her heritage

in recent years Beyoncé has ~, celebrating race...

♦ "And lean in always understood that. Lean in was always about being able to go for leadership positions, always about men leaning in at home... Well, that's right, and that's why again lean in was always for this, lean in was always about men doing their share... So this report is not telling women to lean in, it's telling companies to lean in..." ("Sheryl Sandberg: Companies Need To 'Lean In' As Pandemic Threatens Women's Progress," NPR, All Things Considered, Oct. 1, 2020. Sandberg is head of the Lean In Foundation. Her 2013 book *Lean In* called on women to be more assertive in the workplace, but has been criticized as an unrealistic panacea for most women. Michele Obama famously said, "It's not always enough to lean in because that s*** doesn't work." That criticism itself has been criticized.)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: gesture / standing, sitting & lying / verb

lean into (verb)

lean into being

he taught me to ~ weird instead of hiding it

leaning into his branding

he was ~ as an educator (Dr. William H. Cosby)

leaning into the campaign

this hype house is ~ in a big way (politics 2020)

leaned into this characterization

prosecutors ~ during her trial (manipulative)

lean (hard) into the issue

this will encourage Democrats to ~ (a vote)

lean into it

the women pulled no punches, they would just ~ (scriptwriters for SVU)

leaning (completely) into it

for years I shied away from it, now I'm ~

leans into his reputation

he ~ for pushing boundaries (the comic Dave Chappelle)

leaned into her status

she has ~ as one of the only female candidates

leaned into (fear) tactics

he ~ as he accused the left of... (politics)

leaned (heavily) into that

he has ~ (Trump's endorsement / politics)

♦ "Maybe I'll lean into the pain narrative, write that and get a good advance, ya'll pay me for that, right." (Fantasy author L.L. McKinney.)

♦ Steve Inskeep: What are you going to be doing this summer that is possible, that is practical [about gun control]. / Mayor Aftab Pureval: We are going to do everything we can to lean into innovative law enforcement techniques that are data driven..." (On NPR.)

♦ "The film leans fully into meta territory." (Caryn James about the 2022 film *Bros*, a gay rom-com. This short sentence is notable for containing 3 contempo-speak cliches: "lean into," "meta," and "territory.")

♦ Step in / lean in and embrace it...

commitment & determination: gesture / standing, sitting & lying / verb

lean on (coercion)

lean on his lawyer, Jeff Sessions and other aides

the report details his efforts to ~ (obstruction of justice)

lean on and even pressure

many companies ~ workers to volunteer

coercion & motivation: verb / weight

lean on (support)

lean on

after your loss, who did you ~, family, friends... (a boxer)

he wishes he had had a support group to ~ (trans)

lean on the crutch

people ~ of metaphor (technology)

leaned (hard) on his experience

he ~ as vice president (election debate)

leaned on their experience

scientists ~ with other viruses to make predictions

lean on scotch

he began to ~ to relax (an alcoholic)

leaned on Wilson

he ~ as his spiritual prop (Robert Falcon Scott)

leaned heavily on

I have also ~ the knowledge of a number of scholars...

help & assistance: standing, sitting & lying / verb

dependency: standing, sitting & lying / verb

lean towards (verb)

leaning towards Biden

he is ~ (a voter)

leaning towards voting

she is ~ for disapproval (declaration of emergency)

allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / verb

leap (leap into action, etc.)

leapt at the opportunity

my father ~ (to help humanity / a doctor)

leaped to defend him

Churchill ~ (Stalin / World War II)

leapt into action

the police ~

leapt into the fray

eminent academics and writers ~ (literary controversy)

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

commitment & determination / eagerness & reluctance:

movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

leap (leap of faith, etc.)

leap of faith

you've just got to make a ~, and I'm here to catch you

take a ~ and trust again or get out (unfaithful spouse)

leap of the imagination

America is a ~ (history)

leap in faith

marriage is a ~

♦ "When you want to test the depths of a stream, don't use both feet." (Chinese.)

commitment & determination / fate, fortune & chance:

walking, running & jumping

leap (transmission)

leap from animals to humans

some viruses can ~

♦ "How a meme found on anonymous message boards is making a leap into real-world politics." (Eating bugs.)

transmission: walking, running & jumping / verb

leap (the leap of a waterfall, etc.)

leap, splash and spray

the ~ of waterfalls

resemblance: walking, running & jumping

leap (noun)

leaps in (bike) design

significant ~

leaps in (math) proficiency

students have made great ~

leap in (weapons) technology

this ~

leap to stardom

she reflects on her ~ (film actor)

leap to television

they made the ~ (from the early days of film)

leap from booby to boo-boo
it is a short linguistic ~

leap from mediocrity to greatness
11 companies that made the ~

leaps and bounds
see leaps and bounds

technology leap
every new ~—the longbow, the tank, the atom bomb...

great leap
students have made ~s in math proficiency

mental leap
if one can make the ~ to imagine Go in heaven...

short (linguistic) leap
it is a ~ from booby to boo-boo

significant leap
~ in bike design

made the leap
they ~ to television (from the early days of film)

progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping
leapfrog (verb)

leapfrogged (traditional) technology
China has ~ (cellphone usage)

leapfrogs from histories to key games
the series jumps around, it ~ (sports documentary)

leapfrogged into the internet era
China ~ (smartphones and apps)

**progress & lack of progress: animal / verb / walking,
running & jumping**
movement: animal / verb / walking, running & jumping
leaps and bounds

by leaps and bounds
the organization was growing ~
the intelligence community has grown by ~

in leaps and bounds
technology has advanced ~

increase & decrease: walking, running & jumping
speed: movement / walking, running & jumping

learn (verb)

learned from his losses
he has ~

knowledge & intelligence: school & education / verb
lease (lease on life)

new lease on life
the medication gave him a ~
the new term feels like a ~ (a teacher)
technology has given publishing a ~

getting a (new) lease on life
they were ~ (1972 moratorium on death penalty)

gave him a (new) lease on life
the medication ~

amelioration & renewal: document
leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.)

long leash
he gave me the ~ and support I needed (editor at WSJ)

on a constitutional leash
she believes in a government ~

on short leash
Patriot's QB ~ with season on the line

on a (very) short (constitutional) leash
she believes in a government ~

keeps him on a short leash
the company ~ (an actor who is also a pitchman)

let his team off the leash
he ~ to go and create (soccer)

tightened the leash
the court ~ on unions and their ability to organize

control & lack of control: animal / dog
constraint & lack of constraint: animal / dog
leave (leave something alone)

leave it alone
people told me to ~ (don't speak out or get involved)

involvement: direction / verb
leave (leave a mark, etc.)

leaves a (computer) fingerprint
every visit ~

leaves a mark
Afghanistan ~ on soldiers

left pockmarks
a grenade exploded and ~ on the side of his house

giving, receiving, bringing & returning / relationship: verb
leave (death)

left
when he ~... (died of heart attack at young age)

left us
I gather he ~ last year (died)
Jacopo Venzo has ~ (the 17-year-old Italian cyclist)

left this earth
when she ~ she was... (child / 2022)

♦ "Edwin Drood" was Dicken's last work, and Fildes, brought into contact with him through these small illustrations, enters his room on the day of his death, sees his empty chair standing there, and so it happens one of the old numbers of the 'Graphic' contains that touching drawing, 'The Empty Chair.' / Empty chairs—there are many of them, there will be still

more..." (*Dear Theo: The Autobiography of Vicent Van Gogh*, Edited by Irving and Jean Stone.)

death & life: euphemism / movement / presence & absence

leave it (leave it all on the field, etc.)

left it all out on the court

I really fought and ~ today (Coco Gauff / tennis)

left it all out there on the floor

I ~ along with my guys (NBA win)

left it all on the field

he ~ for us (the great Rob Gronkowski / NFL)

commitment & determination: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

lecture (verb)

lecture about race

the film doesn't ~, but you can feel the enmity...

message: school & education / speech / verb

leech (verb)

leeches millions from her

her father ~ (a female celebrity)

affliction / taking & removing: animal / blood / verb

leech (person)

leeches

~ come with the sudden wealth (pro athletes)

those ~ take it all (Christian aid groups vs. refugees)

leech, the busy bee, the whiner

the ~ (types of bad friends)

parasite, a leech

she's a ~ (charges soldiers for water from a river)

despised the poor as leeches

he ~ who weakened society (*Atlas Shrugged*)

♦ "Every step I've taken has gaslighted those whom I love... I am not a culture vulture. I am a culture leech. You should absolutely cancel me, and I absolutely cancel myself." (Rachel Dolezal, an academic who claimed "identities of color," including Black Caribbean, North African Blackness, US rooted Blackness, Caribbean rooted Bronx Blackness, *Boricua*...)

♦ "Correct; well said. Glazers = leeches" (A disgruntled Man U fan on a BBC HYS after the latest loss to Liverpool. 282 upvotes. 30 downvotes.)

♦ "This was a victory for boxing, AJ and that blood sucker Hearn out of the race..." (A BBC HYS about the second fight between Oleksandr Usyk and Anthony Joshua.)

♦ "During our excursions we found masses of wild strawberries but where we found the best we also found the most leeches. I knew from my reading that these creatures are the plague of many Himalayan valleys, and now learned from personal experience how helpless one is against them. They drop from trees on men and animals and creep through all the openings in one's clothes, even the eyelets in one's shoes. If one tears them off one loses more blood than if one lets them drink their fill, when they fall off by themselves. Some of the valleys are infested to such a degree by leeches that one simply cannot protect oneself against them. The best way of keeping them out is by wearing socks and trousers steeped in salt." (*Seven Years in Tibet* by Heinrich Harrer, from the chapter, "The Village of Happiness.")

♦ "Our first day's march lay through patches of forest, clearings, and Malay villages, and was pleasant enough... The next day, the country got wilder... We passed through extensive forests, along paths often up to our knees in mud, and were much annoyed by the leeches for which this district is famous. These little creatures infest the leaves and herbage by the side of the paths, and when a passenger comes along they stretch themselves out at full length, and if they touch any part of his dress or body, quit their leaf and adhere to it. They then creep on to his feet, legs, or other part of his body and suck their fill, the first puncture being rarely felt during the excitement of walking. On bathing in the evening we generally found half a dozen or a dozen on each of us, most frequently on our legs, but sometimes on our bodies, and I had one who sucked his fill from the side of my neck, but who luckily missed the jugular vein. There are many species of these forest leeches. All are small, but some are beautifully marked with stripes of bright yellow. They probably attach themselves to deer or other animals which frequent the forest paths, and have thus acquired the singular habit of stretching themselves out at the sound of a footstep or of rustling foliage..." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace, Chapter 3, Malacca and Mount Ophir.)

affliction: animal / person

character & personality: animal / person

insult / person: animal

leeway (noun)

leeway

she doesn't allow me any ~

constraint & lack of constraint / extent & scope: boat

left (left behind)

left behind

the poor are ~ (services go to wealthy)

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

left and right

thrown around left and right

the word *racist* has been ~

♦ "It's killing people left to right." (A drug user, about fentanyl. An eggcorn?)

extent & scope: direction

left field (out of left field, etc.)

left-field surprises

the thriller is full of ~ (No Sudden Move)

completely out of left field

you make absurd comments that are ~ and make no sense this is ~, I am absolutely shocked, I was gut-wrenched...

come from left field

we were stunned, this had ~ (diplomacy)

come out of left field

the announcement ~ (unexpected)

♦ "This thing was not only from left field, it was from the planet Mars, because it didn't happen..." (A politician dismissing an old accusation of sexual abuse.)

♦ "She furrowed her brow. It was a question from left field... / Now they were the ones thrown a curveball... / This was another question out of the blue..." (A well written police procedural.)

♦ This refers to a throw from the left fielder (or center or right fielder) to any of the bases, particularly home plate, surprising the runner. Ordinarily, a throw from the outfield is cut off by the second-baseman. It

takes an outfielder with a strong arm to make such a long throw, and it is *always* a dramatic moment.)

appearance & disappearance: baseball / sports & games

left out (excluded)

left out of the Paris Olympics
baseball and softball will be ~

acceptance & rejection: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

leg (table leg, etc.)

landing legs
Falcon boosters come down upright on ~ (SpaceX)

snapped leg
moon lander pictured on its side with ~ (IM-1 Odysseus)

resemblance: leg

leg (first leg, etc.)

leg of the journey
conditions on the return ~ were worse

leg of the trip
the plane left for the second ~ to Dover Air Force Base

leg of training
the final ~ for soldiers trying to become Green Berets

return leg
conditions on the ~ of the journey were worse

first leg
the ~ of his journey

second leg
the plane left for the ~ of the trip to Dover AFB

final leg
the ~ of training (soldiers trying to become Green Berets)

sequence: leg

leg (grow legs, have legs, etc.)

grew legs
my website ~ (became successful)

have more legs
this boycott seems to ~ than most (against Bud Lite beer)

growth & development / starting, going, continuing & ending / success & failure: leg / verb

leg (leg to stand on)

have a (firm) leg to stand on
he didn't ~ (Secretary of Labor resigns)

bases: leg / standing, sitting & lying

leg (last legs)

on its last legs
his show is ~ (TV show losing ratings)

♦ "His new show is on its last legs before it even got on its first legs."
(Snark about a CNN personality.)

bases / condition & status / decline: leg / standing, sitting & lying

leg (leg up)

see *leg up*

legacy (obsolescence)

legacy acts
~, stars of an earlier era (Super Bowl halftime shows)

legacy costs
the "~" of retiree health care and pensions (industry)

legacy equipment
adding high-tech sensors to ~ is expensive and challenging

legacy fashion house
designers who don't want to work for a ~

legacy issues
there are many companies that need to confront ~

legacy name
as for now the ~ will be helpful to us (Barstool Radio)

legacy newsroom
change is difficult and slow in a ~ (Capital B media)

legacy studios
the ~ sprinted into the streaming wars (Disney +, etc.)

legacy system
drivers are available for ~s such as Windows 98

"legacy" technology
—an industry euphemism for obsolete hardware

legacy thinking
generals are locked in a cold-war mindset—

♦ According to Kevlin Henney, the sense of this word that relates to technology and computer programming is quite recent. He gives the date of 1989.

♦ Legacy fashion houses; blue-blooded heritage labels... (Fashion.)

♦ Of course, the rest of the world might move on...

♦ "Any building must be new once, one tells oneself..." (The destruction of the old and its replacement with the new.)

transmission: family

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: family / history / money

legacy (history)

legacy
she talked about her ~, the things she has achieved

legacy of the past
the ~ (history)

legacy of its (Soviet) past
Estonia's effort to sever the ~ (monuments, etc.)

legacy of (vanishing) plants
the seed vault seeks to save the genetic ~ (on Svalbard)

legacy of war
landmines are an insidious ~

legacy of discrimination and lived experiences
they seek to erase the ~ (critical race theory)

legacy of slavery and colonialism
how to deal with the ~

legacy of pain and prejudice
the romance of the West versus its ~ (US)

legacy of the cold war
this terrible ~ (Russian stockpiles of chemical weapons)

war's legacy
the ~ continues to divide Americans (Civil War)

family legacy
~s and obligations

colonial legacy
France's ~ has deepened that alienation (immigrants)
boxing in India is a ~ (sports)

complicated legacy
the ~ of this American classic (*Shaft* / Blaxploitation)

genetic legacy
the seed vault seeks to save the ~ of vanishing plants

insidious legacy
landmines are an ~ of war

multigenerational legacy
families with ~s of college education (vs. poor)

radioactive legacy
using the world's ~ (to determine age of whale sharks)

guardian of a (150 year) legacy
the Mariinsky Theater is a ~ (ballet and opera)

carrying on the legacy
they are ~ of George Plimpton (*Paris Review*)

deal with the legacy
how to ~ of slavery and colonialism

pass the legacy along to their children's children
~ (Shoshone)

sever the legacy
Estonia's effort to ~ of its Soviet past (monuments, etc.)

transmission: family / history / money
giving, receiving, bringing & returning: family / history / money

legacy (reputation)

legacy
his ~ is tarnished by allegations he... (a boxer)

legacy of failure
given the long ~ at schools like Thomas Jefferson

legacy of love
they left a ~ wherever they went (eulogy)

Manchester's (industrial) legacy
~ (England)

Michigan's (proud shipbuilding) legacy
~ (Lake Michigan)

shipbuilding legacy
Michigan's proud ~ (Lake Michigan)

troubled (racial) legacy
a stark reminder of this city's ~ (St. Louis)

Jewish legacy
there is a rich ~ associated with boxing

industrial legacy
Manchester's ~ (England)

proud (shipbuilding) legacy
Michigan's ~ (Lake Michigan)

racial legacy
a stark reminder of this city's troubled ~ (St. Louis)

rich (Jewish) legacy
there is a ~ associated with boxing

carry on his (great) legacy
a replacement will ~ (Supreme Court justice)

embraced (for itself) the legacy
Gazprom has ~ of Peter the Great (new skyscraper)

leaves his legacy in ruins
the loss ~ (Joshua defeated by Usyk / boxing)

reputation: family / history / money
transmission: family

legend (noun)

legend
Mike Tyson is an icon of the sport of boxing, a ~

both legends
it was a great performance from ~ (Jones v. Tyson boxing)
♦ He is a legend... in his own mind. (A narcissist.)

survival, persistence & endurance / time: allusion

legion (noun)

legion of fans
Mr. Musk told his ~ that...

legions of others
she is joining ~, many of them women, who are frustrated

legions of poor
Karachi is a magnet for its ~

legions of other women
and so are ~ ("me too" movement)

amount: military

leg up (help, advantage)

leg up on the competition
some coffee shops are trying to get a ~ by... (bikini baristas)

leg up on competitors

it has a ~ (a millipede)

leg up over the competition
Microsoft has an enormous ~

leg up to children
schools continue to give a ~ of alumni (legacy admissions)

covert leg up
ChatGPT is a ~ (over colleagues, competition, etc.)

enormous leg up
Microsoft has an ~ over the competition

Gets Leg Up
“LEGO ~ On Toy Competitors”

give a leg up
people in power willing to ~ to women (sports coaching)

Have Leg Up
“New Grads May ~ On Older Job Seekers”

♦ A foot race? Help getting on a horse? Who knows? It means an advantage (foot race) or a boost / assistance (horse).

competition / help & assistance: horse / leg

lemming (consciousness)

lemming
what are you, a ~ (taking government advice / COVID)

lemmings for every tweet
people aren't ~ they happen to see (conspiracy theories)

consciousness & awareness / behavior / unanimity & consensus / society: animal

lemon (noun)

lemon
my car is a ~

failure, accident & impairment: fruits & vegetables

flaws & lack of flaws: fruits & vegetables

lend (lend a hand, etc.)

lent an ear
Michael unselfishly ~ to friends in need

lend a hand
can I ~ (help)

help & assistance: money / verb

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: money / verb

length (go to any lengths, etc.)

go to any lengths
the corporation will ~ to preserve the system (oil)
political rivals will ~ to achieve their aims

gone to unusual lengths
police had ~ in their investigation

behavior / extent & scope: distance

restraint & lack of restraint: distance

difficulty, easiness & effort: distance

lens (through a lens)

through many lenses
immigration, ~

through that lens
I see the world ~ (being biracial)

through the new lens of the memes
looked at ~, human beings...

through the lens of a reasonable office
use of force is viewed ~ (the Supreme Court standard)

through the lens of science
experiences now better seen ~ (hearing "voices")

through the lens of a (negative) stereotype
the threat of being viewed ~

through an ethnic lens
he refused to view things ~ (Afghan military man)

through an objective lens
we have to look at it ~ reasonable officer standard)

through a strictly racial lens
the project look at American history ~ (1619 Project)

through a "theological" lens
he does not view the conflict ~ (Middle East)

♦ "It is time to remove your glasses from the last century." (Hungarian opposition politician Endre Toth, criticizing a government report about overrepresentation of women in higher education, and how that could harm the country.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / perception, perspective & point of view: eye / tools & technology

lens (other)

lens onto the (shadowy) world
his arrest provides a ~ of computer hackers

narrow lens
presenting poetry through a ~ of immigration

novel and interesting lens
he has found a ~ through which to view the conflict

viewed from the 20-20 lens
use of force should not be ~ of hindsight (policing standard)

widen the lens
okay, so let's ~ a little bit here... (NPR / Steve Inskeep)
just to ~ and ask a big big question (NPR / Fresh Air)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / perception, perspective & point of view: eye / tools & technology

Leonardo da Vinci

England's Leonardo
Robert Hooke, ~ (according to Allan Chapman)

“England's Leonardo”
he was described as ~ (Robert Hooke)

comparison & contrast / knowledge & intelligence: epithet

leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.)

HMS *Leopard*

there have been a number of ~s

- ♦ "The leopard cannot change its spots."
- ♦ "The skin of the leopard is beautiful, but not its heart."
- ♦ "Only the ignorant goat attends a leopard's party."
- ♦ "Even a leopard cub is called a leopard."
- ♦ Jim Corbett killed the Leopard of Rudrapayag and the Pana Leopard. (Read *Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett, Introduction by Sir Maurice Hallett, Preface by Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India 1936-1943.)

character & personality: animal / predation

identity & nature: animal / predation

proper name: animal / predation

military: animal / predation / proper name

leper (person)

modern-day lepers

we treat them like ~ (fat people)

- ♦ In 2009, Egypt sought to close its last leper colony, the Abou Zaabal Leprosarium. The inhabitants of the colony protested, however. Many of them preferred to live in the colony rather than return home to their villages.

society: health & medicine / person

person: society

acceptance & rejection: health & medicine / person /

society

lesson (noun)

lesson was clear

the ~ (conform, or else)

lesson of his death

the ~ has had a wholesome effect (US lynching of German)

lesson of my life

the greatest ~ (I can cultivate my own joy / Black woman)

lessons from the last time

~ that Cairo waded into war in Yemen (1960s)

lessons learned

he was confident that he could profit from ~
both parties sifted through the returns for ~ (election)

masterclass lesson

Joshua was given a boxing ~ tonight (by Usyk)

brutal lesson

boxing teaches you really ~s

got a (total boxing) lesson

AJ ~ from Usyk tonight

learned my lesson

I ~

learned his lesson

he has probably ~ (a politician who made a serious gaffe)

teach the kid a lesson

maybe I want to ~

- ♦ "I decided to teach Anwar a lesson. If he could pretend to be single, I could pretend to like him. I wanted to give him a taste of his own medicine and see how he liked it."

- ♦ "Boxing is like life, really, but like accentuated, isn't it... It's bittersweet, it's horrible, it teaches you lessons, really brutal lessons, there's no protection inside or outside the ring, and I fell in love with it... (The young boxing promoter Ben Shalom speaking with Steve Bunce.)

- ♦ "We must teach Israel a lesson, and we will do this again and again." (Hamas spokesman Ghazi Hamad about what Hamas calls Operation al-Aqsa Flood. The Israel-Hamas War.)

behavior / knowledge & intelligence: school & education

let down (fail)

let me down

don't ~

let the team down

in the most critical situation, I ~ (sports)

let us down

don't ~

Leslie did not ~ (a basketball player)

let you down

a book would never ~ (Amos Oz)

let a child down

every case, an adult has ~ (under-age drinking)

let myself down

if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

let my family down

if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

let my team down

if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

let my country down

if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

adult has let a child down

in every case, an ~ (under-age drinking)

dogs let him down

each time, the ~ (fighting pit bulls)

step up or let down

you can ~ your colleagues

supported their customers or let them down

have the energy companies ~ (Storm Arwen)

- ♦ "Never gonna give you up, never gonna let you down, never gonna run around, and desert you / never gonna make you cry, never gonna say goodbye, never gonna tell a lie, and hurt you..." (You've been rickrolled: "Rick Astley--Never Gonna Give You Up (Official Music Video)

success & failure: direction / verb

failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb

lethargic (adjective)

lethargic

the government's response has been ~ (earthquake relief)

lethargic display

that was a ~ (a soccer game)

activity / flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine
speed / timeliness & lack of timeliness: movement
letter (love letter)

see *love letter* (noun)

level (take something to a higher level)

took it to a whole new level
yesterday he ~ (criticism of his enemies)

♦ "Nothing beats the vibrant flavor of Mexican cuisine. Come to El Tenampa, where we take those flavors to the next level." (Mexican Grill & Cantina, since 1993, Boise, Idaho. Where "tacos" rhymes with "backhoes.")

increase & decrease: direction

level (ground level, etc.)

from the ten-thousand-foot level
unnecessary, seen ~, but here on the ground... (conflict)

at a 30,000-foot level
that's the whole point of vaccine etiquette ~

on a 30,000-foot level
so, ~, what has emerged is that... (analysis)

at a granular level
she learned about cops at a ~ (became a reserve cop)

at a microscopic level
~, children's use of language is... (words, images)

at a molecular level
suggestion is built into cinema ~ (sex)

at the molecular level
but the closer you look at it, if you see it ~...

from the ground level
we want to show the conflict as it looks ~

deck-plate level
the ~ of actual experiences (the Navy)

platoon level
from the panoramic view, down to the ~ (a battle)

grass roots level
go back home to the ~

♦ "Carrie, let me get your 3,000-foot perspective on something. Do you think that..." / "Let me ask you to pull back 3,000 feet and get the larger view here." / "Let's back up and just get big picture for a second..." (Heard on NPR.)

♦ "It's really up to us to adopt and accept behaviors that take care of those we care about. So, that's the whole point of vaccine etiquette and what we're talking about today, I think, at a 30,000-foot level." (Steven Petrow, aka "Mr. Manners." From "As More Americans Get Coronavirus Vaccines, A New Etiquette Emerges," NPR, Weekend edition Sunday, March 14, 2021.)

♦ "We are looking at it from the 30,000 foot level." (California Democrat Congressman Adam Schiff on NPR.)

♦ "If you look at it from 30,000 feet, you know that some of those people are going to go on to commit violent crime or are going to be victims of crime." (District Attorney Chesa Boudin in San Francisco.)

♦ "He demonstrates a breathtaking command of the battle itself—from the 10,000 meter, panoramic view of the terrain and history, down to the

platoon level." (*Asian Review of Books* about *Shanghai 1937: Stalingrad on the Yangtze* by Peter Harnsen.)

♦ "[Their goals] are not that different, from a forty-thousand-foot level." (Barak Obama, speaking about Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders.)

♦ "Yuh know, on the one hand, this is kind of nutty (huh-huh), on the other hand, hey, ya know what, uh, [Reagan's] got a point, maybe you have to look at things from uh 20 billion miles up to get this kind of perspective." (Fred Kaplan (journalist). From "The 'Secret History' Of Nuclear War," NPR, Fresh Air, September 28, 2020.)

♦ "Regardless of what upper-level leadership says about trying to erase the stigma of mental health in our services, that does not play out when you get to the boots on the ground or the deck-plate level of actual experiences of junior service members." (Stephanie Kral, from "A surge in Navy deserters could be a sign of a bigger problem for the military" by Dustin Jones, NPR, National Security, May 21, 2022.)

♦ Winston Churchill, in 1927, compared his position of Minister of Munitions of War in 1917 to riding "comfortably on an elephant... from whose back a wide scene lay open."

perception, perspective & point of view: ground, terrain & land / height

level (fairness)

on the level
this is not ~ (criminal case thrown out of court)

level of accountability
there needs to be a ~ throughout the system (justice)

level playing field
see *playing field* (*uneven playing field, etc.*)

flaws & lack of flaws: sports & games

levelheaded (adj)

levelheaded girl
Olga Zvirkovskaya, a ~ who will do well and go far...

character & personality: equilibrium & stability

level off (verb)

leveling off
the epidemic may be ~ (opioid abuse)

increase & decrease : direction / number / verb

progress & lack of progress: mountains & hills / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / verb

level up (as verb)

level up in life
~ by establishing a personal brand (Aliza Licht)

"level up" Britain's poor regions
ideas to ~ are sparse

skill up, level up
~ (an advertisement for the University of Montreal)

♦ "Keep Going Up" is a breezy dance-pop bop that's all about leveling up in life." (Lyrics include "I been workin' on my gains lately / I been lovin' myself on the daily" and "I'm no long settlin', I'm upgradin'")

♦ In the U.K., "leveling up" seeks to address the imbalance that favors the south-east of England and London in areas such as opportunity; civic pride; wealth; influence; innovation; high productivity firms; highways; jobs; high-quality schools, etc.

♦ "Questions about transport and the leveling-up agenda are likely to feature heavily." (Conservative Party.)

- ♦ "The Leveling Up Minister Simon Clarke said..." (The U.K.)
- ♦ "Labour mayors across five regions of the North said leveling up had fallen short."
- ♦ "Is Michael Gove the Minister for Leveling Up, Taking Down, or Getting Even?" (Friday Night Comedy from BBC Radio 4. Funny!)
- ♦ "Level up your gift-giving game with a little help from one of our personal shopping pros... Book a free online appointment." (A Microsoft advertisement for its store.)
- ♦ "Cambridge discarding academic achievement for 'potential' is destructive leveling down" by Martin Stephen, U.K.'s The Daily Telegraph, 20 Feb 2023.
- ♦ "The 2023 Corolla Hybrid levels up across the board. With more power..." (An advertisement.)
- ♦ "Level-Up Your Critical Thinking." (A full-page advertisement in *The Atlantic* for Beacon Press.)
- ♦ "Level up your videos, at no extra cost. Your Microsoft 365 subscription includes additional high-quality, bespoke filters, transitions, and effects, all specifically designed to enhance your content and showcase your creativity. Start creating today." (Click on it.)
- ♦ "Level up your grooming game, your balls will thank you." (A Manskaped advertisement.)

increase & decrease: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / part of speech / verb

lever (levers of power, etc.)

levers of power
he holds the ~

levers of the state
the power of the justice system, finance ministry, other ~

diplomatic lever
we need to find the right ~ (encouraging democracy)

Russia's (diplomatic) levers
Kim's visit to Moscow is a reminder to Washington of ~

pulls the levers
she ~ of power in Congress and moves legislation

control & lack of control: mechanism

leverage (noun)

leverage over North Korea
China has the most ~

diplomatic leverage
Sadat gained ~ using oil as a political weapon (1973)

♦ "Give me a place to stand, and I shall move the earth." (Attributed to Archimedes. This attests to the power of a lever and a fulcrum.)

power / force: tools & technology

leverage (verb)

leverage its support
Israel should ~ in decisive talks with the Palestinians

power / force: tools & technology / verb

leviathan (noun)

leviathans
Britain's two new aircraft carriers are ~

leviathan's (40,000) employees

the ~ (VinGroup conglomerate / Vietnam)

leviathan government
he wants to shrink our ~ (a politician)

leviathan state
they protested against the encroachments of a ~ (health)

intelligence leviathan
9/11 helped to create a sprawling ~

new leviathan
the intelligence services are the ~

become a leviathan
what started as a little startup has ~ (Facebook)

♦ "Throng of tourists came to see the men and their iron leviathans at work. They held their children up to see and hear the dynamite blasts. They came day by day to watch the limestone walls appear, running straight and true for miles, and to see great new canyons form in front of them, like one of the huge chasms out west that excited travelers were reporting having seen. This was becoming Chicago's Grand Canyon, and it was made by man. (The Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. From *The Men Who United The States* by Simon Winchester.)

♦ The aging leviathan still works out at Gold's Gym in Venice. (Arnold Schwarzenegger, according to Mark Leibovich.)

♦ The Behemoth was a huge land monster mentioned in the Book of Job. Its aquatic counterpart was the Leviathan. Both creatures were controlled by God, symbolizing God's power.

size: allusion / Bible / creature / religion

Lexington (of China, etc.)

Lexington, if you will, of the Republic of China
Hankou is the ~ (the "double ten," 1911)

♦ The Wuchang Uprising of 10 October 1911 (the "double ten") was the beginning of the end of the Qing Dynasty in China.

♦ "Double Ten" is recognized by Merriam-Webster.

♦ "By the rude bridge that arched the flood, / Their flag to April's breeze unfurled, / Here once the embattled farmers stood / And fired the shot heard round the world." ("The Concord Hymn" by Ralph Waldo Emerson.)

♦ On reaching Concord, the grenadiers executed the object in view by destroying the ordnance and stores... / The loss of the Provincials in this affair, which they pompously styled 'the battle of Lexington,' was only sixty men, two-thirds of whom were killed. / An officer who was engaged wrote thus:-- / 'The rebels fought like the savages of the country, and treated some who had the misfortune to fall like savages, for they scalped them and cut off their ears with the most unmanly brutality. This has irritated the troops to a very high degree...' / The return of the troops to Boston, though they had fully accomplished the duty on which they had been sent, was represented all over the continent as a defeat..." (*British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

history / military: epithet

LGBTQ+

LGBTQIAA+
the term ~

LGBTQ+ activism
Russia's Supreme Court effectively outlaws ~

LGBTQ+ acts
71 countries criminalise ~

LGBTQ advocate
Brinton is an ~ and activist (Sam Brinton, DOE)

LGBT ally
he is a straight ~ (co-founder of So Gay Rosé brand / \$)

LGBTQ children
the “Don’t Say Gay” bill will harm ~

LGBTQ+ clients
‘queer gym’ empowers ~, both physically and mentally

LGBTQ Community
the ~ fears a further escalation of hate

LGBT community
suicide prevention in the ~

LGBTQ+ community
Kendrick Lamar’s new song divides the ~

LGBTQIA community
we stand with the ~ (Urban Christian Academy KC)

LGBTQ+ABCDE crowd
BLM and the ~ (a disparaging commenter)

LGBTQ expression
corporate reappropriation, the straight-approved forms of ~

LGBTQIA2S+ folks
resources for ~

LGBTQIA+ Employee Resource Group
she also served as the bank’s ~ co-chair (Silicon Valley Bank)

LGBTQ supporters group
Chelsea Pride, the London club’s ~ (the “Rent boy” chant)

LGBTQ hate
~ thrives online

LGBT identities
so when I started college I started to learn about ~

LGBTQ+ identity
Hulu special ‘Mormon No More’ explores ~ (Moms marry)

LGBTQ individuals
the term “traditional marriage” marginalizes ~

LGBTQ issues
I don’t recall ever studying ~ in my history classes

LGBTQ+ language use
new developments in ~ (academic linguists)

LGBTQ marginalization
talking about ~ in conversations...

LGBTQ nightclubs
The Q, one of New York City’s largest ~ (Frankie Sharp)

LGBTQ people
the lived reality for many ~

LGBTQ Pride
several thousand people joined a march against ~ (Belgrade)

LGBTQ rights
fighting for ~ and advocating for oneself can be exhausting

the Supreme Court upheld religious rights over ~

LGBTQ supporters
3LionsPride, an England fan group for ~ (soccer)

LGBTQ travelers
~ promoted the island as queer-friendly (Bali)

LGBT values
the legislation will protect the country from ~

L.G.B.T.Q. Culture War
Ross Douhat’s “How to Make Sense of the New ~”

LGBTQ+ youth
a blog emphasizing mental health awareness for ~

LGBTQ+ employees and allies
a sense of community for our ~ (Silicon Valley Bank)

LGBTQ-themed
the mass production of ~ entertainment

LGBTQ and Gen Z
holding his space in ~ culture

anti-LGBTQ
so many ~ attacks going on around the country
a year of ~ hate
an onslaught of aggressively hostile ~ bills
Uganda has passed one of the world’s harshest ~ bills

Black LGBTQ+
Black, ~, brown, Native, and Muslim communities

Black and LGBTQ
students are resisting ~ erasure

BLM and the LGBTQ+ABCDE
~ crowd (a disparaging commenter)

trans and LGBTQ
how to be a ~ ally at work (Gender Reveal / NPR)

come to be known as “LGBTQ+”
the alphabet soup that has ~

divorce T and Q
why it’s time for LGB to ~ (Chadwick Moore, *NYP*)

drop the T
“~” videos on TikTok have gotten millions of views

identify as LGBTQ+
half of teens who ~ experience poor mental health

♦ “There are so many anti-LGBTQ attacks going on around the country and a lot of them are really about trying to erase our existence and to make us invisible, and to make our young people invisible and our elders invisible.” (Michael Adams, CEO of SAGE.)

♦ “The facts are clear, our community is growing, and we will take our seat at the table.” (A comment about a poll showing that 21% of Gen Z is LGBTQ.)

♦ “Researchers from all over the world gather each year to talk about new developments in LGBTQ+ language use.” (Academia, linguists.)

♦ “Lilly (a 12-year-old) is talking about the full acronym, LGBTQQIAAP, that stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, allies, asexual, and pansexual.” (“What your teen wishes you

knew about sex education" by Cory Turner and Anya Kamenetz, NPR, Life Kit, Feb. 11, 2020.)

♦ "16 LGBTQ art shows that keep the summer Pride vibe flowing." (NBC Out, which "showcases feature stories, original videos and other unique content about, and of interest to, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community.")

♦ "The LGBTQ community fears a further escalation of hate." (Following the "2023 Covenant School shooting.")

♦ "Trans-curious" is listed in the Wiktionary and tagged "LGBT."

♦ "The term LGBTQIAA+ is a clear instance of balkanization." (Jonathan Rauch.)

♦ "LGBTQ+...what happens when they use up the alphabet?" (A disparaging online commenter.)

♦ "The legislation will protect the country from LGBT values." (Russia's "Answer to Blinken" law that bans gay propaganda.)

♦ "Will England be taking the knee at this World Cup to highlight social injustices? If so, does this also cover gingers and baldies?" / "Of course. What do you think the G and B stand for in LGBTQ?" (Inspired repartee on a BBC HYS about the FIFA World Cup in Qatar. The snark alludes to a speech given by FIFA president Gianni Infantino in which he said, "At school I was bullied because I had red hair and freckles." Read "Fact check: 11 eye-catching lines from Gianni Infantino's speech in Qatar" by Paul MacInnes, *The Guardian*, 19 Nov 2023. The games were considered a great success by everyone, and those who visited Qatar in person praised the country for its unique culture and wonderful hospitality.)

♦ see also *alphabet (LGBTQ+)*, *queer (collocations)*

inclusion & exclusion: language

liberation (groups)

liberation theology

examining Catholicism's controversial ~

age liberation

~, don't let ageism define you (Life Kit / Tools)

animal liberation

~ is no longer the fringe idea it once was
the role of science in a push for ~

Black Liberation

the ~ Army carried out a series of deadly attacks

black liberation

black capitalism as a strategy for ~ and black attainment
James H. Cone, Founder of ~ theology
dissecting ~ theology (by Geoff Bennett)
he spent 27 years in jail for a cause, ~ (Mandela)

Earth Liberation

the ~ Front is attacking Hummers

fat liberation

body positivity's more radical origins in ~
we should all be talking about ~ (size freedom)

gay liberation

the ~ movement is now the gender identity movement

Gnome Liberation

garden gnomes taken from homes by the ~ Front

Health Liberation

~ Now, a trans rights advocacy group...

Queer Liberation

the ~ March, a Pride event... (Reclaim Pride Coalition)

achieve liberation

the term was what gays needed to ~ ("homophobic")

♦ "As it turned out, the word 'homophobia' was exactly the concept that gay men and lesbians needed to achieve liberation." (Psychotherapist George Weinberg, in 2012. He is the author of the 1972 book *Society and the Healthy Homosexual* and a gay-rights activist. Quoted in "How 'Phobic' Became a Weapon in the Identity Wars" by Amanda Hess, *The New York Times Magazine*, Jan. 26, 2016. It's a brilliant article.)

♦ "My belief is that we should be centering the voices and the experiences of the most marginalized people and communities at all times. So when I think about what fat liberation looks like to me, I think about centering the voices of those who live in and who maneuver through spaces and institutions in a fat body." (Zyahna Bryant, activist, who has partnered with the soap and beauty company Dove to promote fat liberation, or size freedom.)

♦ "One year gnomes were found hanged along with a note that said, 'When you read these words we will no longer be part of your selfish world in which we serve only as decoration.'" ("Morning Edition' Returns: Gnome Liberation," Bob Edwards, Morning Edition, December 30, 2003.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: China's People's Liberation Army; the liberation of Auschwitz and Birkenau by the Red Army; the liberation of Paris; the National Liberation Front (Algeria); Kuwait's Liberation from Iraqi occupation...

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

library (amount)

libraries of sentiment

the line says little but conveys whole ~ (in a poem)

amount: books & reading

library (tool library, etc.)

library of images

Boris Dayma used an existing ~ (DALL-E mini app)

library of (unreleased) recordings

when Prince died, he left a massive ~ at his studio

library of tests

add to our extensive ~ ("We Want Your Tests" / ETS)

library of things

the Akron-Summit County Public Library includes a ~
the ~: why buy when you can borrow

library of shows

Netflix and its ~

tool library

Milwaukee has a ~ (users can "check out" tools, etc.)

♦ The Library of Congress is not your local neighborhood library, and its collection is not limited to books. It is a national treasure, an institution every American can be proud of. Long may it live and prosper. Which is not to say it has been without controversy...

♦ Art Library; Cake Pans; Educational Kits; Kitchen Tools; Recreational Things... (The Akron-Summit County Public Library's "Library Of Things" that you can check out. The cake-pans collection includes a Cookie Monster Happy Birthday Cake Pan. Recreational Things include backgammon and chess sets.)

♦ "Borrowers also agree that the Longmont Public Library is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage that may occur as a result of use of Library of Things items." (Longmont Public Library, Colorado.)

♦ similar to *bank (tissue bank, etc.)*

group, set & collection: books & reading

license (noun)

license to act vile
we the public have ~ (lack of civility nowadays)

license to publish
this is not a ~ anti-government stories

license to kill
fear or hatred are not a ~ (vigilante action)

interpret this as a license
editors should not ~ to publish anti-government stories

takes (dramatic) license
the series ~ with a lot of events (HBO)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: document / government

lid (keep the lid on something)

keep a lid on such information
it's next to impossible to ~ (mass shooters' names)

access & lack of access: bottle / container / verb

lie (tell an untruth)

lie
DNA doesn't ~ (charged with murder)

Lie
How Charts ~ by Alberto Cairo

evidence / fictive communication: speech / verb

lie (position)

lay devastated
the city ~ by typhus (Belgrade)

lay open
this was the American landscape that ~ to the virus

lay spread out
finally the mountain gateway opened, and the plain ~ below

fictive position: standing, sitting & lying / verb

lie (lie ahead)

lies ahead
the work that ~ will be difficult
we are ready for the struggle that ~ (war)

lie ahead
as we prepare for the elections that ~...
her biggest challenges ~

future / time: direction / journeys & trips / verb

lie down (and lay down)

lay down
I ~ so she wouldn't go (pled guilty to drugs)
to ~ for your biggest rivals is unforgivable (Man U fan)

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / standing, sitting & lying / verb

lie low (and lay low)

lay low
just ~ and cool it (Anthony Fauci / Super Bowl parties)

laying low
he and his family have been ~ since the fatal incident

lying low
the gangs are ~

activity / attention, scrutiny & promotion: animal / standing, sitting & lying / verb

life (give life)

given new life to grievances
the uranium boom has ~ over land and power (Niger)

given new life to an old myth
the controversy has ~

amelioration & renewal: death & life / verb
survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

life (lose one's life)

lost his life
he ~ in a kayaking accident

lost my life
I almost ~ because these dumb dudes...

death & life: euphemism / possession / verb

life (take one's life)

take his life
his last-minute decision would ~ (climbing)

taken another life
this awful act of violence has ~ (one victim dies in hospital)

death & life: euphemism / possession / verb

life (life was cut short)

life was cut short
unfortunately his life was ~ at 25 (a murdered rapper)

death & life: euphemism

life (give one's life, etc.)

gave his life for peace
he gave ~ (Yitzhak Rabin)

death & life: euphemism / possession / verb

life (give up one's life, etc.)

gave his life for peace
he gave ~ (Yitzhak Rabin)

death & life: euphemism / possession / verb

life (steal a life)

stole eight lives
he ~ (a terrorist / NYC)

death & life: euphemism / possession / verb

life (lay down one's life, etc.)

laid down their lives
the 457 service personnel who ~ (Brits in Afghanistan)

lay down his life for another
there is no greater act of selflessness than for one to ~

♦ You can lay down your life for a friend or give up your life for a friend.

death & life: direction / euphemism / verb

life (begin life)

began life as a monastery
St Mark's Church ~

growth & development: life span / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / verb

life (bring to life)

brings to life
the exhibit ~ the personalities behind the inventions

bring a (decades-old) cold case to life
few writers have the skill to ~ (*I'll Be Gone In The Dark*)

brings Copernicus to life
his new biography ~

bring (educational) exhibits to life
sound can ~ (natural-sound recordings)

brings the geography to life
"America from the Air" ~ (picture book)

brings history (really back) to life
it ~ (illuminating Hadrian's Wall with 500 beacons)

brings him (back) to life
she ~ sexually (character in film)

substance & lack of substance: death & life / verb

amelioration & renewal: death & life / verb

life (breathe life)

breathed life into Germany's campaign
Reus ~ (important world-cup goal)

breathe life into a career
he continues to ~ that looked finished (a boxer)

breathe (new) life into the case
she hoped to ~ and help the victims' families find closure

breathes life into the image
you upload a picture and AI ~ (blinks, smiles, moves head)

breathe life into the (Arab peace) initiative
the king's effort to ~

breathe life into the sport
he is trying to find novel ways to ~ (Indy car racing)

breathed life (back) into a team
he ~ that looked to be losing its pulse

♦ "What it does is it really brings your ancestors to life in a kind of really wow moment." (Rafi Mendelsohn, about "Deep Nostalgia" at the MyHeritage website. The photo will blink, smile, and move its head. From "Genealogy Website Uses AI Software To Bring Old Photos To Life," NPR, Morning Edition, March 2, 2021.)

amelioration & renewal / survival, persistence & endurance: breathing / death & life / health & medicine / verb

life (life of its own)

taken on a life of its own
his death has ~ (conspiracy theory)

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

life (spring to life)

sprang to life
Mount Marapi ~ early this week (volcano)
the town ~ from nothing (oil)

sprang (vividly) to life
the issues ~ (heated discussion)

activity / initiation: death & life / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / verb

life (from walks of life)

from all walks of life
we are ~, but we all love the same thing (hobbyists)
people ~ gathered (Tunisian protests)
his funeral was attended by people ~ (Pasternak, 1960)
people ~ were encouraged to do volunteer work (China)

friends from all walks of life
I have ~

people from all walks of life
he thinks ~ can relate to his cause

students from all walks of life
universities should reach out to ~

come from all walks of life
they ~ (to a funeral)

society: walking, running & jumping

life (in all walks of life)

in all walks of life
Azerbaijanis ~ tend to... (opinions)

active in all walks of life
Muslims are ~ (US)

society: walking, running & jumping

life (walks of life)

different walks of life

you've got five people from completely ~ (D. C. Metro)
spreading into all walks of life
an epidemic of violence is ~

society: walking, running & jumping

life (container)

life
life is full of surprises
my ~ is empty

full life
she led a ~

death & life: container

life (life is a building)

life
my ~ is in ruins

life crumbled
my ~

built a good life
we ~ together

put my life back together
I'm trying to ~

death & life: infrastructure

life (things)

life of the product
this product is fully warranted for the ~

life of the (ReadNet) school
the brief ~ offers a stark lesson... (charter)

life of four hours
the active battery pack has an estimated ~

life stories
the ~ of thousands of words (*Word Origins* by W. Funk)

hailstone's life
in a ~ a long time is 10 to 20 minutes

battery life
laptop users list ~ as their No. 1 complaint

design life
many bridges are at the end of their ~ (collapses)

service life
the sewer system is reaching the end of its ~

shelf life
see *shelf life (and sell-by date)*

toy life
read the directions for safer play and longer ~

half-life
the elimination ~ is 27 minutes (GHB)
the drug has a short onset of effect and a short ~

working life
equipment has outlived its predicted ~ (electric utility)

estimated life
the active battery pack has an ~ of four hours

extended-life
~ batteries

hidden life
see *life (hidden life, hidden lives)*

predicted (working) life
equipment has outlived its ~ (electric utility)

brief life
the ~ of the ReadNet school offers a stark lesson

secret life
see *life (secret life, secret lives)*

useful lives
downtown freeways have reached the end of their ~

at the end of their (design) life
many bridges are ~ (collapses)

end of their (useful) lives
downtown freeways have reached the ~

began life
the magnetic strip ~ in the 1960s as an IBM project

draw new life from old wells
as the industry improves its ability to ~ (oil)

take on a life of its own
an injustice can ~ (the law is an ass)

♦ "Every rock face breathes life with its lungs and emanates an energy that is proper only to itself." (The great Slovenian climber Tomaz Humar in *No Impossible Ways*.)

♦ "The gun ain't nuttin' to play with. You know, it don't know nobody, you know, it just dangerous." (A resident of Newberry, South Carolina.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life

life (hidden life, hidden lives)

Hidden Life of Garbage
Gone Tomorrow: the ~ (a book)

hidden life of garbage
the ~ and where old PCs go to die

hidden life of guns
a team of Post reporters have been investigating the ~

'hidden' lives
a web of trees and their ~ (Alva Noe)

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life

presence & absence: death & life

concealment & lack of concealment: death & life

life (secret life, secret lives)

Secret Life of the Teenage Brain
Inventing Ourselves: The ~ (Sarah-Jayne Blakemore)

Secret Lives of Cheerleaders
the 2019 drama-thriller *The ~* (starring Lucy Hale)

Secret Life of the (Sonoran) Desert
the ~ (NPR Science)

Secret Life of Dictionaries
the ~ (a review of *Word by Word* by Kory Stamper)

Secret Life of Groceries
The ~: The Dark Miracle of the American Supermarket

secret life of hues
he explores the ~ (art critic Peter Schjeldahl)

secret life of ice
the ~ (NPR Science)

Secret Life of (California's World-Class) Strawberries
the ~ (NPR's *The Salt* by Dan Charles)

secret lives of trees
the buried, ~

♦ "Explore our *Secret Lives of Teachers* series." (NPR, *Secret Lives Of Teachers*, by Tovia Smith, Elissa Nadworny, Lindsay Sandoval, etc.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life

presence & absence: death & life

concealment & lack of concealment: death & life

life (survival)

political life
he is fighting for his ~ (a politician)

coming back to life
the economy is ~

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

life (your best life, etc.)

see *best life (and best lives)*

lifeblood (noun)

lifeblood of the Gulf
the estuaries are the ~ (oil spill)

lifeblood of the country
the Congo River is the ~

lifeblood of the community
the river is the ~

lifeblood of our communities
small businesses are the ~ (commerce)

lifeblood of the (modern) economy
energy is the ~ (California)

lifeblood of racing
short tracks are the ~ (steppingstones to NASCAR)

lifeblood of the region
the economic ~ is the river

lifeblood of Saudi Arabia
this company is the ~ (Aramco)

lifeblood of the town
the sea was the ~ (fishing, etc.)

lifeblood of (so many) colleges and schools
federal financial aid is the ~

lifeblood and birthright
pumping oil and gas is considered both a ~ (Texas)

Iraq's (economic) lifeblood
pipelines funnel ~ (oil)

Zambia's (commercial) lifeblood
mining and sales businesses are ~

Sahel's lifeblood
the ~ has always been a seasonal monsoon

Mallory's lifeblood
mystery and danger were ~ (the climber)

commercial lifeblood
mining and sales businesses are Zambia's ~

economic lifeblood
the ~ of the region is the river
pipelines funnel Iraq's ~ (oil)

bases: blood / death & life

lifeline (noun)

lifeline
songwriting has been a ~ (Todd Snider / bipolar, etc.)
in Somalia, piracy isn't just a business, it's a ~

lifeline for Gaza's economy
Israeli work permits are a ~

lifeline for Egypt
the waters of the River Nile are a ~

lifeline for the (entire) Southwest
the Colorado River drainage basin, a ~

lifeline for (countless) villages
the Congo River is the ~ (Congo)

financial lifeline
Jet Airways is seeking a ~ to avoid collapse (debt)

provided a lifeline
but Congress ~ when it mandated that... (radio telescope)

♦ "Not only did they throw you a life preserver, they drove the boat and picked you up!" (Shannon Sharpe, speaking to Skip Bayless about Antonio Brown, on the sports show "Skip and Shannon: Undisputed." "They" refer to Tom Brady, Bruce Arians, and the Miami Dolphins football team, who hired Antonio Brown after he had been cut from 3 teams. Brown ended up walking off the field in the middle of a game.)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / death & life / water

lifer (person)

lifer
I've been a ~, 25 years... (NPR's Uri Berliner)

♦ "I've been a life, 25 years, I believe in the mission." (NPR's Uri Berliner.)

allegiance, support & betrayal / experience / person:
military

life raft (and life boat, lifeboat)

life raft for his floundering campaign
South Carolina is a ~ (primary elections)

life raft for the caregivers
Patti Davis provides a ~ of Alzheimer's patients

jumped while there was still a lifeboat in the water
I ~ (voluntary redundancy vs compulsory / academia)

took refuge in their (Dragon and Soyuz) lifeboats
they ~ (the International Space Station)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / death & life / water

life span (noun)

life span of 198 days
the annual Great Whirl has an average ~ (Arabian Sea)

growth & development: life span

life support (on life support)

on life support
Detroit is ~
the team is ~ (losing)

♦ "But that 1.5 degree goal is on life support—and the machines are rattling." (The UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres at COP27. That final word in his sentence falls a bit flat to my ears.)

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine

decline: death & life / health & medicine

lift (feeling)

temporary lift
caffeine may give you a ~, but it won't sustain you

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

lift (verb)

lift the (country's) mood
it's a great way to ~ (Euro 2020 in England)

lifted our spirits
Sara ~

depression had lifted
her ~, and she felt buoyant and hopeful

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb

lift (amelioration)

lift the sanctions
they want to ~

amelioration & renewal: verb / weight

dismissal, removal & resignation: verb / weight

lift (heavy lift)

heavy lift

it's a ~ (gaining support for a bill / politics)

heavy lift for them
all that testing will be a ~ (COVID / a company)

heavy lift (for Biden) to prevent violence
it's going to be a ~ (protests)

difficulty, easiness & effort: weight

lifting (heavy lifting)

heavy lifting
let us do the ~ (ad)

heavy research lifting
Oxford University had done a lot of the ~ (vaccine)

did the heavy lifting
we ~, and they got the credit (disgusted)

work & duty: burden / weight

light (in light of)

in light of the difficulties
~ facing the Dukha and other traditional peoples

in light of the (uncovered) documents
an appeal ~ (trial)

in light of (yesterday's) incident
~, nobody will be allowed to...

in light of the revelation
how they would pursue the case ~

in light of (last week's) tragedy
the game has been cancelled ~

♦ This is a 3-word preposition, and it seems to mean the same as "in view of" or "because of" or "considering."

relationship: light & dark / prep, adv, adj, particle

light (shining light)

shining light
co-workers described Nina as a ~ (died)

superlative: light & dark

character & personality: light & dark

light (guiding light)

guiding lights of the continent
the ~ are dull indeed (leaders)

direction: journeys & trips / light & dark

light (warning light, etc.)

warning lights
~ seem to be flashing all across the Middle East

warning: light & dark

light (in a same / different light, etc.)

in a different light
he saw the world ~

they began to view him ~

in different lights

different men often see the same subject in ~

in a negative light

tenants see him ~ (landlord)

in the same light

only in China are teachers seen ~ as doctors (status)
he wants to put himself ~ as Donald Trump (politics)

in the same (sort of) light

we are looking at vaccine ~ (as body armor / military)

perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark

light (come to light)

came to light

the scope of medical errors ~ when...

come to light

new evidence has ~

come to light earlier

these misdeeds should have ~ (sex abuse)

came to light two years ago

the problem ~

evidence has come to light

new ~

problem came to light

the ~ two years ago

appearance & disappearance: light & dark / verb

searching & discovery: light & dark / verb

consciousness & awareness: light & dark / verb

light (bring something to light)

brought to light

new findings have been ~ from the old data

appearance & disappearance: light & dark / verb

searching & discovery: light & dark / verb

consciousness & awareness: light & dark / verb

light (see the light)

see the light

it ought to ~ (an unpublished manuscript)

appearance & disappearance: light & dark

light (shed light)

shed (no immediate) light on the (June 5) abduction

his arrest ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation / concealment & lack

of concealment: light & dark / verb

light (shine a light)

shine a light on the abuse

what he did was ~ (prison guard)

shine a light on the women

we must ~ who have brought knowledge into the world

shining a light (of hope) to all those...

tonight is all about ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / verb

light (make light of something)

made light of the (whole) situation

he ~ (pressure)

made light of the trial

she ~ and has apologized (a celebrity kerfuffle)

substance & lack of substance: weight / verb

lighten (lighten things up, etc.)

lightened the mood

the good news ~

lighten things up

things are getting a little heavy, let's ~

amelioration & renewal: verb / weight

feeling, emotion & effect: verb / weight

light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)

light bulb in kids' heads

we hope to turn on a ~ about science

light-bulb moment

you've heard of a ~, this was a spotlight moment
these ~s feel as if they happen in a flash but...

will UK provide a ~ for US Democrats (Labor defeat)

lightbulb moment

Steve Bartlett's ~ was when he realized... (Social Chain)

lightbulb realization

a ~ that survival is more important than morality

light bulb went off

a ~ in his head and he... (good idea)

turn on a light bulb

we hope to ~ in kids' heads about science

♦ "And then one day it hit me, like I had this lightbulb moment where I realized..." (A writer.)

♦ see also *moment (type of moment)* for moments of realization, understanding, discovery, etc.

♦ see also *bulb (dim bulb, etc.)*

consciousness & awareness / comprehension &

incomprehension: light & dark / sign, signal, symbol

idea / knowledge & intelligence: light & dark / sign, signal, symbol

light-hearted (adjective)

seemed light-hearted

she ~ during the re-enactment (of a crime)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / weight

heart: weight

lighthouse (protection)

lighthouses in the storm

at times like that, people are looking for ~ (downturn)

direction: boat / infrastructure / light & dark / sea

danger: boat / sea

protection & lack of protection: boat / sign, signal, symbol

lighthouse (illumination)

lighthouse of civilization, conviviality, and philosophy

Cordova was the ~ in West Europe (Muslim Spain)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark

comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark

lightly (take something lightly, etc.)

take this issue lightly

nobody should ~

taken lightly

the decision was difficult and not ~

use these words lightly

and I do not ~ (terror to describe a mass murder)

substance & lack of substance: weight

lightning (military)

lightning-quick

he had created the mobile, ~ army (General Grant)

lightning advance

the ~ northward continues (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

lightning drive

the ~ to reach Baghdad (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

lightning operation

it was supposed to be a ~ (Anzio / Operation Shingle)

lightning (offensive) operation

one key to a ~ was making sure...(military)

F-35 Lightning 2

the ~ costs about 80 million dollars (plane)

military: lightning / storm

lightning (adjective)

lightning fast

Khan still looks to have ~ fists (vs. Brook / boxing)

lightning speed

the catastrophe developed at ~ (submarine)

color graphics downloaded at ~

the US broke again with ~ (soccer team)

the risks of a war that began with ~

the ~ of modern technology

Omicron is spreading at ~

lightning war

this ~ on public education (billionaires support charters)

speed: lightning / storm

lightning (fate)

lightning

~ can strike twice

lightning struck

everything was going good, and then ~

♦ "In southern Indiana lightning struck a ball field, injuring four members of the Seymour girl's high school softball team. One of the girls was in critical condition, while the other three sustained non-critical injuries... The skies were reportedly clear at the time of the strike."

♦ "The boy directly in front of me... In other words, his feet were about that far from my head, as he was halfway through the fence, lightning struck the barbed wire, electrocuted him on the spot. I didn't know he was dead, I had never seen a dead person, so I crawled beside him and I pulled him into the meadow and I stayed with him for an hour trying to warm him up. And that was the moment when I understood that anything can happen to anybody at any time. And it's an experience that has haunted me all my life, I've thought about it probably every day. It was the single-most important thing that ever happened to me." (US novelist Paul Auster. From "Paul Auster on his 'single most important' moment," BBC, Thursday, 14 March 2017. Paul was 14 years old when the tragedy occurred.)

fate, fortune & chance: electricity / lightning / sky / storm

lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.)

hip-swinging bolt of lightning

he was a ~ (Johnny Hallyday)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / lightning / storm

lightning bolt (comprehension)

lightning-bolt moment

it was a ~ when I knew what I wanted to do (be a singer)

I had a ~ on a trip to Fire Island (about his gayness)

comprehension & incomprehension: electricity / lightning / storm

lightning rod

lightning rod

the university is a ~ for people with political statements

Al Jazeera has always been a ~ (politics)

lightning rod for (public) anger

he became the ~ over the disaster (replaced)

lightning rod for controversy

ever the ~, Soulja Boy made headlines when...

lightning rod for criticism

he became a ~ (a baseball manager)

lightning rod for a (bitter political) debate

the issue became a ~ over whether...

became a lightning rod

the case ~ for outrage in the community (bullying)

♦ Many clerics opposed the use of lightning rods on church steeples, in spite of the fact that the steeples attracted lightning that caused fires. In 1767, the church of San Nazaro in Brescia (Brescia) was hit by lightning 17 years after Benjamin Franklin invented the lightning rod. Inside were several thousand pounds of gunpowder. The blast destroyed not only the church but one-sixth of the city and killed over 3,000 people.

attraction & repulsion: electricity / lightning

light show

celestial light show
the Leonid meteor shower, that November ~...

resemblance: theater

light up (a room, etc.)

lights up the stage
she ~

superlative: light & dark / verb
character & personality: light & dark / verb

light up (activity)

lights up social media
Warren's fiery performance ~ (Democratic debate)

lit up with (anti-aircraft) fire
the sky ~

activity: light & dark / verb

lightweight (noun)

intellectual lightweight
she's an ~

substance & lack of substance: boxing / weight

light year (a long time)

seems like light years
it ~ since...

time: amount / astronomy

light year (light years ahead)

light years ahead of her peers
she was ~

light years ahead of the techniques
today's tech is ~ available in the 1940s (forensics)

♦ Might also be expressed as "miles ahead" or "miles behind."

competition: distance / proximity

light year (light years away, etc.)

light years away
he is ~ from the keeper he used to be (decline)
Man U is still ~ from the glory days of old, but...

proximity: astronomy / distance / star

like (Svengali-like, etc.)

Svengali-like
Vicky Page seemed to be the victim of the ~ Lermontov

wizard-like
Welsh boxer Joe Cordina is a man with ~ skills

comparison & contrast: affix

like (not like)

it's not like
~ you're like putting a bunch of pressure...

contempo-speak: language
comparison & contrast: negation

like (filler)

like that's a good idea
why do people tattoo their face ~ (online commenter)

like it's like
~ this bias doesn't exist (upset, sarcastic)

like it kind of felt like
~ a bad break up

like a moment
yes, it feels to me ~ where people are sort of...

like our school
~, like the ceilings, like they're gone (a tornado / teen girl)

like a shock
when it does happen to you, it's ~ (a Temple U. coed)

like definitely
see *definitely* (contempo-speak)

like even
see *even* (contempo-speak)

like, extremely
see *extremely* (contempo-speak)

like just
see *just* (filler)

like, like
~, it was just so devastating...

like obviously
see *obviously* (contempo-speak)

like totally
see *totally* (contempo-speak)

like very
see *very* (contempo-speak)

like you know
see *you know* (filler)

a bit, like
I did feel ~, unsatisfied (a Gen-Z relationship)

actually kind of, like
it was ~, modernized... (return to Ukraine)

just like
there were ~ these kind of white mainstream approaches
there were ~ a lot of white liberals...
I was ~ so amazed...
I ~ thank God that I like, you know, thank God I...
and I was ~, I was speechless...

kind of, like

I was ~, terrified of him (a Gen-Z “relationship”)

kind of, like, you know

see *you know* (filler)

kind of like

see *kind of like* (filler)

maybe like

and so I just thought ~ uhh...

so, like

~, think of something like...

sort of like

see *sort of like* (filler)

Totally Like

Taylor Mali reads his poem “~Whatever”

totally like

and it feels ~ discrimination to me

totally, like

Ozzy is ~, back (Survivor: South Pacific / Linda Holmes)
something so ~, amazingly weird, insightful, sensitive...

♦ “There was a moment where I was like, you know, I’m this privileged person...”

♦ “That would be like obviously very extremely interesting for like a future direction. (An *academic* presentation by a young male.)

♦ “I think that like what they were able to do was just like... (Heard on NPR.)

♦ “This would be where, like, the national Republican national committee, for example, might... (Punditry heard on NPR. The astonishingly long “frontloading” before saying something of substance is a characteristic of *contempo-speak*.)

♦ “I think it’s an era that like aesthetically I could really get down with.” (Kemah Bob about the era of Hatshepsut on BBC’s “You’re Dead To Me.” She specifically mentions the colors gold and blue, eyeliner, and cats.)

♦ “You know, there’s the phenomenon of walking while trans where specifically like Trans women of color while just existing oftentimes get the police called on them just for like being Trans.”

♦ “I was just like so amazed, like, damn, this boy really don’t care, like he really out in public, with makeup, lashes, beard... Like I was still kinda you know... I’m doing the same thing, but I’m not as open.” (Mitch Copeland about Saucy Santana.)

♦ “Bats are associated with like vampires and stuff.”

♦ “Like our school, like the ceilings, like they’re gone.” (Like a high-school girl, like being interviewed, like right after a tornado.)

♦ “We heard like a loud bang. So we thought it was like gunshots or something, so we got scared.” (A young girl, perhaps 11 or 12, interviewed on NBC about a plane crash. “Like” and “so” alternate in her speech.)

♦ “I wasn’t originally planning on like applying to any like Ivy League or like prestigious schools...”

♦ “Yeah, they have these belts on with like all these extra bullets and they’re like dressed for war.” (Leah talking to her Brit producer, Georgia, for their podcast about the militia movement.)

♦ “You’re not really used to like being back, like in full gear, like the world is sort of like starting to turn back on.” (A Northeastern University, Boston, sophomore coed about mental health post-Covid.)

♦ “There were just like a lot of white liberals who were like, “Europe really has things figured out.” So there was like a big sort of Europe worship thing happening [with upspeak] that I think was mostly about... You know...” (The podcast *Maintenance Phase* with Aubrey Gordon and Michael Hobbes.)

♦ “Just like it’s giving that type of horror that’s like almost deeply uncomfortable where like somebody like gets turned into something and you’re like trapped you know?” (Who? Weekly podcast. The film *Tusk*.)

♦ “It’s not like you’re like putting a bunch of pressure, you’re just like, kind of like, feel like, okay, we’re doing a thing.” (A FTM binary athlete.)

♦ “And I just felt for so many years—I was like, I just feel like there’s some stuff going on with me about gender. I can’t decide if I’m a girl who feels kind of like a boy or like a gay man trapped in a girl’s body or if I’m, like, a boy but in a very feminine way, or, like, am I a lesbian? It was just very confusing. And I just kept feeling like I was trying on, like, clothes that didn’t fit. And it was just... (Banned Books: Maia Kobabe explores gender identity in ‘Gender Queer,’” NPR, Morning Edition, January 4, 2023.)

♦ “Because it was just some... like my final like hoo-rah of like this is my celebration of my drag, and, of what it has been for me in my life, so, yeah.” (Drag queen Frida Nightz.)

♦ “I mean this is the whole beauty of like horror movies is that it’s such like weird circumstances and there’s so much like weird rules about them that it’s fun to subvert them and it’s also like, the horror movies themselves were doing subverting, were like trying to like, be twisted and do this weird stuff and have these weird commentaries, and this is what makes *Scream* so good, right.” (Alex Abad-Santos, a self-professed “flagrant homosexual.” From “M3GAN, murder, and mass queer appeal,” NPR, It’s Been A Minute, January 17, 2023.)

♦ “This kind of comes up a lot in other art as well, too, right? So, like, think of something like...” (NPR.)

♦ Young woman talking to a young man who had been shot: “I can imagine even before this happened that this was like a very intense...moment...an inflection point of feeling a lot of grief for other people, but I wonder like, have you had then space to, process this and like feel, what comes with...” / Young man [Interjecting, as the young woman seems to be losing steam]: “Yeah. I mean, I dunno, I’ve been trying to, but again, like, it’s still not over...” / Young woman: “Yeah, that’s true, you’re still pretty early...” (“Other people” refers to the young man’s fellow Palestinians in Gaza; “Even before this happened” and “Like, it’s still not over” refers to the Israel Hamas war; and “you’re still pretty early” refers to the young man’s stage in dealing with his life-changing injury. Young people communicating.)

♦ “Don’t use conversation fillers like ‘umm,’ ‘you know,’ and ‘like.’ (Presenter Tips and Tricks: Quick Tips: Things to consider: Don’t... TESOL 2023 International Convention & English Language Expo. Wow! TESOL suddenly gets all prescriptive / proscriptive AF! WTF! Stinks like linguicism to me!)

*** analysis

♦ The linguist John McWhorter mentions the use of “like” in “The shifting Meanings Of Our Evolving Modern Language,” *wbur*, on point, December 26, 2016. He also talks extensively about “like” in his book *Words on the Move*, in the chapter, “This Is Your Brain On Writing,” in the subsection “Like, Wow!: Is Any New Thing Really Just Business as Usual?”

♦ “You say ‘like’ and things like that because you know you don’t really want to commit... there’s a little more fear of saying what you mean, especially nowadays...” (The actor Oscar Isaac speaking about contemporary voice and speech. From “For Oscar Isaac, life—and acting—is all about impermanence,” NPR, *Fresh Air*, July 29, 2022.)

♦ “He talks like he possibly has ADHD or autism, too.” (An online commenter about a TikTok influencer.)

♦ J-K-L-R speech. (“Just,” “kind of,” “like,” and “really.”)

contempo-speak: filler

like (kind of like, kinda like)

see *kind of like* (filler)

like (sort of like, sorta like)

see *sort of like* (filler)

like (feel like, felt like, etc.)

see *feel like* (*feels like, felt like*)

like (reported speech)

it was like

and then ~ “You have 10 minutes, pack your bags”

it’s like

it’s kind of bittersweet because ~, “Wow, it’s really nice...”

I was like

he said that to me, and ~, ‘What the f***?’ (Chloe Cherry)
~, ‘Wow’

she’s like

~, ‘yo, is your time to be king’ (empowered by T’Challa)

she was like

and ~, Oh my God, that wasn’t in the chart...

people would be like

I even had some ~ “What is that?” (monkeypox)

they’d be like

people come up to me and ~ you gonna just like do a show...

basically like

I was ~, “Look, it’s a new start” (sophomore in high school)

just like

and it was ~, oh my God, what’s this
and I was ~, I was speechless...

kind of like

it was ~, “Oh, just figure out how to deal with it”
this whole thing was ~, “Whoa, what’s going on” (a coed)

just kind of like

and I was ~ ‘what?’

just sort of like

and it was ~ “Oh, OK”

♦ “I even had some people would be like, ‘What is that?’ They were like, ‘I didn’t even know this was a thing.’” (A US man with monkeypox in 2022.)

♦ “I walk in, she’s like ‘You’re Kiara!’ and I’m like, ‘Who are you?’ and she’s like, ‘We’re in Biology 13 together.’” (A Dartmouth College coed describing the start of a friendship.)

♦ “And I was like, ‘sweet.’” (Ironic / sarcastic. A bikini barista in Seattle, Washington, telling a videographer about serving a customer who was masturbating.)

♦ “And I was like, ‘Wait. What? You’re pulling out. Why?’” (A 44-year-old woman.)

♦ “I looked over to my friend and like, ‘Did you hear that?’ I was like, ‘I think that was like gunfire.’” (A Virginia State coed interviewed by ABC about the on-campus murder of 3 students.)

♦ “I would be like, ‘Let’s do this,’ and she’d be like, ‘Down!’” (A college coed, quoted in the *New York Times*, about her friend who was murdered in a quadruple murder in Moscow, Idaho.)

♦ “Everybody was like, ‘Yeah, right,’ kind of like, ‘I don’t see why they would do that.’” (A college coed about TikTok being banned on her college campus.)

♦ “So they asked me to come in and do, you know, werewolf boot camp, and I was like, ‘Ok, what does that mean?’” (Emma Myers. From “Wednesday” star Emma Myers went to ‘werewolf boot camp’ for the Netflix Series: ‘I’ve never done so much parkour in my life’ by Eammon Jacobs, *Insider*.)

♦ “There was clearly a village here. People everywhere,” he said. “But the Europeans were, like, ‘You are now called St. Anthony!’” (Minneapolis, Minnesota. Progressive!)

♦ “People come up to me and they’d be like, you gonna just like, do a show with like all the albums in it, and I’m like Yeah! it’s gonna be called the Eras Tour.” (Taylor Swift.)

♦ Also, “People are *going*, “He didn’t mean to do it...”; “He’s sort of looking at him going like ‘Really?’ (describing a *picture*); “Your mind goes to a place of ‘What tragic event happened” (a neighbor next to a house where a man murdered his wife and children)...

*** analysis

♦ The linguist John McWhorter refers to this as the quotative *like*, and he reminds us that *all* can perform the same function: “And she was (like) all, “But that’s nasty!”

contempo-speak: reported speech

like (like me, look like me, etc.)

see *me* (*like me, look like me, speak like me, be like me, etc.*)

Lilliputian (adjective)

Lilliputian dystopia

I’m imagining this ~ (miniature candy bars, tiny drinks)

Lilliputian scale

photographing life on a ~ (insects)

land of Lilliputians

Tiger Woods has been a giant in a ~ (golf star)

♦ The allusion is to the satire *Gulliver’s Travels* by Jonathan Swift, which also contributed *Brobdignagian* to the language.

size: allusion

allusion: books & reading

lily (gild the lily)

gilding the lily

the chips are ~, but why not (lobster thermidor with chips)

♦ Salisbury: Therefore, to be possess’d with double pomp, / To guard a title that was rich before, / To gild refined gold, to paint the lily, / To throw a perfume on the violet, / To smooth the ice, or add another hue / Unto the rainbow, or with taper-light / To seek the beauteous eye of heaven to garnish, / Is wasteful and ridiculous excess. (Shakespeare’s *The Life and Death of King John*, Act, Scene 2.)

allusion: books & reading

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: allusion

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

limb (go out on a limb)

go out on a limb

French climbers are notorious for being willing to ~

go out on a limb to hide

they are willing to ~ him (a terrorist)

willing to go out on a limb

they are ~ to hide him (a terrorist)

fate, fortune & chance: tree / verb

limb (phantom limb)

“phantom limbs” of the German body politic

what MacGregor calls the ~ (Prague, Strasbourg, etc.)

division & connection / presence & absence: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

limbo (in limbo)

in limbo

plans are ~
the children are ~ (schools destroyed by earthquake)
his fate is ~ (general in trouble with president)
the British Government is ~ (hung Parliament)
he has been ~ waiting for his case to be resolved
we are always ~ and we just don't know...

in health-care limbo

certain of the sick find themselves ~

in legal limbo

they are in ~ (spouses of terrorists in Syria)

in an uncomfortable cultural limbo

Yoji found himself ~ (Japanese American back in Japan)

lost in limbo

the bills die, hang fire, or are ~ (in the US Senate)

stuck in limbo

the results of the first vote were ~ (votes stolen)

remain in limbo

the results ~ (election)

remains in limbo

Boeing ~ as it figures out its next steps

left people in limbo

failure to agree on regulations has ~

left the (British) people in limbo

the endless negotiations have ~ (Brexit)

found himself in (an uncomfortable cultural) limbo

Yoji ~ (Japanese American back in Japan)

situation: container / religion

action, inaction & delay / certainty & uncertainty / environment / progress & lack of progress: religion

limelight (in the limelight)

in the limelight

it takes a special ability to be ~ and then be invisible

moment in the limelight

he had a ~, 30 years later
he had his most significant ~ a dozen years ago

back in the limelight

he is ~ (fashion)

basked in the limelight

they ~ (officials)

stay in the limelight

he would do anything to ~

spent three weeks in the limelight

after vanishing for 30 years, he has ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark

limit (push the limits, etc.)

pushed the limits

she has ~ too far (nudity)

behavior: boundary / verb

restraint & lack of restraint: boundary / verb

limits (push something to its limits)

pushed to its limits

the agency has been ~

survival, persistence & endurance: boundary / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: boundary / verb

restraint & lack of restraint: boundary / verb

constraint & lack of constraint: boundary / verb

limp (verb)

limping along

the US economy is ~

condition & status / progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running & jumping / verb

limp (noun)

limp

if there is a trend afoot, it has a distinct ~

progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running & jumping

linchpin (noun)

linchpin of medicine

nursing's roles as a ~ goes largely unreported

linchpins of the (US) strategy

a strong national army and police force are the ~ (war)

♦ A linchpin is a fastener used on hitches and axles. In the case of axles, it prevents the wheels from falling off.

♦ "Nurses are the linchpins of hospitals, and when we lose them the wheels of medicine fall off."

attachment / bases / importance & significance: mechanism

line (at the front / back of the line)

at the front of the line

minority businesses are not ~ but the end of the line (aid)

put teachers towards the front of the line

states are working to ~

priority: direction / line / position

line (end of the line, etc.)

end of the line

it's not the ~, it's the beginning of the line (rehab)
legally, it was the ~ (man escapes conviction)

end of the line for him

this is the ~ (arrested for murder)

starting, going, continuing & ending: line / train

line (a hard line, etc.)

tough line

taking a ~ on enforcement

conservative line

the ~ that gay civil unions threaten...

hard-line

China's ~ policy

Trump's ~ rhetoric

position, policy & negotiation: line

line (division)

lines of class, race and education

domestic violence crosses all ~

caste lines

the public taps are divided along ~ (India)

color line

the ~ is a fundamental U.S. problem

company lines

collaboration is occurring across ~

gender lines

when issues divide along ~

poverty line

the minimum wage is below the ~

living below the ~

sex line

the class divided along ~s (like or dislike of author)

ethnic lines

groups divided along ~

ideological lines

the court's ruling broke along ~ (Supreme Court)

racial lines

threatened to divide our nation along ~ (hate crime)

there's a distinct blurring of the ~ here (South Africa)

thin blue line

the ~ (policemen)

blurring of the (racial) lines

there's a distinct ~ here (South Africa)

variations across (geographic or demographic) lines

~ (a survey)

economic and educational lines

typically breaks down among ~

ethnic and class lines

the drug is crossing ~ (Ecstasy)

gender and cultural lines

when applied across ~

geographic or demographic lines

variations across ~ (a survey)

lines are drawn

the ~ (nomination fight / politics)

crossing (ethnic and class) lines

the drug is ~ (Ecstasy)

crosses all lines

domestic violence ~ of class, race and education

crossed (party) lines

Democrats ~

cuts across (ideological) lines

the movement now ~ (animal welfare)

broke along (ideological) lines

the court's ruling ~ (Supreme Court)

divided along (racial) lines

a Southern society that was still sharply ~

divided along (ethnic) lines

groups ~

♦ Actual lines include such things as picket lines and security lines.

division & connection: boundary / line

line (categories)

line between life and death

the ~ proved a thin one (victims of terror attack)

line between abled and disabled

he has erased the ~ (Oscar Pistorius)

line between news and entertainment

he straddles the ~ (TV personality)

line between video games and movies

realism blurs the ~...

line between observer and participant

the ~ (bombings / Iraq)

line between saint and sinner

there is sometimes a fine or blurry ~

line between martyrdom and suicide

she explores the ~ (author)

line between the real and the unreal

the ~ in popular culture seems ever more blurred

line between teaching and criticizing

the delicate ~ (coaching)

line between making a point and belaboring it

there is a fine ~

line between reality and play-acting

the ~ is not clear in both movies and wrestling

line between normal and abnormal

the ~ (psychiatry)

delicate line

the ~ between teaching and criticizing (coaching)

fine line

there is a ~ between making a point and belaboring it

fine or blurry line

there is sometimes a ~ between saint and sinner

line has (gradually) blurred

but the ~ as...

lines are blurring

the ~ (between hotels and Airbnb)

blur the line

some writers ~ (between genre and literature)

blurs the line

realism ~ between video games and movies...

erased the line

he has ~ between abled and disabled (Oscar Pistorius)

straddles the line

he ~ between news and entertainment (TV personality)

division & connection: boundary / line

line (out of line)

a little out of line

I think you are ~ here...

behavior: boundary / line

line (finish line)

finish line

getting vaccinated felt like the ~, but... (pandemic)

finish line of retirement

deep into the rat race, far from the ~

at the finish line

I will be there ~ (lengthy lawsuit against corporation)

yards from the finish line

they are at risk of stumbling just ~ (COP26)

finish line is in sight

the ~ but he warned a deal had not yet been done (a protocol)

bring this case to the finish line

we think we can ~ (FBI / a cold case)

cheered me on to the finish line

my parents and sister ~ (acknowledgments / a book)

get across the finish line

she is looking for women we can help ~ (politics)

get this plan across the finish line

we are going to keep working to ~ (legislature)

push the bill across the finish line

they are hoping to ~ (politics)

topple just before crossing the finish line

the potential deal could ~ (politics)

♦ "I will be there at the finish line. I don't want to run halfway and decide, 'Nah, I'm too tired now.'" (One of a number of woman suing a major corporation for unequal pay.)

♦ "There is no finish line when it comes to protecting kids on social media." (Said at a Senate hearing that grilled the tech company CEOs.)

attainment: line / sports & games

starting, going, continuing & ending: line / sports & games

line (over the line / finishing)

over the line

we should have kept quiet until it was signed and ~

got the negotiations over the line

the looming prospect of his imprisonment ~ (boxing)

attainment: line / sports & games

starting, going, continuing & ending: line / sports & games

line (over the line / behavior)

go over the line

"Anything goes... As long as you don't ~ (Las Vegas)

stepped over the line

some people believe the group has ~ (ELF)

behavior: boundary / line / prep, adv, adj, particle

line (cross the line)

crossed the line

her comments ~ (racer complains about pit crew)

crossed a (constitutional) line

the suit argues the law ~

♦ "There will be consequences for those who cross the line." (Pam Shriver, about her sexual relationship with her much older coach Don Candy.)

behavior: boundary / line / verb

line (behavior)

blurred lines

what is consent, such ~, that terrible song... (sex)

behavior: boundary / line

line (line of defense, etc.)

line of defense

it is a third ~ against the coronavirus (a third vaccine)

battle line

see *battle line (conflict)*

last line

habeus corpus is the ~ of defense, a Hail Mary (law)

conflict: military

line (tread a line, etc.)

treading a (delicate) line

the government is ~ between...

walk a (really) fine line

the government has to ~ (indictment)

walks a (very) fine line

the indictment ~ here (case against Assange)

fate, fortune & chance: boundary / line / verb / walking, running & jumping

line (on the line)

on the line

the season is ~ on Sunday (a sports team)

fate, fortune & chance: line

line (in line)

in line with (embassies') advisories

Westerners keep a low profile ~

falling in line

they are rallying around their nominee, ~ (Trump)

fell in line

when Trump won the nomination, Burkman ~

unanimity & consensus: line

line (toe a line, etc.)

treading a (delicate) line

the government is ~ between...

follow the (I.M.F.'s) line

countries that ~ but still fail to grow...

parroted the (official) line

he ~ about enemy losses

toes the line

not everyone ~

toe the line

the judges refused to ~ (dispute with president)

Republicans have been asked to ~ (politics)

toe the (ideological) line

you are protected only if you ~ (academia)

toed the PR line

at first, however, she ~ (Britney Spears)

toed the (Republican) line

he has ~ (a politician)

♦ "This is sometimes misspelled as "tow" the line. See the interesting article, "Death nails and foul swoops," *The Economist*, July 17th 2021. That article references a George Orwell article, "Politics and the English Language," *Horizon*, April 1946, which is freely available online everywhere, thanks to the Orwell Foundation. Orwell's article is as true today as it was then.)

unanimity & consensus: line / verb

line (government line, etc.)

company line

researchers toe the ~

government line

the ~ about Waco is being challenged

party line

he is not touting a ~

official line

he parroted the ~ about enemy losses

sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: line

line (red line)

red line

this is a ~ that should not be crossed (national defense)

a ~ for us is if we see chemical weapons (diplomacy)

the use of chemical weapons would be a "~" that...

crossed a red line

Hamas ~ by firing rockets towards Jerusalem

♦ "This not only crossed all red lines, but smashed them to pieces." (An anti-Semitic mural at the Documenta 15 art show in Kassel, Germany.)

behavior: boundary / line

line (songline, etc.)

Floodlines

~ is about Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath (a podcast)

Songline

Wikipedia has an entry for "~"

Thoughtline

~ from NPR, the past is never past...

♦ See the Wikipedia entry at "Songline." Wiktionary has an entry for "songline." Bruce Chatwin wrote *The Songlines*. The podcast *Floodlines* hosted by Vann R. Newkirk II is about Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath.

♦ see also *ways (foodways, etc.)*

identity & nature: line

line (line in the sand)

line in the sand

that ~ is long gone (stars don't do streaming films)

those are the people who decided that this was the ~

constraint & lack of constraint / behavior: boundary / line

line of fire

viral line of fire

they are sending their workers into the ~ (Amazon, etc.)

walk (directly) into the line of fire

it may seem crazy to ~ (Jessi Combs / speed record)

see also *firing line (noun)*

danger: military / weapon

line up (verb)

lined up to call

Republicans have ~ on him to quit (politics)

lining up behind him

they are ~ (supporting a politician)

unanimity & consensus: line / verb

linger (verb)

lingers in our minds

each of us has a single meal that ~

linger for 20 hours
the Predator can ~ over a battlefield (military)

lingered for days
the cold weather ~

anxiety lingered
~ long after the threat had passed

effects will linger
the psychological ~...

hope lingers
~ for youngster's return (missing)

questions linger
he was released from prison, but ~...

storm lingers
the longer the ~, the longer we will see impacts

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb

lingering

lingering doubts
put to rest any ~ about...
jurors who may hold ~ about their guilty verdict...

lingering fears
~ over safety (terrorism)

lingering irritant
his decision was a ~ to Republicans

lingering smell
the ~ of smoke (restaurant fire)

lingering stereotype
the ~ of depression being a female condition

lingering tensions
~ burst into violence

lingering threat
software can prevent much of the ~ of known viruses

lingering fears or concerns
try to address any ~ he may have (toddler)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement

link (weak link)

weakest link
we're as good as the ~ (fighting worldwide pandemic)

weakest link in the (global) chain
you're only as secure as the ~ of information (Internet)

weak link on the team
he's a ~

strength & weakness: chain

lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.)

“Lion of the Desert”

the Italians hanged the ~ in 1931 (Omar Mukhtar / Libya)

Lion of Panjshir
the great Ahmad Shah Massoud, the ~
defending the valley, Massoud became known as the ~

Lion of the Punjab
Maharaja Ranjit Singh, the ~ (Sher-e-Punjab)

Lion of Verdun
he became known as the ~ (Philippe Petain)

♦ “He was the lion killed by a flea.” (Richard the Lionheart. And his modern counterpart the great Ahmad Shah Massoud.)

epithet: animal / lion
courage & lack of courage / military: epithet
lion (Lion Rock, etc.)

Lion Rock
the 495m-high ~ (Kowloon Peninsula)

geography: proper name

lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.)

Lion Rock
the 495m-high ~ (Kowloon Peninsula)

Lion and the Unicorn
the ~ appear on the UK royal coat of arms

Bronze Lion
Queen Beatrix awarded to the ~ to...

Golden Lion
Orson Wells received the ~ (1970 Cannes)

♦ “On Wednesday 31 May 2006, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands posthumously awarded the late Major General Stanislaw Sosabowski, commander of the 1st (Polish) Independent Parachute Brigade, the Bronze Lion for his services in Operation Market Garden in 1944. / On Wednesday 7 October 2009, two Dutch soldiers were awarded the medal: commando Bjorn Peterse (posthumously awarded) and Kaptain Gijis, for their actions in Afghanistan.”

proper name: animal / lion
achievement, recognition & praise: proper name / sign, signal, symbol

lion (liberal lion, etc.)

liberal lions
they were ~ of a past generation (Supreme Court)
~ like Birch Bayh and George McGovern

old lion
the kid is getting his shot against the ~ (boxing)
the ~s of the Revolution (Patrick Henry, etc.)

Last of the Lions
~ by the fine writer Clarence B. Jones (MLK)

♦ The last lions in the Sahara survived on the Ennedi Plateau until the 1940s (Chad).

♦ “The world is greater as we go back.” (Auda Abu Tayi.)

achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / hierarchy: animal / lion / person

lion (courage, aggression)

lions

we won't be sheep, we're going to be ~ (self-defense)

lion's heart

I have a ~ (winning boxer after hard match)

wounded lion

and now Israel is a ~ (will retaliate against Hamas)

courage of a lion

she had the ~ (Sicilian journalist slain in Afghanistan)

♦ "I would liken us a little bit to a bit of a wounded lion, if you like. We'll go away, we'll lick our wounds, we'll work out what needs to be different, and we'll come back fighting and roaring." (Sally Munday, the chief executive of the funding agency UK Sport, who oversaw 27 million pounds of investment on Olympic teams and individuals in the hope of winning 3 to 7 medals at the Beijing Olympics. They only won two, both in curling.)

♦ "[I] showed heart and balls like a lion again." (Tyson Fury after his third fight with Deontay Wilder.)

♦ "Never turn your back on a lion." (A comment about the second fight between Oleksandr Usyk and Anthony Joshua. Joshua won the ninth round and returned to his corner, smiling. He ended up losing the match.)

♦ The jackal is a lion in his own country.

♦ It is better to die like a lion than live like a dog.

♦ It is better to be a live dog than a dead lion.

♦ "I fought the lions, I fed the fleas, What got me at last? Mediocrities." (Bertolt Brecht.)

♦ "He was the lion killed by a flea." (Richard the Lionheart. And the same for his modern counterpart, the great Ahmad Shah Massoud.)

♦ "It emerged as a roaring lion of digital media." (Vice dot com.)

♦ The last lions in the Sahara survived on the Ennedi Plateau until the 1940s (Chad).

courage & lack of courage: animal / lion / person

person: animal / lion

lion (throw somebody to the lions, etc.)

throw innocent people to the lions

the French think we ~ (over allegations of sexual abuse)

thrown to the lions

we're kinda being ~ here (Afghan government)

allegiance, support & betrayal: violence / verb

lioness (lioness of the left, etc.)

lioness of the left

she is a ~

achievement, recognition & praise / hierarchy: animal / lion / person

lioness (Lioness.co, etc.)

Lioness

the letter was published on the whistleblowing website, ~

proper name: animal / lion

lioness (England's Lionesses, etc.)

England's Lionesses

~ stand on the brink of football glory

♦ "Lionesses? More like kittens..." /// "Lionesses rolled over and had their tummies tickled!" (Two BBC online commenters following England's loss to Spain in the final of the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup. Snark, schadenfreude...)

♦ "I know you were a Lioness." / "That was another life." (Dialogue from the disturbing 2019 cheerleader drama-thriller *The Secret Lives of Cheerleaders* starring Lucy Hale.)

epithet: animal / lion

lionized

lionized

her aggressiveness would be ~ if she were a man (politics)

lionized by the literary establishment

marquee names traditionally ~

lionized by journalists

~, the sniper became a heroic symbol (WWII USSR)

lionized for his disastrous service

there is no accountability when Summers is ~ (economics)

lionized for refusing

athletes are ~ to stand for our national anthem (protests)

lionized as a giant

he has been ~ of the environmental movement

lionized as a hero and a whistleblower

he was ~ (Li Wenliang)

lionized in the West

~, he came to be seen as a pariah at home (Gorbachev)

achievement, recognition & praise: animal / lion

lion's share

lion's share of the attention

a few books get the ~

lion's share of the burden

the US is willing to do the ~, but we can't do it alone

lion's share of the credit

he deserves the ~ (coach)

lion's share of the rewards

they reap the ~

lion's share of revenue and profits

tech giants collect the ~ in the media space

deserves the lion's share

he ~ of the credit (coach)

earn the lion's share

affiliates ~ of ransoms (ransomware)

get the lion's share

a few books ~ of the attention

amount: animal / food & drink / lion

lip (speech)

lip

their ~s are sealed down at City Hall (trying to get info)
his ~s are not sealed

loose lips
~ sink ships (wartime)

speech: mouth

lip (stiff upper lip)

have a stiff upper lip

how helpful is it to ~ and just get on with it (crisis)

♦ "Oh for goodness sake. Anyone would think you were dying. You've only got suspected leprosy." (A British nurse to a terrified English patient just returned from Afghanistan who is howling in pain, delirious with fever, and covered in enormous black lumps.)

♦ Keep calm and carry on. (Great Britain, World War II.)

♦ Keep calm and wear a mask. (The COVID-19 pandemic.)

♦ Keep Calm and Call Drew! (An advertisement for Drew Cochran, criminal defense, Maryland State Bar. The exclamation mark seems to contradict the message.)

feeling, emotion & effect / resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: mouth

lips (lick one's lips)

licking their lips

I feel his future opponents will be ~ (boxing)

eagerness & reluctance: animal / bodily reaction / mouth

lip service (pay lip service, etc.)

give lip service to the victims

officials ~ (school shooting in Michigan)

give lip service to cooperating

they ~ (war against terrorism)

paying lip service

can you really address the issues rather than ~ (a judge)

pays lip service to its commitment

Europe only ~ to the nuclear deal (Iran)

pay lip service to mental health concerns

the tabloids ~and the right to a private life

paid lip service to it

every supervisor at least ~ (change)

pay lip service to (fiscal) responsibility

politicians ~

pay lip service to the rules

most at least ~ (politics)

symbolic, lip service, or pandering

is it ~ to get the black vote (reparations)

♦ "I don't want to pay lip service. There are people who say, 'Do this, do this, do this.' Well, are they doing all those things in their life? A lot of them are not. That is something that's really important to me, to be congruent with what you're saying." ("Olympian Greg Louganis, 62, opens up about aging gracefully with HIV and overcoming addiction" by David Artavia, Yahoo, Sept. 27, 2022.)

♦ "[She offers] regular apologies, some of which, she has openly admitted, she doesn't mean." (Joy Behar of The View. From "No Filter" by Belinda Luscombe, *TIME*, August 8/August 15, 2022.)

♦ "I want her and other actresses to walk the walk." (The MeToo movement and lip service.)

♦ "I'll try...", "I'll get back to you...", "We'll see...", "I guess...", "Your guess is as good as mine...", "I'll bear it in mind," "I hear what you say..." (Paying lip service.)

♦ "They felt betrayed, which I totally get..." (Vietnam veterans.)

♦ "I am sorry you were treated so badly and I understand. Thank you for your service."

♦ "I'm sorry for your loss." (Death of first-grade girl on beach on holiday in a freak accident.)

♦ "We want to reassure customers that our restaurants are clean and safe." (A statement by Yum Brands Inc. after TV cameras showed a swarm of rats scurrying about a KFC / Taco Bell in New York City.)

♦ "I think it's absolutely fine, I do." "I think it's great." "I have no problem with it whatsoever." (Comments about a gay marriage by a politician many consider to be paying lip service.)

♦ "It's not enough to say we don't support racism. You have to actually actively fight racism to get the work done." (Ashland, Oregon mayor Julie Akins.)

♦ "We all should feel comfortable with who we are in our own skin. But..." (Michael Phelps about male-to-female transgender swimmers like Lia Thomas.)

♦ "Lisa and Rhali: We see you and we hear you." (Football Australia (FA) chief executive James Johnson, responding to their accusations of "women protecting women who abuse women," presumably lesbians. From "Lisa De Vanna's allegations highlight tensions in Australia's complex [italics mine] football culture" by Samantha Lewis, ABC Australia, Analysis, Sport, 18 Oct 2021.)

♦ Well, it's complex / complicated / difficult / sensitive / problematic...

♦ "We should have that conversation; We need to have that conversation; What an interesting idea, I think we should have that conversation..." (Excellent ways not to say yes or no, to make no commitment, while at the same time sounding sympathetic.)

♦ "Oh, I'm sorry about that. These things happen."

♦ "Good luck with that!"

♦ "This makes for interesting reading." (The non-committal written response to a report by the State Department's medical team about the health effects of microwaves.)

♦ "She said, 'I just want to check in with you and let you know your mother's doing fine, that she doesn't have a temperature.' I said, 'That's'. My mom died at 3:30 this morning.' And she was like, 'Oh my God. That wasn't in the chart.'" (Pat Herrick, daughter of a Life Care Resident in Kirkland, Washington. Her mom died of COVID-19.)

♦ "An initial identification procedure was conducted using established procedures and would appear to have resulted in a mistaken identification... We ask that people do not speculate on social media." (Wrong man declared dead by the Isle of Man TT races.)

♦ "We agree we must do better and we are working inside to do so." (Twitter.)

♦ "We value your privacy." (Express.co.uk. Accept cookies to continue.)

♦ "Upon discovery, we took steps to secure our systems...Additionally, while we have safeguards in place to protect data in our care, we continue to review and further enhance these protections as part of our ongoing commitment to data security." (Shields Health Care Group, a Massachusetts-based company, after being hacked. As Papijoe 13 commented, "Great name for a company that cannot shield their clients' personal information.")

♦ "Lauren's death was a tragedy that affected all of us in very, very difficult ways and we know that mistakes were made, we own the fact that mistakes were made..." (The Vice President of Student Affairs at the University of Utah, speaking on Dateline NBC for the episode "Lauren's Promise.")

♦ "That would be like obviously very extremely interesting for like a future direction. (A young male presenter responding to a question at an academic presentation.)

♦ "Well, so far to answer her question...we've created a [inaudible] post on our Website... (An ABC "voting help" segment.)

♦ "That's a great question. We don't yet know..."

- ♦ “A spokesman for the company said the safety of its residents was paramount and it was helping them find temporary alternative accommodation.” (The company, according to the government, had consistently failed to take action against the risk of fire.)
 - ♦ “I apologize to the world, to my family, and to the Nevada State Athletic Commission... and to Judge Patricia Clifford, who knows that I am proud to be living up to the terms of my probation...” (The boxer Mike Tyson.)
 - ♦ “The club have said they will work to educate fans on the issue.” (BBC, “Manchester United condemn fans’ ‘completely unacceptable’ chants about Hillsborough tragedy,” 20 April, 2022. The Hillsborough disaster occurred in 1989.)
 - ♦ “I’m sorry; No, no, no!; I’m so sorry; We’re not doing any questions, I know you have been in touch with our communications director, that would be the best way; Sorry about that; I’m so sorry about that...” (Republican functionaries at a campaign event doing their best to silence NPR’s Danielle Kurtzleben and shoo her away. Kurtzleben persisted in shrilly shouting questions and demanding answers. Many Republicans have simply given up speaking to representatives of mainstream / legacy / national media.)
 - ♦ “I’m sorry to take you back to that moment but do you remember...” (NPR’s Michele Martin interviewing Mark Barden.)
 - ♦ “We have secured the armaments package, which will be properly disposed of. Safety is our utmost priority.” (A military official, after a plane full of rounds and live missiles crashed into a warehouse near an airport and burned. Thankfully, the live munitions did not go off.)
 - ♦ “We mourn every innocent life lost.” (President Biden about the October 2023 attack on Israel from Gaza, and Israel’s response.)
 - ♦ “Mr. Selim will not be at work at this time.” (Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191 in Minnesota.)
 - ♦ “The worst part is behind us, we are seeing a new dawn, hold on, have faith, because good days are coming, glorious days are coming, keep on praying, and we are with you, we are praying along with you, good days are coming.” (Samson Shekhar Chauhan of the Lutheran Maritime Ministry, to sailors stranded on ships by COVID.)
 - ♦ “Thank you so much. Have an amazing, amazing day.” (An upset Karine Jean-Pierre, abruptly cutting short a radio interview.)
 - ♦ “That’s what I was afraid of, ‘They’re doing everything in their power.’” (Sarcasm about a murder investigation by the police.)
 - ♦ “The Grand Slam organisers wrote to [Naomi Osaka] to offer support, as well as to ‘remind her of her obligations.’”
 - ♦ “The safety of our cast and crew is the top priority of Rust Productions and everyone associated with the company.” (A statement after cinematographer Halyna Hutchins was shot and killed on set.)
 - ♦ “You’re not gonna die, you’re gonna be fine.” (The film *Reservoir Dogs*.)
 - ♦ “Let me assure you that nothing is more important to us than for you to feel your children are in a safe and secure environment... I’ve just been informed that all of your children are missing.” (The character of Miss Mullins in the film *School of Rock*. Funny!)
 - ♦ “A warning. This episode contains discussion of suicide and domestic violence.” (NPR’s Pop Culture *Happy Hour*.)
 - ♦ “Warning: Post contains mention of contemplated suicide.” (BuzzFeed Community.)
 - ♦ A FUNNY STORY. Nasreddin decided to become a judge and make some money. Ali came to him one day to complain about Saleh. Nasreddin listened and said, “You’re right, you’re right, you’re right.” Ali gave money to Nasreddin and left happy. Then Saleh came in to complain about Ali. Nasreddin listened and said, “You’re right, you’re right, you’re right.” Saleh gave money to Nasreddin and left happy. Nasreddin’s wife, who had been listening behind the curtain, was not happy. “How can you say Ali is right, and then say Saleh is right,” she exclaimed indignantly. “You’re right, you’re right, you’re right,” replied Nasreddin.
- *** analysis
- ♦ Bill Gates: What expression in English bothers you the most? Linguist John McWhorter: When people say (changing his voice), “Oh, well, it is what it is...” (Changing back to his normal voice.) What a gorgeously chilly way of saying, “Your problems don’t matter to me.” (Subscribe to “Unconfuse Me With Bill Gates.”)

- ♦ “‘Have a blessed day,’ that means get lost!” (The great writer James McBride.)
- ♦ see also *performative (groups)*
- ♦ see also *boilerplate (noun), buzzword (noun), doublespeak (noun), ese (legalese, etc.), funny language, gobbledygook, language (types), newspeak (noun), speak (NASA-speak, etc.), supersizing (linguistic supersizing), talk (mediator talk, etc.), word salad*

speech: mouth
sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: mouth / speech
language: speech

lipstick (appearance)

- lipstick
 - no matter how much ~ you put on a pig, it’s still a pig
- putting bright red lipstick on capitalism
 - it’s hustle culture, it’s ~ (girl boss culture)
- ♦ “You cannot beautify an ugly face, even if you use a lot of makeup.” (A Palestinian political activist, about Israel.)
- ♦ “Biden spend much of the rest his speech attempting to paint a productive, accomplishment-laden picture of his administration, but there’s not enough lipstick in the world to pretty up that pig.” (“Biden provides burst of energy the country doesn’t normally get to see during Statue of the Union” by Isaac Schorr, *The New York Post*, March 8, 2024.)

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ subterfuge: materials & substances

liquidate (kill)

- “liquidate” defectors
 - his death is part of a deliberate policy to ~

death & life: euphemism / verb
oppression: euphemism / verb

liquidated (killed)

- liquidated
 - dozens of attackers were ~ (Kazakhstan)
- ♦ “Justice has been delivered and this terrorist leader is no more.” (President Biden, about the killing of Ayman al-Zawahiri. The President also said, about terrorists, “The United States will find you and take you out.”)

death & life / oppression: euphemism

list (amount)

- Christmas list
 - see *Christmas (Christmas list)*

- laundry list
 - see *laundry (laundry list)*

listen (listen to something)

- listen to my body
 - it’s important that I ~ and don’t push too hard (tennis)

- listened to my instincts
 - I ~ and didn’t...

- listen to the science
 - ~ and act now, before it’s too late (Greta Thunberg)
 - I want people to ~, not to me (Greta Thunberg)
 - my message has always been, ~ (Greta Thunberg)

fictive communication: speech

listen (as noun)

give a listen

he doesn't say Biden won, but listen to this, ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: ear / part of speech

litany (long list)

litany of charges

he is facing a ~

litany of errors

let's go through the ~ (poor crisis management)

litany of ills

he presents a ~ plaguing the body politic

litany of (medical) issues

his death was due to natural causes associated with a ~

litany of (personal) problems

he has battled a ~ (the boxer Tyson Fury)

litany of drug and weapons charges

the former NFL champ faces a ~ (Bashaud Breeland)

amount: religion

lite (substance)

backcountry-lite

Bluebird's founders call this ~ (a ski resort in Colorado)

democracy-lite

~ won't do for Egypt

Facebook Lite

~ appears to be a cut-down version of Facebook

FOX Lite

MSNBC has gone from the "Anti-Fox" to ~

impeachment lite

he has dubbed this "~" (President Trump)

independence-lite

Scotland can choose devolution-max or ~

Jewish-lite

prosperous ~ families of the time on both coasts (1950s)

lockdown-lite

most in the Netherlands support a new ~

Muslim-lite

Bosnia is "~"

narco-state lite

Holland is becoming a ~

NPR Lite

I disagree that BPP is "~" (Bryant Park Project)

philosophy lite

this is ~ (self-help book based on philosophy)

Tory lite

there will be no return to a "~" agenda

♦ "This is Plan B-Lite, what we should have is Plan B-Plus." (Fear of virus.)

substance & lack of substance: weight

literacy (noun)

"cyberspace literacy"

how to negotiate this space and develop a ~ (internet)

digital literacy

~ has its perils (use of cellphones during warfare)

emotional literacy

how to develop ~ (Daniel Goleman)

mass-cultural literacy

he draws on voluminous reserves of ~ (Chuck Klosterman)

media literacy

Illinois now requires ~ instruction (high schools)

"How to teach ~ to children" (On Point)

online literacy

our ever-evolving ~ and virtual social culture

♦ compare with *competence* (*metaphoric competence, etc.*), *illiterate* (*adjective*), *literate* (*adjective*)

♦ "Beware, Monsieur, of the memory of the illiterate man!" ("The Bull That Thought" by Rudyard Kipling.)

ability & lack of ability: books & reading

literate (adjective)

"politically literate"

~ young Bolsheviks fanned out from Moscow (1929)

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ability & lack of ability: books & reading

litmus test (noun)

litmus test for (Russia's) democracy

the West sees the trial as a ~

litmus test for (EU) membership

they insist on cooperation as a ~

diplomatic litmus tests

officials caution against turning issues into ~

♦ "They said the meeting would be a 'litmus test.' I'm not even sure what that means..." (Gina Carano, about a Lucasfilm demand that she attend a LGBTQ affinity group Zoom meeting.)

evidence / experimentation: chemistry

littered

littered with companies

the history of the sector is ~ that went bankrupt

littered with failed distribution companies

the road is ~ (films)

littered with (environmental) time bombs

Central and Eastern Europe are ~

♦ "The streets of Hollywood are littered with the dreams of young talented good-looking women."

configuration: waste

little (little people, etc.)

little man

see *man* (*big man, little man, etc.*)

little people

see *people* (*little people, etc.*)

importance & significance: person / size

characterization: person

little (Little Moscow, etc.)

Little Egypt

the part of Astoria, Queens, called "~~" (U.S.)

Little Ethiopia

there's Chinatown, Little Italy and ~ (Philadelphia)

Little Italy

~ is shrinking (New York City)

Little Moscow

the area known as "~~" (Unawatuna, near Galle, Sri Lanka)

Little Khartoum or Little Nouakchott

the Gold Street at Bab Sharif has turned into a ~ (Haj)

♦ "There's Chinatown, Little Italy and Little Ethiopia. But in Philadelphia, a downtown section of the city officially has a new name and people are talking." ("Welcome to the 'Gayborhood?'" NPR, Tell Me More, May 1, 2007.)

♦ "Hanging out with friends on Manchester's Curry Mile." (Pakistanis.)

♦ See the Wikipedia article "Little Italy" for a "List of Little Italys" around the world. Wikipedians are wonderful.

♦ "Downtown Jeddah is bustling with the annual post-Haj commercial boom caused by the influx of pilgrims. Many pilgrims are on a shopping spree while others set up stalls to sell items they brought with them to help pay for their journey, and even take a little extra cash home with them... Asian pilgrims can be seen buying Islamic-themed gifts, perfumes, beauty products, henna, and prayer rugs... Tunisians, Indonesians, Pakistani and Egyptians are buying religious books and rugs. African pilgrims are buying gold, electronics, cosmetics, furniture and other products in bulk in order to re-sell these items back home... The Gold Street at Bab Sharif has temporarily turned into a Little Khartoum or Little Nouakchott due to the sheer numbers of Mauritanian and Sudanese pilgrims. Women from Mauritania, Sudan, Somalia and Yemen are buying textiles for clothes." ("Balad bustles as pilgrims trade," by Omaira Al-Fardan and Fatima Sidiya, *Arab News*, 7 Dec. 2009.)

♦ see also *town* (*Chinatown, etc.*)

geography: epithet

live (survive)

live forever

Twitter users took screengrabs that will now ~

live for just a few hours

problems mean the mission may ~ (Japan's SLIM)

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

live (location)

living

so where did you find this comet, where is it ~

live here

your stories ~ (ad to create an account for newspaper)

live (out) here

luck don't ~ (the film *Wind River*)

lives here

the Sugar Bowl ~ (ad for TV network)

the pride, passion and pageantry ~ (Paul Finebaum Show)

the language still ~, in our valley (Aranese / Val d'Aran)

Science ~ (at The Royal Institution / the U.K.)

lives in his archive

he wrote a memo to file that ~ in which he...

lives in the indictments

that information ~

live (down) in labs

most instruments ~ on E-deck (*Polarstern*)

lives in different language

the subjunctive still ~ in quite strong ways (not in English)

live at the top

banners that ~ of YouTube's homepage (expensive ads)

lived on a hard drive in his home in Florida

until recently, his 55,000 field recordings all ~ (Martyn Stewart)

lived on Facebook

this stuff ~ for 3 months (disinformation / taken down)

living on YouTube

some of the clips were ~ months ago

lives on the internet

an NFT is a collector's item that ~ (non-fungible token)

live beneath Western Front

World War I munitions still ~ (NPR)

live under the same roof

she brings together dishes that don't ordinarily ~ (a chef)

avalanche lives

we climb where the ~

heat lives

that's where the ~ (the seeds in chilies)

♦ "We're making original content specifically for the platform it's living on." (Brand marketing.)

♦ "One got to know that ambulance (it lived somewhere at the back of St. Clement Danes) as well as the Police of the E. Division..." (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ see also *reside* (*verb*)

location: house / verb

place: house / death & life / verb

presence & absence: death & life / verb

live (alive / non-human)

live by the end of the year

Windows 11 should be ~ (ABC Tech Bytes)

live (single) round
a ~ was accidentally fired on set (the film *Rust*)

live wire
he touched a ~ and his left arm had to be amputated

live and ongoing
it's still ~ in the field (Extreme Ice Survey)

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life
condition & status: death & life

live (live with something)

live with
I dropped an easy pass, it's one I'll have to ~ (sports)

live with it
so I learned to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

live (that's where I live, etc.)

live
the middle ground is where most of us ~ (gun control)

live in my heart
that's where I ~ (a bias for singer-songwriter types)

live most of our lives
that's where we ~ (in brief interactions with others)

♦ "They live on these phones now." (A helpless father about his children and young people in general.)

presence & absence: death & life

live (live and die / commitment)

live and die for each other
we're family, these guys will ~ (rugby team)

commitment & determination: death & life

live (live and die / fate)

live and die by where
our campaign doesn't ~ his approval rating is (politics)

live and die by your decisions
as a manager, you ~ (sports)

live and die by intelligence
we ~ (Salt Lake City police gang unit)

live and die by their holiday sales
they ~ (bakeries that make hot cross buns)

live or die, survive or go dark
they can decide which Web sites ~ (Web hosts)

♦ This is like, "stand or fall."

fate, fortune & chance: death & life

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

live (live and breathe, live to)

lives to track
he ~ the scent of malfeasance (a journalist)

lived and breathed for the Olympics
Daley has always ~

lives and breathes boxing
he ~ (promoter Frank Warren)

lives and breathes football
Naples ~ (2022-23 Serie A Champions)

lives and breathes goals
he ~ (Erling Haaland)

lived and breathed Sondheim
as someone who has ~ for my entire adult life...

lives and breathes sport
Australia is a country that ~

live, eat and breathe
I used to ~ cricket, now I can take it or leave it (Bazball)

♦ "Haaland is a beast, he is a goalscoring machine, he lives and breathes goals." (Alan Shearer about Erling Haaland, one in a great line of exceptional Norwegians.)

absorption & immersion / consumption / enthusiasm / identity & nature: breathing / death & life / verb

lived

lived experience
see lived experience (groups, etc.)

lived in
see lived in (groups)

lived reality
see lived reality (groups, etc.)

lived traditions
we want to preserve and maintain our ~ (Swiss cowbells)

lived experience (groups, etc.)

lived experience
people with ~ are valued (recovery coaches / addiction)
I always knew my race was relevant to my ~ (Asian)
we've learned from those with ~ (NYC DA / prostitutes)
their actual experience, their ~, right...

lived (queer) experiences
help spread awareness of ~

lived experiences of Americans
foreign policy has become detached from the ~

lived experience of being Black in America
the ~ weathers the body (public health)

lived experiences of real people
how the law impacts the ~

lived experience of those
it is wrong to dispute the ~ suffering from Long COVID

lived experiences of women of color
the ~

lived experience of Black women
her poetry spoke to the ~ (Maya Angelou)

lived experience of social workers
we try to understand the ~ (Arthur Labinjo-Hughes case)

lived experience among undergraduates
overdoses requiring Naloxone is the ~ (US universities)

lived experience voice
he had that ~ (Miriam Krinsky about Chesa Boudin)

my lived experience
this violence is not new in my life, ~ (VP Kamala Harris)

my everyday lived experience here
~ is as a person who is despised (AOC / Congress)

discrimination and lived experiences
they seek to erase the legacy of ~ (a critical race theorist)

bringing his lived experience to the role
Hughes is ~ (disabled / Richard III)

comes from lived experience
knowledge and expertise that ~

dispute the lived experience
it is wrong to ~ of those suffering from Long COVID

emphasize lived experience
the pilot program will ~ over formal education (Oakland)

known from lived experience
what Black organizers have long ~

puts her lived experience to good use
she ~ (a child of immigrants / YAL *Skin of the Sea*)

speak to their lived experiences
things that are not verifiably true but ~

spoke to the lived experience
her poetry ~ of Black women (Maya Angelou)

question or debate (Black colleagues') lived experience
don't ~ (Disney World employee training)

♦ "Lived experience" is not listed by the Merriam-Webster online dictionary, although the perfectly comprehensible "life experience" *is*. Its short Wikipedia entry is categorized as follows: philosophy stubs | phenomenological methodology | qualitative research. Even academics are befuddled by it: see "Exploring what the Notion of 'Lived Experience' Offers for Social Policy Analysis" by Ian McIntosh and Sharon Wright, Urban Studies, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow.

♦ "Sullivan is curious what scientists will discover about her lived experience." (Autistic, agender. From "Transgender and non-binary people are up to six times more likely to also have autism" by Lesley McClurg, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, January 15, 2023.)

♦ "Don't question or debate Black colleagues' lived experience." (Disney World employee training.)

♦ "[It's] something that Black folks have always known: white people continue to be the biggest threat to American democracy." (Candace McDuffie, *The Root*.)

♦ "[I]f you're Black, even if you are middle class, there is something about the lived experience of being Black in America that weathers the body. And this is the theory of Dr. Arline Geronimus from the University of Michigan. And she believes that the high-effort coping of dealing with racism in America makes the body prematurely aged. And so if your body is older, then you're more susceptible to every kind of health problem." (Linda Villarosa, from "How Systemic Racism Continues To Determine Black Health and Wealth In Chicago," NPR, Fresh Air, May 6, 2021.)

♦ "Reginald Mobley, a black American countertenor, says that when he was growing up in Florida his family thought of classical music as the music of cross-burners." ("From 'Classical music: Airs and Graces," *The Economist*, November 19th, 2022. "Such notions did not deter Mr Mobley. A professor who heard him singing in a barbershop quartet identified him as countertenor.")

♦ "To question the role of trauma, we are warned, is to oppress: it is 'often nothing but a resistance to movements for social justice,' Melissa Febos writes in her forthcoming book, "Body Work: The Radical Power of Personal Narrative." Those who look askance at trauma memoirs, she says, are replicating the 'classic role of perpetrator: to deny, discredit and dismiss victims in order to avoid being implicated or losing power.'" ("The Key To Me" by Parul Sehgal, *The New Yorker*, January 3 & 10, 2022.)

♦ "For all of you that want to slap narratives on my words and my experience—one in which I lived for 17 years—you can't do that because you have no clue." (Carli Lloyd, soccer player.)

♦ "It's noise..., it's an opinion... [Y]ou have no idea what's going on behind the scenes. You have no idea every single training, what we're doing individually, collectively, etc. So for anyone to question our mentality..." (USA soccer captain Lindsey Horan, about criticism of the team at the World Cup.)

♦ "You don't understand how sisters move." (Joy Reid supports her fired MSNBC colleague Tiffany Cross. In a completely different context, a Black female middle-schooler texted, "Im glad my parents stay on me and taught me how to move in situations like this." The "situation" was her videoing her teacher, who was fired.)

♦ "Listen to your kids. They know what's best for them because they're living their experience every single day." (JR Ford. From "Children's book 'Calvin' shows how a community can embrace a trans child's identity," NPR, All Things Considered, Nov 9, 2021.)

♦ "He is versed in a certain kind of performativity, a conspiratorial brandishing of one's Blackness as automatic expertise." ("All Talk: The news, according to Charlamagne tha God and Jon Stewart" by Doreen St. Felix, *The New Yorker*, October 25, 2021.)

♦ "Her poetry spoke to the lived experience of Black women." (Maya Angelou. According to Wikipedia, some of her work may be considered autobiographical fiction. She certainly made the most of her extraordinary life.)

♦ "We're headed in a direction where we want people to feel more comfortable bringing their lived experiences into the hosts' chairs." (Sarah Gilbert, NPR's vice president over its newsmagazines. From "NPR hosts' departures fuel questions over race. The full story is complex" by David Folkenflik, NPR, media, January 12, 2022.)

♦ "In describing their lived experiences during the pandemic, several participants specifically referenced the movie *Groundhog Day* remarking that they felt as though they were stuck in some sort of repeating existence."

♦ Mr. Head: What was that? / Nelson: A man. / Mr. Head: What kind of a man? / Nelson: A fat man. / Mr. Head: You don't know what kind? / Nelson: An old man. / Mr. Head: That was a black man. / Nelson: You said they were black. You never said they were tan. How do you expect me to know anything when you don't tell me right? (From the wonderful short story by Flannery O'Connor, published in 1955. Nelson, a rural boy, had never seen a Black person before.)

♦ [Scientist] "It is quite clear to me that the legend of the mapinguary (pronounced ma-ping-wahr-EE) is based on human contact with the last of the ground sloths. We know that extinct species can survive as legends for hundreds of years. But whether such animal still exists or not is another question, one we can't answer yet." (Dr. David Oren, a former director of research at the Goeldi Institute in Belem, at the mouth of the Amazon River.) [Indigenous person] "The only way you can kill a mapinguary is by shooting at its head. But that is hard to do because it has the power to make you dizzy and turn day into night. So the best way to do if you see one is climb a tree and hide." (Domingos Parintintin, a tribal leader in Amazonas State, on the mapinguary, a legendary Amazonian beast. From "A Huge Amazon Monster Is Only a Myth. Or Is It?" by Larry Rohter, *The New York Times International* Sunday, July 8, 2007.)

♦ "The law, in its majestic equality, forbids rich and poor alike to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal their bread. This equality is one of the benefits of the Revolution." (Anatole France, *The Red Lilly*.)

♦ "We kinda really tried to focus on that lived experience that people have." (Colorado Democratic Governor Jared Polis, explaining his

laissez-faire Covid strategy. It is interesting usage by a relatively older, white politician.)

♦ Lol, she seriously used the phrase "lived experience" in her apology for being completely out of touch with her job. (A tweet about the US charge d'affaires Karen Decker of the U.S. Mission to Afghanistan.)

♦ "I felt like books were almost in some passive way, judging me for being who I was, simply by erasing me from the idea, like from the canon in and of itself, right? If I'm not shown or if I don't exist in a story, then that means that somebody doesn't find my life valuable enough to talk about, right? So why would I engage in something that's not engaging with me?" (Jason Reynolds, National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, an award which is presented bi-annually by the Library of Congress.)

♦ "We sell [young people] insultingly short in thinking that they won't read unless the subject is themselves." ("School Shouldn't Be A Battlefield" by George Packer, *The Atlantic*, April 2022.)

♦ "It is disingenuous, absurd and historically false to argue that a hellish system such as National Socialism sanctifies its victims." (Primo Levi. Quoted in "How Did He Die?: An Exchange" by Tim Parks, *The New York Review*, December 17, 2015.)

♦ "Whether it's journalism, fiction or poetry, writing about war is routinely prized for 'combat gnosticism,' which is the notion that the ability to comprehend war requires a special knowledge possessed only by a battle-hardened elite." ("The War of Words" by John Palattella, *The Nation*, January 2, 2004 issue.)

♦ "The new exclusivity is partly epistemological, claiming that out-group members cannot share in the knowledge possessed by in-group members." ("How America's identity politics went from inclusion to division" by Amy Chua, *The Guardian*, 1 March 2018.)

♦ "This thinking [identity politics] appeals not to reason or universal values but to the authority of identity, the 'lived experience' of the oppressed... [This has led some] to believe that words can be a form of violence; to close down a general argument with a personal truth ('You wouldn't understand,' or just 'I'm offended'); to keep your mouth shut when identity disqualified you from speaking." ("School Shouldn't Be A Battlefield" by George Packer, *The Atlantic*, April 2022.)

♦ "The movie starts off like a sentimental 'fish out of water' story, about a young woman's search for her roots. It quickly becomes clear we are seeing something stranger, and stronger... Freddy is clearly searching for an identity, yet neither she nor the movie defines identity in terms of race, nationality or family, notions that Chou, himself a cultural outsider, thinks too broad to capture the multiplicity of lived experience." (John Powers brilliant review of the film *Return to Seoul* on Fresh Air, March 8, 2023.)

♦ I.Y.K.Y.K. (If you know, you know.)

♦ "Nobody knows it like us, right?" (The author L.L. McKinney.)

♦ A FUNNY JOKE. Question: How many Vietnam veterans does it take to screw in a lightbulb? / (The twitchy, trembling, quavering answer): How would *you* know, man? *You* weren't there!

♦ A FUNNY STORY. A college-student "reporter" for *The Primo Times*, a free Bloomington, Indiana community newspaper in the 1970s, interviewed the owner of a porn shop when such things were new and unusual. While interviewing the owner, the youth was startled by a contraption that looked like an octopus, and heard himself blurting out, "What's *that* for?" The porn-shop owner narrowed his eyes and growled, "The clientele knows."

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. Four Viking types, each clutching a book, are sitting around a fire under a sign that says, "Saga Club." One of them is speaking, and he is saying, "The endless parade of murder and pillaging really spoke to me." (*The New Yorker*, November 22, 2021)

♦ OLD: life experience, personal experience... / NEW: lived experience

*** analysis

♦ "EXPERIENCE, n. The wisdom that enables us to recognize as an undesirable old acquaintance the folly that we have already embraced." (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ "There's no fool like an old fool."

♦ see also *lived reality* (groups, etc.)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

lived in (groups, etc.)

lived-in, casual-hangout

these moments have a ~ quality (*Holdovers*)

felt and lived in

Celie and Nettie's pain is wholly ~ (*The Color Purple*)

♦ see also *lived experience* (groups, etc.)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

lived reality (groups, etc.)

lived reality of racism

the ~ persists in the black community

lived reality of their students

many white educators have a hard time addressing the ~

lived reality for many LGBTQ people

housing discrimination is the ~ in our country

people's lived reality

legislative decisions take place at a great distance from ~

face discrimination as a lived reality

black and racialized Canadians ~ every single day (Trudeau)

♦ see also *lived experience* (groups, etc.)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

live up to (something)

live up to the commitments

we expect the Japanese to ~ they have made

live up to expectations

many athletes do not ~ (behavior problems)

live up to those expectations

the training they go through to in order to ~

lived up to (family) expectations

he never ~ (a drifter)

live up to (fans') expectations

he may never ~ but... (player with big salary)

lived up to the hopes

the claims for brain imaging have not ~ (psychiatry)

live up to the hype

the fight did not ~ that it received (boxing)

live up to its (professed) ideals

an American failure to ~ (New Orleans hurricane)

live up to the image

it's harder for him to ~ the public has of him (a poet)

live up to the (gangsta) image

there are those who work to ~

live up to their obligations

both countries should ~ under the agreement

lived up to its promise

if Pakistan ~ on infiltration, New Delhi would...

live up to you (campaign) promise
do you think it's so difficult to ~

lived up to (longstanding) promises
he has not ~ to tribal groups (Brazil)

lived up to their reputation
Bayer Leverkusen, who ~ (soccer team)

lived up to his responsibilities
he has not always ~

live up to the rhetoric
will reality ~

live up to my own standards
I have failed to ~ (an abusive coach)

live up to his own standards
he failed to ~

live up to its (own stated) values
the US has failed to ~ (secret prisons, etc.)

live up to their vows
a majority who took the pledge did not ~ (virginity)

live up to its words
we are simply asking BP/Amoco to ~ (environment)

lived up to its expectations or talent
the team never ~

live up to the conditions of the agreement
local officials would not ~ (Red Cross program)

failed to live up to
the US has ~ its own stated values (secret prisons, etc.)

commitment & determination: direction / verb
responsibility: direction / verb

live on (verb)

live on
there is no doubt that his books will ~ (VS Naipaul)

lives on
the filibuster ~, in its 3rd century, more powerful than ever
the film's influence ~ (the film *Super Fly*)

lived on
the bomber was dead, but the threat ~ (unexploded bombs)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance:
death & life / verb

live wire (person)

live wire
she was a ~ (outspoken, passionate, talented, dedicated)

live-wire ex-soldier
the stereotype of the ~ (the Gulf War)

one-time live-wire
Martin, a ~ who is now a boring teacher... (a film)

♦ "Good teacher. He really seems to care. About what, I have no idea."
(Rodney Dangerfield's reaction after Professor Terguson's "live wire"
outburst. View at [YouTube: Back To School Clip, "Professor Terguson"](#)
(1986) Sam Kinison

♦ Delmar: He's a live wire, though, ain't he? (Said respectfully about
George "Don't call me Baby Face" Nelson, from the great film *O Brother,
Where Art Thou?* See [YouTube The Feared George "Baby Face"
Nelson O Brother, Where Art Thou? \(2000\) Screen Bites](#)

character & personality: electricity / person

person: electricity

livid (adjective)

livid that
she is ~ her husband is dating...

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / color

living (adjective)

living document
the Constitution is a ~
this report should be considered a ~ (subject to changes)

living text
oed.com is a ~, updated every three months (dictionary)

living thing
we consider the fire to be a ~ (an Canadian wildfire fighter)

longest living
the Bullet is the ~ motorcycle design in history

growth & development / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life

load (work)

load of a (college) professor
he's teaching double the normal ~ (adjunct)

course load
I adjusted to the new ~

workload
teachers complained about the increased ~

teaching and research load
faculty members can reduce the ~ by half

parenting load
she has been carrying the full ~

extra load
the types of ~ that we are placing on teachers

full load
it may be hard to juggle a ~ of classes and a job

full (parenting) load
she has been carrying the ~

normal load
he's teaching double the ~ of a college professor (adjunct)

bear (some of) the load
build a new airport to ~ (Chicago)

carrying the (full parenting) load

she has been ~

handle the load

the system can barely ~ (airline travel)

♦ “A woman without a donkey is a donkey herself.” (Debre Zeit, Ethiopia.)

♦ “God makes the back to bear the load.” (Said in Ireland. This means God will never give you a degree of suffering that you can’t cope with.)

work & duty: burden / weight

loaded (loaded word, etc.)

loaded

the term “microaggression” in itself is loaded

loaded term

experts say temptation is a ~ (a crime against women)

loaded word

“terrorism” is a ~ (the BBC doesn’t use it)

authenticity is a ~ when it comes to food

loaded, loaded word

the word “victim” is a ~ (Judge Bruce Schroeder)

racially loaded

he tweeted the ~ term on Tuesday (“lynching”)

♦ “Last week, there was widespread outrage when Judge Schroeder set ground rules forbidding prosecutors from referring to the men Rittenhouse shot as victims.” (“A look at Bruce Schroeder, the judge in the Kyle Rittenhouse trial,” NPR, All Things Considered, Nov. 4, 2021.)

♦ “The word ‘victim’ is a loaded, loaded word that can prejudice the jury.” (Judge Bruce Schroeder of Wisconsin.)

♦ “The term ‘microaggression’ in itself is loaded. And this is how words work. Words don’t mean what the dictionary says they mean. Words mean your opinions about people who use that word. So the term ‘microaggression’ in its self—some people will bristle because they’ve seen it applied to things they don’t think are problematic—it just means a use of a word that can be offensive or hurtful and so, when your consciousness is raised, you try to avoid it. And that I think is the status of the word ‘ladies.’ Calling it a microaggression in itself is going to separate people into camps... (Georgetown University linguist Dr. Deborah Tannen. From “Is ‘ladies’ acceptable workplace language?” by Robin Young, wbur, April 18, 2023.)

♦ “Government ministers, newspaper columnists, ordinary people—they’re all asking why the BBC doesn’t say the Hamas gunmen who carried out appalling atrocities in southern Israel are terrorists. / The answer goes right back to the BBC’s founding principles. / Terrorism is a loaded word, which people use about an outfit they disapprove of morally. It’s simply not the BBC’s to tell people who to support and who to condemn—who are the good guys and who are the bad guys... / And it’s always been like this in the BBC. During World War Two, BBC broadcasters were expressly told not to call the Nazis evil or wicked, even though we did call them ‘the enemy’. / ‘Above all,’ said a BBC document about all this, ‘there must be no room for ranting’. Our tone had to be calm and collected. / It was hard to keep that principle going when the IRA was bombing Britain... / But we held the line. And we still do, to this day. / We don’t take sides. We don’t use loaded words like ‘evil’ or ‘cowardly’. We don’t talk about ‘terrorists’. And we’re not the only ones to follow this line. Some of the world’s most respected news organisations have exactly the same policy.” (“Why BBC doesn’t call Hamas militants ‘terrorists’—John Simpson” by John Simpson, BBC, Israel Gaza War, October 11, 2023.)

♦ see also *charged* (*highly charged*, etc.)

history: burden / journeys & trips / weight

oppression: burden / journeys & trips / weight

speech: burden / journeys & trips / weight

loan shark

loan shark

he borrowed the money from a ~

money: person / predation

person: money

lock (lock something away)

locked it away

it was embarrassing, so I ~ (sexually assaulted)

concealment & lack of concealment: key / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: key / verb

lock (under lock and key)

kept under lock and key

the report was meant to be ~ (Catholic Church)

concealment & lack of concealment: key

lockdown (noun)

lockdown

our ~ is a giant garden party (vs. China, Italy)

lockdown measures

a number of countries are set to relax their ~ (COVID)

lockdowns and death counts

before life turned into this slog of ~ (pandemic)

coronavirus lockdowns

sports fans are going through withdrawal because of ~

lockdown is getting looser

the ~ (pandemic)

♦ “Last night we got out of strict Level Four lockdown, which hasn’t allowed us to surf for five weeks. We’re in Level Three now and we can finally surf. I’m so pumped to get out there.” (A video showing a female teen surfer in New Zealand on the shore in a wetsuit with her surfboard. She turns and runs to the water.)

curtailment: doors & thresholds / key

constraint & lack of constraint: doors & thresholds / key

locked (locked in a battle, etc.)

locked in a (custody) battle

they are ~

locked in a (seesaw) battle

they are ~ for the strategic city

locked in a (fierce and noisy) debate

Tunisians are ~ about the role of Islam in politics

locked in a (bitter) dispute

they are ~ over Kashmir

attachment / configuration / division & connection: doors & thresholds / key

locked and loaded (adjective)

locked and loaded

the US is ~ (diplomatic crisis)

the US is ~, ready to retaliate over the attack

locked and loaded for a retaliatory strike

the military was ~

readiness & preparedness: military / weapon

locked in (target)

driven, locked in, damn the torpedoes

he is ~ (the NFL quarterback Tom Brady on winning)

♦ "In the end, cold-blooded killer, in the end all that matters is, Lombardi number eight. He is driven, he is locked in, he is damn the torpedoes." (Skip Bayless, speaking with Shannon Sharpe about the great quarterback Tom Brady, on "Skip and Shannon: Undisputed." "Lombardi number eight" refers to Brady's quest to win his eighth Super Bowl, in 2022.)

♦ "I'm locked in, all I'm thinking about is the fight. I'm not here for all these cameras... For me, it's just pure business...I'm prepared for 12 rounds of war." (Jai Opetaia in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, prior to The Day of Reckoning boxing event.)

commitment & determination: military / target / weapon

locker (noun)

Web locker

he is a prominent ~ operator (file sharing)

computer: container

locker (sports)

in his locker

it's always something he's had ~ (ability to assist, score)

help & assistance: sports & games

lockstep (in lockstep)

in lockstep

they were all ~, working together (Boeing, FAA)

in lockstep with the White House

Senate Republicans will be ~

act in lockstep

he will ~ with the White House

march in lockstep

climate and carbon dioxide clearly ~ (Antarctic ice)

work in "lockstep"

Obama said the US would ~ with Israel to prevent...

working in lockstep

Obama is ~ with the Israelis

♦ "Go to Cam Ranh Bay / Go to Cam Ranh Bay! / Chasing Charley all the way / Chasing Charley all the way! / Wiiiide River / Wiiiide River! / Oh! One more river to cross / Oh! One more river to cross." (Marching cadence, Vietnam War training at Fort Knox. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is called the American War.)

unanimity & consensus: line / military / walking, running & jumping

lodestar (noun)

lodestar of my life

Mother Teresa was the ~

Taliban's (spiritual) lodestar

his involvement was minimal, yet he remained the ~ (Mullah Omar)

legal lodestar

Thurgood Marshall was his ~ (lawyer Ben Crump)

political lodestar

cutting taxes is a ~ for many Tories (UK)

one of our lodestars

the spirit of that imperative is ~ ("believe women")

♦ A lodestar refers to the North Star, or to stars that help people to find the North Star. As such, it relates to direction and following.

♦ Somebody sent an anonymous op-ed article to *The New York Times*. The writer included the word "lodestar." People interested in "outing" the anonymous author focused on that "rarely used word" to try to determine who sent it. ("Does 'lodestar' guide us to anti-Trump op-ed author?" BBC, 6 September 2018.)

♦ see also *star* (*north star*)

direction: astronomy / journeys & trips

lodestone (noun)

lodestone for migrants

Angola has become a ~ (2009 / from Congo)

♦ A lodestone is a piece of naturally magnetic rock, once used in primitive compasses for roughly indicating the direction of north.

direction: astronomy / journeys & trips / tools & technology

lofty (adjective)

lofty rhetoric

he is known for his ~ (a politician)

achievement, recognition & praise: height

speech: height

logjam (noun)

logjam

coat checks and valet parking can become ~s (malls)

logjam of traffic

he looks out onto an endless ~

logjam on death row

the execution does not signal a break in the ~

logjam in Washington

there is such a ~ (politics)

log jam in the Suez canal

the ~ forced 350 ships to park (*Ever Given*)

logjam (with Congress) over the president's plan

he seeks a way to break the ~

data logjam

limited storage media has created a scientific ~

bureaucratic logjam

despite the ~s the Army faced in stepping up...

ideological logjam

progress has been stuck in an ~ (warming)

legislative logjam

squabbling could lead to a ~ (politics)

partisan logjam

the White House seeks to break the ~ (politics)

political logjam
the ~ must be dislodged

break in the logjam
the execution does not signal a ~ on death row
not everyone is happy about the ~ (politics)

polarization and logjam
they talked about the ~ in Congress

log jam broke
the ~ (writer's block)

logjam (holding up the bill) broke
the ~ on Saturday (politics)

logjam (on extradition) was broken
in 2012, a ~ when...

break the logjam
we must ~ (politics)
Islamic leaders are working to ~ (immunizations)

broke that logjam
it was that demonstration that ~ (AIDS protest)

clear the logjam
I sought a way to ~ (a diplomat)

♦ "All I carried away from the magic town of Auckland was the face and voice of a woman who sold me beer at a little hotel there. They stayed at the back of my head till ten years later when, in a local train of the Cape Town suburbs, I heard a petty officer from Simon's Town telling a companion about a woman in New Zealand who 'never scrupled to help a lame duck or put her foot on a scorpion.' Then, precisely as the removal of the key-log in a timber-jam starts the whole pile—those words gave me the key to the face and voice at Auckland, and a tale called 'Mrs. Bathurst' slid into my mind, smoothly and orderly as floating timber on a bank-high river." (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ "Old man Jinby rode frantically into Grand Rapids, like a second Paul Revere, screaming out that the flood had broken loose. It is impossible to describe the excitement and consternation that reigned in Grand Rapids as the rushing timbers shot down the current past the city. The heavy iron bridges one after the other crumpled up like matchwood and were borne out of sight down stream on the very top of the jam... Five hours later about half of the logs boiled into sight at Grand Haven, fifty miles away... Now [at Grand Haven] for four days and nights ensued a grim struggle for supremacy [to secure its own booms and to keep the logs from floating out into Lake Michigan] that has probably never been equaled in industrial history." ("The Great Log Jam" by Stewart Edward White is a terrific account of an actual log jam. It appeared in Frank Leslie's *Popular Monthly*, Vol. LII No. 3 in July, 1901, and it is an account of the Great Log Jam of 1883 on the Grand River in Michigan, perhaps the largest logjam in the history of logging.)

♦ See "Last Log Drive in U.S. Floating to End in Maine" by John Kifner, *The New York Times*, Sept. 8, 1976. It occurred on the Kennebec River. Logs are transported by trucks and helicopters, even, nowadays, but the old log drive, like so many obsolete practices or technologies, lives on, in the language.

obstacles & impedance: river

logroll (verb)

logroll to get
politicians ~ their share of pork

help & assistance: history / tree / verb
social interaction: history / tree / verb

logrolling (noun)

political logrolling
they practice ~ (politicians)

♦ In the past, on the frontier, neighbors would help one another to roll logs to construct buildings.

help & assistance / social interaction: history / tree

loiter (verb)

loiter in the sky
drones can ~ for several hours and spy... (warfare)

loiter (in the sky) for several hours
drones can ~ and spy (warfare)

movement: verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb

lone wolf (person)

lone-wolf attack
it's difficult to protect against ~s (terrorism)

lone wolf individual
a dozen ~s with ties to the group have been caught

racist "lone wolves"
Obama has enraged ~

society: animal / predation / wolf

behavior: animal / predation / wolf

character & personality: animal / predation / wolf

long (a long time, etc.)

long ago
in the ~, when I was a girl

long day
let's get some sleep, it's been a ~

long history
there's a ~ of laws targeting Drag in the US

long nights
I've had some ~ in the stir... (*Shawshank Redemption*)

long time
this has been a ~ coming (trans representation / Olympics)

long behind
his best writing days were ~ him

♦ see also *time (long time / short time)*

time: amount / distance

long-run (adjective)

long-run impact
the ~ on the world economy

time: distance / movement / walking, running & jumping

long shot

long shot

the horse is a ~ to win

fate, fortune & chance: weapon

longstanding (adjective)

longstanding

Saudi-US relations are ~ and have stood the test of time

longstanding absence

adapt to the ~ of water (Santa Fe)

long-standing dispute

the ~

long-standing embargo

a ~

long-standing feud

motivated by a ~ (murder in Afghanistan)

longstanding grievances

the uranium boom has given new life to ~ over land

long-standing history

a woman with a ~ of depression and abuse

long-standing resentments

~ over past mistreatment (US blacks)

longstanding taboo

a ~ against use of nuclear weapons except as last resort

longstanding (Chinese) tradition

spitting is a ~

longstanding (security) relationship

the ~ between the two countries

long-standing and deserved (m)

it has a ~ reputation for... (a company)

deep and long-standing

our ties are ~ (US / Canada)

recurrent, chronic, or longstanding

symptom episodes may be ~ (depression)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / survival,

persistence & endurance: standing, sitting & lying

longtime (adjective)

longtime alliance

their ~ has been frayed by his rejection of the bill

long-time (NATO) ally

the US is turning the heat up on its ~

long-time (Trump) ally

~ and conservative media mogul

time: distance

long-winded (speech)

a little long-winded

this guy's ~ (vice-president)

thoughtful, reflective, (occasionally) long-winded

he was ~ (a politician)

♦ Shut up!

speech: air / atmosphere / wind

look (a bad look, etc.)

good look

it's not a ~

appearance & reality: part of speech

look (look the other way / look away)

look away

we can no longer ~ (justice)

look away from election interference

we not going to ~

looked the other way

corrupt officials ~ (contract)

looking the other way

even the Supreme Court is shrugging its shoulders and ~

♦ "98% of Wikipedia's readers don't give, they simply look away." (Fund raising.)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye / verb

look at (analysis)

look at Chernobyl

if you ~ you will find...

look at the data

if you ~, one thing that really jumps out is...

look (more closely) at these (reluctant) pioneers

we must now ~

look at Poland

so let's ~ (talk show)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: eye / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / verb

look back (verb)

look back

was there a low point when you ~ (addiction)

when I had a chance to ~ and go through all the what-ifs...

I don't ~ and think, "Those were the days"

as I ~ now, I can see so clearly that...

look back on her accomplishments

we ~ (tribute to woman who died)

looks back on Houston's life

John Donaldson ~ (died)

look back on your life

sometimes you ~ and wonder..

looked back on my old life

I haven't ~ once... (travel abroad)

look back through rose-tinted glasses

it is easy to ~ and miss problematic details (history)

never looked back

I switched girlfriends and ~
after cutting his rival in the first round he ~ (boxing)

♦ "We're looking so far back in time." (James Webb Space Telescope.)

past & present / time: direction / eye / verb

look down on (something)

look down on me

I am suffering every day when people ~ (immigrant)
some people ~, but I don't give a rip ("Redneck Woman")

admiration & contempt: direction / eye / gesture / height / verb

look for (verb)

looking for how

we're really ~ we can improve...

looking for answers

we are ~
everyone is ~ (school shooting / community)

looking for excuses

I think you're ~

looking for love

Don was online ~, like millions of other men...

look for opportunities

~ to develop new skills...

look for patterns

~ in your preferences (job hunt)

looking for (better) opportunities

they are always ~ (jobs)

looking for sympathy

the amputee is not ~ (an amputee)

looking for trouble

if you ask me, he was ~

look for (new) ways

~ to apply knowledge management

looking for something

they meander about, ~ to do (kids)

looking for something new

women are always ~ in cosmetics

started looking

the four partners ~ for help

searching & discovery: eye / verb

look forward to (verb)

looking towards his future

the boy, ~ ("Ike" memorial in D.C.)

look towards smaller parties

he can now ~ to build a government (election winner)

look forward to going

I don't ~ to work tomorrow...

looking forward to going

Andrea was ~ on holiday...

look forward to hearing

I ~ if he made it to Katahdin (AT)

look forward to seeing

I ~ you in Detroit

looking forward to seeing

he was ~ his wife and children

looking forward to spending

he was ~ time with his grandchildren

looked forward to watching

she ~ the World Cup (marine in Iraq)

look forward to the class

students should ~ (teacher training)

look forward to and accept

some people ~ death (nursing)

future / time: direction / eye / verb

eagerness & reluctance: direction / eye / verb

looking (forward-looking, etc.)

forward-looking

see *forward-looking*

Looking Glass

Looking-Glass world

the Poles are ~ (every direction north or south, sun, etc.)

looking-glass world

its ~ (*The Hearing Trumpet* by Leonora Carrington)

through the looking glass

we really are ~, I despair (#savewomensports)

♦ Lenora Carrington (OBE) was a devoted reader of Lewis Carroll (Charles Lutwidge Dodgson) and Jonathan Swift.

allusion / fantasy & reality: books & reading

look into (verb)

looking into what

is anybody ~ happened or...

looking into whether

they are ~ foam produced... (*Columbia* disaster)

investigators are ~ the attack was...

federal agents are ~ he violated...

looking into (food) allergies

my son has become a biter and we are ~

look into the case

they agreed to ~ of Amy Wroe Bechtel (Vidocq Society)

looking into the complaint

authorities are ~ of a Saudi camel owner who...

look into a (horrible) crime

the soldiers were asked to ~ (Iraq atrocity)

look into ecoterrorism

the FBI said it would ~ as a possible motive

looking into evidence

is the White House ~ that American POWs may...

look into (Baluch) grievances

committees set up last year to ~ (Pakistan)

look into it

this is the first I've heard of it, I'll ~

we'll ~, thanks for bring it to my attention...

look into the matter

he'll ~

looking into the possibility

officials were ~ that tribal leaders had...

looking into the (various) theories

engineers ~ (plane crash)

look into ways

or you could ~ of covering it up with destroying it

look into transferring

maybe you should ~ to another school

investigators are looking into

~ who received traffic tickets in... (murder)

searching & discovery: eye / verb

analysis, interpretation & explanation: eye / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / verb

look like (resemble)

look like

what does genius ~ (NPR)

looks like

this is what liberation ~ (Russians withdraw from Kherson)

we understand what responsible drinking ~ (vs. pot use)

looks like

we know what fake ~ (commitment vs. opposite)

this is exactly what national embarrassment ~ (diplomacy)

look like people

harassment can ~ looking at you in a sort of odd way...

what a hero looks like

films condition us to think this is ~ (physicality, danger)

♦ "We're always gonna have to be struggling for what liberation and freedom look like." (Cindy Milstein, a diasporic queer Jewish anarchist, activist, and writer, in an interview at Oberlinreview.org.)

♦ "I know dead when I see dead."

appearance: eye

contempo-speak: language

look like (analysis)

look like

what does that tension ~ (NPR's Anya Kamenetz)

what would "ready" ~ for you... (NPR)

mean or look like

so what does a pivot to China ~ in practical terms (NPR)

♦ "What does too far look like and what does too young look like." (An advocate for antiracism in public schools.)

♦ "What does 'clear sighted' and 'cold-blooded' look like?" (NPR's Leila Fadel interviews an ex-Ambassador about US-Saudi relations. Of course, his answer was "self-interest.")

analysis, interpretation & explanation: eye

look like (future)

what that looks like

we're just going to have to wait to see ~ (regime change)

look like

what will the new normal ~ (post-COVID-19)

look like in the fall

what might campus life ~ (during pandemic)

look like when

what life might ~ normal returns

look like if

what would this vote ~ this were a secret ballot

looked like in your view

what would justice have ~, what should have happened

look like for Cuomo

so what does the future ~ (politics)

is going to look like

we don't know what 2021 ~

might look like

police reform and what it ~

ought to look like

what safety measures ~ in the movie industry

supposed to look like

what the right relationship with a male figure is ~

will look like

we will talk about what voting ~ during the pandemic

would look like

tell me what an ideal system ~

♦ "So like what do you think this should be, like what does it look like?"

♦ The future is less and less a time, and more and more a *place* that we can see!

future / time: eye / place

look up (verb)

looking up

Rhyl's image is ~ (English town)

New York's economy is ~ (post 9/11)

things are ~, progress is being made

so things are *not* ~ (a political problem)

looking up for her

things were finally ~

looking up for the president

things are ~ (Iran)

progress & lack of progress: direction / eye / verb

look up to (somebody)

look up to

she is someone young people can ~ (an athlete)

it's good for the country to have heroes to ~

look up to me

there are kids out there who ~ (an athlete)

look up to my father as a role model

I've always been able to ~

looked up to Bruce Lee as a role model

he ~ (the martial arts star)

looked up to him in high school

I ~

looked up to them all my life

I've ~ (Native Americans)

looked up to him ever since

he flew in space, and the US has ~ (John Glenn)

♦ "Respected people have stature and are 'looked up to.' This is even in our language." (Former U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich, who is not tall.)

admiration & contempt: direction / eye / gesture / height / verb

loom (loom large, etc.)

looms large over Wisconsin

the president still ~ (elections)

loom over the game

those larger issues ~ (football and CTE)

♦ "Boy, this really is looming. It looms large." (An ABC investigative producer visiting the Ohio State Reformatory, the setting for the great film *The Shawshank Redemption*.)

presence & absence: height / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: height / verb

superiority & inferiority: height / verb

loop (in the loop)

in the loop

we make sure you are ~ at every step (financial planning)

involvement: shape

loop (verb)

looping the devastation

the media is just ~ (2023 Maui wildfires)

repetition: film & TV

loop (noun / other)

autophagous loop

an ~ doomed to decline ("self-consuming / generative AI)

doom-loop

we're trapped in something of a ~ (social media)

doom loop

a ~, a cycle of negative economic feedback

feedback loop

see *feedback loop* (noun)

♦ "The city is in absolute chaos because we will continue to spiral in this doom loop." (Revulsion about San Francisco after high-profile attacks on prominent people in supposedly safe neighborhoods by violent criminals; people with serious mental illnesses, drug addicts, and the homeless roaming the streets; flash mobs looting stores; "woke" government and district attorneys, etc.)

♦ "It's time people applauded about San Francisco, we've been in this little doom loop for too long, so I appreciate a little positivity (sound of cheers.) Man... But we've moved from a doom loop to an AI boom loop!" (California Governor Gavin Newsome touting Dreamforce, an AI extravaganza in San Francisco that Matthew McConaughey kicked off (via video) as "the biggest A.I. event of the year." Signs and banners included: Peace, love, and AI; Blaze your TrAll; and Thank you, TrAllblazers.)

♦ "I've been wondering lately if feminism is subject to a Groundhog Day-style curse in which all previous knowledge is periodically obliterated." ("Wifedom: Mrs Orwell's Invisible Life by Anna Funder review—inside a troubled marriage" by Olivia Laing, *The Guardian*, 10 August 2023. "This feminist reimagining of the fierce and witty Eileen O'Shaughnessy strips her of agency all over again.")

♦ "What happens when the web becomes dominated by so much AI generated content that new models are trained not on human-made material, but on AI outputs? Will we be left with some kind of cursed digital ouroboros (a snake or dragon) eating its own tail? / It's what Jathan Sedowski has dubbed Habsburg AI..." ("Is artificial intelligence a threat to journalism or will the technology destroy itself?" by Samantha Floreani, Opinion, *The Guardian*, Sat 5 Aug 2023. This used to be referred to as GIGO: garbage in, garbage out. Or, as News Corp CEO Robert Thomson said about left-wing bias and inaccuracies spewed out by AI generated content, "Don't forget, it's rubbish in, rubbish out, rubbish all about." From "News Corp CEO Robert Thomson challenges AI-generated content's left-wing bias, accuracy: 'Rubbish in, rubbish out'" by Ariel Zilber, *New York Post*, Sep. 8, 2023.)

♦ "Our primary conclusion...is that without fresh real data in each generation of an autophagous loop, future generative models are doomed to have their quality (precision) or diversity (recall) progressively decrease. We term this condition Model Autophagy Disorder (MAD), making analogy to mad cow disease." ("Self-Consuming Generative Models Go MAD," arXiv.org.)

♦ "The bottom of the river is developing a coat of the right kind of weed. The clearer the water, the more the weed grows, and then the weed filters the water to make it even clearer—it's a virtuous circle." (Bill Francois of the Paris fishing federation, about the Seine River in Paris, which will feature in the 2024 Paris Olympics. Super!)

♦ "As birds return to breed, they also poo. This adds nutrients to the soil, which in turn helps the plants to grow back stronger. Tall plants then help burrowing birds hide from predatory skuas. 'It's this wonderful feedback loop,' says (Justin) Shaw." ("From 300,000 rabbits to none: a Southern Ocean Island is Reborn" by Zoe Kean, *The Guardian*, 10 August 2022. Macquarie Island.)

♦ see also *circle* (virtuous circle, etc.), *spiral* (other)

relationship: shape

loophole (noun)

loophole

until the ~ is closed...

legal loophole

many believe he wriggled through a ~ (Rubin Carter case)

~s are still open to abusers (France)

exploiting that loophole

unions are exploiting ~ (politics and money)

find a loophole

we were able to ~, but that loophole has been closed (law)

used a loophole

he ~ to keep practicing (a bad doctor)

♦ Defenders fire weapons through loopholes from inside a fortification.

♦ "But, as is so often the case, when one loophole closes, another one opens..."

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

loose (get looser, etc.)

getting looser

the lockdown is ~ (pandemic)

constraint & lack of constraint: rope

loose (let loose)

let loose

he has largely held his tongue, but on Friday he ~

he ~ in attacks on his enemies (politics)

restraint & lack of restraint: hand / speech / verb

loose ends

tied up loose ends

I put my affairs in order, ~

tie up some loose ends

in this last episode, I'll try to ~ (podcast)

♦ "There are a lot of loose ends that people really want to see tied up."
(Liz Farrell, co-host of the *Murdaugh Murders* podcast.)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: rope

loose (loose woman)

loose woman

she might be labeled a ~, a prostitute (for bike riding)

sex: euphemism / rope

loosen (loosen control, etc.)

loosening

a sign that the government's grip was ~

loosened their grip

tradition, ideology, and religion have ~ in the West

loosen (Germany's) manacles

Hollande wants to ~ of austerity (economics)

increase & decrease: pressure / verb

loosen up (feelings)

need to loosen up

they are grumpy people who need to ~

laugh and loosen up

this would make them ~ (a joke)

amelioration & renewal / feeling, emotion & effect: rope / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

loot (verb)

loot the assets

they could no longer ~ of the Venezuelan people

taking & removing: crime / verb

possession: crime / verb

Lord of the Flies

Lord of the Flies

you've got ~ if you take a small group of young men...

(*Lords of Chaos*)

behavior / oppression / violence: allusion

allusion: books & reading

lord over (verb)

lorded over his (C.E.O.) son

the father still ~ (corporation)

lorded over their slaves

the plantation owners ~

oppression / power: royalty / verb

lose (verb)

lose it

see *lose it (mentally)*

lose (through death)

see *lose (through death)*

lose (through extinction)

see *lose (through extinction)*

lose an arm, limb, eyesight, etc.

see *lose (a limb, etc.)*

lose one's life

see *life (lose one's life)*

lose one's mind

see *mind (lose one's mind)*

lose (one's temper, etc.)

see *lose (one's temper, etc.)*

lose time

see *time (lose time, etc.)*

lose one's tongue

see *tongue (lose one's tongue)*

lose (through death)

lost three family members to (logging) accidents

he ~

lost his (adoptive) father to cancer

he ~

lost last year

singers we ~ (died)

lost a friend

I had never ~ before (climbing fatality)

lost him
my dad loved this place and then I ~ (father died)
I ~ when I was four years old (father died)
we ~ (to suicide)

lose one's life
see *life* (*lose one's life*)

lost a parent
an estimated 6,000 children ~ (on 9/11)

lost his wife
he ~ (she died)

lost one of its own
the police force has ~ (killed in the line of duty)

♦ He is no longer with us.

death & life: euphemism / presence & absence / verb

lose (through extinction)

lost (70 to 100% of our) coral to bleaching
we have ~ (Virgin Islands)

lose the big apes
in 30 years we could ~ from central Africa

losing their cultural heritage
Nigerians are ~ (indigenous languages versus English)

lose Lake Baikal
the warnings of scientists who say "we will ~"

lost about a third of North America's birds
since 1970, we've ~

♦ "When ice melts, walrus and polar bears lose habitat and hunting grounds."

♦ "He lost his homeland, his language, his class pedigree..."

appearance & disappearance: death & life / verb

lose (a limb, etc.)

lost a leg to a land mine
she ~ (a Vietnamese farmer)

lost limbs to land mines
40,000 Cambodians have ~ over the years

lost her leg
she ~ in a motorcycle accident

lost both legs
she ~ after her Humvee hit an IED in Iraq

lost her sense of smell
she ~ (COVID)

lost his (right) eye and (left) leg
he ~ fighting the Soviets (an Afghan)

lost their voices, hair, eyes, hearing
POWs ~ (US / Vietnam War)

♦ "If you want to keep that arm, you'd better take it off my husband."

♦ "Drew Carey reveals secret behind losing 1,000 pounds over his lifetime."

♦ Ability (lose the ability to speak, etc.); appetite; balance (footing); consciousness; eyesight; fertility; hair; hearing; mind; period; a sense; sight; virginity; weight... (Things you can lose that are associated with the body.)

♦ A FUNNY STORY. A charitable religious elderly society matron with the very best of intentions decided to visit an Old Soldiers' Home, and during her visit she encountered an old soldier on a bench who was missing his leg. The society matron exclaimed, "Oh, my poor man. You've lost your leg." To which the old soldier glanced down at his pants leg and exclaimed, "By God if I haven't!"

presence & absence: possession / verb

lose (one's temper, etc.)

loses touch with reality
he ~ (a schizophrenic / psychosis)

lost control
she ~ of herself (got angry)

lose courage
I didn't want to ~

lost faith
the crewmen never ~ (that they would be rescued / sub)
many party members have ~ in him (a politician)

lose your fear
once you face danger over and over you ~ (mountaineering)

lost heart
many people have ~

lose hope
she began to ~ of ever finding her daughter
he told the worshippers not to ~, despite...

lose interest
students often ~ in school

lost interest
he ~ and dropped out of school

lost their minds
America is too woke, progressives have ~

lose their motivation
depressed teens will ~, or become withdrawn

lost the motivation
he has ~ to succeed

lose our nerve
terrorists can win if we ~ and abandon our mission (Iraq)

lost his nerve
one intended suicide bomber ~ (Casablanca)

lose patience
newly married couples are the quickest to ~ (snoring)

lost my temper
I ~

lose trust
this will make people ~ in the government

lose the will
some ~ to live (when elderly partner dies)

- ♦ You can lose your *sense of competence*; humor; purpose; success...
- ♦ "I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust," by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: possession

lose it (mentally)

lost it then
and that's when I guess I ~ (murdered a screaming woman)

control & lack of control / feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: possession

lose out (verb)

lost out to home refrigerators
block ice ~

competition: sports & games / verb

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: sports & games / verb

loser (noun)

winners and losers
there will be ~ (the economy)
there will be ~ (climate change)

success & failure: sports & games

loss (death)

awful loss
he siblings can hardly process this ~ (selfie accident)

death & life: euphemism

lost (direction)

lost in illusions
the expectation leaves us ~ (that history progresses)

easy to get lost
it's ~ in the music

got lost in the murk
I ~ of the situation

get lost in the music
it's easy to ~

get lost in a (large) school
a lot of kids ~ (immigrants, etc.)

got lost in a bureaucratic maze
when her scholarship money ~...

leaves us lost
the expectation ~ in illusions (that history progresses)

direction: journeys & trips

lost (extinction)

lost with her generation
the Blues will be ~ (the great blues singer Mary Lane)

appearance & disappearance: death & life

lost (death)

lost here
so many lives were ~ (at a concentration camp / death camp)

lost to COVID-19
members of the community ~

lost to gun violence
he was ~ on April 3, 2021 (murdered)

death & life: euphemism

lot (lot in life, etc.)

accepted their lot
they made no excuses and just ~ and moved on (2 boxers)

fate, fortune & chance: gambling

lottery (win the lottery, etc.)

lottery
it was not the ~ I wanted to win (bad luck)

lottery winner
he is a genetic ~ (an athlete)

academic lottery
getting into his class is winning the ~

- ♦ "Defenders of the lottery sometimes cast it as a tax on the stupid."

fate, fortune & chance / success & failure: gambling

loud (attention)

LOUD HAIR
I could always count on her to have ~ (Dyshea Upshaw)

LOVELOUD Foundation
10% of all proceeds will be donated to the ~

loudest and (most) engaged
Kenya has one of Africa's ~ internet communities (#KoT)

out and loud and proud
~ (Cher Strawberry)

- ♦ "Protests over raising the age of retirement continue in France. Things have gotten loud." (French crowds bang pots and pans and chant. See the Wikipedia entry at "Cacerolazo.")

- ♦ "I've been here before, out and loud and proud." (Cher Strawberry, from her debut album *Chering is Caring*.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

inclusion & exclusion: messaging

loudmouth (person)

loudmouth
he might be a ~, but... (boxing)

bombastic loudmouths
stop listening to the ~ on the radio, TV and internet

character & personality: mouth / speech

speech: mouth / person

love (fall in love)

fell in love with

they found someone that they ~ in Mac Jones (sports)

fall in love with a walrus

to meet a walrus is to ~ (a walrus researcher)

fell in love with (big-wave) surfing

she ~ (Maya Gabeira)

♦ "Ended up just completely dropping all of the wildlife biology stuff and just fell in love with fire. It is so cool." (A federal wildland firefighter. She got a Master's degree in wildlife biology but preferred to fight fires. She refers to her fellow firefighters as her chosen family.)

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage

love (enthusiasm / noun)

love of baseball

her ~ continues to this day (Wanda Fischer)

in love with birds

what can I say, I'm ~ (a birder)

in love with this city

I'm ~ as I guess most people are (Rome)

♦ "What can I say, I'm in love with birds." (A birder.)

♦ "To meet a walrus is to fall in love with a walrus." (A walrus researcher.)

♦ "Some people say they are awfully homely, awful bad looking, but to me... they are beautiful fish, just like a beautiful blonde." (Pat Wudtke, 73, in Wisconsin. He has speared sturgeon—living fossils—for 50 years during the state's annual season.)

♦ Laksa fever; "everyone's just contracted this laksa fever"; "the love child of Malaysian, Indonesian and Singaporean cuisine"; love for laksa; a thing that people love; craving a fix (for laksa); the mania (for laksa); a city obsessed (with laksa); the laksa obsession; the faithful; a giant shrine is erected (for monthlong laksa festival); laksa ice-cream / smoothies / cheesecake / sausage / crocodile dumplings / beer; the Laksa Festival Hall of Fame; the Golden Bowl award for best laksa... ("How laksa fever took hold in this Australian city" by the wonderful writer Tiffanie Turnbull, BBC, October 31, 2023. Life at "The Top End" of Oz. Super!)

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage

love (enthusiasm / verb)

love to see people crash

people ~ (the great Mike Metzger, freestyle motocross)

love the freedom

I ~ (a re-enactor)

love maps

I ~, and when you get hooked... (W. Graham Arader III)

loved the railways

Ian has ~ since he was a child in the fifties (train spotting)

love sundials

getting people to ~ is an uphill battle (sundial enthusiast)

♦ "When I am a medieval plunderer, I can do what I want, and I love the freedom." (Pol Malfait, a 53-year-old postal clerk from Ghent, Belgium. As a medieval re-enactor, he spends the weekends pretending to be a 14th-century Flemish soldier.)

♦ "I probably loved atlases so much because the lines, the colours and the names replaced the real places that I could not visit. When I was

eight... (From the wonderful little book *Atlas of Remote Islands* by Judith Schalansky.)

♦ "People love to see people crash." (The great Mike Metzger, a pioneer of freestyle motocross. He once sustained 4 concussions in two months, has broken his back 3 times, has broken his arms and legs, and lost a testicle after crashing.)

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage / verb

love (love that dare not speak its name)

dare not speak its name

it's a policy that ~ ("windfall tax" / British politics)

dared not speak its name

a project that ~ ("nation-building" in Afghanistan)

♦ "[W]hen the then US head of Central Command David Petraeus was asked whether the US was engaged in nation building, he replied, 'We are indeed.' He added that 'I'm just not going to evade [the question] and play rhetorical games.' This was an implicit acknowledgment that rhetorical games had become almost compulsory in official parlance. The US was spending hundreds of billions of dollars on a project that dared not speak its name." ("The Lie of Nation Building" by Fintan O'Toole, *The New York Review of Books*, October 7, 2021.)

allusion: books & reading

concealment & lack of concealment: allusion / books & reading

love (love triangle)

see *triangle* (*love triangle*, etc.)

lover (enthusiasm / person)

lover of Greece and Greek culture

a Philhellene is a ~

lover of knowledge

he was a voracious reader and autodidact, a ~

lover of things English

an Anglophile is a ~

lover of film

a cineaste is a ~

woodie lover

one ~ explains his passion (wooden roller coasters)

yarn lovers

an event for ~ (Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival)

♦ Anglophile (lover of things English); audiophile (lover of high-fidelity sound); bibliophile (lover of books); cineaste / cinephile (lover of films); Philhellene (lover of Greece and Greek culture); herpetophile (lover of reptiles); lexicophile (lover of words); oenophile (lover of wine); pagophile (an ice-dwelling organism); philosophy (lover of wisdom)... (Names of enthusiasts that incorporate various suffixes.)

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage / person

person: love, courtship & marriage

love letter (noun)

love letter to South Los Angeles

the show is a ~ (HBO's *Insecure*)

love letter to Black boys

this is kind of a ~ (*Punch Me Up to the Gods*)

love letter to your childhood

what a ~ (the film *Belfast* by Kenneth Branagh)

love letter to New York City

Deacon King Kong is a ~ (by the great James McBride)

love letter to Kabul

a ~ by Lyse Doucet (BBC)

love letter to (classic) Hollywood

Mank is a ~ (the film)

love letter to the movies

this film is my ~ (Olivia Wilde / *Don't Worry Darling*)

love letter to his (soaring) spirit

Tik, Tik...Boom! is a ~ (Jonathan Larson)

Summer of Love love letter

"Chelsea Morning" is a ~ (Joni Mitchell / *Girls Like Us*)

cinematic love letter

for Kirsten Dunst, the film is a ~ to her children

rapped a love letter

she ~ to her immigrant mother (Ruby Ibarra of Balibayans)

sends a love letter

Los Lobos ~ to Los Angeles (*Native Sons* album)

♦ "D C-T! is an ILU to NYC." (The book by Joana Avillez and Molly Young.)

♦ "In so many ways this show feels like a love letter to a generation of women comedians who maybe weren't celebrated in their heyday as much as they should have been." (NPR's Ali Shapiro, with upspeak.)

♦ The BBC published "A love letter to Kabul" by Lyse Doucet, with Mahfouz Zubaide and Esmatullah Kohsar, photography by Paula Bronstein, in Nov 2021, not long after the US fled that country. It is a wonderful and uplifting presentation, showing life as it goes on. It shows nine wonderful places: (1) Zarghuna Girls' High School (2) Streets of Spandi (3) Sarai Shahzada money exchange market (4) Kah Faroshi bird market (5) Musicians' lane (6) Café culture (7) Babur Gardens (8) Nadir Khan Hill (9) Bibi Mahru Hill. I'd love to visit sometime!

♦ "Tiana's Bayou Adventures is a love letter to New Orleans." (Contempo-speak Disney advertising for its rebrand of Splash Mountain.)

♦ "A hate letter to Hollywood and a love letter to movies." (Director Damien Chazelle touting his 2022 film *Babylon*.)

♦ see also *ode (praise)*, *love letter (noun)*

achievement, recognition & praise: writing & spelling

love on (something)

loving on my coworkers

just here ~ at @WHYYunion rally! (a tweet with picture)

love on your loved ones

~, life is short (brother of Tytyana Miller)

loves on his players

he hugs his players, he ~ (Coach Deion Sanders)

♦ see also *love up (and love up on, etc.)*

feeling, emotion & effect: prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

love triangle

see *triangle (love triangle, etc.)*

love up (and love up on, etc.)

love up on him

we just want to ~ (QB Josh Allen about Damar Hamlin)

♦ "There was a big line of guys ready to love up on him." (NFL quarterback Josh Allen, about a visit to the team by Damar Hamlin.)

♦ "If you're surrounded by loved-up friends..." (During St. Valentine's season, and don't have a boyfriend.)

♦ "Hear their loved-up interaction after Chiefs win." (The NFL player Travis Kelce and the pop singer Taylor Swift. *The New York Post*.)

♦ Wiktionary has an entry. So does the Collins Dictionary.

♦ see also *love on (something)*

feeling, emotion & effect: prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

low (low on food, etc.)

low on food

I was ~ due to the curfew

amount: direction / height

low (decline)

brought low

he has been ~

high-flying people ~ (celebrity scandals, etc.)

decline: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

low (emotion)

low

I was unhappy, as ~ as any man could go (a boxer)

feeling (pretty) low

I was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / height

low (base, bad / adjective)

low art

I walked past high art and ~ (New York City)

lowest form

the story is the ~ of journalism (a *Sun* article)

low life

he lived the ~ with tramps and gypsies in barns

♦ "He lived the low life with tramps and gypsies in barns and the high life with barons in castles." (Patrick Leigh Fermor on his rambles in 1933.)

♦ "I walked past high art and low art, past the theaters where famous people played to packed houses, past theaters where anonymous people played with themselves." ("In the Temple," a chapter from *All Over but the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg.)

behavior: direction / height

admiration & contempt: direction / height

superiority & inferiority: direction / height

low (base, bad / noun)

new low

this is a ~, a blatant political ploy

behavior: direction / height

admiration & contempt: direction / height

low (lie low)

lying low

he is ~ over fears for his safety

attention, scrutiny & promotion / pursuit, capture & escape:
animal / height / hunting / standing, sitting & lying / verb

lower (river, etc.)

Lower Yangtze

this is what one might call the upper reach of the ~

orientation: direction / height

lubricant (social lubricant, etc.)

social lubricant

alcohol is a crucial ~ (Great Britain)

amelioration & renewal: mechanism

Lucullan (adjective)

Lucullan feast

at the celebration of the birth we were entertained to a ~

amount / money: allusion

Lucullus (epithet)

Scottish Lucullus

Cpt John Piper, a very unthrifty ~ (d. 1851)

money: allusion / epithet

Luddite (allusion)

plenty of Luddites

~ making comments here (airless tires)

epithet: history / tools & technology

lukewarm (feeling)

lukewarm about the (coronavirus) vaccines

they were ~ (vaccine reluctance)

lukewarm to the idea

but back in America, the NBA was ~ (pros in Olympics)

lukewarm to Trump

the state was ~ but has since converted

allegiance, support & betrayal: temperature

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

eagerness & reluctance: temperature

lukewarm (activity)

barely above lukewarm

the economy is really ~

activity: temperature

luminary (person)

luminaries

where the president and other ~ sat... (graduation)

establishment luminaries

she attracted ~ to the board (Kissinger, Shultz, Mattis, etc.)

conservative luminaries

~ are rallying their troops against Obama (politics)

♦ "The Migos trio, as well as Gucci Mane, Young Thug, Future, and other Atlanta luminaries..."

person: light & dark

superlative: light & dark / person

importance & significance: light & dark / person

achievement, recognition & praise: light & dark / person

lunch (destruction)

became lunch

Barnes & Noble eventually ~ for Amazon

consumption / destruction: food & drink

lung (atmosphere)

lungs of humanity

the Congo Basin acts as the ~

"Lungs of the Planet"

the Amazon Rain Forest is sometimes called the ~

lungs of Southeast Asia

it is sometimes called the ~ (Borneo and its forests)

planet's "lungs"

the Amazon is considered to be part of the ~

Mumbai's last green lung

the Aarey forest is often referred to as ~

green lungs

the Gorski Kotar region, referred to as "the ~ of Croatia"

♦ In 2019, forest fires in the Amazon caused leaders and the media to repeat the old canard that the Amazon creates 20 percent of the world's oxygen. This figure is grossly inflated, and reflects a total misunderstanding of the science involved. That's because plants not only create oxygen but use it. "The net contribution of the Amazonian ecosystem to the world's oxygen level is effectively zero." (FactCheck.org and many other sources.)

♦ "Without the Congo Basin, the rest of the world couldn't breathe... The Congo Basin acts as the lungs of humanity. And the kidneys, too [due to its peatland capture of CO2]." (Minister Ms Soudan-Nonault, Congo-Brazzaville, seeking money from Western governments.)

biodiversity, nature & life: atmosphere / breathing / epithet

lung (life)

lung

the tunnels are the ~s through which Gaza breathes

♦ "The tunnels are the lungs through which Gaza breathes." ("Tunnels once connected Egypt and Gaza. Here's what they looked like 10 years ago," NPR, Morning Edition, December 11, 2023. "Al-Sirhid traveled through the tunnels along the Egyptian-Gazan border 10 years ago, when they were used for everything from family get-togethers to fast-food deliveries...")

survival, persistence & endurance: air / breathing

lurch (verb)

lurched from scandal to scandal

Facebook has ~ over the past months

lurch (too far) to the left
the party should not ~ (politics)

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping
control & lack of control: equilibrium & stability / verb / walking, running & jumping

lure (verb)

lured him out of the bar
they ~ and robbed him

lure listeners down (dark sonic) avenues
her songs ~ (Billie Eilish)

lured him (back) to Memphis
she ~ with sexually explicit texts and he took the bait

lured the Persian fleet into a trap
the Greeks ~ (at Salamis)

lure Diana into doing
he used deceit to ~ the interview

attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting / verb
pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting / verb

lure (noun)

lure of the Himalayas
the ~ is still with Tomaz Humar (the great climber)

lure of (modern) conveniences
the ~, steady jobs and a cash economy (to the Inuit)

lure of the north
the ~ is hard to overcome (migrants)

lure of the (majestic) peaks
the ~ pulled him back (Montana Blackfoot)

lure of sex
he used the ~ to get athletes to his club

lure of the summit
the ~ proved stronger than a fear of death (climbing)

lure of the water
the ~ was too much (drowning incident)

lure of wealth
the ~ provides powerful incentives (capitalism)

lure of easy money
the ~ sparked a land boom (Everglades)

lure of multiple majors
at many universities, the ~ has become so strong

lure of cheap homesteads and easy money
the ~ sparked a land boom

lure of investing
for many, the ~ is the thrill of uncertain reward (stocks)

♦ What do you have if you have a Damsel Dredger, a Braided Bitch, a Crystal Rubber Buzzer, a Pulsating Caddis, or a Gold Beaded Poopah? (Trout flies for fly fishing.)

♦ In the southern Appalachians, hunters will hang a ham from a tree on the crest of the ridge to lure bears to the scent. They will return to the

bait with dogs, which will follow the scent of the bear. Such baiting is illegal.

attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting
pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting

lurk (verb)

lurking
if you've had a heart attack, another could be ~
how many quakes are ~ in unknown faults
Luan is always ~ now (Rio 2016 football final)

lurks in every direction
danger ~

lurk in every shadow
for some people, dangers ~ (anxiety)

lurking on the margins
Manchester United is ~ of the Premier League's top four

terrorism lurks
~ in small towns and rural areas (as well as cities)

movement / presence & absence: animal / hunting / predation / verb / walking, running & jumping

lurking (lurking danger, etc.)

lurking danger
he was seized by a gut feeling of ~

danger / presence & absence: animal / predation

lust (noun)

lust for gold
the word lust has wider application: ~, lust for power

Lust for Life
~, the film about van Gough with Kirk Douglas

lust for power
he has been described as having a ~ and money
the word lust has wider application: lust for gold, ~

lust for travel
his restlessness, his ~ (Bruce Chatwin)

lust for war
his brutality and ~ (a Marine)

lust for power and money
he has been described as having a ~

curb their lust
politicians need to ~ for contributions

attraction & repulsion / enthusiasm / wants, needs, hopes & goals: sex

luster (noun)

luster of (unlimited) promise
he arrived in Washington with the ~ (a politician)

lost its luster
but in the 1960s, Detroit ~

superlative: light & dark

lynch (lynch mob, etc.)

see *lynch mob*

lynched

lynched

I give you hope that can't be ~ (Rochester demonstration)

judgment / oppression: history / violence

lynching (media lynching, etc.)

media lynching

he said the actor was the victim of a “~”

partisan lynching

this was just a ~ (impeachment)

illegal and unconstitutional public lynching

he will not participate in his own ~ (a fired official)

victim of a (media) lynching

his lawyer claims he is the ~

♦ “Michael Irvin analogized the controversy he’s in with Marriott to a time when black men accused of harassing white women were hung [sic] from trees.” (“Michael Irvin: Woman’s hotel accusations turning into modern-day lynching” by Ryan Glasspiegel, *The New York Post*, March 8, 2023.)

♦ “We will vigorously resist this attempted public lynching of a black man who has made extraordinary contributions to our culture.” (A statement by R. Kelly’s representatives responding to the #MuteRKelly campaign. From R. Kelly’s Ex-Wife Accuses Him Of Physical Abuse” by Anastasia Tsioulcas, NPR, October 9, 2018.)

♦ Mr. Salam: And when you have people who are trying to kind of isolate part of your statement...to hang you (chuckling), metaphorically, I think that it’s really bad news for our culture. / Mr. Zirin: I think given some of the sensitivities around this, first of all, that lynch metaphors are very inappropriate... / Mr. Salam: Dave, that was a misstatement—that was a careless misstatement, and I apologize for that. / Mr. Zirin: Okay... (“Shop Talk’: Was NPR Right To Oust Juan Williams?” NPR, Tell Me More, October 22, 2010.)

♦ “[T]wo [girls]—one white, one black—who were almost exactly the same age and had both witnessed the same lynching. A real lynching, not someone’s cheap metaphor... I don’t know what image people have of these things to the degree that they think of them at all...” (NPR, “From Martin Luther King Jr., A Burden and Gift,” Tell Me More, Michel Martin, January 13, 2012.)

judgment / oppression: history / violence

lynch mob

lynch mob

Bill Cosby’s wife says he was the victim of “~s”

lynch mobs with pitchforks

what I call ~ (the CEO of AIG, about critics)

partisan lynch mob

informed voices were drowned out by the thunder of the ~

digital lynch mob

he accused people of forming a ~ (tech’s Sean Parker)

♦ “Lynch mobs against people suspected of crimes against children are not uncommon in Mexico.”

♦ “Social media footage of the lynch mob showed police looking on.”

♦ See “Tracing The Story Of ‘Lynch Mob’” by Lakshmi Gandhi, NPR, Code Switch, September 30, 2013.

♦ “The main body of the citizens’ force, numbering nearly one hundred men, filed into the jail yard. They took Scanland and jailer McKane prisoner and placed them under guard... / Once the citizens were in the cell area, they threw ropes over the braces between a joist and then opened the cells. Joe Tuttle and Len Redfield were quietly taken out into the corridor. Redfield was game, so when the men went into the cell to bring him out he coolly looked around and asked, ‘Who is the leader of this gang?’ As the noose was placed around his neck he remarked, ‘Well, boys, I guess my time has come.’ / Tuttle broke down completely when the men entered his cell. He placed his hands over his face and sobbed, ‘Let me talk; give me time to talk,’ and one of the men replied, ‘You didn’t give poor Collins time to talk, and we will serve you the same way.’ / Both men were drawn up and the loose ends tied off. They did not struggle, even though they slowly strangled to death. After the two men were hanging, young Carpenter was brought out of his cell and told to look at his uncle and at Joe Tuttle and to take warning by their fate—he was young and could still turn from his course and make a man of himself... He was returned to his cell, and the mob guarded the hanging men until a physician pronounced them dead. They then disbanded and went about their business as though nothing happened. / An inquest soon followed, conducted by the local judge, the coroner being absent. The verdict? The two men had been hanged by persons unknown...” (*Great Stagecoach Robberies Of The Old West* by R. Michael Wilson, Chapter 12, “A Lynchin’ Bee.”)

♦ “The community is well convinced he was disloyal. The city does not miss him. The lesson of his death has had a wholesome effect on the Germanists of Collinsville [Illinois] and the rest of the nation.” (The report in a local paper on the murder of Robert Prager, a German immigrant, who was lynched in Collinsville, Illinois, now a suburb of St. Louis, on April 4, 1918. He was stripped naked and made to walk down Main Street singing patriotic songs. The drunken mob broke beer bottles at his feet, so that he walked barefoot on glass shards to the tree from which he was hanged. The mob believed him to be a German spy. Eleven men were put on trial for his murder, and all were acquitted. From “During World War I, U.S. Government Propaganda Erased German Culture,” NPR, All Things Considered, April 7, 2017.)

♦ “Hey, Mr. Cunningham. I said, ‘Hey, Mr. Cunningham’... Don’t you remember me, Mr. Cunningham? I’m Jean Louise Finch. You brought us some hickory nuts one early morning. Remember? We had a talk... I go to school with your boy... He’s a nice boy, tell him hey for me, won’t you?” (A small girl shames a lynch mob and affects an entire generation. From the beloved novel and film *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.)

judgment / oppression: history / violence

M

Machiavelli (Trump’s Machiavelli, etc.)

Machiavelli for Women

~: *Defend Your Worth, Grow Your Ambition...*

Trump’s Machiavelli

he essentially became ~, plotting and planning...

♦ “I mean, his life basically vanished like an Alka-Seltzer tablet.” (Guy Raz and Stacey Vanek Smith dishing about Machiavelli on NPR to promote Stacey’s book, *Machiavelli for Women: Defend your Worth, Grow Your Ambition, and Win the Workplace.*)

♦ “‘Italy,’ declared Metternich, ‘is a geographical expression.’ He spoke no more than the truth. Never in all its history had the Italian peninsula constituted a single nation; even in the days of imperial Rome it had been merely a part—and usually quite a small part—of the Roman state. Since the early Middle Ages, however—and perhaps even earlier—the concept of Italian nationhood had existed as a distant ideal: Dante and Petrarch had both dreamed of it, as later had Machiavelli.” (*The Middle Sea: A History of the Mediterranean* by the historian John Julius Norwich.)

♦ “Niccolo Machiavelli’s cool appreciation of expediency, expressed most famously in his slender book *The Prince*, has made his name a synonym for double-dealing and cynicism. And yet most modern historians who examine his life and work offer a more balanced

perspective... [He] was also an Italian patriot who believed that the well-being of his countrymen could only be ensured by a strong ruler who would unify the country..." (National Geographic *Almanac of World History* by Patricia S. Daniels and Stephen G. Hyslop.)

♦ Many historical personages—such as Hector, Machiavelli, Charles A. Lindbergh, and Joe McCarthy—have been mischaracterized in the language.

allusion: books & reading

behavior / character & personality / history / subterfuge: allusion / epithet

Machiavellian (adjective)

Machiavellian

his rags-to-riches story is amazing, but his practices are ~

Machiavellian genius

it was a stroke of ~ or obliviousness...

Machiavellian machinations

we are deep in the weeds of ~ (politics)
the ~ of Washington politics

Machiavellian manservant

the power struggle between Tony and his ~ Hugo (a film)

Machiavellian sociopaths

challenge his notion that powerful people are all ~

Machiavellian tool

his anti-corruption campaign is a ~ to eliminate rivals

Machiavellian and ruthless

he had to be ~ (a leader)

at his most Machiavellian

Billy Bob Thornton plays a political consultant ~

♦ "Machiavellian" should be a compliment and *The Prince* has in fact been an infallible guidebook followed closely by all successful leaders." (A BBC blurb for "Niccolò Machiavelli—the Prince," produced and directed by Clive Brill. A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.)

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character & personality / subterfuge: allusion

comparison & contrast: affix

machine (the Swiss Machine, etc.)

"Swiss Machine"

Ueli Steck, who was known as the ~, died in an accident nicknamed the ~ for his ruthlessly methodical approach

♦ "He is prolific, making great runs, a natural scorer, great attitude. He is a machine." (Roy Keane about Erling Haaland.)

♦ "Hector is a machine, man." (The great Spanish climber Araceli Segarra about the great Mexican climber Hector Ponce De Leon.)

functioning: epithet

epithet: tools & technology

machine (publicity machine, etc.)

machine

he's a ~ (Ronaldo starts for Man U vs. Newcastle)
the pandemic reminded us that people are not ~s (jobs)

machine of state

the great ~ always wound up mired (Colombia)

NFL's (relentless marketing) machine
the ~ (Super Bowl Latest)

anthem machine

George M. Cohan was an ~ (songwriting)

cash machine

see *cash machine* (noun)

construction machine

China is a ~ (international infrastructure)

entertainment machine

Hollywood is an ~ constantly hungry for new talent

gaffe machine

Biden has called himself a "~" (verbal miscues)

goal machine

Lewandowski, their Polish ~ (Bayern Munich)
even ~s need a rest (Erling Haaland substituted)
City ~ Haaland was outstanding throughout...

intelligence machine

we need to have a robust ~ to keep us safe

meat machines

stop treating animals like ~ (factory farms)

social-media machine

that's when the ~ starts, you can't do anything about it
(racist abuse of soccer player)

money machine

it's a ~ for the owners, not the fans (Man U)

policy machine

she's the ~ who can fix it (candidate Elizabeth Warren)

propaganda machine

the ~ has helped keep in in power (state media)

publicity machine

as the ~ rolled forward (for a film)
generally, she played her part in the ~ (Hollywood gossip)
the ~ that is Kim Kardashian

Scream Machine

we kayaked ~ (Green River Gorge North Carolina)

war machine

factory workers for the ~
the diamond trade fuels the ~ (Angola)

stolen-base machine

he was a ~ (Lou "the Base Burglar" Brock)

well-oiled machine

the team is a ~ (sports)
his administration is not a ~ (politics)
everybody is working as a team, we're a ~ (volleyball)

well-oiled (propaganda) machine

Isis has a ~

well-run machine

it was a ~ (the TV series *Law & Order*)

killing machine

the hydraulic below a dam is a ~ (kayaking, swimmers)
the crocodile is an efficient ~
when let outside, the typical house cat turns into a ~

marketing machine

the league's ~ (N.B.A.)
they are a ~ (the Dallas Cowboys, to include boxing)
the NFL's relentless ~ (Super Bowl Latest)

winning machine

they were a brilliantly managed half-season ~ (Chelsea)
they are a ~ (the Azzurri / Italian national soccer team)

intelligence-gathering machine

the US has a vast ~ (terrorism, at home and abroad)

resentment-generating machine

the modern meritocracy is a ~ (David Brooks)

fantasy-making machine

Hollywood, the greatest ~ the world has ever known

money-making machine

he was once a ~ worth \$400 million (a boxer)
the big teams are enormous ~s (soccer / EPL 2021)
Disney is a ~ that follows formulas based on past success

great machine

imagine the US military and its diplomatic corps as a ~

medical machine

I had always felt I was an important cog in the ~ (infection)

political machine

a powerful black ~ based in Harlem

relentless (marketing) machine

the NFL's ~ (Super Bowl Latest)

robust (intelligence) machine

we need to have a ~ to keep us safe

ruthless machine

Liverpool are a ~ (Liverpool 5 Manchester United 0)

cog in the machine

see *cog (cog in the machine, etc.)*

part of a (Democratic) machine

he was ~ that won year after year (a political figure)

machine is on pause

the entire Hollywood ~ (SAG-AFTRA strike)

machine hums along

that ~ despite a record of failure (US military)

became a (recording) machine

I started just taking notes, I ~ (Hamill at RFK assassination)

creates a machine

he ~ and the players are just cogs (soccer manager)

keep the machine running

they ~ no matter who's in charge (national-security)

♦ "I'm part of a machine that always wins." (A Marine captain in Marjah, Afghanistan, 2010.)

♦ "Really the most depressing thing to me is if you imagine the US military and its diplomatic corps as kind of a great machine that is supposed to be kind of dynamic and alive and processing information and correcting course and changing course when it needs to, the thing could never change..." ("Dexter Filkins on the Fall of Afghanistan," *The New Yorker Radio Hour.*)

♦ "As the war machine keeps turning..." ("War Pigs," Black Sabbath, Olympia Theater, Paris, 1970. Lots of lochs-waving and teeth-clenching.)

♦ watch for the hate and disrespect machine to rev up the attacks (Politics.)

♦ "With victory secured, [Erling] Haaland was replaced by Cole Palmer at half-time—even goal machines need a rest..." (Soccer.)

♦ "Haaland is a beast, he is a goalscoring machine, he lives and breathes goals." (Alan Shearer about Erling Haaland, one in a great line of exceptional Norwegians.)

♦ see also *cog (cog in the machine, etc.)*

**creation & transformation / functioning / operation:
mechanism**

machine (sex machine)

sex machine

I told them he was a ~ (my boyfriend)

sex: mechanism

machinery (government, etc.)

machinery of law enforcement

the ~

machinery of government

the Party, the ~, and the nation are one (China)

machinery of society

the ~ in its dehumanized extensions (bailiffs, bankers, etc.)

machinery around her

the ~ only grew (Britney Spears)

machinery of the state

the ~ is engaged in the suppression of...

machinery of state

I relish being a tiny cog in the massive ~ (Swiss voter)

cog in the machinery

he was a fossilized bureaucrat, a ~ for decades

machinery is set in motion

the infernal plot ~ when they receive a letter (*Is God Is*)

set the (state's) machinery in motion

she was able to ~ but couldn't stop or direct it (rights)

set its machinery going

we hit upon a scheme that promised well, and ~ (subterfuge)

functioning / operation: mechanism

government: mechanism

mad (crazy)

mad scramble

organizers start the ~ to...(international festival)

baseball-mad

the crowd of ~ Habaneros (Cuba)

business-mad
Hanoi is brash and ~

celebrity-mad
a ~ world

football-mad
~ F.S.U.

hockey-mad
in ~ Canada

soccer mad
Turks are ~

status-mad
~ consumers

totally mad
it's mad, ~ (running with bulls at Pamplona)

♦ For mad used as an adverb, see crazy (and mad / as adverbs)

enthusiasm: health & medicine / mental health

made of (character)

what AJ is made of
we now need to find out ~ (the boxer after upset loss)

character & personality: materials & substances

Madeleine McCann (Ireland's Madeleine McCann, etc.)

Ireland's Madeleine McCann
the mystery of “~” (“Disappearance of Mary Boyle”)

comparison & contrast: epithet

made man (experience)

made men
these were ~ (NBA veterans vs. rookies / sports talk)

♦ A “made man” refers to the Mafia. The epithet “OG,” which stands for “Original Gangster,” seems similar. Both refer to experience, authority, authenticity, power, and intimidation. In the NBA, some players wield more authority than coaches or even general managers.)

character & personality / experience: crime

madhouse (place)

madhouse
it's a ~ there (a crisis situation)

environment: mental health

madness (enthusiasm)

March Madness
college basketball fans look forward to ~

♦ “Taylor Swift fans in Argentina have been camping out for five months ahead of Eras Tour stop.”

enthusiasm: health & medicine / mental health

Madonna (Russian Madonna, etc.)

Russian Madonna

pop star Alla Pugacheva, who is basically the ~

comparison & contrast: epithet

maelstrom (in a maelstrom)

in a maelstrom of (negative) attention
he has found himself ~ (an athlete)

amount & effect: sea

maelstrom (other)

swept up in this maelstrom
savings are ~ (electronic stock exchanges)

amount & effect: sea

maestro (person)

living legends, phenoms, maestros
they are ~ (DeNiro and Scorsese)

ability & lack of ability: music / person

person: music

mafia (group)

lesbian mafia
Alen denied ever using the phrase “~” (Australian soccer)

Montecito Mafia
the Sussexes' inner circle has been dubbed the “~”

Stanford mafia
there's a bit of a ~ within the organization (NFL 49ers)

♦ “The Sussexes' exclusive inner circle has been dubbed the ‘Montecito Mafia’ by one Hollywood executive.”

♦ “As you get higher up in the levels, when it comes to the national circuit, if you don't fit in with the crowd, you won't make it.” (Retired W-League player Rhali Dobson. Quoted in “Lisa De Vanna's allegations highlight tensions in Australia's complex football culture” by Samantha Lewis, Analysis, Sport, 18 Oct 2021. “Crowd” and “complex” seem to be euphemisms for “lesbians” and “lesbian,” respectively.)

♦ “Lisa and Rhali: We see you and we hear you.” (Football Australia (FA) chief executive James Johnson, responding to their accusations of “women protecting women who abuse women,” presumably lesbians. From “Lisa De Vanna's allegations highlight tensions in Australia's complex [italics mine] football culture” by Samantha Lewis, ABC Australia, Analysis, Sport, 18 Oct 2021.)

♦ “More than 96 athletes in the 2023 Fifa Women's World Cup are out today... [R]oughly 13% of the players in the 2023 World Cup identify as LGBTQ+. *Outsports* reports Australia leads the way with 10 openly gay players, which Jackie J dubs ‘The Gayest Team 2k23.’” (“Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup: ‘Good, queer joy’ on and off the pitch” by Aileen Weintraub, BBC, 18th August 2023.” See also “Lisa De Vanna's allegations highlight tensions in Australia's complex [italics mine] football culture” by Samantha Lewis, ABC Australia, Analysis, Sport, 18 Oct 2021.)

♦ “When I say *Mafia*, I mean what most people see in the word: people who take over control but never let anyone have an inside look at what they are doing.” (The great Terje Haakonsen, comparing the International Olympic Committee to the Mafia.)

group, set & collection: crime

magic (versus reality)

magic
decisions must be based on science, not ~

magic versus science, evidence and data

his policy is ~ (public-health crisis)

fantasy & reality: magic

magic (magic bullet, etc.)

magic bullet

see *magic bullet*

magic cure

there is no ~ (for kid fire-setting behavior)

magic formula

there is no ~, but try... (predicting NCAA winner)

we don't have a ~ for predicting wildfires

magic wand

I wish I could wave a ~ and make it all better

there's no ~ (to fix aging Chicago El system)

you can't just wave a ~ and reopen the economy (pandemic)

magic word

the ~s are "please," "thank you" (adult to 3-year-old)

there are no ~s to motivate every student (a teacher)

"I want to speak to a supervisor" can be ~s (disputes)

STEM was a ~ (in education / "pedagogical vapor")

works its magic

the digital effects team ~ (on a commercial)

amelioration & renewal: magic / sign, signal, symbol

magic (magic carpet)

see *carpet (magic carpet)*

magic (Magic Kingdom, etc.)

Magic Dragon

their classic hit, "Puff, the ~"

Magic Kingdom

smiling faces at the ~ (Disney)

Magic Slate

paper and pencils, ~s, communication boards

proper name: magic

magic (magic moment, etc.)

magic from Messi

Argentina are ahead, ~ (Qatar FIFA World Cup)

magic moment

that ~ when you feel the team spirit coming together

moment of magic

Linda Caicedo's ~ (goal versus Germany / 2023 World Cup)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

magic (trail magic, etc.)

trail magic

we experienced a lot of ~ (on AT Trail / trail angels)

fate, fortune & chance: magic

help & assistance: magic

magic (effect)

magic spell

80 types of weapons and a dozen ~s (computer game)

magic mushrooms

amphetamines, LSD, ~, amyl nitrate and Ecstasy

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

magical (effect)

magical

the effect was ~ (a new drug)

it's absolutely magical (data from migrating birds)

magical part

the ~ of backcountry skiing is getting away from people

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

magical (versus reality)

magical

this isn't ~, this is scientific (public-health debate)

magical shortcut

joining the military should not be a ~ to hero status

fantasy & reality: magic

magic bullet

magic bullet

nothing yet has proved a ~ (against oak-killing spore)

amelioration & renewal: bullet / magic / weapon

magic up (verb)

magic up 30,000 casual workers

the idea that you can ~ is laughable (the economy)

♦ **magic up (magics up) / magicked up / magicked up...** (Confusing!)

creation & transformation / appearance & disappearance:

magic

Maginot Line

Maginot Line between two (warring) worlds

14th Street was the ~ (Manhattan theater world)

allusion: military

division & connection: allusion / history / military

magisterial (adjective)

magisterial

a biography, even one as ~ as this one...

magisterial *The Wind and the Lion*

John Milius's ~ (film)

magisterial presence

it lacks any ~ ("melancholia" vs "insanity")

magisterial retrospective

the National Gallery of Art assembled a ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: government

magnet (attraction)

magnet for Muslims

Makkah is a ~ (Hajj)

magnets for beggars

mosques are ~ (Harar / end of Hajj)

magnet for business

they want to make it once again a ~ (lower Manhattan)

magnet for (political) candidates

state fairs are a ~

magnet for (avid) rock climbers

Looking Glass Rock is a ~ (NC)

magnet for controversy

a ~, he riled people up... (an artist)

he is a ~ (the footballer Paul Pogba)

magnet for (illegal) immigrants

Fairfax County is a ~

magnet for immigration

New York is a ~

magnet for (foreign) investment

tourism has been a ~ (Burma)

magnet for (music) lovers

Nashville is a ~ (live music, museums, etc.)

magnet for (illegal) migrants

the border village is a ~ (Las Chapas)

magnet for (committed) militants

Karachi is a ~

magnet for (sex) offenders

the area has become a ~ upon their release from prison

magnet for people

it isn't much of a ~ who want to meet people (a town)

magnet for politicians

the convention is a ~ and businessmen (Davos)

magnet for (sexual) predators

Webcams are a ~

magnet for (gold) prospectors

the area was a ~

magnet for (slave) raiders

the area is a ~ (Sudan)

magnet for retirees

Western North Carolina is a ~

magnet for sharks

the seals are a ~

magnet for students

Dr. Chamberlain was a ~ (approachable, etc.)

magnet for thieves

Swiss ATM machines are a ~ from across Europe

magnet for tourists

St Mark's Square is a ~ (Venice)

magnet for transients

the city has become a ~ from around the West

magnet for westerners

it's a ~ seeking large tax-free salaries (Saudi Arabia)

magnet for artists and tourists

Santa Fe is a ~

magnets for the drunk and the unruly

they are ~ (urban liquor markets)

magnets for pickpockets, shoplifters, and muggers

shopping districts are ~

magnet for the eating-disordered

running is a ~

magnet for its legions of poor

Karachi is a ~ (Pakistan)

magnet school

~s induce kids to schools outside their neighborhoods

magnet and amenity

waterfronts are a ~ for downtown development

fun magnet

the pristine Santa Paula creek is a ~ in the summer

immigrant magnet

~s like California

job magnet

the bad economy took away the ~ pulling people here

media magnet

the case has become a ~

suicide magnet

the viaduct has a morbid reputation as a ~ (Toronto)

The Gap has a reputation as a ~ (Sydney)

the Fall Creek Gorge is a ~ (Cornell University)

tourist magnet

Bali has been a ~

bad luck magnet

he is a ~

social magnets

taco trucks, cultural icons and ~ in Mexico (and US)

become a magnet

South Beach has ~ for crime and disorder (Miami)

attraction & repulsion: tools & technology

magnetic (adjective)

emotionally magnetic

the idea of our decline is ~

extraordinarily magnetic

he is an ~ camera subject

attraction & repulsion: tools & technology

comparison & contrast: affix

magnetism (noun)

personal magnetism

Amundsen had the ~ that is the hallmark of great leaders

share a deep magnetism

Bogarde and Rampling ~ (*The Night Porter*)

attraction & repulsion: tools & technology

magnifying glass (under...)

under the magnifying glass

Amazon is ~ in several probes in the U.S. and Europe

under the magnifying glass right now

the social problems that are ~

put us under the magnifying glass

another death would ~ (NASCAR)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology

magnifying glass (search)

holding a magnifying glass to those gaps

the economic crisis is ~ (job losses / people of color)

♦ "Well, to be fair—12-year-old Cayden Parson of McKinney, Texas said he was technically trying to use his new Christmas present to set the newspaper on fire. The lawn was just an innocent bystander." ("Texas Kid Immediately Uses Christmas Present To Set Fire To His Family's Lawn," Tara Holley, KNUE 101.5, December 28, 2021.)

searching & discovery: sign, signal, symbol / tools & technology

magpie (bird)

magpie language

our ~ (Greek, Anglo-Saxon, French words, etc.)

magpie's curiosity

his ~... (the writer Patrick Leigh Fermor)

magpie's nest

her mind was a ~ of knowledge

magpie tastes

Harjo, like Quentin Tarantino, has ~ (pays tribute to others)

♦ "Murphy...was a brilliant talker... [H]er mind, a magpie's nest of knowledge, connected people to ideas and ideas to sweeping philosophies." (Esther Murphy. From "Clock's Ticking" by Rachel Syme, *The New Yorker*, July 5, 2021.)

♦ "High up in their nests, they rule over their kingdom with an iron claw... Magpies are arguably the country's most polarising bird... 'Are you really Australian if you haven't been swooped by a magpie?'" ("Magpie swooping: Inside the Australian bird's annual reign of terror" by Tiffanie Turnbull, BBC News, Sydney, Sept. 29, 2023.)

♦ Fans of the Newcastle United Football Club are known as the Magpies.

behavior / person: animal / bird

maiden (adjective)

maiden venture

it was not the group's ~ into Pakistan

maiden voyage

HMS *Queen Elizabeth* set sail for the US on its ~

maiden win

his solo break paved the way for his ~ (Tour de France)

experience: love, courtship & marriage / sex

main course (and main dish)

main course

this is just the appetizer, the ~ will come (battle)

♦ "Here [in Marble Canyon] the men started to grow restless: the trip was taking too long and was bruising, cold, and dangerous. Major Powell, they complained, was interested only in science—in taking observations, in collecting, in writing. He seemed less concerned with getting the team down to calm waters, to safety, and to home. / There were mutinous rumblings, and they were scarcely mitigated when their leader realized—and promptly told his men—that it was going to get worse and take still longer. For with the cliffs fast rising around them and the outflow of a known river named by the old conquistador explorers the Colorado Chiquita bursting in on their left side, it was clear that the main part of the huge cleft, the hitherto untraveled Big Canyon, as it was then vaguely known—lay now directly in front of them. What had gone before were mere hors d'oeuvres. The main dish lay just ahead. / 'We are three quarters of a mile in the depths of the earth,' Powell would later write in his diary." (*The Men Who United The States* by Simon Winchester.)

♦ "There's one of your Whigs for ye!" cried Alan; and then turning to me, he asked if I had done much execution. / I told him I had winged one, and thought it was the captain. / "And I've settled two," says he. "No, there's not enough blood let; they'll be back again. To your watch, David. This was but a dram before meat." ("Siege of the Round-House" from *Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson.)

development: food & drink

mainstay (noun)

mainstay of (gossip) columns

sex is a ~

mainstay of the (bear's) diet

acorns and other mast is the ~

mainstay of the economy

agriculture is the ~ (Pakistan)

mainstay of (Uzbekistan's) economy

cotton is the ~

mainstay of (burn) management

antibiotics are a ~

mainstay for the national side

Raheem Sterling has been a ~ since his debut (soccer)

economic mainstay

trafficking of opium and heroin is Afghanistan's ~

♦ A mainstay is an important rope on a sailing ship that serves to support and stabilize.

bases: boat

mainstream (society)

mainstream

his ideas about diet and health have entered the ~

mainstream of (city) life

remote from the ~

mainstream artists

such ~ as the Chieftains

mainstream audiences
getting short films to ~

mainstream conventions
Ismailis ignore some of the ~ of Islam

mainstream culture
~ and drug culture

mainstream icons
Net culture prides itself on scoffing at ~

mainstream media
the ~ is often accused of liberal bias
nobody in the ~ will touch this

mainstream medicine
a religious sect that rejects ~

mainstream popularity
the brief ~ of folk music

mainstream (Saudi) view
the ~ on social issues (women in sports, etc.)

mainstream thinking
it seeped into ~

mainstream and alternative
he straddled the worlds of ~ medicine

underground and the mainstream
he is stuck between the ~ (a snowboarder)

outside the (medical) mainstream
his approach lies ~ (controversial treatment)

from the fringes into the mainstream
social media can push conspiracies ~

entered the mainstream
his ideas about diet and health have ~

join the mainstream
children of immigrants will ~

society: center & periphery / river
center & periphery: river / society

maintenance (high maintenance, etc.)

high-maintenance
Carly is ~, a very complicated person (relationships)

difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism

major league (success)

major league
his journey from the streets to the ~ (a rapper)

success & failure: baseball / sports & games

make (create)

make Marines
it's essential to ~ (recruitment and training)

makes me
I don't make music, music ~ (Skilyr Hicks)

creation & transformation: manufacturing

make (make of something)

make of the (Trump administration's) decision
what do you ~

make of it
so what did you ~

make of this
what do you ~

make of (all) this
so what do Americans ~ (NPR analysis)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: verb

make-believe (noun)

air of make-believe
diplomacy can have an ~ (protocol, etc.)

fantasy & reality: magic

make-believe (adjective)

make-believe world
I lived in a ~ that afforded me great comfort (abused)

fantasy & reality: magic

make it (didn't make it)

did not make it
unfortunately, she ~ (girl died after being stabbed)
Taraja Ramsess and three of the five children sadly ~

death & life: euphemism

make up (verb)

made the whole story up
police are investigating whether he ~ (hate crime allegation)

creation & transformation: prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

making (creation)

making and unmaking
the book describes her ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

creation & transformation: manufacturing

malaise (decline)

malaise speech
it became known as the ~ (Jimmy Carter / 1979)

capitalism's malaise
remedies for ~

American malaise
American exceptionalism in a time of ~

current malaise
United's ~ will not continue indefinitely (soccer team)

economic malaise
the country's ~

state of malaise
across the globe, democracy is in a ~

condition & status: health & medicine

malfunction (verb)

malfunctioned and look muddled
he picked a team that ~ (Champions League final)

failure, accident & impairment / functioning: mechanism / verb

malignant (adjective)

malignant (management) style
nobody can refine his ~

affliction / corruption / growth & development: health & medicine

malpractice (noun)

malpractice
the diagnosis is wrong, and the prescription is ~

foreign-policy malpractice
this qualifies as ~ (politics)

coaching malpractice
that to me is the epitome of ~

journalistic malpractice
CNN's coverage of the war amounts to ~

♦ BBC "Austria: Doctor fined for amputating wrong leg of patient," Europe, 1 December 2021.

failure, accident & impairment: health & medicine

mama's boy (and mummy's boy, etc.)

mama's boy
the term ~ is widely viewed as an emasculating insult

Mummy's boy
~ Joshua never had any real talent, time to retire (boxing)

♦ "Ya'll is mama's boys. And you don't knowing nothing about me and women. Excuse me!" (The character of David Ruffin in *The Temptations: Season 1*.)

♦ "Mummy's boy Joshua has finally realised he's not any deal at all, never mind the real deal." (A comment following Joshua's bizarre antics following his second loss to Oleksandr Usyk. This seems to be a nod to the great boxer Evander "the Real Deal" Holyfield.)

♦ "Really tricky situation, FA, Prem and FIFA only had 12 years to prepare. You do wonder who ties shoelaces for those in charge." (A sarcastic commenter about "tired, overworked" soccer players and the Qatar World Cup.)

♦ "Bleating millionaire wimps. How about grow a pair." (An online commenter about "tired, overworked" soccer players and the Qatar World Cup.)

♦ "Brilliant performance by Brighton, I know it was only Liverpool, but you can only spank what's in front of you." (Sureditch on a BBC HYS. 1056 thumbs up.)

♦ "Mommy issues—Gilgo Beach murders suspect Rex Heuermann was 'momma's boy': sources" by Matthew Sedacca and Dean Balsamini, *New York Post*, July 22, 2023." (Reactions from online commenters ranged from "Wow, a real live Norman Bates" and "All moms are

controlling" to "Most boys are mama's boys and most girls are daddy's girls.")

♦ "I was like, 'That's a little bit too much, like why is he crying?' But at the same time I'm like, 'Maybe he's a mama's boy,' and there's nothing wrong with loving your momma." (The great NFL player Ron Gronkowski about the sobbing USC Trojan quarterback Caleb Williams, who had just lost an important game.)

♦ Man up! Grow a pair!

♦ "So, in the eyes of her classmates, Nelle's taking on the job of guardian angel to Truman Streckfus Persons... was further proof of her particularity: Truman, as surely as every kid at Monroeville Elementary knew that night followed day, was a sissy, a crybaby, a mamma's boy, and so on. Moreover, if he had worn a sandwich board to school with the words HATE ME painted on it two feet tall, the advertisement would have been redundant. His clothes extended that invitation from a block away. It was the 1930s, the Great Depression...A girl in a flower-print dress of cotton made from a fifty-pound flour sack had nothing to be ashamed of then... Consequently, when Truman's Aunt Jennie, the owner of a millinery in town, outfitted Truman in Hawaiian shirts, white duck shorts, blue socks, sandals, and Eton caps from the best department stores in Mobile and Montgomery, he looked, as one teacher expressed it, 'like a bird of paradise among a flock of crows.' The implied insult to the other children could not be ignored. Boys gave him his comeuppance by rubbing cockleburs into his fine blond hair and bruising his milky skin." (*Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee* by Charles J. Shields. It's a wonderful portrait of an amazing women.)

♦ "Mama's boy' is a flex, not an insult." (According to NPR's Neda Ulaby.)

♦ see also *apron strings*; *baby (insult)*, *brat (insult)*, *child (spoiled child, etc.)*, *crybaby (person)*

growth & development: life span

behavior / character & personality / insult / person: baby

mammoth (size)

mammoth job
the heavy burden of this ~ (Man U manager)

mammoth task
the researchers gave them a ~ (students)

size: animal

man (big man, little man, etc.)

company man
you're a ~ (Bari Weiss talks with Uri Berliner about NPR)

hatchet man
see *hatchet man (person)*

made man
see *made man (experience)*

bad man
this is a ~ who needs to be captured (Oregon police)

big man
he was a ~ in the mob (Boston)

great men
~ get great praise, little men nothing (military history)

hard man
see *hard man (character)*

little man
it's the ~ who does the courageous thing
Homer Stokes, servant of the ~ (a politician)

little men

great men get great praise, ~ nothing (military history)

strong man

the ~ can say, 'I alone can fit it' (authoritarianism / politics)

strong men

~ like Trump, Duterte, Chavez, Fujimori (leaders)

~ use populism and charisma to rule with an iron fist

the man

see *man* (*the man* / *approving*)

the man

see *man* (*the man* / *oppression*)

yes man

he was a ~ (an employee, to his boss)

yes-man

he was perceived by some of his colleagues as a ~

he was a ~ who did his boss's bidding

angry black man

I am not an ~ trying to argue with America about...

his suit alleges he was cast as the "~" (NFL)

quiet little man

the ~ has more guts and courage...

♦ "I've always found out the quiet little man that nobody pays any attention to usually has more guts and courage than the big blowhard, the big outspoken fellow... It's the little man who does the courageous thing." (The filmmaker John Ford.)

♦ "Sure, I know the type, he don't rile easily, but when he blows, look out." (YouTube, "Gomer Pyle Learns a Bully".)

♦ see also *boy* (*type*), *girl* (*type*), *guy* (*good guy, etc.*), *joe* (*average joe, etc.*), *lady* (*crazy lady, etc.*), *mister* (*and Mr., Missus, Mrs.*)

importance & significance: person / size

characterization: person

man (the man / approving)

the man

and Michael was ~ (Bill Russell about Michael Jordan)

♦ "And so, when Michael starts wearing longer shorts, and Michael was [dramatic pause] "the Man," and so, everybody started [inaudible], 'Hey, if Michael's wearing them, it's good enough for him, that works for him, baby, I'll try it, might help!' And so all these guys are getting longer and longer shorts." (Bill Russell, the NBA great, schooling Terry Gross on how the tight short shorts of Larry Bird's NBA gave way to the longer, looser shorts of today.)

superlative: person

man (the man / oppression)

fight the man

she is ready to ~ against this injustice

Fight The Man

"Underground Musicians ~ In Tehran" (Mark Jenkins)

fighting the man

Black characters facing urban decay, crime and ~ (films)

stick it to the man

I'm as happy as the next Negro to ~

stick it to The Man

employees try to ~

stick-it-to-the-man

this anti-financial elite, ~ ethos in contemporary US society

♦ Frankie: Miss Mullins, you're the man. / Miss Mullins: Thank you, Frankie. (Frankie and the kids snicker. From the great film *School of Rock*.)

♦ "Oh, look at them. They're terminal. Every last one of them... It's a rare blood disease. Stick-it-to-da-man-i-osis." (From the great film *School of Rock*.)

♦ "Cause if I was a man, then I'd be the man..." Taylor Swift—The Man (official video) On YouTube

♦ "What's that? You're desperate to support fearless journalism, independent from **THE MAN**?... Support *The Guardian* for as little as one pound / Euro / dollar..." (A cute 3-panel cartoon at *The Guardian*.)

♦ "Don't let the man get you down."

oppression: person

manacle (noun)

loosen (Germany's) manacles

Hollande wants to ~ of austerity (economics)

puts manacles on the media

this judgment, in its widest context, ~ (the *Mail*)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime

mance (bromance, etc.)

bromance

Trump says '~' with Cruz is over (politics)

Biden touting his ~ with Obama (politics)

choices at the cinema, romance or '~'

nomance

the research team labels this trend as "~" (Gen Z)

Barbie and Ken sweetly celebrate ~ (2023 film *Barbie*)

womance

Blitzed feels more like a '~' than a romance (Alexa Martin)

♦ A growing number of Gen Zers are expressing a preference for films and TV shows with less sex and more "platonic" or "nomance" relationships. One possible explanation for this is that they can view any kind of sex they wish to on internet pornsites.

♦ The Wiktionary entry for "bromance" is, as usual, excellent, especially the "coordinate terms" link.

language: affix

mandible (noun)

upper mandible

North Head, the ~ of the harbor (Sydney)

orientation / resemblance / shape: mouth

maneater (female)

Maneater

"~, " the song by Nelly Furtado...

flirter or maneater

I'm not a ~ (single girl after married husbands of friends)

♦ Nelly Furtado – Maneater (US version) (Official Music Video) "Love you long time!"

♦ Daryl Hall & John Oates – Maneater (Official Video – YouTube) "The lean and hungry type."

♦ “The call of a tigress in search of a mate cannot be described in words.” *Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett, Introduction by Sir Maurice Hallett, Preface by Lord Linlithgow (Viceroy of India 1936-1943).

person: animal / predation

sex: animal / person / predation

character & personality: animal / person / predation

maneuvering (strategy)

backstage maneuvering

there has been a lot of ~ (diplomacy)

political maneuvering

the ~ started immediately

position, policy & negotiation / strategy: movement

mangle (verb)

mangle the truth

biopics often ~ (TV and film)

♦ “‘He stuck with his guns,’ he said, with his characteristic mild mangling of cliché.” (“Who Will Fight With Me?” by Rivka Galchen, *The New Yorker*, October 3, 2022.)

♦ “On a day in October in 1831, a nine-year-old boy ran frightened away from the edge of a crowd that blocked the door of the blacksmith shop of a village in the mountains of eastern France. Above the awed excited whispers of the people at the door this boy had heard the crackling “s-s-s-z” of a white hot iron on human flesh, and this terrifying sizzling had been followed by a groan of pain. The victim was the farmer Nicole. He had just been mangled by a mad wolf that charged howling, jaws dripping poison foam, through the streets of the village. The boy who ran away was Louis Pasteur, son of a tanner of Arbois and great-grandson of a serf of the Count of Udressier... (*Microbe Hunters* by Paul De Kruif. The chemist Louis Pasteur would go on to develop the rabies vaccine.)

destruction: animal / health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

Manhattan Project

Manhattan Project for autism

Gardner has dreamed of a sort of ~

company’s Manhattan Project

he called it the ~ (Monsanto’s roundup-resistant plants)

new Manhattan Project

he’s calling it a ~ for clean energy

allusion: military

difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion / history / military

mania (noun)

mania for quantification

this ~ was in Bezos’ heart (Amazon)

“Automania”

MOMA opens ~, a show about the legacy of the auto

Barbiemia

~: the movie has turned the world hot pink (2023 film)

docu-mania

the pandemic has accelerated ~ (crime, headlines, etc.)

Leonormania

~ hits Spain as crown princess turns 18 (BBC)

‘Matildas Mania’

Australia and ~ (Fifa 2023 Women’s World Cup)

Messi-mania

the return of ~ (in Miami, 2024)

self-improvement mania

the ~ is sweeping the country

Serena-Mania

~ has gone beyond reason (narcissism, a poor loser, etc.)

Tulip mania

the term ~ is now often used metaphorically (Wikipedia)

Internet retail mania

the rising tide of the ~

World Record mania

“How Guinness ~ has gripped Nigeria”

♦ “[O]ne man sang for 200 hours, a man is crying non-stop to set a record as you read this, a woman said she was staying indoors for the longest time while another was seen attempting to fry the most snails—one of at least six culinary-themed attempts—in the ‘record-a-thon’ craze.” (“How Guinness World Record mania has gripped Nigeria” by Nduka Orjinmo, BBC, July 15, 2023.)

♦ Laksa fever; “everyone’s just contracted this laksa fever”; “the love child of Malaysian, Indonesian and Singaporean cuisine”; love for laksa; a thing that people love; craving a fix (for laksa); the mania (for laksa); a city obsessed (with laksa); the laksa obsession; the faithful; a giant shrine is erected (for monthlong laksa festival); laksa ice-cream / smoothies / cheesecake / sausage / crocodile dumplings / beer; the Laksa Festival Hall of Fame; the Golden Bowl award for best laksa... (“How laksa fever took hold in this Australian city” by the wonderful writer Tiffanie Turnbull, BBC, October 31, 2023. Life at “The Top End” of Oz. Super!)

♦ “For every mania there comes a payback time.”

behavior: health & medicine / mental health

mental health: health & medicine

enthusiasm: mental health

maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.)

maniac observer

Leeuwenhoek was a ~ (the microscopist)

Beatlemaniacs

~ besieged the hotel

Broadway maniacs

for ~, this show is a must-see (TV)

Hulkamaniac

~s loved the show

♦ “Are these motherfuckers what all the people are screaming about? My dog plays drums better than that kid with the big nose.” (The great boxer Sonny Liston at a Beatles’ concert. From *King of the World* by David Remnick.)

♦ Fans of Mariah Carey are “lambs,” part of the “Lambily,” or “Lamb family.”

person: health & medicine / mental health

enthusiasm: affix / health & medicine / mental health / person

Manichean (adjective)

Manichean struggle

a ~ between democracy and autocracy (vs. co-existence)

conflict: light & dark / religion
comparison & contrast: affix

manicured

manicured view
his show presents a ~ of a controversial man

appearance & reality: finger

manifesto (noun)

manifesto for targeting violence
his book is a ~ (*Bleeding Out*)

her manifesto
Lean In, ~ encouraging women to...

message: books & reading

mantle (noun)

mantle
its ~ was taken away (a champion tree)

mantle of religion
blasphemy laws are cloaked in the ~

mantle of his office
he still seems to be adjusting to the ~ (district attorney)

mantle of the presidency
he is set to ~ (leader)

mantle of a prophet
he increasingly adopted the ~

antiimmigration mantle
he has taken on the ~ (a political leader)

feminist mantle
she has laid claim to the ~

maverick mantle
she wears the ~ (a politician)

progressive mantle
he took up the ~ in the nominating process (Bernie Sanders)

mantle fell on him
the ~ (job responsibility)

assume the mantle
now that Pavarotti is dead, who will ~ (opera)

cast off the mantle
Klopp can now ~ (of a loser in soccer finals)

claimed his mantle
the new party has ~ (politics)

given up the mantle
women have ~ of being defined by their husbands

inherit a mantle
he will ~ that Bernstein once wore with immense elan

inherited his mantle
she ~ (politics)

invoke the (respectable) mantle
they ~ of originalism, but... (constitutional law)

laid claim to the feminist mantle
she has ~

picked up the mantle
the group ~ (fan club for dead celebrity)

seize the mantle
she sought to ~ of economic competence from... (politics)

shake off the mantle
they want to ~ of tradition (artists)

taken up their mantle
he has ~ (politician and an issue)

wrapped itself in the mantle
the group has ~ of the civil rights struggle (SPLC)

♦ A mantle was a cloak.

representation / role: clothing & accessories
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: clothing & accessories

mantra (message)

mantra
the ~ was trade not conquest (British East India Company)

mantra of American rage
the ~ (I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore)

mantra in the computer world
"innovate or die," long the ~

mantra (we all learn) in nursing school
the ~ is, "If it isn't charted, it isn't done"

Toyota mantra
in the ~, quality was always first

cherished mantras
"We must fix poverty" is one of the most ~ in education

familiar mantra
"16 shots and a cover-up" became a ~ (Chicago police)

"hope and change" mantra
the ~ that propelled Obama to the presidency

message / repetition: religion

manufacture (verb)

manufactures good news
the Public Information Office mainly ~ (military)

manufacture outrage
they ~ and scream and holler like it's the end of the world

♦ "People feel if somebody makes a mistake anymore on an elected body that you need to manufacture outrage and scream and holler and carry on like it's the end of the world." ("Gun provocation reveals tensions in Michigan tourist haven" by John Flesher, AP, Feb 22, 2021.)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb

manufactured

manufactured

they argue that the controversy is ~ (Critical Race Theory)

manufactured term

BIPOC is another ~ (like Latinx, cisgender, etc.)

manufactured or exaggerated

their stories were ~ (sex-abuse accusers)

how manufactured

how ~ it really is (porn videos)

creation & transformation: manufacturing

man up (verb)

man up

it was time for me to ~

♦ "I had to humble down and realize I'm flawed." (The actor Will Smith.)

responsibility: direction / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / verb

map (verb)

map its target perfectly

a metaphor will never ~ (Kevin Henney)

map a broader world view on to politics

immigrants and their descendants ~ (Cuban-Americans)

map on to the story of Arab Americans

the story of Cuban Americans may or may not ~

♦ The *idea* of "mapping" is beloved by academics.

♦ "Not much is happening at the moment according to the war map they have hanging in the classroom. Nothing of any note has happened in Africa or Asia for several weeks. Yesterday, unfortunately, 289 men capitulated in Likuyu in German East Africa, and several Turkish trenches were taken by the British south-west of Kut al-Amara in Mesopotamia. That is all. Things are also quiet in Italy and the Balkans; nor is anything new happening on the Western Front, apart from the occasional raid. It is only the Eastern Front that is providing the newspapers with anything more than the occasional notice, and almost all the fighting there has been concentrated in one area—Romania—for months. That part of the map is now a patchwork of small black, white and red flags and there could well be a major victory there soon. The last was on 6 December when Bucharest fell and the children were given a day off school. Elfriede used that sudden holiday to go for a walk." (*The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter Englund, writing about World War I.)

♦ "Mrs. McKelvie was my history teacher... She showed me ... that the study of maps and drawing of maps led to ever-greater clarity..." (From the wonderful *Climbing The Mango Trees: A Memoir Of A Childhood In India*, Chapter 20, by Madhur Jaffrey.)

♦ "This war is a new kind of war. It is different from all other wars of the past, not only in its methods and weapons, but also in its geography... This is warfare in terms of every continent, every island, every sea, every air lane in the world. That is the reason why I have asked you to take out and spread before you a map of the whole Earth, and to follow me in the references which I shall make to the world-encircling battle lines of this war." (President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a radio broadcast to the nation. In advance of the President's talk, Americans had been encouraged to bring a world map to have by their radio, and map sales soared. More than 60 million people tuned in to the broadcast, nearly half the population. FDR used the map to show listeners how big and mighty the Allied nations were. From "The First Family of Radio: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt's Historic Broadcasts," American RadioWorks, November 2014.)

♦ My knowledge of geography had been expanding... with reports of front movements in the east, of battles for islands in the Pacific between

the Japanese and the Americans, of developments in southern Europe." (Gunter Grass, "How I spent the War," *New Yorker Magazine*.)

♦ "What's this river?" / "I don't know. The Zusha, probably." / "No, that isn't the Zusha." / "Then I don't know what it is." / "It's on the Zusha, you know that it all happened—Christina, I mean." / "Yes, but that would be lower down the river..." (Nika Dudorov and Misha Gordon talking in the summer of 1943, after the breakthrough on the Kursk bulge. From *Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.)

configuration: map / verb

map (on the map)

on the map

the village is ~ again (presidential visit)

on the streetfood map

the Philly cheese steak put the city ~

on the financial map

he put Bank of America and Charlotte ~

on the literary map

he helped put the review ~

put Los Angeles on the (art) map

he helped ~ (a sculptor)

put Chicago on the map

he ~ (Michael Jordan according to Barack Obama)

put this issue on the map

New York City has ~ (voting rights for immigrants)

put movies from Finland on the map

he first ~ in the 1980s (Aki Kaurismaki)

consciousness & awareness: map

location / place / presence & absence: map

attention, scrutiny & promotion: map

map (drop off the map, etc.)

drop off the map

the Grenadines are an ideal place to ~

fall off the map

you see teams that ~ after losing (NBA)

fell off the map

he turned off his phone and ~ shortly thereafter (suicide)

consciousness & awareness: map / verb

appearance & disappearance: map / verb

location / place / presence & absence: map / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: map / verb

map (all over the map, etc.)

just all over the map

ideologically, he's ~ (a politician)

♦ "He's all over the map, you can't pin him down..."

location: map

map (all over the map / emotions)

all over the map

he's a person who's ~ (emotionally)

♦ "He's a person who's all over the map, and you don't know what he's going to say or do. And then, all of a sudden, he pulls it all together." (JB Straubel about Elon Musk, when "the charming Musk appeared." From *Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson.)

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: place marathon (effort and time)

marathon meeting
gearing up for a ~ next week (city government)

marathon (public) speeches
during his ~

marathon, not a sprint
tackling the virus is a ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

emotional marathon
we have been running an ~ this past year (COVID)

difficulty, easiness & effort / time: distance / sports &
games / walking, running & jumping

marble (marbles)

got all his marbles
he's still ~ (a 100-year-old man in Khabarovsk)

♦ Language from the game of marbles includes: all the marbles; lose one's marbles; knuckle down; and play for keeps.

functioning: sports & games

marbled

marbled with orchards
the community is ~

marbled polecat
the Arabic name for the ~ means "stinky"

♦ Animals might be banded, dappled, marbled, mottled, ringed, speckled, spotted, stippled, streaked, striped, and even spectacled!

configuration: materials & substances

march (together, etc.)

march in lockstep
climate and carbon dioxide clearly ~ (ice cores)

relationship / unanimity & consensus: military / verb /
walking, running & jumping

march (move)

marching east
and in the West, a new storm system is ~

marching through the world's banana-growing countries
TR4 is ~ (a fungus)

marched (through the season) undefeated
the team ~ (but lost the championship game)

movement: military / verb / walking, running & jumping

march (march ahead, etc.)

marching ahead
the science is ~ (genetic tests)

marching forward
the bill is ~ (politics)

♦ Mara Liasson, national political correspondent for NPR: "The bill is marching forward, or stumbling forward, depending on your favorite metaphor, and it has bipartisan..." / Lulu Garcia-Navarro (interrupting suddenly): "Dancing forward." / Mara Liasson: "Dancing forward, right, cha-cha-cha, it has bipartisan support but..." (Odd repartee on NPR.)

♦ Dallas Cow: Fantastic result for Villareal, simply incredible. Hard to believe that they just knocked out Bayern Munich. The yellow submarine goes marching on. / Chris: Sailing on? / Shaid: Submarines don't have sails. / The Spin Doctor: "Sailing" is something submarines do whether or not they are on the surface. / Rellis: being pedantic but the US navy calls the conning tower a "sail" / Liverpoolblackcaps: Propelling along? (A BBC HYS thread that went on far too long. Villareal is nicknamed the Yellow Submarine, for their all-yellow uniforms.)

force / progress & lack of progress / starting, going,
continuing & ending: direction / movement / verb /
walking, running & jumping

march (March of Time, etc.)

March of Time
the ~ was a series of short films (1935-1951)

time: movement / walking, running & jumping

march (on the march)

on the march
Bolshevism was ~, Lenin was in Moscow (revolution)

driving force / progress & lack of progress: military /
movement / walking, running & jumping

march (noun)

march of civilization
the ~ cannot be stopped (British in Afghanistan)
he started the ~ (Kamehameha)

march of globalization
the inexorable ~

march of COVID-19
the lethal ~ has passed 100,000 deaths in the US

march towards majority rule
rugby's starring role in the ~ (South Africa)

death march
see *death march* (noun)

inexorable march
the ~ of globalization

slow Biden's march
the debate was his last chance to ~ (election)

driving force / progress & lack of progress: military /
movement / walking, running & jumping

marching orders

marching orders
his ~ were to bring discipline to the staff

marching orders for the black electorate
the ~ were now clear (vote for Grant)

marching orders from the White House
they are getting their ~ (NSA / CIA)

takes his marching orders
he ~ from liberal hypocrites (politics)

♦ "Even though winter doesn't slip away until next weekend, time has its marching orders." (The US adjusts its clocks. "Spring ahead, fall back.")

work & duty: military

Marco Polo (Muslim Marco Polo, etc.)

Marco Polo of the Arab world
Ibn Battuta, the ~

Muslim Marco Polo
his popular chronicle made him a kind of ~ (Ibn Battuta)

history: epithet

margin (on the margins)

on the margins
boxing has long been a social staircase for those ~

live on the margins
they ~, where things often go wrong (justice system)

♦ "The celebration of the margins—black bodies in motion, women's voices centered, black queer voices centered—is what ultimately vanquishes the state, represented by a NOPD car." ("We Slay, Part 1" by Zandria F. Robinson @ New South Negress about Beyonce's "Formation.")

♦ "Boxing exists on the margins of decency."

society: center & periphery

marginalization (groups)

marginalization
their ~ is due to naked discrimination

marginalization of First Nations people
the ~ (musician Joanne Shenandoah)

marginalization by the (country's ruling) elites
~ (the Mayan communities of Guatemala)

marginalization and discrimination
~ (queer gender-fluid Black woman Lola Flash)

LGBTQ marginalization
talking about ~ in conversations...

racist marginalization
no action was taken to curb the ~ (Dr. Vanessa Toolzie)

social marginalization
Juan Crow, a similar form of ~ as Jim Crow

socioeconomic and political marginalization
~ (U.N. Rights Chief says reparations are needed)

homophobia, poverty, racism, marginalization
the show deals with issues like ~

stigma, marginalization and discrimination
~ against the communities hit hardest (monkeypox)

fight (alleged) marginalization

English speakers ~ (Cameroon)

♦ "[W]hat Shah calls 'eco-incarceration, 'reinforcing Adivasis' marginalization.'" ("You First: Does anyone really know what it means to be 'Indigenous?'" by Manvir Singh, *The New Yorker*, February 27, 2023.)

♦ see also *ization (marginalization, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

marginalize (groups)

marginalize Black art
the forces that ~ (*Black Art: In the Absence of Light*)

marginalizes LGBTQ individuals
the term "traditional marriage" ~

marginalized gay people
the church has consistently ~ in the course of its history

♦ "Around the world today, the powerful 'feed upon the powerless' and too many people are treated as 'consumer goods to be used and then discarded,' Pope Francis writes in his first major paper..." ("Pope Slams 'Disposable' Culture That Marginalizes Many" by Mark Memmott, NPR, *The Two-Way*, November 26, 2013.)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection / verb

marginalized (groups)

marginalized
the Pope said religion was being ~

marginalized backgrounds
NPR is hemorrhaging hosts from ~

marginalized communities
~ are in competition for the tiny allotment of space...

marginalized hero
a gay white man as a ~ is a harder sell (publishing)

marginalised identities
a non-binary person at the intersection of multiple ~

marginalised voices
~ are telling stories that need to be heard
she became a music journalist to platform ~

marginalized or stereotyped
those who are often ~

historically marginalized
people of color and other ~ groups

politically marginalized
the far right in Germany is small and ~

racially marginalized
she was ~ by others in the NAACP (South Asian)
I investigate what it means to be ~ while minoritized
people from poor, immigrant, and ~ communities

who is privileged and who is marginalized
interrogate ~ by the notion of "standard" English

low income and marginalized
~ students will suffer the most academically

claim they are marginalised
many Israeli Arabs ~

♦ “My belief is that we should be centering the voices and the experiences of the most marginalized people and communities at all times. So when I think about what fat liberation looks like to me, I think about centering the voices of those who live in and who maneuver through spaces and institutions in a fat body.” (Zyahna Bryant, activist, who has partnered with the soap and beauty company Dove to promote fat liberation, or size freedom.)

♦ *Seen, Heard, and Paid: The New Work Rules for the Marginalized.* (The book by Alan Henry.)

♦ “The jig is up. You cannot keep being dwindled and marginalized and disrespected and dishonored...” (Fran Drescher, President of SAG-AFTRA, announcing a strike. “Dwindled” is based on the rare usage of “dwindle” as a transitive verb. Drescher’s speech is SUPER: “Watch: Fran Drescher delivers fiery speech on SAG-AFTRA strike” Live CBS News. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4SAPOX7R5M>)

♦ “Are all people of color at NPR ‘from marginalized backgrounds’? What if they went to elite universities?” (A comment by Earthrise, one comment of 2,371 comments, about the article “NPR is losing some of its Black and Latino hosts. Colleagues see a larger crisis” by Paul Farhi and Elahe Izadi, *Washington Post*, Jan. 5, 2022.)

♦ “The school board in Tupper Lake, New York, tasked a committee to draft a new policy on diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). Whether or not the phrase “historically marginalized” was to be included became a sticking point, among many other issues. In the end, the draft policy did not include a reference to “historically marginalized groups.” (“Schools find conspiracy theories interfere with making classrooms inclusive” by Zach Hirsch, NPR, Morning Edition, August 16, 2022.)

♦ “I will NO LONGER tolerate ANY racism against me for being a #ProudBrownWoman of #SouthAsian and #Caribbean descent...The fact that I have consistently been made to endure this hateful racism in anti-racist spaces is abhorrently shameful.” (Dr. Vanessa Toolsie, who was born in Trinidad of Indian descent, resigning from her position of elected vice president of the Orange County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. From “NAACP leader in Florida quits over ‘racist marginalization,’” AP, August 25 2022. Republished on ABC News.)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

marginalizing (guilty of, etc.)

marginalizing India’s Muslims
his party has been accused of ~

marginalizing the opposition
there are more subtle ways of ~

marginalizing certain people
the Women’s March has had a history of ~

marginalizing and infantilizing
sports media has been complicit in ~ women’s sports

accused of marginalizing
he has been ~ the country’s minority Sunnis

♦ “The Women’s March has had a history of marginalizing certain people. They want their version of smashing patriarchy to look a certain way. I’m black, I’m proud. This is my march as much as it is any other person’s march.” (“Women’s March Draws A Smaller, But Passionate Crowd” by Isabella Gomez Sarmiento, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, January 18, 2020. A 1-Minute Listen. This quotation is from the article that accompanies the broadcast but does NOT match the audio.)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

Mariana Trench (epithet)

Mariana Trench of human shittiness
middle school, the ~ (the writer Tad Friend)

attainment / epithet / superlative: mountains & hills

marinate (verb)

marinating in this
we have been ~ for the last 6 months (a political scandal)

marinate in lies and hate
millions now ~ (the internet, media, etc.)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

mark (black mark)

black mark on the city
the case put a ~ (a murder)

black marks on their credit
~ that can last for years (credit cards)

♦ “While the chops were being cooked, Fleete opened his shirt and showed us, just over his left breast, a mark, the perfect double of the black rosettes—the five or six irregular blotches arranged in a circle—on a leopard’s hide... / Here the chops came in, all red and juicy, and Fleete bolted three in a most offensive manner. He ate on his right grinders only, and threw his head over his right shoulder as he snapped the meat...” (The creepy story “The Mark of the Beast” by Rudyard Kipling.)

characterization / reputation: color / mark

mark (effect)

mark on Morgan County
she’s made an indelible ~ (tragedy)

mark on the region
the waves of Germans who made their ~ (Wisconsin)

mark on soldiers
Afghanistan leaves a ~

profound marks
immigration left ~ on the region

high-water mark
it was the ~ of his career (athlete)

indelible mark
she’s made an ~ on Morgan County (drunk-driving)
terrorism has left an ~ on his presidency (9/11)
his trip to Sri Lanka left an ~ on him (Chekhov)

leave your mark
you gotta ~ on the world (tree planted for murder victim)

left a mark
she ~ on all of us who crossed her path (an actor)

left (profound) marks
immigration ~ on the region

made their mark
the waves of Germans who ~ on the region (Wisconsin)

make his mark
he’s training in an ER, where he wants to ~ (new nurse)

effect / impression: mark

feeling, emotion & effect: mark

mark (off the mark)

way off the mark

you are ~ (argument)

target: weapon

mark (high mark)

high marks for his courage

I give him ~ and commitment (anti-terrorism)

judgment: school & education

marketplace (noun)

marketplace of ideas

New York City is a cacophony of voices and a ~

sexual marketplace

our ~ is explicitly and brutally judgmental

competition: money

society: infrastructure

Mark Twain (the Yiddish Mark Twain, etc.)

Jewish Mark Twain

the ~ (Sholem Aleichem / Sholem Rabinovich)

♦ "Please tell him that I am the American Sholem Aleichem." (Mark Twain, about 'the Jewish Mark Twain.' From "The Jewish Mark Twain" by William Deresiewicz, *The Atlantic*, January / February 2014 issue.)

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: epithet

marmite (noun)

marmite character

Jake Paul is a ~, a love-hate character (boxing)

marmite fighters

they are ~ if you like (2 boxers with unpleasant sides)

marmite person

he was a ~, people either hate him or love him

Marmite Test

the ~ applies this love/hate sentiment to research...

marmite thing

it's a real ~, you find it repugnant or you love it (mullet hairstyle)

♦ "Love it or hate it." (Unilever's slogan for Marmite, a "delicious/disgusting" yeast extract spread produced in the UK. Vegemite is a similar product. The "Marmite Test" has come to mean when people have extreme experiences in the same context.)

♦ "If you love me or you hate me, you're gonna watch me fight." (The MMA fighter Paddy "The Baddy" Pimblett, who refuses to get his hair cut. He is a Liverpudlian.)

♦ "I think he's one of those marmite fighters, some people might love the way that he goes about what he does, his trash talk, his, you know, all that stuff, trying to get under people's skin, other people will absolutely hate, it's always been the way, but at the end of the day, people want to hear from him..." (Commentator Stacey Copeland about Jarrell "Big Baby" Miller, who was born and raised in Brooklyn. Stacey was talking with Steve Bunce in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, prior to the Day of Reckoning fight card, part of Riyadh Season. Super!)

♦ A similar food is the durian, which has been described as smelling like garbage, moldy cheese, rotting fish, a dead cat, last season's unwashed gym socks, and a mixture of cheese, onions, sherry, rotting meat and drains.

♦ "Most lutefisk is not edible by normal people. It is reminiscent of the afterbirth of a dog or the world's largest chunk of phlegm." (The beloved American humorist Garrison Keillor.)

♦ "The staple food in this region is tsampa. This is how they prepare it. You heat sand to a high temperature in an iron pan and then pour barley corns onto it. They burst with a slight pop, whereupon you put the corns and the sand in a fine meshed sieve through which the sand runs: after this you grind the corn very small. The resulting meal is stirred up into a paste with butter tea or milk or beer and then eaten. The Tibetans make a special cult of tsampa and have many ways of preparing it. We soon got accustomed to it, but never cared much for butter tea, which is usually made with rancid butter and is generally repugnant to Europeans. It is, however, universally drunk and appreciated by the Tibetans, who often drink as many as sixty cups in a day." (*Seven Years in Tibet* by Heinrich Harrer, from the chapter, "The Village of Happiness.")

♦ "Kangding is a crossroads town, once a terminus for the brick tea trade, now an important rest stop for anyone bound into or out of Tibet—it is the true beginning of ethnic Tibet or, for someone coming from the far side, the true beginning of the real China. The little cafes here serve Tibetan tea—a powerful decoction brewed from tea dust and twigs, with copious amounts of salt added to impart extra flavor and with large globules of rancid, hairy yak-butter floating on top. It is an acquired taste that I was not to acquire—finding it even less attractive a comestible than tsampa, the principal food of the Tibetan peasantry, which consists merely of flour worked with water and yak-butter, and which is eaten raw and has a taste like rotten dough." (*The River at the Center of the World: A Journey Up the Yangtze, and Back in Chinese Time* by the wonderful writer Simon Winchester.)

♦ "Walrus flippers with sea cabbage. It's delicious food." (Ludmilla Ainana, a 66-year-old woman, reminiscing about the food she ate at coastal camps as a child.)

♦ "Squirrel soup with a lot of hot peppers is very popular." (A Hmong in the US who maintains the Hmong hunting tradition.)

♦ "We don't call him Marmite for nothing." (A colleague of the irrepressible Piers Morgan of ITV.)

attraction & repulsion / character & personality: food & drink

marooned

marooned by history in positions

they were ~ out of kilter with their era (leaders)

marooned on a (lonesome) block

the restaurant is ~

marooned on a traffic island

hundreds of protesters were ~ (by police)

marooned in camps

people are ~ (refugees from fighting)

marooned in a traffic jam

truckers have been ~ for a week (China)

marooned in a sea

I was ~ of premeds (an arts major)

marooned overnight

several subway trains were ~ after losing power (snow)

marooned hopelessness

in that isolation, in the ~ of the protagonists... (a film)

marooned travelers

at JFK, ~ slept on cots (blizzard)

feel marooned

people ~ (survivors of earthquake)

isolation & remoteness: island / sea

society: island / sea

marquee (attention)

marquee careers

I set my sights on ~ in marquee industries (Duke student)

marquee defendant

while others face more serious charges, he is the ~

marquee fight

we want a big fight, a ~ (Eddie "Who Else?" Hearn)

marquee game

he will miss Sunday's ~ against the Kansas City Chiefs

marquee hearing

this is the first big ~ for the Democratic-controlled house

marquee issue

immigration is his ~ (politics)

the economy and abortion are ~s (elections / 2022)

marquee name

it isn't as simple as hiring a ~ (audio books)

~s traditionally lionized by the literary establishment

~s such as Nigella Lawson and Rachael Ray (food)

marquee players

both were ~ in the national-security establishment

marquee things

the ~ that make headlines (better pay and benefits, etc.)

marquee title

Sunisa Lee claimed the sport's ~ (Olympics / gymnastics)

marquee witness

he could be the ~ in this impeachment probe

♦ "I set my sights on marquee careers in marquee industries." ("Beyond the walls of fear" by Paul Dilly (Class of 2026), *The Duke University Chronicle*, March 7, 2024. A Duke University student. Super!)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: film & TV / theater

importance & significance: film & TV / theater

marriage (relationship)

marriage of convenience

they appear to have made a ~ (terrorist groups)

their alliance was a ~, not deep ideological affinity

marriage of Java and VRML

the ~ (computing)

marriage of mobile phones and the Internet

the ~

marriage of new media and old media

the ~ (AOL and Time Warner)

marriage of science and government

the ~ in the US

marriage of technology and opera

the ~

marriage of turquoise and gold

the ~ is an ideal one (the Mariinsky Theater)

marriage of the Web and the classroom

the ~ ("education")

marriage between Islam and modernity

some Arabs want a ~

marriage between crypto and sports

the ~

♦ "Treat her like a Queen, and she'll treat you like a King." (Said in Saudi Arabia.)

♦ "I have studied this matter. Most of the couples who visit a big shopping center start quarreling with each other within an hour and a half." (Sergei Y. Klyuchnikov, a psychologist in Moscow, on Russia's long New Year's holiday.)

♦ Men who do housework may get more sex...

♦ First man: "How's your wife?" / Second man: "Still in charge..."

♦ "My wife ran off with my best friend... and I miss him!" (A bumper sticker.)

♦ "Why women seek conflict," Health & Science, *The Week*, March 23, 2012.)

♦ "Grow your own dope—plant a man." (A bumper sticker for a female landscaping company, seen at the Ingles parking lot in East Oteen, Asheville, North Carolina, USA.)

♦ A FUNNY STORY. One day Abu Nuas and the Caliph Haroon Rashid were talking about marriage. "Tell me, great Caliph, speaking about the man you rule over, who has the upper hand in the relationship, the man or the woman?" Abu Nuas asked innocently. The Caliph snorted at such a stupid question and became angry. He berated Abu Nuas. He laughed at him and mocked him and abused him! / Abu Nuas just smiled a little smile. He knew that he had netted a great fish. And not just the greatest fish in the Tigris, or the Euphrates, or the Nile, but the greatest fish in all the seas and oceans in the world! And so he made his wager..." (To be continued in tomorrow's class. The bell has rung.)

♦ OLD: the battle of the sexes... / NEW: gendered...

♦ see also *gendered (groups)*

relationship: love, courtship & marriage

division & connection: love, courtship & marriage

marriage (shotgun marriage)

shotgun marriage of S4C and the BBC

the ~ is an awkward match

shotgun marriage between the two parties

the ~ will not last (politics)

♦ Cartersville, Ga., May 13.—William V. Jones, a young man of Taylorsville, was violently taken from his home on Tuesday night to the residence of Miss Ida Gaston, whom he was accused of betraying, and compelled under pressure of shotguns to marry her. He came here today and entered suit for divorce. ("Married Under Threats, of Death," *The New York Times*, May 14, 1885.)

coercion & motivation / division & connection / eagerness

& reluctance / relationship: love, courtship & marriage

married

married to her job

the kind of woman people describe as ~

ground operations married with cyber activity

conventional ~ (Georgia / S. Ossetia)

environment married with ambition and competitiveness

a gentle small ~ (small colleges, NPR, etc.)

attachment / division & connection / relationship: love, courtship & marriage

marry (verb)

marries fashion and politics
Bubu Ogisi ~ (Nigerian designer)

married journalism and voyeurism
the result ~ (beauty influencers)

attachment / division & connection / relationship: love, courtship & marriage / verb

Marshall Plan

Marshall Plan to fight
we need a ~ climate change

Marshall Plan for racial equity
calls for a ~

“Marshall Plan” for the US healthcare industry
Democrats argued for a ~

21st-century Marshall Plan
we need to invest in a ~ for Honduras... (immigration)

♦ “If we were to launch a Marshall Plan of equivalent size today, as a percentage of our GDP we would be talking about 800 billion dollars.” (Benn Steil, author of *Marshall Plan: Dawn of the Cold War*. More to the point, he talks about the context and *purpose* of the real Marshall Plan.)

allusion: military

help & assistance: allusion / history / military
difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion / military / history

Martian (adjective)

Martian landscape
the road takes us through a dusty, reddish ~ (Chile)

resemblance: astronomy
comparison & contrast: affix

Martian’s-eye

Martian’s-eye view
he takes a ~ of the habits and customs of *Homo sapiens*

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

martyr (person)

martyrs, holy warriors
~ who fight the good fight (animal obsessives)

scientist-martyr
many Americans began to regard Oppenheimer as a ~

free speech martyrs
don’t turn loudmouths and thugs into ~

became a martyr
before Tupac Shakur ~...

become a martyr
she didn’t want Uri Berliner to ~ (Edith Chapin at NPR)

♦ “Before Tupac Shakur became a martyr, he was once a member of the Digital Underground, wore elaborate costumes and did the Humpty dance. (“From “The Future Of Rap Is Female” by Niela Orr, *The New York Times Magazine*, August 13, 2023. “The Hip-Hop Issue.”)

♦ “O.J. Simpson was an abusive liar who abandoned his community long before he killed two people in cold blood. His acquittal for murder was the correct and necessary result of a racist criminal legal system. But he’s still a monster, not a martyr.” (Marc Lamont Hill, a professor and media commentator.)

♦ “It’s not unusual for people with an extreme devotion to animals to believe that the objects of their affection are equally devoted to them. Animal obsessives routinely portray themselves as martyrs, holy warriors who fight the good and solitary fight on behalf of animals, their shared enemies the billions of stupid, thoughtless humans who can’t know what they know. These same people often claim special powers: that they can commune with animals, talk to them in their own private language...” (From “The Original Tiger Kings: The Improbable Rise And Savage Fall Of Siegfried & Roy” by Chris Jones and Michael J. Mooney, *The Atlantic*, November 2022.)

♦ “I’ve never seen an athlete in my generation take the bullets in the way he has taken the bullets. Metaphorically speaking, he is a martyr.” (The broadcaster Craig Mitch about Raheem Sterling, and the latter’s efforts to fight racism in soccer and the media.)

*** **war, conflict, religion**

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, “List of Catholic martyrs of the English Reformation.”

♦ “Mohammed Hafez on Martyrs Without Borders,” NPR, Fresh Air, July 23, 2007.

♦ “Ibrahim Kandalaf, Arafat’s adviser on Christian affairs, eulogized Khoury on behalf of the PA chairman, describing him as a shaheed (martyr) of the Palestinian Cause. But the victim’s mother interrupted him by declaring that her son was an “angel, not a shaheed.” (Mother of 21-year-old university student George Khoury, murdered by the Aksa Martyrs Brigade while jogging in Jerusalem. The “Brigade” later apologized, saying they thought he was a Jew. He was actually a Christian.)

♦ “It is hard to leave our families. But it is our duty, and if we don’t defend our religion who should do it? The old people or the children?” (A young man from Zarqa, Jordan, whose attempt to die as a suicide bomber in Iraq was thwarted when he was caught by Syrian officials and sent back home.)

*** **analysis**

MARTYR, n. One who moves along the line of least reluctance to a desired death. (*The Devil’s Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ The ink of the scholar is more precious than the blood of the martyr.

♦ see also *holy war* (noun), *jihad* (noun)

resistance, opposition & defeat: person / religion

person: religion

martyrdom (noun)

political martyrdom
he had no desire for ~ (going against his party)

destruction: death & life / religion

martyred

martyred by Republican extremists
Democrats thought of him as an honorable man ~ (Oppie)

destruction: death & life / religion

mask (drop the mask, etc.)

mask
seeing people when their ~ starts to slip

dropped the mask on his nativist sentiments
he has ~ (a politician)

let the mask slip
frequently anti-Zionists ~ (anti-Semitism)

let his mask slip

he ~ and is now trying to court sympathy (a boxer)

♦ "The only surprise is that it's taken this long for his mask to slip and the wider public come to realise what some of us have always known..." (A BBC HYS comment about Anthony Joshua's bizarre behavior following his second loss to Oleksandr Usyk in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.)

concealment & lack of concealment: face / verb

appearance & reality: face / verb

subterfuge: face / verb

mask (hide)

mask your intentions

in war, you try to ~ (intelligence)

mask the location

Moscow's ability to ~ of Russian forces

concealment & lack of concealment: face / verb

subterfuge: face / verb

appearance & reality: face / verb

masquerade (verb)

masquerading as "history"

the film is right-wing character assassination ~

masquerade as local news organizations

over 300 accounts and pages ~ (internet misinformation)

masquerading as a US merchant ship

the *Odenwald* was captured while ~ (S. Atlantic / WW2)

masqueraded as a Christian and English teacher

he ~ (a pedophile)

concealment & lack of concealment: face / verb

subterfuge: face / verb

appearance & reality: face / verb

masterclass (noun)

masterclass

it was a ~, the best I've ever seen in my life (boxing)

masterclass from Conlan

it looked a ~ (until he was knocked out in the 12th)

masterclass in (modern) marketing

the way they generated hype was a ~ (Epic Games)

masterclass in showmanship

it was a ~ (historic Kim-Trump meeting at DMZ 2019)

masterclass lesson

Joshua was given a boxing ~ tonight (by Usyk)

goalkeeping masterclass

it was a ~ from Courtois (Real Madrid)

managerial master-class

Ole was given a ~ by Brendon (Leicester beats Man U)

delivered a masterclass

Manchester City ~ to overwhelm Arsenal (4-1)

gives a masterclass

De Gea ~ (excellent performance in goal)

produced a masterclass

Tottenham ~ at Everton (English football)

put on a masterclass

the Ukrainian ~ (Usyk beats Joshua / boxing)

knowledge & intelligence: school & education

superlative: school & education

masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)

masterpiece of information architecture

it's a ~ (the Nutrition Facts label / Burkey Belser)

masterpiece of spins

a technical ~, spirals and footwork (Michele Kwan)

undersung masterpiece

Justified's first 3 seasons were an ~ of the Peak TV era

engineering masterpiece

these race cars are ~s

the Taif escarpment road is an ~ (Saudi Arabia)

technical masterpiece

a ~ of spins, spirals and footwork (Michele Kwan)

three-hit masterpiece

he threw a ~ (baseball)

work of art, a masterpiece

the winning of the South Pole had been a ~ (Amundsen)

♦ "Watching Warren Spann pitch was like watching Rembrandt paint a masterpiece. On the corners, low, a little extra here, a little off there, screwball here, up and in fastball there... (The great MLB player Keith Hernandez.)

achievement, recognition & praise: picture

creation & transformation / superlative: picture

mat (welcome mat)

welcome mat for African migrants

in Israel, no ~

welcome mat for (African) students

India has been laying out the ~ for a while

White House welcome mat

Obama rolls out ~ for the interim prime minister

U.S. welcome mat

but the ~ is gone (for Haitians / immigration politics)

put out the welcome mat

one mayor in Italy ~ for refugees years ago (Riace)

rolled out the welcome mat

they really ~ and helped us (a small business / a suburb)

rolls out welcome mat

Bush ~ for Obama (2008)

roll up the welcome mat

if we ~, America will lose (immigration politics)

yanking the welcome mat

Australia is ~ (for refugees)

- ♦ "It's like someone took the welcome mat and put a torch to it." (MC Masta Ace on the failure of Americans to embrace Blacks.)
- ♦ "Local politicians had already put out an unwelcome mat for LIV golf." (Portland, Oregon. Of course, there is no such thing as an "unwelcome mat" and yet language somehow allows it. An alternative might be, "Posted," or "No Trespassing Sign.")
- ♦ "Team Angelos has shown the no-longer-welcome mat to popular voices Jon Miller, Gary Thorne and Jim Hunter." (The Baltimore Orioles baseball team CEO John Angelos puts the latest team announcer, Kevin Brown, in the dog house. Phil Mushnik.)

welcome: carpets & rugs

match (light / strike a match, etc.)

struck a match

before a crowd poised for violence at his signal, he ~

initiation: explosion / fire

match (chess match)

see *chess match* (noun)

match (death match)

in a death match

the two men are engaged ~

in a death match with enemies

American democracy was ~ within (McCarthy, etc.)

♦ see also *fight to the death*

conflict: film & TV / history / sports & games

matchmaker (person)

matchmaker between investors and landowners

he began acting as ~ (marijuana / hemp farming)

division & connection / person / relationship: love, courtship & marriage

matter (Black lives matter, etc.)

matter most

the question, whose lives ~ (vaccine distribution)

matter so much

why does that diversity of options ~ (Black newspapers)

what matters

Anjelah Johnson on ~ (Black and Latina women)

what's missing matters

~ (BeReal vs. Instagram)

Why the Greeks Matter

Sailing the Wine-Dark Sea: ~ (Thomas Cahill / 2003)

Why Indonesia matters

~ (*The Economist* / 2022)

Why America's wetlands matter

"Swamped: ~" by Annie Proulx

Why that matters

"Few Black men become school psychologists, ~" (NPR)

why it matters

what China is reading and ~

how we say Uvalde matters

~ (different groups pronounce it differently)

how we talk about monkey pox matters

~ (stigmatize no one)

who is in the room with the ear of the president matters

~ (historian Manisha Sinha)

Art Matters

~ (Baltimore Museum of Art)

Black Dykes Matter

she was wearing a " ~ " T-shirt

Black employees matter

we will make it clear that our ~ (hypocrisy)

Black lives matter

Phoenix said "no" to a ~ mural

Black Lives Don't Matter

"GSMNP vandalized with ' ~ ' Sign" (Laurel Wamsley NPR)

Black Love Matters

~: *Authentic Men's Voices...* (by Armon Perry)

Black mental health matters

~: how to cope during a time of social justice

Black Voters Matter

advocates with ~ have been circulating a petition...

Blue Lives Matter

the ~ movement advocates for the police

British Empire matters

~ (Sathnam Sanghera, author of *Empireland*)

Cannon's Life Matters

~ (see Wikipedia entry "Killing of Cannon Hinnant")

China matters

why an aging ~ (NPR's Emily Feng)

choices mattered

but our ~ (the COVID pandemic)

confidentiality matters

information where ~ (privacy-enhancing technologies)

context matters

when it comes to terms, ~ ("C.P. Time")

death matters

every ~ (Fentanyl overdoses)

Democracy matters

Lesson from Ukraine: ~ (the *Christian Science Monitor*)

Design Matters

~ (a podcast)

diversity matters

~ (Coast Guard's first female commandant)

elections matter

~, and I think that... (Maggie Hassan, pro-abortion)

Equality Matters
~ (BBC)

everyone matters
our vision is to create an environment where ~ (police)

faith matters
~ promises to spark thought and conversation...

February matters
Black History is more than one month, but ~

harm reduction matters
~ and the question was inappropriate (about lesbians)

His life mattered
~. Period (shot and killed by police)

History Matters
~ (Drew Gilpin Faust)

Irish Lives Matter
~ (“2023 Dublin riot” / #Irelandisfull)

it MATTERS
it’s consuming and exhausting but ~ (an Instagram story)

Jayland’s Life Matters
Black Lives Matter / Murder! / ~ (signs at the protest)

Jewish Lives Matter
after Hamas’ horrors, why is it so hard to say ~

language matters
~ when talking about suicide (politically correct language)
~ (New York changes “inmate” to “incarcerated person”)

lawyering can matter
it’s not just the defendant or witness, ~ (Depp-Heard trial)

My mother’s life mattered
~, your actions here today...

Palestinian lives matter
“Do ~ to the world?” (CNN)

Parents matter
~ (Parents’ Bill of Rights in Texas / education)

Parents Matter
Youngkin’s education campaign was the phrase, “~”

Pronouns Matter
~ Tell us yours! (Signature Bank)

race matters
~ in college admissions, now more than ever (2015)

representation matters
for Sheku and Isata Kanneh-Mason, ~
Barbie knows that ~ (Laverne Cox transgender doll)

Russian Lives Matter
~ (Candace Owens)

Sex Matters
the lobby group ~ (Maya Forstater)

size matters
~ for most women (penis enhancement ad / YouTube)

size (of the boat) matters
for captains, the ~ (mega yachts / salary / 2022)

Stories Matter
the “~” initiative (the Walt Disney Company)

Taiwan matters
international society has to decide whether ~

teaching matters
~ is an audio series exploring...

trans lives matter
protesters came to Riley Gaines’ speech, chanting “~”

Trans Rights Matter
~ (a protest sign at a demonstration)

White Lives Matter
poor turnout at ~ rallies (NPR)
Ye and his models wore “~” T-shirts (Kanye West)

words matter
simply put, ~ (equity, diversity, inclusion)
~ because they reinforce negative attitudes (“spaz”)
~ but actions matter much more (activists who want things)
~ (Puffin Books erases and changes Roald Dahl’s words)

“Art and Race Matters [sic]
~: The Career of Robert Colescott”

♦ “Why does ‘Black Lives Matter’ trigger so many people?”

♦ “The slogan [White Lives Matter]... is considered hate speech by the Anti-Defamation League and has been attributed to white supremacist groups...” (“The fashion world embraced Ye. After his ‘White Lives Matter’ shirts, that may change” by Michel Martin, NPR, All Things Considered, October 9, 2022.)

♦ “When you’re not able to recognize Black lives, you just don’t get to [sic] all lives.” (Celeste Hodge Growden, president of the Alaska Black Caucus. Presumably, she is referring to “Black Lives Matter” versus “All Lives Matter.” From “Anchorage police investigated in White Privilege card photo” by Mark Thiessen, AP, July 13, 2022.)

♦ “You have to be authentic, I want you to be authentic, your story matters.” (Maimouna Youssef to young artists about social-justice music and the new Grammy merit award for “Best Song for Social Change.”)

♦ The Matter of Black Lives: Writing from *The New Yorker*, Edited by Jelani Cobb and David Remnick, with a foreword by Jelani Cobb.

♦ “Black Lives Matter. History Matters. John Hope Franklin showed us how much they matter to each other.” (“John Hope Franklin: Race and the Meaning of America” by the historian Drew Gilpin Faust, *The New York Review*, December 17, 2015. History framed in contempo-speak.)

♦ “As the historian Eric Foner phrased it, for all its shortcomings, the Midwest ‘recognized black humanity.’ One might even say that with Lincoln and the region’s ardent abolitionists, black lives, for the first time, mattered.” (“Recovering The Heartland” by Hendrik Meijer, *National Review*, December 19, 2022. History framed in contempo-speak.)

♦ “Institutions matter... The church as an institution matters. Ask John Wesley. The government as an institution matters. Ask John Lewis. The post office as an institution matters. Ask Benjamin Franklin. The CDC as an institution matters. Ask Anthony Fauci. The EU and Nato as institutions matter. Ask Vladimir Zelensky. And one more... Marsh Chapel, as an institution, matters.” (From the live broadcast of the Marsh Chapel Service at Boston University on May 1, 2022. “Ask” is a fine rhetorical device, as is “matters.”)

♦ “If we truly believe that all lives matter, and Black lives matter and brown lives matter and the lives of poor people matter, it’s time for us to make sure...” (US Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois, who is seeking to end federal capital punishment.)

♦ "If we believe that the lives of incarcerated people matter, she maintains, we have a legal and moral obligation to make these conditions less inhumane." ("Dying Behind Bars" by Eyal Press, *The New Yorker*, August 23, 2021.)

♦ "We are sending a strong message to young girls who dream... Your service matters, your contribution to the Coast Guard and to the country matters. And yes, you too can be Commandant someday." (U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell praising Admiral Linda Fagan, the first female commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. Military recruitment matters...)

♦ "[The parents] want to make their [children's] loss of life matter." (Uvalde school shooting.)

♦ The phrase "Black Lives Matter" has achieved the status of a meme, along with online meme generators (often with vile results), and variations on porn sites. Not only that, but it now tinges any use of "something matters" whether or not there is a direct link to Black Lives Matters, to include usages before the term was coined in 2003, excluding only basic usages such as, "Don't worry, it doesn't matter."

♦ "We need to stop with the delusions. Science matters. Biology matters. Truth matters." (Trans women are trans women, not women.)

♦ "Why don't you guys talk about something that matters? I'm happy to answer a question that matters." (President Joe Biden, criticizing reporters asking him if he regretted fist-bumping Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in 2022.)

♦ "I like living someplace where a horse matters... I like being a person to whom a horse matters...I like living a life where a horse matters..." ("Baxter Black's final column: A horse matters," *The Las Cruces Bulletin*, posted Jan. 5, 2022. Baxter Black wrote the article in November 2017, and it was reprinted after his death on June 10, 2022.)

♦ "Hope. Hope and just the fact that we actually matter. Like Kansas City's on the map, I mean, we're like the center of the NFL World right now, so, like yeah, he brought us hope, he brought us meaning, he brought us purpose." (A happy football fan about what Patrick Mahomes means to Kansas City, Missouri, in 2023.)

♦ "Being personal with each other, it's valuable, it matters..." ("Warm human connections.")

♦ Variations of the trope serve as categories on Pornhub.

♦ "The war had made it obvious by the most cruel of all arguments, that science is of the most immediate and direct importance to everybody. This had changed the character of physics." (The physicist Victor Weisskopf. If he were alive today, he probably would simply write, "Physics matter," and expect everyone to understand and agree.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "Last week meant something"; "Positions are important (in basketball)"; "Every decision I make counts..."

♦ Everything matters...

♦ Nothing matters...

♦ Don't worry, it doesn't matter...

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

mature (verb)

matured

our relationship has ~ (between India and US)

growth & development: life span / verb

maturity

democratic maturity

a key measure of the ~ of Turkey

growth & development: life span

maul (a storm mauled the Bahamas, etc.)

maul the Bahamas

Hurricane Dorian continues to ~ (slow moving)

storm: force

maven (person)

maven of taste

the Baron de Gunzburg and another ~, Frances Stein

apartment mavens

he took them with him as ~ (looking for an apartment)

♦ Experienced, knowledgeable, expert... Yiddish from Hebrew, first known use 1950 according to Merriam-Webster. Can refer to a male or female.

knowledge & intelligence: person

maverick (noun)

maverick

I like being a little bit of a ~

being the ~ that I was, I decided to challenge those rules

Shackleton was too much of a ~ for a desk job

maverick mantle

she wears the ~ (a politician)

maverick mindset

she has soured on the politician's ~

hard-charging maverick

he was a ~ who shook up football (a coach)

iconoclast or maverick

I was more like an ~ when I was young (Felix Bast)

♦ This word relates to Samuel A. Maverick (1803-1870). It refers to an unbranded range animal.

person: animal

character & personality / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: animal / cows & cattle / horse / person

maybe (contempo-speak)

maybe rethink

turn it into a chance to ~ how we do some thing

maybe kind of

see *kind of (contempo-speak)*

maybe kind of like

see *kind of like (filler)*

maybe like

see *like (filler)*

"Definitely Maybe"

~, the debut album by Oasis

Definitely, Maybe

the 2008 romantic comedy film ~

do feel like maybe

I ~ having an openness and vulnerability...

feel like maybe

that can ~ a bit more intentional or radical

I ~ this brought him back to the point where...

I ~ tomorrow they're going to take it back or something

I think maybe

~ what's a little bit different is this idea that there will...

~ there were a lot of things that would not have been...
~ that's because when we are outside now we have to...
~ they got mad because I told them that I was...
~ this reminds me of spring...
but then I realized, ~ we're too preoccupied with the past

I think, maybe
but sometimes ~, we need another...

I think: Maybe
Here's what ~ ...

kind of maybe
where you can really ~ understand...
something that ~ leaves him open for ridicule

Kind of. Maybe
~. It depends on what you mean by...

kind of—maybe
Ellie, Chloe and Rachel are ~ semi-friendly acquaintances

kind of like, maybe
I was ~ this isn't happening, maybe we just need to...

obviously, maybe
but ~ I didn't...

sort of maybe
and so I started to feel like being ~ over connected...

Well, I don't know. Maybe
~... Do you want to answer it anyway (American Pie 2)

♦ "I think maybe what's a little bit different these days is this idea that there will still be people out there thinking that she..." (Chloe Domont. From "Can capitalism and love coexist? 'Fair Play' film seeks to answer, WBUR, September 27, 2023.)

♦ Michelle: It's like, you know all our stories?" (Pronounced upspeak on "stories.") / Jim: (Confused and startled.) "Uh, was that a question?" / Michelle: "Well, I don't know. Maybe... Do you want to answer it anyway?" (The 2001 [italics mine] film *American Pie 2*. Since then, upspeak has only become more prevalent, to include males. Funny! View on YouTube I Get Nasty When I'm H*rny! American Pie 2

♦ "My characters are a little bit askew, I suppose. They're not very literal, and I suppose the character I was trying to play was kind of maybe a hot, neon pink cigarette kind of falling away toward the end of its life. Maybe that's the character I was trying to play. You can kind of make anything out of it that you want." ("Johnny Weir On Skating Fashion And 'Man Cleavage,'" NRP, Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!, March 6, 2010. *Che uomo macho!*)

contempo-speak: adverb

Mayflower (Mayflower of the Third Aliyah, etc.)

Zionist *Mayflower*
the *Ruslan*, which was the ~ of the Third Aliyah

comparison & contrast / migration: epithet

maze (terrain)

maze of canyons
wild horses—both mustangs and runaways— roam the ~

maze of (decaying) seracs
one last trip through the ~ (Icefall / Everest)

maze of (tire) tracks
the only roads are a ~ in the sand (Dadaab)

maze of trails
a ~ that leads to a construction site and a series of roads

maze of (deer) trails
a ~

maze of ice and rocks
alone, lost in a ~ (Nuptse)

maze of mangrove, canals and swamps
the forest was a dark ~ (U Minh)

complexity: infrastructure

maze (structures)

maze of (hillside) slums
people crammed into the ~ (Kabul)

maze of (vertical) slums
squeezed into a ~ without bathrooms (Kabul)

maze of (narrow) streets
crowds of shoppers in the ~ (Nanning)

maze of tunnels
they got lost in a ~ (Canary Islands)

maze of bars, restaurants and nightclubs
a ~ (Kuta Beach, Bali)

maze of dikes and dams and ditches
the Tulare Lake Basin, with its ~

maze of shanties and shacks
fought their way through a dense ~ (Mogadishu)

maze of (refuse-strewn) back streets and alleyways
the ~ (Sadr City)

maze of tunnels, spider holes and (underground) bunkers
the ~ known as the Gaza Metro (Israel-Hamas war)

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. A group of people are lost in the middle of a great corn maze. One person is sitting on the ground with the map of the corn map in his lap. The others are all huddled around him, trying to figure out where they are on the map. One of them is saying, about the map, "Oh, wait, it's upside-down."

complexity: infrastructure

maze (bureaucracy, etc.)

maze of (bureaucratic) rules
a civil-service culture, with a ~ (NASA)

heath care maze
an immigrant's tale of navigating the tangled ~

bureaucratic maze
her scholarship money got lost in a ~
workers whose only job is to navigate the ~ (Sudan)

navigate the (bureaucratic) maze
workers whose only job is to ~ (Sudan)

got lost in a bureaucratic maze
when her scholarship money ~...

♦ Gardens are associated with mazes, knot gardens and labyrinths. People also enjoy corn and mirror mazes. *Labyrinth* is of Minoan origin and is associated with the Minotaur.

complexity / situation: infrastructure

McCarthy

McCarthy moment
this cancellation culture is the SJW ~ (of Walt Whitman)

♦ According to Larry Tye, author of *Demagogue*, "Those records document in detail every flight [Joe McCarthy] went up in as a tail gunner. He volunteered for those flights, he came under fire... McCarthy at great risk to himself when he could have stayed safely on the ground was up there as a tail gunner under enemy fire." Charles Lindbergh, also a demon of the left, was another American who managed to get himself into the fight in a real way at the risk of his life.

♦ Many historical personages—such as Hector, Machiavelli, Charles A. Lindbergh, and Joe McCarthy—have been mischaracterized in the language.

oppression: allusion / history

McCarthyism

kind of McCarthyism
the group's campaign is a ~ that bashes us (says NPR)

oppression: allusion / history

McCarthyite

McCarthyite hysteria
Democrats are sometimes prone to ~ (against Russia)

oppression: allusion / history

comparison & contrast: affix

me (like me, look like me, speak like me, be like me, etc.)

like me
and for readers ~ (a non-binary gestational parent)
I wanted to write for lads ~ (Sufiyan Salam)
I'm passionate about helping other women just ~
but you don't look nothin' ~

like her
women ~, talented, outgoing, highly ambitious...

like us
you want to be ~, you gotta do like we do
people ~ don't do things like that (go into acting)

Be like
~ Mike (a Gatorade commercial)
~ them, everyone seemed to be saying (the Huxtables)

look (enough) like the city
it doesn't ~ it serves (Boston police department)

look like the country
the Supreme Court should ~ (Joe Biden)

looked like him
few people ~ in the lecture hall, he felt isolated

look like me
space for people who ~ (the online Black Opry)
the root of all your problems is that you don't ~

look (just) like me
so many amazing Black students who ~

looked like me
I never saw anyone who ~

looks like me
this is for every little girl that ~ (Michelle Yeoh)

look like them
a more welcoming place for others who ~ (music industry)
even if the characters didn't ~...

looked like them
fat people felt unwelcome because no one ~ there (gyms)

looks like them
a Disney princess who ~ (Halle Bailey)

look like us
there aren't a lot of people that ~ that are on the air

look like you
it gets boring just talking to the same people that ~
it's nice to be around people that ~ who just kind of get it...

looks like yourself
when you have a chance to see someone who ~ (deaf, ASL)

loves like us
not seeing anyone who ~ makes us feel we don't belong

sound like America
if you ~, then it's America that's talking (NPR)

looks and sounds like America
we seek to build a staff that ~ (NPR)

look and sound like me
people who ~ (Anna Shtetman, crossword constructor)

♦ "You can't be what you can't see."

♦ "If you've not seen yourself on screen before, why would you ever want to go for that role? You've suddenly got representation from not one, but two South Asian women and it's a period drama which traditionally you'd only see white cast members in." (Laraib Waheed, an actor, about on-screen representation of people of South Asian heritage in the hit period drama *Bridgerton*. From "Bridgerton: South Asian faces on TV 'makes me happy'" by Paige Neal-Holder and Steffan Powell, BBC, March 22, 2022.)

♦ "I was welcomed by so many amazing Black students who look just like me, who have the same dreams and aspirations as me as well." (Daya Brown about Duke University. From "Teen accepted to more than 50 colleges, receives over \$1.3 million in scholarships." She wants to study mass communications or film, and she created her own production company while in high school. "I think a lot of people think that if you're smart, you can't be cool. So I found a way to showcase brilliance [and] still have fun while you're doing it.")

♦ "It was nice to be around people that look like you who just kind of get it." (Mayowa Aina about the Black Student Union at the University of Washington. She is the author of "Dear Whiteness" for the audio project, "Letters from Young Activists.")

♦ "He had to deal with being the only young person of color in Narcotics Anonymous meetings."

♦ "Cuz, it wasn't many people that looked like me doing it, so..."

- ◆ “I was exhausted with the culture of country music not creating space for people who look like me.” (This short sentence combines three tropes relating to inclusion and exclusion: physical malaise; the idea of spaces; and “look like me.”)
- ◆ “Let’s face it, America is getting bigger, and women want to see themselves instead of the image of what society says they should be.” (Plus-size model Ashley Graham.)
- ◆ “Not everyone feels safe and comfortable in nature. People who didn’t grow up camping or who might not recognize themselves in a hiking-gear catalogue may experience stress or anxiety instead. To make green spaces more inviting to everyone, start by evaluating your own actions and following this advice from Latino Outdoors founder Jose G. Gonzalez.” (“The Nature Antidote” by Jill U. Adams, *Audubon magazine*, Winter, 2019.)
- ◆ “It does open up a conversation because it’s her using her voice and her platform to really call out systemic change, which she has done before. I think she can show other girls and women who look like her how to empower them to stand up for themselves in ways that I think we haven’t always been able to see.” (C. Vaile Wright, PhD, a clinical psychologist and the American Psychological Association’s Senior Director of Health Care Innovation, about Naomi Osaka and her struggles with mental health.)
- ◆ “Yeah, absolutely. You know, I was a typical sort of nineties alternative person [upspeak] you know like I really prized the clothes I wore sort of my unusual taste in music and when I arrived at Berkeley in 1995 I was seeking out people who were exactly like me [light upspeak]. And Ken was very different. You know, he was really confident, sort of conventionally handsome... He was in a frat.” (*The New Yorker* writer Hua Hsu, speaking to Scott Simon on NPR. Sixty-eight percent of tweets between journalist who work at *The Washington Post*, NPR, and *The New York Times*... are to each other.)
- ◆ “I am Puerto Rican, from the Bronx, and I was raised in the 50s, loved television, never saw anybody who looked like me, I began to feel on some level that I was invisible. I didn’t know what I would contribute to a society that was determined not to see me...” (Sonia Manzano, actor, screenwriter, author, speaker, TV series creator, producer, etc., who played Maria on Sesame Street for 44 years. According to her Wikipedia entry, she attended the High School of Performing Arts, then Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh on scholarship.)
- ◆ “This is not just for me, this is for every little girl that looks like me... We want to be seen. We want to be heard.” (Michelle Yeoh touting herself on Instagram for an Academy Award.)
- ◆ “[Deaf people] want to see someone like themselves use their language on TV. We’re always used to reading captions on TV, and all the shows. But when you have a chance to see someone who looks like yourself, who used the same language as you, we’ve got many people that were so excited to see themselves on screen.” (Raven Sutton, the first deaf contestant on Netflix’s ‘The Circle.’)
- ◆ “Solving a crossword puzzle, there’s a lot of joy in that moment when you see something you know reflected back to you in the newspaper grid. And so for me, it became a project of bringing that moment of recognition to more and more people who look and sound like me and consume the same sort of cultural artefacts that I do.” (Anna Shectman, crossword constructor. A clue that she constructed that she likes best is: Grande Dame of music. (Answer: Ariana.) From “The ‘real outlier’ in the crossword puzzle-making community” by Lucy Wallis, BBC News, April 3, 2022.)
- ◆ “A young man, that looks like everyone in this room right now...” (Was murdered nearby. From “Raising Kings: A Year Of Love And Struggle At Ron Brown College Prep. Episode 1: A Year Of Love And Struggle In A New High School,” NPR, Code Switch, October 18, 2017.)
- ◆ “Someone went out of their way to target and kill children who look like our children, teachers who look like our teachers—and did it for no other reason than to hurt them.” (Psychologist and consultant John Van Dreal.)
- ◆ “These kids look like me, this could have been me, or this could have been my family or this could have been us.” (Maria Maldonado Morales, a clinical social worker at Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston. From “What the shooting in Uvalde has meant for the Latino community” by Mary Louise Kelly, Alejandra Marquez Janse, and Roberta Rampton, NPR, June 4, 2022.)
- ◆ “Critics have complained the police department doesn’t look enough like the city it serves.” (Boston.)
- ◆ “The Cosby Show, the Huxtables, were meant to inspire us. Be like them, everyone seemed to be saying...” (A discussion on Bill Cosby’s legacy.)
- ◆ “Parents share their children’s joy at seeing a Disney princess who looks like them,” Michel Martin, NPR, All Things Considered, September 17, 2022. Halle Bailey as The Little Mermaid.)
- ◆ “Hello there, I’m Jennifer and welcome to *Simply + Fiercely*... I’m passionate about helping other women just like me.”
- ◆ “Hello, I am a queer, mad and neurodivergent higher education researcher and I am looking to explore the lived experiences of queer MMIND (mad, mentally ill, neurodivergent and disabled) college students and their experiences on college campuses...” (reddit.)
- ◆ “We don’t have enough representation of people that look like me as non-binary... that are outside the white androgyny.” (Self-described as fat, Black, and non-binary. Dating...)
- ◆ “Not seeing anyone who loves like us makes us feel like we don’t fully belong at Calvin.” (Claire Murashima, the first openly gay student body president in the 102 year Student Senate history at Calvin University, a private Christian school in Grand Rapids, Michigan.)
- ◆ “If you sound like America, then it’s America that’s talking.” (Keith Woods, NPR’s vice president of newsroom training and diversity.)
- ◆ “As you get higher up in the levels, when it comes to the national circuit, if you don’t fit in with the crowd, you won’t make it.” (Retired W-League player Rhali Dobson. Quoted in “Lisa De Vanna’s allegations highlight tensions in Australia’s complex football culture” by Samantha Lewis, Analysis, Sport, 18 Oct 2021. “The crowd” and “complex” in the above sentences seem to be euphemisms for “lesbians” and “lesbian.”)
- ◆ “She dreamed of having a more dignified place to go, where women like her—talented, outgoing, highly ambitious—could find like-minded souls, get changed and charge their phones in peace. Thus the idea for The Wing was born.” (Audrey Gelman, the company’s co-founder and CEO. From “The Wing: how an exclusive women’s club sparked a thousand arguments” by Linda Kinstler, *The Guardian*, 18 October 2019.)
- ◆ “[My father said to me] ‘Listen son, people like us don’t do things like that (go into acting)...son, I just don’t want you to talk about it anymore...’” (“British Actor Terence Stamp Reflects on London in the Swinging ‘60s,” NPR, Fresh Air, Nov 5, 2021. Originally broadcast in 2002. About what his father had said, Stamp said, “In fact, it didn’t deter me at all.”)
- ◆ “Well,” [Mr. Motshill] said when he saw me, “what is it?” / “I have come to join school,” I said. / “Speak English,” he said. “What is it you want?” / “To join school,” I said, in English. / “Much better,” said Mr. Motshill...” (*How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn.)
- ◆ Ron Clark: “You see this? [Pointing to a poster that says, “We Are Family.”] This means that this year is going to be different. This year is going to be about more than school. This year, we are going to be a family.” / A student: “But you don’t look nothin’ like me.” (The film *The Ron Clark Story*.)
- ◆ “It gets boring just talking to the same people that look like you, you know. It’s like talking to yourself. So, it would be nice, you know? Different perspectives on different things. Too bad I don’t see a lot.” (Dahi, a student who only knows two white adult people, teachers at his nearly all Black school in Washington, DC. From “Raising Kings: A Year Of Love And Struggle At Ron Brown College Prep. Episode 3: The Fierce Debate Over High Standards,” NPR, Code Switch, November 1, 2017. In a Code Switch follow-up, “Is Ron Brown High School Working?” (October 31, 2018), we learn that Dahi left the school after being threatened by a student and harassed by others.)
- ◆ She remains thrilled by the unusually wide demographic appeal of the series (*Last Tango in Halifax*). Might this be due to its subject matter being love and families, which most people have some experience of? ‘Yes. Even if the characters didn’t look like them. I sometimes think we make too much of ‘representation’. You don’t necessarily need to see yourself on a screen for it to be interesting. For me, ideally ‘diversity’ would mean white audiences watching black shows and the other way round.” (The actor Nina Sosanya. From “Nina Sosanya: ‘I was always a minority—even in my own family’” by Mark Lawson, *The Guardian*, 11 July 2016.)
- ◆ “saying ‘im doing “X” for ppl that look like me’ is so racist I’m shocked its tolerated by the general public. Imagine if Aaron Rodgers said ‘I’m doing this for the boys that look like me.’” (And online commenter, reacting to “NYC college grad says viral mic drop justified because she’s ‘black woman in America’: ‘I am always in the right’” by Yaron Steinbuch,

The New York Post, June 23, 2023. LaGuardia Community College, Queens, New York City.)

♦ "It's time to face the music, / it's time to make you see / the root of all your problems is / that you don't look like me." (Candy Pink (Julie Brown) organizing a make-over for Valerie Gail (Geena Davis) to make her brand new and more appealing to Ted Gallagher (Charles Rocket). From the silly film *Earth Girls Are Easy*.)

♦ "He was busy performing a silly but expected all-about-me dance..." (An NFL player makes a stupid mistake that costs his team.)

♦ "Be like Mike" (a Gatorade commercial)... / "Eddie Would Go" (Hawaii)... / "What would Mandela do?" (South Africa)...

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

meal ticket (noun)

meal ticket

she was the ~, but he was afraid he could lose her

Warren's (last) meal ticket

Fury is ~ (the boxer and promoter)

lose their meal ticket

NFL players don't want to ~ (protest and get fired)

saw him as a meal ticket

she ~ (source of support and money)

cost & benefit: food & drink / ticket

worth & lack of worth: food & drink / ticket

money: sign, signal, symbol

meander (verb)

meander in new and different directions

as the two states ~ (Ireland and UK)

meander in unexpected ways

conversations ~

meanders from action to satire to romance

the film ~

highways meander

~ in the South

♦ According to Merriam-Webster, this word comes from the name of a river in Asia Minor that was known for its turning and winding. It's a very nice way to think of the word.

♦ MEANDER, n. To proceed sinuously and aimlessly. The word is the ancient name of a river about one hundred and fifty miles south of Troy, which turned and twisted in the effort to get out of hearing when the Greeks and Trojans boasted of their prowess." (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

fictive motion: river / verb

direction: movement / river / verb

measure (measure up, etc.)

measure myself by their standards

I don't ~ (manosphere versus feminism)

measure up to the film

does the sound track ~

measure up to the standard she sets

I certainly can't ~

measure up against other films

how does it ~ set in Boston

measure up favorably

when we feel we don't ~...

fails to measure up

their new burger ~

judgement: tools & technology

meat (substance)

meat of the story

and now it's time to get into the ~ (*Crime in Sports*)

meat of the subject

and then go on to the real ~

meat on the bone

there isn't any ~ (nothing to investigate)

substance & lack of substance: food & drink / meat

meat (fresh meat, etc.)

fresh meat

they knew we were ~ (prison-guard trainees)

consumption: animal / meat / predation

meat (red meat, etc.)

delivering red meat

he was ~ to an audience hungry for it (Victor Orban)

serve up red meat

politicians ~ to true believers (a convention)

throwing red meat to the base

she's ~ hoping to win them over (politics)

consumption: animal / meat / predation

meat (piece of meat)

piece of meat

they get another fresh ~ to fill the slot (adjunct PhDs)

pieces of meat

football players are ~ sold to the highest bidder

♦ "We're pieces of meat at the end of the day, and we're not treated with much respect." (Bryn Hargreaves, rugby league player, who retired in 2012 at the age of 26.)

consumption / product / worth & lack of worth: meat

meat grinder (military)

meat grinder on the Western Front

the post trained infantry troops to be sent into the ~

Rzhev Meat-Grinder

the ~ ("Soviet Storm: World War II in the East")

put into the meat grinder

Able Company was ~ (Moro River / Italy / WW II)

turned into a meat-grinder

the land war had ~ (Russo-Japanese War)

sparked a (two-week) meat grinder

the ambush on Hill 861 ~ (Khe Sanh Hill Fights)

♦ "This is a ship of war, and I will grind whatever grist the mill requires in order to fulfill my duty." (Capt. Jack Aubrey, played by Russell Crowe, in the film *Master and Commander*.)

♦ "Meat-grinder is the metaphor that comes to mind." (John Batchelor talking with James Holland about the Battle of San Pietro Infine, Italy, World War II. Rain. Lack of air cover due to weather. Mountain peaks. Artillery. Mud. Rocky slopes made shrapnel worse. Casualties evacuated by mules. From "The Battle for Italy 1943 with James Holland / John Batchelor.")

♦ Part Two: THE WALKING DEAD 6. Sunday Morning... 7. Clay pigeons... 8. Run in Circles, Scream and Shout... 9. Into the Meat Grinder... 10. What Sixty Mike Mikes Do... 11. Alpha A Go-Go... 12. Banzai... 13. Better Late Than Never... 14. Let's Die Right... 15. Survivors... 16. Incoming... 17. Finally, Medevacs... 18. Charlie Company's Turn... (From the Contents of the affecting book *Operation Buffalo: USMC Fight For The DMZ* by Keith William Nolan. "Then came the morning" In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is known as the American War.)

♦ "They are thrown into battle as meat." (A current conflict.)

**death & life / environment / experience / military:
consumption / meat / mechanism**

meat grinder (other)

meat-grinder of a job

being White House Chief of Staff is a ~

Hollywood meat-grinder

what it's like to go through the ~ (Dominik's film *Blonde*)

♦ "Being White House Chief of Staff is a meat-grinder of a job." (NPR's Tamara Keith.)

♦ "I know we joke but players do get put through the mincer..." (A BBC HYS commenter about soccer injuries.)

**creation & transformation / environment / experience:
meat / mechanism**

meaty (substance)

meaty book

people *will* be talking about this ~ (by Patricia Lockwood)

meaty story

it just struck me as this very ~ (a journalist)

♦ The boxer Liam "Beefy" Smith...

substance & lack of substance: food & drink / meat

mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.)

Mecca

Howard University was the ~ (NPR's Ayesha Rascoe)

mecca of basketball

a ~ (the Christian Street YMCA in Philadelphia)

mecca of bluegrass

the ~ (Bean Blossom, Indiana)

mecca of American rock climbing

Yosemite, the ~ (El Cap, Half Dome, etc.)

mecca of Manolos and Miuccia Pradas

Manhattan's ~ (Bergdorf Goodman)

mecca for (500,000) bikers

a motorcycle ~ (Sturgis, S.D.)

Mecca for train buffs

the town is a ~ (Folkston, GA / USA)

Mecca for climbers

Hueco Tanks State Historical Park, a ~

mecca for kite lovers

the Washington (D.C.) area is a ~

mecca for Black people

Atlanta is the ~ in America

mecca for glider pilots

Marfa, Texas, is a ~

mecca for (Arizona) tourists

a ~ (Kartchner Caverns)

mecca to (whitewater) paddlers

the Altays are a ~ (Russia)

New Zealand's canyoning Mecca

the Mount Aspiring region is ~

arts mecca

the city wants to be an ~

basketball mecca

the little church gym became a ~ (St. Cecilia / Detroit)

drug mecca

Spain has replaced Amsterdam as the new European ~

Mariachi mecca

Plaza Garibaldi is a ~ (El Tenampa, etc. / Mexico City)

motorcycle mecca

a ~ for 500,000 bikers (Sturgis, S.D.)

spring break meccas

~ like Pensacola and Panama City Beach

tourist mecca

the ~ of Waikiki (Hawaii)

boxing Mecca

he settled in Philadelphia, a ~ (Joe Frazier)

gambling meccas

~ like Atlantic City and Las Vegas

skateboarding mecca

he moved to the ~, California

homophile mecca

this ~ (San Francisco)

becoming a (tourist) mecca

Maun is ~ (Okavango Delta / Botswana)

♦ "Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening, and welcome to the boxing mecca, the boxing capital of the World, Madison Square Garden, New York City, New York, U-S-A..." (Michael Buffer announcing "Irish" Andy Lee v. John Jackson, HBO PPV, 2014.)

♦ "The tiny Swiss canton of Appenzell Innerrhoden has voted to prohibit the phenomenon of naked hiking. Among naked hikers, there is disappointment... Swiss lawyers say the ban is illegal, as the Swiss parliament voted to remove public nudity from the penal code in 1991... The decision is being watched closely by other alpine regions... Just over the mountains in canton Glarus, there is nervousness that if naked hikers are driven out of Appenzell, they may choose Glarus as their next favorite spot."

♦ Over a billion Muslims around the world pray five times a day towards the Saudi city of Makkah, and over two million Muslim pilgrims a year visit that city for the annual Hajj.

♦ "It's like you're praying closer to God's ear." (A pilgrim performing Hajj, on praying in Makkah near the Grand Mosque.)

attraction & repulsion / enthusiasm / reverence: place / religion

mechanics (noun)

mechanics of (international) finance
the climate crisis and the ~

mechanics of hatred
in this series I'll be unpicking the ~ (a history of hate)

mechanics of (criminal) investigations
a powerful portrait of the ~ (*I'll Be Gone In The Dark*)

functioning: tools & technology

mechanism (noun)

defense mechanism
his joking started at a ~ (to keep from getting bullied)

cooling mechanism
the human body has a build-in ~, sweat

funding mechanism
he opposes a stopgap ~ for government (politics)

serves as a mechanism
makeup ~ to feel control, love and expression

trigger (Iran Nuclear Deal) dispute mechanism
Europeans Nations ~

♦ "Any kind of mechanism is prone to breaking."

functioning: tools & technology

medal (noun)

take it as a medal
I ~ (the label 'bleeding heart')

achievement, recognition & praise: sign, signal, symbol / military

medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)

got a taste of her own medicine
she ~ (therapist goes to therapy)

♦ "...and the chickens came home to roost."

♦ "One reason 'homophobia' was such a provocative neologism was its somewhat trollish imputation that the person who holds anti-gay beliefs is pathetically scared of gay people... / Pathologizing the anti-gay position gave heterosexuals a taste of the own medicine." ("How '-Phobic' Became a Weapon in the Identity Wars" by Amanda Hess, *The New York Times Magazine*, Jan. 26, 2016. It's a brilliant article.)

♦ "I decided to teach Anwar a lesson. If he could pretend to be single, I could pretend to like him. I wanted to give him a taste of his own medicine and see how he like it."

experience: food & drink / health & medicine / taste

reversal: food & drink / health & medicine / taste

fate, fortune & chance: food & drink / health & medicine / taste

medieval (adjective)

medieval
to the outside eye, the system appears ~ (Afghanistan)

medieval mindset
Portnikov argued that some officials have a ~ (Ukraine)

dark, sadistic and medieval
his ~ vision of the future (al-Zarqawi)

criticised the measure as "medieval"
opponents ~ (option of execution by firing squad)

past & present / time: history

growth & development / knowledge & intelligence / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

meet (connect)

meet at the Strait of Messina
the waters of the Eastern and Western Mediterranean ~

division & connection: society

meet (attain)

met with (limited) success
traditional methods have ~ (problem bears)

meet (strict academic) criteria
to get in, girls must ~ (high school)

meet their goals
students should record whether or not they ~

met the objectives
how well the group had ~ of the lesson (schools)

on track to meet
the services are ~ reserve manpower goals (military)

attainment: verb

meet (meet the moment, etc.)

meet the moment
Biden has plainly struggled to ~ (2019 campaign)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: verb

meet (something can meet you)

met our eyes
an unusual sight ~ (on a wilderness trip)

meets the eye
there is more to the case than ~ (a murder)

fictive meeting & seeing: verb

perception, perspective & point of view: verb

meet (non-human)

met one in full bloom in the botanic garden
I ~ (Colin Tudge / a handkerchief tree)

met a pancake
I ~ in the West Cell (H.T.S. magnet at M.I.T.)

♦ “I met a pancake in the West Cell, an enormous open laboratory space at M.I.T. which resembles an airplane hangar. What with all the pancakes and doughnuts being tested there, the West Cell has come to be called the West Cell Diner.” (“Green Dream: Is limitless clean energy finally approaching?” by Rivka Galchen, *The New Yorker*, October 11, 2021. The “pancake” is an H.T.S. magnet, in the form of a stacked array.)

fictive meeting & seeing: verb

mega (mega-blogger, etc.)

mega-blogger

~ Belle Gibson casts doubt on her own cancer claims

mega-downfall

this was like a three-day like ~ (podcast snark)

megadrought

~ across the West right now

megafloods

‘~’ could devastate California, new study says

MegaRamp

most of the riders had never ridden the ~

mega-stardom

the Eras Tour has lifted her further into ~ (Taylor Swift)

mega talent

he was a ~ Leslie Jordan’s representative David Shaul)

megayacht

anything more than two hundred and thirty feet is a ~

mega exciting

it’s been engaging, but not ~ (HT: Croatia 0-0 Brazil)

mega-rich

carbon-shaming the ~ (for their planes, yachts, etc.)

mega-revolutionary

this will be a historically ~ (Tesla’s Robotaxi / FSD)

super-hyper-mega-uber

this ~ French entry (Barbara Pravi / Eurovision Contest)

♦ “We’ve never witnessed buildings rise so much, so quickly. From high-rises, we’ve stretched to supertalls and even megatalls (double the height of a supertall), and engineers are already discussing ‘ultratalls’ that would take us higher still.” (“Can A Building Be Too Tall?” by Bianca Bosker, *The Atlantic*, January / February 2023.)

♦ “If it has a crew working aboard, it’s a yacht. If it’s more than ninety-eight feet, it’s a superyacht. After that, definitions are debated, but people generally agree that anything more than two hundred and thirty feet is a megayacht, and more than two hundred and ninety-five is a gigayacht. The world contains about fifty-four hundred superyachts, and about a hundred gigayachts. / For the moment, a gigayacht is the most expensive item that our species has figured out how to own.” (“The Floating World” by Evan Osnos, *The New Yorker*, July 25, 2022.)

♦ “He was a mega talent.” (“Timeless Star” Leslie Jordan’s representative David Shaul. Tributes were also paid by Dolly Parton; Lynda Carter; Sean Hayes, Erick McCormack and Megan Mullally (Will and Grace); George Takei; RuPaul’s Drag Race; Ellen DeGeneres; Bobby Berk; Billy Eichner; Jim Parsons (The Big Bang Theory); Michelle Pfeiffer; Lonnie Love; Marlee Matlin; Jackée Harry; Demi Lovato; and Wilson Cruz.)

♦ “[T]his is no ordinary game. This is Mega Millions. And just like the megabyte, megawatt, and mega-yacht, it’s also huge. Like, extra-ridiculous-six-zeroes-huge. In case starting with ‘mega’ didn’t make it abundantly clear—Mega Millions doesn’t mess around: with lifechanging jackpots and nine ways to win you could put megabucks in your pocket for just \$2. And with Megaplier you can multiply most prizes 2X to 5X for

just another buck—that’s a pretty serious megadeal. You may be asking yourself, ‘are you mega-kidding-me?’ No, we’re mega-not. And it gets better with drawings every Tuesday and Friday, that’s two chances a week to take home the mega-mother lode...” (The North Carolina Education Lottery / NCEL / nclottery.com. On the backs of the poor: “Everyone can dream.”)

♦ “He was a pilot with mega knowledge and mega talent.” (Collided with another plane in a training exercise, died.)

♦ Much in U.S. society is and always has been and always will be commercial, promotional, and self-promotional. And our language reflects it: *big, super-, trendy, performative, curated, boutique*, “throw it all on the wall and see what sticks,” *artisanal, craft, custom, heirloom, designer, bespoke, bedazzled* (or is it *bejazzled?*), *uber, meta, hyper, upcycled, -forward, -informed, -driven, -ized, reinvented, pop-up, verb-up, kinetic, fluid, deep, massive, generational, transactional, intersectional, insanely cool*, “try this genius hack to...” In warfare, bombs and missiles have gone from *dumb* to *smart* to *brilliant*. As Michael Goldhaber said, “The value of true modesty or humility is hard to sustain in the attention economy.”

♦ see also *supersizing* (*linguistic supersizing*)

language / size / superlative: affix

megaphone (noun)

megaphone for rants

the Internet gives anyone a free ~

media megaphone

his voice is amplified by the ~ (a Wall Street analyst)

social justice megaphones

~ such as *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*

digital megaphone

he has been communicating through his ~, Twitter

huge megaphone

I work at *The New York Times*, I have a ~ and platform

pulpit and the megaphone

use the ~ of the office to highlight human rights

lost his megaphone

I’m happy that Jones has ~ (deplatformed by Twitter, etc.)

♦ “Farm labourers harvesting in the fields recalled [the 25-year-old Italian Vincent Lunardi] shouting through his silver speaking-trumpet.” (From a hot-air balloon, 15 September, 1784. From *The Age of Wonder* by Richard Holmes.)

♦ “Sullivan stood in the dock [of the Old Bailey] directly facing the witness box. Above him was a sounding board to amplify his voice.” (1851.)

message / transmission: tools & technology

meh (noun)

meh

~, just another Hollywood junkie, they’re a dime a dozen...

a little meh

I was ~ on the final product (latest *Mean Girls* film)

felt pretty meh

many workers have always ~ about their work

feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation

melodrama (noun)

legal melodrama

a ~ erupted, dismaying and demoralizing patients

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

melodramatic (adjective)

melodramatic
don't be so ~

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

melt (verb)

melted (silently) into the trees
the platoon ~

melted under the onslaught
Saudi Arabia ~, as Germany... (soccer)

appearance & disappearance: snow & ice / verb

melt away (verb)

militias have melted away
Shiite ~

tension melted away
all my tension ~

♦ "Media executives have described much of Paramount's program as 'melting ice cubes,' industry slang for programs rapidly losing audience share because of irrelevance and cord-cutting." (Charles Gasparino, *The New York Post*, Feb. 24, 2024.)

appearance & disappearance: snow & ice / verb

meltdown (failure)

in meltdown
the country is ~ (Yemen)

market meltdown
a bill to prevent a repeat of the ~ of 2008

dot-com meltdown
the ~ and poor economy

internet meltdown
a software bug triggered the ~

Metaphor Meltdown
"A ~ At The White House" (NPR, Ari Shapiro, 2013)

NotPetya meltdown
Maersk's global network in the wake of its ~ (worm)

social-media meltdown
it was a major ~ (Facebook goes down for 14 hours)

full-blown meltdown
Southwest Airlines cancels 5,400 flights in a ~

economic meltdown
the landmark restaurant was a victim of the ~
the economy is in free-fall, ~ (Zimbabwe)
Trump knows ~ brings political pain (coronavirus)

financial meltdown
the IMF tries to avert ~s
we are still paying for the ~ (2010)

meltdown dealt a deathblow to both ideas
the financial ~ (foreign policy)

avert (financial) meltdowns
the IMF tries to ~

caused her meltdown
Crazy Plane Lady reveals what ~ (Tiffany Gomas)

paying for the (financial) meltdown
we are still ~ (2010)

triggered (economic) meltdown
sanctions have ~

♦ "Of course, one man's negotiation is another man's conversation is another man's ransom." ("A Metaphor Meltdown At The White House," NPR, It's All Politics, Ari Shapiro, October 10, 2013.)

♦ **Cause:** A technical problem; a technical issue; a technical fault; a flight planning system failure; an issue with the Air Traffic Control Flight System... **Effects:** Huge disruptions; hundreds of flights canceled / grounded / delayed; a flight delayed by 24 hours; passengers stuck at airports across the U.K. and Europe; aircrafts and crews are out of position; it will be days before things are back to normal; it will take time to clear the backlog of flights; this disruption will ripple on; travel disruption could continue for several days; it is likely to be days before things are completely back to normal; many passengers are still stranded... **Emotions:** anger; frustration; misery; passengers have been left frustrated and angry; headaches... **Characterization:** Unacceptable; not acceptable; a fiasco; a meltdown; a failure; the passenger rights system is not fit for purpose; it is staggering that a single piece of incorrect flight data could trigger the system shutdown... **Airlines:** Officials say they are doing all they can; officials say the fault has been identified and remedied; officials apologized and said the problem had been fixed; airlines say they are doing all they can to get people home; he is confident the technical problem won't happen again... (Britain's NATS bank holiday airline travel disruption 2023.)

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances / nuclear energy

meltdown (emotions)

meltdown and rant
his ~ was a disgrace to boxing (Anthony Joshua)

anti-mask meltdown
the ~ has become its own video genre

went into meltdown
Madrid's media ~ (over a soccer controversy)

♦ Selfish, childish meltdown; and that meltdown at the end, totally bizarre...; wow, that was some meltdown; AJ has serious issues, his meltdown was worrying... (Comments about the bizarre post-fight antics of Anthony Joshua following his second loss to Oleksandr Usyk.)

♦ "Tiffany Gomas finally reveals what caused her viral 'not real' American Airlines meltdown" by Yaron Steinbuch, *New York Post*, November 3, 2023.

♦ "I hadn't an inkling of [depression's] true contours or the nature of the pain so many victims experience as the mind continues in its insidious meltdown. / In Paris that October night I knew that I, too, was in the process of meltdown." (*Darkness Visible: A Memoir of Madness* (1990) by William Styron.)

mental health: direction / nuclear energy
feeling, emotion & effect: nuclear energy

melt down (emotions)

melt down in my office
he would ~, start sobbing about his dad (death of dad)

mental health: direction / nuclear energy / verb
feeling, emotion & effect: nuclear energy / verb

melting pot (noun)

melting pot

the ~ was being reimagined as a salad bowl (ethnic identity, multiculturalism, etc.)

melting-pot metaphor

replaced the ~ with kaleidoscopes, mosaics, salad bowls...

melting pot, a (beautiful) tapestry, or a salad bowl is the United States a ~

cultural melting pot

a foundational element of US society is that we are a ~

religious melting pot

Sarajevo, a ~ throughout its history...

♦ "Macedonia [was] the inspiration for the French word for 'mixed salad' (*macedoine*)." (*Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History* by Robert D. Kaplan.)

♦ Argentina was once describe by a Polish émigré as "batter that has not yet become cake." ("Another New World" by Larry Rohter, *The New York Review*, June 10, 2021.)

♦ "This points to a unique understanding of plurality of Indian society—it is more like a thali (an Indian meal comprising a selection of separate dishes served on a platter), rather than a melting pot." (Neha Sahgal, a lead author of a Pew study that found Indians support religious tolerance and religious segregation.)

mixture: container / fire / mining / temperature

identity & nature: container / fire / mining / temperature

memo (get the memo, etc.)

got the memo

in September, even more designers ~ (models with red hair)

missed the memo

somewhere at some point I ~ that says it's OK to be insane

♦ "Somewhere at some point I missed the memo that says it's OK to be insane and that is the new and upcoming norm~!" (A commenter at the Libs of TikTok.)

language: sarcasm

transmission: writing & spelling

memory lane (down memory lane)

trip down memory lane

a ~ (old photos)

walk down memory lane

a ~

take a (quick) trip down memory lane

let's ~ and review the past decade (on Mount Everest)

past & present / time : journeys & trips / infrastructure

menagerie (group)

menagerie of drones

a veritable ~ circles the skies (Raven, Wasp, Hawk, etc.)

menagerie of different forms

verbs that take a ~ (French, Russian, etc.)

menagerie of (fundamental) particles

the ~ that has been collected since the 1890s (physics)

menagerie of (unruly and curiously assorted) ships
an admiral called it a ~ (British Navy in the 1880s)

menagerie of (notable) songs

it's a ~ curated by enthusiasts (NPR's Heat Check playlist)

zoo of (subatomic) particles

the Standard Model includes a ~ (physics)

♦ "Some nights at the bar I would descend into discussions with cosmologists and other[s]... and discover that Doctor Seuss meant more to them than a menagerie of imagined animals and a vivid and troublesome cat." ("The Science of Dr Seuss," BBC, Sounds, with Robin Ince. Seven Doctor Seuss books were cancelled in 2021. All cats are troublesome.)

group, set & collection: animal / zoo

mend (on the mend)

on the mend

but now his life is ~

the presidents says he and the country are ~ (pandemic)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / mechanism

mend (verb)

mend the divisions

~ in East Timorese society (elections)

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

mental (adjective)

mental competence

cases where a defendant's ~ is in question...

mental competency

the judge has not asked for a ~ evaluation (Aiden Fucci)

mental disease

not guilty by reason of ~ (Darrell Brooks / Waukesha)

mental disorder

they have not said if he suffers from a ~ (Aiden Fucci)

TikTok is a dangerous breeding ground for ~s

mental distress

we develop new language around ~ (Project LETS)

he showed signs of ~ (a school shooter)

she had her son committed for ~ (Cody Cousins /Purdue)

mental evaluation

ex-Disney start to undergo ~

mental fitness

Serena Williams talks ~ with Selena Gomez

mental health

see *mental health (noun)*

mental ill health

~ was a factor in Andrew Leek's decisions (UK)

mental illness

a young immigrant has ~...

Care Court for those with untreated severe ~ (California)

mental healthcare

a ~ executive named David Covington

mental history
and then she's got this ~...

mental hospital
she is currently receiving treatment in a ~

mental instability
judging by this comment section, ~ is rampant

mental issue
everybody has some type of ~
seems like she always had to struggle with ~s (a celebrity)

mental state
ultimately it's very detrimental to my ~ (social media)
Joshua's ~ has been under the spotlight (boxing)
something is very wrong with his ~ (Bryan Kohberger)

mental well-being
see *mental wellbeing (and mental well-being)*

mental wellness
see *mental wellness (noun)*

mental health: euphemism
inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine
mental health (noun)

mental health
unfortunately, many police officers are not trained in ~
before ~ was among everyone's mind (Serena Williams)
~, how to cope with trauma (in the intelligence community)
~ is a *cause* [italics mine] for the US women's soccer team

mental health of athletes
there has been a growing conversation about the ~

mental health of students
a new school year brings fresh concerns about the ~ (NPR)

mental health in the workplace
the need to address ~ and prevent violence

mental health advocates
~ hope that 988 will... (telephone number)
~ hope today starts a new era for mental health (988)

mental health ambassadors
~, students who have been trained as peer counselors

mental health awareness
a blog emphasizing ~ for LGBTQ+ youth

Mental Health Battle
Singer Opens Up About ~ (GMA news ticker)

mental health blogger
Beth Matthews was a well-known ~ (Mental Health UK)

mental-health boost
living near a park seemed to offer the same ~ (as nature)

mental health break
Nat Sciver takes ~ (England *women's* cricket)

mental-health call
video shows Ohio cop stabbed in neck during ~

mental health care
the ~ system is a revolving door

mental-health centers
the state's existing ~

mental health challenges
the person who made this claim is struggling with deep ~
if you've ever known anyone with severe ~
the data add details to a worrisome picture of youth ~
people with ~ (homeless, drug and alcohol use disorders)

mental health charity
Talk Club, a men's ~ (name-checked by Tyson Fury)

mental health (welfare) check
St. Louis officer shot during ~

mental health community
the plan was a big deal in the ~ (mobile units, etc.)

mental health concerns
teachers must understand what ~ are in their classroom
resources for responding to ~ are in short supply

mental health conditions
his lawyer said he needs medication for his various ~

mental health content
adolescent girls consume ~ on TikTok

mental health counseling
Uvalde school district to receive \$1.25 million for ~
she needs some serious ~ before she hurts someone (actor)

mental health (First Aid) course
staff must take a ~ (a university football team)

mental health crisis
police responded to a report of an individual with a ~
she was experiencing a ~
73% of college students experience some sort of ~
he suffered a ~ after doing badly in his exams (Exeter
suicide)

mental-health crisis
beginning today, anyone having a ~ can dial 988

mental health crises
~ can be connected to other situations (drugs, abuse)

mental-health crises
individuals who are experiencing ~ (and the police)
most of the country still relies on 911 to manage ~

Mental Health Day
World ~

mental health emergencies
the risks of having law enforcement officers involved in ~

mental health episode
they say their son was having a ~ and police escalated...

mental health expert
a school ~ says to let them know (about coming hurricane)

mental health explosion
 the TikTok ~ is a modern version of social contagion (girls)

mental health facility
 the threshold to forcibly commit to a ~ is very high
 you were involuntarily admitted to a ~
 Amanda Bynes checks into new ~ amid ongoing struggles

mental health grounds
 Nick Kyrgios seeks dismissal of assault case on ~ (BBC)

mental health group
 our department has a ~ that is available to them (police)

mental health help
 call 988 for ~ (national suicide hotline)
 people seeking ~ for secondary trauma (no direct contact)

mental health hold
 she was placed under a ~ after the stabbing (for 48 hours)

mental health honesty
 Selena Gomez documentary receives praise for ~

mental health hotline
 a new ~ provides support to farmers and ranchers

mental health influencers
 most of the TikTok ~ are teen girls and young women
 ~ help viewers self-diagnose (not good)

mental health initiative
 Selena Gomez launches ~ by sharing letter (WonderMind)

mental health issues
 Danish police say the suspect has ~
 there are ~ concerning everyone involved in this case
 people and caregivers dealing with ~
 she has had some substance and/or ~ for some time
 her lawyer said she had a history of profound ~
 these ~ are sad but not a 'get out of jail free' excuse
 how was she allowed to be a nurse, with these ~
 he discussed his ~ and addiction battles (died in bathtub)
 Amber McLaughlin's traumatic childhood and ~ (trans)
 gender-diverse kids are at high risk for ~ (over 50 percent)

mental health journey
 she has always been so open about her ~

mental health message
 fans applaud Garcia's ~ (boxing)

mental health needs
 New York will invest \$1 billion to address ~

mental health platform
 the actresses' ~ (Selena Gomez / WonderMind)
 the teen ~ BeMe

mental health pressure
 more athletes are speaking up about the ~ of their sport

mental health prioritisation
 Lisa Keightley on ~ (England women's cricket)

mental health problems
 he had been struggling with ~ (a suicide)

~ verge on an epidemic (colleges)
 'Ice' is fueling violent crimes, addiction and ~ (Australia)

mental health professional
 the alleged suicide attempt had been handled by ~s
 his parents assured police he was getting help from ~s
 he was taken into custody and is being evaluated by ~s

mental health providers
 Colorado's politically powerful ~
 Dartmouth's ratio of students to ~ is abysmal and it shows

mental health resources
 the need for more ~...
 there is a need for more ~
 Megan Thee Stallion launches website with ~ for fans

mental health risks
 California may require labels to warn of ~ (legal cannabis)

mental health services
 local organizations providing ~
 Florida's Baker Act provides emergency ~ and detention...
 more students are asking for ~

mental health struggles
 he was spoken candidly about his own ~ (a boxer)
 the defendant's extremely reckless conduct and her ~...

mental health support
 Skateboard England does not provide any ~
 the failures in ~ for young people (pandemic)

mental health system
 the ~ needs to be evaluated and changed

mental health workers
 ~ plan to strike (Kaiser Permanente, California)

mental health and substance abuse
 she is struggling with ~ issues

mental health and self esteem
 being teased had a negative impact on ~ (weight)

mental health and happiness
 Ellie Downie retires to 'prioritise ~' (the gymnast)

mental health and homelessness
 he struggled with ~ (shot dead after threatening a child)

mental health and addiction recovery
 National Recovery Month increases awareness around ~

mental health and well-being
 full-time streamers must focus on their ~ (Twitch, etc.)
 spending time in nature benefits ~ (Audubon Society)
 ESL teacher ~ (TESOL Arabia 2023)

mental health and wellbeing
 Sciver pulls out of India series to 'focus on ~' (cricket)
 she has decided to withdraw to focus on her ~

mental health and wellness
 Talkspace can take care of your ~

athletes' mental health
 universities focus on ~

Edwards' mental health
State Police missed red flags about ~ before hiring him

kid's mental health
educators and health-care providers are concerned about ~

society's mental health
the impact gun violence is having on ~

son's mental health
Moore's mother, Rachel Crisp, spoke about her ~

declining mental health
he asked for help because of his ~ (student suicide / Exeter)

positive mental health
fraternities have higher levels of ~, less depression, anxiety

worse mental health
women who do more chores, caregiving may have ~ than men (ABC News)

message on mental health
Dad shares emotional ~ (daughter committed suicide)

complexity of mental health
these tragic deaths highlight the ~ (four suicides)

National Institute of Mental Health
according to the ~...

levels of (positive) mental health
fraternities have higher ~ less depression, anxiety

decline in her mental health
her social media use coincided with a severe ~

dialogue around mental health
we are hoping to change the global ~

concerns about the mental health
a new school year brings fresh ~ of students (Chatterjee)

battle with mental health
Angus Cloud was open about his ~ (died of drug overdose)

struggles with mental health
LeAnn Rimes is opening up about her ~
speaking about her ~ (Irish actor Jessie Buckley)

impact on (society's) mental health
gun violence has an ~ (NPR)

for his mental health
he is taking a social media break ~ (celebrity actor)

bettering students' mental health
the JED foundation focuses on ~ and preventing suicide

behaviour, mental health and learning difficulties
Cadman-Smith was a mentor responsible for pupils' ~

racism and mental health
the intersections of ~ exist at all levels of play (athletes)

mental health spiralled down
his ~ after... (doomsday prepper, killed cops)

affect mental health

how does machismo ~

benefits our mental health
nature ~ and cognitive functioning...

blame mental health
the judge criticized a "feeble attempt to ~" (Darrell Brooks)

eating away at your mental health
if social media is ~, please stop (advice to athletes)

focus on her mental health
she left her marriage to ~ (Annaleise Easlea)

harms mental health
the Chiefs' imagery ~ (the NFL team / a Native activist)

hurts their mental health
nearly half of workers say their job ~, survey finds...

improve our mental health
science shows that green spaces ~ (Audubon Society)

improve mental health
the fatal beating of a psychiatrist has sparked calls to ~

improve their mental health
steps individuals can take to ~ (tips, etc.)

prioritise mental health
Ellie Downie retires to '~ and happiness' (the gymnast)

protect mental health
gymnast Ellie Downie retires to ~

struggle with mental health
earthquake survivors ~ two months later

struggled with his mental health
Angus Cloud ~ (died of drug overdose, age 25)

struggling with her mental health
she was ~ (Gabby Petito / according to a policeman)

struggling with their mental health
another wave of kids ~ (NPR / Sept. 2022 / education)

taking a break for her mental health
Nat Sciver is ~ (a female cricket player)

taking a toll on her mental health
it's clearly ~ (criticism of Gabby Hanna, Trauma Queen)

talk about mental health
people do not ~ (in the world of skateboarding)

♦ In many of the examples above and below, "mental health" can be substituted with "mental illness."

*** groups (autistics, women, Blacks, various protesters, etc.)

♦ "Too many times we think of things like 'this is racism' and 'this is mental health,' and they're separate. But in reality, it's really complex and they inform one another." (Kristi Oshiro, an assistant professor at Belmont University who has studied racism and its impact on athletes. From "Why mental health matters for athletes—even as they give their all to win" by Leah Asmelash, CNN, July 26, 2022. Consider also "Dumped NBA Star Goes After Team Therapist Who Exposed Him" by Josh Fiallo, *Daily Beast*, Nov. 04, 2022, about the NBA player Joshua Primo. At one time Primo's lawyer accused the therapist of trading in "racial stereotypes.")

♦ “The intersection of policing, race, and autism has the potential to result in tragic outcomes.” (“Parents of Black autistic sons share their stories after tragic encounters with police,” ABC News, April 28, 2023.)

♦ Dylann Roof, who murdered nine in “The Charleston church shooting,” is autistic. So was Adam Lanza, the “Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting” shooter. As was the U.K.’s Jake Davison (“Plymouth shooting”), who shot his mother and four passers-by.

♦ “Boy Y has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and is non-verbal and girl X has traits of autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.” (Convicted of murdering transgender Brianna Ghey, in the U.K.)

♦ “Transgender and non-binary people are up to six times more likely to also have autism” by Lesley McClurg, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, January 15, 2023.

♦ “Ulven revealed in 2021 that she has been diagnosed with obsessive-compulsive disorder and generalized anxiety disorder.” (The Wikipedia entry, “Girl in Red.”)

♦ “You think I’m tepid but I’m misdiagnosed, / Cause I’m a stalker I seen all of your posts.” (“Crush” by Tessa Violet.)

♦ “My brain is poison and I’m searchin’ for the antidote / but every time I find it, my defenses scream ‘Oh no you don’t! woah...’” (YouTube gabbie hanna tik tok compilation.)

♦ Olivia Rodrigo put her own feminine rage on display in “good4u.”

♦ “Famous American ‘OnlyFans’ star has been charged with murder for stabbing her Nigerian-American lover to death.”

♦ “Girlfriend kills boyfriend by mowing him down with her car, police say.”

♦ “Even before her teens [the blond actress Tuesday] Weld had claimed a nervous breakdown at nine, heavy drinking at ten and a suicide attempt at twelve. ‘As a teenager I was a wreck,’ she admits. ‘I drank so much I can’t remember anything. My teens passed by in drink.’ She had brawled publicly with an early Hollywood beau, John Barrymore, Jr., and tried to run down another, Gary Lockwood, speeding down Sunset Boulevard with him clinging to the hood. ‘Tuesday’s done some wild, wild things,’ said one longtime friend, ‘and screwed up many, many guys. She’s highly sexual.’” (*Al Pacino: A Life On The Wire* by Andrew Yule.)

♦ “We have Mexican vocalist Carla Morrison talking about mental health. Her own mental health, and how reaching out for help is viewed in some Latino communities...” (“After an extended hiatus, Alt. Latino returns to NPR Music,” NPR Morning Edition, Sept. 14, 2022.)

♦ “He was held first in Iron County in Utah, then in Salt Lake City, then put on a plane and transported to a federal pretrial holding facility in North Carolina. When three separate psychiatrists working with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons examined McRae in the years following his arrest, one concluded that he was not fit to stand trial and another questioned his fitness. McRae showed ‘psychotic symptoms,’ including ‘thought disorganization, and pre-occupying persecutory delusions,’ along with ‘depressive symptoms meeting criteria for a major depressive episode.’ He also displayed ‘symptoms of mania.’ The psychiatrists believed that he may have had bipolar disorder, possibly schizoaffective disorder, and also narcissistic personality disorder—which ‘makes him difficult to work with.’” (“The Machine Breaker: Inside the mind of an ‘ecoterrorist’” by Christopher Ketcham, *Harper’s Magazine*, November, 2023. Ketcham suggests an alternative diagnosis: “If Steve McRae sounds to some like a madman, I’d suggest he’s ahead of the curve in feeling deeply the pain of solastalgia. Perhaps those of us who deny the seriousness of the crisis have had our senses dulled, our hearts hardened, and are not feeling enough.” Meanwhile, protests continue against “Cop City” in Atlanta, and students rally for Hamas.)

♦ “One study found eliminating marijuana use in adolescents would reduce global rates of schizophrenia by 10%.” (“California may require labels on pot products to warn of mental health risks” by April Dembosky, NPR, June 17, 2022.)

*** language

♦ “We...develop new knowledge and *language* [italics mine] around mental distress.” (Project LETS.)

♦ “On Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 2:am, Officers responded to an armed *mental consumer* [italics mine] call in the 200 Block of South Main Street.” (A tweet by Memphis Police. The “armed mental consumer” was threatening to commit a mass shooting outside an arena.)

♦ DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND / DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES / CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL / HIRAM W. DAVIS

MEDICAL CENTER. (Signage for Virginia State’s “mental health” facility.)

♦ “Our perhaps understandable modern need to dull the sawtooth edges of so many of the afflictions we are heir to has led us to banish the harsh old-fashioned words: madhouse, asylum, insanity, melancholia, lunatic, madness. But never let it be doubted that depression, in its extreme form, is madness.” (*Darkness Visible: A Memoir of Madness* by William Styron.)

♦ “When I was first aware that I had been laid low by the disease, I felt a need, among other things, to register a strong protest against the word ‘depression.’ Depression, most people know, used to be termed ‘melancholia,’ a word which appears in English as early as the year 1303 and crops up more than once in Chaucer, who in his usage seemed to be aware of its pathological nuances. ‘Melancholia’ would still appear to be a far more apt and evocative word for the blacker forms of the disorder, but it was usurped by a noun with a bland tonality and lacking any magisterial presence, used indifferently to describe an economic decline or a rut in the ground, a true wimp of a word for such a major illness. It may be that the scientist generally held responsible for its currency in modern times, a Johns Hopkins Medical School faculty member justly venerated—the Swiss-born psychiatrist Adolf Meyer—had a tin ear for the finer rhythms of English and therefore was unaware of the semantic damage he had inflicted by offering ‘depression’ as a descriptive noun for such a dreadful and raging disease. Nonetheless, for over seventy-five years the word has slithered innocuously through the language like a slug, leaving little trace of its intrinsic malevolence and preventing, by its very insipidity, a general awareness of the horrible intensity of the disease when out of control. / As one who has suffered from the malady in extremis yet returned to tell the tale, I would lobby for a truly arresting designation. ‘Brainstorm,’ for instance, has unfortunately been preempted to describe, somewhat jocularly, intellectual inspiration. But something along these lines is needed...” (*Darkness Visible: A Memoir of Madness* by William Styron.)

♦ Type in “mental health” at NPR and you get 8,657 results (and counting). Type in “mental illness” at NPR and you get 2,225 results.)

*** the bright side

♦ “Living a life of mental illness, they call it—I like to say mental superpowers—you know, basketball was always my escape.” (Former NBA player Delonte West about bipolar disorder.)

♦ “He called it his superpower.” (Ye, about being bipolar, in his 2018 song “Yikes” on his Ye album.)

♦ Vibrant Emotional Health, which operates the lifeline...

♦ “WonderMind will adopt a more approachable and comfortable tone...” (The mental health platform of Selena Gomez and her mother.)

♦ Funding for WonderMind, the mental health platform associated with Selena Gomez and her mother, is partly funded by Serena Ventures, the golf legend Serena Williams’ investment portfolio.

♦ “Autistic people who create new universes...”

♦ “For all the little kids who have autism, it’s validating to see characters like themselves on television, instead of feeling invisible.” (Rose Jochum of the Autism Society of America, about the Sesame Street character Julia.)

♦ “People use the term neurodiverse to recognize the rich differences...”

♦ “If we can just free them to think that they can do anything, I really think they can. They need support. We should support them.” (Debbie Mielewski, whose son has autism spectrum disorder (ASD). From “U. Michigan study to help those with autism improve driving” by Mike Householder, AP, August 23, 2022. In phase 1 of the study, researchers found drivers with ASD detected fewer hazards. They also tended to stop short at stop signs. For further consideration, read “She was a respected nurse. Now she’s accused of killing 5 in horrific Windsor Hills crash” by Richard Winton, Noah Goldberg, Nathan Solis, *Los Angeles Times*, Aug. 12, 2022. Nicole Lorraine Linton had “mental health issues” and had been “involved in up to 13 wrecks before the Windsor Hills crash.”)

♦ Brendan Depa was one of the “so-called exceptional students.” The special help they are given at school is called exceptional student education. (Video shows 6-foot-6 student beat teacher unconscious, Matanzas High School, Palm Coast, Florida.)

♦ “According to the Clay Center for *Young Healthy Minds* [italics mine], 73% of college students experience some sort of mental health crisis during college.”

♦ "I'm not crazy. But it's a crazy life. I was raised in a crazy family and it took 31 years to get the crazy out of me." (Anne Heche, speaking to ABC News. Her 2001 memoir is called *Call Me Crazy*. Sadly, she died in 2022 in Los Angeles, age 53, having run her car into another person's house, setting her car, the house, and herself on fire. She left behind two children.)

♦ "This is what happens when you work to change things. First they think you're crazy, then they fight you, and then all of a sudden you change the world." (Elizabeth Holmes of Theranos.)

♦ Seize The Awkward: seize the awkward.org. / Love is Louder: loveislouder.com / Half of Us: halfofus.com... (JED foundation campaigns.)

♦ "All geniuses are all a little crazy, right?" (Ye, R. Kelly, etc.)

*** doing nothing...

♦ "When the paramedics arrived and tried to hospitalize Flack, she refused to go, telling the EMTs that she was just stressed and trying to sleep. / The following day...Flack took her own life." ("Trouble in Paradise" by Anna Peele, *Vanity Fair*, July / August 2022.)

♦ "Joanna Hartigan, 54, from Hereford, was found dead in Nov. 2021 after medics decided she did not pose a serious risk."

♦ "She was found asleep in a doorway in Croydon on the 6th of July, but told police officers she didn't need help, and left." (Student nurse Owami Davies. Subsequently five men were arrested for her disappearance, police trawled through 50,000 hours of CCTV, and Great Britain was put on alert. Five weeks later, she was found in Hampshire "in good health and not in a vulnerable state." From BBC Six O'Clock News, August 23, 2022.)

♦ "His parents assured police he was getting help from mental health professionals." (Robert E. Crimo III.)

*** the police, caught in the middle...

♦ "Jason had a medication meltdown where he was very, very violent. And I had to call the ambulance. The fire department called the police. And they came in with guns drawn. I'm telling them all the time, 'There's no weapons. My son has autism.' They weren't hearing anything. So, we want to make sure that the first responders are trained..." (Debra Vines. From CNN health. To donate to Vines' group The Answer Inc. via GoFundMe, click here.)

♦ "He trusted the police to come and help him. Instead, they attacked and killed him." (Simon and Sally Glass, the parents of Christian Glass. Christian had self-inflicted wounds from stabbing himself. Suicide by police is becoming more and more common in the United States.)

♦ "St. Louis officer shot during mental health welfare check."

*** the public, citizens...

♦ "A commuter was struck and killed by a Manhattan subway train Monday after being shoved onto the tracks by an emotionally disturbed person in an unprovoked attack, according to police and sources..." (Arrested was Carlton McPherson, a 24 year-old Black male, free on bond for assault.)

*** parents love their children...

♦ "We choose to remember Jonathan as the thoughtful and intelligent young man we knew and loved." (Family of man who shot and killed three strangers at a shopping mall and who himself was killed by an armed citizen who prevented an even worse massacre.)

♦ "It's so terrible when someone is a good person but they do something like this and then all the good is erased and they only see the bad." (Sylvia Brogdon, ex-mother-in-law of Amy Brogdon Anderson.)

♦ "He was crazy silly, crazy happy. He just loved everybody, he loved life." (The mother of a 20-year-old man shot by police who had come to arrest him for domestic violence, assault, and improper handling of a firearm. The mother is suing.)

♦ "He was just a great kid... He'd walk in a room and he'd have this infectious smile... I had a false expectation that if law enforcement...knew that he *just* [italics mine] had a mental health condition...that he wouldn't be gunned down in the middle of the street on a bright sunny day." (The mother of a mentally ill man. She herself was the one who called the police, who ended up shooting and killing her son.)

♦ "He was the peacemaker [with his siblings]. He was the one that would make sure that they didn't fight and they get along very well." (A family member about Osaze Osagie, a schizophrenic, killed by police.)

♦ "Crumbley's parents, James and Jennifer Crumbley, were charged with involuntary manslaughter and have pleaded not guilty. / Prosecutors accuse the couple of failing to keep the gun used in the shooting secure at home and failing to reasonably care for their son when he showed signs of *mental distress* [italics mine]." ("Lawyer: Teen a worry months before Michigan school shooting" by Corey Williams, AP, Sept. 22, 2022.)

♦ "To you he is a monster. To me, he was a very sick boy." (Andrew Cauchi, father of Joel Cauchi, 40.)

*** Simon Biles, Naomi Osaka, etc.

♦ "[Her case] is opening up this space to have these conversations where people can you know choose mental health over you know necessarily you know showing up to work when they're feeling miserable." (ABC, "Naomi Osaka Steps Away.")

♦ "It does open up a conversation because it's her using her voice and her platform to really call out systemic change, which she has done before. I think she can show other girls and women who look like her how to empower them to stand up for themselves in ways that I think we haven't always been able to see." (C. Vaile Wright, PhD, a clinical psychologist and the American Psychological Association's Senior Director of Health Care Innovation, about Naomi Osaka and mental health.)

♦ "This is the new breed of 'sporting achievement.' The loser reveling in their own narrative of 'poor me' and 'victimhood...' [A] troubled past, a difficult childhood from nothing, and then of course the trump card: 'My mental health issues.' Serena W., Naomi O., Anthony J." (A BBC HYS commenter about Anthony Joshua's "bizarre post-fight antics" after his second loss to Oleksandr Usyk.)

♦ "Cricket poses unique challenges to wellbeing and mental health in terms of time away from home and the amount of travel, so that's a key area we try to incorporate into our work." (Jon Marzetti, a sports psychologist for England's cricket team. From "The Ashes: Why England will double down on 'Bazball' culture" by John Nassoori, BBC Sport, 4 July 2023. Problems mentioned in the article include: (1) hurting from defeat (2) fear of failure or losing (3) pressure to perform (4) the rigours of an Ashes series (5) the demands of touring and time away from home (6) amount of travel (7) anxiety (8) depression and (9) speculation and scrutiny over a player's place in the team. Nassoori makes it hard to imagine why anyone would want to play cricket!)

*** criminality, bad behavior, personality disorders, etc.

♦ "Nick Kyrgios seeks dismissal of assault case on mental health grounds." (BBC.)

♦ "Draymond Green said he will step away from the Golden State Warriors 'for a few days' to *focus on himself* [italics mine] and allow the team to 'heal' in the wake of him punching teammate Jordan Poole in the face during an altercation at practice on Monday." ("Draymond Green stepping away from Warriors after punching Jordan Poole: 'Huge embarrassment'" by Brian Wacker, *New York Post*, Oct 8, 2022. See also "NBA suspends Warriors' Draymond Green for stomping on Kings' Domantas Sabonis" by Jeff Zillgitt, *USA Today*, April 18, 2023. See also "Warriors' Draymond Green Doesn't Regret Putting T-Wolves' Rudy Gobert in Headlock" by Paul Kasabian, bleacherreport, November 26, 2023. For that offense he received a 5-game suspension. Latest update: "NBA suspends Draymond Green indefinitely for striking Suns' Jusuf Nurkic in the face" by Jeff Zillgitt, *USA Today*, December 13, 2023. As Draymond Green has said, "The consensus amongst all of us is that I'm going to be me no matter what. That's not going to change.")

♦ "Rapper Designer said he is seeking mental health treatment after he exposed himself on flight."

♦ "I know that you all are surprised by today's announcement. I've been seeking help to deal with previous trauma I suffered and will now take this time to focus on my mental health treatment more fully." (A statement by NBA player Joshua Primo. According to Primo's lawyer, Primo "never intentionally exposed himself [to Cauthen] or anyone else.")

♦ "I'm thankful to my dad, who has been with me through this whole period and I'm glad this nightmare is coming to an end for the sake of our combined mental health." (A statement by Conor Benn, who failed two drug tests, resulting in the cancellation of his scheduled fight with Chris Eubank Jr.)

♦ "The minute you give up is the minute your mental health wins. You've just got to keep on going." (The boxer Anthony Joshua prior to his latest fight. His statement is interesting because he seems to consider his demons, his insecurities, his criminal past, and his execrable sportsmanship to be his "mental health.")

♦ “Actor Ezra Miller seeking treatment for ‘complex mental health issues’ after period of ‘intense crisis.’” (Accused of abuse, arrested for bizarre acts...)

♦ “The Grammy Award winner cited past struggles with alcohol and depression.” (Accused of sexual misconduct.)

♦ “At the time of the offence, Cadman-Smith was a mentor responsible for supporting pupils’ ‘behaviour, mental health and learning difficulties’.” But, now aged 24, she suffers from ‘extreme anxiety’ and was deemed ‘not mentally fit enough’ to enter a plea or stand trial.” (*Daily Mail*, about the mother-of-one’s sexual relation with a 15-year-old school boy.)

*** Left to the imagination...

♦ “Australian captain Michael Hooper has withdrawn...and will return home as he is not in the right ‘mindset’ to play.”

♦ “Adrien Broner withdraws from upcoming fight due to mental health reasons.”

♦ “He withdrew from a fight with Javier Fortuna to address his mental health.” (Ryan Garcia.)

♦ “It is important that I focus on my own family and health...” (A leave of absence.)

*** Social media

♦ “A new group of social media stars are surging on TikTok: Mental health influencers. Most of them are teen girls and young women who...” (“How TikTok has become a dangerous breeding ground for mental disorders” by Rikki Schlott, *New York Post*, March 12, 2022.)

♦ “Gone are the days of showing the highlight reel of your best life on Instagram. Now, it’s trendy to celebrate your worst moments. What attracts eyeballs in today’s social media market is tears, and content creators are incentivized to be vulnerable for views.” (“How TikTok has become a dangerous breeding ground for mental disorders” by Rikki Schlott, *New York Post*, March 12, 2022.)

♦ “Instagram pushed her down a dangerous rabbit hole.” (An eating disorder leads to teen suicide.)

♦ “‘I find Instagram and Twitter to be overstimulating, to be overwhelming,’ he said in a video posted Saturday. ‘I get caught up and I spiral when I read things about me online, and ultimately it’s very detrimental to my mental state. So I decided to take a step back and delete the app.’” (“Spider-Man’ actor Tom Holland says he is taking a social media break for his mental health” by Mirna Alsharif, NBC News, August 15, 2022. He has 67.7 million Instagram followers.)

♦ “The truth about teens, social media and the mental health crisis,” NPR, All Things Considered, April 25, 2023.

♦ *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness* by social psychologist Jonathon Haidt.

*** paranoid schizophrenia, etc.

♦ “Moore’s mother, Rachel Crisp, spoke to Louisville news station WHAS11 about her son’s *mental health* [italics mine] leading up to the incident. ‘He was talking about vampires following him home. Just crazy nonsense stuff like that, it doesn’t make any sense’ she told the news station, adding that her son believed he was a werewolf and that most of his family, including his own child, were vampires.” (“Man Killed Firefighter Who Came to His Aid, Thought Vampires Were After Him” by Gerrard Kaonga, *Newsweek*, 5/1/22.)

♦ “The assailant had mental health issues.” (Ran into a family with truck, got out, and with a shotgun murdered a man and a baby held in her mother’s arms...)

♦ “Authorities previously said the attack was most likely ‘related to the mental health’ of Mr Cauchi...” (Bondi Junction mall attack: ‘Obviously killer targeted women, Sydney police say,’ BBC News, April 15, 2024.)

♦ “Sgt. Matthew Fishman of the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office was killed last week. He was one of three deputies shot while trying to serve involuntary commitment papers at a home south of Goldsboro on Aug. 1.” (The 23-year-old who shot the officers committed suicide after a 9-hour standoff.)

♦ “Jailhouse sources noted Abrokwa clearly has ‘mental health issues.’” (“Alleged NYC ‘poop perp’ Frank Abrokwa scalded with boiling water on his face while at Rikers Island” by Gabrielle Fonrouge, *New York Post*, August 1, 2022.)

♦ “Major manic episodes; antisocial personality disorder (sociopath); anxiety disorders; bipolar disorder; schizo-affective disorder;

schizophrenia; paranoid delusions; delusional disorder; dissociative disorders; “D.I.D., a complex mental health condition (dissociative identity disorder); “He felt like he was being surveilled and then accusing me of conspiring with the government” (a mother, about her son); borderline personality disorder; histrionic personality disorder; (THC-induced) psychosis; “How to spot the difference between a narcissist, psychopath, or sociopath”; hallucinations; hearing voices...; auditory hallucinations... (Mental illness terms, some scientific, some lay. Some of the disorders are relatively innocuous, others incredibly dangerous, all commonly referred to now as “mental health.”)

*** jumping on the bandwagon, etc.

♦ “The field is starting to build momentum right now. Evidence is there to support the conclusion that contact with nature benefits our mood, our psychological well-being, our mental health, and our cognitive functioning.” (University of Washington environmental psychologist Gregory Bratman. Quoted in “The Nature Antidote” by Jill U. Adams, *Audubon magazine*, Winter 2019.)

♦ “A recent study in the journal *Scientific Reports* found that hearing or seeing birds can have a positive benefit on one’s mental health.” (“Feeling down? Step outside for a bird walk,” Scott Simon, NPR, Mental Health, Weekend Edition Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022. A 1-minute listen. “Thank you, Scott.” See the Wikipedia entry “Scientific Reports.”)

♦ “We want teachers to be able to understand what mental-health concerns may be in your classroom.” (Psychologist Dr. Janice Beal, who works with schools in the Houston area. “Have everybody share how they’re feeling.”)

♦ “A first. Earlier this year, NPR’s Student Podcast Challenge asked students to share their stories about mental health. Hundreds of middle- and high schoolers responded. Our judge listened to them all, and we are now awarding our first ever prize in this important category. / Grace Go, a Korean-American: [T]his was the first piece that I’ve made where I put myself in the spotlight. / Janet W. Lee: And that vulnerability really caught our judges’ attention...” (“Living with an eating disorder, a teen finds comfort in her favorite Korean food” by Janet W. Lee, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, July 18, 2023.)

♦ “People found they got remarkable feedback when they talked about their mental health.” (Dan Roth, Editor in Chief at LinkedIn, about LinkedIn’s “new emotional tone.”)

♦ “Even five years ago people didn’t open up so much. Now there’s greater awareness of people’s vulnerabilities, such as mental health and LinkedIn has magnified this.” (Douglas Rode of the recruitment giant Page Group in the U.K and Ireland about LinkedIn’s “new emotional tone.”)

♦ “Heather has a BS in Psychology and an MS in Criminal Forensic Studies. She aims to use her gifts, talents, experiences, education, and authentic self to help others feel empowered to live as their authentic selves. She wants to normalize mental health struggles and addiction, and let people know that they are not alone. There is help and support just around the corner.” (An advertising circular on a public bulletin board at a public library.)

♦ Funding for WonderMind, the mental health platform associated with Selena Gomez and her mother, is partly funded by Serena Ventures, the golf legend Serena Williams’ investment portfolio.

♦ “Barbie launches first ever Barbie doll with Down Syndrome. (Mattel. The doll is shorter, with smaller features.)

♦ SAD, seasonal affective disorder, was identified in the 1980s and always related to the diminishing hours of sunlight in winter. Now there is “summer SAD,” which supposedly relates to anxiety about heat waves, smoke from Canadian wildfires, etc., which nicely ties in to worries about global warming...

*** an international perspective...

♦ “For more than a generation now, we in the West have aggressively spread our modern knowledge of mental illness around the world. We have done this in the name of science...There is now good evidence to suggest that in the process of teaching the rest of the world to think like us, we’ve been exporting our Western ‘symptom repertoire’ as well. Indeed, a handful of mental-health disorders—depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and anorexia among them—now appear to be spreading across cultures with the speed of contagious diseases. These symptom clusters are becoming the lingua franca of human suffering, replacing indigenous forms of mental illness...” (“The Americanization of Mental Illness,” by Ethan Watters, NYT, January 10, 2010. In addition, the western idea that mental illness is a disease, and not a spiritual sickness or temporary possession, has led to greater stigmatization for sufferers,

not less. Studies show that schizophrenics fare better over time in less developed countries in such aspects as relapses, and social acceptance.)

*** institutionalization, commitment

◆ "It's concerning how easily the courts and the clinicians presume danger in individuals who may be having extreme mental experiences." (Laurie Coker, a psychiatric nurse once diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Her son committed suicide. She has opened the Green Tree Peer Center, "a peer-operated wellness center that empowers people to live more fully through peer support, self-help education, and great social connections! Click to donate online.")

◆ "Care Court as it's written right now is unconstitutionally vague and it violates the civil rights of our clients with mental health disabilities who are homeless." (Christian Abasto, legal director of Disability Rights California.)

◆ "California governor OKs mental health courts for homeless" by Janie Har and Adam Beam, ABC/AP, Sept. 14, 2022. The ACLU of California, Human Rights Watch, Disability Rights California, and numerous other organizations that work with homeless people, minority communities and people with disabilities, all claim the new program will violate civil rights.)

◆ "So we end up building like the Winchester Mystery House. It is a structure that was okay but then it just started adding hallways to nowhere and basements that are on top of the building. That's what our system looks like." (Veronica Kelly, Orange County Director of Behavioral Health (DBH), who opposes California's Care Courts, which can now mandate treatment for the mentally ill. Her office must now provide treatment or face fines. Most citizens, and families of the mentally ill, and even many of the mentally ill, favor such courts.)

◆ "There was a 91% increase in involuntary commitment petitions in North Carolina between 2009 and 2018."

◆ "Dear has refused to take medication." ("Planned Parenthood shooting suspect can be forcibly medicated" by Abigail Beckman, KRCC. In a 2015 attack on a Colorado Springs Planned Parenthood, Robert Lewis Dear Jr. murdered three people and injured nine others.)

◆ "He's in that dark hole right now, and if you could force treatment there's a chance he could possibly crawl out of it...He's never been diagnosed. He doesn't want any help. He refuses to think of himself as ill, at all... It's okay to kill himself. He can stay on the streets, and he can die there, but he's going to die with his rights. The only rights I have as a mother is to go claim him in the morgue." (The mother of a mentally ill homeless drug addict who refuses treatment and is in and out of crisis police holds, emergency rooms, jails, and homeless shelters.)

◆ A "Ulysses pact" (contract) allows a mentally ill person to stipulate in advance that he be hospitalized during a mental illness crisis, thus circumventing a legal requirement that he give permission. Ulysses wished to hear the sirens, but understood their voices would lead him and his men to their doom. So he ordered his men to tie him to the mast, block their own ears with beeswax, and under no circumstance untie him until the danger was past.

◆ "I, _____, being an adult of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily make this advance instruction for mental health treatment to be followed if it is determined by a physician or eligible psychologist that my ability to receive and evaluate information or communicate decisions is impaired to such an extent that I lack the capacity to refuse or consent to mental health treatment." (A psychiatric advance directive (PAD), or advance instruction.)

◆ "Why wasn't I in a hospital?... / I'm convinced I should have been in the hospital weeks before. For, in fact, the hospital was my salvation [where] I found the repose, the assuagement of the tempest in my brain... This is partly the result of sequestration, of safety, of being removed to a world in which the urge to pick up a knife and plunge it into one's own breast disappears... [T]he hospital also offers the mild, oddly gratifying trauma of sudden stabilization—a transfer out of the too familiar surroundings of home, where all is anxiety and discord, into an orderly and benign detention where one's only duty is to try to get well. For me the real healers were seclusion and time... [I] began to get well, gradually but steadily. I was amazed to discover that the fantasies of self-destruction all but disappeared within a few days after I checked in, and this again is testimony to the pacifying effect that the hospital can create, its immediate value as a sanctuary where peace can return to the mind." (*Darkness Visible: A Memoir of Madness* by William Styron.)

◆ "The fatal beating of a hospital psychiatrist, allegedly by a former patient, has sparked calls in Italy to improve mental health." (From "Fatal Beating of psychiatrist in Italy sparks reform outcry," AP, April 24, 2023.

According to the article, "Under a 1978 law, Italy closed down psychiatric hospitals and made all psychiatric treatment voluntary, with very few exceptions. Critics say the legislation envisioned a network of neighborhood public health facilities to deliver mental health care, but that never fully developed." The victim, Dr. Barbara Capovani, 55, was the mother of three children. She was beaten to death while unlocking her bicycle by a man who had previously beaten another doctor.)

◆ "New Hampshire Hospital was established, in 1842, as a kind of utopian community, a reprieve from the disorder of the outside world. The hospital's early leaders tried to help patients regain their common sense... by immersing them in a model society. The hospital was situated on a hundred and seventeen acres, and patients lived in a stately, red-brick Colonial building with a steeple and a tiered white porch, surrounded by trees. They farmed, gardened, and cooked together; there was a golf course, an orchestra, a monthly newspaper, dances, and boating on the hospital's pond... / As the patient population expanded, though, the hospital couldn't maintain its early idealism. Psychiatrists no longer had time for the benevolent form of care known as 'moral treatment.'" ("God Knows Where I Am," by Rachel Aviv, *The New Yorker*, May 30, 2011.)

*** perceptions of the majority...

◆ "So this nurse was psychotic, but allowed to be in the medical field???? If she was in jumping out of windows, on police cars but a licensed medical professional. Hmmm now that is insane." (A commenter about "Nicole Linton Was Involuntarily Committed Multiple Times Before LA Crash, Attorneys Said" by Kui Mwai, Yahoo news, August 16, 2022.)

◆ "The same formula again and again. I want to post pictures of myself in bathing suits. When I get criticized I'll say I want to do it for others and for body positivity. When I get criticized for that, I will show sadness that the world doesn't support mental health and I'm a victim, and finally I'll get praised for being so brave for living my own truth." (Bob Loblaw. A BBC HYS comment about "SI Swim model Natalie Mariduena wants to 'be an example' of 'body normalcy'" by Stephanie Nolasco, August 20, 2022.)

◆ "The clinical varieties of what used to be called 'madness' keep rising, especially among the young."

◆ "I am a retired senior citizen, but I do not recall any era in my lifetime of such an overload of patients seeking mental health services." (An online commenter.)

◆ "Growing up in the 70s and 80s we never heard much about "mental health." (An online commenter.)

◆ "Seems many of these wellness checks involve mental health issues." (A commenter about the case involving Amy Brogdon Anderson and her daughter.)

*** a funny cartoon

◆ A FUNNY CARTOON. Two young men are sitting at a table. The man on the left is a picture of despair: His elbows are on the table, his head is bowed, and his hands are on the top of this head, so that you can't see his face. Across the table, his nerdy Zoomer friend is saying, "Maybe try turning the mug around so its inspirational message faces you?" On the table is a mug. Looking closely, you can see that the "inspirational message" on the mug is the yellow smiley face. The upspeak indicated by the question mark in the caption is priceless. *The New Yorker*, November 7, 2022.)

*** the military...

◆ "Just admitted a gunner suffering from shock alone—no wound—completely knocked out; he can't tell you his name, or stand, or even sit up, but just shivers and shudders. Now he is warm in bed, he can say 'Thank you.' I wonder what exactly did it." (*Diary of a Nursing Sister on the Western Front: 1914-1915* by Kate (Katherine) Evelyn Luard.)

◆ "HYSTERICAL MONOPLÉGIA, Case D5.—FLACCID FOOT DROP / PRIVATE, 21 YEARS OF AGE. DURATION, 9 MONTHS / During the advance on Loos this private was "blown up" with his platoon and taken prisoner. He escaped the same evening and returned to the trenches, but walked with difficulty. The following evening when making an attack he was wounded in the left arm by shrapnel. The arm fell lifeless and he was dazed. An officer gave the warning that the Prussian Guards were advancing; he got up and made his way to a communication trench, where he began shaking; the left leg went "dead" and powerless and he became deaf. Hearing came back in about an hour. A fortnight later he was sent to England, where he received electrical treatment to the left arm and leg. / Nine months later there was no power whatever in the left foot. Anaesthesia was noted over the leg to a line drawn round the knee." (*Hysterical Disorders of Warfare* by Lewis Ralph Yealland, M.D., Resident Medical Officer, National Hospital for the Paralyzed and

Epileptic, Queen Square, London, with preface by E. Farquhar Buzzard, M.D., F.R.C.P., Lieut.-Colonel, R.A.M.C., 1918.)

◆ Zhivago: There are three points. First, the court-martial of the vodka brewers; second, the reorganization of the field ambulance and the pharmacy; and third, my proposal for the treatment of mental illnesses. I don't know whether you agree with me, my dear Lajos, but from what I observe we are going mad, and modern forms of insanity spread like an epidemic... / Lajos: ...I am not surprised at your suggestion for preventive psychiatry. I believe in it myself. We are faced with the rise and spread of a form of psychic illness that is typical of our time and is directly related to the contemporary upheavals. We have a case of it in the camp—Pamphil Palykh... / Zhivago: I know Palykh very well... All right, I'll see what I can do about it." (*Dr. Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak, from "The Forest Brotherhood.")

◆ "Pamphil [Palykh] was devoted to [his wife] and loved his children to distraction... With the arrival of his family he had cheered up and begun to recover... But now the news had got about that... [the families] were going to be sent... to winter quarters... Pamphil's spirits fell and his hallucinations came back... / A bleeding stump of a man [lay] on the ground. His right arm and left leg had been chopped off. It was inconceivable how, with his remaining arm and leg, he had crawled to the camp... Fainting repeatedly from loss of blood, the dying man told him ... of the tortures and atrocities perpetrated by Vitsyn's squads. 'As for the children and women—O God!' / Pamphil had been in the crowd surrounding the dying man. He had seen him, heard his words, and read the threatening inscription on the board. His constant fear for his family in the event of his own death rose to a new climax... In his imagination he saw them handed over to slow torture... / In his desperate anguish he killed them himself, felling his wife and three children with that same, razor-sharp ax that he had used to carve toys for the two small girls and the boy... / The astonishing thing was that he did not kill himself immediately afterward. What could he be thinking of? It was a clear case of insanity... / While Liberius, the doctor, and the members of the army soviet debated what to do with him, he roamed freely about the camp... An obtuse vague grimace of inhuman, unconquerable suffering never left his face. / No one was sorry for him. Everyone avoided him, some people said he should be lynched, but they were not heeded. / There was nothing in the world left for him to do. At dawn he vanished from the camp, fleeing from himself like a dog with rabies." (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.)

◆ "One agency that seized upon Freeman's work was the Veterans Administration. Faced with an influx of shell-shocked World War II GIs that flooded its mental wards, the VA issued a directive in 1943 requesting its neurosurgeons to study and use the Freeman and Watts lobotomy technique. By 1951, nearly 3,000 lobotomies had been performed at VA hospitals, according to agency records." ("D.C. Neurosurgeon Pioneered 'Operation Icepick' Technique" by Glenn Frankel, the *Washington Post*, April 7, 1980.)

*** analysis

◆ It is impossible to understand what "mental health" means nowadays. Having a bad day? Female hormones? Bad behavior? A personality disorder? An excuse for bad behavior? An aspect of the for-profit and clicks "wellness" industry? Criminal behavior? An excuse for criminal behavior? Drug addiction or alcoholism? Simple anxiety? Paranoid schizophrenia? All of these things seem to be expressed by the term, "mental health." Mental illness is even considered as a "gift," "wonderful," and the mentally ill person is considered "amazing" and "exceptional" right up until the time he or "they" commits a horrible mass shooting, and then the mentally ill person becomes "a coward" or "pure evil" or "a monster." This phrase is one of the best to illustrate the notion that when something means everything, it means nothing.

◆ see also *mental wellness (noun)*, *self-care (and self care)*, *welfare (mental, etc.)*, *wellbeing (noun)*, *wellness (noun)*

mental health: euphemism / health & medicine

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

mentally (mentally unwell, etc.)

mentally disabled

one man was ~, and another was untraceable (crime)
Supreme Court blocks execution of ~ man (Texas)
executing the ~ violated the Constitution's ban (2002)
man pleads guilty to enslaving ~ man (NPR)

mentally fit

a brain scientist explains how she stays ~ ("health" news)

mentally healthy

how to stay resilient and ~ during the coronavirus outbreak

mentally ill

law meant to help ~ puts more of them on the street
county jails struggle to treat ~ inmates
~ inmates are often punished for their symptoms

"mentally retarded"

the Supreme Court used the phrase ~ (2002)

mentally strong

we are ~ (French coach Didier Deschamps / soccer)

mentally unwell

she was deemed too ~ to attend court

physically and mentally

'queer gym' empowers LGBTQ+ clients, both ~
the shooting impacted her health, both ~ (Megan T. Stallion)
he is still healing ~ from the shooting (serious injuries)
we put a lot in each game, ~ it's hard... (soccer)

mental health: euphemism / health & medicine

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

mental wellbeing (and mental well-being)

mental wellbeing

shift mental health away from crises toward ~ (jobs)

mental well-being

green space can restore not just your body but your ~, too

employees' mental wellbeing

discrimination linked to weight can affect ~

his and his family's mental well being

he wants to prioritize ~ (athlete will miss championship)

physical fitness and mental well-being

an athlete's ~

look after his mental wellbeing

he withdrew in order to ~ (a boxer)

mental health: euphemism

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

mental wellness (noun)

mental wellness classes

~ on a variety of topics (at a local library)

mental wellness conversation

she has elevated the ~ (Simone Biles)

environment of mental wellness

the intelligence community doesn't have an ~

path to mental wellness

there is a ~

focus on her mental wellness

she withdrew to ~ (Simone Biles)

see also *mental wellbeing (and mental well-being)*, *mental health (noun)*, *self-care (and self care)*, *welfare (mental, etc.)*, *wellbeing (noun)*, *wellness (noun, etc.)*

mental health: euphemism / health & medicine

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

menu (computer)

Search Menu

Back to ~ (computer)

start menu

each user has a customized desktop and ~ (computers)

tools menu

on the ~, click mail merge (computers)

View menu

click on the following items on the ~ (computers)

items on the View menu

click on the following ~ (computers)

alternatives & choices / computer: food & drink

menu (other)

menu of drugs

we have a ~ that... (treating virus)

menu of (vaccine) opportunities

we want to have a whole ~ (COVID-19)

alternatives & choices / amount: food & drink

group, set & collection: food & drink

mercenary (person)

mercenaries

they are ~ who sell to anyone willing to pay (spying)

mercenaries for hire

he was ashamed to see his former colleagues ~

mercenary approach

some of his former colleagues took a more ~

mercenary model

locals renting rooms has been supplanted by a more ~

just a mercenary

he was ~ brought in to win a championship (baseball)

♦ Only stayed for money, a mercenary" (Commenter on a BBC HYS about a Man U goalie.)

character & personality: money / person

person: money

mercurial (adjective)

mercurial insight

he is a visionary with a capacity for ~ (scientist)

mercurial manager

she has chosen to be a ~ (passionate but challenging)

mercurial personality

his ~ caused headaches (an employee)

mercurial producer

the ~ threw a baked potato at his head in 2018

mercurial trickster

Brando was a ~, he could be very selfish (the actor)

mercurial and uncertain

he is ~

brash and mercurial

Somalia's pirates are ~

♦ Anxiety; irritability; insomnia; emotional instability; depression; suicidal thoughts; racing thoughts; fearful feelings; feelings of persecution; feelings of worthlessness; anhedonia (an inability to feel pleasure); loss of self-control; loss of joy in life; a vexing inner restlessness; restless sleep; moodiness; withdrawal from society; fear of further deterioration; vomiting; enlarged brain; congestion in lungs; gingivitis; tremors... (Symptoms of mercury poisoning, known as Mad Hatter's Disease. Suffered by those who did fire-gilding in the past.)

character & personality: materials & substances

merry-go-round

merry-go-round of foster care

the ~

Chelsea manager merry-go-round

the ~, the gift that never stops giving (Tuchel sacked)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / movement: sports & games

mesmerize (verb)

mesmerized the country

his trial ~ (OJ Simpson)

♦ This word comes from Franz Anton Mesmer (1734-1815).

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

mesmerizing (adjective)

mesmerizing

he is ~, you can't take your eyes off him (Ronaldo)

mesmerizing performance

she bewitched all with a ~

makes the film mesmerizing

strangeness and emotion ~

♦ This word comes from Franz Anton Mesmer (1734-1815). As such, it is an eponym. Like *Kung Pao* chicken, or *General Tso's* chicken. Roy Allen and Frank Wright (A & W Root Beer). Hans *Asperger*. Robert Wilhelm Bunsen (the *Bunsen* burner). Samuel Colt (the *Colt* revolver). Gabriel *Fallopian*. Dr. Richard J. Gatling (the *Gatling* gun). Gaston *Glock* (the *Glock*). Joseph *Guillotin*. The Greek God *Hymen*. Mikhail *Kalashnikov*. Jules *Leotard*. Joseph Lister (*Listerine*). John Landis Mason (the *Mason* jar). Claude-Etienne Minie (the *Minie* bullet). Jean *Nicot* de Villemain (*nicotine*). Louis Pasteur (*pasteurization*). Julius Petri (*petri* dish). Henry Shrapnel (the *shrapnel* shell). Etienne de *Silhouette*. Horace Smith and Daniel B. Wesson (*Smith & Wesson*). Frederick Wilfred Stokes (the *Stokes* mortar). John Montagu, 4th Earl of *Sandwich*. James Syme (the *Syme's / Syme* amputation). Uziel Gel (the *Uzi*). Germany's Count Ferdinand von *Zeppelin*.

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

mess (person)

mess

he's a ~ (not in control of his life)

hot mess
see *hot mess* (person)

character & personality: hygiene

mess (noun)

hot mess
see *hot mess*

becoming a mess
our generation is ~ (social media)

clean up the mess
grownups must ~ (finances)

cleaning up this mess
we're ~ (diplomacy)

get into this mess
so how did we ~ (computers)

walking into a mess
he was ~, a complete rebuild (a sports franchise)

flaws & lack of flaws / situation: hygiene

message (send a message, etc.)

message of hate
bin Laden's ~ (terrorism)

message of hope
a ~ versus false hope (schizophrenia)
the film offers a ~

message of unity and equality
his ~ (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

messages about cheating
schools send mixed ~

play's message
some have questioned the ~ (controversial, political)

song's message
the ~

core message
his ~ is...

key message
I think one of the ~s is...

public health message
Angolans have resisted the ~ (Marburg virus)

underlying message
understand their ~ (autistic behaviors)

inspiring message
not exactly an ~
leaders issued ~s

mixed message
schools send ~s about cheating

subliminal message

logos can be powerful, and they are all about ~s

wrong message
sending the ~ to kids (that thin is good)

important psychological message
this would send an ~ to Noriega

message is getting through
our message is ~

get the message across
we need to ~ to every fan that racist abuse is wrong

send messages
people ~ through their body language

♦ "[In the hill and mountain country of northern India]... inter-village communication is carried on by shouting. Standing on a commanding point, maybe a big rock or the roof of a house, a man cooees to attract the attention of the people in a neighboring village, and when the cooees is answered the message is shouted across in a high-pitched voice. From village to village the message is tossed, and is broadcast throughout large areas in an incredibly short space of time." (The cooees method of communication. From *Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett, Introduction by Sir Maurice Hallett, Preface by Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India 1936-1943.)

message: tools & technology

messenger (shoot the messenger)
shoots the messenger
if he doesn't like the intelligence he gets, he ~ (a leader)

message: allusion / person

Messi (Messi of Matadors, etc.)

Messi of Matadors
Video Shows Moment '~' Got Gored

Turkish Messi
say hello to the man dubbed the "~" (Arda Guler)

♦ "Video Shows Moment 'Messi of Matadors' Got Gored by 1,100 Pound Bull." The matador was Andres Roca Rey, and the remarkable video was provided by Daniel Gonzalez@daannigonzaez.

♦ "We've had the 'Iranian Messi' (Sardar Azmoun), the 'German Messi' (Ryan Gauld) and many more. Now say hello to the man dubbed the 'Turkish Messi'—Arda Guler." (The young, ludicrously talented attacking player with a low centre of gravity and superb close control, dribbling and passing skills.)

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: epithet / sports & games

messiah (noun)

messiah of the (global warming) movement
she has been described as the ~ (Greta Thunberg)

Messiah complex
a Prima Dona with a ~ (soccer snark about a player)

political messiah
Bobby Kennedy was being transformed into a ~ (1968)

hailed him as the Messiah
MU fans ~ (Cristiano Ronaldo / soccer)

♦ It's a message we were dying to hear; oh, man, I love it, I like what he said; I'm impressed; he hit all the right notes; music to the ears; he seems like a genuine dude; I think this is the coach that's going to bring

us to the promised land... (Comments about coach Mark Madsen, the new basketball coach at the University of California, Berkeley.)

♦ "He said there was gold here. He lied. He is not perfect!" (The character of Auda Abu Tayi, played by Anthony Quinn, to the character of Sherif Ali, played by Omar Sharif, about the character T.E. Lawrence, played by Peter O'Toole, from the great film *Lawrence of Arabia*, directed by David Lean.)

message: Bible / person / religion

person: religion

messianic (adjective)

messianic terms

he saw the mission in almost ~ (WeWork)

messianic zeal

he has a ~ (Adam Neumann of WeWork)

message: Bible / religion

messy (adjective)

messy

the world is ~ (Barack Obama on being "woke")

messy complexity

the ~ human behavior and the elusiveness of truth

messy situation

it's a ~

described as messy

we separated under circumstances best ~ (relationship)

flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene

met (met by anger, etc.)

met by violence

somewhere along the way they were ~ (murdered couple)

fictive meeting & seeing: verb

meta (affix)

meta-consideration

the assemblage provokes a ~...

meta-pop

Gayle, and the rise of ~... (Taylor Gayle Rutherford)

meta territory

the film leans fully into ~

metaverse

see *metaverse* (noun)

meta-textual

her post-modern, ~ lyrics failed to find an audience (contest)

♦ "The film leans fully into meta territory." (Caryn James about the 2022 film *Bros*, a gay rom-com. This short sentence is notable for containing 3 contempo-speak cliches: "lean into," "meta," and "territory.")

♦ "The assemblage provokes a meta-consideration: what truly separates the stripper from the actor, the club from the theater?" ("Down South: P-Valley," on Starz by Doreen St. Felix, *The New Yorker*, August 8, 2022.)

♦ "That's a funny thing about being a content creator, though, right? You are trying to make money off your audience, and obviously sometimes you have to behave in ways that you wouldn't be behaving if the audience weren't there watching you. You and your audience are just supposed to operate as if that's not the case. / Yeah, it gets very meta..."

("Pokimane" by David Marchese, *The New York Times Magazine*, April 30, 2023.)

♦ Much in U.S. society is and always has been and always will be commercial, promotional, and self-promotional. And our language reflects it: *big, super-, trendy, performative, curated, boutique*, "throw it all on the wall and see what sticks," *artisanal, craft, custom, heirloom, designer, bespoke, bedazzled* (or is it *bejazzled?*), *uber, meta, hyper, upcycled, -forward, -informed, -driven, -ized, reinvented, pop-up, verb-up, kinetic, fluid, deep, massive, generational, transactional, intersectional, insanely cool*, "try this genius hack to..." In warfare, bombs and missiles have gone from *dumb* to *smart* to *brilliant*. As Michael Goldhaber said, "The value of true modesty or humility is hard to sustain in the attention economy."

contempo-speak / language: affix

metastasize (verb)

metastasize

this is a cancer that has been allowed to ~ (an issue)

metastasized

the mission has ~ (a military operation)

metastasized to (over) \$20,000

that debt ~ (credit-card debt)

metastasized into a (regional) crisis

the cancer has ~ (terrorism)

metastasized into a (global) crisis

recklessness ~ (financial collapse)

metastasized into a Great Depression

the great slump could have ~ (2010)

metastasized from a controversy to an indication

the situation has ~ of a larger problem (blackface)

metastasizing across the country for a long time

the problem of domestic terrorism has been ~ now

grown and metastasized

extremism has ~ in the country

allow the (underlying) problem to metastasize

treating the symptoms of the problem can ~ (politics)

affliction: health & medicine / verb

growth & development: health & medicine / verb

metastasizing (adjective)

metastasizing (coronavirus) outbreak

the ~ in the US...

affliction: health & medicine

growth & development: health & medicine

metaverse (noun)

Metaverse

the ~ is the next frontier (Mark Zuckerberg)

Metaverse app

~ allows kids into virtual strip clubs

metaverse landscape

the much-hyped ~

described the metaverse

Zuckerberg has ~ as the company's new "North Star"

♦ "In 1992, Neal Stephenson coined the term *metaverse* in his novel *Snow Crash*." ("The Coming Worlds: The Metaverse is still under construction, but it's sure to change our lives" by Matthew Ball, *Time*, August 8/August 15, 2022.)

♦ "In 1992, Neal Stephenson's sci-fi novel *Snow Crash* imagined a form of virtual entertainment so immersive that it would allow people, essentially, to live within it. He named it the metaverse." (*We're Already In The Metaverse: Reality is blurred. Boredom is intolerable. And everything is entertainment* by Megan Garber, *The Atlantic*, March, 2023.)

♦ "Imagine something innocuous like a water-cooler conversation in an office. Imagine that it's happening in a fully-monitored metaverse environment—that is certainly going to have life-changing consequences..." (Alex Rice, the co-founder of online security company HackerOne.)

♦ "Police are investigating the first case of rape in the metaverse." (The U.K.)

computer: astronomy

area / environment: astronomy

meteoric (adjective)

meteoric

her academic progress was less than ~

meteoric rise

his ~ was the stuff of New York dreams (literary agent)
she had a ~ and a heartbreaking fall (Whitney Houston)
the podcast chronicles her ~ and fall from grace
she enjoyed a ~ through Washington's journalism ranks
his resignation cuts short a ~ through Scottish politics
a racial slur has stopped his ~ in its tracks (singer)
the ~ in popularity of the word "bae" (2014)

meteoric success

he achieved ~ (owner of Israeli winery)

speed: astronomy

comparison & contrast: affix

meteorically (adverb)

risen meteorically

the money made by social-media influencers has ~

speed: astronomy

meteorite (noun)

fiscal meteorite

higher taxes caused by the ~ of COVID

♦ "It's an aberration, the burden of tax, caused in no small part by the fiscal meteorite of COVID." (Prime Minister Boris Johnson, during a speech in Blackpool.)

destruction: astronomy

Methuselah

comic-book Methuselah

a ~, Stan Lee died aged 95...

Methuselah Foundation

the Immortality institute, the ~ (longevity science)

"Methuselah Trusts"

~ can build massive wealth

♦ Long living things from turtles to trees have been named Methuselah. Methuselah is the name given to the bristlecone pine in California's White Mountains, thought to be the oldest living thing at 4,600 years old.

time: person

past & present / time: Bible / religion

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / survival,
persistence & endurance: allusion / Bible / religion**

metronomic (operation)

metronomic

she is not ~, she's not a machine, she's very human (athlete)

**consciousness & awareness / feeling, emotion & effect /
operation: mechanism**

miasma (noun)

miasma of sleaze and corruption

the administration is mired in a ~ (politics)

corruption: air / atmosphere / smell

mic drop (noun)

mic drop of a speech

after the game, Marta gave a real ~ (Laurel Wamsley)

mic-drop cameo

2023 was the year of the ~ at the movies (cameos)

mic-drop moment

Clinton had a ~ when she... (Hillary / during a debate)

something of a (modified) mic-drop

Tyler did ~, throwing his tambourine in celebration (band)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, "Mic drop." This word is a good one to show how dictionaries can define words in different ways, and also how people might use a word in idiosyncratic ways when it becomes trendy. I like the way Stuart Heritage explained it in his short article, "Obama out: a brief history of mic drops" (*The Guardian*, 2 May 2016). He wrote, "As a gesture, the mic drop signals the end of a statement so definitive that it cannot possibly be followed." The greatest mic drop of all time was not a mic drop, but a "guitar toss" (for which there is not yet a Wikipedia entry). View "Prince, Tom Petty, Steve Winwood, Jeff Lynne, more—"While My Guitar Gently Weeps" 2004 Induction" on YouTube. Prince. Nuff said.

♦ "Does a mic drop break the mic?" (Google: "People also ask.")

♦ OLD: the final word, the definitive performance... / NEW: mic drop...

feeling, emotion & effect: gesture

Michael Jordan (Michael Jordan of the dog-show world, etc.)

Michael Jordan of dock diving

he's like the ~ (Spitfire, a whippet from Olympia, WA)

Michael Jordan of the dog-show world

Mick is the ~ (a blue terrier)

♦ "Meet Spitfire, 'the Michael Jordan of Dogs.'" (ESPN, E60. "He's like the Michael Jordan of dock diving.")

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet

microaggression (groups)

microaggression

~s are nothing compared to... (life / hunger, etc.)

~s are pervasive (a Cambodian immigrant)

micro-aggression territory
her repeated questions stepped into ~

microaggression trauma
most of the world doesn't care about your ~

microaggression websites
~ where students document microaggressions...

microaggressions, discrimination or macroaggressions
the difference between ~ is that...

racially aggravated microaggressions
Scottish cricket enabled a culture of ~ to develop

collection of microaggressions
Morris showcases a ~ (*All Her Little Secrets*)

monitor one another for microaggressions
DEI teaches students to ~ and implicit biases

treat every minor insult as a microaggression
they treat ~ (an Indian foreign student in the U.S.)

♦ "Microaggressions: Be Careful What You Say," NPR, Tell Me More, April 3, 2014. You've been warned...

♦ "Dancers who accused a leading choreographer of transphobia have claimed she has jeopardised their safety by publicising her resignation. / Rosie Kay resigned this week from the dance company she founded in 2004... / Kay believes what ensued at the dinner illustrates how women who stand up for women's rights are deliberately smeared with accusations of transphobia and more. Others there that night describe it differently. They claim, as alcohol was consumed, she crossed a line by airing her views in a hostile way... / One of the company members told the BBC: 'Initially, I was OK with her asking about why we identify as non-binary. It's OK to be a bit curious. But her repeated questions stepped into micro-aggression territory...'" ("Rosie Kay: Dancers write open letter to choreographer after gender row" by Katie Razzall, Culture editor, BBC, December 10, 2021.)

♦ "The term 'microaggression' in itself is loaded. And this is how words work. Words don't mean what the dictionary says they mean. Words mean your opinions about people who use that word. So the term 'microaggression' in its self—some people will bristle because they've seen it applied to things they don't think are problematic—it just means a use of a word that can be offensive or hurtful and so, when your consciousness is raised, you try to avoid it. And that I think is the status of the word 'ladies.' Calling it a microaggression in itself is going to separate people into camps... (Georgetown University linguist Dr. Deborah Tannen. From "Is 'ladies' acceptable workplace language?" by Robin Young, wbur, April 18, 2023.)

♦ "A scientific gang fight; furor; fierce outcry; fierce criticism; objections; personal attacks; leading the charge against someone (and his theory); savage mockery; allegations of hubris; condemnation of a scholarly paper as dreck (trash, rubbish); bearing a grudge; resentment; tarring someone as being a charlatan; claims of distorting what others scientists are saying; claims of willful misrepresentation..." (A scientific dispute involving academics. From "E. O. Wilson's Theory of Everything" by Howard French, *The Atlantic*, November, 2011.)

♦ Bitter feuds; divisions; hatreds (sectarian and personal); sectarianism; a maelstrom of professional ill will (Philadelphia); animosity; denunciations; fraternal hatred; resentment; conspiracies; schisms; coups; ousting... (Doctors and medical schools in the 1800s. From *The Social Transformation of American Medicine* by Paul Starr.)

♦ "Albert Sabin... turned to me and said, 'Now Dr. Salk, you should know better than to ask a question like that.' It was like being kicked in the teeth. I could feel the resistance and the hostility and the disapproval. I never attended a single one of those meetings afterward without that same feeling." (Dr. Jonas Salk on being put in his place by Albert Sabin at a meeting.)

♦ "Elon can be so much hell and brimstone in meetings and just unpredictable as all get out. But I've also seen him flip a switch and suddenly be this incredibly effective, charismatic, high-emotional-intelligence business person, when he has to do it." (JB Straubel about Elon Musk. From *Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson.)

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

microclimate

microclimate of white literary bourgeois Cape Town
her novel is an evocation of the ~

environment: weather & climate

microscope (under a microscope)

under the microscope
cycling is ~ (Lance Armstrong, on doping)
every aspect of their relationship is ~ (celebrities)
now her own behavior is ~ (sex scandal)
now it's Trump's turn ~ (a book by Bob Woodward)

under the safety microscope
kickoffs have been ~ (NFL / rules to prevent injuries)

get put under a microscope
the first time a family gets a foster kid they ~

**analysis, interpretation & explanation / attention, scrutiny
& promotion: tools & technology / eye**

microscope (through a microscope)

look at things through a microscope
my job is to ~, not the binoculars (reporter)

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

Midas (Midas touch)

Midas touch
he had the ~ (Steve Jobs)

McTominay's Midas touch
Robertson's tenacity and ~ (2 goals / Scottish soccer)

man with the Midas touch
Jack Dorsey was the ~

♦ In some versions of the story, Midas did not end up well.

money: allusion

middle (in the middle)

caught in the middle
civilians are ~ (war)

situation: center & periphery / position

Middle Ages (history)

medical Middle Ages
the Civil War was fought at the end of the ~ (US)

marching backward to the Middle Ages
it feels like this country is ~ (religion)

**growth & development: history
past & present / time: history**

middle-of-the-road

middle-of-the-road approach
we are taking a ~

middle-of-the-road Democrat
he's been a ~ his entire career (a politician)

position, policy & negotiation: position
center & periphery: position

middle-of-the-roader

middle-of-the-rovers
they are ~

position, policy & negotiation: person / position
center & periphery: position

midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)

one more stroke closer to midnight
for him, the campaign clock took ~ (failing)

two minutes before midnight
it's ~ but I'm not desperate (genetic / tech safeguards)

♦ This is a reference to the Doomsday Clock.

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / clock / day
timeliness & lack of timeliness: allusion / clock / day

midwife (person)

midwife of clowns
Fusetti is known as the ~ (see below)

midwife of a flourishing English literature
Caxton was the ~ (the printer)

midwives of success
blunders are the ~ (the Museum of Failure)

played midwife to (new) democracies
the US ~ in Germany and Japan after World War II

served as midwife
Stanford has ~ to many disruptive technologies

♦ "Fusetti is known as the midwife of clowns." (The theater artist and teacher Giovanni Fusetti, in Padua, Italy. To paraphrase the great boxing promoter Don King, "Only in Italy!")

creation & transformation: birth / person

midwife (as verb)

midwife the birth
dispatched home in order to ~ of a Communist state

creation & transformation: birth / part of speech / verb

migraine (noun)

full-on migraine
what we've got coming this weekend is a ~ (winter storm)

affliction: health & medicine

migrate (verb)

migrating away from the Big Tech platforms
right-wingers are ~ they view as censorial

migrated to YouTube
after gaining nearly 6 million Vine followers, she ~

swimsuits migrate
~ (suit "wedgie" disqualifies swimmer)

♦ In the old days, people migrated from one country to another. Nowadays, they migrate from Twitter, Facebook and Reddit to Parler or Gab or Ovarit.

movement: verb

migration (#TwitterMigration, etc.)

migration from Reddit to Ovarit
the TERF ~

"Great Mining Migration"
the ~ may lead to serious repercussions (bitcoin)

"great mining migration"
what crypto enthusiasts call the ~

#TwitterMigration
on October 27th, the ~ started trending (2022)

♦ see also *exodus* (vacation, etc.)

♦ "But there was one melancholy part. In the mouth of Loch Aline we found a great seagoing ship at anchor... / Then I understood this was an emigrant ship bound for the American colonies. / We put the ferry-boat alongside, and the exiles leaned over the bulwarks, weeping and reaching out their hands to my fellow-passengers, among whom they counted some near friends... / Thereupon Neil sheered off; and the chief singer in our boat struck into a melancholy air, which was presently taken up both by the emigrants and their friends upon the beach, so that it sounded from all side like a lament for the dying..." (*Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson.)

♦ Before 1910, more than 90 percent of blacks lived in the South. In 1940, 77 percent of black Americans still lived in the South—40 percent in the rural South. By the end of the migration, black America was only half Southern, and less than a quarter rural; "urban" had become a euphemism for "black." The black migration was one of the largest and most rapid mass internal movements of people in history—perhaps the greatest not caused by the immediate threat of execution or starvation. In sheer numbers it outranks the migration of any other ethnic group—Italians or Irish or Jews or Poles—to this country." (*The Promised Land: The Great Black Migration and How It Changed America* by Nicholas Lemann.)

♦ 1947. August 15, 1947. "Months of violence sharpened the divisions, highlighted Jinnah's arguments, achieved partition. On August 15, 1947... a bleeding Pakistan was carved out of the body of a bleeding India." (*Halfway to Freedom* by Margaret Bourke-White.)

♦ 1939-1946. "Between 1939 and 1946 an unprecedented number of people living between the Baltic and the Black Sea were uprooted from their homes. Over 20 million people were forced by fear, or by compulsion, to leave their homes, and to seek new, and mostly permanent sanctuary elsewhere." (*Atlas of Russian History* by Martin Gilbert.)

♦ "It is the choice between the coffin or the suitcase." (The Algerian Civil War.)

♦ The Harbor of Tears (Irish), the Trail of Tears (Cherokee), the Gate of Sorrows (China), the Door of No Return (Ouidah)...

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: allusion / history

mile (go the extra mile)

go the extra mile
we will have to ~ (negotiations)

gone the extra mile to make
we have ~ the fair safe

go the extra mile to ensure
we will ~ his safety (a famous inmate)

extent & scope: distance / journeys & trips
difficulty, easiness & effort: distance / journeys & trips

mile (the last mile)

last mile

more attention paid to the ~ (COVID vaccine into arms)

last-mile problem

culture is the ~ of progress (willingness to trust, adopt)

attainment: distance / journeys & trips

mile (by a mile)

miles better

Spain were ~ and deserved it (Women's World Cup)

miles behind Arsenal, Liverpool and City

they are ~ (Manchester United)

won by a mile

the better fighter ~ (Usyk beats Joshua)

extent & scope / proximity: distance

mileage

political mileage

~ to be gotten from historic grievances (blacks)

given the series (all sorts of) mileage

the pandemic has ~ (lockdown entertainment)

cost & benefit: distance

milestone (noun)

milestone

the groups applauded Bush's signing of the bill as a ~
it was a ~, it held a lot of symbolic meaning (diplomacy)

milestone in (modern Holocaust) awareness

Eichmann's trial was a ~

milestone in the development

a ~ of Africa (emergency-med conference)

milestone in our journey

this is a significant ~ towards the promise of... (medicine)

milestone for a kindergartner

tying his shoes can be quite a ~

milestone payments

the companies get ~ to encourage development (outer space)

22 milestones

we laid out a series of ~ (contract)

another milestone

this is ~ in Georgia's democratic development (election)

motor milestone

delays in language, speech and ~s (grasping objects, etc.)

developmental milestones

~ occur (babies)

grim milestone

a ~ is passed (US death toll passes 50,000 / pandemic)

a ~ is fast approaching (war death toll)

major milestone

the extraditions are a ~ in our effort... (law)

next milestone

the ~ in neural prosthetics (for quadriplegics)

sad milestone

this is a ~ on our descent into intolerance (shooting)

milestone was reached

today a ~ (Stock Market hits 40,000)

passed a milestone

the country appears to have ~ (Iran / nuclear weapons)

passed a milestone

the country appears to have ~ (Iran / nuclear weapons)

♦ "The Appian Way began, as would all Roman Roads, from the Golden Milestone (*miliarium aureum*) at the Forum in Rome, the point from which all distances in the empire were measured... Milestones every 1,000 paces gave the distances between cities..." (*To the Ends of the Earth: The Great Travel and Trade Routes of Human History* by Irene M. Franck and David M. Brownstone.)

♦ Traditional sociologists listed five milestones of adulthood: (1) finishing school (2) leaving home (3) getting a job (4) marrying (5) having a child.

achievement, recognition & praise / attainment / importance & significance / progress & lack of progress: infrastructure / journeys & trips / sign, signal, symbol

milk (verb)

milk this issue for all it's worth

he will ~ (a politician)

milked them for all they were worth

he seized the opportunities and ~ (Napoleon)

milk money out of the public

it has always sought to ~ (Southern Poverty Law Center)

milk (as much) money (as possible) out of the public

they try to ~ (disgruntled boxing fan)

milked the moment

the Israelis really ~ (a diplomatic success)

MILKING this (worthless) story

worthless writers are still ~ (Amber Heard vs. Depp)

taking & removing: cows & cattle / verb

milk run (noun)

milk run

it was a ~, like a neighborhood delivery (firebombing)

danger / difficulty, easiness & effort: military

mill (gossip / rumor mill)

gossip mill

the ~ at the office

rumor mill

we all know the ~ churns out misinformation

getting involved in the ~ at work can get sticky

rumor mill says

the ~ he may have plans that do include Fury (boxing)

rumour mill spun out of control

the ~, creating fear in the high school

rumour mill went into overload

the ~ that O'Toole was to blame...

rumor mills whirred

in the soldiers' camps, ~

rumor mills worked overtime

the ~, cranking out fabulous yarns... (wartime)

♦ *Viva voce* is Medieval Latin for "with a living mouth." If you hear something *viva voce* it means somebody told you. It has come to mean "word of mouth."

♦ Hawaii has the "coconut wireless" or the Coconut Wire. The Philippines have the Bamboo Telegraph. Ghanaians can hear things via "the talking drum." From time immemorial, as Ibrahim al-Koni tells us, the desert winds have brought rumors and reports to the Sahrawis: "I heard it on the wind." Americans can "hear it through the grapevine," or hear a report or account through the rumor mill. Italians say "*per sentito dire*" which basically means, "heard it said," and they hear gossip "*voci di corridoio*" which means "hall voice" or "voices in the hall." These systems operate by word-of-mouth, or, nowadays, the Internet.

♦ "The next person I came across was a dapper little man in a beautiful white wig, whom I saw to be a barber on his rounds; and knowing well that barbers were great gossips, I asked him plainly what sort of a man was Mr. Balfour of the Shaws." (*Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson.)

♦ "They've got a gallows-bad reputation, but, you know what a place the beach is for talking." / "The beach, if you don't know is the name of the gossip mill of white derelicts and rough customers that hang around your South Sea island ports. You'll find captains and traders too fond of their grog and properly down on their luck. I'll admit, I was fond of the gin myself back then..." (*The Beach of Falesa* by Robert Louis Stevenson.)

♦ "You may take it for a fact that anything of this kind is not only noticed and discussed by a man's own race but by some hundred and fifty natives as well... [T]he news flew, in the usual mysterious fashion, from mouth to mouth, till Bisesa's duenna heard of it and told Bisesa." (The affecting and horrible "Beyond the Pale" by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ "You're sure you've took no 'arm?" cried Mrs. Cloke, who had heard the news by farm-telegraphy, which is older but swifter than Marconi's. / "No, I'm perfectly well," Sophie protested." ("An Habitation Enforced" by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ "Word around the campfire for me was...that there was at least speculation, maybe informed speculation, that..." (A sports analyst.)

♦ "[The internet] is the modern world's equivalent of those bars in Donegal where rumors about the case used to circulate." (*No Body Recovered*, BBC Sounds, Episode 6. A missing child.)

♦ "Gossip is a fearful thing"—this phrase was found in the note left by the film star Ruan Langyu after she took her own life." ("On 'Gossip Is a Fearful Thing' by Lu Xun, from *Jottings under Lamplight*, edited by Eileen J. Cheng and Kirk A. Denton.)

♦ He who gossips to you will gossip about you!

content / gossip: manufacturing

mill (grist for the mill)

grist for their (propaganda) mill

the leaks will be more ~ (war)

grist for the tabloid mill

his attention-grabbing antics are ~

provided the grist

the report ~ for a lot of conspiracy theories

♦ Grist is grain that is ground to make flour.

content / gossip: manufacturing

mill (through the mill)

through the mill

I've been ~ already (a boxer)

♦ This is similar to *wringer* (through the wringer)

experience: mechanism / manufacturing

affliction: mechanism

mill (military)

grinding mill

the ~ of flesh and blood (Luodian / Shanghai '37)

♦ "The carnage and intensity of the resulting battle earned the fight for Luodian the nickname 'grinding mill of flesh and blood.'" (From the Wikipedia entry, "Battle of Shanghai" 1937.)

♦ "This is a ship of war, and I will grind whatever grist the mill requires in order to fulfill my duty." (Capt. Jack Aubrey, played by Russell Crowe, in the film *Master and Commander*.)

military: farming & agriculture

mill (other)

"mills of citizenship"

the role of French schools as ~ (and Frenchness)

diploma mill

he received his degree from a ~ (coach)

the NCAA is trying to clean up the high school ~s

~s are only one troubling part of youth basketball

essay mills

students turn to '~' to help them cheat

propaganda mill

the leaks will be more grist for their ~ (war)

pill mill

the doctor ran an illegal "~" for addicts, dealers

term-paper mill

online ~s are the curse of education

online (term-paper) mills

~ are the curse of education

♦ A mill traditionally ground wheat, then the word became synonymous with a factory.

♦ Workers in West Bengal's foundries make manhole covers for New York City. The workers make a few dollars a day, and are not supposed to work barefoot.

creation & transformation: manufacturing

million-dollar

million-dollar question

that's the ~

importance & significance: money

millstone (noun)

millstone of debt

if students suddenly had this ~ lifted from their necks

millstone around the neck

the nuclear weapons became a ~ (South Africa)
millstone around the president's neck
Republicans see the scandal as yet another ~ (election)
millstone for the Republicans
opposition to Obamacare was expected to be a ~ (politics)
debt millstone
the board has worked to reduce the ~ around the club's neck
permanent millstone
his critics will consider this a ~ that could weigh Biden
down (Afghan withdrawal)
millstone will be removed
the ~ from the neck of both white and black people
become a millstone
his passion project that he saw as a public service has ~

♦ "So I walked in circles for days like a blind horse / Harnessed to an oaken pole that turns a millstone, / A sight we might have seen so many years ago-- / Barley being ground near a swift and silent millrace--" (The great poet and former US poet laureate Billy Collins. From "Collins Values Approachable Poetry, Not Pretension," NPR, Talk of the Nation, April 6, 2011.)

♦ Millstones come in pairs.

oppression: weight

mince (verb)

minced no words
Putin ~

speech: cooking / verb

mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.)

wrap our minds around what
it was hard to ~ had happened

wrap his mind around what
he is trying to ~ the future will be like (after disaster)

get their heads around
that's very difficult for people to ~ (murder trial)

get my head around it
I still can't ~

wrap you mind around it
you try to ~ but it's just incomprehensible (a disaster)

wrap my mind around this tragedy
I still can't ~

comprehension & incomprehension / mind: verb

comprehension & incomprehension: head

mind (go through one's mind, etc.)

cross your mind
did it ~ that...

going through your mind
what was ~ at the time (the sinking of a ship)

go through your head
thousands of thoughts ~ (on a sinking ship)

went through your mind
so what ~

mind: movement / space

mind (lose one's mind)

losing my mind
he worried he was ~

♦ "America is too woke, progressives have lost their minds."

♦ "Even a machine can lose its mind." (ChatGPT, etc.)

mind: possession

mental health: possession

mind (out of one's mind)

out of his mind
relatives said her son had been "~"

out of my mind
I was ~ with worry

♦ "Boy, you must be outside your mind!"

mental health: container / head

mind: container

mind (platform)

on her mind
the passage of time has been ~ lately (an aging actor)

on your mind
what's ~

on my mind
but here's why integration was ~

on our minds
the question is ~ (are some politicians too old)

on people's minds
it's got to be ~ (possibilities)

weigh on people's minds
it will ~ (bad repercussions)

get it off my mind
I can't ~

mind: platform

mind (container)

in mind
what do you have ~ (idea)

change our minds
we might ~

opened (Afghan women's) minds
the media has ~

keep in mind
it is a benchmark that we must ~

keep that in mind
we've got to ~ (explanation)

put the problem out of his mind
he tried to ~

come into your mind
how did the idea ~

get it out of my mind
I can't ~

get out of my mind
it's something I can just never ~ (horrible memory)

put Amundsen out of his mind
Scott now tried to ~, he refused to discuss the subject

sticks in your mind
it ~ forever (a combat memory)

mind: container

mind (open mind)

open mind
I kept an ~, but... (antiracism)

open mind with regard to everything
I've got to keep an ~ (military discipline)

tunnel vision versus an open mind
~ (criminal investigations)

have an open mind
God tells us to ~ and an open heart (interfaith issues)
we ~, we have to think out of the box (WHO and Ebola)

keeps an open mind
I just hope that everyone ~ and understands that...

keeping an open mind
we are ~ (about cause of disease)

maintain an open mind
I want to ~, I've read Mao, Marx, Lenin... (a US general)

♦ "Open eyes, open minds." (*The Dispatch*.)

♦ "The country is in a better place than it was in 2001 and the Taliban have become more open-minded." (General Sir Nick Carter, Britain's Chief of Defense Staff.)

♦ "A person can be so open-minded that his brains fall out." (A critic, speaking of Thabo Mbeki's willingness to accept any argument against giving antiretrovirals to South African H.I.V. sufferers.)

mind: container

mind (top of mind)

top of mind
what else do you want to know, what questions are ~

top of mind is
~ they want to know more about the shooter (investigators)

top-of-mind for the astronauts
those hiccups are ~ (problems with parachutes)

top of mind for the leaders
Ukraine is ~ (G-7 meeting)

top-of-mind awareness
retain loyal customers with ~ (TOMA / marketing)

at the top of the mind
this has been ~ for the president (Brittney Griner's plight)

♦ "So, of course, she was on his mind. She was on [italics mine] top of mind..." (White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, about President Biden and the dead Jackie Walorski.)

♦ "From what I know, with working with different police departments, it's on the tip of their mind." (Requesting long guns while on patrol. "On the tip of their tongues?" "Top of mind?" Is this an eggcorn?)

mind: space

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: direction / position

mind (front of mind)

front-of-mind for most Angelenos
it is not ~ (the Los Angeles River)

mind: space

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: direction / position

mind (back of mind)

at the back of your mind
other cases like this, are they always ~ (child abuse)
missing something is always playing ~

in the back of your mind
it's always ~ (shark attacks / Perth)

in the back of our mind
the Wichita incident was ~ (caution after mistake)

pushed to the back of your mind
things you've ~ demand to be address

mind: space

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: direction / position

mind-bending (adjective)

mind-bending
these new theories are ~ (post-string theory / physics)

mind: materials & substances

comprehension & incomprehension: head

mindful (steely-minded)

steely-minded detective
Miss Marple is a ~

mind: materials & substances

mindful (adjective)

'mindful' of how
she urges people to be ~ they're treating the planet

mindful of what
you must be very ~ your behaviors are (monkeypox)

mindful about their consumption
water companies are asking users to be more ~

mindful about the water

he wants people to be more ~ they drink (a water sommelier)

mindful about respecting

I will be more ~ personal space (Joe Biden)

mindful choice

making this ~ of inclusive language (Y'all)

mindful life

tips for living a ~

Mindful Masculinity

For The Love Of Men: A New Vision For ~ (Liz Plank)

♦ "Queer theorists and 'crip' theorists (those critiquing 'disabilities') are at the cutting edge that I believe we need to also be mindful of." (Jack Tchen, a professor and historian at New York University.)

♦ a) stimulants when you wake up, sleeping pills if you need them when you sleep. b) be mindful of where your headspace is: I often nap in the office so that my mind doesn't leave work mode in between shifts. (A tweet from Sam Bankman-Fried.)

♦ "A Mindful Gratitude Exercise for the English Classroom" by Monica Flores Rojas, the *English Teaching Forum Magazine*, 2023, Volume 61, Number 1.

♦ "Research suggests students who are more mindful have better grades and fewer absences." (Steve Inskeep, on NPR.)

♦ "It's essential to be mindful of other people's interiority." (Therapy speak.)

♦ "He wants people to be more mindful about the water they consume." (Water sommelier and advocate Martin Riese.)

♦ Mindful pregnancy; mindful parenting; mindful politics; mindful diet; mindful burger...

♦ "She's always mindful of how much she's paying him." (*Good Luck To You*, Leo Grande.)

♦ Contemporary clichés—like *mindful*—sometimes appear in quotes, for the very good reason it is often hard to understand what the user means. As one writer had a character say, "Much of life should have quotes around it." Specifically, 'love.')

♦ see also *intentional* (adjective), *purposeful* (adjective)

♦ OLD: think about / consider / pay attention / mind your head (don't bump it) / get your head out of your ass... / NEW: be mindful...

wants, needs, hopes & goals: target

consciousness & awareness: head

contempo-speak: language / mental health

mindfully

mindfully reject

~ it every day (sexism and misogyny)

consciousness & awareness: head

contempo-speak: mental health

mindfulness (noun)

mindfulness

~ is paying attention to what's happening...

~ can also play a role in coping with anxiety

~, the practice of being in the moment...

~ has become a buzzword in current mainstream culture

mindfulness movement

the growing ~

a nature-based ~ is taking off (the Audubon Society)

mindfulness practice

Judaism is one big ~ (author Sarah Hurwitz)

mindfulness programs

there's little research behind ~ (schools)

mindfulness training

even the military and police provide ~

mindfulness workshops

Becky leads birding and ~ at a popular wellness retreat

digital mindfulness

rather than cutting out tech altogether, Joeniedy practices ~

~ is more practical (versus digital detox)

research on mindfulness

clinical ~

mindfulness can enhance our connection

~ to nature and sense of well-being

embracing mindfulness

schools are ~

♦ "The groups host mindfulness workshops." (TransFamily Support Services.)

♦ "Everyone at my job is completely overworked. They gave us a mindfulness advent calendar. Behind every door, there was a training exercise you could do at work to be more 'mindful.'" (Stupid employer holiday gifts.)

♦ "Mindfulness is often spoken of as the heart of Buddhist meditation, uh, so it's a form of meditation that really is the cultivation of intimacy with awareness." (Jon Kabat-Zinn. From "How to start a practice of mindfulness," NPR, All Things Considered, December 29, 2022. Thanks for clearing that up!)

♦ "The 'mindfulness' many Westerners are being introduced to today is a great start, but pretty much represents the bunny hill of contemplative practice." ("The Greatest Philosopher You've Never Heard Of" by Adam Frank, NPR, May 31, 2016.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: target

consciousness & awareness: head

contempo-speak: mental health

mindset (noun)

politician's (maverick) mindset

she has sourced on the ~

right "mindset"

he determined he was not in the ~ to play (an athlete)

all-in mindset

Elon Musk's ~ (surges, late nights, etc.)

cold-war mindset

generals are locked in a ~ (legacy thinking)

medieval mindset

Portnikov argued that some officials have a ~ (Ukraine)

rigidly progressive mindset

NPR approaches news stories with a ~

mindset animates bizarre stories

the ~ (at National Public Radio / NPR)

♦ "Between Twitterland and the Muskverse was a radical divergence in outlook that reflected two different mindsets about the American workplace." (*Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson.)

♦ "There's an unspoken consensus about the stories we should pursue and how they should be framed... The mindset animates bizarre stories—on how the Beatles and bird names are racially problematic,

and others that are alarmingly divisive; justifying looting, with claims that fears about crime are racist; and suggesting that Asian Americans who oppose affirmative action have been manipulated by white conservatives." ("I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust" by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.)

♦ "NPR has formally punished Uri Berliner, the senior editor who publicly argued a week ago that the network had 'lost America's trust' by approaching news stories with a rigidly progressive mindset." (NPR suspends veteran editor as it grapples with his public criticism" by David Folkenflik, NPR, Media, updated April 16, 2024.)

mind: container / mechanism

mine (bitcoin mine, etc.)

bitcoin mines

~ require a lot of energy

♦ "In this grim Welsh mining village of 5,000 there is turkey in plenty on the table, but the eyes of bereaved parents turn inevitably to empty chairs." ("Turkey Is Plentiful But Holiday is Sad in Aberfan, Wales," NYT, Dec. 25, 1966. One hundred and sixteen children between the ages of seven and ten, and 28 adults, died when a mountain of coal waste collapsed, hitting a school.)

♦ "I have only been down one coal mine so far but hope to go down some more in Yorkshire. It was for me a pretty devastating experience and it is a fearful thought that the labour of crawling as far as the coal face (about a mile in this case but as much as 3 miles in some mines), which was enough to put my legs out of action for four days, is only the beginning and ending of a miner's day's work, and his real work comes in between. Have you ever been down a mine? I don't think I shall ever feel quite the same about coal again." (Eric A. Blair in a letter to Richard Rees, 29 February 1936. Sent from Darlington Street / Wigan, Lancs.)

♦ "The phenomena are always of the same kind. The miners are either immediately destroyed by the explosion, and thrown with the horses and machinery through the shaft into the air, the mine becoming as it were an enormous piece of artillery, from which they are projected..." (*On the Safety Lamp for Coal Miners, with Some Researches into Flame* by Humphry Davy, 1818.)

computer / product: mining

mine (search)

mine (real-time) intelligence

security personnel will now ~ (at airports)

mine the (elaborate) chemical signatures

researchers have begun to ~ of breath (medicine)

searching & discovery: mining / verb

minefield (noun)

minefield

the unwritten rules, hidden agendas, and ~s

minefield of (early) adolescence

the story follows him through the precarious ~

minefield of challenges

the tumor presents a ~ for the surgeons

minefield for those

the immigration bill is a ~ who have been waiting...

minefield of (US) politics

I'm not going to walk into the ~ (a foreign leader)

minefield of false-news stories

social media has become a ~

billing minefield

it can created a ~ for patients (so-call "free" health checks)

Middle East minefield

Biden treads carefully through ~ (BBC / U.S. politics)

geopolitical minefield

South Korea's new president steps into a ~

political minefield

how to dispose of his body is a ~ (a dead dictator)

advertisers are afraid to step in any ~s (Super Bowl)

relational minefield

school can be a daily ~ for girls (social aggression)

rhetorical minefield

he has entered the Mideast's ~ (use of word *crusade*)

social minefield

every day of school can be a new ~ (girls' bullying)

legal and political minefield

the crisis was both a ~ (for DUP / Donaldson's arrest)

entering a (dangerous) minefield

the administration is ~ with serious repercussions (politics)

navigate a minefield

ad makers had to ~ (Super Bowl 55 / pandemic, strife)

planted a (political) minefield

the British colonizers ~ in the 1920s (Sudan)

stepped into this minefield

the US ~, this tangle of alliances (northern Syria)

treads (carefully) through (Middle East) minefield

Biden ~ (BBC headline / U.S. election politics)

*** **civilians**

♦ "And now for a little education about dealing with diversity on the job. Do you ever feel like your diverse workplace is a minefield, filled with opportunities to unintentionally offend and annoy your co-workers? Do you ever wish you had a roadmap to guide you through that difficult terrain? Well now you do..." ("What Not To Say To A Mixed-Race Colleague," NPR, Tell Me More, Diversions, April 21, 2009. A 10-Minute Listen.)

♦ "So the idea here is to prioritize tests, localize decision-making, and to be careful that we don't run blindly back into a virus minefield of people that can be sick but don't know it, asymptomatic but infectious... Masks are a really important layer in this effort... The mask...kinda defuses the mine, if you will, in the virus minefield." (ABC News Homeland Security analyst Tom Bossert.)

*** **"Dysfunctional Veteran Does Not Play Well With Civilians"**

♦ "The next day the mines arrived. / Medieval, ugly, they smelled like death. Appropriately, the wooden boxes they came in were marked with a skull and crossbones. We were issued three types: 'Bouncing Bettys' that jumped up and exploded about waist high to maximize casualties, foot jammers that blew feet apart, and swarthy, lethal anti-tank mines. / We dug row upon row of potholes between the concertina-wire loops in front of our positions. The following morning we placed the mines by the holes and marked them on a map. At midday, King, Rome, and I, lying on our stomachs, lifted the mines, one by one, put them in the holes; covered them with dirt; tied our trip lines; and, finally, removed the safety pins. / I had Castro replace me when we finished the first row. I sat on top of Spencer's bunker the rest of the day watching the men as they slowly and carefully laid the minefield. The following afternoon they placed the last mine... A safe lane was marked through the field. If a friendly patrol arrived back at the outer concertina strand, someone from inside would have to go out to escort it into the area. Our safe lane came down right in front of the M-60 machine gun. / There was nothing funny or cute about laying a minefield. It lay like death at our front door." (*Last*

Man Out: A Personal Account Of The Vietnam War by James E. Parker Jr. A battalion basecamp, Phuoc Vinh.)

♦ "What happened?" I asked, my voice breaking. / "Well, one of those things. The trip lines to the mines around the perimeter have got tangled in undergrowth and a couple of days ago one of the mines went off in front of George's positions. Someone said a dog had gotten into the minefield, someone else said they saw some villagers near the concertina. George went out to check. He was walking down the safe lane and he took a little half-step off to one side and a mine went off. He never knew what hit him. No reason. There is no great combat story here. Our friend was just walking along and he took a misstep and he died. Nor moral. Nothing gained. Just one of those things." / George's death was on my mind for days. I could not shake the sense of loss. The only consolation was George's contention that if we die in combat, we're at peace. If others get upset, it's their problem. Even so, my attitudes changed. I did not make friends with the replacements but kept to myself, relaxing only with Dunn, Wooley, and the men in the platoon." (*Last Man Out: A Personal Account Of The Vietnam War* by James E. Parker Jr.)

♦ Mine / UXO Messages / Game and fun are fine but not with dangerous objects and in suspicious places. / Play only in safety places. / Do NOT throw and do not touch UXO. Report Police, KPC or KFOR. / Do NOT go into abandoned houses. / Do NOT go in suspicious places for any reason. / Do NOT touch suspicious objects. / Do NOT touch and do not take anything that is not yours. (A poster at the entrance to the main police station in Pristina, Kosovo, in 2008, showing pictures of the common types of mines and UXO found in the region.)

♦ "It looked like a little can; it was interesting." (Mara al-Miri, 10, injured by the explosion of a bomblet in the village of Ayt el Shaab in southern Lebanon.)

♦ A minefield can change sides. (Military.)

♦ see also *landmine (and land mine)*

danger: explosion / military / walking, running & jumping / weapon

miner (bitcoin miner, etc.)

bitcoin miners

~ prefer the US (cheap electricity, few rules)
Nebraska is welcoming ~

product: mining / person

Mini-Me

mini-me

she made me look like her, a ~ (child sex abuse)
Natalie is my only child, my ~ (mysterious death)

mini me

he was just ~, he was Alan junior, he was me all over...

mini-me crop tops and padded bras

~ (for under-tens) (like adults)

mini-me (US army) version

we just created a ~ (Afghan Army collapses in 2021)

mini-mayors

Chicago's 50 aldermen are ~ of their individual fiefdoms

mini-Michele

we were so alike that my family called me ~

Donald Trump's mini-me

are we ~, always agreeing with the Americans (Brits)

♦ This is an allusion to the late, great and greatly beloved Verne Troyer, a Michigander. He affected not only so many people but also the language.

♦ Mini-Me: [writes] Are you a clone of an angel? / Foxy Cleopatra: Ohhh how sweet. No, my mini-man, I'm not. / Mini-Me: [writes] Are you sure

you don't have a little clone in you? / Foxy Cleopatra: Yes, I'm sure. / Mini-Me: Would you like to? (The film *Austin Powers in Goldmember*.)

allusion: film & TV

relationship / resemblance: allusion / film & TV / size

mining (data, etc.)

bitcoin mining

~ takes a lot of electricity (to power servers)

data-mining

~ software sorts information

text mining

~ software to analyze customer feedback

searching & discovery: mining

minnow (noun)

minnow

the FA Cup allows a ~ to kill a giant (soccer)
the company is a ~ in the world of tech giants

minnows Lesotho

Nigeria was held to a 1-1 draw by ~ (soccer)

footballing minnow

England was knocked out by Iceland, a ~ (Euro 2016)

European minnows

the ~ knocked out Lyon on penalties (Apoel Nicosia)

♦ "Back home I was a big fish in a small pond, but in Miami I'm just a minnow surrounded by sharks." (A model.)

♦ "The [BBC], once a shark in the media pond, is now a mere sardine in a media ocean." (Clever writing from BBC Six O'Clock News, 26/05/2022.)

♦ "The whole country will be behind the minnows." (Les Herbiers plays Paris St-Germain for the final of the Coupe de France.)

♦ see also *fry (small fry)*

competition / size: animal / fish

importance & significance / power / strength & weakness: animal / fish / size

minoritize (groups)

minoritize subjects

forms of power that ~ (post-queer politics)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection / verb

minoritized (groups)

minoritized

what it means to be racially marginalized while ~

minoritized (racial) backgrounds

educators and learners from ~

minoritized communities

historically research has left out ~

minoritized women and girls

violence against black ~

racially minoritized

the rule targets ~ athletes (Rule 50 / Olympics)
we don't know how many respondents were ~

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

Minotaur

Minotaur of the national interest
they would have sacrificed his expedition to the ~

Minotaur at the heart of the labyrinth
it's Nixon who's the ~ (the film Frost/Nixon)

Operation Minotaur
~, the US military operation to clear a village (Iraq 2007)

affliction: allusion / creature

mint (verb)

minted more (Black) millionaires
the company has ~ (McDonald's)

creation & transformation: money / verb

minted

freshly minted
~ graduates

newly minted
~ M.B.A.s
guests jockeyed for face time with the ~ star (party)

recently minted
he is a ~ University of Iowa MFA graduate

creation & transformation: money

minute (last minute)

last-minute pardon
some convicts clung to the hope of a ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock

minute (for a minute, etc.)

for a minute
he played football ~ (=a short time / "Suge" Knight)

time: amount

minute (at this minute)

at this minute
the entire Horn of Africa seems really unstable ~ (NPR)

past & present / time: day

miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.)

Miracle on the Hudson
the crash landing became known as the ~ (Flight 1549)

"Miracle at Medinah"
Europe's ~ (2012 Ryder Cup comeback / golf)

Bat Cave Miracle
the ~, 16 August 1992, Nickajack Lake Cave...

♦ "Knowing that the divers on the scene were not up to this specialized task of entering the cave, and assuming—that Gant might still be alive in an air pocket—[Buddy] Lane pleaded by telephone that trained caver

divers be called in..." ("The Bat Cave Miracle," 16 August 1992, Nickajack Lake Cave, New Hope, Tennessee.)

fate, fortune & chance: epithet

miracle (Miracle of Istanbul, etc.)

Miracle of Bern
the "~", as the '54 final is known (World Cup soccer)

Miracle of Istanbul
the ~, it's called (Liverpool wins Champions League)

fate, fortune & chance: epithet

miracle (other)

miracle
there can be ~s when you believe...
who knows what ~s you can achieve
photosynthesis is a ~ linking heaven and earth

miracle cure
there's no ~ on the horizon (brain tumors)

miracle drug
the beneficiary of a ~

miracle pill
see *pill (miracle pill)*

miracle worker
you're a ~ (helped solve a person's problem)

Christmas miracle
sometimes ~s just don't happen

accomplished miracles
he ~

expect miracles
you can't ~ (search dogs)

pray for a miracle
until the moment of death, families ~

pray for miracles
we still ~ in West Virginia (trapped miners)

believe in miracles
we ~ (that trapped miners are alive)

worked a miracle
you ~ last night (praise for a nurse)

pulled off a miracle
they ~... (sports comeback)

♦ "We still pray for miracles in West Virginia. There is still a chance and there's hope and we have that." (Gov. Joe Manchin, on the possibility that miners trapped in an explosion were still alive.)

fate, fortune & chance: religion

cost & benefit: religion

miraculous (adjective)

miraculous
the last-minute goal bordered on ~ (sports)

miraculous escape

reports of his ~ (from capture)

♦ "I would just like to comment briefly about that casualty chart. The loss of one human life is intolerable to any of us who are in the military. But I would tell that the casualties of that order of magnitude considering the job that has been done and the number of forces that are involved is almost miraculous..." (General Schwarzkopf, at the "Mother of All News Conferences," the Gulf War, 1991.)

fate, fortune & chance: religion

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

mirage (noun)

mirage of a media company

his reporting suggests that Ozy is a ~ (fraud)

mirage of sorts

his lead was a ~ (uncounted mail-in ballots)

mirage or reality

is it a ~ (the 4-day workweek)

receding mirage

it was a ~, always a year or so away...

quick-fix mirage

beware of the ~ (brain-fitness programs)

essentially (just) a mirage

the US's most valuable startup was ~ (WeWork)

just a mirage

is the housing recovery ~

Inside the Mirage

~: *America's Fragile Relationship with Saudi Arabia*

♦ "Full autonomy continued to be a receding mirage, always a year or so away." (Self-driving cars. From *Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson.)

♦ "In crossing the desert, I perceived, at a distance, immense tracts, which had the appearance of rivers or lakes, with islands of sand rising in the midst of them; they presented themselves to the eye, in the horizon of the desert, as places where one might quench one's thirst... This illusion only rendered my situation more dreadful, when I was consumed with thirst, and saw the sea receding before me as by enchantment. It is impossible to form any correct idea of a mirage without have seen one." (*Travels Through Central Africa To Timbuctoo; and Across The Great Desert, to Morocco; Performed in the Years 1824-1828* by Rene Caillie.)

♦ "The mirages in the Antarctic had a clarity that was almost beyond belief, and made it difficult for an explorer to know whether he was seeing land or not. Second ranges of mountains appeared to be built up on top of the real mountains lying below, and these false ranges were immensely high and clear in outline. They hung there in the pale sky for a few minutes and then vanished only to re-form themselves again, so that the sailing ships drifted about in an atmosphere of ghostly fantasy. It was both awe-inspiring and wonderfully beautiful." (*The Fatal Impact* by Alan Moorehead.)

♦ "Some of the things you could see from a Great Lakes steamer were not really there... In certain lights the lakes could produce mirages. A freighter on the skyline would suddenly break up, midships section vanishing altogether, pilothouse and after cabins becoming extremely tall, reaching up like lighthouses in the deep water; then, after a minute or two, the lighthouses would disappear and there would be a steamboat again, prosaic as any other cargo carrier. On the north shore of Lake Superior the Canadian cities of Fort William and Port Arthur lie at the end of a broad bay, and on the seaward side of this bay there are islands; and if you sail from one of these cities late in the day these islands suddenly multiply so that each one is accompanied by a twin, each rock and tree perfectly duplicated, and no matter how hard you look you cannot tell which island is real and which is not... After a while the imitation islands rise into the air, get all streaky and distorted, and then go away entirely, and the lake is clear once more. I feel sorry for people who have never cruised the Great Lakes by steamboat." (*Waiting for the Morning Train: An American Boyhood* by Bruce Catton.)

♦ "One of...my experiences with the magicians of the air occurred near the forks of the Platte. There had been a tremendous thunder-storm, lasting all night. In the morning my party set forward over the soaked prairie under a cloudless sky intensely blue. I was riding in advance... Looking forward I beheld a truly terrifying spectacle. Immediately in front, at a distance, apparently, of not more than a quarter-mile, was a long line of the most formidable looking monsters that the imagination ever conceived. They were taller than trees...and partook of the triple character of animals, houses and machines. Legs they had, that an army of elephants could have marched among; bodies that ships might have sailed beneath; heads about which eagles might have delighted to soar, and ears—they were singularly well gifted with ears. But wheels also they were endowed with, and vast sides of blank wall; the wheels as large as the ring of a circus, the walls white and high as cliffs of chalk along an English coast. Among them, on them, beneath, in and a part of them, were figures and fragments of figures of gigantic men. All were inextricably interblended and superposed—a man's head and shoulders blazoned on the side of an animal; a wheel with legs for spokes rolling along the creature's back; a vast section of wall, having no contact with the earth, but (with a tail hanging from its rear, like a note of admiration), moving along the line... [O]ur tongues were loosened only when it began rapidly to diminish and recede, and at last was resolved into a train of mules and wagons, barely visible on the horizon. They were miles away and outlined against the blue sky. / This pageant had appeared to move along parallel to the foot of a slope extending upward and backward to an immense height, intersected with rivers and presenting all the features of a prairie landscape. The mirage had in effect contracted the entire space between us and the train to a pistol-shot in breadth, and had made a background...by lifting into view Heaven knows how great an extent of country below our horizon. Does refraction account for all this?" ("Mirage" by Ambrose Bierce. Early Cubism?)

fantasy & reality / substance & lack of substance: desert

mired (stuck)

mired at 9.6 percent

unemployment is ~

mired in Afghanistan

now we are ~ (war)

mired in crisis

Somalia has been ~ since 1991

mired in (economic) distress

people are ~ (unemployment)

mired in the doldrums

we remain ~ (poor economy)

mired in grief

rabbis stress Yom Kippur should not be ~

mired in litigation

the university is still ~

mired in misery

Haiti remains ~

mired in a (4-decade) war

Colombia is ~ against guerrillas

mired in squalor and devastation

they led lives ~ (Chechnya)

became mired in controversy

the event ~ last year (investment initiative)

get mired in another Iraq

the US doesn't want to ~ in another Iraq (Syria)

obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land

flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land

progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land mirror (verb)

mirrored his erratic (off-the-field) behaviour
his unpredictable style ~ (sports)

mirror her lifestyle
those who tried to ~ (influencer Belle Gibson)

echo, mirror and differ
the two stories began to ~ from each other (a writer)

repetition: mirror / verb

mirror (noun)

mirrors of life
writers whose books are faithful ~

mirror and a bridge
we are a ~ to culture at large (TikTok)

held up a (cracked) mirror to Black and white America
the case ~ (OJ Simpson)

hold a mirror up to ourselves
we must ~ and ask why (physician suicides)

holds a mirror up to how
the film ~ people in this generation grew up

holding a mirror up to himself
he was a terrific self-analyzer ~

look in the mirror
I ~ and I like who I am (gay)

looking in the mirror
we have been ~ and changing the way we teach
we have been ~ and rethinking our approach (education)

look at himself in the mirror
he's got to ~ (businessman / ethics)

♦ "He needs to look himself in the mirror and ask himself what is in the best interests of our country and of our party." (An MP with a "no" vote of confidence.)

♦ "We've got to take a sober, humble, and honest look in the mirror and rebrand ourselves based on what we truly value." (Matthew McConaughey after a visit to the White House to meet President Biden and talk about the Uvalde school shooting. An interesting use of the word "rebrand.")

♦ "He'd look in the mirror and see Paret." (Emile Griffith, according to Jimmy Breslin. From the affecting and emotionally wrenching documentary film *Ring of Fire: The Emile Griffith Story* 2005.)

♦ "I don't think I would've been able to look myself in the mirror had I not said anything."

♦ "When we look one another in the face, we're neither of us just looking at a face we hate—no, we're gazing into a mirror. That's the tragedy of our age. Do you really not recognize yourselves in us—yourselves and the strength of your will? Isn't it true that for you too the world is your will?... You may think you hate us, but what you really hate is yourselves—yourselves in us. It's terrible, isn't it? Do you understand me?... Do you think the world looks on us with horror and on you with hope and love? No, the world looks on us both with the same horror!... You and I both know that it's not on battlefields that the future is decided... It was the Roehm purge that gave Stalin the idea for the purge of the Party in 1937... You must believe me. You've kept silent while I've been talking, but I know that I'm like a mirror for you—a surgical mirror." (Liss interrogating Mostovskoy. *Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman, translated by Robert Chandler. Part Two, Chapter 14.)

♦ Some amusement parks have mirror mazes.

♦ A carnival or funhouse mirror is a curved mirror that can distort your image. Such a mirror can make you look like a fat midget, or make your chin look a foot long.

analysis, interpretation & explanation / consciousness & awareness: mirror

mirror (in the rear-view mirror)

in the rear-view mirror
she knows her setbacks will soon be ~ (teen)
we'll be glad to put this cold weather ~
now that *that* is ~ (behind us)

leave Steubenville in the rear-view mirror
she was glad to ~ (Traci Lords / Ohio)

put this in the rear-view mirror
he needs to ~, move past it (politician and election issue)

put Covid in the back mirror
we must vaccinate more to ~ (Dr. Zeke Emanuel)

♦ "Covid is very much in the side-view mirror, soon to be in the rear-view mirror..." (One can only hope!)

past & present / time: direction / mechanism / mirror / movement / position

mis (misbehave, etc.)

misbehaved
when one of the newer gyros was switched on, it ~ (Hubble)

failure, accident & impairment: affix

misappropriate (groups)

misappropriated (Holocaust) history
he ~ (use of Nazi / U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)

misappropriates (Hawaiian) language
some feel the film's name ~ (*Aloha*)

♦ Ordinarily, someone misappropriates funds (money). This usage seems to focus on words and ideas.

♦ see also *appropriate (groups), appropriation (groups), coopt (and co-opt), misappropriated, misappropriation (groups, etc.), reappropriate (groups), reappropriation (groups), reclaim (groups), reclaimed (groups), take back (take back one's life, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: possession / verb

misappropriated

misappropriated
that term has been ~ ("fake news")

misappropriated by misguided individuals
the testimony of faith has been ~ (terrorists)

misappropriated word
appropriation, the most ~ in the English language

♦ The title of Dickens' great book is commonly misappropriated: See "Please, Liberals: Stop Abusing 'A Tale of Two Cities'" by Reid Cherlin, *The New Republic*, Jan 2, 2014.

♦ "*Appropriation*, the most misappropriated word in the English language at this time. Stuff and nonsense." (greatpix about the #BlackTikTokStrike.)

♦ see also *appropriate (groups)*, *appropriation (groups)*, *coopt (and co-opt)*, *misappropriate (groups)*, *misappropriation (groups, etc.)*, *reappropriate (groups)*, *reappropriation (groups)*, *reclaim (groups)*, *reclaimed (groups)*, *take back (take back one's life, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: possession

misappropriation (groups, etc.)

cultural misappropriation

they described the video as the height of ~ (U.S. Indians)

reappropriation or (perhaps) misappropriation

“Columbusing”—the ~ of African-American culture...

♦ “She takes to task [her poetic peers] for their misappropriation of the stories and metaphors of the disabled...” (The poet Jillian Weise, amputee, disability activist, and self-identified “cyborg.”)

♦ “Patricia Williams, one of the key scholars of the C.R.T. canon, refers to the ongoing mischaracterization as ‘definitional theft.’” (“The Limits Of Liberalism: How Derrick Bell’s pioneering work gave rise to critical race theory” by Jelani Cobb, *The New Yorker*, September 20, 2021.)

♦ “*Columbusing* is a word that can be used to describe the reappropriation or perhaps misappropriation of African-American culture—for instance, various slang terms that get appropriated by a white mainstream audience. We see that happening quite a lot in language and culture, so this is a clever and rather sarcastic term for that phenomenon.” (Ben Zimmer, language columnist for *The Wall Street Journal*. From “Die-In, Vortex, Selfie Stick: What’s The Word Of 2014?” by NPR Staff, Pop Culture, December 28, 2014. The word refers to discovering something that is not new, and was “popularized in a College Humor video that came out this summer.” The article has a link to that YouTube humor video “Columbusing’: Discovering Things For White People.”)

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inclusion & exclusion: possession

misbehave (machine)

misbehaved

when one of the newer gyros was switched on, it ~ (Hubble)

♦ “Say an algorithm appeared to be misbehaving. I’d have to locate it and then find the person responsible for it, at any time of the day or night, and tell him (and it was always a him) to fix it. It wasn’t always a friendly encounter.” (*Weapons Of Math Destruction* by Cathy O’Neil.)

disruption / flaws & lack of flaws / functioning: mechanism / verb

miscarriage (of justice, etc.)

miscarriage of justice

the referee made mistakes and there was a ~ (soccer coach)

failure, accident & impairment: baby / birth / health & medicine

miscue (noun)

miscues

Biden can’t afford these kinds of ~ (politics)

his only ~ is to... (the director of a documentary)

verbal miscues

he is no stranger to ~ (a politician)

high-profile political miscue

this was arguably his most ~ (a politician)

♦ A miscue refers to billiards or pool.

failure, accident & impairment: sports & games

misdiagnose (verb)

misdiagnosed the severity

economists ~ of the problem (financial)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / failure, accident & impairment: health & medicine / verb

misfire (failure)

misfires

during a trial plagued with ~, he was found not guilty

failure, accident & impairment: weapon

misfit (person)

loner, contrarian or a misfit

the journalist from central casting used to be a ~

outcasts and misfits

~ who had been wounded... (see quote below)

♦ “Here’s to the Crazy Ones! / The misfits. / The rebels. / The troublemakers. / The round pegs in the square holes. / The ones who see things differently.” (Apple’s “Think Different” advertising campaign.)

♦ “Outsiders; outside; misfits; don’t belong; not such a great childhood; not well loved; crappy, challenging upbringings in childhood; feeling like the weird one of the bunch; stigmatized; going through bad times... (“Vulnerable” Harry Potter fans, including gay teenagers.)

♦ “The journalist from central casting used to be a loner, contrarian or a misfit. Now journalism is becoming another job for joiners, or, to borrow Twitter’s own parlance, ‘followers’, a term that mocks the essence of a journalist’s role.” (“When the New York Times lost its way” by James Bennet, *1843 Magazine (The Economist)*, Dec 14th 2023.)

♦ “Her refusal to accept the status quo made it possible for generations of outcasts and misfits who had been wounded, damaged, abused, discarded and demoralized to pursue their own paths to healing.” (A brilliant tribute to the brilliant Irish singer Sinead O’Connor from “Sinead O’Connor was our freedom singer, our keener and our feminist killjoy” by Jason King, NPR, Music Features, August 2, 2023.)

society: person

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mechanism / person

misgender (groups)

misgendered Brinton

tweets from Clyde ~ (Rep. Andrew Clyde / Sam Brinton)

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection / verb

misgendered (groups)

misgendered

how to handle those moments when you are ~ (NPR)

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

misgendering (groups)

“misgendering” policy

the humor site had been banned under Twitter’s ~

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

mislead (verb)

mislead

historical analogy can ~

misled Congress

he disputed that he ~ last month when he said...

mislead anyone about his credentials

he said he had not tried to ~

direction: journeys & trips / verb

failure, accident & impairment: journeys & trips / verb

misleading (adjective)

misleading

laboratory results were ~ (vs. fieldwork)

misleading advertisements

~ (personal ads for porn sites on Internet)

misleading case

having made a ~ for war... (in Iraq)

misleading (label) claims

exotic supplements with ~

misleading narratives

he debunks ~ about crime, gangs and public safety

misleading (accounting) practices

~ in the marketplace

misleading statement

~s have been made

misleading or inaccurate

the information presented is ~ (medical Web sites)

totally misleading

the stereotype is ~ (that young drug users are "losers")

phony, dishonest or misleading

there was nothing ~ about the photo (Iwo Jima)

direction: journeys & trips

failure, accident & impairment: journeys & trips

misread (verb)

misread what

they ~ the protests were all about (the government)

misreading the evidence

he is ~ (scientific dispute)

misread him

I guess I ~ from the beginning

misread each other's intentions

countries ~, in the fog of all these events (the Gulf)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: books & reading / verb

miss (verb)

miss

a lot of times his jokes ~ (a comic)

success & failure: target / verb

missing (groups, etc.)

missing

older characters are ~. Period (ageism in entertainment)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

consciousness & awareness / presence & absence: eye / space

missing in action (MIA)

MIA

Google may be ~ (at tech hearings)

missing in action

Donald Trump is ~ tonight (not at debate / politics)

missing in action from the big screen

they have been ~ for years (old stars)

missing in action in terms of leadership

our national government is ~ (Australia)

missing in action when this bill was being negotiated

the president was ~

♦ "A number of isolated groups do reach the German trenches on the edge of what was once Guillemont and chaotic close-quarters combat breaks out there. / Kresten Andresen is still alive around the middle of the day on 8 August [1916]... / When the 1st Company is mustered it is discovered that there are twenty-nine men who cannot be accounted for among either the living or the dead. Kresten Andresen is one of them. / There has been no word of him since. / His fate is unknown. / [Footnote: The paths of one of the forgotten and one of the most famous participants in the war almost crossed at Guillemont. On 24 August Lieutenant Ernst Junger and his 73rd Regiment of Fusiliers were sent into action there. Junger has described it in his superb war memoir *The Storm of Steel*. By the time of Junger's arrival the village had been completely obliterated: 'only a whitish mark on the field of craters still showed the spot where the chalky stone of the houses had been ground to dust.' There was an all-pervasive stench of putrefaction and millions of fat blowflies filled the air. Even Junger, normally so cool, was shaken by what he saw. 'The ploughed-up battlefield was a scene of horror. The dead lay there among the living defenders. When we dug bunkers we saw how the dead lay in layers one above the other. One company after another had been mown down as they made a stand shoulder to shoulder under the drum fire; then their corpses had been buried under the tons of earth hurled up by the projectiles and new men had taken the place of the fallen.'" (*The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter England.)

♦ 1915 Age 50. His son John killed in the Battle of Loos, age 18, a first lieutenant. Missing. Never found.

Kipling felt guilt, as he had helped John get into the war. He wrote "My Boy Jack" in 1915, after John had been declared missing and was presumed dead: "Have you news of my boy Jack?" / *Not this tide. / "When d'you think that he'll come back?" / Not with this wind blowing, and this tide.*"

Kipling wrote "Gethsemane" (poem), and also "Mesopotamia" (1917), an indictment of the Allied side. Also the "Common Form" poem: "If any question why we died, / Tell them, because our fathers lied."

"After the war, Kipling served on the Imperial War Graves Commission until his death. 'It is one of the great ironies that Kipling should have been the person to select the phrase 'known unto God' for all unknown soldiers, and then not know what happened to his own son,' says Phillip Mallett, author of *Kipling: A Literary Life*. / Kipling worked with Winston Churchill to ensure that all gravestones were the same shape and size, regardless of military rank. The long lines of matching gravestones lining war cemeteries are their legacy." ("Solving the mystery of Rudyard Kipling's son," BBC, 18 January 2016.)

condition & status / presence & absence: military

mission (on a mission)

on a mission

John Ryder is ~ here (a boxing match)

on a mission to be the best

I didn't see things clearly because I was ~

on a mission to clean house

somebody who's ~ (an administrator)

on a mission to travel

they were ~ further than... (England at Euro 2020)

♦ "I didn't see things clearly because I was on a mission to be the best." (Carli Lloyd, the USWNT legend, who blames her personal coach for the reason why she didn't talk to her family for 12 years, from 2008-2020. According to Carli, her coach was narcissistic, manipulative, controlling, and brainwashed her.)

♦ "Were you expecting a payroll? Not our style. We are on a mission to create a more informed public. To make that happen, we need you to do something extraordinary: donate... Can you help? [Heart symbol] Yes, I'll donate." (NPR.)

commitment & determination / work & duty: military

mission (mission accomplished)

mission accomplished

there is no such thing as bad publicity, so, ~

it aims to mess with your head and heart, ~ (*Beau Is Afraid*)

success & failure: military

mission (other)

mission is to keep

part of our ~ history alive (Trail of Tears)

mission creep

see *creep (mission creep, etc.)*

mission statement

all ~s are bullshit (corporations, schools, etc.)

rescue mission

Ronaldo had been introduced to try and lead a ~ (soccer)

suicide mission

see *suicide (career suicide, etc.)*

believe in the mission

I've been a lifer, 25 years, I ~ (NPR's Uri Berliner)

strayed from its (intended) mission

Wall Street has ~ (to raise money, versus betting)

♦ The letter that begins "To the Board of Directors at OpenAI" uses the word "mission" three times. The following use is the most interesting: "You also informed the leadership team that allowing the company to be destroyed 'would be consistent with the mission.'" A strange mission! The letter was signed by 702 employees. UPDATE. Sam Altman was reinstated and the Board replaced.)

♦ "Thoughts on our mission; NPR's service to this aspirational mission was called in question this week; we're living up to our mission; our people are serving our mission with integrity; we fulfill our mission; we owe it to our mission to ask; foundational to our mission; two final thoughts on our mission; I once heard missions like ours described as asymptotic; reinfuse our mission with meaning; the strongest, most effective, and enduring missions are those that...; how they live our mission every day, in their work and in their contributions to the community; reinfuse our mission with meaning; the strongest, most effective, and enduring missions are those that... (repeated); every

person I have met so far in my three weeks here has shown me how they live our mission every day, in their work and in their contributions to the community..." (From NPR President and CEO Katherine Maher: Thoughts on our mission and our work," NPR, NPR Extra, April 12, 2024. Her response to "I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust" by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.)

♦ "Your mission, should you choose to accept it... Good luck... This message will self-destruct..." (Hollywood Mission Impossible.)

♦ The Blues Brothers We're on a mission from god YouTube

***** conflict, war, military**

♦ "We've had five hundred casualties crossing this one flaming river! And for what? Haven't any of the high mucky-mucks looked at their frigging maps? There'll be half a dozen Sangros before we get to Pescara... if we get to Pescara. Thank God you're taking over, Canada. We've had this show!" (*And No Birds Sang* by Farley Mowat.)

commitment & determination / work & duty: military

missionary (person)

missionary to America

he was a soccer ~

missionary of jazz

Mary Lou Williams, ~ (NPR)

missionary spirit

you feel that ~ in the performance (BMOP / music)

missionary work

this is my form of ~ (Duckwrth / Hip-Hop)

enthusiasm / message: person / religion

person: religion

misstep (noun)

misstep

the lamb was topped, in a ~, with tomatoes (food)

public-relations misstep

the store's decision to change its logo was a ~

costly misstep

this bill is a ~ (politics)

honest misstep

he made an ~ (politician)

inadvertent misstep

he should be blamed for an ~ (ethics)

incendiary misstep

the organization has made some politically ~s

procedural misstep

death-penalty cases are vulnerable to ~s

strategic misstep

the company's ~

admitted missteps

he ~ in his first year (president)

made any missteps

he hasn't ~ (political campaign)

apologize for its missteps

Curtis did not acknowledge her experience or ~ (school)

engaged in additional missteps

Curtis ~ following the publication of the article (school)

marred by missteps

the operation was ~ and poor judgments (government)

♦ "What happened?" I asked, my voice breaking. / "Well, one of those things. The trip lines to the mines around the perimeter have got tangled in undergrowth and a couple of days ago one of the mines went off in front of George's positions. Someone said a dog had gotten into the minefield, someone else said they saw some villagers near the concertina. George went out to check. He was walking down the safe lane and he took a little half-step off to one side and a mine went off. He never knew what hit him. No reason. There is no great combat story here. Our friend was just walking along and he took a misstep and he died. Nor moral. Nothing gained. Just one of those things." / George's death was on my mind for days. I could not shake the sense of loss. The only consolation was George's contention that if we die in combat, we're at peace. If others get upset, it's their problem. Even so, my attitudes changed. I did not make friends with the replacements but kept to myself, relaxing only with Dunn, Wooley, and the men in the platoon." (*Last Man Out: A Personal Account Of The Vietnam War* by James E. Parker Jr.)

failure, accident & impairment / flaws & lack of flaws:

walking, running & jumping

mist (red mist)

red mist

the ~ is a very dangerous thing

red-mist moment

Horner accused Hamilton of a ~ (vs. Max Verstappen)

red mist came down

he acted deplorably as the ~ (prosecutor / England)

red mist descended

then the ~ (soccer player retaliates for foul)

saw the red mist

he ~, that's no excuse...

suffer the red mist

he would be leading if he didn't ~ (an FI driver / crashes)

♦ "He saw the red mist. That's no excuse. You can't lay your hand on an official." (Ex-footballer and commentator Chris Sutton, recommending that Aleksander Mitrovic get a 10-game ban for pushing the referee.)

♦ "Then came a moment of madness from James as she stamped on Alozi following a challenge which saw the pair fall to the floor." (Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup. Others characterized this as "stood on.")

♦ "The red mist had metaphorically descended over the defendant's eyes..." (The ruling by Mr Justice Martin Spencer in *Czernuszka v King*. From "Reading rugby player wins compensation over revenge tackle" by Marcus White, BBC News, 23 Feb 2023. Natasha King, captain of the Bracknell Ladies rugby team, had referred to her opponents as "c***s" and said, "That f***ing number 7, I'm going to break her." An appalling case with real-life consequences.)

♦ "Yes I do we have a rule of law. Unintentionally killing someone is manslaughter you brought race into this. Ones Canadian ones usa so both not natives here. We don't have the same racial bias as you do..." (An online commenter about "How the Racist Treatment of Matt Petgrave Hurts Black Hockey Players by Isi Frank Atvie, *Chicago Defender*, December 4, 2023. An appalling case.)

♦ "A man cannot change his feelings again during the last rush with a veil of blood before his eyes." (Ernst Junger. Quoted in *On Killing* by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman. Close-quarters combat. Soldiers who resist to the final moment and then throw down their weapons and raise their hands may or may not be taken prisoner.)

♦ "They were one hole over. They got plumed. They were erased from the Earth. DiLeo watched the round all the way down, and it exploded right in their hole, vaporizing them. One second, they were there, living and breathing and thinking and maybe swearing or even praying just like

him. And in the next second, two hale, young men, both of them sergeants in the United States Army, pride of their hometowns—Perryville, Mo., and Willimantic, Conn., respectively—had been turned into a plume of fine pink mist, tiny bits of blood, bone, tissue, flesh and brain that rose and drifted and settled over everyone and everything nearby. It—or they—drifted down on DiLeo, who reached up to wipe the bloody ooze from his eyes and saw that his arms and the rest of him were coated, too. Then there would come another pock and another whoosh." (Mark Bowden, author of *Hue 1968*, reading from his book. From "'Hue 1968' Revisits An American 'Turning Point' In The War In Vietnam," NPR, Fresh Air with the wonderful host Dave Davies, November 10, 2017.)

♦ see also *blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.)*, *red (see red)*

mental health: blood

feeling, emotion & effect / violence: blood / color

Mister (and Mr., Missus, Mrs.)

Mister Right

if I found ~... (a woman)

♦ Valerie: I guess I figured that everything would just fall into place if I found Mr. Right. / Mac: Mr. Right? (Inspired dialog from the film *Earth Girls Are Easy* with Geena Davis.)

♦ Mister Right = Prince Charming

♦ see also *boy (type)*, *girl (type)*, *guy (good guy, etc.)*, *joe (average joe, etc.)*, *lady (crazy lady, etc.)*, *man (big man, little man, etc.)*

character & personality: person

characterization: person

mix (in / into the mix)

soldiers in the mix

more ~ will ensure the desired outcome

get (right) back in the mix

you've got to get back up and ~ (MMA fighter)

bring more people into the mix

we must ~ (process)

remained in the mix

he ~ as an informal outside consultant (election campaign)

involvement: mixture

mixed up

mixed up with a Japanese girl

I got ~ in Honolulu

involvement: mixture

moan (verb)

moaning about

they're doing fine, what are they ~ (lower middle class)

wail and moan

they'll ~ and write outraged editorials...

conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / resistance, opposition

& defeat: sound / verb

moaning

stop moaning

he told colleagues to ~ about the pandemic

conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

moat (noun)

moat

the Rhine is a highway as much as a ~ (Roman history)

moat around the outbreak

officials acted to build a ~ (bird-flu outbreak)

protective moats

oceans are highways rather than ~ (geopolitics)

digging a (legal) moat

one made no official move without first ~ (Colombia)

♦ "What fans call a moat separates them from the Legends Section." (Yankee Stadium.)

division & connection / protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

moated

moated from popular sentiment

some political systems suffer because they are ~

division & connection / isolation & remoteness / protection & lack of protection: fortification

mob (group)

mob of volunteers

police were joined by a ~ (search)

amount / behavior / group, set & collection: crime

mob (society)

mob of his day

he appealed to the base instincts of the ~ (orator Cleon)

mob rule

the confirmation hearing descended into ~ (protests)

the impeachment is legislative ~

flash mob

Musk's Twitter fans formed a ~ ridiculing Blue Origin

liberal "mob"

he portrayed himself as a victim of a ~ (culture wars)

lynch mob

see *lynch mob*

online mobs

the threat of ~ shutting down speech (cancel culture)

outrage mob

Netflix shouldn't cave to the ~ and censor *Sex and the City*

twittermob

yet none of this matters to the ~ (racism controversy)

twitter mob

a ~ has managed to change a *New York Times* headline

woke mob

I realize I'm in the crosshairs of the ~ (Aaron Rodgers)

vicious (trans activist) mob

the ~ coming for women who defend women

baying of the mob

he did not bow to the ~ (followed his own mind)

mob is baying

the ~ for blood (an accidental police shooting)

captured by an anti-intellectual, illiberal mob

Breareley has been ~ (the school / obsession with race)

sold their souls to the (woke) mob

presidents who ~ (UPenn, Harvard, MIT)

♦ "The audience works as such a mob, they either all laugh or all don't laugh and it changes from audience to audience." (Sarah Silverman, talking to Scott Simon in 2013, "By NPR Staff.")

♦ "They feel pressured by the mob to agree." (That trans women are women.)

♦ "We dared to encourage conversation, asked questions, and refused to go along with the mob." (The actor and ex-MMA fighter Gina Carano.)

♦ "I refuse to be held responsible for the actions of [a] racist sexist online mob. That's not fair. I mean, I took down a poster." (Olivia Lynch. The poster she tore down was a "kidnapped" poster related to the Israel-Hamas war. People filmed her, put the video online, and she was doxed. From "Most doxxing campaigns only last a few days. But the effects can be felt for months" by Mansee Khurana, NPR, Morning Edition, April 11, 2024.)

♦ "Before authorities could arrest the woman, mob rule took hold." (Taxco, Guerrero, Mexico. The murder of Camila Gomez, an eight-year-old girl. Lynch mobs against people suspected of crimes against children are not uncommon in Mexico.)

♦ According to Wilfred Funk, Litt.D., this word is a clipping of the Latin *mobile vulgus*, or "the fickle crowd," and was used at the time of Charles II. From his book, *Word Origins and Their Romantic Stories*.

behavior / society: person

oppression: history / society / violence

mogul (noun)

media mogul

long-time Trump ally and conservative ~

music mogul

the ~ lured youngsters into his cars

American porn mogul

Leo Radvinsky, an ~

power: history / person

mold (verb)

mold their athletes into officers

coaches help ~ able to lead (West Point)

moulded the ordinary person into a consumer

capitalism ~ (envy, ads, fashion, etc.)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb

mold (fit a mold, etc.)

NPR mold

I fit the ~, I'll cop to that (Uri Berliner)

societal mold

many autistic people try to fit into a specific ~

fit a (prescribed) mold

in an environment where you feel pressured to ~
workplaces where you feel pressured to ~

fit the mold

male anchors who don't ~ (TV news)

**behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / sanctioning,
authority & non-conformity: manufacturing**

mole (noun)

Russian mole

he turned out to be a ~

♦ "Remember, reader, if you've ever been caught in the mountains by a mist through which you only saw as moles see through their skin..." ("Bear Meat" by Primo Levi, translated from the Italian by Alessandra Bastagli.)

concealment & lack of concealment: animal

behavior / subterfuge: animal

mole hill (noun)

mole hills turn into (hallucinatory) mountains

in isolated communities, where imaginary ~ (Antarctica)

make a mole hill into a mountain

don't ~

♦ "What is going on? Explain it to me like I'm 6." / "somebody got mad that somebody retweeted something some people don't like, then everyone picked a side and got even madder, then the guy who retweeted something got a 5 game suspension and was forced to apologize, now there's a race war." (Two online commenters on the Kyrie Irving NBA controversy.)

♦ "This happened and that happened and if the news arrived at Key West as a mouse, it was often cabled north as an elephant." ("This Majestic Lie" by Stephen Crane.)

♦ From one blackbird, fifty blackbirds!

♦ "Men trip not on mountains but on molehills."

importance & significance: animal / size

Molotov cocktail

digital Molotov cocktail

the arrests were greeted with ~s (hackers' revenge)

verbal Molotov cocktail

it was like she threw a ~

♦ "It was like she threw a verbal Molotov cocktail from the broadcast booth down onto the sidelines." (Lisa Guerrero about the 2023 Charissa Thompson "sideline reporter" controversy. View the Wikipedia entries for both women and make up your own mind: do you support the woman who changed her hair color from blond in 2008 so as to not look like a "Barbie," or her critic who was a Playboy model in 2006. You be the judge.)

♦ "Phase 4 (of the inquiry) has pulled back the curtain on the decades of the great post office cook-up and coverup. The disdain and dislike of sub-postmasters by the post office and their employees, a refusal to investigate the Horizon system because of what that would reveal, what an awful cocktail. A Molotov cocktail." (A lawyer for a group of the sub-postmasters. See the Wikipedia entry, "British Post Office Scandal.")

disruption: explosion / fire

moment (type of moment)

moment of reckoning

will "Framing Britney Spears" be a ~ for the media

moment of (national) reckoning

people who want an attorney general to meet this ~ (BLM)

moment in the limelight

he had a ~, 30 years later

he had his most significant ~ a dozen years ago

moment in the sun

he had his ~ (rock star)

I think they have had their ~ (team in World Cup)

1939 moment

this is a ~ (world events in 2024 / Jim Sciutto on NPR)

"Cronkite Moment"

the ~ has it the anchorman changed history (a myth)

Gideon Moment

hope is fading, but could this be a "~" (Trump re-election)

"Lincoln moment"

he described the situation as a ~ (Ghani to Biden / support)

McCarthy moment

this cancellation culture is the SJW ~ (of Walt Whitman)

MeToo moment

Spain wants Rubiales kiss row to be '~' (Women's soccer)

Pearl Harbor moment

it was sort of a ~ for America (Fort Sumpter attack)

phoenix moment

Natalie Portman is having a ~ (looks great post-divorce)

nine-eleven moment

it was sort of a ~ for America (Fort Sumter attack)

"worlds collide" moment

it's an interesting ~ for me that I think has a lot of potential

Rashomon moment

this was a ~ meeting a Rorschach test ("January 2019 Lincoln Memorial confrontation" / Wikipedia)

Sputnik moment

we are not prepared, it's a ~, a challenge (a cyberattack)

Doctor Jekyll – Mister Hyde moment

it was a very strange ~ (holding job and eating disorder)

Kitty Hawk moment

fusion scientists often speak of waiting for a "~"

Kitty Hawk Moment

is this the '~' for Fusion Energy

Rubicon moment

this was my ~

Aha! instant

the ~ in cognitive science, the Eureka moment...

"Aha!" moment

see *Aha!* (*Aha! moment*)

carpe diem moment

this is mental-health crisis care's ~ (new 988 number)

crossroads moment
the government is at a ~ (crisis)

eureka moment
see *eureka (moment, etc.)*

fulcrum moment
the Capture of Istanbul was a ~ in the Middle Ages

full-circle moment
it's very much this ~ (vagaries of fate)

groundswell moment
we're at that ~ (rising demand for antibiotic-free meat)

lift-off moment
it was a ~ for the game (Federer beats Sampras in 2001)

breakthrough moment
it was a ~ for a young man (Federer beats Sampras in 2001)

'holy-shit' moment
Mr. President, this is your ~ (Cristina Romer to Obama)

'holy crap' moment
she called it "a real ~" in her research (professor / activist)

come-to-Jesus moment
see *Jesus (come to Jesus, come-to-Jesus)*

light-bulb moment
see *light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)*

flashbulb moment
but I do recall the ~ when my mother... (memory)

lightning-bolt moment
see *lightning bolt (comprehension)*

split-screen moment
dueling televised town halls, a ~ (rival politicians)

24-karat moment
Brooklyn's championship was a ~ (baseball)

key moment
he failed to maintain his situation awareness at ~s (war)

landmark moment
it was a ~ in the evolution of artificial intelligence

"all hands on deck" moment
see *hand (all hands on deck)*

"where were you when" moments
it was one of those ~ from history (*Challenger* Disaster)

heart-in-throat moment
Oh my God, a ~ for the U.S.... (World Cup soccer)

"Oh, no!" moment
for Riley, a wildlife biologist, it was a ~

last straw moment
and then there was the ~ when I just realized... (injustice)

"river catches on fire" moment
Biden is trying to create a ~ (politics / allusion)

'washing machine' moments
I think there were ~ for both teams (Mikel Arteta / Arsenal)

there-goes-the-neighborhood moment
in a ~, older historians protested... (CRT, etc.)

magic moment
that ~ when you feel the team spirit coming together

mom moment
this is a very great ~, a proud ~ for me... (with daughter)

storybook moment
it was a ~ (glass-carriage royal wedding)

spotlight moment
this was a ~ (attention for a niche sport)

watershed moment
see *watershed (noun)*

dramatic moment
a throw from the outfield to a base is always a ~

viral moment
so he had this ~... (an imprisoned rapper)

heart-stopping moment
it was a ~ (near-accident)

jaw-dropping moment
this is the ~ when a sea lion attacked a girl (video)

all-in moment
her ~ comes in 1989 (magazine editor)

heat of the moment
he said some things he wished he hadn't in the ~
I made my decision in the ~ (regret)
it just happened in the ~ (regret)

spur of the moment
see *spur (spur of the moment)*

♦ "Life is made up of moments." ("18 Things You Will Never Understand Until You Experience Them Yourself" by Paul Hudson, *Elite Daily*, March 4, 2015.)

moment (moment where)

moment where
this was the ~ I thought everything was over (fear)
I think that now is a ~... (NPR punditry)
I had this lightbulb ~ I realized... (a writer)

like a moment where
yes, it feels to me ~ people are sort of...

in a moment where
well, I think we're ~ 80% of the country thinks...
I think we are ~ many of us... (pandemic)

in a moment (right now) where
we are ~ people are taking UFOs seriously (NPR)

in this moment where
we're ~ there's so much fakery (a journalist)

past & present / time: place

moment (this moment)

this moment

my hope is that ~ allows us to... (social change)

this moment of reckoning and re-imagining

in ~, we wanted to understand... (monuments)

about this (particular) moment

it was so insightful ~ (a parody)

at this moment

~, it's estimated that... (school enrollment in pandemic)

for this moment

he is the right man ~ (Dr. Anthony Fauci and pandemic)

in this moment

I'm more optimistic ~ than I've ever been

what is the legal situation for her ~ (#FreeBritney)

what are the choices it's left with ~ (the NCAA)

I know it is best for all concerned ~ (a resignation)

in this (modern) moment

is selective-service registration really required ~

in this (unique) moment

~ we're in, we have a chance to... (lots of funding)

through this moment

what music is getting you ~ (the pandemic)

let this moment go by

I implore everyone to not ~ (don't forget this tragedy)

past & present / time: clock

moment (that moment)

in that moment

I had so many thoughts, ~ (fear)

hundreds could have used the vaccine ~ (COVID)

it felt like anything was possible ~ (Minneapolis protest)

let's listen to Baldwin talk about what happened ~

I thought, ~, I know that pain, what being bullied feels like

past & present / time: clock

moment (other)

moment or a (new) movement

is it a ~ (a protest)

cultural moment

it's a song of defiance for a ~ ("Break My Soul / 2022)

different moment

yeah, it's a totally ~ (2008 vs now)

in her moment

she understood how celebrity culture worked ~ (S.

Bernhardt)

seize the moment

Congress must ~ to legalize... (politics)

♦ OLD: how celebrity culture worked at the time... / NEW: how celebrity culture worked in her moment...

past & present / time: clock

moment (have a moment / attention)

having a moment

the Marshal Plan is ~

the Enneagram is ~, thanks to millennials

the word "bae" seems to be ~ (2014)

Sydney Sweeny is ~ (*Glamour Magazine*)

artificial intelligence is ~ (NPR's Ario Shapiro)

having its moment

the arepa is ~ (a corn pancake)

dirty soda is ~ (a sweet drink)

having a Hollywood moment

Muslims are ~

having (something of) a moment

multiverses are ~

having a moment in Singapore

vending machines are ~ (face masks, cacti, frozen beef)

clearly having a moment

the jigsaw puzzle is ~, toilet paper, step aside...

♦ The online Cambridge Dictionary defines this as something currently popular or in fashion. It echoes / evokes old clichés like everything has its moment in the sun, or every dog has its day.

♦ If something is "having a moment" in this sense, then it is a "thing."

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

attention, scrutiny & promotion: object

moment (have a moment / emotion)

having a moment

Joe's ~ (a man weeps in front of his friends)

♦ The online Cambridge Dictionary defines this as simply having an emotional moment, for example, tearing up, weeping, the voice cracking or wavering, or otherwise becoming overwhelmed by an emotion.

♦ "Time out for a moment..." (An Afghan veteran gets emotional.)

feeling, emotion & effect: verb

momentum (lose momentum)

losing its momentum

the US economic recovery is ~

lost their momentum

they ~

failure, accident & impairment: movement / verb

momentum (gain momentum, etc.)

gained momentum

the notion has ~ (that speaking out is therapeutic)

street protests have ~ (Myanmar in 2007)

gaining momentum

protests are ~

gathering momentum

a campaign to regulate the company is ~ (Facebook)

force / power / speed: movement / verb

momentum (noun)

momentum of the game

the missed penalty kick changed the ~

momentum for a lottery

the budget crisis creates ~ (state)

anti-noise momentum

the ~ appears to be growing

word-of-mouth momentum

the ~ that propels a book (publishing)

burgeoning momentum

a 3-week layoff stopped Baylor's ~ (basketball)

lost momentum

the Democrats need to regain their ~ (politics)

changed the momentum

the missed penalty kick ~ of the game

♦ "Oh dear, they have momentum until the next loss, just like the last time they had momentum. What Muppets write this dross for the BBC?" (A BBC HYS commenter about "Aston Villa 1-2 Man Utd: 'Momentum' with Red Devils as they hunt down top-four rivals" by Simon Stone, BBC, 11 February 2024.)

♦ Movement, weight and speed equals force.

force / increase & decrease / power / progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending: movement

Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.)

"Mona Lisa" of baseball cards

the T206 Wagner, the undisputed ~ (50 known copies)

"Mona Lisa" properties

he revered to his developments as ~ (Trump at fraud trial)

equivalent of the "Mona Lisa"

it's the food ~ (Jiro's in Japan)

♦ "He repeatedly referred to his golf courses and developments as 'Mona Lisa' properties." (Ex-President Trump at his fraud trial.)

worth & lack of worth: allusion / epithet / money

comparison & contrast: epithet

superlative: picture

monarch (MS Monarch, etc.)

"Monarch of the Dailies"

the San Francisco Examiner, the ~ (Hearst)

Monarch of the Glen

"The ~" shows a red deer stag (1851)

Monarch of Muscledom

John Grimek, "The ~" (the bodybuilder)

"monarch stag"

a ~ has 16 points (antlers)

MS *Monarch*

the ~, formerly *Monarch of the Seas* (a cruise ship)

epithet / proper name: royalty

superlative; epithet

monarch (primacy)

monarch of AI

deep learning is the reigning ~

monarch of the floating fiefdom

a captain was a ~ of his ship (1770)

reigning monarch

deep learning is the ~ of AI

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

superlative: person / royalty

person / power: royalty

Mongolia (Outer Mongolia)

playing games in Outer Mongolia

always hated Europa with its Thursday-Sunday and ~

isolation & remoteness: ground, terrain & land

monkey (insult)

monkeys

the plane was designed by clowns supervised by ~

♦ "If you hurt a monkey, you will be cursed." (Japan.)

insult: animal

monkey (monkey on one's back, etc.)

monkey on the sector's back

this is far from the only ~ (rule hurts for-profit schools)

carried that monkey on his back

but people were aware he ~ (compulsive gambling)

get the monkey off our back

I only want to win it once just to ~ (CL title)

♦ "I only want to win it once just to get the monkey off our back." (A sad Manchester City fan after City bottled the end of their semifinal Champion's League game against Real Madrid.)

affliction: animal

monkish (adjective)

monkish breakfast

a ~ of raw eggs, tea, and a biscuit

size / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: religion

monoculture (noun)

monoculture

the Bronx is not some ~, it's diverse in so many ways

monoculture planet

a ~ would be a boring place (different customs)

Silicon Valley's "monoculture"

Karp moved the company to Denver to escape ~

superhero monoculture

movies are stuck in the ~

politically correct monoculture

Google's left bias and ~ (James Damore)

creep of (artistic) monoculture

Bandcamp serves as a bulwark against the ~ (distribution)

myth of monoculture

the ~ (shared events in the U.S. / NPR's Linda Holmes)

stuck in the (superhero) monoculture

movies are ~

♦ "Feedback loops, inbreeding, and monoculture." (When LLM output found on the Internet is fed into LLMs as input.)

♦ "If your employees are almost a monoculture, they are going to be building products and taking into accounts the needs of that monoculture. So by having more diversity in tech we can actually build better products that serve the need of the wider community." (Pat Patterson of Salesforce about the CSIT-In-3 students from the agricultural Salinas Valley.)

♦ "It would be easy to say that there are no differences between Iran and the U.S. Of course, there are cultural differences. But those differences enliven and enrich the understanding of our world. A monoculture planet would be a boring place. Underneath the differences, however, we can also see a common humanity and we can recognize familiar fears, desires and hopes in this faraway place." ("Iran Through The Eyes Of A Teenage Amateur Astronomer" by Salman Hameed, NPR, Opinion, Culture, May 8, 2016.)

♦ "It's tempting to feel nostalgic about the myth of the monoculture, the idea you sometimes see that at one time 'we all' watched certain TV shows, or 'we all shared touchstones.'" ("Yes, a lot of people watched the Super Bowl, but the monoculture is still a myth" by Linda Holmes, NPR, February 13, 2024.)

♦ This word often occurs with *ecosystem* (noun), and *landscape* (noun).

biodiversity, nature & life: farming & agriculture

monolith (noun)

not a monolith

the religious right is ~ (a gay man)

immigrants are ~ (politics, attitudes, etc.)

Black communities are ~

♦ "Immigrants are not a monolith." (Politics, attitudes, etc.)

♦ "The crowd rose to its feet—but it felt more like an act of politeness. Unlike in Orlando, where the audience was at rapt attention, the version of Harris in Boston more resembled the version I saw in Munich. It served as a reminder that Black communities are not a monolith and that their assumed kinship to Harris—or to the Democratic Party—cannot be taken for granted." ("In Search of Kamala Harris" by Asteed W. Herndon, *The New York Times Magazine*, October 22, 2023.)

♦ El Capitan, Shiprock, Stone Mountain... (Famous U.S. monoliths.)

♦ "[Tommy Caldwell's] best-known first ascent is the Dawn Wall, the hardest route on El Capitan, the tremendous granite monolith in Yosemite, which he completed in 2015. President Obama tweeted congratulations from the White House." ("Finding a Way Up" by William Finnegan, *The New Yorker*, November 29, 2021.)

♦ "Devils Thumb is a monolith of ice and granite." (The Stikine Icecap, the Alaska Panhandle, Southeast Alaska.)

bases: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

monolithic (adjective)

monolithic

there are all sorts of Black people, we are not ~

♦ "There are all sorts of Black people, we are not monolithic." (NPR's Ayesha Rascoe.)

♦ "'Black America' is a ridiculous abstraction." (The linguist John McWhorter.)

♦ "Who the hell lives in communities of color? The people I know live in neighborhoods." (The political scientist Ruy Teixeira. From "Hispanic and

minority voters are increasingly shifting to the Republican party," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, July 23, 2022.)

bases: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

monster (Monster.com, etc.)

Monster and MSN

the site is jointly operated by ~ (Web site)

proper name: creature

monster (create a monster, etc.)

create a Frankenstein

it gets out of hand, they ~ (extrajudicial killings)

created a monster

we have ~ (diplomacy)

they still don't accept that they ~ (Facebook)

sewn together a (Frankenstein's) monster

Ducourmau has ~ from so many disparate ideas (film)

affliction: allusion / creature

allusion: books & reading

monster (affliction)

monster

only ~s could have planned this (Siberian slave labor)

it is a ~ (methamphetamine usage in small rural town)

these are the ~s we've been hunting (serial shooters)

~s committed this crime

these savage ~s will not escape their fate (terrorists)

evil monster

this ~ has faced justice (murdered a woman)

vicious monster

they have become ~s (terrorists)

portrayed as a monster

I'm being ~ and no one is defending me (in prison)

turned into a monster

in the 3 months we were engaged he ~

♦ "Unemployment is a monster which not only renders the fit powerless but prevents them from contributing to their society's development." (Abdullah Al-Asmari, in *Al-Watan*, on unemployment in Saudi Arabia.)

character & personality / affliction / insult: creature

monster (size)

monster

it's a ~, it's awesome (speaking of a huge wildfire)

he is a ~ (a 131-pound blue catfish)

monster hit

the studio hasn't had a ~ since... (films)

monster hurricane

the tingling anxiety one feels facing a ~

a ~, with its 150-mile-an-hour winds

monster kite

running a ~ is a special skill

monster monsoon

~ wreaks havoc in Pakistan

monster ramp

most of the riders had never ridden the ~ (MegaRamp)

monster ratings

the game show's ~

monster swarm

trillions of cicadas are emerging in a ~ (Brood X)

monster talent

she is a ~ (the actor and singer Jessie Buckley)

monster tsunami

a ~ had been unleashed (Indian Ocean / 2004)

monster waves

the hurricane spawned ~ that toppled beach houses

monster (40-foot) waves

surfers couldn't resist the challenge of the ~

monster dust devil

a ~ sent sand and litter high into the air

monster iceberg

a ~ is drifting towards western Australia (2009)

monster sandstorm

a ~ grounded coalition forces south of Baghdad

concrete monster

it's a dinosaur, a ~ (an old sports stadium)

mechanical monster

as the clattering ~ descends (helicopter)

size: creature

amount & effect: size

monster (power)

monster first half

he's having a ~ (great performance / NFL)

mentality monsters

Klopp refers to his players as “~” (LFC / YNWA)

absolute monster

Erling Haaland is an ~ (scores hat trick for Man City)

♦ Canelo was a monster, Foden magnificent, De Bruyne incredible...
(An online commenter about those soccer players.)

character & personality / force / power: creature

monument (noun)

monument to insignificance

the novel is a 576-page ~

greatest monument

"Warsaw Survivor" is music's ~ to the Holocaust

importance & significance: infrastructure

monumental (adjective)

monumental achievement

it was a ~ (scholarship)

monumental implications

simple acts can have ~

monumental law

but passage of the ~ was an uphill battle

♦ "That is sensational! What a result! Argentina cannot believe it. It is a monumental result." (Mark Scott, BBC 5 Live commentator, on Saudi Arabia 2-Argentina 1 at the FIFA World Cup in Qatar. Mashallah! "Raise Our Green Flag.")

importance & significance: infrastructure / size

size: infrastructure

moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)

Craters of the Moon

~ National Monument and Preserve (Idaho)

Val de la Luna

the ~, the Valley of the Moon (west of San Pedro, Chile)

Half Moon Beach

visit ~ on your visit to Al Khobar (Saudi Arabia)

proper name: astronomy / moon / shape

geography: astronomy / moon / proper name / shape

moon (shape)

moon face

when will my ~ go away (facial swelling due to a drug)

shape: astronomy / moon

moon (over the moon)

over-the-moon excited

I am ~ (a Swiftie, about Taylor Swift's latest album)

feeling, emotion & effect: astronomy / height / moon

moonscape (noun)

moonscape

it was a ~, nothing left almost (after wildfire)

moonscape of ash

a million years ago the caldera was a vast ~ (Valles Caldera)

moonscape of destroyed buildings

they entered a ~ (combat)

scorched moonscape

a ~ scoured by whirlwinds of ash (after wildfire)

barren moonscape

elephants turn woodland into a ~

reduced this Amazon rainforest to a moonscape

gold mining ~ (Peru)

turned (parts of) Gaza into a moonscape

tank and artillery fire and air sorties have ~

turn woodland into a (barren) moonscape

elephants can ~

appearance / environment / resemblance: moon

moonshot (noun)

moonshot

a ~ is the biggest of ideas to solve the very biggest problems

moonshot of its day

the Brooklyn Bridge was the ~

moonshots and miracles

aiming for ~ is not far-fetched (diplomacy)

♦ "Make Your Moonshot Less of a Long Shot." (An ad for Quantic's "Business School of the Future." The full page ad on the back of *The Economist* shows a young woman with one hand on her hip, a phone in her other hand, and dressed futuristically in what looks like black vinyl. In the background is what appears to be a Martian landscape.)

♦ "She is one of the five Earthshot Prize winners."

difficulty, easiness & effort: astronomy / moon

moored

moored in an (earlier) time

the religion seems permanently ~ (criticism)

progress & lack of progress: boat / movement

moral injury (noun)

moral injury

it's a documentary about ~ and the American military

it's ~ at the corporate level (equity firm closes hospital)

moral injury Olympics

the ~ (disparagement of term)

PTSD or moral injury

veterans dealing with ~

♦ According to the Wikipedia entry for "moral injury," the term "moral distress" originated in the 1980s in reference to health-care workers. Through "concept inflation" or "co-option," the construct has since been applied to soldiers, police, firefighters, EMTs, legal defenders and lawyers, people in child and adult protective services, and even to veterinarians, leading inevitably to the construct's disparagement: "moral injury Olympics."

♦ "A lot of these guys and gals are really really hurting, because of what they saw, and what they went through, and then when you add on top of that, the criticism, like I said, the moral injury..." (Andy Carrier, clinical social worker, who counseled Uvalde school shooting officers.)

♦ "With the moral injury, that was going on with the officers, because of the scrutiny from the public, umm, uhh... I'm sure you've heard of the term compassion fatigue and secondary trauma, we felt it..." (Andy Carrier, clinical social worker, who counseled Uvalde school-shooting officers.)

♦ [A quiet card game in the rear was disturbed by the shots of a sniper in a tree. A soldier from the West, a crack shot, dealt with the problem.] "That gray squirrel is pretty frisky, and I must stop his fun to stop him spoiling ours." He drew a bead on the man in the tree and fired. As the Confederate sharpshooter came crashing through the branches to the ground, the Westerner sat down and asked: "What's trumps?" He seemed as unconcerned as if he had killed a mosquito that had been annoying him. / ...[B]ehind all this was constantly present to our eyes and mind the scene of a great stream, a procession, so to speak of human souls on their way to eternity." (*Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby. The Civil War.)

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: health & medicine

moral panic (noun)

moral panic

evidence-based decisions should replace ~ (psychedelics)

the ~ known as the Salem Witch Trials (NPR)

~ is eternal (horror movies)

a ~ rooted in group anxieties and collective shame

it's the same ~ that emerges with new forms of media

moral panic about homosexuals

the lavender scare was a ~ in the US government

moral panics over what goes on in schools

there are always these ~ ("Don't say gay," etc.)

moral panic around children

the ~ being targeted by pedophiles (disparaging comment)

moral panic around crime

Republicans attempt to create a ~ (politics)

full-on moral panic

"stranger danger" bloomed into a ~ (the US in the 1980s)

sowing 'moral panic'

advocates have accused politicians of ~

♦ "It's the same moral panic that emerges with new forms of media." (A response to criticism of social media.)

♦ "Moral panics are a way of pushing back against change or reform, a way of preserving the status quo." (According to Sandhya Dirks, who covers race and identity for NPR, about US citizens concerned about crime, who tend to vote Republican.)

♦ "I just think the moral panic that has been induced over some horrific moments—the overreach of protest—it is a manufactured panic." (Eddie Glaude Jr., Princeton University. From "Israel-Hamas war provokes some intense responses on U.S. college campuses," NPR, Morning Edition, Nov. 16, 2023.)

♦ Wikipedia has an entry, "Lavender scare."

♦ "In American history there are these irrational outbursts of moralism, and the death of "Kid" Paret was the occasion for one of these epidemics of piety." (Jack Newfield, boxing journalist. From the affecting and emotionally wrenching documentary *Ring of Fire: The Emile Griffith Story* 2005. He is referring to the calls to ban boxing around the U.S.)

♦ "Moral panic" and "-phobia" are two good examples of language used by proponents to mischaracterize their opponents.

♦ "Normalize" often goes with "moral panic." They are self-supporting.

♦ "Go Ahead! regardless of the consequences and indifferent to the value of human life." (A diarist in the 1840s about science, technology, and the use of steam for power.)

♦ "The 'threat of a jobless future' is, of course, an old one, almost as old as technology. The first, rudimentary knitting machine, known as a 'stocking frame,' was invented in the late sixteenth century by a clergyman named William Lee. Seeking a patent for his invention, Lee demonstrated the machine for Elizabeth I. Concerned about throwing hand-knitters out of work, she refused to grant one. In the early nineteenth century, a more sophisticated version of the stocking frame became the focus of the Luddites' rage; in towns like Liversedge and Middleton, in northern England, textile mills were looted. Parliament responded by declaring 'frame breaking' a capital offense, and the machines kept coming." ("Rage Against the Machine: Will robots take your job?" by Elizabeth Kolbert, *The New Yorker*, December 19 & 26, 2016.)

♦ In late December 2009 modern electric rail service was disrupted in England by cold and snow which even shut down the Channel Tunnel. A steam locomotive offering "Christmas meal" trips was unaffected, however. On its final trip of the season, it picked up 100 stranded passengers at Victoria Station and carried them to cities in the south for free.

behavior / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

morass (noun)

morass of (complicated and conflicting) research
school officials are confronted with a ~ (education)

legal morass
he found himself in a ~

complexity / environment / obstacles & impedance /
progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land

moribund (adjective)

moribund
the pace of economic growth is ~
the economy is ~

moribund economy
he should focus on our ~ (politics)

moribund Klan
its marketing exaggerates the threat of the ~ (SPLC)

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine

Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East)

Mormons of the Middle East
the Druze are the ~

comparison & contrast: epithet
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: epithet / religion

morning (early in the morning)

early in the morning
but it's ~, at this point... (response to computer virus)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

morning lark (person)

morning larks
~ can and do pair with night owls (sex and sleep)

behavior: animal / bird / sleep
person: animal / bird / sleep

morsel (amount)

morsel of hope
he was noncommittal but offered me a ~

amount: food & drink

mortal (adjective)

mortal blow
the law would strike a ~ to a system that... (athletics)
the Supreme Court's decision was a ~ to the union

mortal threat
Pakistan poses a ~ to the security and safety...

destruction: death & life / health & medicine

mortally (mortally wounded, etc.)

mortally
Joe Biden is wounded, perhaps ~ so (primary election)

destruction: death & life / health & medicine

mortar (noun)

mortar of society
family ties across the generations were the very ~

attachment: materials & substances

mosaic (configuration)

mosaic of seas
the Mediterranean is a ~

mosaic of states
India fell into an anarchic ~

mosaic of tribes
Italy, meanwhile, was still inhabited by a ~

mosaic of lakes, shrub bogs, cypress heads and bays
it was a ~ (the Okefenokee)

part of the (Palestinian) mosaic
Hamas is an integral ~ (PM Mohammad Shtayyeh)

♦ Seas within the Mediterranean Sea include the Alboran Sea, the Ionian Sea, and the Ligurian Sea, as well as the Aegean Sea and the Adriatic Sea. A sea can have a sea!

configuration: picture

mosaic (analysis)

mosaic of evidence
it adds to the overall ~

♦ "Intelligence is a mosaic and sometimes you can fashion things together and get a pretty good picture. Other times, you know that there's [sic] pieces of the puzzle that are missing." (John Kirby, Coordinator for Strategic Communications for the National Security Council.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

Moses (noun)

GOP's Moses
he was hailed as the ~

♦ "[He was] hailed as the GOP's Moses after he led the party out of 40 years in the wilderness of minority status." (Newt Gingrich of Georgia.)

message: Bible / person / religion

mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)

"Mosquito Fleet"
the ~ had command of the lake (Champlain, 1776)

♦ "Most of the 25,000 soldiers that Napoleon sent to Haiti to quash the slave rebellion died of malaria. Napoleon had planned to transfer his army from Haiti to New Orleans but he had to abandon that strategy, and sold the Louisiana Territory to the US instead." (*The Invention of Nature: Alexander Von Humboldt's New World* by Andrea Wulf.)

♦ "Anopheles claviger! This became the slogan of Battista Grassi. You can see him, shuffling along behind lovers in the dusk, making fists of his fingers to keep himself from pouncing on the zanzarone who made meals off their regardless necks... You can see this Grassi, sitting in a stagecoach with no springs, oblivious to bumps, deaf to the chatter of his fellow-passengers, with absent eyes counting the *Anopheles claviger* he had discovered—with delight—riding on the ceiling of the wagon in which he journeyed from one utterly terrible little malarious village to another still more cursed." (Grassi did what Ross and Koch couldn't: prove that malaria is passed from man to man by the bite of a mosquito that the

locals called *zanzarone* and that naturalists called *Anopheles claviger*. From *Microbe Hunters* by Paul De Kruif.)

♦ “A Japanese man burned his house down while trying to kill a mosquito.”

size / strength & weakness: epithet / insect

moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)

flame to (a good many) moths
he was certainly a candle ~ (Lord Byron and women)

attraction & repulsion: fire / insect / light & dark

mothball (verb)

mothball the aircraft carriers
some wanted to ~ (because of high cost / Britain)

mothballed (many of their) aircraft
airlines have ~ (COVID pandemic)

dismissal, removal & resignation: insect / verb

mothballed

mothballed
why some finished films are ~ (not released)

mothballed in a bureaucratic post
he was ~ and rarely heard from again

mothballed, refitted and recommissioned
they can be ~ (Navy ships)

♦ Abandon; ax; call off; cancel; mothball; scrap; shelve; withhold... (“Warner Bros. shelved ‘Coyote vs. Acme.’ Here’s why some finished films are mothballed” by Joe Hernandez, NPR, March 7, 2024. Films that cost \$70 million and even \$90 million to make have suffered this fate!)

dismissal, removal & resignation: insect

mother (mother's milk)

mother's milk of politics
money is the ~

bases / importance & significance: food & drink

mother (mother ship, etc.)

mother cloud
a funnel cloud reaches down from the ~ (tornado)

mother ship
divers on tethers to their ~
their orbiting ~ (above asteroid)
refueling, resupplying with the help of tenders and ~s
pirates operating from a ~ off the Somali coast
this submarine and its ~ (DSSV Pressure Drop)
drug smugglers use semisubmersibles to meet a ~

♦ “I am so grateful to all my colleagues at the mothership.” (NPR’s “Morning Edition” co-host Rachel Martin leaves show.)

division & connection: family

person / relationship: family

mother (mother of all battles, etc.)

mother of all airports
architect Norman Foster dubbed Tempelhof “the ~” (Berlin)

mother of all battles
Saddam promised the ~ (Gulf War)

“mother of all biases”
overconfidence is often known as the ~ (psychology)

“mother of All News Conferences”
it has become known as the ~ (Gen. Schwarzkopf / 1991)

mother of all (oil and gas) companies
this is the absolute ~ (Saudi Aramco)

mother of all databases
the Database of Diverse Databases is the ~ (media / DEI)

Mother of all Rivers
our own Yukon, the ~

mother of all short squeezes
Carl Ichan warned against the “~”

mother of all thumpings
 Hamas will now take the ~ (Israel-Hamas war)

♦ “Having chosen to hold on to our women, Hamas will now take the mother of all thumpings.” (An Israeli government spokesman, about the Israel-Hamas war.)

♦ “We perceived a single Bedawi, running southward all in a flutter, his grey hair and grey beard flying in the wind, who yelled ‘The biggest aeroplane in the world...’ At Um el Surab the Handley stood majestic on the grass, with Bristols and 9’s like fledglings beneath its spread of wings. Round it admired the Arabs, saying, ‘Indeed and at last they have sent us THE aeroplane, of which these things were foals.’” (*Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, Book X, Chapter CXIV, by T.E. Lawrence.)

♦ “All were on foot, with the exception of a few gentlemen, about fifty in number; and they possessed but one piece of artillery—an old iron cannon, drawn by a string of ponies. For any military purposes it was useless, and it was only employed as a signal gun; but it accompanied the march in deference to the superstitious ideas of the Highlanders, who, being but little accustomed to cannon, attached great importance to the possession of ‘the musket’s mother,’ as they called it. Many of the Highlanders were armed only with scythes or pitchforks.” (*Prestonpans. From British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

superlative: family

mother (mother of NPR, etc.)

Mother of Israel
Jews for centuries referred to Salonika as “the ~”

mother of invention
if necessity is the ~, discontent is the father of progress

mother of (all) learning
repetition is the ~

mother of machines
the clock was destined to be the ~ (scientific instruments)

mother of NPR
Cokie Roberts, a founding ~

mother of telenovelas
Delia Fiallo, known as the ~, dies at 96 (NPR)

founding mothers
the ~ of NPR (Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie)

♦ “Henrietta Lacks: ‘Mother’ of modern medicine honoured,” BBC.

♦ see also *father* (*father of India, etc.*)

creation & transformation: epithet / family
bases / person: family
epithet: family

mother (mother earth, etc.)

Mother Russia
the annexation returned the Crimea to ~

mother earth
care for our ~

considered as our mother
in Bangladesh, the river is ~ (has human legal status)

relationship: epithet / family
epithet: family

mother (earth mother)

earth mother
the no-bra, hairy-underarm ~ (1970s California)

character & personality: earth & world / family

mother (Mother Nature)

Mother Nature
~ didn't cooperate (Winter Olympics weather)
~ had other ideas (concerning explorer's planned trip)
~ makes smart critters (salmon head upstream, etc.)
let ~ take her course (a sick animal)

at the mercy of Mother Nature
we're ~ right now (wildfire / town)
we are still ~ with her winds (California wildfires)

Mother Nature smiled
I think today ~ on us (NASA launch)

Mother Nature is finally starting to smile
~ on the Winter Olympics

depends on Mother Nature
so much of surfing ~

biodiversity, nature & life: epithet / family
epithet: family

mother (Mother Mountain, etc.)

Mother Mountain
Sam Ahkeah says that it is the ~ near Taos

Mother and Child
the ~ are peaks in Vietnam

proper name: family
geography: proper name / family

mother (den mother, etc.)

den mother
she is a natural ~
the “~” of Yorkville, singer Vicky Taylor (*Girls Like Us*)
Eye's rock scene ~, the charismatic Lillian Roxon...

den mother to Canada's folk community
she was a ~ (Estelle Klein)

stage mother
I'm not a pushy ~

leaned on to be a 'den mother'
42% of women feel they are ~ (Portland women in tech)

help & assistance / role: animal / family / person

mother hen

mother-hen
her ~ efforts were in her daughter's best interests

♦ “She was the mother hen of the station. She was always looking out for everybody. She was always there.” (Bereft colleagues of Lt. Alison Russo-Elling of EMS Station 49 in Astoria, Queens.)

help & assistance: animal / bird / family / person

mother lode

mother lode
the ~, the jackpot, Valhalla (88th episode of show)

hit the mother lode
we ~ (information in archive)

source: mining

motherly (adjective)

motherly figure
she can't physically have a baby but she is a ~

comparison & contrast: affix

Mother Teresa (epithet)

Mother Theresa of pro athletes
Ed Butowsky is the ~ (free financial literacy advice)

“Mother Teresa” of her community
a woman known as the ~ (Bea Gaddy / East Baltimore)

Mother Teresa of Somalia
Abdi has been nicknamed “the ~” (Dr. Hawa Abdi / doctor)

♦ The beloved Mother Teresa is associated with India and Calcutta. Too few people know that she was ethnic Albanian. She is, of course, a beloved figure in the Balkans, especially Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia.

comparison & contrast: epithet

epithet: religion

mother tongue

mother tongue
hyperbole is his ~ (a politician)
his ~ is Yoruba

in their mother tongues
users all over the world post content ~ (translation)

speak Chinese as their mother tongue
over a billion people ~

speak English as their mother tongue
372 million people ~

translate from their mother tongue
students who need to ~ to English

language / speech: family / tongue

motor (driving force)

non-stop motor

he had a ~ and a no-quit attitude (an athlete)

driving force: engine

motormouth (person / speech)

motormouth tormentor

his ~ (the boxer Jerrell "Big Baby" Miller)

this motormouth

then a long pause—rare for ~ (a "ranter")

♦ "He broke through his motormouth tormentor." (Daniel Dubois beats Jerrell "Big Baby" Miller at the Day of Reckoning boxing event in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.)

speech: engine / mouth / person

person: engine / mouth / speech

mount (verb)

bloodshed mounted

the ~ on both sides (gang violence)

concerns (over data security) mount

as ~ (Internet)

costs mounted

his ~ and mounted some more (bankruptcy)

losses are mounting

livestock ~ (blizzards in Colorado / especially cattle)

pressure is mounting

the ~

outrage is mounting

~ over the security guard who...

death toll mounted

the pandemic worsened and the ~

continued to mount

heat-related deaths ~

increase & decrease: number / pile / verb

mountain (at the top of the mountain)

at the top of the (boxing) mountain

he has reclaimed his place back ~ (Tyson Fury)

hierarchy: direction / mountains & hills / position

attainment: direction / mountains & hills / position

mountain (difficulty)

mountain

you can move ~s if you put your mind to it

psychological mountain

he now has a ~ to climb (young boxer quits in ring)

steep mountain

the team has a ~ to climb

move mountains

they will ~ for you (coach about his players)

moved mountains

we asked for support and he ~ to provide it

♦ "Enjoy [your unbeaten streak]—the emotion of getting to the top of the mountain—because you can't duplicate that. It's a lot tougher to stay on the mountain than it is to climb it." (Ara Parseghian's advice to Tyrone Willingham.)

♦ "After the Roc Noir, I had the feeling of closing a door behind me. I was entering another world. I was far from the world of the living. I had never had this feeling on any other mountain." (Jean-Christophe Lafaille on the east ridge of Annapurna in 2002.)

♦ "We can control our heartbeat, which in cold, drawn-out bivouacs is preferably as slow as possible. It is necessary to disconnect the arms and the legs and draw most of one's blood into the core of the body and the head. We switch to other dimensions. We become insensitive to pain, cold, wind, homesickness, thirst, hunger. Instead of having dinner we separate from the physical world. But the further you go into the world where there are no reasons or consequences, points of the compass, time points like yesterday or today, where you only are—the harder it is to return. The reentry into the body is usually accompanied by pain." (*No Impossible Ways* by the great Slovenian climber Tomaz Humar.)

♦ "Don't take a camera, and don't post about it on Facebook—just climb a hill or do a walk, and keep the experience for yourself." (Stein P Aasheim, Norway. In 1985 he climbed with Sir Chris Bonington to the top of Everest. From "Finding 'friluftsliv' in Norway, by Tim Moore, BBC, 23 August 2011.)

♦ "Burn your TV, fill your pockets with chocolate and ham, and go for a big walk." (A Norwegian.)

♦ "Evenings spent in a mountain hut are among the most sublime and intense that life holds." ("Bear Meat" by Primo Levi.)

♦ "There are two kinds of climbers. Those who climb because their heart sings when they're in the mountains, and all the rest." (Alex Lowe.)

difficulty, easiness & effort: mountains & hills

mountain (amount)

mountain of cocaine

he has done a ~ (a troubled celebrity)

mountain of criticism

she was subjected to a ~ (a tennis star)

mountain of data

the newspaper had to sort, search and understand a ~

mountains of data

sift through ~

mountain of debris

people trapped under a ~ (building collapse)

mountain of debt

they were buried under a huge ~

mountains of disagreement

negotiators tried to scale ~ (G-20)

mountain of evidence

police have a ~ and a statement (murderer)

mountains of garbage

neighborhoods here are ringed by ~ (Luanda)

mountain of paperwork

Brexit has created a ~ for wine importers

mountain of (new) paperwork

a ~ will be required from today (Brexit)

mountains of paperwork
the ~ take up so much time that... (Sudan aid)

mountains of refuse
~ filled the streets (Athens)

mountain of research
a ~ shows that...

mountains of waste
~, public nudity, drunkenness, drugs (biker rally)

mountain of (coal) waste
a ~, now 50 stories high (Shanxi Province)

man-made mountain
a ~

data mountain
no such ~ exists for low-resource languages (translation)

♦ "There would need to be a Mt. Everest of evidence to get them to change their minds." (Politicians.)

♦ "I have long believed—supported by Everests of evidence—that..." (Hillary Rodham Clinton. One Everest is not enough!)

amount: mountains & hills

mountainous (adjective)

mountainous seas
~ threatened to dash them against the rocks (sailing)
Cape Horn, with its ~

mountainous waves
~ crashed against the headlands (Pillar Point)
~ overturned ocean-going freighters (typhoon / Japan)

resemblance / size: mountains & hills
comparison & contrast: affix

Mount Everest (and Everest)

Everest
"Ulysses" was an ~ no filmmaker dared assault

Everest of jump sites
El Capitan is the ~ (BASE jumping)

Everest of the Seas
the race is known as the "~" (Vendee Globe)

Mt. Everest of the gene therapy community
it was the ~ (Muscular Dystrophy cure)

Mt. Everest of surfing
Hawaii's Waimea Bay, the ~

Mount Everest of wreck diving
the Andrea Doria is considered the ~

Mount Everest of surfing waves
Pipeline is the ~ (North Shore of Oahu)

Mount Everest of the yachting universe
Cape Horn is regarded as the ~

motorcycling's Mt. Everest

the Isle of Man TT is ~, it can be thrilling, fatal

my Everest
beating Klitschko was ~ (the boxer Tyson Fury)

regarded as the Mount Everest
Cape Horn is ~ of the yachting universe

♦ "It's really the center of the surfing universe. It's like Mount Everest for surfers everywhere. And Pipeline is really the wave one needs to come to terms with as a surfer in order to be considered a great surfer." (Shaun Tomson.)

♦ "Once they're finished, the outdoors will be a more inclusive place, according to their GoFundMe page." ("A mountaineering group is aiming to be the 1st all-Black team to climb Mount Everest" by Sharon Pruitt-Young. NPR, October 9, 2021.)

♦ "There is a lack of representation of Black people in mountaineering and in high-altitude mountaineering." (Philip Henderson, leader of the Team Full Circle Everest, an American / Kenyan group, in 2022. Ten Black climbers had previously accomplished the feat.)

♦ "It's all bullshit on Everest these days." (Sir Edmund Hillary in an interview with *The Guardian* in 2003. And it just gets deeper every year.)

attainment / epithet / superlative: mountains & hills
size / danger / difficulty, easiness & effort: epithet / mountains & hills

mounting

mounting (medical) bills
he needs to protect himself from ~

mounting concern
in response to ~ over...

mounting criticism
he had to address the ~

mounting debt
a network of lies and ~s

mounting (public and congressional) doubts
there are ~ about the war

mounting evidence
~ suggests that...

mounting pile
a ~ of invitations

mounting scandal
a ~ over accusations that... (church)

increase & decrease: pile

Mount Rushmore

Mount Rushmore of heavyweights
if there were a ~, it would have the likenesses of...

on my Mount Rushmore
~ is Christopher Guest from "Spinal Tap" (Kyle Gordon)

on our Mount Rushmore
he's ~ (Rocky Marciano / Italian athletes)

on the Mount Rushmore of defensive tackles
he's the number one ~ (Aaron Donald / LA Rams)

♦ "The staff refers to the mural as 'Mount Funkmore.'" (A wonderful mural that features the faces of performers such as Isaac Hayes, Sly Stone, James Brown, Prince, Roger Troutman, etc. Listen to "Funk

Carves Out A Groove At The Funk Music Hall of Fame in Ohio," NPR, Morning Edition, January 10, 2018, read by Rachel Martin. The Funk Music HOF is in Dayton, Ohio, "the funkiest place on Earth." As a bonus, the episode includes a curated song list with snippets of songs. Papa's Got A Brand New Bag!

♦ "I mean, it's amazing. Bo Burnham is another person I love. I have tons of respect for all those people. I would say on my Mount Rushmore is Christopher Guest from "Spinal Tap" and "A Mighty Wind," all those movies where he would do straight genre parodies..." (Kyle Gordon speaks to Sophia Scorziello about his hit song "Planet of the Bass" and his upcoming album. *Variety* magazine.)

superlative: allusion / place / mountains & hills

mouse (size)

mouse lemur

~s are the planet's smallest primates (Madagascar)

size: animal

mouse (cat and mouse)

see *game* (*game of cat and mouse*)

mouth (entrance)

mouth of the Bosphorus

ferries chug up into the ~ (Istanbul)

mouth of the Gulf of Aden

Socotra, the main island at the ~

mouth of the Persian Gulf

the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow ~

mouth of a cave

8 Delacour's langurs scampered into the ~ (Vietnam)

mouth of the cave

piles of breakdown at the ~

mouths of both the (Missouri and Ohio) Rivers

they passed the ~ (Joliet and Marquette)

mouth of a (hanging) valley

the ~ generally discharges a waterfall

tunnel's mouth

his office at the ~ (Mont Blanc)

cave mouth

salamanders also live under rocks near ~s

goal mouth

moving quickly from post to post in the ~ (ice hockey)

river mouth

sea snakes can be found near ~s

orientation / resemblance: mouth

mouth (both sides of one's mouth)

speaks out of both sides of his mouth

he ~

♦ "You're speaking out of both sides of your mouth." (*Defending and condemning*.)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / speech: mouth

mouth (run one's mouth)

runs his mouth too much

sometimes he ~ (an NBA player)

speech / restraint & lack of restraint: mouth / water

mouthpiece (person)

mouthpiece for the British government

she believes the BBC is a ~

Party mouthpiece

control of the ~, *Pravda*... (Russia)

loyal mouthpiece

she was a ~ (president's press secretary)

repetition / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / speech:

mouth / person

mouthwatering (adjective)

mouth-watering (all-British) clash

it could be a ~ (Fury vs. Whyte / boxing)

mouth-watering prospect

the fight was a ~ for boxing fans

the meeting of England and Germany in the final is a ~

looks mouth-watering

a bout at a catchweight ~ (boxing)

eagerness & reluctance / feeling, emotion & effect: bodily

reaction / food & drink / taste

consumption: food & drink / taste

attraction & repulsion: food & drink / taste

mouthy (adjective)

mouthy

he's ~

speech: mouth

move (not move an inch, etc.)

move an inch

I wouldn't ~ (negotiations)

resistance, opposition & defeat: movement / verb

position, policy & negotiation: movement / verb

commitment & determination: movement / verb

move (take action)

move on this

gentlemen, we need to ~ (reaction to plot)

move aggressively

many universities felt they had to ~ (online education)

moves slowly

bureaucracy ~

got to move

we've ~ (act)

action, inaction & delay: movement / verb

move (direction)

moving in a different direction
we're ~ (an investigation)

move in that direction
it is in everyone's interest to ~ (diplomacy)

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direction: movement / verb

move (progress)

moved beyond race
America has largely ~ (opinion)

move forward
we can't ~ until you send your answers back (US census)

moving forward
things are ~ and they're moving quickly (many projects)
we are ~ with solutions on many issues (politics)

moving a little too fast
maybe we've been ~ (relationship)

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / verb

move (chess move, etc.)

chess moves
with a couple of ~, the CIA changed Iran's history (1953)

move towards authoritarianism
critics called the vote a ~ (Hugo Chávez)

career move
one of the best ~s I ever made

genius move
playing that card was no ~ (father's influence)

career-ending move
it was considered a ~

unprecedented move
in an ~...

get-tough move
in the latest ~

bold move
it was regarded as an unusually ~

dangerous move
it was a politically bold and ~ (gay marriage)

extraordinary move
removing a commander in combat is an ~

latest (get-tough) move
in the ~

next move
commanders have been forced to rethink their ~
now we await the ~ from House Democrats (politics)
what is our ~ (an investigation)

poor political move
this is a ~ (Republicans)

risky move
he testified in his own defense, a potentially ~ (trial)

smart move
it's just not a ~ (celebration resulting in a penalty)

strategic move
this was a ~ (an airline merger)

strategy: cards / chess / sports & games

move (move up)

moving up in the world
he is ~ (affluence, power)

move up the (beauty-pageant) ladder
she began to ~

move up the (economic) ladder
the play chronicles the struggles of a family to ~

move up the ranks
workers who want to ~

hierarchy: movement / direction / verb

progress & lack of progress: movement / direction / verb

movement (progress)

little movement
there has been ~ in the negotiations

progress & lack of progress: movement

move on (resiliency)

move on
let's just ~ (end of a relationship)
we've got to ~ (put the church controversy behind)
we need to close the book on this and ~
we want to close this dark chapter of our history and ~
it's time to put this behind us and ~ (Muller report)
the artist in me needed to ~ (from a successful TV series)

moved on
Nina had ~ (after end of relationship)

move on with your life
you need to ~ (encouragement)

move on with our lives
we've got to put this behind us and ~ (disaster)

move on from it
if I hold on to that, I'll never be able to ~ (boxer / defeat)

“moved on” from 2015
the science has ~ (a sports issue)

forget the past and move on

it's time to ~

♦ "We should move on, we should leave the past behind. Not forget it, but just leave it behind... Not forgetting, it doesn't mean not cooperating with you or not working with you or anything... You have never been damaged by us, that's why you never will know what is the feeling... It's not about you." (Twenty-year-old Arian speaking with 16-year-old Selena on the bridge over the Ibar that separates their two communities in Mitrovica, Kosovo.)

♦ "She said she wanted to move on but is going backward." (Heard vs. Depp celebrity trial.)

♦ "Eighty years on, how should the desire to move on be balanced with the need to remember?" ("Ukraine's forgotten 'Holocaust by Bullets,' BBC, 27 Sept 2021.)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb

move on (change the subject, etc.)

move on to other areas

I'm going to ~ that need discussion

move on to a different story

let me ~ (ABC news interview)

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb

move on (development)

move on

of course, the rest of the world might ~ (legacy tech)

moved on

civil rights have ~ (to equity ideology)

development: movement

move on (time has moved on, etc.)

time had moved on

but the world had changed, and ~

time: movement

timeliness & lack of timeliness: movement

Mozart (Mozart of Rock, etc.)

Mozart of Basketball

Drazen Petrovic, AKA "the ~"

'Mozart of rock'

tributes paid to ~ Eddie Van Halen

hard-rock's Mozart

~, Eddie Van Halen

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet / music

much (sarcasm)

double standard much?

if whites did this, blacks would be outraged, ~

~ (politics)

TDS at NPR, much?

~ (Trump Derangement Syndrome / National Public Radio)

Sour Grapes much?

~ (soccer snark)

derange [sic] much

Holy cow Matt, ~ (an online commenter)

disingenuous, much

~ (said about the writer Omid Scobie)

hypocrite much

yet she takes the money, ~

♦ "yet she has no problems using money from a system she despises, hypocrite much?" (A commenter about a "woke" celebrity.)

♦ "I've never used the R-word, and neither does the book." (Omid Scobie, author of *Endgame*. Disingenuous, much?)

contempo-speak: sarcasm

mud (drag something through the mud)

dragged the city's reputation through the mud

he has ~ (false allegation of hate crime)

accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land / verb

reputation: ground, terrain & land / verb

mud (dragged through the mud)

dragged through the mud

the doctors in the case have been ~ (criticism)

getting dragged through the mud

my name is ~ (suspicion of sports doping)

accusation & criticism / reputation: ground, terrain & land

mud (sink in the mud)

mud of defeat

the US is sinking into the ~ (Iraqi spokesman on war)

sinking into the mud

the US is ~ of defeat (Iraqi spokesman on war)

obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress:

ground, terrain & land / verb

mud (in the mud)

in the mud

we're all ~ and have to get dirty (intelligence)

♦ "You cannot catch rats without going into the sewers." (A spy for Britain.)

behavior: ground, terrain & land / height

mudslinging (noun)

mudslinging

they both seem to prefer ~ (politicians)

mudslinging between rival factions

~ is being waged out in the open (catholic church)

political mud-slinging

this is not the time for ~ (Afghan withdrawal)

name-calling and mud-slinging

~ (politicians)

♦ “[Ms. Heard] slings an exceptional amount of mud at the wall in the hope that something might stick.” (Johnny Depp’s attorneys.” This seems to combine *mudslinging* and *wall* (*throw something at a wall, etc.*)”

accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land / speech

muffled

muffled

Australia’s conversation has been ~ by defamation laws (sex abuse)

constraint & lack of constraint: speech

mugged (mugged by the officials, etc.)

mugged by the officials

City were ~ (a disgruntled Manchester City fan)

mugged by reality

when young people grow up and get ~

accusation & criticism: crime

Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.)

Muhammad Ali of her generation

Megan Rapinoe is the ~

her generation’s Muhammad Ali

Megan Rapinoe is ~

younger generation’s Muhammad Ali

Nike supports the ~ (Colin Kaepernick)

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: epithet

mule (drug mule, etc.)

mule profile

he fit the ~ (busted drug courier at airport)

ballot mules

~ deliver fraudulent ballots to drop boxes (US)

drug mule

Iranian ~s fly into Dubai every few months

money mule

authorities ran ~’s names against JPay records (scam)
more than 12m moved by Irish ~s

♦ “...it’s tramp, tramp, tramp, / And tighten up your lines, / And watch the playful horseflies / As o’er the mules they climb. / Gidap, gidap, whoa! / Forget it I never shall / When I drove a pair of spavined mules / On the Erie Canal.”

♦ “The organization was on the same lines as the previous expedition, only I took mules instead of horses. They stand the mountain tracks better, as they are harder in the hoof and not so particular about their feed, but are easily bogged in swamps...” (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ “Making our way through the submerged forest was no easy job. The mules sank up to their knees in the mud, fell into deep holes, and exhausted themselves. / It was not till dusk that we managed to reach the hills on the right side of the valley. The mules were dead beat, but the men were still more tired.” (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ Compilers note: Before my grandfather enlisted for World War I, he had been scouted by the Detroit Tigers as a very good left-handed pitcher. One thing that struck him in France was Vietnamese coolies unloading ships. During the war, he served as a muleteer, driving the mules that hauled the artillery to the front, and he was sent home after getting

gassed, badly. Back home, he suffered the health problems that veterans of World War I combat typically suffered, including circulatory problems that affected his feet. Somehow or other, he managed to sign up for World War II, but he was eventually caught out down the line for his age and his health and discharged. The war spelt the end of his baseball dreams but he always listened to Detroit Tigers games on the radio—generally muttering under his breath—right up to the time of his death.

♦ “When the mountain fighting in Italy first started to get tough, and it was impossible for trucks or jeeps to bring food, water, and ammo up the mountain trails, mule companies were mustered and calls for experienced mule skimmers went out through the divisions. Mules were sought out and bought from farmers. They carried supplies to army soldiers who hadn’t seen a jeep for weeks. Many of them were undoubtedly blood relatives of the beloved Maggie of World War I who had been left overseas after she kicked hell out of her regimental commander to the delight on one and all. / It would have gladdened the hearts of those old soldiers at home, who were convinced that this new army was going crazy with newfangled inventions, to see long columns of balky mules being cajoled and threatened up the trails by their bearded, swearing, sweating skimmers.” (*Up Front* by Bill Mauldin, World War II. Yet another case where old technology comes to the rescue of new technology. So much for “early adopters”!)

♦ About “the beloved Maggie of World War I” mentioned in the Bill Mauldin quote directly above, see the quote at *mule-headed* directly below.

transportation: animal

mule-headed

mule-headed

he is ~ (stubborn)

♦ “He was a mulishly unwilling subject.” (The artist Winslow Homer, known as the ‘Obtuse Bard.’ He refused to talk about art, and wrote little about his life.)

♦ “A certain driver, who was driving six mules with a single line, was whipping and cursing away ‘like sixty,’ as the saying is, when a lean, long-necked minister came along, on a horse covered with cooking utensils and stores. The minister, feeling it his duty, called out: / ‘Young man, do you know who made you?’ / ‘What?’ said the driver, stopping a moment from his whipping and cursing. / ‘Do you know who made you?’ repeated the minister, this time in a very loud voice. / ‘Oh!’ said the driver, ‘this is no time for conundrums!’ / And lifting his great army whip, he struck the leading mule on the ear with a snap that sent the blood flying. / ‘Go on there!’ he cried, ‘you cursed descendant of Pluto!’ / He had heard some one say Pluto, and he thought it must mean some very bad beast—bad enough to be the origin of mules. Anyhow, the minister retired.” (*Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby. The U.S. Civil War.)

♦ About Maggie the World War I Mule, search the internet, and you will find the following note: “On a monument to a wartime mule. / In memory of Maggie who in her time kicked / 2 colonels / 4 majors / 10 captains / 24 lieutenants / 42 sergeants / 423 other ranks / and one mills bomb.”

♦ “There is no education in the second kick of a mule.”

character & personality: animal / head

multiplier (force multiplier)

force multiplier for delivering

embracing collaborations is a ~ top-notch journalism

acts as a force multiplier

Fox TV ~ for President Trump

increase & decrease: military / number

multipronged

multipronged approach

we need a ~ to containing COVID-19

multipronged effort

this is a ~

multi-pronged scheme

the suit claims the pair of companies carried out a ~

branching system: animal / horn

multiverse (noun)

multiverse

~s are having something of a moment

multiverse of roads not taken

there's a ~ in *Everything Everywhere All At Once*

Multiverse of Madness

Doctor Strange in the ~ is a formulaic corporate slog

multiverse movie

it's refreshing to get a new ~ (Michele Yeoh)

through this multiverse

she embodies alternate versions of her life ~ (a film)

enters a multiverse

Evelyn ~ of alt-Evelyns

♦ "I felt it was so important for someone like that to be given a voice and then to be shown that she is actually a superheroine..." (Actor Michelle Yeoh about her character in *Everything Everywhere All At Once*. From "Actor Michelle Yeoh wants to change the way we think of superheroes," NPR, Fresh Air, April 25, 2022.)

♦ "Yooo, that Liam Neeson scene is sending me. Is this a confessional? #AtlantaFX be on some multiverse shit." (A tweet.)

♦ see also *verse* (*metaverse*, etc.)

area / environment: astronomy

murder (verb)

murdered

squatting next to a bear you just ~ is such a weird flex

murdered the sports desk

he ~ (a disgruntled employee / *New York Times*)

murder memory

they've been trying to ~ (overwrought politics)

♦ "The most recent thing on his track record is he murdered the sports desk," fumed another *Times* employee." (A disgruntled employee at *The New York Times* about AG Sulzberger, who outsourced the sports desk in 2023.)

♦ "It is one of the most famous murders in the history of cinema. A mother and her child are out for a walk, on the first warm day after a bitter winter. Beguiled by the changing weather, we do not see the danger coming. In fact, we never see it at all, because the man with the gun remains offscreen... / The film in question is, of course, the 1942 Walt Disney classic 'Bambi.'" ("Eat Prey Love: The unsettling book behind a classic children's movie" by Kathryn Schulz, *The New Yorker*, January 24, 2022.)

♦ "Kostis was executed at close range with a spear gun." (A Mediterranean monk seal.)

hyperbole: crime / death & life

murderer (shame is a murderer, etc.)

murderer

shame is a ~

trophy murderers

big, brave "hunters" and ~ (a wildlife activist)

♦ "Shame. You know, shame is a silencer. Shame is a killer. Shame is a murderer... I had nothing but shame in my entire life." (The actor Billy Porter.)

hyperbole: crime / death & life / person

murderous (murderous hail of bullets, etc.)

murderous footsteps

he is determined his son will not follow in his ~

murderous hail

the Turks loosed a ~ of bullets (Gallipoli)

murderous microbes

the way our bodies fight off ~

death & life: crime / violence

comparison & contrast: affix

murk (in / amid the murk)

amid the murk

it's hard to find clarity ~

in the murk of the conflict

he is a beacon of moral truth ~ (Middle East)

in the murk of history

he is a shadowy figure lost ~

in the murk of the situation

I got lost ~

certainty & uncertainty / comprehension &

incomprehension / concealment & lack of concealment / perception, perspective & point of view: eye / light & dark / water

murk (other)

murk and mistrust

amid an atmosphere of ~

cultural and political murk

investigators have been slowed by the ~ (Middle East)

♦ "Any clarity that Kuryakov's solution might have brought was quickly occluded amid an atmosphere of murk and mistrust." ("Cold Case: A new solution to the mystery at Dead Mountain" by Douglas Preston, *The New Yorker*, May 17, 2021.)

certainty & uncertainty / comprehension &

incomprehension / concealment & lack of concealment / perception, perspective & point of view: eye / light & dark / water

murky (adjective)

murky problem

what to do with pirates has become a ~ (Somalia)

murkier question

the ~ of whether there are other factors at play...

murky world

foreign women working in the ~ of the bar trade (Japan)

still murky

exactly what happened is ~

remain murky
though the facts ~... (criminal case)

remains murky
even now, the source of the problems ~

♦ "The stream is very murky from the very top." (Afghanistan. Meaning the generals / high officials are involved in corruption and bad dealings.)

certainty & uncertainty / comprehension & incomprehension / concealment & lack of concealment / perception, perspective & point of view: eye / light & dark / water

muscle (political muscle, etc.)

muscle of the operation
a guy I thought might be the ~ (drugs)

muscle-flexing
~ by Pakistan's armed forces

litigation muscles
the music corporation has flexed its ~ (copyright lawsuit)

geopolitical muscle
Iran is increasingly flexing its ~s

political muscle
the Eastern Band has visibly flexed its ~ (Cherokee)
they use their ~ to scare Republicans

economic and political muscle
unions once had ~

new genre muscles
it's a chance to flex ~ (review of a filmmaker's new film)

flex its muscles
North Korea might ~

flexing its muscles
the religious right is ~ in the corridors of power
Saudi Arabia is ~ in the oil market

flexing its (geopolitical) muscles
Iran is increasingly ~

flexing their muscles
California politicians are ~ on the national stage

♦ You got so many kids out here acting crazy, wanting to flex some muscle. They don't have respect for life." (South Los Angeles resident, commenting on a spate of gang killings.)

**force / power: skin, muscle, nerves & bone
strength & weakness: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)

muscled its way through the Midwest
the storm ~ (tornadoes and rain)

**force / power / strength & weakness: movement / skin,
muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

movement: force / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

muscular (adjective)

muscular response
we need to have a ~ (impeachment politics)
why have such a ~ (measures against pandemic)

force / power / strength & weakness: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

muse (person)

muse
she was his ~, model and co-conspirator (Wendy Whiteley)

muse and doormat
the muddy line between ~ (Broadway)

two muses
the film brings together his ~, De Niro and DiCaprio

person: religion

**relationship: allusion / person / religion
creation & transformation: allusion / person / religion**

museum (noun)

museum of agriculture
the EU is a ~ (according to US ambassador)

museum piece
it's a theatrical ~, dusty and creaky (*Plaza Suite*)

belong in a museum
they ~ now (Pele, Maradona, versus Ronaldo)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antiques
past & present / time: antiques**

mushroom (verb)

mushroom into a (strategic) blunder
this is a tactical mistake that will ~ (a company's decision)

mushroomed in Zambia
anti-Chinese sentiment has ~ since 2005

mushroomed along the coast
resorts and hotels ~ (Negombo)

mushroom out of the piles
jerry-built shacks ~ of rubble (Tokyo, 1947)

audience mushroomed
his audience ~ (Alex Jones, conspiracy theorist)

♦ In Asheville, North Carolina, mushrooms truly DO mushroom after a period of rainy, damp weather. They spring up in patches, can be quite colorful, and some of them can be quite large.

appearance & disappearance: plant / verb

mushroom (shape)

mushroom cloud
the blast sent a huge ~ into the sky (Beirut 2020)

shape: plant

music (face the music)

face the music from audiences
the film finally streams on Netflix to ~

judgment: music

musical chairs

musical chairs at the Justice Department
~ (acting attorney general due to be replaced)

game of music-show chairs
the game of ~ may not be over (BBC Radio 2)

game of musical chairs
it's a ~, you have to be ready when the music stops (stocks)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / music / sports & games

mustang (noun)

mustang
a “~” is the American wife of an English nobleman
a “~” is an officer who began life as an enlisted man

Mustang program
the ~ lets people forgo the Foreign Service Officer test

♦ A “mustang” is a commissioned officer who began his career as an enlisted man. Such men are prized.

♦ MUSTANG, n. An indocile horse of the western plains. In English society, the American wife of an English nobleman. (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce. Mmmm. This old definition seems very *d'aujourd'hui*.)

military / experience: horse

muster (pass muster)

passes (constitutional) muster
a judge will decide if the law ~

judgment: military / verb

muster (muster courage, etc.)

muster the courage
republicans must ~ to stand up

assembling: military / verb

must-have (noun)

must-have
trees are a ~ in city budgets (environmentalists)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: part of speech

mutate (verb)

mutated into a metaphor
as its use ~ (the word *weaponize*)

creation & transformation: biology / verb

mute (speech)

mute
he remained ~

speech: sound

mutilate (verb)

mutilated the truth with selective and deceptive sources
she consistently ~ (Naomi Wolf)

failure, accident & impairment: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

mutineer (person)

selfish, mutineer
he dealt with ~ Renaldo (ETH at Man U)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: boat / person
allegiance, support & betrayal / person: boat**

mutinous (adjective)

mutinous mood
workers are in a ~

mutinous homeowners
~ are trying to secede from the town

mutinous tendencies
certain star players with ~ (NBA / new rules)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: boat
allegiance, support & betrayal: boat
comparison & contrast: affix**

mutiny (noun)

mutiny against her teachers
the 9-year-old girl contacted Johnny Depp to lead a ~

mutiny among (federal) judges
the verdict is so outrageous that it has produced a ~

mutiny among taxpayers
high taxes set off a ~

World Cup mutiny
Anelka was involved in the ~ (against the coach)

cabinet mutiny
Johnson digs in amid growing ~ (U.K. politics)

victim of a mutiny
he was the ~ by ultra-conservatives (politics)

provoked a mutiny
he ~ (a boss, of his employees)

♦ “The story of the *Bounty* mutiny has become so addled by popular myth that it is generally forgotten that it was caused, not so much by the authoritarian character of Captain Bligh, as by the undermining of his men's discipline during their long stay on Tahiti... / Whatever else he may have been he was thorough, he carried out instructions, he was almost as good a navigator as Cook, and it is strange that so much sentimentality about the whole *Bounty* incident has fixed itself not, as one would have supposed, on the sirenian allurements of the Tahitian women, but upon the irascible temper of this unfortunate man...” (*The Fatal Impact* by Alan Moorehead.)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: boat
allegiance, support & betrayal: boat**

muzzle (verb)

muzzle dissent
they are seeking to ~

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / verb
speech: mouth / verb

myopia (noun)

myopia
this ~ can be cured by leadership (shortsightedness)

myopia of (modern democratic) politics
the ~ is all too obvious (the near term, quick fixes, short-termism)

philanthropic myopia
the long lineage of ~ (Mrs. Jellyby, etc.)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye
future / time: eye

myopic (adjective)

myopic policymaking
this kind of ~ was dubbed the “political-business cycle”

♦ “We see nothing truly till we understand it.” (John Constable, about clouds.)

consciousness & awareness / future / perception,
perspective & point of view: distance / eye

myth (noun)

myth
much of what we think we know about Australia is a ~

myths about trauma and sexual offences
there are a number of ~

myths and tropes
what are some common ~ about looting

misleading myth
Hollywood sells this ~ (underdog always wins / sports)

weight loss myths
stop following ~ (an advertisement)

toxic myths
the ~ around creativity (writing rooms, etc.)

bolster the myth
this has helped to ~ that children...

bound up in the myths
Indians are ~ white Americans have created

create that myth
I didn't ~, but I certainly inherited it (drunk journalists)

perpetuate (dangerous) myths
her comments ~ (opinion)

sells this (misleading) myth
Hollywood ~ (the underdog always wins / sports)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

mythology (noun)

family mythology
this Paradise Lost kind of ~ (formerly rich family)

Good War mythology
the legacy of ~ still affects foreign policy

Greek left-wing mythology
in ~, the crime was blamed on the US (Nov. 19, 1973)

♦ “By God, we've kicked the Vietnam syndrome once and for all.” (George H.W. Bush, about the Gulf War.)

bases: religion

N

nadir (at the nadir)

at a nadir
his popularity was ~ (a politician)

at its nadir
the team is ~ (losing)

at their nadir
in 2009, stock prices were ~

at the nadir of the (financial) crisis
~, gold was a safe haven (investment)

at the nadir of a bad economy
the store opened ~

at the nadir of his tenure
he finds himself ~ (a politician)

decline: astronomy / direction
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / direction

nadir (since the nadir)

since the (recession's) nadir
~ in 2009, things have improved

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

nadir (other)

nadir of his career
the ~ came after... (Frank Sinatra)

nadir of education
the late sixties were surely the ~ (US)

nadir in (US) history
his presidency was the ~ (politics)

economic nadir
they have taken us to this ~ (politics)

political nadir
the government has reached a ~

hit a nadir

sales have ~

hit its nadir

the population of panthers ~ in the 1980s (Florida)

reached their nadir

house prices have not yet ~ (falling)

reaches its nadir

tensions boil over as the Patriots' season ~ (football)

decline: astronomy

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy

nag (verb)

nagging at those

there was a question ~ in charge of his manhunt

affliction / fictive communication: speech / verb

nagging (adjective)

nagging awareness

this ~ of having taken someone else's place...

nagging fear

the ~ that the cancer will return

nagging guilt

still, I felt this ~

nagging injuries

she came off the pitch early, which could indicate ~

nagging issue

there is the ~ of waste (agricultural plastic)

nagging problem

the ~ of head lice

nagging question

the ~ what if we had only...

an expert answers ~s about the virus

there's always this ~, "Why?"

nagging worry

it has become the focus of ~ (air pollution and its effects)

constant, nagging

the ~ fear of catching the disease again (COVID)

affliction / fictive communication: speech

nail (hit the nail on the head)

hit the nail on the head

you ~ when you say...

you don't offend me, you ~

hits the nail on the head

that ~ (what you said was right)

one critic called it "Brooklyn verismo," that pretty much ~

hit some nails on their heads

the prophets ~ (futurists got some things right)

success & failure: nail / target / verb

nail (nail something)

nail this audition

focus up, we've got to ~... (band)

nailed a (48-yard) field goal

he ~ (football)

nailed it

you ~ (correct answer)

he ~, he's right of course (an opinion about Afghanistan)

the sunshield has been unfurled, we ~ (space telescope)

nailed (several huge) jumps

he ~ and a spock 540

nailed the message

her cheerful, soulful, poppy songs that ~ (Lizzo)

nailing it

they spotted a gap in the market and they're ~ (Social Chain)

♦ "I was struggling for the right words to post, and you nailed it." (A rare respectful post from one online commenter to another.)

success & failure: nail / target / verb

nail (nail somebody)

nail this guy

we need more evidence to ~ (police)

pursuit, capture & escape: nail / verb

nail (bite one's nails)

bite their nails

her parents ~ during big-wave season (Maya Gabeira)

biting their nails

Germany, Italy, Hungary are ~, nervously (Ukraine crisis)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / finger / gesture / verb

nail (nail someone to the cross)

nailed the quarterback and the coach to the cross

they have ~ for the sins of the team (NFL)

♦ "In the old days, Yamamoto would have had to commit ritual disembowelment." / "No, he wouldn't have been given the honor! He would simply have been crucified!" ("The Emperor's Code: Breach Of Protocol Spurs Debate in Japan" by Lucy Craft, Nov. 13, 2013.)

accusation & criticism: religion / verb / violence

punishment & recrimination: religion / verb / violence

nail biter (noun)

nail-biter

it was a ~, a lot of back-and-forth play (soccer game)

nail biter of a mission

it's a ~ (India spacecraft)

in a nail-biter

the French beat Slovenia 90-89 ~ (Olympic basketball)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / finger / gesture

nail-biting (fingernails)

nail-biting experience

the space repair was a ~ for NASA

nail-biting thriller

it's a ~ (a TV show)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / finger / gesture

nail down (gain)

nail down the agreement

she helped to ~ between... (government)

success & failure: nail / verb

nail down (settle)

nail down the facts

it was very hard to ~

nailed down her proofs

Evans ~ (concerning undulant fever)

nailed down the source

scientists believe they have ~ of the coronavirus (MERS)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: nail / verb

naked (unadorned)

naked abuse

this is ~ of power (politics)

naked aggression

lies, deceit and ~ (Saddam Hussein)

naked bigotry

the ~ (4 Pakistani female nurses murdered)

naked discrimination

their marginalization is due to ~ (an ethnic group)

naked politics

this is ~ (impeachment investigation)

naked self-interest

~ among budding lawyers (university)

naked truth

what I believe to be the ~ (identity of murderer)

appearance & reality: clothing & accessories

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

naked (substance)

naked

our leaders are ~

♦ This reminds us of the 1837 story "The Emperor's New Clothes" by Hans Christian Andersen, about the child who exclaimed, "The King has no clothes!"

substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories

naked (protection)

naked to the elements

they were ~

left us naked

the destruction of their air-defence radars ~

protection & lack of protection: clothing & accessories

nakedly

nakedly often

bars are places where people reveal themselves, most ~

appearance & reality: clothing & accessories

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

name (reputation)

name

his ~ is dirt

my ~ is clean (exonerated)

man's good name

what's at stake in this trial is a ~ (Heard vs. Depp)

bad name

his comments give boxing a ~ (Deontay Wilder)

big name

see *big (big name, etc.)*

good name

the company has a ~

clear his name

he has vowed to ~ (a politician)

he wanted to prove his innocence and ~ (refuses deal)

clear my name

I'm here today to ~ and restore my reputation (fired coach)

made his name

he had ~ as the cofounder of the White Helmets

make a name for himself

he wants to ~, unquestionably (a physicist)

make a name for themselves

they should go into business and ~ (father about his sons)

tarnished the (Hernandez) name

they felt she had ~

want my name back

I ~, I want justice... (lawsuit by fired worker)

♦ "A name doesn't spoil a man, but a man can spoil a name." (A Finnish proverb.)

♦ Life is for one generation; a good name is forever. (Japan.)

♦ "You have blackened our name. Kill yourself and clean our shame or we will kill you first." (Text message to a 17-year-old Turkish girl in Southeast Anatolia from one of her uncles. She had taken a boyfriend.)

♦ "If your name is good on the block until you die, you've made it." (Poet and essayist Hanif Abdurraqib.)

♦ The Howards and the Turners; the Hatfield and the McCoys; the Lincoln County Feud; the Frenches and Eversoles; the Martins and Tollivers; the Bakers and Howards... (Famous Appalachian family feuds.)

♦ "Don't get me wrong: I have nothing against the Campbells, but I would not stay a night in the company of one." (Said by a MacDonald recently, referring to a massacre of MacDonalds by Campbells after the Campbells had accepted the MacDonalds' hospitality. The murders took place in 1692.)

reputation: proper name

name (groups)

government name

Keefe, otherwise known by his ~ as Duayne Keith Davis

slave name

Kanye West claims his former moniker is a ‘~’

HER NAME

~ IS BRIANNA GHEY (message on a placard at vigil)

dead (former first) name

what they call their ~ (Canadian soccer player Quinn)

Call My Name

I Heard Her ~: A Memoir of Transition (Lucy Sante)

say his name

~ (social activist chant)

say her name

~ (social activist chant)

~ (Ashli Babbitt)

say their names

~ (social activist chant)

Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment, ~ (Stanford EDU DEPT)

*** various groups, social justice, exchanging names, etc.

♦ “Okay, so we can start with Keefe, otherwise known by his government name Duayne Keith Davis...” (Joel Anderson speaking with NPR’s Ayesha Rascoe.)

♦ “At that moment, his life changed. While still stationed in Hawaii, Ice bought a couple of cheap turntables, a mixer, speakers, and learned how to rap. In December seventy-nine [1979] he said goodbye to the military and goodbye to Tracy Marrow. Ice T was born.” (The California Century, “On Ice,” BBC, Sounds, narrated by the brilliant Stanley Tucci.)

♦ In 2023, Merriam-Webster recognized “deadname” as “the name that a transgender person was given at birth and no longer uses upon transitioning.”

♦ “I was a black girl who had jumped fences and fought boys and made them say my name and resisted death.” (Zandria F. Robinson @ New South Negress.)

♦ “NPR’s Ari Shapiro speaks with Marijuana Pepsi Vandycck about her recent PhD completion despite the hardships she’s faced because of her birth name... / The title of her dissertation [is]—‘Black Names in White Classrooms: Teacher Behaviors and Student Perceptions.’” (“Marijuana Pepsi Fends Off The Jokes To Earn Her PhD,” NPR, Race, All Things Considered, June 21, 2019.)

♦ There is a Wikipedia article, “African-American names.” It is interesting and well written, with a wonderful external link. Wikipedians are wonderful!

♦ “Throughout this article Quinn is referred to as ‘they/their’ rather than ‘she/her’ to respect their wishes around use of pronouns. Quinn has also dispensed with what they call their ‘dead’ former first name.” (Rebecca, born 1995. From “Quinn: Canada’s transgender footballer on being ‘visible’ and playing at the Olympics” by Katie Gornall & Katie Falkingham, BBC Sport, 23 September 2020.)

♦ “Y/N” is used with the meaning of “Your Name.” (Fanfiction, fandom.)

♦ “Readers can Mad Lib themselves into the narrative.” (Use their own names for a character.)

♦ “Call me by your name and I’ll call you by mine.” (The film *Call Me by Your Name*, a “gay coming-of-age film.”)

♦ “Every weekend I use my husband’s phone and he uses mine.” (Chris Dancy, about his husband.)

♦ “Thus I traveled to the easternmost cape of the island, where I visited with a chief, whose name was Ameyro, with whom I swore fraternal friendship, giving him my name and taking his, which is considered a

great sign of brotherhood among them. I bought from him a very good canoe, giving him in exchange a very fine brass helmet which I was carrying in a bag, also a coat and one of my two shirts.” (Diego Mendez in Jamaica, 1503. From *The Last Voyage Of Columbus*, Chapter 21, by Martin Dugard, 2005.)

*** social media

♦ “Names come into and fall out of fashion much as clothing styles, musical genres, and haircuts do. None of the top five girls’ names from 1912—Mary, Helen, Dorothy, Margaret, and Ruth—ranked in the top 40 in 2010, when the leaders were Emma, Olivia, Sophia, Isabella, and Ava.” On the other hand, names go in cycles: “Vintage names are making a trendy comeback.”

♦ “She connects the popularity, ten years ago, of four-letter names (Ruby, Luna, Levi) with the rise of such instant-gratification apps as Seamless and Tinder. Now longer names are making a comeback—the result, Humphrey believes, of the lockdown-related return to leisurely pursuits like gardening, cooking, and crafting. Waiting for the sourdough to rise has given people the patience to enunciate multisyllable names like Genevieve, Josephine, and Theodore.” (“Dept. Of Monikers: Would Smell As Sweet?” *The Talk Of The Town*, *The New Yorker*, April 18, 2022. A delightful talk with Taylor A. Humphrey, a professional baby namer and doula.)

♦ “Women are flocking to TikTok in droves to complain and commiserate about the perils of dating people named Ben in videos amassing millions of views online.” (“What is the ‘Ben Stage’? Women warned about dating men named Ben” by Ben Cost, *Viral Trends*, *New York Post*, February 23, 2023.)

♦ “From an Internet search I learned that boys’ names beginning in N were relatively rare, appearing only once in the top one hundred names of the 1930s and ‘40...” (*I’ll Be Gone In The Dark: One Woman’s Obsessive Search For The Golden State Killer* by Michelle McNamara.)

*** professional names, etc.

♦ John Denver (Henry John Deutschendorf); Cher (Cherilyn Sarkasian); Tina Turner (Anna Mae Bullock); Elton John (Reginald Kenneth Dwight); Snoop Dogg (Calvin Broadus)... (Professional / stage names.)

♦ Mark Twain (Samuel Langhorne Clemens); Lewis Carroll (Charles Dodgson); George Orwell (Eric Blair); O. Henry (William Sydney Porter); George Eliot (pen name of Mary Anne Evans—1819-80—author of *Middlemarch*); Ellis Bell (Emily Bronte, who wrote *Wuthering Heights*)... (Pen names / pseudonyms / noms de plume.)

*** an international perspective

♦ “Nixon Moreno; Stalin González; Taj-Mahal Sánchez; Elvis Presley Gomez Morillo; Darwin Lenin Jimenez, Yesaidú (“Yes I do”); Mao Pino; Irohshima Bravo (from the Japanese city “Hiroshima”); Susej (“Jesus” spelled backwards... (Some Venezuelan names.)

♦ “Roma children are given three names. The first is a secret name, which is whispered by the mother during christening. Its role is to hide the real identity of the child from evil spirits. The second is a Roma name that is used by the community. The third is the official Christian name, for use in relations with those outside the community.” (Delia Grigore, University of Bucharest, on a naming tradition among some groups of Roma.)

♦ “We’re Muslims. Now there’s no limiting. Before, there were no mosques. Now there are many.” (A Tajik mother of three, waiting at the airport for her father to return on a Haj flight. Islam was suppressed under the Soviets. Now Medina has become a popular name for girls.)

*** but you can call me...

♦ “My great-grandmother [Queen Victoria] was always very particular about the names of her descendants. When I was born she wrote to my mother, in the rather shaky handwriting of an octogenarian: ‘There is one thing that would give me great pleasure if you and Louis approve of it, viz. if you would add the name Albert to the four others.’ So I was christened Louis Francis Albert Victor Nicholas—but all my life people have called me Dickie.” (Lord Mountbatten on his name, in his forward to *The Life and Times of Lord Mountbatten* by John Terraine.)

♦ “[My name is] Kittredge McPherson Printer-John Vine Terhune... Kittredge was a senator our folks allers voted for... Then McPherson, he was the preacher married Pa and Ma. Printer-John—well, they was three John Vines: Long-John, Sick-John and Printer-John who run the paper, oncet, in Kittuwa. Vine was Ma’s name afore she married... [But you can call me] Kit.” (*Smoky Mountain Magic*, by Horace Kephart.)

*** immigration, etc.

♦ "It wasn't a great time to be an Iranian, so when I went to university I changed my name to Fred." (Farhad Mohit, who arrived in the US in 1979 at the height of the hostage crisis and who was called names at school.)

*** **issues, problems, controversy, snark...**

♦ Muhammad Ali famously taunted Ernie Terrell in the ring with calls of "What's my name?" Before the fight, Terrell had referred to Ali as Cassius Clay, and Ali said, "Why don't you call me my name, man?" Ali made Terrell pay in the ring, which went all 15 rounds. Terrell wasn't the only person who had trouble accepting Ali's name change. Ali's *father* didn't like it.

♦ "Muslims serving in the US military in Iraq and Afghanistan often use fake names on their uniforms to avoid being singled out by insurgents as traitors and to prevent reprisals against their families back home." (*The Week*, November 20, 2009.)

♦ "Aiden, Brayden and Grayden all just happen to be trans." (A disparaging online commenter.)

♦ "#Sayhername,' the patriots will tweet, delighting in their appropriation of a campaign created for Black women." (Ashli Babbitt.)

♦ "Jeremy's not a nut. He doesn't make people call him by his name on set." (Playwright, screenwriter and film director Aaron Sorkin about the great actor Jeremy Strong.)

♦ "Reason for Hebrew name in lead sentence? Is there a reason for this?..." ("Talk:Dan Ariely" at Wikipedia.)

*** **monuments, memorials, lists**

♦ The 9/11 memorial features a list of names.

♦ The Vietnam Veterans memorial features a list of names.

♦ "Each year, 335 names are called out, a simple roll call of the dead..." (Ardeatine massacre.)

♦ Long lists of names are often read at memorial services. Reading the names of Holocaust victims can take days and require shifts of people.

♦ "28,788 names are etched in marble on the Honolulu Memorial at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific."

♦ The Menin Gate (of the missing) in Belgium lists the names of 54,305 soldiers.

♦ Chaney, Goodman, Schwerner... (The shocking murders that shamed and united a nation.)

*** **other...**

♦ "You know, I'm embarrassed to say this, but I don't even know your name." / "You really want to know my name? You do?" / "Sure." / "It's Ernie Douglas. But my friends call me Chip." / "Um. Goodbye." (From the funny 1996 film *The Cable Guy*.)

♦ see also *say* (*say his name, etc.*)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

namecheck (and name-check)

namechecked in rap

the Draco is a baby AK-47 frequently ~

namechecked it in a song

Beyonce has ~ (OnlyFans porn site)

name-checked you

the President has ~, called you a rat (NPR)

♦ This means to acknowledge and the verb is of very recent origin, according to Merriam-Webster. *Name-drop* has the connotation of mentioning a name in order to impress.

attention, scrutiny & promotion: person / verb

namechecked

name-checked

landmarks (like Amy Ruth's restaurant) are ~ (Harlem)

namechecked in rap

the Draco is a baby AK-47 frequently ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: person

nanny (person)

nanny state

people expect the ~ to do everything for them (Brexit)

a small but growing number are defying the ~ (Singapore)

dependency: baby / family / person

person: baby

nap (noun)

taking a nap

the GOP is ~ somewhere (politics)

action, inaction & delay: sleep

consciousness & awareness: sleep

Napoleon (the Black Napoleon, etc.)

Napoleon of the West

he referred to himself as the ~ (the captured Santa Ana)

Black Napoleon

Toussaint Louverture, the ~ (Haiti)

"Chinese Napoleon"

the last Mongol emperor was driven from Peking by the upstart ~ (Chu Yuan-chang)

Muslim Napoleon

his resting place resembles that of a ~ (Mehmet II)

Mahometan Buonaparte

so brave and so good they call him the ~ (Ali Pasha)

"One Eyed Eastern Napoleon"

he was also called the ~ (the Maharaja Ranjit Singh)

♦ "Napoleon is not a name that is easy to live up to, or live down." ("Napoleon's incendiary legacy divides France 200 years on" by Lucy Williamson, BBC Paris correspondent, May 4, 2021.)

military: epithet

Napoleon (the Napoleon of surgery, etc.)

"Napoleon of the Poles"

Roald Amundsen, often called the ~

Napoleon of the Polar regions

that extraordinary explorer, the ~ (Amundsen)

Napoleon of the stage

the proprietor and "~~" R.W. Elliston (Drury Lane Theater)

Napoleon of Surgery

on June 26, 1870, 'the ~' died (James Syme)

♦ "Arthur Conan Doyle's great detective Sherlock Holmes dubs villain Professor Moriarty 'the Napoleon of crime'. In George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, published in 1945, the pig who became a dictator is called Napoleon." ("Ridley Scott's *Napoleon*: Was the French leader really a monster?" by Neil Armstrong, BBC Culture, 20 Aug 2023.)

♦ A political cartoon from the time of the Boer War shows a caricature of Cecil Rhodes dressed up and posing as Napoleon. The caption is, "Mr. Rhodes, The Napoleon of South Africa."

allusion: military

achievement, recognition & praise / character & personality: epithet

Napoleonic (adjective)

Napoleonic audacity

he had the ~ to swing from one Pole to the other

Napoleonic fervor

and elsewhere he wrote, with ~... (a Zionist)

comparison & contrast: affix

narcotic (noun)

narcotic

rising profits were a ~ that affected everyone

♦ "Salt is the primordial narcotic."

feeling, emotion & effect: addiction / health & medicine

narrative (groups, etc.)

narrative

what ~ they want to advance (disinformation)
people were expecting this ~ that... (a controversial show)
I am so tired of this ~ (Ailsa Chang / life's milestones)
the ~ is they versus you (culture wars in U.S.)

narrative is

the conventional Anglocentric ~ that... (the Alamo)

narrative was

a lot of his ~ to create a sensational story (murders)

narrative that we aren't doing anything

the ~ is just not true

narrative that dehumanizes policeman

I think the ~ is dangerous (the writer James McBride)

narrative about the war

this false ~ (that US accomplished nothing)

narrative of the Supreme Courts

in his ~ he identifies issues like gun rights, free speech

narrative of negativity

the "deficit narrative" frames Aboriginal identity in a ~

narratives of the occupation

it does not fit within dominant ~ (Vichy Jewish Scouts)

narrative of elevating

his comments cohere around a ~ white Americans

narrative in his head

he has a ~ that he wants Americans to believe

narrative from the report

police say they sent the ~ to the FBI

narrative of the war

he became entangled in the race to control the ~ (Syria)

narrative corner

they were confident they had turned a ~ (public perception)

"narrative enforcers"

my name was on the list of ~ (Chloe Hadjimatheou)

narrative machine

the problem with the media ~

narrative threat

the 1776 Commission fought the ~ of the 1619 Project

narrative war

the North won, but the South won the ~

narrative, perception, culture, and society

that's how you change the ~ (by coming out / Sue Bird)

suspect's narrative

law enforcement's focus on the ~ has been criticized

one's narrative

gender, self-definition in taking control of ~

self-narrative

construction and accuracy in the ~
~s of adult children of alcoholics
it became a part of his ~ (Joe Biden and personal tragedy)
at the center of Joe Biden's ~ has always been that...

my narrative

but I mean, it's his words, it's not ~ (disagreement)

his narrative

although, in ~, the other side is to blame...

their own narratives

equitable support for BIPOC filmmakers to author ~

ABC narrative

my posts simple don't agree with the ~ (removed)

"deficit narrative"

the ~ frames Aboriginal identity (negative news)

massacre narrative

people pushing the ~ are still looking for the graves (Tulsa)

master narrative

that account should not be the ~ of Trump's ascent

misinformation narratives

a number of vaccine ~ have appeared

press narrative

that's the ~, it's backwards from what's likely to happen

wellness narrative

as the ~ toggles between self-improvement and self-acceptance... (*Vanity Fair*)

"white saviour" narrative

critics say the film pursues a ~ (*They Are Us*)

Syrian State narrative

something useful to the ~ doesn't mean it's not true

"stop the steal" narrative

they want to keep alive the ~ (political protesters)

victim narrative

but his is anything but a ~ (Zygmunt Bauman / Polish Jew)
guests are expected to wallow in a ~ (media)

public narrative
the issue has defined her ~ (Britney Spears' conservatorship)
the ~ was that this was about... (a corporate issue)

third narrative
but I think this ~ is also a big narrative

tale of 2 cities narrative
the curfew reinforces the ~ (Sydney lockdown / a tweet)

changing narrative
reflecting on the ~ around mental health in sport

evolving narrative
the ~ of what happened at Uvalde the day of the shooting

misleading narratives
he debunks ~ about crime, gangs and public safety

prevailing narrative
his book calls into question the ~ surrounding the murders

shifting narrative
there is growing frustration over the ~ (school shooting)

accepted narrative
the ~ of the murders just can't be true (Manson Family)

established narrative
I learned not to write papers going against the ~ (campus)

misguided narrative
attributes it to what he insists is a ~ of the shooting

overblown (political) narrative
poor photo selection fueled an ~ (#defundNPR)

predetermined narrative
history is molded to fit the needs of a ~ (at the NYT)

preferred narrative
research that clashes with the ~ is denied and dismissed
the film chooses instead to highlight his ~ about himself

unsubstantiated narrative
the company is using an ~ to obscure other factors

online narrative
~s are misleading

counter-narratives
how far right movements create ~ to accepted
understandings of history

archaic narrative
change the ~ that gay = bad (So Gay Rosé wine)

digestible narrative
we'll tackle the ~ that sports are a pathway...

dominant narratives
what do ~ do to our understanding of history
~ maintain black oppression (education)
Jewish Scouts do not fit within ~ of the occupation (Vichy)

Eurocentric narrative
he upends the ~ (*In the Forest of No Joy*)
curriculum that center around ~s (vs. Afrocentric)

fake narrative
it's wrong, it's a ~, you don't care about the facts

false narrative
he led an entire generation into believing a ~
one of the ~s is there is no choice (plural marriages)
this ~ about the war (that US accomplished nothing)

foundational narrative
their work threatens the ~ of Polish Society (Holocaust)

historical narrative
elite, white-led institutions coopt and control the ~

national narrative
being a part of a ~ sends a message (arrested for rioting)

negative narrative
the ~ influences public opinion (about a black athlete)

new narrative
his lawyer said this ~ was known to the presiding judge
the group pushing this ~ have already sued the Cherokees

official narrative
the migrants don't believe the ~
some go beyond the ~ to look into the reality (Syria)
the ~ that was presented by prosecutors was that... (crime)
the ~ of the mass shooting has changed (Uvalde)

outlandish narrative
~s began to develop (about James Le Mesurier)

persuasive narrative
lawyers attempt to craft a ~

racist narratives
society is programmed to default to ~

rosy narrative
they agreed to stick to a ~ (diplomacy)

separate narratives
the trend has been ~ (vs. a collective national story)

similar recurring narratives
show after show is driven by ~ (rape, murder of females)

narrow and sensational and false narrative
he presented such a ~ of the murders (a prosecutor)

conventional Anglocentric narrative
the ~ is... (Texas independence from Mexico)

strong, legitimate narrative
we have a ~ (secret British document / *HMS Defender*)

narrative around it
did he try to justify it, was there a ~ (surprise rough sex)

in his narrative
although, ~, the other side is to blame...

mastermind behind the narrative
Steve Jobs was not the ~ ("Think Different" ad campaign)

change in the narrative
now, this is a real moment, right, this could be a real ~

control of this narrative
the white media does not want to relinquish ~ (black sports)

battle for narrative
US opinion divided amid ~ over Hamas attack on Israel

part of the narrative
TikTok has become ~ of the election (2020)

“war for narrative”
she reminds us of Kimberle Crenshaw’s “~”

believing a false narrative
he led an entire generation into ~

controlling the narrative
he has done so well at ~ (civil-rights lawyer)

managing the narrative
the government appears obsessed about ~

stealing their narratives
excluding Latinos while still ~ (films)

narrative was amplified
the ~ in a feedback loop by the media (Steele Dossier)

narrative (shaped around him) will become
I wonder what the ~ (gossip about NFL player)

narrative is changing
the ~ from ‘Fuck Jake Paul’ to ‘We love Jake Paul’

narrative was disputed
the guards’ ~ by prosecutors (Blackwater)

narratives are emerging
two very different ~ (government’s vs. social media)

narrative (of fake cures) is fed
the ~ by hope (COVID)

narratives were forming
by January 1997, two ~ (the murder of Tupac Shakur)

narratives (about her) have dominated
two ~ coverage (pop diva is hot mess, has lost her voice)

narratives maintain
dominant ~ black oppression (education)

narrative is shifting
I’m pleased that the ~ (“sober curious” movement)

narrative (kinda) stuck
but somehow that ~ (Cuban-American politics)

narrative is taking hold
the ~ again in Republican circles (immigration / voting)

narrative is (still) unfolding
the truth is, my ~ (the actor Elliot Page)

narrative (of deceit) unraveled
after her ~ (the influencer Belle Gibson)

amplify (pro-government) narratives
these networks ~ (the internet)

author their own narratives
equitable support for BIPOC filmmakers to ~ (from PBS)

believe in this narrative
the more people ~...

bring that (important) narrative forward
how can they ~

caused that narrative to grow
lack of understanding has ~ (about polygamy)

challenge the (Kremlin’s) narrative
there is less to ~ (radio station shut down)

change the narrative
we were inspired to go public and ~ (about polygamy)
she is keen to ~ (Outdoor Afro)
once a story has been framed, it’s hard to ~

choose a narrative
most often they ~ that makes them feel good (denial)

come up with a narrative
they rationalize and ~ that makes them feel good

committed to the (CRT) narrative
those ~ (critical race theory)

consider (for the moment) the narrative
let’s ~... (punditry by NPR’s Mary Louise Kelly)

constructs its official narrative
as Colombia ~ of the violence, one core actor is Uribe

constructed a false narrative
he has ~ about...

contradicts her narrative
it ~ that she just wants to move on (Heard-Depp trial)

control the narrative
he was at the center of a battle to ~ of the Syrian War
they went to great lengths to ~ (COVID deaths)
now Silicon Valley has come up with a way to ~
Europe is struggling to ~ in his conflict (Ukraine)
I tried to ~ (Lance Armstrong)

controlled the narrative
the white people who ~ for the past 400 years...

controlling the narrative
he complained that the team was ~ (an NFL player)

convince herself of her own narrative
she did these stories just to try and ~ (Gabbie Hanna)

craft a (persuasive) narrative
lawyers attempt to ~

create a (different) narrative
I want to ~ (Elizabeth Colomba, “Riding Places”)

curates the narrative
he carefully ~ around his exploits to enlarge them

debunks (misleading) narratives
he ~ about crime, gangs and public safety

default to racist narratives
society is programmed to ~

define it
you get to ~, it doesn't have to look like any other narrative
(Blacks "participating" in nature)

dictate the narrative
we will not let Trump ~ (politics)

enforce the (false) narrative
you ~ that BIPOC artists are... (BIPOC vs. PBS)

establish the narrative
we need to ~ that the President is still in charge...

fit the narrative
they didn't tell you because it didn't ~ (politician v. media)

fit within (dominant) narratives
it does not ~ of the occupation (Vichy Jewish Scouts)

form a narrative
when they come together and ~ (microaggressions)

frame the narrative
it is vital to ~, to persuade the justices of your version

fueled an (overblown political) narrative
poor photo selection ~ (#defundNPR)

fueled by (false) narratives
grievances ~ (extremists)

get across the narrative
to ~, the basic idea of what's going on in the country

get ahead of the narrative
it is so important to ~ (civil rights lawsuits)

goes against the narrative
never commission a story that ~ (*The New York Times*)

influence the narrative
how today's events could ~ in Westminster (UK politics)

jumped on the narrative
the right-wing media ~ (school union influence over CDC)

justify her narrative
she jumped so quickly to these elaborate conclusions to ~

keep the narrative alive
they want to ~ (politics)

kill the narrative
he said, we have to ~ that the vice president is...

laid out a narrative
his attorney ~ that... (court martial)

lost that narrative
we've ~ (that Democrats keep jobs in the U.S. / politics)

lost control of the narrative
we have ~ (sports journalists, to Twitter, teams, etc.)

Mad Lib themselves into the narrative
readers can ~ (Y/N fandom / fanfiction)

make our own narrative
we don't care, we ~ (an older NBA player)

plays to their narrative
they are trying to spin the data that ~ (politics)

plug what happened into the narrative
people are starting to ~ (NFL sports injuries)

promoted these narratives
the Japanese government ~ (soldiers should die in battle)

push that narrative
you need support for the war, so you ~ (of terrorism)

pushed (all sorts of stolen election) narratives
she has ~

pushing the (massacre) narrative
people ~ are still looking for the graves (Tulsa)

pushing a (false) narrative
he is ~ that he was robbed (election)

puts a dent in that narrative
this withdrawal ~ (of being competent in foreign policy)

reinforce the narrative
they're continuing to ~ that this was led by the President

reframe the narrative
critical race theory seeks to ~ of American history

resisted the narrative
I ~ and the pressure being applied to me (whistleblower)

runs counter to the narrative
what I saw ~ that the border is open (immigration)

shape the narrative
TikTok has helped ~ of the election (2020)

shape a narrative
give all the facts, not just selective ones that ~

shape narratives
archaeology's power to ~ (history)

shattered the narrative
this has ~ of a Black / brown coalition (LA scandal)

shifted the narrative
it ~ (a protest / from reform to defund the police)

spin this narrative
he's trying to ~ of hope and strength (war)

stick to a (rosy) narrative
they agreed to ~ (diplomacy)

support the narrative
the media ignores these cases because they don't ~

supported the (police) narrative
they played up other factors that ~ (medical examiners)

sustain the narrative
this is just what you want to ~ (propaganda)

take back her narrative
she tries to ~ (gain control over / Monica Lewinsky)

take charge of her own (creative) narrative
she wanted to ~ (former child actress)

take control of the narrative
Palestinians on the ground have phones and can “~”

taking control of their (own personal) narratives
athletes are ~ (via the media, The Players’ Tribune, etc.)

talk about that narrative
Yah, I want to ~... (NPR’s Sarah McCammon)

tilt the narrative
the photo fueled the notion that NPR is trying to ~

upends the (Eurocentric) narrative
he ~ (*In the Forest of No Joy*)

using (an unsubstantiated) narrative
is the company ~ to obscure other factors (retail theft)

writes my narrative
no one ~ but me, so know this now... (a celebrity)

written out of the narrative
like so many Black icons, his contributions were ~

coopt and control the (historical) narrative
we can’t let an elite, white-led institution ~

♦ “Seduced or raped?”

♦ “The same tired narrative gets thrown out there.” (Disgusted.)

♦ “As Colombia constructs its official narrative of the violence that has torn it apart, one of the core issues is how Mr. [Alvaro] Uribe’s legacy will be remembered. He’s seen as both a victim of the FARC, after the guerrillas assassinated his father, and as a perpetrator, for his alleged ties to paramilitary groups and the false-positives scandal. The future, sadly, looks bleak for Colombia...” (BBC 4, From Our Own Correspondent, “Japan’s Second World War Legacy,” 15 Aug 2020.)

♦ “Politics is story-telling, and politics hopefully is about persuasion, about winning people’s hearts and minds.” (Senator Ted Cruz.)

♦ “Wars are fought with guns, bombs and stories.” (Intrigue, Mayday, BBC Radio 4.)

♦ “Narrative consultant John Yorke advises politicians, businesses, advertisers on how to tell their stories.” (The old category of “script doctor” has morphed into public relations and crisis communications.)

♦ “When it fits your narrative it’s not a theory, when it doesn’t, it becomes one.” (Rancor on a message board about the coronavirus pandemic.)

♦ ““Research” is just another way of saying, ‘I’m just going to look at stuff that agrees with me.’” (Carl Brutananadilewski.)

♦ “somebody promo a narrative and y’all follow it.” (Meek Mill, a rapper, unhappy about criticism of some of his lyrics.)

♦ “For all of you that want to slap narratives on my words and my experience—one in which I lived for 17 years—you can’t do that because you have no clue.” (Carli Lloyd, soccer player.)

♦ “They say history is written by the victors. But is that still true? Or is it written by whoever wins the race to control the narrative, the viral video, the meme...” (Chloe Hadjimatheou. Intrigue, Mayday, BBC Radio 4.)

♦ “He has always been of the opinion the truth is something that people need to know, not the narrative that has been put out.” (A lawyer, speaking for his client.)

♦ “NPR’s Emily Feng explains the dueling political narratives...”

♦ “You know, the media narrative, which they have been lazy and listless about trying to inform or control the media narrative internationally [sic] has gone completely against them.” (A former State Department official on NPR’s Fresh Air, about an international crisis.)

♦ “This is the new breed of ‘sporting achievement.’ The loser reveling in their own narrative of ‘poor me’ and ‘victimhood...’ [A] troubled past, a difficult childhood from nothing, and then of course the trump card: ‘My mental health issues.’ Serena W., Naomi O., Anthony J.” (A BBC HYS comment about Anthony Joshua’s “bizarre post-fight antics” after his second loss to Oleksandr Usyk.)

♦ “Did she say ‘media narrative’? Edward R. Murrow is turning over in this grave.” (A comment about reporting on a scandal involving ethics and sex at CNN.)

♦ “The new newsroom ideology seems idealistic, yet it has grown from cynical roots in academia: from the idea that there is no such thing as objective truth; that there is only narrative, and that therefore whoever controls the narrative—whoever gets to tell the version of the story that the public hears—has the whip hand. What matters, in other words, is not truth and ideas in themselves, but the power to determine both in the public mind.” (“When the New York Times lost its way” by James Bennet, *1843 Magazine (The Economist)*, Dec 14th 2023.)

♦ “Narratives tend to get generated by various events. And newspapers and television programs and pundits tend to coalesce around these narratives. The main storyline was ‘This is what boxing does. This is the goal of boxing. We’ve got to get rid of boxing.’” (The historian Neal Gabler. From the affecting and emotionally wrenching documentary movie *Ring of Fire: The Emile Griffith Story 2005*.)

♦ “The story delves deep into what Bret sees as the performance of everyday life; the way everything is a narrative, a ‘pantomime,’ a ‘script.’” (“Bret Easton Ellis’ first novel in more than a decade, ‘The Shards,’ is worth the wait” by Gabino Iglesias, NPR, Review, Books, January 19, 2023.)

♦ “I refuse to co-sign on this narrative.” (The actor Zach Woods, speaking jokingly on NPR with A Martinez. From “New Peacock comedy ‘In the Know’ parodies NPR,” NPR, Morning Edition, January 25, 2024. Funny!)

♦ This word has its own, huge Wikipedia entry.

♦ OLD: story, storyline... / NEW: narrative...

inclusion & exclusion: messaging

narrow (breadth)

narrow lead
he holds a ~ over his opponent (election)

narrow scoreline
despite the ~, they outclassed Real (Manchester City)

narrow win
the US survived with a ~ over Spain (World Cup soccer)

size: breadth

narrow-minded (adjective)

narrow-minded
he is ~

mind: breadth

narrowness (noun)

ideological narrowness
~ is a threat to intellectual openness

mind: breadth

nascent (beginning)

nascent campaign
kindness and decency is the central thrust of his ~ (politics)

growth & development: baby / birth

nasty (sex)

nasty scene

I really need Abel to get dragged for this ~ in *The Idol*

sex: hygiene

nation (Who Dat Nation, etc.)

Cub's Nation

for ~, this was a tough goodbye (baseball trades)

'Bachelor' Nation

racism controversy rocks ~ (the US TV show)

there are controversial cast members within ~

Buckeye Nation

hate and derision have no place in ~ (Ohio State loses)

Cenation

she's a member of the ~ of John Cena (the wrestler)

Sooner Nation

~, thank you (Coach Cale Gundy)

Vol Nation

the ~ is celebrating the win over Alabama

Who Dat Nation

members of the ~ (fans of New Orleans Saints)

man, there's a whole ~ out there (Bobby Hebert)

♦ "Well, you know, this is so fascinating, first of all, the fact that you use that term, "Batchelor Nation." So what I take from that is it isn't just a show anymore, it's like a whole, what? Ecosystem? Who's in Batchelor Nation, is it like everybody who watches the show, who was a part of it, what does that mean?" (Michele Martin wants to know. From "Racism Controversy Rocks 'Bachelor' Nation, NPR, All Things Considered, Feb 20, 2021.)

♦ "Citizens of vaccination nation, all those shots in the arm, gave a shot in the arm to the box office this weekend..." (Chris Connelly promoting filmgoing on ABC. This is a good example of recontextualization of an old cliché in the age of COVID.)

♦ "I'm so grateful to Bachelor Nation for all of the memories we've made together." (Chris Harrison. Canceled.)

♦ "Chiefs Kingdom was not enthused by the call." (A NFL commentator about fans booing a roughing-the-passer penalty.)

♦ "We thought this was a fun way to invite Vol Nation to continue in the celebration. We had heard before and during the game that the fans would support a celebration, no matter the cost, so we leaned into that enthusiasm." (Athletic Director Danny White at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee, seeking donations from fans to replace the goalposts that fans tore down after a victory over Alabama. Chase McGrath hit a 40-yard field goal with no time remaining to win the game, and fans stormed the field. The suggested contributions were: (1) \$16 (# of years since Vols beat Alabama) (2) \$52.49 (the final score) and (3) \$1,019.15 (# of sold-out crowd at Neyland Stadium). Members of the Vol Nation donated \$50,000 almost immediately, 35% of the goal of about \$143,000. In addition, Tennessee faces a \$100,000 fine for allowing fans to rush onto the field. Now, that's a nation!)

♦ see also *army* (*Arnie's Army, etc.*), *Kingdom* (*Chiefs Kingdom, etc.*)

enthusiasm / group, set & collection: person

nature (force of nature)

force of nature

she is a wonderful woman, a ~ (innocence project)

he is no longer the ~ he once was (Don King / boxing)

Joshua Goldbard called Bob Lee "a ~" (stabbed to death)

art world force of nature

Anna Somers Cocks OBE is an ~

amount & effect / force / power: storm

character & personality: storm

naut (Argonaut, etc.)

aquanaut

an ~ is to the sea what an astronaut is to space

Argonauts

Jason, the ~, and the Golden Fleece

astronaut

an ~, from the Greek "star" and "sailor"

cosmonaut

a ~, the Russian equivalent of astronaut

internaut

journalists and ~s can overstate the importance of "clicks"

parastronaut

the newly minted ~ (John McFall of ESA / leg amputee)

'Psychonauts'

"~ by Mike Jay review" (by Elizabeth K. Gray)

psychonauts

German author Ernst Junger coined the term ~ (1949)

taikonaut

~ (hangtianyuan / heaven-sailing)

♦ "In his 1949 novel *Heliopolis* [German author Ernst] Junger coined the term *psychonauts* to refer to people who used drugs to explore their minds." ("Psychonauts" by Mike Jay review" by Elizabeth K. Gray, *History Today*, 9 September 2023.)

searching & discovery: affix / boat / sea

navel gazing (omphaloskepsis)

navel-gazing

millennials are so self-entitled, and there's lots of ~

navel-gazing tabulation

the ~ of credentials is insufferable (literary world)

academic navel gazing

thinking about free will is much more than ~ (justice, etc.)

indulging in navel gazing

the British government is ~ while... (aggrieved Scotsman)

feel (too much) like navel-gazing

internal ethics issues can ~ (newsrooms)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: religion

navigate (feelings, emotions)

navigate my way out of the darkness

I was able to ~ ("A Letter to College Sports")

navigate through this

how am I going to ~ (being gay)

navigating mixed emotions

families are ~ as they channel their grief and fury...

navigate drug abuse, depression, love and high school
the HBO show follows a group of teens as they ~

♦ "They are navigating a difficult transition between high school and college." (A young idealistic educator about minority students.)

♦ "Where are you now in sort of navigating your grief?" (Rachel Martin, NPR.)

♦ "Nostalgia seems to be one of the psychological resources that we have to help us navigate current challenges and stressors and also..." (Clay Routledge, a professor of psychology at North Dakota State University, who has *studied* nostalgia.)

♦ "Navigating this hideous grief that has absolutely destroyed & shattered my heart and my soul into nothing has swallowed me whole." (A public expression of grief.)

♦ "We were all in very uncharted waters without really a sense of what possible routes there were." (A writer expressing his feelings about the random murder of a friend, speaking to Scott Simon on NPR in 2022. His friend was murdered in 1998. "Very uncharted.")

♦ "On June 8, diversity consultants hired by the museum convened a Zoom meeting to discuss the situation. Staff members were asked to sort themselves into 'gravel,' 'paved,' 'boulevard,' and 'highway' rooms, depending on how smoothly they felt able to navigate racial issues in the workplace." (From "The Scapegoat" by Helen Lewis, *The Atlantic*, November 2022. Bizarre!)

♦ "Navigate" is one of the top ten cliches of contempo-speak.

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: boat

navigate (verb)

navigate their way out of the Mormon church
they ~ and out of their marriages (ABC)

navigated their way out of so many tight situations
they have ~ (Real Madrid wins CL final)

navigate through the ocean
it's hard to ~ of digital information and misinformation

navigating a tough environment
higher education is ~ for enrollment

navigate the experience
the ways that women choose to ~

navigating this (incredibly difficult) experience
we are ~ (pandemic)

navigate gender fluidity
there're as many ways to ~ as there are gender-fluid people

navigating the idea
we are ~ that others were involved (cops about a murder)

navigate the (cyber) landscape
so how are kids supposed to ~ (misinformation)

navigate the (bureaucratic) maze
workers whose only job is to ~ (Sudan)

navigate the (tangled health-care) maze
it's difficult to ~ (immigrants)

navigate a minefield
ad makers had to ~ (Super Bowl 55 / pandemic, strife)

navigate (embarrassing, even scandalous) moments
he helped his clients ~ (Howard Bragman / crisis manager)

navigating a new (geopolitical) order

countries are ~ framed by the rising dominance of China

navigate the presence
ways to ~ of social media in our lives (Mayowa Aina)

navigate the (DMV) process
he coached applicants on how to ~ (crooked lawyer)

navigates a (byzantine) asylum process
he ~ to finally get a court hearing

navigate racism
having to ~ among fans of TV shows (Blacks)

navigate a (snow-covered) sidewalk
pedestrians ~ in Chicago (caption of a photo / little snow)

navigate the terrain
he knows how to ~ (philosophy)

navigate a (dense) thicket
Netflix is trying to ~ of challenges

navigate the threat
they are forced to ~ of rape daily (girls in South Africa)

navigate (yet) another year
colleges ~ of Covid-19

navigate work, friendship, and romance
she struggled to ~ (*Awkward Black Girl*)

navigates the (plot's emotional) peaks and chasms
she ~ like a seasoned Sherpa (critic Robbie Colin)

navigates and negotiates
she ~ her Black identity in a white space (high school)

difficult to navigate
for Democrats, the issue has been ~ (Trump vaccine)

difficult (for the outsider) to navigate
byzantine regulations are ~ (Egypt)

easy to navigate
the attention is not always ~ (an indigenous chef)

hard to navigate
family dynamics and political opinions can be ~

♦ "Family dynamics and political opinions can be hard to navigate during Thanksgiving."

♦ "How people are navigating this New Year's Eve amid this variant." (Omicron. NPR.)

♦ "A Black family in Maryland is navigating the economic strain." (NPR. By Alana Wise.)

♦ "Clever comedians can navigate cancel culture."

♦ "Pedestrians navigate a snow-covered sidewalk in Chicago." (The caption of a picture, showing two people walking side-by-side down a sidewalk that is covered by a light dusting of snow. The picture was underwhelming, to say the least. The caption might just have well as been captioned, "Two people walk along a sidewalk in Chicago.")

♦ *Navigate* is one of the most popular cliches in "contempo-speak." Literally anything can be navigated and *is*, nowadays. Oftentimes it can be replaced with the old but less trendy "deal with." Contrast such trivial usages with its usage by Charles Spencer in the quote directly below.

♦ "To survive, to navigate this incredibly bleak environment, a small but important part of me had to die. I'll never resurrect the full sensitivity that I would have had in a more reasonable and sensible place." (Charles

Spencer talking to NPR's Scott Simon about the former's memoir, *A Very Private School*.)

♦ "Two Swedish tourists headed for the Italian resort of Capri misspelled the name in the GPS device and ended up in the industrial town of Carpi, 400 miles away, where they were very puzzled by the absence of a beach." (*The Week*, August 7, 2009.)

♦ "Triple A suggested that drivers who use GPS still carry a good old-fashioned map."

♦ "Tired of stumbling off curbs or bumping into other pedestrians while consulting a map on your smartphone? When you wear **Lechal Insoles**, a gentle vibration in one shoe or the other will tell you when and in which direction to turn. Just enter your destination into Lechal's GPS app, and let your phone do the navigating. The batteries for the vibrating pads last about 15 days on a charge. Besides steering you from place to place, the insoles can also act as activity trackers, monitoring distances traveled, steps taken, calories burned, and more. \$150, amazon.com."

♦ The great captain James Cook learned cartographic trigonometry from Lt. Samuel Holland in the year prior to the 1759 Siege of Quebec. Cook, in turn, transmitted his knowledge to Captain William Bligh, who taught Captain Matthew Flinders. Cook, Bligh, and Flinders were famous for their voyages of exploration and discovery.

♦ William Bligh, Ernest Shackleton... (Two men associated with extraordinary feats of open-boat navigation.)

♦ "...the Englishmen were treated to an astonishing spectacle, a review in which no fewer than 330 canoes took part, some of them almost as long as the *Resolution* herself... The painting by Hodges now in Admiralty House gives one an idea of the scope of this display..." (*The Resolution's* second visit to Tahiti. From *The Fatal Impact* by Alan Moorehead. Pacific Islanders performed great feats of navigation. See the Wikipedia entry, "Mau Piailug.")

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. A gridlocked 5-lane urban highway. In the very center of the mass of anonymous cars, two people can be seen behind their windshield. The driver is saying to his passenger, "The navigation says that we're wasting our time and should never have left home." (*The New Yorker*, July 4, 2022.)

♦ A FUNNY STORY. A rich city man stopped his limousine next to a field in the countryside and waved a farmer over. "Where's Centerville?" the rich man demanded. "Never heard of it," said the farmer. "Well, where is Nearville?" the rich man spluttered. "Couldn't say," said the farmer. "Well, you're pretty goddamn stupid, ain't you, boy," the rich man said. "I ain't lost," said the farmer.

contempo-speak: language

direction: boat / ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map / verb

navigating

navigating consent

~ is all about communication (sex)

navigating the (neurological) disorder

she talked about ~ (Billie Eilish / Tourette's)

navigating one's identity

without a strong support system, ~ can be a little tricky

navigating the (tangled health care) maze

an immigrant's tale of ~

navigating (America's byzantine health care) systems

~ can be frustrating

navigating the terrain

they have shown themselves adept at ~

direction: boat

navigation (cyberspace)

ease of navigation

great content and ~ (a Web site)

direction / computer: boat

Neanderthal

Neanderthal thinking

the last thing we need is ~, wear a mask (COVID)

♦ "[T]he neanderthals always like to make a point that woman's football is less popular, without having watched any." (A commenter, about the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)

growth & development: history

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

past & present / time: history

near (near future, etc.)

near getting

we're nowhere ~ on top of this virus (pandemic)

near future

nobody knows what the ~ will bring

draws near

the night ~

drawing near

the time is ~

future / proximity / time: distance / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

near (verb)

verdict nears

Weinstein judge warns defense as ~

future / time: direction / distance / movement / verb

nearsighted (adjective)

nearsighted

the committee members are ~ (Nobel Peace Prize)

corporate America is ~

nearsighted and ill-informed

most Americans are ~

♦ "We see nothing truly till we understand it." (John Constable, about clouds.)

consciousness & awareness / future / perception,

perspective & point of view: eye

neck (save one's neck)

save his neck

nothing he can do will ~

save his own neck

he is doing anything he can to ~ (death row)

death & life / destruction: neck

survival, persistence & endurance: neck

fate, fortune & chance: neck

neck (stick one's neck out)

stick their necks out

people don't want to ~ (buying decisions)

stick your neck out

if you ~, you might get your head cut off (politics)

stick our necks out for you

we're not going to ~ (not in national interest)

fate, fortune & chance: neck

neck (fate)

neck

my ~ is on the chopping block (accountability)

put his neck on the line

he decided it was time to ~ (publicize sensitive info)

fate, fortune & chance: neck

neck (up to one's neck)

up to their necks in clutter

they are ~

up to his neck in corruption

everyone's ~ around here (illegal logging / Siberia)

buried up to my neck

I was ~ in debt

♦ see also *neck-deep (in debt, etc.)*

extent & scope / involvement: neck

neck (pain in the neck)

pain in the neck

rebuilding it will be a ~ (damaged overpass)

what a ~

pain in my neck

she was often a ~

affliction: health & medicine / neck / sensation

neck (oppression)

neck of black Americans

we have all seen the knee of injustice on the ~

neck of the people

as the boot is removed from the ~ (Saddam's regime)

boot on the neck

the government has its ~ of the company

knee on the neck

he has his ~ of the public-health community (politics)

putting our foot on their neck

we're out here every night ~ (a protest leader)

Get Your Knee Off Our Necks

the event included a ~ protest

took world football's knee off Africa's neck

so 2010 ~ (South African World Cup)

♦ "That issue [prejudice] is now full and centre and top of the mind in the world and I think this movement of Black Lives Matter and taking the knee campaign made the world sit back and look at the issue. So 2010 took world football's knee off Africa's neck. I don't think it will be allowed to put that knee on Africa's neck again." (Danny Jordaan, organising chief for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, won by Spain. From "2010

took world football's knee off Africa's neck," BBC, July 11, 2020. This sort of language is a form of presentism.

oppression: neck

neck (area)

neck of land

we landed on a ~

area: shape

shape: neck

neck (Throggs Neck, etc.)

Chicken's Neck

the Siliguri Corridor, or the ~ (India)

Throggs Neck

~ is a neighborhood, peninsula and bridge (the Bronx)

proper name: neck

neck and neck (adjective)

neck and neck with the Yankees

they are ~ (a baseball team)

competition: horse / neck

neck-deep (in debt, etc.)

neck deep in debt

thousands of drivers were ~ in debt (NYC taxi drivers)

neck deep in a documentary boom

we're currently ~ (true-crime)

♦ see also *neck (up to one's neck)*

extent & scope / involvement: neck

Necklace (Necklace Nebula, etc.)

Necklace Nebula

the ~ in Sagitta, the Arrow

Necklace Valley

the ~ Lakes include Jade, Opal and Emerald (the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in Washington State)

proper name: clothing & accessories

necklace (configuration)

necklace of islands

to the east was a long ~ known as the Lau Group

necklace of lights

a ~ was laid upon the sea (lighthouses on Mediterranean)

necklace of sensors

an electronic ~ (traffic management in urban areas)

electronic necklace

an ~ of sensors (traffic management in urban areas)

configuration: clothing & accessories

need (she needs to, etc.)

needs to be

that animal ~ in a cage for life (crime)

need to know

5 songs you ~ right now, curated by NPR's Alt. Latino

needs to be removed

he ~, hopefully by his underlings (a world leader)

needs to resign

Council President Martinez ~ (politics)

needs to (seriously) rethink

he ~ his emotional state and maturity

needs to retire

after this fight he ~, he has nothing left (boxing)

needs to shut up

she ~ and stop doing the talk shows (aggrieved celebrity)

needs to take responsibility

he ~ instead of blaming others (a celebrity)

need to talk

we ~... (uh-oh!)

need you to understand

I ~ that this is not OK (AOC / blindsided by leftists)

need Abel to get dragged

I really ~ for this nasty scene in *The Idol*

need to visit

if you can't see the form you will ~ the mobile version

needs to keep his name out of her mouth

she ~ and just go away (Depp vs. Heard)

♦ This usage relates to a strong form of advice, something between "should" and "must." There may also be an element of wish fulfillment and even threat. See also *want* (*I want her home, etc.*).

♦ "I just want you guys to help me find my baby, because I need him." (Laquana Badger Godfrey about her missing 13-year-old son, who jumped into the East River in NYC.)

♦ "We need you to talk. We need you to stop sitting around the dinner table acting like everything's great because it's not." (A black woman "schooling" white people about structural racism.)

♦ "She needs some flour, she needs some bread, she needs some eggs, she *needs* to take her ass to the supermarket..." (Kim Wayans as the character Benita Buttrel from the 1990s "In Living Color" TV Series. Funny!)

♦ "Pumpkin cheesecake cookies are the trendy fall treat you need to try."

♦ This usage is often associated with women.

♦ "Some people need to be fired."

♦ "The world needs to..."

♦ "Needed killing." (Vigilante justice.)

♦ "I don't *need* to do anything!"

language: verb

needle (verb)

needed Republicans about why

he ~ the resolution... (politics)

affliction / speech: sensation / verb

needle (move the needle, etc.)

moral-outrage needle

it takes a lot to move the ~

needle seems (kind of) stuck

the ~ to me (on progress)

move the needle

these ads can ~ if executed correctly (social consciousness)

we'll signal to states how they can ~ (and ban DEI)

moved the needle

he's ~ like few others (the exciting boxer Gervonta Davis)

move the needle from A to B

legislators have the power to ~ (regulation of social media)

moved the needle against social inequality

these philanthropists haven't ~

move the needle on a novel, film or a TV show

you can ~ (*Vanity Fair* editor Radhika Jones / promotion)

move the needle with the national audience

these two teams just don't ~ (ratings / MLB World Series)

moving this needle forward

black women are ~ (protesting a policy)

moved the needle the most

which candidate has ~ since the last debate (politics)

moves the needle just a smidge

if it ~

♦ "Davis is one of the biggest needle-movers in boxing." (The boxer Gervonta "Tank" Davis, about a fight between him and Ryan Garcia. Such a fight would be extremely popular and help the sport.)

♦ "Flipping this gate (being allowed to picket it) probably won't be the thing that gets the studios back to the table but even if it moves the needle just a...smidge, then it's a victory to me." (A strike captain for the Writers Guild of America during the 2023 SAG-AFTRA strike.)

action, inaction & delay / effect / progress & lack of progress: tools & technology / verb

needle (shape)

bullets, needles, prisms, columns, stars, cups, plates

snowflakes come in shapes: ~

shape: cloth

needle (the Needles, etc.)

the Needles

~ are a group of rock pinnacles (Arizona)

~ are a famous tourist attraction (Isle of Wight)

proper name: cloth

needle (needle in a haystack)

needle in a haystack

they found a ~ (searchers for body of missing girl)

needle in a haystack of nothing

my blog was a ~

found a needle in a haystack
they ~ (searchers for body of missing girl)

looking for a needle in a haystack
these poor scientists were ~ (viruses back in the day)

♦ "Someone said it's kind of like looking for a needle in a haystack—only right now, the haystack is covered with snow." (Winter search for body of missing woman.)

♦ In August, 2008, two-year-old Emmett Trapp wandered off into the desert. Many wished to look for him, but officials refused offers of help, saying only *they* were qualified to search, based on their training. After 40 hours, the little boy was found by a citizen who disregarded the officials. The boy was just outside the official search zone, which had been combed over and over. He was only about a mile from his home.

♦ "Knowing that the divers on the scene were not up to this specialized task of entering the cave, and assuming—that Gant might still be alive in an air pocket—[Buddy] Lane pleaded by telephone that trained caver divers be called in..." ("The Bat Cave Miracle," 16 August 1992, Nickajack Lake Cave, New Hope, Tennessee.)

♦ "Finding an animal with a SARS-CoV-2 infection is like looking for a needle in the world's largest haystack. They may never find a 'smoking bat.'" (Angela Rasmussen, virologist, Columbia University.)

♦ "In the months before meeting Oppenheimer, [Lawrence] had conceived the notion of building a machine capable of penetrating the so far unassailable nucleus of the atom, which existed, he quipped, 'like a fly inside a cathedral.'" (An astonishing simile from *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.)

♦ "This isn't a search for a needle in a haystack, it's a tiny flea in a vast carpet, because they keep moving." (General Sanchez. "How children survived 40 days in Colombian jungle" by Matt Murphy in London and Daniel Pardo in Bogota, BBC News, June 11, 2023.)

♦ "To find a needle in a haystack, wouldn't you just use a very large magnet?"

searching & discovery: tools & technology

needle (thread the needle, etc.)

needle to thread
they have a difficult ~ (politics)

diplomatic needle
Beijing has to thread this ~ pretty carefully

thread the needle
I tried to ~ (a diplomat)

♦ "Threading the needle of writing a good headline while avoiding the clickbait trap comes down to honesty, Lorenz told *The Dispatch*. "The best way to be honest is to have a conversation with yourself, which is, 'If I was shown this headline and I clicked into the story, would I be disappointed in what I'm getting on the other end of it?'" ("The Writer of This Article Also Wrote This Headline and That's Rare: Everything you need to know about headlines and the art of writing them" by Ryan Brown, *The Dispatch*, June 12, 2021.)

difficulty, easiness & effort: cloth

needle (eye of the needle, needle's eye)

make it through the needle's eye
those who ~ (and get into Harvard)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry "Eye of a needle" for references to the three Abrahamic religions.

difficulty, easiness & effort: cloth

negotiate (terrain, etc.)

negotiate this space
how to ~ and develop a "cyberspace literacy" (internet)

negotiated the (rocky) terrain
she adeptly ~ of the New York publishing world

navigates and negotiates
she ~ her Black identity in a white space (high school)

direction: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / verb neighbor (verb)

neighbors China
Russia ~ in the Far East

configuration / proximity: house / verb

neighbor (noun)

neighbors
raised in Brownsville, where poverty and violence were ~

friendly neighbors
Azerbaijan and Armenia are not ~

new neighbor
her apartment had a view of her ~, the Atlantic Ocean

♦ "Choose your neighbor before your house."

♦ "Good fences make good neighbors."

♦ "A big river and a rich man can be bad neighbors."

♦ "When your neighbor's house is on fire, carry water to the top of your own roof."

♦ NEIGHBOR, n. One whom we are commanded to love as ourselves, and who does all he knows how to make us disobedient. (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

configuration / proximity: house / person

neighborhood (numbers)

in the neighborhood of 3,000
most scholars believe that the actual number is ~

direction / proximity: number

neighborhood (area)

neighborhood and internationally
the last thing we need in the ~ is a collapsing state (Burma)

dangerous neighborhood
the US needs a real partner in a ~ (Sudan)

tough neighborhood
we live in a ~, we need to survive and be tough (an Israeli)

area: house

neighboring (adjective)

neighboring countries
Venezuela's health crisis has spilled over to ~ (measles)
the earthquake rattled Myanmar and ~

neighboring Jordan
Syrian refugees are flooding into ~

neighboring lands
Christians are seeking shelter in ~ (from Iraq)

configuration / proximity: house

nemesis (noun)

nemesis of Koch Industries

the EPA has been a ~ for decades

Chicago's nemesis

they were ~ in the late 80s ("Bad Boy" Pistons)

sees her as its nemesis

the banking lobby ~ (politics)

♦ **Nemesis was the Greek Goddess of divine retribution, revenge and justice.**

♦ "This could be his nemesis, this could be his kryptonite." (A commentator at the Day of Reckoning boxing event in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, suggesting Arslanbek Makhmudov could be beaten by the underdog Agit Kabayel. And Kabayel—German of Kurdish origin—*did* win the match in a great upset!)

affliction / judgment / punishment & recrimination / revenge: allusion / justice / religion

neophyte (noun)

political neophyte

Grant wasn't entirely a ~

♦ **From the Greek for *new* and *plant*.**

experience / growth & development / person: plant

nerd (word nerd, etc.)

word nerd

I was a ~, like yourself (two crossword constructors)

♦ **Or "wordnik."**

character & personality / enthusiasm: creature / person

nerve (anxiety)

war of nerves

(see *war of nerves*)

nerves are shot

her ~, she has no confidence (Wimbledon)

nerves can become frayed

~ in the blasting Antarctic winds

nerves had gotten the better of him

Holloway said ~ as he lost momentum... (Olympic track)

calm his nerves

he lit a cigarette to ~

calm people's nerves

he appeared on TV to ~ (trade war)

♦ **Andy: "Barney, you've just GOT to control your nerves." (*The Andy Griffith Show*. Barney was comically excitable. No doubt every culture has a representation.)**

♦ **"It was a joke. Calm down, Ernie." (A response to a negative poster on a message board. This may be a meme relating to some TV show featuring Ernie and Bert.)**

feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

nerve (strike a nerve, etc.)

raw nerve

(see *raw nerve*)

hit a nerve

the tweet ~ for doctors (from NRA)

you are very defensive, I guess I ~, good (discussion)

hit a Russian (raw) nerve

the German report ~ (about Kursk Battle)

struck a nerve

her article ~ (rant against obese people)

struck a (growing anti-bullying) nerve

his death ~ in America (suicide)

touched a (raw) nerve

the withdrawal ~ (troops give up area)

hitting a nerve with progressives

the speech was clearly ~ (Bernie Sanders)

struck a (raw) nerve in Haiti

the incident ~ (foreign adoptions)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

nerve (courage)

lose our nerve

terrorists can win if we ~ and abandon our mission (Iraq)

lost his nerve

one intended suicide bomber ~ (Casablanca)

shatter (the enemy's) nerve

the objective is to ~ (shock and violence)

get up the nerve

it has taken me 11 years to ~ to come here...

courage & lack of courage: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

nerve center (basis)

nerve center of the (light rail) network

the Guadalupe yard operates as the ~

nerve center for the continent's liberation movement

at one time Cairo was the ~ (Africa)

nerve center for (Red Cross) operations

Mazar-i-Sharif, known as the ~ in the north... (Afghanistan)

serves as the nerve center

Singapore ~ for the company's global operations

bases: back / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

nerveless (adjective)

nerveless Stosur

a ~ dominated the match (tennis)

character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect:

sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

nerve-racking

nerve-racking

it was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

ness (Asian-ness, etc.)

African-ness

they fortified New Orleans' ~ (Saint-Domingue)

Asian-ness

push your ~ to the fore and make art out of it

non-binary-ness

your ~ can make them feel like... (dating)

Blackness

Lil X Nas doesn't need to shrink or compromise his ~ it's a sad state when your ~ is questioned the anti~ and colorism that's common among Latinos ~ is anagrammatical... (Christina Sharpe)

blackness

a broader southern ~ that is frequently unseen this reckless country ~ (Beyonce's "Formation")

Blackqueerness

the joy found in ~

brown-ness

as if that ~ could change anything (more brown faces)

anti-fatness

~ keeps fat people on the margins (Aubrey Gordon)

gayness

teachers are converting kids to ~ or transgenderism his ~ is a given (an artist)

Gen Z-ness

amazed at the strategic ~ of the looting (Santa Monica)

Indian-ness

you hide aspects of your ~ to fit in (Asian in London)

Jewishness

I just live my life and let the ~ take care of itself (Stoppard)

Latino-ness

what defines Latinidad or ~

maleness

the incredible whiteness and ~ (#OscarsSoWhite)

male-"ness"

masculinity and ~ (Lee Marvin, gay-tham for Statham, etc.)

mindfulness

see *mindfulness* (noun)

Muslimness

Cabinet office to investigate '~' claim (England / BBC)

other-ness

the ~ of people (racism)

queerness

was the show's ~ part of your original concept (NPR) there are other bodies and stories that encapsulate black ~ for this transgender 18-year-old, ~ is happiness (NPR)

~ is synonymous with happiness (by Kerrie Hillman) there is no word to describe ~ in Xhosa (South Africa) speaking of ~, that leads really well into my next point... race, ~ and superpowers... (NPR / Code Switch) incorporating ~ into English Classrooms (TESOL) Vaginal Davis forefronts ~, sex, race, and radical politics so much weirdness and ~ (Pee-wee Herman) Prodigy's voice is an embodiment of ~

ratchetness

his ~ or his gayness (Lil Nas X)

trans-ness

I was well aware of my ~ early on in life

transness

Amy was able to center and de-center her ~ (*Jeopardy!*) trans-curious means to be interested in one's potential ~

truthiness

~ (see the Wikipedia entry)

whiteness

we hear them talking about the sin of ~ (Fox News) Misty Copeland on the ~ of ballet ("It chips away at you") the show is about ~, and white grievance (*Yellowstone*) the incredible ~ and maleness (#OscarsSoWhite)

anti-whiteness

~ is the fundamental premise of the left

wokeness

see *wokeness* (groups)

uniqueness

she stands boldly in her ~ (Amythyst Kiah)

African-ness and my queerness

I carry my ~ on my sleeve because that's who I am

whiteness and maleness

the incredible ~ of the Academy (Michael Schulman)

♦ "Lil Nas X doesn't need to compromise or shrink his Blackness, his Southern-ness, his ratchetness or his gayness." ("Lil Nas X is the boundary-smashing pop revolutionary of 2021" by Jason King, NPR Music, Dec. 28, 2021.)

♦ "Emily Bazelon's article, 'The Battle Over Gender Therapy' uncritically used the term 'patient zero' to refer to a trans child seeking gender-affirming care, a phrase that vilifies transness as a disease to be feared." ("For the attention of Philip B. Corbett, associate managing editor for standards at *The New York Times*.")

♦ "Every step I've taken has gaslighted those whom I love... I am not a culture vulture. I am a culture leech. You should absolutely cancel me, and I absolutely cancel myself." (Rachel Dolezal, an academic who claimed "identities of color," including Black Caribbean, North African Blackness, US rooted Blackness, Caribbean rooted Bronx Blackness, *Boricua*...)

♦ "It doesn't embrace the overblown-y-ness of... (Linda Holmes of Pop Culture Happy Hour reviewing a film.)

♦ "I felt what he was doing was pathetic and I didn't want to deal with his patheticness. (Quentin Tarantino about Harvey Weinstein.)

♦ "My goal was a galette to show off the gorgeousness of leeks." (A recipe.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "Toblerone to drop Matterhorn logo over 'Swissness' rule."

inclusion & exclusion: affix / epistemology

nest (Bird's Nest, etc.)

Bird's Nest stadium
an art performance at the ~ in Beijing

proper name: animal / bird / house

shape: bird / proper name

nest (shape)

edible nest
creamy quail eggs served in an ~ of spun rye bread

shape: animal / bird / house

nest (resemblance)

nest of (torn) foam
she had her puppies there, in a ~ (old mattress)

rat's nest
they must deal with a ~ of wires

resemblance: animal / bird / house

nest (military)

machine-gun nest
interlocking ~s (combat)

sniper's nest
he was struck in the abdomen leading his squad against a ~

military: animal / bird

nest (of vipers, etc.)

nest of (ISIS) military camps
B-2 bombers destroyed a ~ in Libya

nest of smugglers
he may have surprised a ~ (border agent found dead)

nest of vipers
the palace turned out to be a ~ (Hulu series *The Great*)
he was an honest man in a ~

hornet's nest
the measure could raise a ~ of legal problems
the new tariffs stirred up a ~ of problems
the camp has become a ~ (Jenin refugee camp / terrorists)

Pirate Nests
~ *And the Rise Of The British Empire* (by Mark Hanna)

group, set & collection: animal / bird / house

nest (empty nest)

empty nest
some parents find freedom in an ~

"empty nest" parents
~ whose children fly back home

empty nest syndrome
how to cope with ~ (kids go away to college)

place: animal / bird / house

nest (mare's nest)

mare's nest of (legal and practical) problems
the administration has a ~

mare's nest of (squabbling) tribes
she knows what a ~ is... (an experienced diplomat)

♦ This perhaps morphed from meaning an illusionary or nonsensical discovery (horses don't construct nests) to meaning simply a tangled mess, perhaps based on analogy with a rat's nest, which actually may not be that messy... Sigh...

complexity: bird / horse

nest egg

nest egg
at age 69, he had a ~ (retirement savings)

money: animal / bird

nestled

nestled on the Black Sea
this regional capital ~ (Trabzon, Turkey)

nestled between Bhutan and Nepal
Sikkim is a jewel ~

nestled in the heart
George Washington University, ~ of the nation's capital

configuration: animal / bird

net (cast a net)

cast a (wide) net
they have not yet ~ (a criminal investigation)

casting a very broad net
it is a fishing expedition for information, ~

cast a (wide) net for the assassins
police ~ (bus / rail / plane, etc.)

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

net (safety net)

see *safety net*

netherworld (noun)

netherworld
the ~ in which he indulged (Calvin Klein)

flourish in the netherworld
these falsehoods ~ of internet pranksters and trolls

disappeared into the netherworld
he ~ of Egyptian jails

concealment & lack of concealment / environment:

direction / earth & world / society

center & periphery: direction / society

society: center & periphery / direction

neuter (verb)

neuter Grant

Johnson hoped to ~ and control the army (politics)

neutered blogging

social media ~ as a mode of online expression

neutered its parliament

the new Turkish constitution has ~ (2017)

neuter (if not destroy) trade unions

the legislation was designed to ~

neutered the press and the courts

he has ~ (a leader)

struck down or neutered

the Supreme Court has ~ the Voting Rights Act (NPR)

♦ "The standards-and-practices departments kept the networks neutered." (Versus early HBO.)

attenuation: health & medicine

force / strength & weakness: health & medicine

neutral (in neutral)

in neutral

uncertainty is keeping the economy ~

activity / functioning: engine / mechanism

condition & status: engine / mechanism

neutralize (kill)

neutralized the threat

police engaged the shooter and ~ (shot him dead)

♦ "We will catch the rapist and murderer, and encounter him."
("Hyderabad rape suspect found dead: Is it murder or suicide?" by Geeta Pandey, BBC News, Delhi, Sept 18, 2021. This refers to extrajudicial murder by police who "encounter" a suspect.)

death & life: euphemism / verb

oppression: euphemism / verb

neutralized (shot, killed, etc.)

neutralized

the threat has been ~ (school shooter shot)

"neutralized" at 20:09

the perpetrator was ~ (terrorist attack in Vienna)

neutralized within one minute

the suspect was ~ of attacking his first victim (Gare du Nord)

♦ Taken down; gunned down; shot and critically wounded; shot dead...

death & life: euphemism

oppression: euphemism

never (you've never heard of, etc.)

you've never heard of

the most famous magician ~ (Howard Thurston)

it's the most important theater of WW II that ~ (Crimea)

the best foreign books ~

the worst U.S. naval disaster ~ (Penobscot Expedition)

the fastest racehorse ~ ("Got Country Grip" / a Paint horse)

the greatest band ~ (The Glands)

the greatest philosopher ~ (Eihei Dogen)

she might be the greatest novelist ~ (Helen Garner / AUS)

Michael Goldhaber is the internet prophet ~

Alcatraz you've never heard of

McNeil Island in South Puget Sound is the ~

never told

"Greatest Love Story Never Told" (J-Lo.)

the greatest comeback story ~ (resilience)

Never Told

Freaknik: The Wildest Party ~ (2024 Hulu documentary)

♦ "Greatest Love Story Never Told." (A song on J-Lo's latest album *This Is Me Now*.)

♦ "It doesn't make news, but in a thousand cities and towns, the American people are writing the greatest comeback story never told." (President Joe Biden's 2024 State of the Union address to Congress.)

♦ see also the entry in this dictionary for *funny language*

language: cliché

never-never land

Never-Never land

we live in a veritable ~ (Amundsen in Antarctica)

never-never land Britain

she set her novels in a ~, massively elitist (Christie)

leaves her in never neverland

it ~ (political purgatory)

♦ This is an allusion to *Peter Pan*. See also *Peter Pan*.

♦ "We live in a veritable Never-Never land. Seals come up to the ship and penguins to the tent, and allow themselves to be shot." (The great Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen, the Bay Of Whales, Antarctica.)

environment / fantasy & reality: allusion

allusion / fantasy & reality: books & reading

new (new Floyd Mayweather, etc.)

new Floyd Mayweather Jr

he's the ~ (the boxer Devin Haney)

comparison & contrast: epithet

new (versus traditional)

new Army

the ~ has been trained in a very short space of time

new chastity

the ~ on screen is perhaps prudent, but... (Hollywood)

new normal

the new chastity is not an entirely welcome ~ (films)

new school

see *new school*

New TV

Is TikTok The ~

new Vegas

if this iteration of Usher is ~, what about old Vegas...

♦ "[T]he old British Army which fought at Mons is but a glorious memory... / I do not know how many are left of that little Army. Their numbers must be very few. Some of the men of Mons are in the trenches to day; but they have become merged in the new armies... / The new

Army has been trained in a very short space of time and everything has been concentrated in getting them ready to hold their own in trench warfare, and it is not very probable that they would have been very successful had they been called upon to perform the operation that was imposed on the Expeditionary Force... ("How the Old Army Died" by General Smith-Dorrien, Malaya Tribune, 13 April 1917.)

♦ Out with the old, in with the new!

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: object

new (new teacher, etc.)

new father

he was a ~ who died while climbing a mountain

new mother

I was a ~ myself, my baby was six months old

new soldier

to a ~, they're BCGs (glasses)

new teacher

the first year for a ~ can be brutal

experience: person

new (orange is the new black, etc.)

Asians are the new Jews

today at Harvard, ~ (quotas limit numbers)

Atlanta is becoming the new Chicago

~ (crime, violence, ethnic groups)

Black Is the New Black

~ celebrates Britain's black community (BBC 2)

black is the new white

~ by Paul Mooney (a memoir)

data is the new oil

~ (as valuable as oil)

fish gape is the new duck face

the ~ (female selfie pose)

frozen is the new fresh

~ (fish that is flash frozen and vacuum sealed)

Gay is the New Black

~ (an activist's placard / same-sex marriage)

great sleep is the new 'great sex'

~ (Dr. Wendy Troxel, author)

"nice is the new nasty"

her career rise might signify that ~ (Rachel Maddow)

platform sneakers are the new heels

~ shop the 11 best we reviewed and love...

orange is the new black

~ reprises "Pink is the new black"

orange is the new grey

~ for Bangladeshi beards (henna)

Orgy Is The New Black

~ (porn with Piper Perri)

pink is the new black

"~" was perhaps the origin for "orange is the new black"

rum about to become the new gin

is ~

shark is the new dolphin

the ~ (favorable references on net/ don't kill manateers)

Substack is the new Instagram

~, it's catching on (Libby Strachan, brand marketing)

surgery is the new sex

in this thrill-seeking world, ~ (film *Crimes of the Future*)

Thursday is the new Friday

they say that ~ (ad for a wine club / "Every day feels like Friday")

TikTok is the new Google

~ for Gen Z (they use it for "search")

listening is the new reading

~ (an advertisement for audiobooks)

zombied is the new "ghosting"

being ~ (dating / singer-songwriter Mariel Darling)

70 is the new 50

~ (you're only as old as you act)

Next Big Thing

see *thing (the next big thing)*

♦ "The pattern "X (be) the new Y" echoes the old phrase, "the next big thing." It is promotional.

♦ "If you think that English that has some errors in it is bad, maybe that's the new good." (Heather Hansen, an English Language Instructor and Global Communications Specialist.)

♦ "Yeah, and this is a Monday, you should see this place on a Thursday, because Thursday's a new Friday." (The crazy film *Year One*.)

♦ "I tried not to look at age as a hindrance or a factor of the outcome. I guess 36 is the new 26." (The great Serb tennis player Novak Djokovic after beating Italian Jannik Sinner, 21, at Wimbledon 2023. In the final, however, he lost to Carlos Alcaraz, 20. Perhaps Novak spoke too soon.)

♦ "Gen Z's scrunch face replaces millennials' duck face as latest bizarre selfie trend."

♦ "Dead is the new black y'all / Race is a lethal condition / Being a man of color / That's the national sin." (A 2016 poem by Professor Joseph Drew Lanham. In 2022 he became a MacArthur Fellow.)

♦ see also *future (of the future), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)*

attention, scrutiny & promotion: object

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: object

new (as noun)

lots of new

there will be ~ in theaters before Memorial Day (NPR)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: part of speech

newborn

"newborn" country

Kosova, the ~

newborn league

the ~ is fighting for its life (soccer / US)

♦ The Newborn monument in Pristina, Kosovo, is a popular spot for citizens and tourists alike. Children, especially, enjoy climbing and playing on the giant letters.

**growth & development: baby / birth / death & life
amelioration & renewal: baby / birth / death & life**

New Deal (Green New Deal, etc.)

Green New Deal

a ~, a sweeping agenda (jobs, energy, infrastructure)

this generation's New Deal

the relief programs could become ~ (politics)

♦ President Roosevelt's Rural Electrification Administration (REA), founded in 1935, began to bring electricity to the quarter of the population that lived on farmlands. "Sign up and get the REA" was the slogan. At the start, 90 percent of farmers were without electricity. By 1942, half of all American farms were connected to the grid; by 1952, they almost all were. Rural families typically made the radio their second electric purchase, after the clothes iron.

♦ "I wanted to be at my parents' house when the electricity came. It was in 1940. We'd all go around flipping the switch, to make sure it hadn't come on yet. When they finally came on the lights just barely glowed. I remember my mother smiling. When they came on full, tears started to run down her cheeks." (A farm family that got electricity from the Rural Electrification Administration.)

♦ In "A Summer Breather" and "Poverty" by the Russian writer Mikhail Zoshchenko, "early adopters" of technology got electricity in their apartment building for the first time. / The problem was, the electric bill was communal. A man appointed himself to ensure that people didn't waste electricity, and for a while the bill was low and everyone was quite happy. Everyone used the light sparingly, say, only to undress before going to bed. But the enforcer took his job too zealously, stayed up every night checking on people, never slept, and finally went mad. Once he was gone, people started to use the electricity more, say, to heat a room. The communal bill went up, which in turn unleashed an orgy of use: if other people are profligate, than I will be too! People began to do such outlandish things as to re-warm their food on their hotplates, and turn on lights to read at night. The electric bill became astronomical. In the end, the people decided to have the electricity cut off, and went back to kerosene and candles. / Stories like these went against the grain of Soviet pride in their technological accomplishments—huge dams and electrification—and got Zoshchenko denounced personally in the Zhdanov decree of 1946. He died in poverty.

help & assistance: allusion / history

difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion / history

new school

new-school juggernaut

Tagovailloa turned old-school Alabama into a ~ (football)

new school / old school

a classic ~ rift (newer kayaking moves)

♦ see also *old school*

past & present / time: school & education

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: school & education

newspeak (noun)

Newspeak

Newsweek should be called ~ (fact-checking controversy)

goal of Newspeak

the ~ is to impoverish language...

♦ "[T]he goal of Newspeak is to impoverish language so that politically incorrect thoughts are no longer possible." ("Doublethink Is Stronger Than Orwell Imagined: What 1984 means today" by George Packer, *The Atlantic*, July 2019.)

♦ Wikipedia has entries for "Doublespeak" and "Newspeak." Both are related to George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four*.

♦ see also *boilerplate (noun)*, *buzzword (noun)*, *doublespeak (noun)*, *ese (legalese, etc.)*, *funny language*, *gobbledygook*, *language (types)*, *speak (NASA-speak, etc.)*, *supersizing (linguistic supersizing)*, *talk (mediator talk, etc.)*, *word salad*

language: speech

speech / subterfuge: allusion

next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)

next Bali

Mandalika, a new tourist area touted as the ~ (Lombok)

next Steve Jobs

she was supposed to be the ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

if you want to be the ~, you've got to do it honestly

next Russia

Italy was considered to be the ~ (post WWII)

next big thing

see thing (the next big thing)

next Steve Jobs or Bill Gates

she was anointed "the ~" (Elizabeth Holmes)

♦ "You start to realize you are looking into the eyes of another Bill Gates, or Steve Jobs." (The smitten Channing Robertson about Elizabeth Holmes of Theranos.)

♦ see also *future (of the future)*, *new (orange is the new black, etc.)*

sequence: epithet / prep, adv, adj, particle

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: epithet / prep, adv, adj, particle

next (at a later time)

next day

the ~ we were sent to the rear (soldiers)

next summer

the bitter political climate ahead of elections ~

what's next

moving on in the ~, social media age (bad behavior)

time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

sequence: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

Niagara (Niagara of the South, etc.)

Niagara of Asia

the Khone Phapheng Falls, the ~ (Laos)

Niagara of the South

Cumberland Falls, Kentucky, the "~-"

Tallulah was soon dubbed the "~-"

(Georgia) local and national writers extolled Tallulah as the ~

♦ "And when Randolph and his crew broke the final wall on a bitterly cold January day in 1900, it seemed to a writer on the Chicago Tribune an almost apocalyptic moment: / 'It is open! It is open!' went up from scores of throats as the water at last... had been made to start down the toboggan slide into the canal. The fall... was 24 ½ feet... 'It is the Niagara of Chicago,' Mr. Eckhart said as he stood, watching the waters, together with the ice and boulders, sweep down the chute and drive far into the wide canal..." (The opening of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. From *The Men Who United The States* by Simon Winchester.)

comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

Niagara (the river and falls)

Niagara of vitriol
it was a ~ (a rock interview)

Niagaras of folly and misstatements
yet ~ still pour out on this question (Winston Churchill)

in a Niagara Falls
we are ~ of the report (criticizing the group)

♦ Sir Winston Churchill wrote of the "Niagaras of folly and misstatements" about "the Second Front" that Stalin so insisted on, from 1941 onwards. It is interesting to compare the rivers of Britain and the United States. And while we Americans are honestly surprised by how puny and weak the British Rivers are in comparison to ours, we must not forget Joseph Conrad's description of the Thames from *The Heart of Darkness*: "The old river in its broad reach rested unruffled at the decline of day, after ages of good service done to the race that peopled its banks, spread out in the tranquil dignity of a waterway leading to the uttermost ends of the earth." The identity and strength of Britain has always been due to its status as an island nation with a great Navy, not a continental one, as Sir Winson knew so well.)

amount & effect / force: river / water

nibble (nibble at, etc.)

nibbling away at land and vital infrastructure
coastal erosion is ~ (remote Air Force radar stations)

destruction: animal / food & drink / predation / verb

nibble (noun)

got a nibble
he finally ~ from a potential employee

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

night (death / actual)

go (gently) into that good night
do not ~ (Dylan Thomas)

death & life: day / sign, signal, symbol

night (night and day and day and night)

night and day to the first round
the start was ~ 12 months ago (a boxing match)

comparison & contrast: light & dark

nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.)

known as the Nightingale of Bollywood
she was ~ (the singer Lata Mangeshkar)

superlative: bird / music

achievement, recognition & praise: bird / epithet / music

nightmare (worst nightmare)

worst nightmare
the ~ a parent could endure (missing kid found dead)

girl's worst nightmare
it's every ~ (getting pregnant accidentally)

industry's worst nightmare
shoppers like her are the supermarket ~

he turned into the ~ (George Atiyeh vs. logging)

mother's worst nightmare
as a teen, she was every ~ (drugs, sex, etc.)

parent's worst nightmare
every ~ (child kidnapping, murder)

my worst nightmare
this was ~ (emergency landing in plane)

feeling, emotion & effect: sleep

nightmare (noun)

nightmare
you're seeing shyness as a ~ and it can be...
she talks about her ~ (rape)
traveling alone with young kids can be a ~ (airlines)
she sees her ~ unfolding before her (traffic jam)
it's been a ~ (affirmative action for fire department)
he soon discovered the job was a ~
shopping for school clothes can be a ~ (girls)
the ~ was not over (one more round / boxing)
the ~ began with an e-mail (hackers extort company)
OnlyFans was a godsend, now it's kind of a ~ (porn)

nightmare of all firefighters
structural collapse is the ~

nightmare of (loose) granite
a ~ and overhanging seracs (Dhaulagiri)

nightmare of Sept. 11
nearly a year after the ~, kids still...

nightmare of war
the dream of peace has often turned into a ~ (Africa)

nightmare scenario
the ~ for NATO
the ~ for many biologists, conservationists
that's a ~ for those... (politics)

nightmare year
it was a ~ (teaching at troubled D.C. school)

nightmare first round
they horribly underachieved in a ~ (World Cup)

actor's nightmare
will I ever work again, that's the ~ (Sir Anthony Hopkins)

credit nightmare
divorce can create ~s

examination nightmare
but would it be an ~ (scheduling school tests)

traffic nightmare
the city festival will cause a ~

parking and traffic nightmares
residents living near the popular club face ~

public-relations nightmare
they are fighting a ~ (restaurant chain)

horrifying nightmare
 blind dates are either a huge success or a ~

living nightmare
 he described his life as a "~" (paralysed neck down)

scheduling nightmare
 family events can become a ~

annual nightmare
 the ~ of Christmas cards

bureaucratic nightmare
 he found himself in a ~

complete nightmare
 it's turned into a ~ (trapped at airport by blizzard)

concave nightmare
 a ~ of loose granite, overhanging seracs (Dhaulagiri)

Kafkaesque nightmare
 my ~ is to be...

legal nightmare
 it was the beginning of a ~
 a ~ arises (Jehovah's Witnesses and doctors)

logistical nightmare
 getting a force that size into Iraq by air would be a ~
 the Hajj is a ~ (Makkah / Saudi Arabia)
 resupply was a ~ (Egyptians fight in Yemen)

nuclear nightmare
 India has revived the ~ (nuclear tests)

racial nightmare
 turning the trial into a ~

ultimate nightmare
 "brilliant" bombs strike some as the ~

18-hour nightmare
 it turned into an ~ (Mogadishu firefight)

beginning of a (legal) nightmare
 it was the ~

start of the nightmare
 yeah, that was the ~ (security arrest)

dream and nightmare
 every surfer's ~ (Condition Black / huge surf)

nightmare is over
 what makes you think the ~, if he gets away with it

nightmare arises
 a legal ~ (Jehovah's Witnesses and doctors)

nightmare began
 his ~ with a phone call from...

nightmare (finally) coming to an end
 is the ~ (politics)

faced a public-relations nightmare

the university ~ (murder of Lauren McCluskey at the University of Utah)

found himself in a nightmare
 he ~ (bureaucracy)

make commuting (by train) a nightmare
 the gropers who ~ for women (in Japan)

turned into an (18-hour) nightmare
 it ~ (Mogadishu firefight)

turned the dream into a nightmare
 the loans have ~ (home ownership)

♦ A find-yourself-standing-naked-in-Times-Square-type nightmare...

feeling, emotion & effect: sleep

nightmarish (adjective)

nightmarish scene
 it was a ~ (125-vehicle pileup that killed four)

nightmarish thoughts
 ~ about...

feeling, emotion & effect: sleep

comparison & contrast: affix

night owl (person)

night owls
 the frozen beef is often bought by ~ (from Singapore vending machines)

behavior: animal / bird / sleep

person: animal / bird / sleep

Nile (America's Nile, etc.)

America's Nile

the Colorado River has been referred to as "~"

♦ According to Dr. Jack C. Schmidt of Utah State University, the Colorado River is similar to the Nile River for the following reasons: (1) original development was in its downstream end (lower basin) (2) water comes from distant headwaters (3) while it flows mostly north to south, it is an "upside down version of the Nile" (4) dams and water diversion in its upstream end (upper basin) are greatly affecting its lower reaches (lower basin). Almost needless to say, it also flows at certain points through arid places and its waters are the lifeblood of those places. ("Spring 2022 GES Seminar Series with Dr. Jack Schmidt" on YouTube. His wonderful presentation might make a young person consider a career in hydrography! Of course, there are many ways that the two rivers are completely different.)

comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

nimble (adjective)

nimble
 the security system is not ~ enough (border)

nimble negotiating
 Egypt had distinguished itself for ~ (the past)

nimble mind
 he has a ~

nimble enough
 are they ~ to close and reopen (schools in pandemic)

nimble and aggressive
the company vowed to be more ~ (layoffs)

nimble, tough-minded and effective
we need government that is ~

lean and nimble
the company must become more ~

more nimble
smaller, ~ warships and subs are the way to go (Navy)

remain nimble
we must ~ (military)

keep your mind nimble
you need to ~

♦ "Jack be nimble, / Jack be quick, / Jack jump over / the candlestick" (A nursery rhyme.)

ability & lack of ability: movement

nimbus (cloud)

nimbus of (curly graying) hair
she is a self-possessed woman with a ~

resemblance: cloud

nine eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.)

nine-eleven moment
it was sort of a ~ for America (Fort Sumter attack)

Australia's 9/11
in many ways, it is ~ (Bali bomb blast)

"China's 9/11"
in Beijing the incident was called ~ (2014 Kunming attack)

Israel's 9/11
the surprise attack, widely described as ~ (Hamas / 2023)

♦ "I've heard from Israelis saying that this is our 9/11." (A CNN commentator interviewing James Clapper. She says that "it's hard to make comparisons, but..." and she mentions (1) the scope of the attack (2) the surprise (3) and the killing of civilians. She adds that the taking of hostages is different. To which James Clapper adds, in terms of the comparison (4) the sense that there was a huge intelligence failure, specifically in two areas: a failure of imagination, of what the enemy was in fact capable of, and a failure to "connect the dots." Clapper says, "Unfortunately, it is an apt comparison." ("Why Clapper says Hamas attacks are an 'apt comparison' to 9/11, CNN.)

♦ "Gaza could Have Been Singapore. Hamas Turned It Into ISIS / Opinion" by Bassem Eid, Palestinian Human Rights Activist, *Newsweek*, October 9, 2023.

♦ "It had seemed impossible that Japan would court destruction by war with Britain and the United States, and probably Russia in the end. A declaration of war by Japan could not be reconciled with reason. I felt sure she would be ruined for a generation by such a plunge, and this proved true. But Governments and peoples do not always take rational decisions. Sometimes they take mad decisions, or one set of people get control who compel all others to obey and aid them in folly. I have not hesitated to record repeatedly my disbelief that Japan would go mad. However sincerely we try to put ourselves in another person's position, we cannot allow for processes of the human mind and imagination to which reason offers no key. / Madness is however an affliction which in war carries with it the advantage of surprise." (*The Grand Alliance* by Winston S. Churchill, "Book Two, War Come To America, Japan.")

♦ "What will archaeologists twenty-five centuries from now make of the ruins of One World Trade Center, currently nearing completion in downtown Manhattan?" (The beginning of "Deep Frieze" by Daniel

Mendelsohn. His article is about the Parthenon, another "memorial to a devastating attack...one terrible day in September.")

♦ see also *Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.)*

history / military: epithet

nineteen eighty four (and 1984)

went all 1984
technology was a lot more fun before it ~

oppression: allusion / books & reading

allusion: books & reading

ninja (person)

information ninjas
libraries are full of ~ (employees who can help)

ability & lack of ability: creature / magic / person

person: creature / magic

nipple (Mollie's Nipples, etc.)

Nippletop
~ in Zion National Park, Utah (unofficially named)

Ferns Nipple
~ is an iconic landmark in Capital Reef National Park

Mollie's Nipples
there are several ~ in Utah (Wikipedia)

♦ The Wikipedia entry, "Mollie's Nipple," is quite interesting as it relates to Utah and its early history and exploration, to include Indians, pioneers, and outlaws. It also includes a unique collocation: "Notable Mollie's Nipples"! Wikipedia also has an interesting article at "Breast-shaped hill."

♦ The GNIS Feature Search returns many results for *nipple*, including "Peters Nipple," "Grannys Nipple" and "Little Nippletop." Perhaps the less said about these things, the better.

proper name: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

nipple (shape)

nipple
a ~ can connect two other fittings (pipes)

hex (pipe) nipple
a ~ can be grasped with a wrench

shape: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

Noah's Ark

Noah's Ark of (exotic) wildlife
the Berenty Reserve is a ~ (Madagascar)

Noah's Ark of small-time criminality
this ~ (First Fleet / Australia)

modern-day Noah's Ark
Norway's Global Seed Vault is a ~ for plant seeds

biodiversity, nature & life / group, set & collection: allusion / Bible / epithet / religion

no (no Jack Kennedy, etc.)

no Jim Brown
he was ~ (O.J. Simpson dies)

no Peter Crouch
he's ~ (a commenter about Lionel Messi)

no Andy Dufresne
but Lester Eubanks was ~ (ABC *Have You Seen This Man*)

no Einstein
they're ~ (snark)

no de Gaulle
you will see that Andropov is ~ (Milovan Djilas)

no Jack Kennedy
Senator, you're ~ (Lloyd Bentsen to Dan Quayle)

no (African) Abraham Lincoln
Kagame was ~ (Rwanda)

no Pollyanna
I am ~

no Suvorov
he's ~, but it's possible to work with him (combat)

no Mardi Gras
but living just above the poverty line is ~ (Scotland)

no Kent State
this was ~, but... (Cambridge University student protests)

no 'Gigli'
well, the good news is that it's ~ (J.Lo's latest album)

♦ "The opposite of a sensory-deprivation tank might be to spend a Monday morning in the library's InfoNow Department." (*The Library Book* by the wonderful writer Susan Orlean.)

♦ "Oppenheimer was aware that Teller was no fool."

♦ See "comparison & contrast" in the thesaurus of this work for a selection of the various ways we can make comparisons in English.

♦ see also *not* (*not Churchill, etc.*)

identity & nature: allusion
comparison & contrast: negation
Nobel (Nobel Prize of the Arab World, etc.)

Nobel Prize of the Arab World
the King Faisal Award for Service to Islam, dubbed the ~

Nobel Prize for Agriculture
the World Food Prize, dubbed the ~

Nobel Prize for mathematics
it is regarded as the ~ (Fields Medal)

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet
comparison & contrast: epithet
nobody (a nobody)

just a nobody
I'm ~

♦ "To me, being a gangster was better than being President of the United States... To me, it meant being somebody in the neighborhood that was full of nobodies... They did whatever they wanted, they double-parked in front of a hydrant and nobody ever gave them a ticket." (Ray Liotta's opening voiceover for the film *Goodfellas*.)

♦ "Oh boy 2 nobodies hoping to be somebodies." (A BBC HYS online commenter about the announcement of the Whyte-Joshua rematch, scheduled for August 12, 2023. The fight was ultimately cancelled when Whyte failed a drug test.)

importance & significance / power: person

person: part of speech

nobody (and no one / sarcasm)

said nobody

so proud of this boy, ~ with a brain...

said no one

wow what a great match...said ~ ever...

♦ "This is a fight I'd really like to see"—said no one." (An online commenter about the announcement of the Whyte-Joshua August 12, 2023, rematch, which ended up being cancelled after Whyte failed a drug test.)

♦ "so proud of this boy, said nobody with a brain..." (An online commenter.)

♦ "Wow what a mouthwatering match up....said no one ever." (The Whyte-Joshua boxing rematch.)

language: sarcasm

comparison & contrast: negation

no-brainer (noun)

no-brainer

chumbuckets are a ~ (money to be made)

no-brainer for me

it was a ~, I was in from day one

make the decision (on Hamilton) a no-brainer

Mercedes had enough information to ~ (F1 strategy)

♦ "Check, check, check, and it was a no-brainer..." (The popular NFL player Cam Newton returns to the Carolina Panthers. Or as Newton himself said, "You know where I'm here, and this ain't for no ploy.")

certainty & uncertainty / difficulty, easiness & effort: head

nod (permission)

get the nod

chances are good that the Chinese firm will ~ (contract)

given the nod to more (COVID) boosters

advisors for the FDA have ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gesture / head

nod (agree)

heads nod

there are days when I see ~ (a defense of Facebook)

unanimity & consensus: gesture / head / verb

nod (acknowledge)

nods to Ralph Ellison

the chapter ~ (Colson Whitehead)

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / verb

nod (acknowledgement)

nods to diversity

in a sea of performative, less than relevant ~

nods to the past
we're going to do some ~ (a new version of Bebo)

nod to the victims
it's a ~ to make it easier for them (no contest plea)

acting nods
there may be ~ for some members of the cast (Emmys)

party nod
everyone knew that Grant would get the ~ (politics)

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture

no-holds-barred (and no holds barred)

no-holds-barred conversation
it was a ~

no-holds-barred dramas
Riot Girls offer ~ (BBC Radio 4)

no-holds-barred fight
this was a ~, and neither side backed down (Golan / 1973)

constraint & lack of constraint / restraint & lack of restraint: sports & games / wrestling

noise (worthlessness)

noise
trying to pick out the signal from the ~ (epidemiology)
a lot of extraordinary data are nothing but ~
the ~ makes it hard to distinguish what matters (the media)
results are results and the rest is ~ (politics and elections)
your speculation is ~, it has negative value (comments)

noise of customer behavior
Amazon leads the way in finding patterns in the ~

"noise" in the data
~ makes the new results dubious (earthquakes)

noise in the system
there's going to be some ~ (way to produce statistics)

noise to folks
that is ~, what matters is... (a temporary legal distraction)

noise and confusion
we hope it will reduce some of the ~ (vaccine website)

annoying noise
they create this ~ (government internet trolls)

background noise
to me it's just ~, not important (attacks on social media)

short-term noise
stick to fundamentals, try and look through the ~ (stocks)

terrible noise
enlightening and helpful data vs. ~ (AI and medicine)

full of noise
the information space is ~ (fakes, disinformation, theories)

chaos and noise
viewers were left with ~ (presidential debate)

nonsense and the noise
if you are tired of the ~ in our politics... (Amy Klobuchar)

signal and noise
see *signal and noise* (noun)

cut through all this noise
trying to ~ (what was true and what wasn't)

rise above the noise
artists need to ~ and stand out (TikTok)

integrate, unify, and make simple the (apparent) noise
he wants to ~ of the world (Karl Friston)

♦ This word is similar to *static*.

♦ "Some of that data will be enlightening, and really helpful. But some of it is going to be terrible noise and even lead to unnecessary testing and anxiety." (Dr. Eric Topol on the kind of health data people can now track with their smartphones.)

♦ "The human mind can acquire knowledge from very limited input and rapidly sort through noisy, conflicting information to reach judgments."

♦ "We have so much noise in the environment these days, there's seven point six, seven billion people on the planet making a lot of noise... Such is the noise we live in." (The remarkable sound recordist Martyn Stewart, who has dedicated his life to recording the sounds of nature. "Why this wildlife expert is making his archive public" by Mark Savage, BBC, 2 December 2021.)

activity / analysis, interpretation & explanation / obstacles & impedance / worth & lack of worth: sound

noise (attention, conflict, and controversy)

noise
there has been a lot of ~ and trending on Twitter about...
we can't react to all the ~ outside, there'll be criticism
there's nothing wrong with making ~ (progressive issues)
his comments bring ~ we don't need (disgruntled athlete)
online sleuthing groups can generate a lot of ~, a lot of data

clatter
how do you get through the ~ that he creates (politics)

noise of the Internet
better to give an exhausted shrug at the ~ and move on

noise and spin
this is what's wrong with boxing, it's just all ~ (a fight fan)

online noise
he has tried his best to block out the ~ (an injured athlete)

outside noise
the club's hierarchy won't be swayed by ~ (complaints)

political noise
it's all just ~, I don't listen to it (a political kerfuffle)

racket and noise
only the president has the authority to transcend the ~

signal and noise
see *signal and noise* (noun)

truth and noise
it's hard to discern between the ~ (Ukraine War / Gen Z)

used to the noise
you just have to get ~

block out the noise
all you can do is live your life and try to ~ (invasion threat)

cut through the noise
~, register for a BBC account
SLATE Podcasts: ~

made noises
Nepal authorities ~ that they would limit permits (Everest)

make enough noise
the challenge is to ~ to capture the zeitgeist (films)

making noises
the Russians have been ~ about withdrawal (from ISS)

shut out the noise
I'm in awe of her ability to ~ (celebrity kerfuffle)

♦ "I've calmed down now after a week of getting used to the noise and you just have to accept it." (Costello of Costello & Bunce, about the on/off/on/off bout between Tyson Fury and Anthony Joshua. Of course, Costello and Bunce were responsible for a lot of that noise!)

♦ "You showed me how, how to leave myself behind / how to turn down the noise in my mind." ("Haven't Got Time for the Pain" sung by Carly Simon.)

♦ "We're a small minority, we had to make some noise or we knew that unless we made that nobody would listen to us." (Clyde Bellecourt, co-founder of A.I.M.)

♦ "She's bilingual in Spanish and is happy there [in Spain], raising her daughter away from all the noise." (A film celebrity.)

♦ "Spain's players performed on the pitch despite all the noise off it. (Questions and doubts about Coach Jorge Vilda to include misandry, dissenting players left off the team, a heavy loss to Japan... (Spain beats England to win the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)

♦ "The dog may bark, but the caravan moves on."

attention, scrutiny & promotion / conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / obstacles & impedance / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

noisy (debate, etc.)

noisy
we will be very ~ in the House because we are unhappy

fierce and noisy
Tunisians are locked in a ~ debate about...

conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / resistance, opposition & defeat / speech: sound

noisy (data, etc.)

noisy data
studies chase small effects hidden in ~

activity / analysis, interpretation & explanation / obstacles & impedance / worth & lack of worth: sound

nomad (person)

nomads of the agriculture world
beekeepers are the ~ (lots of travel)

railroad nomads

"shantytown," a word evoking ~...

Greyhound nomads
they arrived as ~ (Somali refugees in Lewiston)

techno nomad
he was a ~, moving from country to country (J. Assange)

academic nomad
she's become an ~ (adjunct professor)

digital nomad
they have embraced a ~ lifestyle (travel everywhere)

become an academic nomad
she's ~ (adjunct professor)

♦ "In their eyes man was a born migrant, settlement the perversion of degenerates, and cutting the soil to grow crops, murder." (Chinese nomads. From "Heavenly Horses" in *What Am I Doing Here* by Bruce Chatwin.)

♦ "No one but a slave would agree to live behind walls or under a mud roof..." (*Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / person: journeys & trips

nomadic (adjective)

nomadic life
he lives a ~ drifting from town to town (Jack Reacher)

comparison & contrast: affix

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: journeys & trips

no man's land (people)

No Man's Land
early cartographers called it ~

no man's land
the reserve is a vast, jungly ~ (rain forest)
the desert was not a ~ (archaeology)
the piers became a ~, blocked off by highways

no-man's sea
all through these years the Pacific had remained a ~

no-man's-land or twilight zone
the ~ between permitted or forbidden (Amos Oz)

isolation & remoteness: map / journeys & trips

no man's land (regulatory, etc.)

no-man's-land for police jurisdictions
St. Francis is a ~ (the Rosebud Reservation)

bureaucratic no man's land
he found himself in a ~ amid 3 agencies

regulatory no man's land
oil-exploration waste falls into a ~

regulatory no-man's-land
Theranos continued to operate in a ~ (the company)

control & lack of control: military

no man's land (danger)

no-man's-land

murders and kidnappings make the district a ~

no-man's land

it was hotly disputed land, ~... (between tribes)

♦ "Nobody's going to help you, you're in no-man's-land." (Outpost Restrepo, Korangal Valley, Afghanistan.)

♦ "But by far the most terrible feature of the present war is the fact that in so many cases it is impossible to bring timely help to the wounded. The trenches face each other at very short distances. An attack is delivered, and a mass of wounded fall on the unsheltered space between the trenches. When the struggle is over this space is carefully watched, and the slightest movement brings a volley from rifles or machine guns. / At night only, when favored by darkness, some of the wounded may be able to crawl back to their trenches. It is a cruel fact that aid reaches the wounded very late, if at all. That accounts chiefly for the high death rate." ("DEATH RATE ABOVE CRIMEAN / Due to Delay In Reaching the Wounded, Says London Lancet / Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES. / LONDON, Saturday, July 17," *The New York Times*, July 17, 1915.)

control & lack of control: military

area / danger / environment: military

nomics

see *enomics* (and *nomics*)

non-person

literary non-person

he has become a ~ (disgraced French author)

acceptance & rejection: person / society

person: society

noon (high noon)

high noon for Darwin's theory

it was ~ (1860 Oxford debate)

high-noon deadline

this ~ meant having to choose between sleep, food and work

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day / film & TV / sun

fate, fortune & chance: day / film & TV / sun

noose (fate)

noose

the ~ is tightening (manhunt)

the ~ is tightening around him (a dictator)

noose around Baghdad

we're tightening the ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

noose around my neck

for six months the media had a ~ (Van Gaal at Man U)

global financial noose

the ~ is tightening around Iran (sanctions)

legal noose

the newspaper is putting its head in a ~ (libel)

noose is tightening

the ~ (manhunt)

pull the noose round Hacken's neck

he himself had helped to ~ (Krymov / *Life and Fate*)

putting its head in a (legal) noose

the newspaper is ~ (libel)

tightening the noose

we're ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

they are ~ but we will fight to the end (protesters)

♦ "Methodically Siilasvuo tightened the noose on Suomussalmi..."

♦ "He's already tied the noose, now let's let him hang himself." (A retired detective about Duane Keith Davis, AKA Keefe D., the only surviving suspect in the death of the rapper Tupac Shakur. See YouTube Keefe D—Full Interview, UrbanCityTV.)

♦ Go hang yourself!

fate, fortune & chance: death & life

destruction: death & life

norm (groups)

norm

when you do nothing, that allows the ~ to persist (racism)

gendered norms

~ still shape the workplace

transgressing against society's norms

undermine society by ~ (ONA / O9A)

♦ "Many O9A members openly view rape as an effective way to undermine society by transgressing against its norms." (Wikipedia entry "Order of Nine Angles.")

♦ "It should not only be allowed to happen when there's a trend, it should be the norm." (Maimouna Youssef about the Grammy's new Special Merit Award for "Best Song for Social change.")

♦ "We have dissolved social norms and expectations of what is normal and acceptable." (An online commenter, about a school shooting carried out by a transsexual woman in Memphis.)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

normal (as noun)

the normal

more signs of ~ we once knew (COVID restrictions lift)

a little bit of normal

it's ~ (cider mill is open during pandemic)

normal returns

what life might look like when ~ (Mary Louise Kelly)

♦ "We've seen a lot of normal." (NPR's Eyder Peralta reporting from Haiti.)

society: part of speech

normal (new normal)

new norm

blaming others has become the ~ (U.S. society)

new normal

shrinking coastlines will be the ~ for centuries to come

welcome new normal

the new chastity is not an entirely ~ (films)

new normal look like

what will the ~ (post-COVID-19)

♦ "Simply put, normalization is becoming the new normal in this region." (Secretary of State Antony Blinken about the Abraham Accords.)

♦ *The New Abnormal*. (A podcast.)

♦ "Our next normal: Resilience building and Future-Ready ELT." (CamTESOL. This is the organization in Cambodia.)

society: part of speech

normal (groups)

normal part

some researchers see sexting as a ~ of teens' awakening

normal shape

private areas do not have a so called ~ (labiaplasty)

♦ "But some researchers see sexting as a normal part of a teenagers sexual awakening." ("Teen Sexting Not So Bad?" by Tell Me More Staff, NPR, Tell Me More, April 15, 2014. Anonymous writers.)

♦ "[F]or me this is just two lads kissing, fully clothed, what could be more normal than that? If you don't like the picture, you're not going to like the book." (Douglas Stuart about the cover of his second novel *Young Mungo*. From "Douglas Stuart: Booker Prize-winning author 'feels like an impostor,'" by Rebecca Jones, April 14, 2022.)

♦ "Bakhtiari said that too often stories like theirs will come out 'in a scandal.' / 'But we're openly showing it and proud of it,' Bakhtiari, 34, said during a video interview, as Brown and Al-Khayyal sat on either side. 'It should be destigmatized. It's a very valid familial structure that people should embrace.'" ("Georgia lawmaker comes out as nonmonogamous: 'I'm in love with two wonderful people'" by Jo Yurcaba, NBC, Sept. 28, 2022. Yurcaba's story reads like fiction and is the urtext for these sorts of things.)

♦ "Mountain Bike World Championships 2022: 'Young female athletes need to know what's normal and what's not—Evie Richards" by Evie Richards, BBC, 24 August 2022. An important contribution to a problem that just keeps growing and growing and is getting worse and worse.)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

normalcy (groups)

body normalcy

she wants to be an example of ~ (Natalie Mariduena)

♦ "'Body Normalcy' is a large contributor to the unhealthy state of Americans of box sexes today. Fat (sorry if you are triggered by the word) is not healthy unless you are a walrus."

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

normalization (groups)

normalization of homosexuality

conservatives saw this as ~ (*Perfect Strangers* / Egypt)

normalization of other types of unions

the ~ like plural marriage

♦ The callousness of shooting into a crowd outside a cinema, shooting at young women, the normalization—never mind the ramping up by social media—all of that makes me alarmed and worried." ("Violent Killings Are On The Rise In London" by Joanna Kakissis, April 6, 2018.)

♦ "The normalization of the abnormal..."

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

normalize (groups)

normalize antisemitism

we can't let Hamas sympathizers ~ in America

normalizes anti-Semitism

Twitter ~ (the Anti-Defamation League)

normalizes behavior

it ~ (MTV's *Skins* / teen sex, drug use and nudity)

normalize bloating

fans thanked the influence for her efforts to ~

normalize deaf people

you've got to ~ on TV (deaf activist Raven Sutton)

normalize stuff like this

it's important to ~ (Dr. Craig Canapari / bed-sharing)

normalized same-sex unions

corporations basically ~ (through employee benefits, etc.)

normalizing violence

we're ~ against Black bodies once again (a brawl)

normalize women

comedy should just ~, you know, in whatever size...

normalize but popularize

disturbing to see @nbcnl not just ~ #antisemitism

♦ "Harris' attorneys had sought a six-year sentence, followed by eight years of supervised release, arguing in court documents filed last month that he is 'both victimizer and victim' after being assaulted as a minor. 'The trauma he experienced as a child normalized his skewed version of what he understood to be appropriate relationships,' his attorneys said." ("Former 'Cheer' star Jerry Harris sentenced to 12 years in Prison for sex crimes," by Meredith Deliso, ABC News, July 06, 2022. Crimes against boys.)

♦ "The show follows a group of teenagers as they navigate sex, life, sex, school, sex, relationships and sex. There is partying, there's drug use, and there's nudity. It's definitely not *Father Knows Best*." ("MTV's *Skins* Has Parents On Edge," Michel Martin, NPR, Heard on Tell Me More, February 8, 2011.)

♦ "Heather has a BS in Psychology and an MS in Criminal Forensic Studies. She aims to use her gifts, talents, experiences, education, and authentic self to help others feel empowered to live as their authentic selves. She wants to normalize mental health struggles and addiction, and let people know that they are not alone. There is help and support just around the corner." (An advertising circular at a public library.)

♦ "If we could claim marriage, we would be claiming an engine of transformation, a vocabulary of shared values—love, commitment, family, inclusion, dignity, respect—that would help non-gay people better understand who gay people really are, and allow us to share equally, not only in marriage, but in everything." ("Radically Normal: How Gay Rights Activists Changed The Minds Of Their Opponents," NPR, Hidden Brain (with Shankar Vedantam), April 8, 2019. Many gays at the time denigrated the tradition of marriage.)

♦ "Love is Love." (A slogan from the "Freedom to Marry" Campaign.)

♦ "Gay pop stars can be—and have been—subversive about slipping in references that change our language and thoughts about gay sex. The more that happens, the less likely people feel uncomfortable hearing about it." (Culture journalist Brennan Carley on BBC Culture.)

♦ "The problem we have now is normalising mental illness."

♦ "Thank you for sharing this. We really need to normalize bloating because why do I always feel the need to hide it?"

♦ "Normalize the bulge. We are normalizing the bulge. Women can have bulges and that's okay..." (Trans rights activist and social media influencer Dylan Mulvaney, "Day 74 of girlhood.")

♦ "Her book, *It's Perfectly Normal*, shows naked people in cheerful cartoons." (NPR's Neda Ulaby about the children's book author Robie Harris.)

♦ See Wikipedia's entry "Overton Window." Essentially, social media has opened the Overton Window to... Well, anything and everything.

♦ "Normalize" often appears with "moral panic." They are self-supporting.

♦ "We have been able to push the Overton Window on AGI." (OpenAI's Sam Altman.)

♦ "Once we make excuses for them, we normalize their behavior."

*** analysis

♦ NORMALIZE, v. What I wish were normal, and you don't. And vice versa. (A dictionary definition of "normalize" in the spirit of *The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ see also *stigmatize (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection / epistemology / verb

normalized (groups)

normalized discourse

help us create a ~ around our family life (bisexual / kids)

normalized and invisible

sexual violence is ~ in our society (Irene Montero / Spain)

how normalized

~ had that attitude become (anti-Trump bias at NPR)

"ingrained" and "completely normalised"

abuse in gymnastics training became ~ (Whyte Review)

became (almost) normalized

the crimes ~ (Navy bribery case involving admirals)

became (completely) normalised

abusive training ~ (child abuse / Whyte Review)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

normalizing (groups)

normalizing mental health issues

Ari Leff is at the forefront of ~ (Lauv)

normalizing antisemitic tropes

social media has been instrumental in ~

normalizing (same-sex) sex pleasure, lust and kink

his songs hold power by ~ (Lil Nas X)

reclaiming—and normalizing—

~ the word 'fat'

♦ "Sole-Smith says parents can combat American diet culture by reclaiming—and normalizing—the word 'fat.'" ("Diet culture can hurt kids. This author advises parent to reclaim the word 'fat,'" NPR, Fresh Air, April 25, 2023.)

♦ "It does feel great to be a part of normalizing representation." ("Fans cheer as Velma is shown crushing on a woman in the new Scooby-Doo movie" by Halisia Hubbard, NPR, Movies, October 5, 2022.)

♦ "Lil Nas X is the boundary-smashing pop revolutionary of 2021" by Jason King, NPR, Music, December 28, 2021.

*** analysis

♦ "We have to stop normalizing the absurd."

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

normative (groups)

normative bounds

people who are outside of ~ of gender

normative ideas

~ of masculinity and manhood (vs. Blackqueerness)

normative pressure

freedom from dulling and hypocritical ~ (queer punk)

normative society

she aimed to corrupt and unsettle the habits of ~ (artist)

hetero-normative

this ~ idea of marriage

neuronormative

what is now called ~ (based on *heteronormative*)

♦ *Throbbing Gristle*; *Psychic TV*; industrial and acid house genres; avant-garde; social provocateur; destruction as a means to creation; "they" pronoun; modified their own body; gender transition; pornographic photos; used tampons, syringes and bottled blood; William S. Burroughs; occult philosophies; "Slug Bait"; "a home intruder who castrates a husband and then eats the fetus from his pregnant wife's lacerated abdomen"; a thin, androgynous voice; shrieks; taboo; mutilation; disease; suicide; rape; darkness; toxic; the horrors of life under post-industrial capitalism; spiritual resistance to systemic oppression; the ritualistic body modification subculture; extensively pierced and tattooed; risky self-harm... ("Genesis Breyer P-Orridge, Provocateur and Industrial Co-Creator, Dead At 70" by Sasha Geffen, NPR, Music News, March 15, 2020. Some form of tribute.)

♦ "Neurodivergent" is a non-medical term. A medical condition isn't required to have neurodivergence, nor does neurodivergence mean that a person has a medical condition.

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

normativity (groups)

historical normativity

they/we are questioning all forms of ~

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

north (numbers)

north of 70

death toll will be ~ (ABC / Kentucky tornadoes)

north of \$50 million

he has invested ~ to build...

north of minus fifteen to twenty percent

we're looking at negative GDP growth that's ~

♦ "The selling price is 'in the region' of \$200m..." (The luxury art market.)

♦ See *direction (symbol)* for quotations about the cardinal directions as metaphors.

direction: numbers

North Korea (epithet)

North Korea of Africa

Eritrea is often described as the ~

North Korea of Europe

he is turning my country into the ~ (S. Tsikhanouskaya)

Africa's North Korea

why Eritrea is called ~ (*The Economist* magazine)

♦ *The Economist* has a wonderful article entitled "Why Eritrea is called Africa's North Korea" (August 14th 2018). It is wonderful because it starts out with how Eritrea is NOT like North Korea.

♦ Korea is often referred to as the Hermit Kingdom. But it has also been referred to as The Land of the Morning Calm.

isolation & remoteness: epithet

Norway (the Norway of Arabia, etc.)

Norway of Arabia

Musandam's nickname, 'the ~,' derives from its coastline

geography: epithet

nose (shape)

Nose

a popular routes is "The ~" (rock climbing)

shape: nose

nose (Devil's Nose, etc.)

Nose

the ~ is a peak in Alberta, Canada

Devil's Nose

the ~ section of the Mokelumne (a river)

Gladstone's Nose

~ is a rock in the Western Cape, South Africa

Alligator Nose

~ is a point in Honduras

Dolphins Nose

the ~ is a point in Andhra Pradesh, India

the ~ is a headland (Myanmar)

proper name: nose

nose (orientation)

nose of the plane

pulled back on the stick to get the ~ up

deck, tail, nose, rails and wheels

a skateboard has a ~

orientation: animal / direction / nose

nose (under somebody's nose)

everybody's nose

this is going on right under ~ (child abuse)

under the nose of censors

a secret shelf of banned books thrives in a Texas school, ~

under the noses of the security forces

they set up cells right ~

♦ "In Texas, where hundreds of school book bans have been reported, some teachers and students have been building underground libraries." ("A secret shelf of banned books thrives in a Texas school, under the nose of censors," Neda Ulaby, NPR, Morning Edition, February 21, 2024.)

consciousness & awareness: nose / proximity

nose (ability)

nose for it

he has a great ~... (talent for basketball)

ability & lack of ability: nose

nose (bloody nose, etc.)

bloody nose

the dream of giving Germany a ~ (Greek soccer)

"bloody nose" attacks

risk of brinkmanship and talk of ~ (diplomacy)

"bloody nose" option

a limited, pre-emptive military strike, the so-called ~

"bloody nose" theory

they call it the ~ (military force with diplomacy)

got a bloody nose

he had a rough hearing, he really ~ (confirmation hearing)

suffered (something of) a bloody nose

they've ~ in the past couple of days (armed clashes)

♦ "Obviously we have a bloody nose this morning, but we are not down for the count. We will continue to stand up and fight this risky route." (Jane Kleeb, an opponent of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, after a legal defeat.)

♦ "He deserved a bloody nose, but we gave him a slap on the wrist." (A pundit speaking about the Ayatollah of Iran, about retaliatory air strikes for the deaths of three U.S. soldiers.)

coercion & motivation / punishment & recrimination: blood / nose / sign, signal, symbol / violence

nose (thumb one's nose)

thumbing their noses at almost everything

rare men were ~ that passed for knowledge (Renaissance)

thumbed his nose at the (US) government

he has ~ (laws)

thumbing their nose at the rules

people are ~ (leash law for dogs)

thumb its nose at the US

Russia is putting him up to ~ (Edward Snowden)

♦ "Do you bite your thumb at us, sir?" / "No, sir, I do not bite my thumb at you sir, but I bite my thumb, sir." (Abraham vs. Sampson in *Romeo and Juliet*.)

insult: gesture / nose / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: gesture / nose / verb

nose (attention)

get your nose out of your computer

~ and spend more time with...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: nose

nose (look down one's nose)

looks down its nose

satire generally ~ at its subject

admiration & contempt: direction / eye / gesture / height / nose

nose (hold one's nose)

held its nose

the palace has ~, refusing to comment... (scandal)

held their noses
voters who ~ and voted for him (lesser of two evils)

eagerness & reluctance: gesture / nose / smell

nosedive (verb / decrease)

temperature will nosedive
the ~ by this weekend

increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / number / plane / verb

nosedive (verb / decline)

nosedived
relations (with North Korea) have ~

nose-dived from A's to (straight) D's
her grades ~

decline: direction / flying & falling / plane / verb

nosedive (noun / decrease)

taken a nosedive
the temperatures have ~

increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / number / plane

nosedive (noun / decline)

nosedive
his career took a ~ because of questionable integrity

takes a nosedive
tourism ~ in Crimea

took a nosedive
sales ~ (fashion during the pandemic)

decline: direction / flying & falling / plane

nostrum (noun)

vague nostrums
they give voters promises and ~ (politicians)

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

not (sarcasm)

your kids will thank you...not
well done mate ~... (sarcasm)

that's a really funny joke – not
two and half years – now ~ (sarcasm at a light sentence)

How proud their parents must be. Not
~ (high-school basketball player and brother beat coach)

Gotta love those 2nd Amendment rights. NOT!!
~ (online commenter after yet another mass shooting)

my heart bleeds for them, NOT!!!!
~ (Pepe and Ronaldo at the Qatar FIFA World Cup)

Statement win not

- (Anthony Joshua knocks out Francis Ngannou)

That's why it's funny. Or not.

~ (Youth Lobby, a grassroots coalition of young people)

♦ "Nothing is more lovely than [sic] to wake up on a Tuesday morning (Not) with TMZ calling you saying Chris Rock made a horrible 'joke' about..."

♦ Defundbbc: "Well at least Liverpool won something today. Gapeo won dive of the year. Awful fans, awful team awful manager." / chelseakev (to Defundbbc); "Other than that they are ok lol NOT (Soccer snark on a BBC HYS.)"

♦ "Build A Toothbrush, Change The World. Or Not" by Joe Palca, NPR, Morning Edition, August 27, 2014.)

language: sarcasm

comparison & contrast: negation

not (so not / sarcasm)

so not
big help you're ~ (British)

so not like what
that is ~ slavery is... (Terry Gross heaps scorn)

so not normal
we are ~ at all (author talking about her family)

so not realistic
this is ~...

language: sarcasm

comparison & contrast: negation

not (not so much / sarcasm)

not so much
fans are ecstatic, residents of the neighborhood ~ (a film)
the Croatians enjoyed the first half, the Brazilians maybe ~
he played great this season, but on Sunday, ~

♦ "Time was the City of London was a byword for financial might, security, and stability. Today, perhaps, not so much. (BBC Global News Podcast about the Square Mile.)"

♦ "I think [the Croatians] enjoyed that first half. The thousands of Brazil fans, maybe not so much. (The Qatar World Cup. Croatia won on penalties.)"

language: sarcasm

comparison & contrast: negation

not (not in a good way)

not (super) good way
it has an albatross hanging over its neck in a ~

not in a fun way
they were trying to kill me, and ~ (stupid film dialogue)

not in a good way
and critics say, ~...

♦ "It has the albatross of the original hanging over its neck in a not super good way." (NPR's Andrew Limbong.)

♦ "There's never been a season quite like this one for the Patriots and I do not say that in a good way." (A female sports commentator, about the NFL football team.)

language: judgment

not (not Churchill, etc.)

not Churchill

this is ~, not even Al Gore (Kamala Harris' word salads)

Not The Magical Negro Mammy

"Beyonce Is ~" by Denene Millner, NPR)

not the New York Times

we are ~ (an official of the Wall Street Journal)

♦ "I'm not Reichenau!" (General Von Paulus at Stalingrad. He was Reichenau's protégé.)

♦ "Beyonce Is Not The Magical Negro Mammy" by Denene Millner, NPR, Opinion, Code Switch, February 15, 2017.)

♦ "We are not the *New York Times*." (Said by an official of the *Wall Street Journal*.)

♦ "He's not the comeback kid, he's Lazarus." (Said about a politician.)

♦ "It's not a sexy job per se, right? It's not a job that is chill..." (Jessica Malaty Rivera's breezy contempo-speak assessment of the legacy of "the elderly" Dr. Anthony Fauci—a true hero of public health—on NPR.)

♦ "Self-examination is not his superpower."

♦ "This wasn't just a win, it was a demolition." (A boxing match.)

♦ *The Economist* has a wonderful article entitled "Why Eritrea is called Africa's North Korea" (August 14th 2018). It is wonderful because it starts out with how Eritrea is NOT like North Korea.

♦ "A tiny pink peanut is not a white rhinoceros. Nor is it a green turtle or a Bengal tiger. But..." (The Lost Ancestral Peanut Of The South Is Revived" by Jill Neimark, NPR, The Salt, December 29, 2016.)

♦ "As usual, one can define his position more easily if one starts by deciding what he was not." (George Orwell. Politics and political labels.)

♦ see also *no* (*no Jack Kennedy, etc.*)

identity & nature: allusion

comparison & contrast: negation

not (not happy, not good, not OK, etc.)

not alive

she found he was ~ (park ranger / car crash)

not friendly

Cu Chi was ~

Azerbaijan and Armenia are ~ neighbors

not good

it's extremely ~ (heard on NPR)

not great

it was ~

not happy

it's definitely ~ (murder house to be torn down)

not OK

when is that ~ (see quote below)

I need you to understand that this is ~ (AOC vs. radicals)

not wrong

it's ~ for students to be worried (book banning)

he is ~ (NPR's Uri Berliner and his criticism)

you're ~, but... (same shit, different day)

not true

everything he is saying is ~ ("isn't true")

not here

the normality is ~ anymore (Uvalde school shooting)

definitely not

it's ~ happy (murder house to be torn down)

extremely not

it's ~ good

my grandmother is ~ boring

media for kids that is ~ for me (Kathryn VanArendonk)

so not

it's ~ enough (minimum wage)

♦ "The early nineteenth century was not a good time to be a child." (Great Britain. Versus, "The early nineteenth century was a bad time to be a child.")

♦ "Comedians may exaggerate for a punchline. When is that not OK?" with Leila Fadel, NPR, Morning Edition, Sept 22, 2023. Versus, "When is that wrong?"

♦ "There are snowdrifts, we call them 'pies.' The small ones are ok, but the big ones are dangerous. I drove into one yesterday. It was not great." (Roman Kopylov, an ice yachting enthusiast, speaking on Lake Baikal.)

♦ "Company A continued sweep operations that morning. Snipers pinged at us, and we encountered mines and more tunnels. Cu Chi was not friendly." (*Last Man Out: A Personal Account Of The Vietnam War* by James E. Parker Jr.)

*** **analysis**

♦ See the definition for "litotes" (LIE-tuh-tease) at Merriam-Webster. It is defined as "understatement in which an affirmative is expressed by the negative of the contrary" and examples include: "not a bad singer (= a good singer)," "not unhappy (= happy)," "not bad! (= good)" and "no mean feat (= quite a feat)."

♦ Chapter 20: How Metaphor Can Give Meaning to Form. "Closeness Is Strength of Effect." "Karl Zimmer (personal communication) has observed that the same principle governs differences like 'Harry is not happy versus Harry is unhappy.'" (From *Metaphors We Live By* by George Lakoff And Mark Johnson. 2003.)

♦ see also *no* (*no Jack Kennedy, etc.*)

comparison & contrast: negation

not (not not, not un-, never not, etc.)

*** **noun**

not not a first-tier team

we are ~ and you can't say we are (Nicki Colleen)

*** **adjective**

I am not not sympathetic

~ to you, but...

*** **verb**

I'm (also) not not saying it

but ~ (that it's about the elections)

do not not believe

I do not believe it, but I ~ it either (myth, cosmos)

do not not know

what we know, or ~ (about physics)

can not not fall asleep

you ~

can't not know

he ~ how policy decisions will affect his businesses...

once you know a thing, you ~ it, ever again...

could not not notice

you ~ the bodies popping up (a series of murders)
 could not not tap your toe
 you ~ (folk music)
 couldn't not write their report
 what else could they do, the ~...
 have to not not be scared
 you just ~ of living...
***** with "never"**
 can never unsee
 I ~ this (male equestrian in mankini on horseback)
 will never not be
 it ~ brilliantly shocking (a film)
 have never not been
 we ~ leaders in the hip-hop world (women)
 I am never not going to feel
 ~ rage about what happened
***** with "nowhere"**
 didn't come out of nowhere
 the diversity push ~ (Google's woke image generator)
***** with "not as if"**
 not as if finding spouses hasn't
 it's ~ been a fixation of anxious parents forever...
***** with "not -no," "not un-," "not -im," etc.**
 not impossible
 it's unlikely, but ~, to...
 it may be hard, but ~, to prove...
 coordination with Iran is ~ (US military / 2014)
 not uncommon
 it was ~ for them to...
 I do know that it was ~ for...
 not nothing
 making \$250,000 is ~ (a creator on X)
***** miscellaneous**
 not sure that I wouldn't
 I am ~ want to see her again (wants to see her again)
 not that we're not
 it's ~ friends, I just haven't spoken to him...
 No Nonsense
 Commonsense, ~ (opinion / *The New York Post*)
 invisible until it's not
 character is ~ (joined marines after 9/11)
 cannot (possibly) be unaware
 you ~ that periodical cicadas are out, because...
 no sense not
 it makes ~ to protect him...
 nobody said yes
 ~...

everybody can't do that
 ~ (versus "not everybody can do that")
 ♦ "And, watching Colman and Buckley scream hilarious profanities and wickedly scandalous lines at each other will never not be brilliantly shocking." ("Wicked Little Letters: Olivia Colman on why abusive notes were original trolling" by Yasmin Rufo, BBC, Feb. 22, 2024.)
 ♦ "You cannot possibly be unaware that periodical cicadas are out, because..." (John Cooley, a cicada expert at UConn. Umm, actually, I had no idea...Honestly, I haven't see a one, yet. But I'm on the lookout!)
 ♦ "Are you only with him because he's native?" / "And I guess the answer is that it's not not because he's Native. You know?" (Gloss: Okay, it's because he's native (concession). But It's *also* because of the pedigree of our children, or "blood quantum.")
 ♦ "Not not did they make our heads look like mushrooms, but they also cost more." (Equestrian hats. Gloss: Not only did they make...)
 ♦ "always be" = "never not be"
 ♦ "I think that you just have to keep going and not not be scared of living (= be scared of living)." / "You can't not fall asleep (= you will fall asleep)." / "It's not not a little scary (=it is scary)." / "I am not not sympathetic to you, but..." / "I am not not unhappy that he failed (= happy he failed)." / "It became clear to us that we could not not talk about it anymore." / "I am not not unaware that..." (Not + not + un- is interesting and requires analysis I'm not able to give.)
 ♦ Watch "YouTube The Grammar of Double Negatives, Francis Blanchette TEDxPSU." Talk about ruining a funny cartoon!
***** analysis**
 ♦ Is the affirmative changing to double negative? If so, why?
 ♦ "Professor leads NSF-funded study of double negative use among American dialects" by Josh McAuliffe, psu.edu, September 21, 2023. "Blanchette and three fellow researchers recently received a \$384,272 National Science Foundation collaborative research grant to fund their study, 'A Microcomparative Study of Negation in Dialectal Variation,' a continuation of Blanchette's longtime research on linguistic diversity among American English dialects."
 ♦ "[B]anal statements are given an appearance of profundity by means of the *not un-* formation...[3] One can cure oneself of the *not un-* formation by memorizing this sentence: *A not unblack dog was chasing a not unsmall rabbit across a not ungreen field.*" ("Politics And The English Language" by George Orwell, Horizon, April 1946.)
contempo-speak: language
notch (verb)
 notched 10,000 new coronavirus cases
 New York State ~ between...
attainment: number / verb
notch (take something up a notch)
 kicks the intensity up a notch
 each verse ~ (a rap song)
 kick it up a notch
 if you want to ~, try... (an exercise program)
 ratcheted things up a notch
 he has ~ (political rhetoric)
 step it up a notch
 and then, to sort of ~, he invited... (promotion)
increase & decrease: direction / verb
note (compare notes)
 compared notes about Iraq
 the soldiers ~ (in hospital ward)

knowledge & intelligence: school & education

note (on a note)

on a confident note

Republicans ended their convention ~

on a high note

at least I finished ~ (learning a job)

ended (their convention) on a confident note

Republicans ~

finished on a high note

at least I ~ (learning a job)

leave on a high note

he wanted to ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

note (right note)

struck (all) the right notes

the words he spoke ~ (a conciliatory politician)

♦ "It hits every note right for me." (Praise for a film.)

flaws & lack of flaws: music / speech

note (note of caution, etc.)

note of caution

he sounded a ~ over encouraging...

note of confidence

he is injecting a new ~ into the Nato campaign

note of fear

in his voice I detected a ~ (dangerous weather)

cautious note

he sounded a ~ at the meeting

defiant note

the Iraqi information minister sounded a ~

different note

he sounded a ~ (on a public-health issue)

hopeful note

striking the same ~, the girl's aunt... (abducted girl)

new note

he is injecting a ~ of confidence into the Nato campaign

optimistic note

he struck an ~

upbeat note

he sounded an ~ at the end of his fact-finding trip

detected a note

in his voice I ~ of fear (dangerous weather)

injecting a (new) note

he is ~ of confidence into the Nato campaign

sounded a note

he ~ of caution over encouraging...

struck (all) the right notes

the words he spoke ~ (a conciliatory politician)

feeling, emotion & effect: music / sound

note (one note)

one-note character

in the original script he was a ~ (*Do the Right Thing*)

complexity: sound / music

nothing-burger

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they claim the meeting was a ~ (political scandal)

biggest nothing-burger ever

she called it the ~ (political scandal)

big, fat nothingburger

is the memo a damning expose or a ~ (politics)

♦ For information about this word, see "Nothingburger": From 1950s Hollywood to the White House" by Ben Zimmer, *Wall Street Journal*, March 9, 2017.)

♦ see also *there* (*there is no there there, etc.*)

♦ see also the entry in this dictionary for *funny language*

importance & significance: food & drink

substance & lack of substance: food & drink

language: cliché

noun plus adjective

attracted

a minor~~ person (a pedophile / ChatGPT)

involved

a justice~~ person

adjacent

see *adjacent* (*pop-adjacent, etc.*)

attributable

he calls the deaths jail~~ (Homer Venters)

averse

Heather is shy and conflict ~

yearning for romance with a marriage~~ partner

cautious

"very liberal," the most COVID~~ political demographic

curious

see *curious* (*bi-curious, etc.*)

friendly

see *friendly* (*queer-friendly, etc.*)

reluctant

the vaccine ~ (Covid)

♦ "Early in his tenure on Rickers Island, Venters realized that for many of the people dying in jail, the primary cause of death was the jail itself. To document these deaths—what he calls an 'epidemiology of brutality'—Venters and his team created a statistical category that no one had thought (or dared) to track before: 'jail-attributable deaths.'" ("Jail-Attributable Death" by Matt Watkins, *New Thinking from the Center for Court Innovation*, September 2019.)

language: prep, adv, adj, particle

nourished

nourished by the media
sports are ~

growth & development: baby / plant

nowhere (go nowhere, etc.)

getting nowhere
we are ~ fast

go nowhere
they said their claims seemed to ~ (sexual abuse)

go-nowhere
he took a series of ~ jobs

going nowhere
the peace process is ~ anyway
negotiations are ~ (politics)

get anywhere
if you're worried about the outcome, you don't ~ (sports)

went nowhere
the peace plan ~

direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb
progress & lack of progress / success & failure: direction /
journeys & trips / movement / verb

nowhere (come out of nowhere, etc.)

out of nowhere
he had himself a career day ~ (football)

came out of nowhere
the team ~ (winning in the NCAA tournament)
Edwards' finish of Usman ~ (head-kick / UFC 278)

come out of nowhere
he had ~, now he's all over Radio One (Headie One)

♦ "A devastating day for all @ManUtd supporters and the club but it didn't come out of nowhere. It was not a surprise." (Bastian Schweinsteiger, about Liverpool 5 Manchester United 0.)

appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky

noxious (adjective)

noxious (online) behaviors
stalking and bullying are ~ (Internet)

noxious law
we need to repeal this ~

noxious tide
we need to stem the ~ of ideologically-driven rhetoric

noxious (racial) views
this book connects his ~ to his foreign policy

bigoted and noxious
the film is ~

♦ Literally, this word tends to collocate with fumes, chemicals and smoke. In other word, bad smells.

corruption: smell
feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances / smell
nudge (verb)

nudged
he never judged, you know he just ~ (a pastor)

nudged him to change
his coach ~ his morning routine

nudged me into (just) getting
he gently ~ it over with

nudge people towards new behavior
little gestures, like the advertisements, meant to ~

nudged America's allies
they have ~ to patch up their differences (diplomacy)

♦ "Cuomo strong-armed rather than cajoled; he used intimidation rather than seduction to get his way." ("New York After Cuomo" by Michael Greenberg, *The New York Review*, October 7, 2021.)

♦ Cajole, compel, force, make, mandate, make mandatory, mandate, nudge, persuade, require... (Language used by vaccine advocates about the vaccine reluctant. Words with like meaning include: "intimidate," "strong-arm," and "seduce.")

♦ "Sen. Hillary Clinton said America must use 'smart power'—which includes diplomatic, economic, military, political, legal and cultural tools."

♦ "Get them by their balls and their hearts and minds will follow." (A saying popular among combat soldiers during the Vietnam War who were cynical about US government campaigns to "win the hearts and minds" of the Vietnamese people. In Vietnam the Vietnam War is known as the American War.)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry for "Applied behavior analysis."

coercion & motivation: arm / gesture / verb
force: arm / gesture / verb

nudge (noun)

nudge behaviours
the ICO is targeting ~ (Snapchat streaks, "likes," etc.)

nudge technique
but does the "~" really work (Japan / blue lights / suicide)
~s are a way of influencing behaviour
we must put an end to so-called "~s" (kids / social media)
~s encourage children to make bad choices (social media)

nudge up
"the ~," "You have to do this," helps people get over that little barrier (COVID vaccinations)

behavioral nudge
the mask acts as a ~ to people for better hygiene (COVID)

Inclusion Nudges
she is the co-author of the ~ *Guidebook*

smart nudge
lotteries are a '~' to improve vaccination rates (COVID)

get nudges
you ~ that remind you... (Gmail)

give the stragglers a nudge
the Delta variant offered a chance to ~ (vaccination)

takes a (gentle) nudge

sometimes it ~ to get the ball rolling

♦ **Cajole, compel, force, make, mandate, make mandatory, nudge, persuade, require...** (Language used by vaccine advocates about the vaccine reluctant. Other words with similar meaning would include "intimidate," "strong-arm," and "seduce.")

♦ "Is there anything the United States can do to cajole, persuade, or threaten the Gulf States to take a different approach? (Heard on NPR. As though the Gulf States were refractory toddlers.)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry for "Applied behavior analysis."

coercion & motivation: arm / gesture

force: arm / gesture

nudge (communication)

nudge nudge

you got it, wink wink nudge nudge

wink, wink, nudge, nudge

Son of Samson was a 'wink' to gay audiences (1960 film)

♦ **maryann 03:** From CA: Welcome. I highly (wink wink nudge nudge) recommend online ordering and home delivery. Always tip your delivery person. They are your friend. (An ABC "Join the Discussion" comment on "New York legalizes recreational marijuana...")

♦ "PEN15, write out the title, you'll get it, has begun its second season on Hulu..." (A well-briefed Scott Simon of NPR. This is an example of leetspeak.)

♦ "There's no doubt *Son of Sampson* was a heavy 'wink, wink, nudge, nudge' to gay audiences in the still heavily closeted early 1960s." (The 1960 film.)

fictive communication / subterfuge: eye / gesture

nudged

nudged aside

he is being ~ (a politician)

nudged down

life expectancy was ~ again by a surge in overdoses

nudged out

play has been ~ of many schools

nudged into committing

whether he was pushed or jumped or was ~ suicide...

nudged towards keeping

the consumer is ~ their membership (online unsubscribing)

coercion & motivation: arm / gesture

force: arm / gesture

nugget (noun)

nuggets about what

the trial could offer a few more ~ Wikileaks planned...

seven nuggets

here are ~ we learned from the interview

key nugget

the ~ was when he said...

science nuggets

follow Maddie and Rebecca on Twitter for more ~

extract (vital) nuggets

trying to ~ of truth from vast mountains of falsehood

♦ "But one must know how to find the nuggets."

amount / worth & lack of worth: mining

numb (adjective)

numb with grief

she and others who knew her best felt ~ (murdered)

became numb

he ~ to even the most gruesome scenes (a marine)

♦ "I had like basically no emotions, I was just like numb, all I wanted to do was like lay in my bed." (A 16-year-old diagnosed with anorexia.)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

consciousness & awareness: sensation

number (number is up, etc.)

number came up

my ~ (blown up by a landmine)

fate, fortune & chance: number

numbered (days are numbered, etc.)

numbered

Mubarak's days are ~

fate, fortune & chance: number

nursemaid (help)

nursemaid to the bill

she played ~, shepherding it through

♦ "I ain't got time to play nursemaid to all you people." (The military.)

help & assistance: baby / person

nursery (noun)

stellar nursery

~s where stars are born

it's a ~ (Carina Nebula)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

creation & transformation: farming & agriculture / plant

nurture (verb)

nurtured his student's career

he ~ and became a second father (a coach)

nurtures (militant) groups

Pakistan ~ in the area

nurtured her iconoclasm

her parents encouraged her ambitions and ~ (musician)

nurtured her interest

it was he who first ~ in art

nurture the (infant) market

~ (e-publishing)

nurtured relationships

he ~ with members of the faculty (journal editor)

nurtured a reputation

Japanese companies have ~ for reliability (products)

nurture civil society
education helps to ~

identifying and nurturing
we have been ~ feminist writers (a publisher)

tap, feed and nurture
he wants to ~ this anger (politician appeals to base)

growth & development: baby / plant / verb

nurtured

nurtured by the West
he is a criminal ~ (an award winner)

nurtured by his father
his ideas about cooking were ~

nurtured by his mother
his early interest in poetry was ~

carefully nurtured
he was ~ by the club (young soccer player)

growth & development: baby / plant

nut (person)

nut case
is your client a ~ (a flake)

religious nut
he's a ~ (controversial politician)

♦ "In 2012, Nina Totenberg of NPR was criticized by mental-health advocates for asking the question, "So, is your client a nut case?"

♦ "He's nuttier than a peach-orchard boar."

mental health: euphemism
character & personality: fruits & vegetables / mental health / person

nuts (crazy)

nuts
but what's really ~ is insisting that...

drives your manager nuts
don't do whatever ~ ("managing up")

go nuts
when I think about it, I ~

goes nuts
Dean ~ (reaction to the Howard Dean Scream of 2004.)

♦ Crazed; crazy; irrational; a maniac; a nutcase; (a) psycho; (a) wacko... (Words disliked by mental-health advocates.)

behavior: fruits & vegetables / mental health
mental health: euphemism

nuts and bolts

nuts and bolts
take me through the ~ about how this is going to work

nuts and bolts of a gritty industry
it was an indoctrination into the ~ (garment center)

nuts-and-bolts character
he was a very ~ (Edmund Hillary helps Sherpas)

bases: mechanism

nutshell (in a nutshell)

in a nutshell
that's it, ~ (short and sweet)
this is Atkinson ~ (review of a writer)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: food & drink

O

oak (Royal Oak, etc.)

Royal Oak
the ~ battleship was sunk by a U-boat in Scapa Flow

proper name: materials & substance / tree

oak (strength)

Hearts of Oak
the British have ~

strength & weakness: materials & substances / tree

Oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)

Oasis of the Seas
the ~ is the world's largest cruise ship

Oasis Hotel
the ~ has 8 awards of excellence (Cairo)

proper name: desert / ground, terrain & land

oasis (environment)

oasis
Somaliland is an ~ in comparison to Somalia

oasis of (relative) calm
it provides an ~ within Iraq (Kurdish region)

oasis of peace
it was once an ~ in volatile West Africa (Ivory Coast)

oasis of peace and stability
Ghana is an ~ in turbulent West Africa

oasis within New York City
Park Slope, Brooklyn, is an ~ (parks, families, etc.)

oasis for (late-night) customers
we are an ~ (White Castle)

jungle oases
a civilization grew near these ~ (cenotes / Mayas)

green oasis
New York City's High Line is a ~ (elevated walkway)

peaceful oasis
Bali was considered a ~ (before Kuta Beach bombing)

spiritual oasis

Cloud Cottage Sangha is a ~ for me (Buddhist)

considered a (peaceful) oasis

Bali was ~ (before Kuta Beach bombing)

♦ The Al-Ahsa Oasis is the largest date-palm oasis in the world, a lovely place that gurgles paradisaically with springs and wells and rejoices in the songs of water. It includes the city of Al-Hofuf with its gorgeous walled fort, also the remarkable Jabal Qara, hills that resemble rock cauliflowers. The whole area is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, deservedly. Go there and watch the trail of a meteor transect the wall of the fort at night. Spend the rest of the night on Jabal Qara, listening to the howls of desert dogs. Just be careful where you step at Jabal Qara.)

♦ "And then, rising from between the closer dunes, their vertical spires contrasting dramatically with the desert realm of the horizontal, are green trees by the thousands. There is water somewhere nearby. This truly is an oasis, a place of refuge and settlement—and among the trees there are buildings that glint as the sun catches them, scores of structures, the upswept eaves of a nest of pagodas, the minarets of a mosque or two, a cluster of hotels." (Dunhuang, China. (From *The Man Who Loved China* by Simon Winchester.)

environment: desert / ground, terrain & land

oats (feel one's oats)

feeling its oats

China is ~ (booming economy)

power / strength & weakness: animal / horse

Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.)

Jakarta's Obama

they call him ~ (governor Joko Widodo)

Russia's Obama

Jean Gregoire Sagbo is known as ~

female (Barak) Obama

the simplistic and premature "~" label (for Kamala Harris)

♦ Joko Widodo, the governor of Jakarta, has been compared to Obama for the following reasons. He is hugely popular with the young and the poor, who consider him a hero. He often visits his supporters, listens to them, shows that he cares about them, and gives them a feeling of positivity and hope. He has helped to subsidize healthcare and education for them. He is humble and his reputation is clean. Finally, he is tall and lanky, just like Obama!

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet

government: epithet

objectified (groups)

objectified, scrutinized and judged

Marilyn was ~ by males (Marilyn Monroe)

othered, objectified, exoticized, coerced

~ (Asian women)

♦ "I wonder how it feels to complain about being objectified. Yet get roles due to willingness to be objectified. Doesn't that make her a hypocrite?" (A commenter about the actress Sydney Sweeney.)

inclusion & exclusion: objectification

obituary (noun)

obituary of a bank

we bring you the ~ (NPR / Credit Suisse)

political obituary

her ~ was written at least three times (Hillary Clinton)

you can't write her ~ (a pollster about her reelection bid)

radio's obituary

we should know better than to write ~

writing (Tony Blair's political) obituary

last week people were ~

♦ "ABE, a nomadic adventurer that plumbed the world's oceans on its own, forever changing the way scientists explored the seafloor, was lost at sea March 5 off southern Chile... / ABE had been enlisted after a period of semi-retirement to help researchers look for hydrothermal vents at the Chile Triple Junction... / Its last dive was the 222nd of its career, which began in 1994... / Being autonomous, ABE could work faster, cheaper and in more places... / ABE is survived by a new generation of autonomous underwater vehicles... Its most direct descendant is Sentry, developed at Woods Hole... / Dr. Yoerger said he had tried not to become too emotional about the loss of ABE. 'This is aluminum, glass and silicon,' he said. 'We can build a new one.'" ("ABE, Pioneering Robotic Undersea Explorer, Is Dead at 16" by Henry Fountain, *The New York Times*, 2010.)

♦ "These death notices were always premature, until the nineteen-eighties and nineties, when they finally weren't." (Door-to-door selling. In the 2020s, door-to-door sellers sell pest control, alarms, roofing, and solar panels.)

♦ "When I first set out on this story, I imagined an obituary. Baseball's plodding demise was the hook. The game was mortally ill..." ("How Baseball Saved Itself" by Mark Leibovich, *The Atlantic*, July / August 2023.)

♦ Nonhuman and nonliving things can have biographies, autobiographies, obituaries, eulogies, and even be characters.

♦ "Obituaries are definitive." (Alex Traub, who works the *New York Times* obituary desk.)

condition & status: death & life

obsessed

obsessed with foghorns

my name is Jennifer Lucy Allan and I'm ~ (BBC)

politically obsessed

for those of us who are ~ (pundits)

♦ Laksa fever; "everyone's just contracted this laksa fever"; "the love child of Malaysian, Indonesian and Singaporean cuisine"; love for laksa; a thing that people love; craving a fix (for laksa); the mania (for laksa); a city obsessed (with laksa); the laksa obsession; the faithful; a giant shrine is erected (for monthlong laksa festival); laksa ice-cream / smoothies / cheesecake / sausage / crocodile dumplings / beer; the Laksa Festival Hall of Fame; the Golden Bowl award for best laksa... ("How laksa fever took hold in this Australian city" by the wonderful writer Tiffanie Turnbull, BBC, October 31, 2023. Life at "The Top End" of Oz. Super!)

enthusiasm: mental health

obsession (noun)

obsession with race

Breareley's ~ must stop, the school has lost its way

enthusiasm: mental health

obviously (contempo-speak)

obviously (very) happy

I am ~ with the outcome of this case

obviously (super) latchkey

we were ~ (kids growing up)

obviously extremely

see *extremely* (contempo-speak)

obviously, maybe
see maybe (*contempo-speak*)

obviously pretty
see *pretty* (*contempo-speak*)

obviously really
see *really* (*gushing*)

obviously very
see *very* (*contempo-speak*)

obviously totally
see *totally* (*contempo-speak*)

definitely obviously
not so smart, ~ fake but... (sharing fake news)
I mean I think it ~ motivates you to...

especially obviously
~ with us being...

I mean, obviously
~, if you watch what's happened, I mean...

I think obviously
~ some people are going to...
~ that that alters the threat assessment...

kind of obviously
viewers are ~ going to want...

really, obviously
it's ~, in the hands of the Senate (politics)

very obviously
the rise of social media ~ cemented the film's legacy...

Well, I mean, obviously
~, that why...

Yah, I mean, I think, you know, obviously...
~ (Esther Zukerman of VOX on NPR)

♦ "That's my guy though... I don't know what I can do to make him feel better at this point, especially obviously with us being in season now..." (An NFL player about an injured NFL player.)

♦ "She also talked about resigning, but, obviously, that didn't happen..." (If it's obvious, why mention it?)

♦ Yah, I mean, I think, you know, obviously... (Esther Zukerman of VOX on NPR.)

♦ Are you sure!?

♦ see also *actually* (*contempo-speak*), *basically* (*contempo-speak*), *definitely* (*contempo-speak*), *really* (*gushing*)

contempo-speak: adverb

ocean (ocean of air, etc.)

ocean of air
we live submerged at the bottom of an ~ (atmosphere)

ocean of sand
the Sahara's ~

resemblance: sea

ocean (amount)

ocean of (digital) information and misinformation
it's hard to navigate through the ~

amount: sea

occupy (verb)

occupied that part
he totally ~ (Marlon Brando / *Godfather*)

occupy a (unique) position
the river began to ~ in folklore (the Mississippi)

fictive possession: house / verb

ocracy (gynocracy, etc.)

aristocracy
see *aristocracy* (*noun*)

cheerocracy
Courtney, this is not a democracy, this is a ~

gynocracy
what the manosphere calls the ~

hip-istocracy
L.A.'s lustrous ~ (*Girls Like Us* / Sheila Weller)

meritocracy
the modern ~ is a resentment-generating machine

Sportsocracy
the ~, your lunchtime dose of dumbassery (sports radio)

talentocracy
the marriage elevated them to the pinnacle of the U.K. ~

technocracy
call Silicon Valley what it is, authoritarian ~

♦ Courtney, this is not a democracy, this is a cheerocracy. / You are a cheer-tator, Torrance. (Silly dialogue from the silly 2000 film *Bring It On*.)

♦ "A background of solid squirearchy..." (The writer Alessandro Manzoni. His class and period.)

language: affix

octopus (noun)

"Octopus Doctrine"
Tel Aviv's new policy is the ~ (attack head *and* arms)

world-strangling octopus
he saw Victoria's British Empire as a ~

terrorist octopus
Israel has taken action against the head of the ~

arms of the octopus
Israel now attacks the ~ (regional proxies)

♦ Anastasia Tsioulcas: "The prosecution asked a defense witness...about an org (organization) chart he had made of Kelly's company. It was illustrated like a cartoon octopus, and, in retrospect, that was a pretty unfortunate metaphor for a man accused of running an enterprise intended to lure victims into sex crimes." / Noel King: "That's a really vivid image, isn't it." / Anastasia Tsioulcas: "It really is." ("A Jury In New York Begins Deliberations In R. Kelly's Federal Trial," NPR, Morning Edition, Sept. 27, 2021.)

♦ The octopus is a beautiful and amazing creature, and it is hard to understand why it has gotten such a bad reputation as a symbol, especially considering how prized it is as a delicious catch.

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / predation
affliction / extent & scope: animal / arm / sign, signal, symbol

odd couple

odd couple
this ~ makes for a compelling violin concerto

character & personality: love, courtship & marriage
relationship: love, courtship & marriage

odds (fate)

beat the odds
the way I look at it, I ~ (tough upbringing)

fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling

ode (praise)

ode to cinema
his film is an ~ as a whole (Cannes hype)

ode to their domesticity
Graham's ~, "Our House" ("with two cats in the yard")

ode to historically black colleges
her performance was an ~ (Beyoncé at 2018 Coachella)

♦ The greatest invention in human history is not the wheel, and it's certainly not sliced bread. As much of the nation broiled this week in temperatures in the high 90s and beyond, can there be any doubt that our most wondrous piece of technology is the air conditioner? / It was way back in 1902 that Willis Carrier created the Apparatus for Treating Air... ("An ode to AC" by William Falk, Editor, *The Week Magazine*.)

♦ "Ode to Swearing" by James Parker, *The Atlantic*, March 2023. Many of us have enjoyed Parker's odes in *The Atlantic* and will miss them. In 2023 he lost his column. A shame. James Parker is *not* George Packer.

♦ "In the salt mines / I saw the salt / in this shaker. / I know you won't believe me, / but there / it sings, / the salt sings, the skin / of the salt mines / sings / with a mouth choking / on dirt." (The opening lines of "Ode to Salt" by Pablo Neruda, in a wonderful English translation by Philip Levine.)

♦ see also *love letter (noun)*, *Valentine (noun)*

achievement, recognition & praise: speech

Odysean (adjective)

Odysean trek
The Truce, Levi's ~ home (Primo Levi)

comparison & contrasty: affix

Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.)

Odyssey
the 75-square-foot solar array that powers ~ (Mars)
so far, ~ is an unqualified scientific success (Mars)

Odyssey of the Seas
~ (Nassau) is a Royal Caribbean cruise ship

Mars Odyssey
the ~ (a NASA Mars probe)

proper name: Iliad & Odyssey / journeys & trips

odyssey (on an odyssey)

on an odyssey
these girls have been ~ (from Sierra Leone to US)

on a (six-day, 900-mile) odyssey
he claimed she accompanied him ~ (kidnapper)

led his family on a (diagnostic) odyssey
the boy's illness ~

development: Iliad & Odyssey / journeys & trips

odyssey (other)

odyssey of two (likable) women
the documentary is the ~

Georgia man's odyssey
a ~ to Europe... (7 flights with XDR TB)

substance-abuse odyssey
she began a long ~ by sniffing fingernail polish...

personal odyssey
the documentary is the ~ of two strong, likable women

remarkable odyssey
her life traces a ~ from her farmhouse in Poland to...

three-decade odyssey
his trip turned into a ~

♦ "Zola's tale was dubbed the Thotyssey by fans." (A road trip involving sex. "Thot" stands for "that ho' over there." A ho' is a whore or a slut. This combination of contemporary slang and a classical allusion is as astonishing as it is charming.)

development: Iliad & Odyssey / journeys & trips

off (cancelled, postponed, etc.)

off
the game is ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: prep, adv, adj, particle

off (not right)

off about this story
something seems so ~ (wonders was attack staged)

flaws & lack of flaws: prep, adv, adj, particle

evidence: smell

offbeat (adjective)

offbeat
she would do things that were ~ (Lizzo)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: music

offensive (charm offensive, etc.)

charm offensive
he refused to be part of the Hollywood ~ (to get Oscar)

campaign: military

offer (offer hope, etc.)

offers audiences a vision
the latest performance similarly ~ of themselves

offers a sympathetic ear to kids
he ~ (juvenile offenders)

offer (consumer) feedback
user-opinion sites ~

offer hope
it we ~, then the stigma begins to fade (HIV)

offers hope
a monkey trial ~ (pandemic vaccine)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb

fictive communication: verb

offspring

offspring of the phone booth
the ~, referred to as an "enclosure"

abuse's (shamefaced) offspring
prejudice, abuse, and ~, complicity...

product / relationship: family

offshoot

offshoot of (Shiite) Islam
Zaydism is an ~

offshoot of Dutch
Afrikaans is an ~

Los Angeles offshoot
the Actor's Lab, a ~ of the Group Theater

latest offshoot
stand-up paddling is surfing's ~

branching system: plant

OG (and original gangster)

OG fans
perfect for both ~ and newbies (a Jonas Brothers concert)

OG crime junkies
my mom and grandma, they were my ~

OG lineup
the ~ of Mutya, Keisha and Siobhan (MKS)

OG Messi
the ~ (versus Arda Guler, "the Turkish Messi")

OG "motomami"
she's like the ~, you know what I mean...

OG supermodels
she was one of the fashion world's ~ (Tatjana Patitz)

OG Yield Curve Whisperer
"The ~" (NPR, Planet Money, August 9, 2018)

women's golf OG

a ~ on the sport's rise in popularity (Betsy King / NPR)

♦ "Well, I fell in love with [the true crime genre] or got interested in it because I would say my mom and her mother before her, they were my OG crime junkies." ('Crime Junkie' host Ashley Flowers talks debut novel," NPR, All Things Considered, December 10, 2022.)

♦ "You thought you could just get another blonde girl??? Where's my OG?" (A commenter about Kyle Gordon's third video teaser for "Planet of the Bass," which featured a *different* blonde girl.)

♦ "The OG Yield Curve Whisperer," Stacey Vanek Smith and Cardiff Garcia, NPR, Planet Money, August 9, 2018. (OG stands for "Original Gangster" and is AAVE. The yield curve relates to predictive economics. And the "whisperer" is Campbell Harvey, a finance professor at Duke University!)

♦ "[Martirio] is like the OG 'motomami,' you know what I mean? How she sings, [how] she puts her sunglasses on. The energy's crazy." (Rosalia paying respect to Martirio. From "Rosalia is unafraid to pull from every corner of the world," NPR, All Things Considered, April 24, 2022. Rosalia was interviewed by Anamaria Sayre. See also "How Latin identity became fodder for content" by Manuela Lopez Restrepo, NPR, Pop Culture, December 10, 2022.)

♦ "So the book club. Oprah's book club. [Oprah Winfrey pauses to initiate applause, which she gets, and then puts her hands on her hips.] I know there're a lot of book clubs now but we're the OGs, okay. [She spreads her arms, receives the applause, nods her head.] Hello!" (Oprah Winfrey onstage at the 74th annual National Book Awards.)

♦ Type in "original gangster" and "OG" in search at NPR and you get over 300 results! At NPR, Detroit's former mayor was not serving a 28-year-sentence. According to Noel King, host, he was "doing a 28-year-bid." Now, that's gangsta!

♦ "OG, short for "original gangster," is a compliment for somebody who is exceptional or authentic." (AAVE.)

♦ "It's like maybe like thirty-five hundred inmates, half the line was Crips, so that was like the big Crip capital of the fucking California really, so, you know, no red allowed..." (Duane Keith Davis AKA Keefe D reminiscing about DVI Tracy. See YouTube Keefe D—Full Interview, UrbanCityTV.)

experience / person: crime

ogre (person)

ogre and a tyrant
his employees describe him as an ~

♦ Shrek: My father was an ogre. He tried to eat me. I should have seen it coming.

character & personality / person: creature

oppression: person

Oh (and wait a minute, etc. / sarcasm)

Oh hang on
let's sit down over a beer, ~, we can't...
who to blame, ~, Kane missed a penalty (Qatar 2022)

oh hang on
Ye imagine the crying if the ref gave Argentina 2 pens... ~

oh wait
they will hide the data, ~ there is no data (Pfizer)
if only footballers had coaches, ~, they do...
when are the players and the coach getting knighted...~

Oh, I forgot
just ask all her friends. ~...she doesn't have any (snark)

Oh, NOW
~ our public health poohbahs tell us... (Covid)

Wait a minute

with gun control, this wouldn't have happened...~...

Wait hold up

~, the pandemic started when Trump was president

wait for it

and essay by aged British critic titled——“Dullness”

♦ “If only footballers had coaches for mental side of things, trainers for fitness, mental well being, personal coaches, personal doctors, the best medical care possible with no waiting, on call even. Oh wait, they do.” (A commenter about “tired, overworked” soccer players at the Qatar World Cup.)

♦ “Lets sit down over a beer and have a chat about it / Oh hang on. We can't...” (Qatar bans the sale of beer at stadiums during the FIFA World Cup.)

♦ “Nice to see Ronaldo show sportsmanship in congratulating his opponents and consoling his team mates. Oh no, that's right, he walked right off crying.” (Qatar FIFA World Cup soccer snark.)

♦ “Who to blame, Ref, French border control, Brexit. Oh hang on, Kane missed a penalty.” (Soccer snark, Qatar 2022.)

♦ “If the Dems were able to pass laws to restrict guns, this horror would have never occurred.... Wait a minute.... (Four college students murdered by knife in Moscow, Idaho.)

♦ “Wait hold up. The pandemic started when Trump was president.” (An online comment to “Why Don't Asian Lives Matter to Joe Biden and his liberal allies?”)

♦ “When are the players and the coach getting knighted... .. oh wait!” (An online commenter about England's loss to Spain in the final of the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)

♦ This, and similar, has become a meme. There are “Oh Wait” meme generators online.

♦ “Contributing to the advancement of civilization since...never.” (Sarcasm.)

contempo-speak: sarcasm

O. Henry

O. Henry twist

the story features an ~ at the end

♦ “One dollar and eighty-seven cents. That was all. And sixty cents of it was in pennies. Pennies saved one and two at a time by bulldozing the grocer and the vegetable man and the butcher until one's cheeks burned with the silent imputation of parsimony that such close dealing implied.” (The beginning of “The Gift of the Magi” by O. Henry. One of the greatest love stories ever written. To this day people put pennies on the grave of its author in Riverside Cemetery, Asheville, North Carolina, the Southern Appalachians, U.S.A.)

allusion / reversal: books & reading

O. Henry-esque (adjective)

O. Henry-esque twist

it sort of has an ~ at the end (a song)

♦ Or, O. Henry-like....

comparison & contrast: affix

Oh, my! (sarcasm)

Oh my

is it possible Dems took illegal contributions, ~!

♦ “Lions and Tigers and Bears. Oh, My!” This is an allusion to the beloved 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*. Dorothy says it just before the Lion leaps into the scene.

allusion: film & TV

contempo-speak: sarcasm

oil (pour oil)

poured oil on the fire

he has ~

increase & decrease: fire / verb

oil (new oil, etc.)

“new oil”

it's become common to call data the ~

♦ Oil and data are different because oil can only be used once, data many times. But both have to be processed (oil) or analyzed (data) to become valuable. Both can make companies rich (Amazon, ExxonMobil).

♦ “Before oil, there was whale oil.”

epithet: materials & substances

worth & lack of worth: epithet / materials & substances

OK (and okay / verb)

ok'd extra doses

the FDA ~ of Pfizer's original recipe (vaccine)

sanctioning, authority & con-conformity: part of speech / verb

old (of old)

days of old

in ~

past & present / time: day

old (a year old, etc.)

just a year old

the song then was ~ (in 1968)

turns 50 later this year

that's the anniversary we're looking at, it ~ (Carrie)

turns 76 tomorrow

Ebony Magazine ~

♦ “The Archibald Prize is turning 100.” (The Australian portrait prize.)

♦ “That's the anniversary we're looking at. It turns 50 later this year...” (Stephen King's first novel, *Carrie*.)

♦ see also *anniversary (creation)*, *birthday (creation)*

growth & development: life span

creation & transformation: birth

old (traditional)

Old Army

“How the ~ Died” (by General Smith-Dorrien)

Old Bolshevik

Mikhail Sidorovich Mostovskoy, an ~ (Vasily Grossman)

Old Corps

he was a gruff, up-from-the-ranks ~ captain (Marine Corps)

old guard

see *old guard*

old hand

see *old hand* (experience)

Old Hollywood

how the ~ became the New Hollywood (1960s)
the conflict between ~ and New Hollywood (1970s)

“Old Navy”

the *Marion*, last wooden ship of the ~ (Asiatic Station)

old school

see *old school*

♦ “Where *Old Vegas is still alive*; *old-school Vegas eateries*; a *throwback eatery* (Hugo’s Cellar); *throwback hotels and casinos*; *historic steakhouses*; *vintage slot machines*; a *boneyard* of vintage signs (Neon Museum)... (The Old Las Vegas in New Vegas.)

♦ “[T]he old British Army which fought at Mons is but a glorious memory... / I do not know how many are left of that little Army. Their numbers must be very few. Some of the men of Mons are in the trenches to day; but they have become merged in the new armies... / The new Army has been trained in a very short space of time and everything has been concentrated in getting them ready to hold their own in trench warfare, and it is not very probable that they would have been very successful had they been called upon to perform the operation that was imposed on the Expeditionary Force...” (“How the Old Army Died” by General Smith-Dorrien, *Malaya Tribune*, 13 April 1917.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life / object

Old Boy (Old Boy network, etc.)

Old Boy network

he had a place on the ~ (a political appointee)

good-old-boys

the department was the ultimate ~ (law enforcement)

group, set & collection / hierarchy / society: school & education

old-fashioned (adjective)

old-fashioned (American) swagger

now, let’s show them some ~ (2012 film *Emperor*)

good, old-fashioned

Triple A suggested drivers still carry a ~ map (GPS)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

past & present / time: day

old guard

old guard

the ~ has yielded the throne (world soccer)

old-guard evangelicals

conflict between ~ and younger evangelicals

Ajan-era old guard

disputes between reformers and a faction led by the ~

evangelical old guard

there’s a lot at stake for the ~ (gender issues)

old guard and its rising stars

we will hear from the party’s ~ (political convention)

old guard and younger, more liberal members

this exposes a divide between the ~ (Democratic Party)

exodus of the old guard

the ~ leaves the team pretty limited (Manchester United)

favorites of the old guard

elections would be open to all, not just the ~ (Cambridge)

avant-garde and old guard

he’s both ~ (rapper Kendrick Lamar)

old guard was being mothballed

the ~ (a Silicon Valley tech company)

ranked (some of alpinism’s) old guard

this new way of climbing has ~ (helicopter to base camp)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: allusion / history

old hand (experience)

old hand

5-10 new recruits get killed to every ~ (inexperience)

old (diplomatic) hands

~, emigres, and dissidents relayed stories about...

newcomers (to the research) versus old hands

~ (science)

accepted (as soldiers) by the old hands

we were being ~

♦ see also *hand* (work)

♦ “Forget everything you learned in the academy.” (The standard greeting a rookie police officer receives from his veteran partner.)

♦ “In training camp they filled you full of fancy information on how to be a soldier. We’re going to work hard to forget all that.” (Ernest Borgnine in the 1979 film *All Quiet on the Western Front*.)

♦ “If you want good advice, talk to an old man.”

♦ “There’s no fool like an old fool.”

experience: hand

old school

old school

he is unashamedly ~ (a 68-year-old Montana farmer)

old-school in his approach

he’s as ~ to opponents as he is in the ring

old-school Alabama

Tagovailoa turned ~ into a new-school juggernaut (football)

old-school French bistro

a much loved, ~

old-school brand

his ~ of justice (versus contemporary attitudes)

old-school discipline

he was famous for his ~ (sports coach)

old-school (American) fighters

the ~, they’re always setting traps (boxing)

old school 35mm film

he wanted to deliver his film on ~

old-school inflexibility
commenters pilloried his ~ (on Reddit / where else?)

old-school mentality
that's that ~ (comment on boxer's work ethic)

old-school reporter
he was an ~ who would challenge anyone

old-school (journalistic) rules
I came up under ~ (Bari Weiss, *Honestly with Bari Weiss*)

old school (corner) team
AJ needs an ~, get back to basics (boxing)

old-school style
he brings ~ to the sport (auto racer not afraid to bump)

old-school, hard-nosed
Barber was an ~ football player who...

old school and new-school
the broadcast team will have an ~ look (NBC Sports)

from the old school
she is ~, committed to her marriage (military wife)

new school / old school
a classic ~ rift (newer kayaking moves)

♦ "let's get back to old school boxing, flip this soap opera on its head." (A fight fan about the state of boxing today.)

♦ see also *new school*

past & present / time: school & education
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: school & education

olive branch

olive branch
it was an ~ from Bobby Knight to Alford (dispute)

extended an olive branch to South Korea
he ~

offered an olive branch to the Republicans
in the State of the Union, he ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: tree

Olympian (size)

Olympian scorn
his reactions to the world ran from dismay to ~
he displayed ~ for the popularity of...

♦ OLYMPIAN, adj. Relating to a mountain in Thessaly, once inhabited by gods, now a repository of yellowing newspapers, beer bottles and mutilated sardine cans, attesting the presence of the tourist and his appetite. (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

size: allusion / mountains & hills / religion

Olympian (perspective)

Olympian view
he takes an ~ of contemporary politics (George F. Will)

perception, perspective & point of view: religion

Olympics (competition)

oppression Olympics
everyone is tired of the ~ (Trans versus Blacks, etc.)
it puts her at the top of the ~ (Arab, African and Muslim)
teens indulge in the ~, their world distorted by social media
reactionary conservatism versus the ~

moral injury Olympics
the ~ (concept inflation / co-option by all groups)

intersectional Gibberish Olympics
she surged past Hillary in the ~ (Katherine)

♦ "If conclusion jumping ever becomes an Olympic sport they're a lot of potential team members here." (An online commenter.)

♦ According to the Wikipedia entry, the term "moral distress" originated in the 1980s in reference to health-care workers. Through "concept inflation" or "co-option," the construct has since been applied to soldiers, police, firefighters, EMTs, legal defenders and lawyers, people in child and adult protective services, and even to veterinarians, leading inevitably to the construct's disparagement: "moral injury Olympics."

♦ "Man... knows how to fight and win." (A stirring speech in Olympia, Greece, prior to the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing. See YouTube #Beijing2022 Olympic Flame Lighting Ceremony! Eternal, beautiful and inspiring, especially so for taking place during the COVID period. Full credit and respect to Greece and to China. Super!)

competition: allusion / sports & games

Olympus (Mount Olympus)

Olympus of sociological research
the University of Chicago was the ~

♦ "When I was in college—not terribly long ago—a life in letters seemed one of the lower ridges of Olympus." (Nathan Heller.)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

importance & significance: religion

superlative: allusion / place / mountains & hills / religion

omerta (noun)

omerta from the labs
the money allows it to purchase a lot of ~ it supports
(EcoHealth Alliance)

code of omerta
clerks are expected to abide by a ~ (the Supreme Court)

concealment & lack of concealment: crime / speech

omnivorous (adjective)

omnivorous
her interests have been ~ (Jia Tolentino)

consumption: food & drink

on (brag on, etc.)

proof on
it's ~ the quality of this league...

brag on
I just want to ~ Larkin (she won an award)
I used to ~ him all the time (Len Bias)

hate on
see *hate on (something)*

hitting on
at that point I was really mad, I was ~ him (punching him)

lost it on me
oh, my God, she ~ (became very upset)

love on
see *love on (something)*

love up on
see *love up (and love up on, etc.)*

pray on
it was something I had to ~ (white death-row pastor)

regretting on
and I am not ~ that... (a non-native speaker of English)

say on
there's nothing I can ~ it (say *about* it?)

speak on
we didn't really shop there, so I can't ~ that

spoke on
same dude who ~ my dead teammate...

talk (bad) on
I'm not going to ~ him

took on
Emma Stone ~ the award (won Oscar / NPR male)

♦ Ordinarily one would "brag *about*" something or somebody. The "on" of "hate on" seems redundant. "Love on" and "hit on" seem tactile, relating to the body. "Speak on" seems archaic, or dialect. To "take on" an award, versus "win" or "receive" it, just seems wrong. "I am not regretting on" as said by a Kurdish speaker might simply show a non-native-English speaker's lack of "do" support. "On" requires some analysis!

language: prep, adv, adj, particle
contempo-speak: prep, adv, adj, particle
on (it's on you, etc.)

on her
the boyfriend is probably not involved, it is all ~ (commenter)

on you
drink, drive, get arrested, it's ~

on (all of) us
it is ~ to hold one another accountable

on them
the government's case didn't pan out and that's ~ (juror)

on your head
whatever happens to me next is ~...

♦ "This is on ALL involved in his previous arrests, as well as his family." (An online commenter about another mass shooting. Frustration at red flags ignored.)

relationship / responsibility: prep, adv, adj, particle
on (performing)

"on" all the time
the stress of having to be ~ got to me (actress / eating)

always on
she is ~ (Wendy Williams)

♦ "It was in postwar Paris, Anthony writes, that Jackie perfected a knowledge of 'how to be "on," to make an intentional impression, to invent herself into a character.' She acquired a small Leica camera and brought it on her travels throughout France, subordinating schooling to adventure, though she managed to do fine at both." ("Behind The Lens: The making of Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy" by Thomas Mallon, *The New Yorker*, May 8, 2023.)

behavior / character & personality / performance / starting, going, continuing & ending: theater
on (be on, etc.)

on
stocks kept falling, and the Great Depression was ~

back on
the summit is ~ (diplomacy)

party is on
the ~, and nobody is going to call it off (combat operation)

starting, going, continuing & ending: prep, adv, adj, particle
on (30 years on, etc.)

30 years on
~, the veterans face health concerns

eighty years on
~, how can we balance moving on and the need to remember

future / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

one-size-fits-all

one-size-fits-all approach
the ~ is not the way to go (retirement plans)
public health officials concede no ~ exists (pandemic)

one-size-fits-all journalism
we were offering ~ to very different audiences

one-size-fits-all solution
there is no ~ (to managed retreat due to climate change)

creation & transformation: clothing & accessories
one-strike-and-you're-out

one-strike-and-you're-out (honor-code) policy
~ do more harm than good

punishment & recrimination: baseball / sports & games
ongoing (investigation, etc.)

ongoing (security) arrangements
ensure ~ are appropriate

ongoing (budget) battle
an ~ between the school system, county

ongoing debate
the ~

ongoing (intratribal) disputes

~ (Native Americans)

ongoing effort

the regulations are part of an ~ to...

this mission is an ~ to take away enemy sanctuaries

ongoing focus

there is an ~ on these economic issues (White House)

ongoing investigation

would compromise the ~

ongoing mission

we don't comment on ~s (military)

ongoing (contract) negotiations

~ (pilots union)

ongoing plot

forcing terrorists to betray the details of ~s

ongoing (management) problems

the ~

ongoing process

this is going to be an ~

ongoing studies

a number of recent and ~

ongoing theft

the ~ of intellectual property

ongoing violence

against a backdrop of ~ (Middle East)

ongoing work

researchers and their ~

ongoing love-hate relationship

the ~ between...

condition & status: movement

starting, going, continuing & ending / time: movement

onion (noun)

layer of the onion

you notice that for every ~ there's another underneath it

peel back the onion

what you learn when you begin to ~ (murder)

peels back yet another layer

a revealing new interview ~ (a politician)

♦ "It's surprising, and shocking, what you learn when you begin to peel back the onion." (Dateline NBC, "Horror at the Lake.")

analysis, interpretation & explanation: fruits & vegetables

onrushing (future, etc.)

onrushing days

the ~ ahead (a bus journey)

onrushing future

the ways in which the ~ impacts the solidity of the past

he is carried into an ~ he is unprepared to face (train trip)

onrushing (midterm campaign) season

the public's apprehension about war and the ~ (politics)

onrushing spring

the full power of the ~ is upon us

♦ Onrushing animals (a hippo), cars, force (of the beat), people (goalie, mob), trains, tsunami, water (hurricane)...

time: speed

future / time: direction / movement

onslaught (noun)

onslaught

another ~ floored Pulev in the ninth (boxing)

onslaught of criticism

Twitter changed its policy after an ~

onslaught of events

the idea went quickly by the wayside by the ~

onslaught of globalization

many countries resist the ~

under the onslaught

Saudi Arabia melted ~, as Germany... (soccer)

amount & effect / force: military

onwards (from a time onwards)

from 1800 onwards

and so from ~...

from 1740 onwards

people were experimenting with spinning machines ~

time / starting, going, continuing & ending: movement

oops (exclamation)

colossal oops

soon it became a ~, as the Chiefs won (sports celebration)

feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation

ooze (verb)

oozed confidence

he was relaxed and ~ (Carlo Ancelotti)

oozes tradition and swagger

the team ~ (Alabama football)

leaking: verb / water

opacity (noun)

opacity of (Lanier's) criticism

the ~ may account for...

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark
comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark**

opaque (adjective)

opaque

it's really very ~ what is happening (revolution)

opaque world
he offers insights into the often ~ of finance

often opaque
he offers insights into the ~ world of finance

turned opaque
the seeming transparency ~ (old allegation of rape)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark
consciousness & awareness: light & dark
comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark

open (honest)

open about her mental health journey
she has always been so ~

concealment & lack of concealment / feeling, emotion & effect / mental health / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: container

open (after lockdown, etc.)

open up
the states are starting to ~ (after pandemic lockdowns)

reopen
the border will ~ after a thaw in relations (Burma / Thailand)

reopens for business
as America ~ (pandemic lockdown relaxation)

amelioration & renewal: doors & thresholds

open (open marriage, etc.)

open marriage
they had an ~

constraint & lack of constraint: boundary

open (in the open / into the open)

in the open
the story is out there, ~

into the open
she has brought the issue ~
describe your thoughts, get them out ~, you'll feel better

out in the open
mudslinging between church factions is being waged ~

broke out into the open
the anger ~ for the whole world to see (pedophilia)
the cyberconflict ~ (SolarWinds Hack)

brought it out into the open
the testimonies have really ~ (sexual assault)

came into the open
all of these things ~ (vicious election debate)

get the feelings (we have about war) out into the open
artists can ~ (Margaret MacMillan, Reith Lectures)

♦ "The best way to consider dangerous ideas is to bring them out into the open." (Versus censorship, deplatforming, ignoring and disregarding them, etc. Journalism.)

consciousness & awareness: ground, terrain & land
concealment & lack of concealment: ground, terrain & land

open-and-shut

open-and-shut case
it wasn't an ~
it should have been an ~

certainty & uncertainty: books & reading

open-minded (adjective)

open-minded
"I'm ~," he said softly
people are more ~ now (race)
my neighbors are very ~
we should be more ~
he had tried to be ~

open-minded spirit
an ~ no longer exists within NPR

genuinely open-minded
Joe Rogan is a ~ host who seeks out all sorts of opinions

extroverted, unpretentious and open-minded
Tijuana citizens have acquired a reputation for being ~

youthful, open-minded
he has made a name for himself as a ~ reformer (MBS)

♦ "A person can be so open-minded that his brains fall out." (A critic, speaking of Thabo Mbeki's willingness to accept any argument against giving antiretrovirals to South African H.I.V. sufferers.)

constraint & lack of constraint / mind: container

openness (noun)

intellectual openness
ideological narrowness is a threat to ~

constraint & lack of constraint: container

open season (noun)

"open season" on black people
there's an ~ ("Danziger Bridge shootings")

open season on difference
political repression and a renewed ~ (lesbians)

♦ *Open Season: Legalized Genocide of Colored People* by the lawyer Ben Crump.

♦ "In one particularly egregious example, a cadet was implicated in the rape of another cadet in Chase Hall. The Academy's Staff Judge Advocate...expressed concern that handling the matter administratively and discharging the cadet would send the student body a message 'tantamount to the declaration of "open season" on women.' Contrary to his advice, the cadet was administratively discharged from the Academy without military justice action." ("Fouled Anchor" Investigation—Final Report. The United States Coast Guard Academy.)

target: hunting

open up (emotions, speech, etc.)

open up
we are asking them to ~ all over again (crime podcast)

opened up about her mother

she finally ~

feeling, emotion & effect: container / verb

speech: container / verb

open up (access)

open up the sportscasting world

~ for women

access & lack of access: container / verb

open up (consciousness)

opened up to me

a new world ~ (a website)

consciousness & awareness / mind: doors & thresholds / verb

opera (noun)

opera of screeches, shrieks and squawks

a riotous ~ (tropical birds)

resemblance / sound: music

operatic (adjective)

operatic, dramatic

his end was pretty ~ (Mussolini and his mistress)

♦ "It's pretty operatic, it's pretty dramatic, he was killed on the shores of Lake Cuomo by Communist partisans, with his mistress, Clara Petacci, and dumped in the middle of Piazzale Loretto, in Milan..." (Professor John Foot of Bristol University on the last days of Mussolini, from BBC's "Great Lives: Mussolini," nominated by the historian Margaret MacMillan, professor at the University of Oxford, 2018 Reith lecturer, and most recently the author of *War: How Conflict Shaped Us*.)

♦ "Opera has been making art from death for more than four centuries."

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

comparison & contrast: affix

opiate (noun)

opiate of the people

sports, not religion, is the ~

♦ "Dopiate of the Masses." (A letter in response to "Elixir of Life," which is about coffee.)

consciousness & awareness: addiction / health & medicine

opium (noun)

opium of the camps

rumours were the ~ (comforting but false)

opium of optimism

what saves people then is the ~

♦ "Import of the narcotic (opium) had been made illegal by imperial edict in 1800. Nonetheless, because it was one of the few items for which Western merchants could find a Chinese market, the quantity sent to China from India and Turkey grew steadily... / [T]he Chinese government took a decisive step to end the opium trade early in 1839 by appointing Lin Tse Hsu high commissioner for the Canton region with especial powers to suppress smuggling of the drug. Lin proceeded quickly and effectively by demanding that all opium be surrendered immediately, enforcing his demand by stopping trade, ordering Chinese servants to leave the factories, and detaining sixteen foreign merchants as hostages. Meanwhile, the factories were virtually besieged by thousands of Chinese... / Hong Kong was ceded to Britain outright, and five so-called treaty ports—Canton, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, and Shanghai—were

opened to British trade. / [Commodore Lawrence Kearny] practiced 'jackal diplomacy' to the extent that he requested for his nation a share of the spoils won by the British lion in combat... Kearny had the intelligence to grasp opportunities—he did not create them." (The Anglo-Chinese conflict popularly known as the Opium War, and the Treaty of Nanking. From *Far China Station: The U.S. Navy In Asian Waters 1800-1898* by Robert Erwin Johnson.)

♦ "Mexico claims proof of Chinese fentanyl smuggling," the BBC News, Latin America, April 6, 2023.

♦ see also *pipe dream (and pipedream)*

consciousness & awareness / fantasy & reality: addiction / health & medicine

optics (noun)

optics

the ~ look bad (politics)

the ~ are just awful (a newspaper story)

optics of rapprochement

Kim's letter played a part in the ~ (Korean leader)

optics of a response

the ~ like that would be devastating here (protesters)

Optics Hindenburg

this ~ (see quote below)

confrontational optics

allies might be turned off by the ~ of a street protest

branding and optics

they've spun up an image, it's just ~ (Silicon Valley)

separate the optics from substance

we need to ~ (COP26)

♦ "Performative allyship, also known as *optical allyship*..."

♦ "Trudeau complained of 'Russian disinformation,' as if that were to blame for this optics Hindenburg." (A Canadian political kerfuffle. The reference is to the Hindenburg airship disaster on May 6, 1937.)

♦ "The optics are with them' doesn't really make sense" /// Removed comment /// Buzz word bingo /// He's trying ever so hard to be clever with words. God loves a trier! /// United fanboy... (BBC HYS commenters about "Aston Villa 1-2 Man Utd: 'Momentum' with Red Devils as they hunt down top-four rivals" by Simon Stone, BBC, 11 February 2024. Soccer fans also ridiculed the use of "momentum" and "hunt down" and "turned a corner.")

♦ "It's not the optics that are not good, it's the facts that are not good." (Colorado Republican Congressman Mike Coffman about an ethics issue.)

appearance & reality / perception, perspective & point of view: eye / tools & technology

option (nuclear option)

nuclear option

threatening Medicare funding is the ~ (compliance)

nuclear option for a state

this is the ~ (opting out of federal Medicaid)

considered the "nuclear option"

the move was always ~ (Commerce Dept's entry list)

employ the nuclear option

employers may be forced to ~ (drop health coverage)

oppose the nuclear option

I oppose the ~ (changing rules in Congress)

opposes the (so-called) nuclear option
he ~ (withdrawal of US from Afghanistan)

♦ "a protection order is the nuclear weapon of divorce to give women an advantage" (An online commenter.)

♦ "Library funding becomes the 'nuclear option' as the battle over books escalates." (U.S. culture wars.)

♦ "Dear God.... If I lose one of my cats to my neighbor's pit [bull dog], it's unstoppable immediate scorched earth, full nuclear option response, and they know it." (A response by "Phoebe Darling" to an article about yet another pit bull mauling.)

**alternatives & choices / coercion & motivation /
punishment & recrimination: nuclear energy**

oracle (person)

oracle of Silicon Valley
he has been nicknamed the ~

oracle on Polar matters
Nansen was by then the undisputed ~

oracle of public taste
marketing experts regarded him as an ~ (Calvin Klein)

♦ The Delphic Oracle was an important priestess in ancient Greece.

person: religion

future / message / time: person / religion

oracle (Oracle Corporation, etc.)

Oracle Corporation
the American multinational ~

proper name: religion

orbit (noun)

Trump orbit
he never lost touch, that often happens in ~

campaign orbit
three people in the ~ have tested positive for coronavirus

China's orbit
Thailand has moved firmly into ~

Moscow's orbit
once in ~, Moldova has been tilting towards the West

in his orbit
the investigation will look at people ~ (politics)
suspicions are swirling around people ~ (sex trafficker)
he fooled all of those ~ (Jeffrey Epstein)

in his inner orbit
and now that major shakeup ~ (politician's top aid resigns)

within his orbit
he engaged the respect and affection of all ~

entered the Trump orbit
she first ~ during the campaign

brought him into the orbit
Juilliard ~ of Wynton Marsalis (Lawrence Leathers)

bullied into the British orbit
any country which can be bought or ~...

come into Marilyn Manson's orbit
how did you first ~ (allegations of abuse)

get out of that orbit
he tried to ~, but his dad pulled him back (Charles Koch)

kept Greece out of the Communist orbit
the US had ~ (after WWII)

leaving Larry's orbit
just as Daniel was ~, others were being drawn in (cult)

shook up the orbit
how a 16-year-old ~ of the World Darts Championship

movement: astronomy

**attraction & repulsion / bases / configuration / division &
connection / relationship: astronomy / movement**

orchestra (as verb)

to orchestra
what it is ~—the verb—as a Black person...

♦ "[We want to be] an advocacy group, a group to speak to the experience of what it is to orchestra—the verb—as a Black person, and how to support that in all of the places that it's happening, not just professional ranks." (Alex Laing about the Black Orchestral Network.)

inclusion & exclusion: part of speech

orchestrate (verb)

orchestrated the assassination
no one knows who ~

orchestrated attacks
he has ~, bombings, kidnappings and beheadings

orchestrate a coverup
they tried to ~

orchestrating the game
Luka Modric is ~, he will control it (World Cup soccer)

orchestrated a hoax
he may have ~ (false hate-crime allegation)

orchestrated the whole thing
it's quite obvious he ~ (*The Power of the Dog*)

directing: music / verb

orchestrated

orchestrated to blame
he was the victim of a political hit job, ~ China

orchestrated campaign
Muslims fear they are the target of an ~ (religion)

orchestrated leaks
~ from the White House have exposed rifts

directing: music

orchid (character)

orchid children

“~” are more sensitive and biologically reactive

“orchid” parent

an ~ is a highly sensitive parent

orchid or a dandelion

is your child an ~

♦ Terms with similar meanings are *teacup* and *snowflake*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*; a *pansy*; a *wallflower*.

character & personality: person / plant

resiliency / strength & weakness: person / plant

order (get something in order, etc.)

get your house in order

you must ~

get our (fiscal) house in order

we must ~ (debt)

put his life (back) in order

he saw Islam as a way to ~

amelioration & renewal: hygiene

organ (of government, etc.)

organs of law and authority

drug money swept away the flimsy ~ (Colombia)

♦ Justin Chang can be a wonderful movie reviewer, and the language he uses is always interesting. In his review of the film *Crimes of the Future*, he uses the following words figuratively: *cut* (v), *heart*, *scalpel*, *visceral*, *anesthetizing*, *mutate*, *sprout* (v), *clinical*, *reshape* (v), *body and soul*, and *organ*. Of course, they all have their *literal* analogues in the gory film! (“Crimes of the Future” is a dystopian thriller that cuts to the heart,” Justin Chang, NPR, Fresh Air, June 3, 2022.)

government / operation: body

orgy (noun)

orgy of demolition

ISIS destroyed the ancient theater in an ~ (Syria)

orgy of patriotic fervour

Norway erupted in an ~ (Nansen, Johansen return safe)

orgy of looting

an ~ followed the collapse of Saddam's regime

orgy of violence

the film re-creates the ~ (Richard Farley case)

orgy of (sectarian) violence

they were the victims of an ~ (Yazidis in Iraq)

restraint & lack of restraint: sex

original sin (groups)

original sin of this country

slavery is the ~

♦ “The way we talk about white privilege is eerily consonant with the way one talks about original sin.” (John McWhorter, author of *Woke Racism: How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America*.)

inclusion & exclusion: judgment

original sin (other)

original sin

the ~ was what happened in 1953 (Iran-US relations)

torture is the ~ that creates these problems (Guantanamo)

original sin of the Afghan war

the ~ was the failure of American political institutions to...

euro's original sin

perhaps this was the ~ (no penalty for breaking rules)

Roberts' original sin

for conservatives, ~ was his vote... (Supreme Court)

fate, fortune & chance / origin / punishment &

recrimination: religion

orphan (noun)

orphan

the issue is an ~

orphans of extinction

endangered plants known by botanists as ~ (baobabs, etc.)

orphan in the world of learning

geography was an ~ (Middle Ages)

“orphan” academies

the school has been caught in the twilight zone of ~

orphan diseases

incentives to develop orphan drugs for ~

orphan drugs

incentives for companies to develop “~”

orphan films

old ~ can be preserved by archivists (copyright issues)

orphan wells

these “~” often sit on farmland (bankrupt oil firms)

♦ Orphan drugs treat rare diseases affecting fewer than 200,000 people.

♦ “Victory has 100 fathers and defeat is an orphan.”

division & connection / person / relationship: family

orphaned

inactive, abandoned, or orphaned

at least 167,000 wells are ~ (oil)

division & connection / relationship: family

orthodox (adjective)

orthodox conservative

he is the most ~ in the race (politics)

orthodox (Republican) ideas

~ for boosting business

orthodox (Republican-Democratic) race

that will be a completely ~

completely orthodox

Republicans are going to run a ~ race

more orthodox

even if he becomes a ~ Republican (politics)

♦ "BRANDEIS WAS FOUNDED BY JEWS. BUT, IT'S ANYTHING BUT ORTHODOX." (A two-page advertisement in *The New York Times Magazine*, June 25, 2023, by Brandeis University. "With the dramatic rise in antisemitism, including on college campuses, Brandeis' founding values are as relevant in 2023 as they were in 1948... For more information, visit brandeis.edu." The advertisement appeared prior to the Israel-Hamas war, which began later the same year.)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

orthodoxy (noun)

orthodoxy of the past

they're trying to break with the ~ (foreign policy)

orthodoxy at NPR

the ~ (journalist Juan Williams)

language orthodoxy

"cancel culture" and "~"

Democratic orthodoxy

he has broken sometimes with ~ (Bill Daley / business)

Republican orthodoxy

~ promotes low tax rates and limited government

particular ideological orthodoxy

coverage of Trump hardened along a ~ (at NPR)

heresies against Tea Party orthodoxy

I'd committed various ~ (a Republican politician)

citadels of orthodoxy

this was only one of Valla's attacks on ~

departure from (Republican) orthodoxy

that's a ~

break with (Democratic) orthodoxy

Sanders doesn't represent as big a ~ (politics)

agree with (Republican political) orthodoxy

she doesn't always ~

questioned (Republican) orthodoxy

he was accused of being a "liberal" when he ~ (politics)

♦ Type in "Republican orthodoxy" at NPR and you get 48 results (and counting). Do that same for "Democratic orthodoxy" and you get 8 results (and counting).

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

Orwell

Orwell's 1984

and just like that, we are one step closer to ~, wow...

♦ As W.H. Auden acknowledged, Orwell gave us the terminology to talk about totalitarian society: 1984; *doublethink*; *Big Brother*. Those allusions to his work are used to this day.

♦ *Doublethink*; memory hole; unperson; thoughtcrime; Newspeak; Thought Police; Room 101; *Big Brother*; the Ministry of Truth... (Language from 1984 that is a part of our language.)

♦ "There's a little Philip K. Dick, a little Orwell, a little Kafka in her portrait of powerful bureaucracies ceding control of the most intimate decisions of our lives to hyperempowered computer models riddled with all of our

unresolved, atavistic human biases." (A blurb from the *Paris Review* for *Weapons of Math Destruction* by Cathy O'Neil. Everyone should read it.)

♦ "The Ministry of Truth is Facebook, Google, and cable news. We have met Big Brother and he is us." ("*Doublethink Is Stronger Than Orwell* Imagined: What 1984 means today" by George Packer, *The Atlantic*, July 2019.)

♦ "In Moulmein, in Lower Burma, I was hated by large numbers of people—the only time in my life that I have been important enough for this to happen to me. I was sub-divisional police officer of the town..." (The opening lines of "Shooting an Elephant" by George Orwell.)

♦ "My wound was not much, but it was a miracle it did not kill me. The bullet went clean through my neck but missed everything except one vocal cord, or rather the nerve governing it, which is paralysed. At first I had no voice at all but now the other vocal cord is compensating and the damaged one may or may not recover. My voice is practically normal but I can't shout to any extent. I also can't sing, but people tell me this doesn't matter. I am rather glad to have been hit by a bullet because I think it will happen to us all in the near future..." (Letter to Rayner Heppenstall, 31 July 1937.)

oppression: allusion

allusion: books & reading

Orwellian (adjective)

Orwellian

this is ~, it's a Ministry of Truth (politics)

Orwellian agency

the futility of fighting an ~ with an obvious vendetta

Orwellian authoritarianism

in one view of the future, an ~ prevails

Orwellian dystopia

Children of Men, an ~ (the film)

an ~ need not be our collective future

Orwellian indoctrination program

this rather ~ (*White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo)

Orwellian dystopic society

cancel culture is leading us to an ~

Orwellian (surveillance) system

exporting such an ~ to other countries

Orwellian name changing

the road had been renamed in a frenzy of ~ (WWII)

called mandatory vaccination "Orwellian"

she ~ (a political candidate)

oppression: allusion

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)

Oscars of fashion

the "~" is no longer what it once was (the Met Gala)

Oscars of surfing

the Billabong Big Waves Awards are the "~"

French Oscars

'~' ban anyone accused of sex assault (Cesar film awards)

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet / film & TV

superlative: epithet / film & TV

comparison & contrast: epithet

oscillate (verb)

oscillated between chaos and weakness

Biden's foreign policy has ~

reversal: direction / movement / pendulum / verb

movement: direction / verb

ostracized (society)

socially ostracized

if you're truthful, you'll be ~

acceptance & rejection: society

other (the other, etc.)

“the other”

she has had to balance feeling like ~ in her sport (biracial)

the ultimate ‘other’

AA/PI have been so frequently treated as ~

ethnically other

they are ~ and working class (a group of voters / politics)

uncivilized, gendered, and racialized Other

the superstitious, ~

status as “other”

our marginality and ~ (Black Catholic women in the US)

♦ “What has to be done is conversation, it's meeting the other.” (A Jewish rabbi about a Black NBA player.)

♦ “The danger is getting into a kind of ‘oppression olympics’ where...”

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

other (verb / groups, etc.)

other her

this is an effort to ~ (Nikki Haley / politics)

othered us

this industry has continuously ~ (women in hip-hop)

“other” and demonize

celebrating a thin white body as the ideal is a way to ~ us

♦ “The thin ideal is definitely a white ideal... So celebrating a thin white body as the ideal body is a way to ‘other’ and demonize Black and brown bodies, bigger bodies, anyone who doesn’t fit into that norm. So this is really about maintaining systems of white supremacy and patriarchy...” (Journalist Virginia Sole-Smith. Interview highlights. From “Diet culture can hurt kids. This author advises parents to reclaim the word ‘fat,’” NPR, Fresh Air (Tonya Mosley), April 25, 2023.)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection / verb

othered

othered by how I sound

being ~ is something I always have to be aware of

othered by the world

feeling ~ but still being here (autistic and agender)

othered or erased

they are often ~ in mainstream imaginings (Black voters)

othered, objectified, or exoticized and coerced

these local women were often ~ (Rafia Zakaria)

excluded (from womanhood) and (being) othered

they are being ~ (“trans women are trans women”)

silenced and othered

we’re constantly ~ (Nida Allam, a Muslim woman)

♦ “There’s something about having a place on the spectrum and feeling othered by the world but still just being here, no matter what, that really just like over the years kinda strengthens your skin.” (“Transgender and non-binary people are up to six times more likely to also have autism” by Lesley McClurg, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, January 15, 2023.)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

othering

othering of the Asian American

the ~ to always be the untrustworthy foreigner...

Othering & Belonging

the ~ at the University of California, Berkeley

♦ “The opposite of Othering is not ‘samings,’ it is belonging.” (John A. Powell of the Othering & Belonging Institute at the University of California, Berkeley.)

♦ “Appreciate it’s hard to find new words to describe Haaland but I’m getting a bit sick of some of the terminology used—cyborg, yeti, robot, alien, etc. / Stop ‘othering’ the young guy...” (A online commenter on Manchester City 6-0 Burnley, during which Erling Haaland scored a hat trick and was substituted early. Another commenter posted, “He has more hat tricks than a magician who specializes in tricks using hats.”)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

otherism (noun)

fear and otherism

taking a stand against the politics of ~

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

otherization (groups)

otherization robs them

~ of claims to your sympathy and empathy (Blacks)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

otherize (groups)

otherize an individual

if you ~, it’s harder to have empathy and sympathy for them

otherize one another

CRT causes members of the military to ~

otherize the person

we tend to really ~ (shame her for ethical slip)

“otherize” them

advocates try to stick labels on people to ~ (immigration)

otherize and dehumanize

this drive to ~ Muslims in grotesque (Nesrine Malik)

♦ “It’s easy to ‘otherize’ if you have been otherized...”

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection / verb

otherized (groups)

otherized

humanizing people who are “~” (George Floyd, etc.)

otherized in America

Black folk historically have been, and are still, ~

otherized and disrespected

~ because of his identity (gay)

exoticized, otherized or (utterly) ignored

we are ~ (Emel Mathlouthi)

♦ “And that’s what has been going on with, you know, Black Lives Matter for a long time—the effort to humanize the victims of police brutality. A lot of times, the victims of police brutality were otherized as somehow criminals who deserved what they got.” (“10 Questions About Empathy In America, A Year After George Floyd’s Death” by Bill Chappell, NPR, May 25, 2021.)

♦ “It’s easy to ‘otherize’ if you have been otherized...”

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

otherness (noun)

otherness to Dutton’s whiteness

he is ‘an ~’ (Kathryn VanArendonk / *Yellowstone*)

other-ness of people

it’s the ~... (race relations)

aware of otherness

he’s now acutely ~...

♦ “For Anders, although his newly brown skin is a constant physical reminder that he’s no longer who he used to be, the greatest change may be in his psyche. He’s now acutely aware of otherness and being observed, how he moves in the world and how he takes up space. When he returns to work...he’s both drawn to and repulsed by the only other dark-skinned employee, who, unlike him, has always known what it’s like to be treated as both invisible and hypervisible.” (Cady Lang’s *Time* review of *The Last White Man* by Mohsin Hamid, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Exit West*. This paragraph deftly weaves together several tropes relating to inclusion and exclusion.)

♦ “Fortunately for me, I found my own sense of otherness.” (J.K. Rowling, author.)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

ouch (exclamation)

ouch

he said King is lowbrow, ~ (a writer)

feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation

ounce (amount)

ounce of prevention

an ~ is worth a pound of cure

ounce of truth

there’s not an ~ in anything he says

amount: weight

oust (verb)

ousted her

they ~ in a boardroom coup

dismissal, removal & resignation: government / verb

ousted (removed)

ousted in April

he was ~ and filed a whistleblower’s complaint

dismissal, removal & resignation: government

out (leave somebody an out, etc.)

left an out for Iran

he has ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

out (nerd out, etc.)

ball out

I was definitely excited to see him go out there and ~ (NFL)

chill out

relax, brah, ~

here’s how to ~ (stress)

geek out

science-loving teens from Ghana and D.C. ~ together

nerding out

stories that you’re like ~ about (NPR’s Jasmine Garsd)

rock out

even when we chill, we ~, join us (Alt. Latino)

Saudi women ~ (according to Kelly McEvers)

80-year-olds ~ (World Café / Yeah, sure...)

slutting out

the other guys were ~ (surfing / see quote below)

♦ “A ‘photo slut’ is a pro doing aerial tricks on small waves for the benefit of a camera. ‘The other guys were slutting out...’” (Surfing.)

contempo-speak: prep, adv, adj, particle

out (exclusion)

out

they voted him ~

acceptance & rejection: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

out (viewpoint)

broadening out

and ~ and talking about those Palestinians, what is... (NPR)

zoom out

see *zoom out* (noun), *zoom out* (verb)

♦ see also *step back* (perspective)

perception, perspective & point of view: prep, adv, adj, particle

out (gay)

out and proud

I’m very ~ (Megan Rapinoe)

out and loud and proud

~ (Cher Strawberry)

NBC Out

~ showcases stories and videos of interest to...

not out

there were plenty of other women who were gay but ~

♦ "I was just like so amazed, like, damn, this boy really don't care, like he really *out* in public, with makeup, lashes, beard...Like I was still kinda you know...I'm doing the same thing, but I'm not as open." (Mitch Copeland about Saucy Santana.)

♦ "I've been here before, out and loud and proud." (Cher Strawberry, from her debut album *Cherish is Caring*.)

♦ "Siegfried & Roy were never 'out' in the modern sense, but they lived together in some capacity their entire adult lives." ("The Original Tiger Kings: The Improbable Rise And Savage Fall Of Siegfried & Roy" by Chris Jones and Michael J. Mooney, *The Atlantic*, November 2022. The implication is obvious. Many dead historical figures have been saddled with this insinuation. Of course, there is quite an audience for that.)

♦ "Soccer star Megan Rapinoe receives Presidential Medal of Freedom"; Texas trans activist, 11, flees the state after years of advocacy"; "The Crown' star Emma Corrin: 'Gender just isn't something that feels fixed"; "16 LGBTQ art shows that keep the summer Pride vibe flowing"... (NBC Out, which "showcases feature stories, original videos and other unique content about, and of interest to, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community.")

concealment & lack of concealment: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

out (outpace, etc.)

outdueled

see *outdueled*

outgunned

see *outgunned*

outpace

see *outpace* (verb)

outrun

see *outrun* (verb)

outshine

see *outshine* (verb)

outworked and outthought

she ~ male rivals (Pelosi)

superiority & inferiority: affix

out (fashion)

out this year

short skirts are ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

out (want out)

wanted out

she ~ (of a marriage)

avoidance & separation / situation: container / verb

allegiance, support & betrayal: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

out (reveal)

outed himself (over the weekend) as the owner

he ~ of the Twitter handle... (politician)

out anyone

I don't want to ~, but... (blacks who get black dialect wrong)

concealment & lack of concealment: container / verb

out (all out, etc.)

all out

Lizzo wears a leotard, she's twerking, she's ~ (compliment)

commitment & determination: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

outbreak (noun)

earthquake outbreak

is fracking behind Oklahoma's ~ (record number)

tornado outbreak

~ hits the South (30 tornadoes)

typhus outbreak

the ~

occurrence: pursuit, capture & escape

outburst (noun)

outburst of Iraqi anti-Americanism

the US airstrike resulted in an ~

emotional outbursts

there was a rational foundation for these ~

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion

outcast (person)

outcast Hollywood rebel

he was the ~ (film director Nicholas Ray)

outcast and non-conforming

Ibiza has long been an island for the ~

outcasts and misfits

~ who had been wounded... (see quote below)

outcast, and (sexual) rebel

the young mistress of H. G. Wells, social ~ (Rebecca West)

social outcast

he is a ~

grew up as an outcast

he ~ (his father was hanged for murder)

make someone an outcast

a simple cough, snuffle or sneeze can ~ (COVID fear)

♦ "Her refusal to accept the status quo made it possible for generations of outcasts and misfits who had been wounded, damaged, abused, discarded and demoralized to pursue their own paths to healing." (A brilliant tribute to the brilliant Irish singer Sinéad O'Connor from "Sinéad O'Connor was our freedom singer, our keener and our feminist killjoy" by Jason King, NPR, Music Features, August 2, 2023.)

♦ In Ghana in 2008, 5,000 alleged witches, mainly elderly women, were living in six "witch camps," including the Gambaga Outcast Home.

society: person / throwing, putting & planting

person: society

acceptance & rejection / dismissal, removal & resignation: person / society / throwing, putting & planting

outcome (noun)

outcome

there was not much doubt about what the ~ would be

realistic outcomes

when scientists run simulations, they must get ~

product / relationship: movement

outcrop (and outcropping)

outcrop of a (heated) back-and-forth

the insults were an ~ between the two candidates

outcrops of simplicity

~ can appear in the worst writing (Orwell)

outcropping from other initiatives

the new character is a natural ~ (the Julia Muppet)

natural outcrop

this is simply the ~ of her company's success (complaints)

bases / occurrence: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

outcry (noun)

outcry

of course there's going to be an ~ (sportswashing)

sparked an outcry

his remarks ~ (about racism)

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

outdated (adjective)

outdated argument

it's an ~ (that women's boxing is inferior)

outdated (and environmentally irresponsible) totems

big dams are seen as ~, wasteful symbols of pride...

received and outdated

Nansen did his best to overcome Scott's ~ opinions

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

past & present / time: day

outdueled

outdueled by Manning

Romo was ~ (two football quarterbacks)

conflict: weapon

outed (concealment)

outed and shamed

I hope she's ~ (gold digger accuses athlete)

concealment & lack of concealment: container

outfox (verb)

outfoxed his (political) opponents

he ~

behavior / subterfuge: animal / fox / verb

outgunned

outgunned and undermanned

federal antitrust authorities are ~

outgunned, outspent, out-liked

we're going to be ~ (election)

strength & weakness: military / weapon

conflict: military / weapon

superiority & inferiority: military / weapon

competition: prep, adv, adj, particle

outlet (noun)

outlet for (public) criticism

the majlis provides an ~ (Saudi Arabia)

outlet for their frustrations

people need an ~ (Baghdad gyms)

outlet for her grief

talking about it gave her an ~ (son lost on 9/11)

outlet or hobby

a creative ~ that fosters a sense of achievement (coping)

creative outlet

a ~ can do a lot to relieve stress

give people an outlet

the media ~ (TV and radio in Afghanistan)

mental health: pressure / water

amelioration & renewal / constraint & lack of constraint:

infrastructure / movement / pressure / water

outlier (noun)

outlier

when it comes to free speech, the US is the ~ (too free)

outlier case

why is an ~ like this getting so much oxygen (hate crime)

outliers out there

there are ~ that are preaching nonsense (vaccines)

♦ "A movie like *The Color Purple* could be treated like a Haley's Comet, an outlier striking at just the right moment, every once in a while." (Hollywood.)

society: center & periphery

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: center & periphery

outpace (verb)

outpacing the ability

technology is ~ of governments to keep up

outpaced decision-making

clearly, events have ~ (Afghanistan 2021)

competition: verb / walking, running & jumping
superiority & inferiority: verb / walking, running & jumping

outpost (noun)

outposts at US universities
the language centers provide China with ~

presence & absence: military
survival, persistence & endurance: military

outpouring

outpouring of aid
the disaster prompted an ~

outpouring of generosity
the ~ has slowed to a trickle (aid)

outpouring of good neighborliness
this ~ went beyond delivering meals (Irish / pandemic)

outpouring of (new) poems
in his 60s the floodgates opened with an ~ (Geoffrey Hill)

outpouring of sympathy
there has been a tremendous ~ from so many...

outpouring of (both) praise and outrage
her film has drawn an ~

tremendous outpouring
there has been a ~ from so many of you

amount & effect / constraint & lack of constraint /
movement: water

outrider (noun)

hedonistic outriders
he had contempt for modernity and its ~

♦ "The Conservative party and its media outriders have overreached themselves." (The Lineker affair.)

driving force: horse

outrun (verb)

outrunning our ability
the virus is ~ to counter it

competition: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle /
sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

outset (from the outset)

from the outset
she had wanted a different approach ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips

outset (at the outset of 2020, etc.)

at the outset of 2020
~, we look back on...

time: journeys & trips

outset (at the outset / career, etc.)

at the outset of her (newspaper) career
she covered right-wing movements ~ (journalist)

at the outset of the investigation
we said ~ that if the facts and the law...

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips

outshine (verb)

outshines us in health care
Canada clearly ~

outshine the main act
sometimes an opening act will ~ (concerts)

outshine the competition
he continues to ~

outshone everyone else
she ~ onstage (ballet)

outshone his rivals
during the financial crisis, he ~ (a C.E.O.)
he ~ in the first debate (a politician)

competition: light & dark / prep, adv, adj, particle
attention, scrutiny & promotion / competition / primacy,
currency, decline & obsolescence / superiority & inferiority:
astronomy / light & dark / verb

outside (society)

found himself on the outside
he criticized his professional group and ~

acceptance & rejection / society: center & periphery

outside (outside world, etc.)

outside world
to the ~, India's riches were always the stuff of legends

center & periphery: earth & world / container / prep, adv,
adj, particle

outside (perspective)

from the outside
it's easy to criticize ~ (Afghan withdrawal)

perception, perspective & point of view: center & periphery
/ container / prep, adv, adj, particle

outsider (person)

outsider
Trump won because he was an ~
they are ~s banging on the doors of city government
byzantine regulations are hard for the ~ to navigate (Egypt)
Patani was different, he was an ~ (the great Italian cyclist)

outsiders to the world
~ of money soon notice... (finance)

outsider art

he is well known to fans of ~

outsider perspective

a fresh, ~ on US politics (*The Guardian*)

outsider's view

an ~

Washington outsider

he is a ~ facing down entrenched insiders

straight-talking outsider

he was a ~

industry outsider

he still sees himself as an ~ (Thom Browne)

political outsider

he presents himself as a ~ who will not represent K Street

he was a ~ (independent politician Ross Perot)

he is a ~, who wants to change the way Washington works
they are ~s (Petro vs Hernandez / Colombia)

rebellious outsider

he is a ~

weird outsider

he is the ~ who becomes influential (scientist)

buccaneers, outsiders, (political) pirates

they want to be seen as ~ (opposition researchers)

remained an outsider

in China, she ~ (a young woman from Kuytun)

♦ The Japanese refer to foreigners as *gaijin*, literally, "outsider."

♦ "We don't mind people settlin' in the area. Just don't put your house on a ridgetop so you can look down on us, and don't tell us how you did it back home." (A Southern Appalachians woman.)

♦ "Dude should have looked into living there a little better before stepping on locals' toes like that, especially if he took his family—he owed it to them to look out for their welfare..." (A commenter on the article "2 Hawaiian men found guilty of hate crime for attacking white homeowner" by Michelle De Pacina, Yahoo / NextShark, November 21, 2022.)

person: society

power / society: center & periphery / person

outweigh (power)

outweigh us in every department

they ~ (war)

competition: prep, adv, adj, particle

power: weight / verb

superiority & inferiority: verb / weight

outweigh (cost and benefit)

outweighed the bad

the good ~ (in a relationship)

outweigh the deeds

the acts of a few should not ~ of the many (war)

outweigh the risks

the drug is usually safe but benefits must ~

cost & benefit: scale / weight / verb

oven (the Oven, etc.)

Gladiator School, Torture island, the Oven

nicknames included ~ (Rikers Island jail)

♦ Rikers Island jail is nicknamed the Oven because it gets so hot in the summer due to its concrete floors and steel doors.

epithet: container / fire / heating water / temperature

environment: container / fire / manufacturing / temperature

over (dominance)

over me

I don't want nobody ~

has an advantage over her

he ~ (politics)

dominance & submission / hierarchy / superiority &

inferiority: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

over (finished)

over

class was finally ~

the Gilded Age of rock journalism is ~

this won't be ~ anytime soon

the duck face days are ~ (selfie pose)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / starting, going,

continuing & ending: prep, adv, adj, particle

over (overshare, etc.)

"over-believes"

it is clear that everybody ~ in recycling

over-celebrated

Arsenal ~ their win over Fulham, critics say

over-charged

the state ~ the case from the beginning (Kyle Rittenhouse)

overdeliver

hopefully, the storm will underdeliver, but it could ~

underpromise, ~ (advice)

overplayed

they ~ their hand (Google versus EU)

overpromise

of course he overpromised, all candidates ~ (politics)

overpromised

Elizabeth Holmes and her company had ~ (Theranos)

overprotect

parents under-protect kids online but ~ in the real world

overshare

celebrities routinely ~ on social media

overstretches

the US ~ the concept of national security

over-thanked

Maddie ~ the handsome waiter...

overthink
her tendency to ~ things

overthinking
they may be ~ certain things (too sensitive)

overpromise and underdeliver
recruiters ~ for their own benefit (“love-bombing / jobs)

overpolicing
the imbalance of ~ and underprotecting (groups)

over-promising
in Silicon Valley ~, ~ your product isn’t unusual

overpromising
such ~ became a defining feature of Silicon Valley

over-promising and under-delivering
the government blames the industry for ~ (air travel)

over-policed
what do you mean, ~, and what does that look like the community felt ~ yet underserved (Baltimore)
so, we’re ~ and under-resourced (a black woman)
it’s militarized, ~, enslaved (Jackson, MS Capitol)

Over-policed
Black, Brown and ~ in L.A. Schools (a report)

overpraised
her translation was ~ for having been written by a woman

over-served
I was ~ at the bar...
he was ~ (Who’s To Blame When You Get Drunk)

oversexed
a world flooded with ~ modern pop
the *Booty Kings*’ ~ appeals to women in the club

overused
the word “hero” is ~

over-hyped and overrated
this is modern boxing, ~ (the heavyweight division)

overpaid, overrated, overhyped
he is ~ (criticism of a soccer player)

over-sexualization
she’s faced body-shaming and ~ (actress Sydney Sweeney)

overtourism
Hawaii’s ‘~’ becomes growing debate (ABC News)

overfamiliar
he seemed harmless, just an ~ stranger (a stalker)

Overzealous
Are We Becoming ~ About Breast-Feeding (NPR)

overwhelmingly
so ~ effective for you as an adult (Bluey cartoon)

♦ “The state over-charged the case from the beginning...to find him guilty of something.” (The Kyle Rittenhouse case.)

♦ “I feel like it’s militarized, right, over-policed, enslaved—militia... This is a thing of, ‘Black folks can’t govern. Black leaders can’t govern.’ So we’ll

show you how to run, how to move, how to talk...” (A Jackson, Mississippi resident about the Capitol Police and their jurisdiction in her city. The mayor of Jackson likens the control zone to apartheid.)

- ♦ “City officials are working to combat ‘overtourism.’ (The Red Light District, Amsterdam.)
- ♦ “overhyped, overrated and over” (An online commenter about a boxer.)
- ♦ see also *under* (*underdeliver*, etc.)

flaws & lack of flaws: affix / direction
contempo-speak / language: affix
sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: affix / direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

overboard (behavior)

a little overboard
I admit I went ~ (dispute with store manager)

way overboard
we have gone ~ (incarceration)

- ♦ “She sidestepped a question about whether using the term was going overboard.” (Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. The term was “genocide.”)

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: affix / boat

overboard (throw somebody overboard)

threw the commanding officer overboard
they ~ without a thorough investigation (military)

allegiance, support & betrayal / dismissal, removal & resignation: boat / verb / violence

overcome (verb)

overcome
it was a difficult hurdle to ~
the lure of the north is hard to ~ (migrants)

overcome a broken heart
you can ~

overcome its (deep-rooted) problems
the company must ~

overcame a lot of things
she ~ in her life, but... (died in pandemic)

overcome a confidence-shattering rookie year
trying to ~ (basketball)

resiliency / resistance, opposition & defeat: verb
obstacles & impedance: mountains & hills

overdose (noun)

overdose of history
as a child I was poisoned by an ~ (Israeli Amos Oz)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: addiction / affix / health & medicine

overdrive (in / into overdrive)

goes into overdrive
BBC’s fanboy journalism ~ (Man U wins a game)

gone into overdrive

in recent years, those efforts have ~
sent the village rumour mill into overdrive
it ~...

went into overdrive
my imagination ~

activity: engine / mechanism

overflow (verb)

overflow
English prisons began to ~ (too many prisoners)

♦ "As soon as the American outlet was stopped up, English prisons began to overflow." (*The Fatal Shore: The Epic of Australia's Founding* by Robert Hughes.)

movement: water
sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: movement / water

overflowing (adjective)

overflowing inbox
problems with an ~

movement / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: water

overhang (noun)

overhang of criminal prohibition
once we clear away the ~ (therapeutic psychedelics)

♦ "That was full on, scary, hard." (*Passing the Bottleneck on K2. It is overhung by enormous seracs which could fall at any time.*)

dominance & submission: mountains & hills

overheated (adjective)

become overheated
she advises him not to get so ~ (an advocate)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature
sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: affix

overinflated (adjective)

overinflated reputations
a critic should prick ~ (poetry)

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere

flaws & lack of flaws: air / atmosphere
sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: affix

overlapped

overlapped on a number of occasions
our careers and lives ~

configuration: cloth

overload (noun)

overload of choice
there is a cost to having an ~

information overload
"infobesity," or ~
our research team studies ~ (Semantic Scholar)

flaws & lack of flaws: burden / weight

oppression: burden / weight
sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: burden / weight

overloaded

overloaded with spices
the sauce was wildly out of balance, ~

overloaded, bogged down
hospitals are ~ (epidemic)

flaws & lack of flaws: burden / weight

oppression: burden / weight
sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: burden / weight

overlook (verb)

overlook less techy remedies
we should not ~ for loneliness

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

overlord (person)

conglomerate's (IT) overlords
the ~ gathered in Maidenhead, England (NotPetya worm)

corporate overlords
artists and the oppressive influence of their ~ (pop music)

power: history / person / royalty

hierarchy: person / position

overnight

overnight success
she was an ~ (an artist)
the firm wasn't an ~

collapsed overnight
apple sales ~

come about overnight
the recession didn't ~

solved overnight
the problem will not be ~

speed: day

overplay (verb)

overplayed their hand
they ~ (Google versus EU)

failure, accident & impairment: cards / sports & games / verb

overreach (verb)

overreached
BP ~ (and caused an oil-drilling catastrophe)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / restraint & lack of restraint: affix / arm / boundary / distance / verb

overreach (noun)

overreach of his power
this is an ~ (mask mandate / pandemic)

big technology's overreach
~, this unchecked power, is equally frightening

constitutional overreach
this monumental act of ~ (US Prohibition)

behavior: arm / boundary / distance
restraint & lack of restraint: arm / boundary / distance
constraint & lack of constraint: arm / boundary / distance
overrun (verb)

overrunning the region
tourists are ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

overrun (overwhelmed)

overrun
we must avoid the risk of hospitals being ~ (pandemic)

overrun with calls
911 dispatchers were soon ~

overrun with requests
staff are being ~ for information

overrun by otters
the state has been ~ (Illinois)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

overshadow (verb)

overshadowed the race
the tragedy ~ (fatality)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / competition / primacy,
currency, decline & obsolescence / superiority & inferiority:
light & dark / shadow / verb

overstep (verb)

overstepped his authority
a judge ruled the health commissioner ~

overstep his boundaries
a journalist should not ~

overstepped his bounds
he's a creep who ~ (gossip)

overstepping their bounds
Homeowner's Associations are ~

overstepped a line
he felt she had ~
the covert operation probably ~

overstepped the line
most priests are not predators, but some have ~ (sex)

overstepped his (electoral) mandate
the governor has ~ (politics)

overstepped his office
the president has ~ (interfering in local issue)

overstepped its power
the government has ~

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / restraint & lack of restraint: boundary / verb / walking, running & jumping

overstretch (verb)

overstretches the concept
the US ~ of national security (criticism by China)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / restraint & lack of restraint: arm / boundary / distance / verb

over-the-top (adjective)

over-the-top news stories
most ~ cite anonymous officials (South Korea)

restraint & lack of restraint: direction

overthrow (verb)

overthrew his father
the emir, Sheik Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, ~

overthrow the government
he vowed to ~ (Joseph Kony / Uganda)
its goal is to ~ and install a theocracy (Algeria)

overthrew the government
the military ~ (Fiji / 2006)

vowed to overthrow
he ~ the government (Joseph Kony / Uganda)

dismissal, removal & resignation / disruption / primacy,
currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / equilibrium & stability / verb

overturn (verb)

overturn the ban
they will go to court to try and ~
he is working to ~ (nuclear power / California)
he led the charge to ~

overturn the (climbing) ban
the group wants to ~ (Twin Sisters / Idaho)

overturned the conviction
a French appeals court ~ of six accused of...

overturned (conventional) theories
he ~ about the origin of autism (Rimland)

overturn his (father's) will
Leon Hendrix was seeking to ~ and gain control

dismissal, removal & resignation / disruption / primacy,
currency, decline & obsolescence / reversal: direction / equilibrium & stability / verb

overturned

overturned convictions
unnecessary appeals and ~
faulty FBI lab work may result in ~s

dismissal, removal & resignation / disruption / primacy,
currency, decline & obsolescence / reversal: direction /
equilibrium & stability

overwhelm (as noun)

chaos and overwhelm

the ~ of it all ("A Letter to College Sports")

multisensory overwhelm

~ defines her world (every sense always turned on)

♦ People also ask Can Overwhelm be used as a noun? (Google search.)

♦ "The overwhelming overwhelm" by Merrill Perlman is a superb article dealing with cases like these (*Columbia Journalism Review*, June 27, 2017). Perlman includes plenty of examples of usage that include the important collocations and contexts. My "takeaway" (= what I found significant) in her article is this: "Even so, no other major dictionary [other than the OED] includes the noun" and "there's no stopping people who want to improve (or improvise) existing words."

feeling, emotion & effect: part of speech

owe (obligation)

owe people explanations

you don't ~

owe her everything

I ~ (my wife, said by a grateful husband)

owe you anything

the world does not ~

owe you nothing

your parents ~

owed it to myself

I ~ to consider the implications...

owe a lot to my parents

I ~

owe a debt (of gratitude) to my editor

I ~ (writer / acknowledgments)

owes to Allah

Hajj is a duty that mankind ~

owe him

you haven't understood a thing, I ~ (film *Miranda*)

obligation: money / verb

owe (relationship)

owe its existence to fiber optics

the information superhighway ~

owes its origins to the Phoenicians

the name Spain (Hispania) ~

owe my (windsurfing) career to him

I ~ (mentor)

owe a lot to my heritage

I ~ (Iowa)

relationship: money / verb

own (possess)

owned it

I accepted my Gemini soul, I ~, in fact I adored it (Kravitz)

owns the past

who really ~ (looted and smuggled antiquities)

owning her talents

she is now ~ (victim of sex abuse)

possession: money / verb

own (responsibility)

owns

she used and sold meth, a mistake she now ~

own some of the decision

I came to ~ I made, which was hard (a wife)

own the defeat

he must ~ and be held responsible for it (Labor Party)

owns (a big piece of) the disaster

I think Biden ~ (Afghanistan withdrawal)

own my mistakes

I don't hide from anything, I ~ (a thuggish NBA player)

own this

President Biden does not want to ~ (Afghanistan collapse)

♦ She used and sold meth, a *mistake* [italics mine] she now owns. (A MTF / m2f transgender criminal unhappy to be in a prison for males. NPR.)

responsibility: money / possession / verb

own (dominate)

owned the center

Fury ~ of the ring and dictated the fight (boxing)

"own" Myanmar

people say China is the "big daddy" and will soon ~

owned the pool

the US has ~ (at British Olympics)

dominance & submission: money / verb

own (make something one's own)

made it her own

she ~ (the song "Respect" sung by Aretha)

possession: money / verb

ownership (noun)

ownership and autonomy

struggle for, occupy, craft, mark space to establish ~

took no ownership

he ~ of what he's done (criminal case)

♦ "I want them to step up, I want them to take ownership, I want them to explain what went on..." (A grieving mother whose son died at a fraternity hazing ritual that involved alcohol.)

♦ "I want to take ownership for what I said today. I am very sorry for what I said and meant no ill-will. I respect... I should not have said what I said, and I apologize for that. X is not in the wrong, I am." (A team reporter. Her comments were caught on a hot mic.)

possession / responsibility: money

Oxford (Oxford of China, etc.)

Oxford of China
Peking University is the ~

Oxford of the East of Europe
here might be the ~ (Starkie, in 1929, about Cluj)

♦ "He was a paleometeorologist, Dr. Zhu Kezhen, who in 1944 was president of Zhejiang University, called the 'Cambridge of the East.'" (*The Man Who Loved China* by Simon Winchester.)

knowledge & intelligence: epithet

oxygen (fuel)

oxygen
liberalism is the ~ that his conflagration required (Trump)
why is an outlier case getting so much ~ (hoax hate crime)

oxygen that fuels
cryptocurrency like Bitcoin is the ~ this ransomware fire

oxygen for the theory
the ~ is that...

oxygen for our ambitions
economic growth is the ~ (Labour Party / 2023)

political oxygen
underdog candidates gulped much-needed ~ (TV debate)
with her ~ running out, she heads for the exits (candidate)
the impeachment has been sucking up a lot of the ~

oxygen has been sucked up
much of the political ~ by the presidential race (other races)

provide more oxygen
if they did that, it would ~ for this controversy (sports)

give oxygen
ignoring it will ~ to extremists (ethnic identity of criminals)
we don't want to ~ to his ideology (suppresses manifesto)

giving oxygen
Biden has accused him of ~ to bigotry

suck up all of the political oxygen
impeachment going forward is ~ in Congress

♦ "[The government] thought the press was kind of an oxygen and if you choked off the oxygen the confrontation would come to an end. Of course, I don't think that they understood very much about Indian country." (Journalist and filmmaker Kevin McKiernan, about the government's attempts to keep reporters away from the Wounded Knee Uprising in 1973. McKiernan, a rookie reporter at the time, was smuggled onto the reservation by activists.)

♦ The fire triangle is fuel, oxygen and heat. (Wildfires.)

initiation: air / atmosphere / chemistry / fire

growth & development / increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / chemistry / fire

oxygen (life)

oxygen
for Soviet Russians, his poetry was ~ (Boris Pasternak)

oxygen of publicity
her silence deprives the rumors of the ~ (politics)

provide them oxygen
will prosecution just ~ (of the Oath Keepers group)

survival, persistence & endurance: air / breathing

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Pablo Escobar (of the Middle East, etc.)

"Pablo Escobar of the Middle East"
Hajji Bashir Noorzai, the ~ (in prison in the US)

comparison & contrast: epithet

pace (at a pace)

at the pace of repairs
frustrated ~, he traveled to San Jose...

at one's own pace
and there's more freedom to work ~

at a snail's pace
moving ~ is the norm above 8,000 meters (climbing)

at their own pace
the computer program allows students to work ~

at an accelerating pace
these norms are unraveling ~

at an alarming pace
but disasters have continued ~ (mine industry)

at an accelerated pace
lesbian culture evolved ~
achieving the desired outcome at an ~

at a set pace
it is not ~ (human growth and development)

at a furious pace
when national chains were building ~;
once the snow began, it fell ~

at a glacial pace
benefits and appeals are decided ~ (veterans)

at a rapid pace
the polar ice cap will shrink ~ for the next 50 years

at a tolerable pace
denial allows assimilation of tragic information ~

speed: foot / walking, running & jumping

pace (speed)

pace (of medical research) is glacial
the ~

dictated the pace
he has ~ (mixed-martial arts fight)

gathers pace
as the emergency response ~

♦ "Every word has its own pace." (Peter Sokolowski of Merriam-Webster, answering a question about how long it takes for a word or definition to become recognized.)

speed: foot / walking, running & jumping

pace-setter (noun)

pace-setter
the US has always wanted to be the ~ (in physics, etc.)

pace setter
the company is more an efficient imitator than a ~

publishing pacesetter
the magazine was a ~ of the Internet economy

pathfinders and pacesetters
jazz venerates its ~ (elders)

competition / driving force: person / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

pacesetting (adjective)

pacesetting bebop pianist
Tyner was referring to the ~ (Bud Powell)

pacesetting artists
~ like Samuel Fosso and Pascale Martine Tayou

competition / driving force: sports & games / walking, running & jumping

pack (the Rat Pack, etc.)

Rat Pack
the ~: Frank, Dean, Sammy, Joey... (see Wikipedia entry)

Brat Pack
the ~: Demi, Molly, Ally... (See Wikipedia entry)

Frat Pack
the ~: Jack Black, Owen Wilson... (See Wikipedia entry)

♦ "Christian soon recruited four of his fraternity brothers from Duke... They were later joined by a fifth Duke friend... They rented a house together near the Palo Alto country club and became known inside Theranos as 'the Frat Pack.'" (*Bad Blood* by John Carreyrou. This is a play on the Rat Pack, the Brat Pack, and the Frat Pack.)

epithet: animal / dog / wolf

pack (competition)

head of the pack
the consensus is that she is at the ~ (a candidate)

leading the pack
he is ~ but nipping at his heels is Pete Buttigieg (election)

competition: animal / dog / wolf

pack (group)

pack of riders
on Sunday, he finished in the main ~ (Tour de France)

packs of youth
~s roamed the streets (Ottawa power outage)

lead pack
as the ~ approached the third turn on lap 39 (NASCAR)
he stayed in the ~ (Nascar racer)

main pack
Armstrong finished with the ~ (Tour de France)

troop or pack
everyone involved in a ~ (Boy Scouts)

finished with the (main) pack
Armstrong ~ (Tour de France)

break free from the pack
~ (ad for a contraceptive)

separate it from the pack
each translator tries to bring something new to ~ (Dante)

group, set & collection: animal

package (benefits, etc.)

incentive package
creating ~s

benefit package
the federal government offers a very generous ~ (jobs)

settlement package
the company's ~ (for death of worker)

severance package
the charge will fund ~s (a company)
he got a \$5.5 million ~ (executive of failed company)

financial aid package
asking for a better ~ (colleges)

generous (benefit) package
the federal government offers a very ~ (jobs)

configuration / group, set & collection: container

package (commercial)

package rate
30 percent off the ~ for a ski trip

hotel's (\$899-a-couple) package
the ~

dive package
selling ~s

air and accommodation packages
the lodge offers ~ (Alaska)

most heavily promoted package

most choose the ~ (buying autos)

\$899-a-couple package
the hotel's ~

offers (air and accommodation) packages
the lodge ~ (Alaska)

configuration / group, set & collection: container

pack rat (person)

pack rat
he is a ~, and kept the original packaging (a CD)

behavior / character & personality: animal

paeon (noun)

paeon to the swan
Michael Morpurgo's ~ (BBC 4 Tweet of the Day)

paeon to tolerance
to some it's a ~ (the beloved film Sound of Music)

paeon to increasing population
the annual summit is a ~ through birth (vs. immigration)

paeon to fells (hills), becks (streams), and flocks
it is a ~ (*Pastoral Song* by James Rebanks)

politically correct paeon
the book is not a ~ (*The General's Daughter*)

delivered a paeon
John Reid has just ~ of praise for Gordon Brown (politics)

♦ see also *praise* (*sing someone's praises*)

achievement, recognition & praise: music

page (on the same page)

on the same page
this year, everyone is ~ (successful team)

unanimity & consensus: books & reading

page (turn the page)

turn the page
it's time to ~ and go to the next chapter of my life

turning over a new page
we are ~ in the history of Kyrgyzstan (elections)

turn a new page after two world wars
he went to Germany to ~ (Charles de Gaulle)

turn the page on past events
the settlement is an opportunity to ~ (payment of fine)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: books & reading

page (development)

page has turned
it feels like a ~ regarding sex abuse (stronger sentences)

start a new page
we will ~

development: books & reading

pageant (noun)

pageant of death and rebirth
the primordial ~ of light (solar eclipse)

majestic global pageant
this ~ (migratory birds)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / group, set & collection: movement / walking, running & jumping

pain (economic pain, etc.)

pain at the gas pump
the ~ is forcing people to adapt (inflation)

economic pain
many Americas are experiencing great ~ (recession)
there is only corruption, humiliation, and ~
tariffs will just cause us ~

political pain
Trump knows economic meltdown brings ~ (COVID-19)

forecasts of pain
sweeping ~ for the continent (climate report / Africa)

ease the pain
to help ~, the White House will... (high gas prices)

inflict pain
we need to ~ (a tech titan about a competitor)

inflicted (a lot of) pain
it's ~ (Russia cuts off natural gas to Europe)

♦ "How to fight Canelo: 'Take painkillers with you.'" (Said by the great boxer Matthew Hatton!)

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation

pain (pain in the neck, etc.)

pain in the ass
it's a ~ (doing the job right)

pain in the butt
journalists are a ~ (asking questions, etc.)

pain in the neck
rebuilding it will be a ~ (damaged overpass)
what a ~

pain in my neck
she was often a ~

affliction / character & personality: health & medicine / neck / person / sensation

pain (emotional / groups)

pain of change
this is a feeling of grief and just the ~

pain of (weight) stigma
the ~ experienced in childhood

pain and outrage

wave after wave of ~ swept through the *Times* (NYT)

pain and trauma

Blonde focuses so narrowly on Monroe's ~

lonely pain

many still struggle with the ~ (of 9/11)

in pain

if Aaron was ~, he took care not to show it (dad died)

leave me in all this pain

don't ~ (emotional pain)

nurse the pain

Salah was left to ~ of another CL final defeat (soccer)

*** emotional pain, mental pain, groups, etc.

♦ "US conservation group to drop Audubon name over 'pain' caused by slaveholder" by Oliver Milman, *The Guardian*, 25 Oct 2021.

♦ "My people's history has been marked by pain; the centuries of pain my people have suffered..." (A Palestinian.)

♦ "He says pain is there as long as the occupation is there. If the occupation withdraws, then the pain is over." (Palestinian artist Tariq Salsa. From "Morning news brief, NPR, Morning Edition, December 25, 2023.)

♦ "I remember saying in Sunday school, not that long ago, 'Who am I without Mormonism?'" said Osborne. "This is a feeling of grief and just the pain of change, and the pain of not being naïve anymore. It's hard to know the truth." ("Hulu special 'Mormon No More' offers rare look of two former Mormons exploring faith and LGBTQ+ identity" by Haley Yamada, June 23, 2022. "Two Mormon moms who fell in love." Trendy!)

♦ "*Blonde* focuses so narrowly on Monroe's pain and trauma, that it feels less like a biographical drama than a Passion Play. The film turns her into an avatar of suffering..." (The movie critic Justin Chang's negative review of *Blonde*.)

♦ "I'd add that concentrating on things like [manipulative asides about Ed Gein and John Wayne Gacy] and reducing most of the victims and their families to their pain is closer to exploiting that pain than honoring any memories." ("Dahmer—Monster: The Jeffrey Dahmer Story Review: Ryan Murphy, Netflix, Rinse, Repeat" by Daniel Fienberg, *The Hollywood Reporter*, September 22, 2022.)

♦ PAIN, n. An uncomfortable frame of mind that may have a physical basis in something that is being done to the body, or may be purely mental, caused by the good fortune of another. (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

*** physical pain

♦ "Oh for goodness sake. Anyone would think you were dying. You've only got suspected leprosy." (A British nurse to a terrified English patient just returned from Afghanistan who is howling in pain, delirious with fever, and covered in enormous black lumps.)

♦ "The pain is incapacitating." (Guinea worms, or dracunculiasis.)

♦ "The pain is excruciating, and alas, delirium is rare. The patient remains conscious through the whole miserable ordeal." (Hospital gangrene.)

♦ "He administered chloroform to the boy, who at that point was delirious with pain." (Compound fracture.)

♦ "He lived but two days, and died in great agony."

♦ "Many standard operations in the early nineteenth century—being cut for kidney stone, having teeth removed, or a wounded limb amputated—were unimaginably painful. The pain also caused shock, which itself could kill. The only known form of painkiller—the soldier's use of alcohol—was largely a method of controlling terror and deadening shock, not true anaesthesia..." (*The Age of Wonder* by Richard Holmes.)

*** war, conflict, etc.

♦ "There were great husky men crying with the pain of gaping wounds and dreadfully swollen, discolored trench feet..." (*Sister: The War Diary of a Nurse* by Helen Dore Boylston.)

♦ The poor horse jerked back, broke the halter-strap, fell on his back, then recovered himself, arose and hobbled away on three legs, dangling the hoof of the fourth leg, which was held suspended by a strip of skin. This strip of skin, about two inches wide, and the hoof were all that remained of the fore-leg. Blood flowed profusely and streaked the ground wherever he passed. He was soon shot and put out of pain." (Chancellorsville. The horse had been hit by a cannon-ball. From *Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby.)

♦ "Almost two hundred horses lay on the ground in their death throes, or fled in all possible directions, maddened by pain and with blood spurting from their dangling guts. Any riders whose feet had been caught in the stirrups were dragged with them and any soldiers foolish enough to try to stop them were trampled under their hooves." (Rafael de Nogales at the Second Battle of Gaza in April 1917. His tightly packed cavalry division has been bombed by six or seven British biplanes. From *The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter England.)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

mental health: health & medicine / sensation

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation

painful (adjective)

painful

this has been very ~ from a balance-sheet perspective

painful to watch

it was ~ (Anthony Joshua's antics after 2nd loss to Usyk)

painful chapter

it was a ~ in Indian history (white boarding schools)

painful injustice

~ and ordinary heroism (the film *Women Is Losers*)

painful truth

here's the ~

painful vigil

the ~ of a mother

most painful

the last few years have been the ~...

♦ "There will be more hurt in a year that has already been painful." (The economy.)

♦ "Recently there's been more visibility in the trans community. But being the person that's creating that visibility or that representation can also be really painful. The truth is that every day I experience violence of some kind that makes me feel like it's not safe to be in my body, and not safe to be visible." (Lor Sabourin in the Patagonia film *They / Them: One Climber's Story*.)

♦ "Others described the feeling of loneliness as 'painful.'" (Gen Zers, about feeling lonely, in spite of being the most "linked-in" generation in human history. Hmmm...)

♦ "Throughout the Napoleonic Wars, medical science had been spurred on by the immediate bloody demands of the battlefield. It became ever more daring and more ruthless. Larrey, for example, had performed 200 amputations in twenty-four hours after the battle of Borodino, and been awarded the Legion d'Honneur." (*The Age of Wonder* by Richard Holmes. The Battle of Borodino was fought on 7 September 1812 during the French invasion of Russia.)

♦ "Many standard operations in the early nineteenth century—being cut for kidney stone, having teeth removed, or a wounded limb amputated—were unimaginably painful. The pain also caused shock, which itself could kill. The only known form of painkiller—the soldier's use of alcohol—was largely a method of controlling terror and deadening shock, not true anaesthesia... / Several scholars suggest a 'cultural' as much as a technical inhibition [for the failure of medicine to pursue anaesthesia at the time]. They argue that the late-eighteenth-century attitude to pain, in a surgical context, did not admit to the concept of a 'pain-free' operation. Pain itself was a natural and intrinsic part of the surgical procedure, and a surgeon's ability to handle a patient's pain—through his imposed psychological authority, his dexterity, and above all his sheer speed of

amputation and extraction—was an essential part of his profession. In a word, there was the need for 'a paradigm shift' to conceive of pain-free surgery." (*The Age of Wonder* by Richard Holmes.)

♦ "Over time, in novels and memoirs, a portrait emerged of the terrified soldier—tied to a stretcher, prepared with a shot or two of whiskey, a piece of wood or metal between his teeth (thus the phrase 'bite the bullet'), writhing in pain as an arm or leg is sawed off and tossed into an ever-growing pile of body parts on the floor. Union surgeons performed about thirty thousand amputations during the war..." (*Bellevue: Three Centuries of Medicine and Mayhem at America's Most Storied Hospital* by David Oshinsky.)

mental health: health & medicine / sensation

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation

paint (characterize)

paint the entire border patrol with this same brush
to ~ is irresponsible and unfair (misdeeds of 3 agents)

painted her as an adulteress
the prosecution ~

painted the North as a promised land
he ~ (Robert Sengstacke Abbott of *Chicago Defender*)

paint him as an opportunist
her legal team tried to ~ looking for fame and a buck

paint democrats as extreme
republicans want to ~

paint alcoholics in harsher colors
we need to ~ (TV shows)

paint a (bleaker) picture
there are doctors who ~ than necessary

painted an (ugly) picture
she ~ of him as a drug user (trial)

paint the accuser as troubled
his lawyer continued to ~

characterization: picture / verb

paint (resemblance)

knead, wax, pluck, rub, and paint
estheticians ~ people

resemblance: picture / verb

paint (coat of paint)

fresh coat of paint
it's pretty much just NAFTA with a ~ (USMCA)

**appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ subterfuge: infrastructure / materials & substances**

painted (characterized)

painted as a horrible person
I was being ~, and I couldn't do anything about it (banned)

characterization: picture

palace (movie palace, etc.)

Palace of Weddings

the city's elegant ~ (Krasnoyarsk)

Beckingham Palace

their country mansion, known as ~ (English soccer star)

corn palace

the world's only ~ (Mitchell, South Dakota)

ice palace

in the late 1800s cities built ~s for winter carnivals

movie palace

the ~s of his youth

pet palace

Atwood's Pet Resort in SeaTac is a ~

air-conditioned palace

the Grand Ole Opry moved into its new ~

resemblance: royalty

palatable (adjective)

palatable to the left
a way that is ~

consumption: food & drink / taste

flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink / taste

palatial (adjective)

palatial (Manhattan) loft
she designed the kitchen in his ~

run from basic to palatial
river shacks ~ (South Carolina)

♦ "A hut is a palace to the poor man." (Irish.)

size: royalty

comparison & contrast: affix

palette (noun)

palette of ethnic groups
the Kachin dominion includes a ~ (Burma)

palette of options
the government has a ~ it can use to shore up the economy

alternatives & choices / amount: color

group, set & collection: color

palisade (noun)

palisades of steel
they are great ~ (container ships)

resemblance: fortification

pall (cast a pall)

cast a pall on the (peace) process
the victory by Hamas ~

cast a pall over the Olympics
the accident ~ (luge death / Winter Olympics)

casts a pall everywhere
if it ~, there is a special darkness to it here (mass shooting)

♦ A pall is the cloth covering a coffin, hearse or tomb.

feeling, emotion & effect: burial / cloth / verb

oppression: burial / cloth / verb

palp (in the palm of one's hand)

in the palm of his hand

he had everything ~ and it was taken away (arrest)

in the palm of their hand

they had victory ~ but... (soccer team)

attainment / possession: hand

palpable (adjective)

palpable

her anger is often ~, the color literally drains from her face

the pain is ~, and unnecessary (Uvalde school shooting)

palpable in Puerto Rico

the mental health toll of the hurricane is still ~

palpable anxiety

his relaxed demeanor had given way to ~

palpable enmity

there was ~ in the air to begin with (an interview)

palpable pride

among the Black churchgoers, there was ~ in Harris (VP)

absolutely palpable

the tension is ~ in the stadium (Rio 2016 football final)

nearly palpable

the tension between them was ~ (politics)

tragically palpable

a threat to personal space is ~ (police shootings)

excitement (surrounding the team this year) is palpable

the ~ (Super Bowl LVI / Cincinnati)

fear is palpable

the ~ on both sides (Kashmir)

frustration was palpable

but his ~

grief is palpable

the ~ (9/11 memorial)

regret is palpable

his ~ (he had to drop out of school)

♦ You can feel something that is palpable through the skin (like an inflamed lymph node), or seem to feel it (an emotion, for instance), even if it is invisible.

presence & absence / feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

panacea (noun)

panacea

the new rules will not be a ~

blockchain is not a ~, it's not this magical thing

there is no ~ for school shootings (U.S.)

anxiety-relieving panacea

digital detoxes are touted as an ~

♦ A synonym for *panacea* is *cure-all*. In Greek mythology, Panacea was a goddess of healing.

amelioration & renewal: allusion / health & medicine / religion

Panama Canal (of its day, etc.)

Panama of its day

the Miracle Canal was truly a ~ (Qin dynasty)

♦ "Los Angeles repeatedly tried to tame and channel the river. A massive flood in 1914 turned Long Beach into an island and increased public pressure on authorities to subjugate the waterway, which only really became possible after the completion of the Los Angeles Aqueduct in 1913. A feat of engineering often compared to the construction of the Panama Canal, the aqueduct brought the Owens River on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada to the San Fernando Valley..." ("Remaking The River That Remade L.A." by Michael Kimmelman, The New York Times Magazine, November 13, 2022.)

comparison & contrast / transportation: epithet

pancake (verb)

pancaked during the earthquake

several buildings ~

configuration: food & drink / verb

pancake (pancake ice, etc.)

pancake ice

~ in the Weddell Sea

♦ "Lake Michigan *ice pancakes* lap against pier." (An ABC video taken near St. Joseph, Michigan.)

shape: food & drink

pancake (noun)

pancake

the collapse created a ~ on the floors below

configuration: food & drink

pancaked

pancaked

the plane was ~, it's totally crushed and pulverized

about half of the parking garage was ~

pancaked floors

they could see bodies in the ~ (earthquake)

pancaked pile

crews continue to comb through the ~ of debris

configuration: food & drink

pancake-flat (comparison)

pancake-flat characters

they are ~ (negative film review)

comparison & contrast / extent & scope: breadth

pandemic (noun)

pandemic of street racing

one person dies and there is all of a sudden a ~

‘shooting pandemic’
it could be called a ~ (yet another U.S. mass shooting)

extent & scope: health & medicine

pander (verb)

pandered to their political bases
the politicians ~

pander (the most) to the far right
who is going to ~ (French elections)

pander for selfish gain at the expense of truth and justice
I will not ~ (Aramis Ayala)

♦ Pandarus fought for the Trojans in Homer’s Iliad. In a different incarnation, he is mentioned by Boccaccio, Chaucer and Shakespeare as someone assisting lovers. He helps the two lovers in Chaucer’s *Troilus and Criseyde*.

speech: Iliad & Odyssey / sex / verb

Pandora’s box (open a Pandora’s box, etc.)

Pandora Papers
they are called the ~ (12 million leaked documents)

Pandora’s Box
this is a ~ and we don’t know what will happen (vaccine)

Pandora’s box of (menacing) possibilities
they have opened a ~ (war)

Pandora’s box of (legal) troubles
his plea agreement may have opened up a ~ for Trump

forbidden fruit, a Promethean fire, a Pandora’s box
this is ~, and evil genie

open a Pandora’s box of incidents
an investigation might ~ ignored over the years

opened a Pandora’s box of (menacing) possibilities
they have ~ (war)

reopen the Pandora’s box of (ethnic) conflict
failure to act will ~ (Balkans)

♦ Nathaniel Hawthorne wonderfully tells the story of Pandora’s box in *A Wonder Book for Girls and Boys*. His emphasis is on the curiosity that all children have.

♦ In Greek mythology, the myth of Prometheus and the story of Pandora are intertwined.

♦ “I opened a Pandora’s box. I released a Frankenstein. People are just breeding for the money... unscrupulous breeders are crossing poodles with inappropriate dogs simply so they can say they were the first to do it.” (Wally Conran, the Australian who created the labradoodle in the late 1980s. He now says his creation is his “life’s regret.” The labradoodle has been called the first “designer dog.” His concern is about dogs and their health problems.)

affliction / concealment & lack of concealment / pursuit, capture & escape / initiation: allusion / container / creature / religion / verb

Panglossian (adjective)

Panglossian viewpoint
it’s easy to make fun of his ~

♦ Pangloss was a fictional character from *Candide* by Voltaire. Pangloss was famous for his optimism.

♦ “With all this manure, there must be a pony somewhere!” (This joke is very well researched at: quoteinvestigator.com/2013/12/13/pony-somewhere/. The article contains a link to a 1984 William Safire article in *The New York Times*.)

♦ “When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.”

♦ see also *side (bright side)*

**allusion: books & reading
comparison & contrast: affix
character & personality / flaws & lack of flaws: allusion**

panhandle (area)

Alaskan panhandle
every autumn bald eagles flock to the northern ~
the ~ (Tongass National Forest, Stikine Icecap, etc.)
the ~ (Southeastern Alaska)

Florida panhandle
he drove through the ~

Idaho Panhandle
Moscow, an ~ town of 25,000 (near Spokane, Washington)

♦ Nine US states are considered to have panhandles, including Florida.

**shape: cooking
area / geography: shape**

panic (bisexual panic, etc.)

bisexual panic
we get to see Harry in a ~ (The Gayly Prophet podcast)

gay panic
the ~ defense won’t work (trial)

moral panic
see *moral panic (noun)*

Satanic Panic
the “~” that swept through America in the 1980s & 1990s

♦ “In American history there are these irrational outbursts of moralism, and the death of “Kid” Paret was the occasion for one of these epidemics of piety.” (Jack Newfield, boxing journalist. From the affecting and emotionally wrenching documentary *Ring of Fire: The Emile Griffith Story* 2005.)

**behavior / feeling, emotion & effect / inclusion & exclusion:
health & medicine**

panoply (noun)

panoply of (current) art
the ~ (an art exhibition)

panoply of (other) agencies
the FBI and DEA were there, as well as a ~ (investigation)

panoply of incongruities
the exhibit is a ~ (“Making the Met 1870-2020”)

panoply of tools
social media provides a new ~ to spread disinformation

full panoply
the ~ of services for long-term care (including hospice)
dealing with the ~ of issues that divide us (diplomacy)

♦ A panoply is a complete suit of armor.

amount / group, set & collection: military

panopticon (noun)

digital panopticon

the ~ and its reaction cycles (social media, performing, etc.)

medical panopticon

Thrun envisages a ~ that constantly scans us (AI diagnosing)

♦ This refers to Jeremy Bentham's idea for a circular penitentiary open to hidden view from a central office. The idea was, inmates would control themselves if they knew they were being secretly watched at every moment.

♦ "Healy is something of a test case for the digital panopticon and its reaction cycles. Though he has always run his mouth, he long seemed dedicated to saying the right thing, eventually, and getting praised for it. He sometimes ceded his spotlight to the voices of women... When the 1975 won the British equivalent of a Grammy, Healy, in an acceptance speech, read a snippet of an essay by the writer Laura Snapes about misogyny in music. Fans asked him to take a stand on other things..." ("Front Man: Matty Healy, of the 1975, remains torn between the heartfelt and the arch" by Jia Tolentino, *The New Yorker*, June 5, 2023.)

surveillance: allusion / crime / history

pan out (verb)

pan out

the deal didn't ~

if the projects ~... (energy development)

she had a couple of relationships that didn't ~

♦ One dictionary dates the origin of this word to 1868. Famous gold rushes include: California (1848), Australia (1851), the Black Hills Gold Rush (1876), South Africa (1886), and the Klondike (1898).

success & failure: mining / verb

worth & lack of worth: mining / verb

pantheon (noun)

pantheon of (past keynote) speakers

he joins a ~ (political conventions)

Blues pantheon

the Chicago ~ (Howlin' Wolf, Elmore James, Magic Sam, and Junior Wells)

pop pantheon

she is part of the ~, for sure (Lana Del Ray)

cultural pantheon

he fought for his place in the ~ (Elon Musk / Kanye West)

in an illustrious pantheon

vaccines are ~ (discoveries that saved billions)

in that (same) pantheon

other athletes deserve to be ~ winners)

within the pantheon

~ of great sci-fi from the 190s and 1970s (a movie)

icon in the pantheon

Kirk Douglas will always be an ~ of Hollywood

carved his name in the pantheon

he ~ of greats (the cyclist Marco Pantani)

entered the pantheon

she ~ in 1991 (Tina Turner / Rock & Roll Hall of Fame)

place him in the pantheon

his barrel rides ~ of great surfers (Garrett McNamara)

pantheon (that) speaks to the white patriarchy

it is a ~ (great American naturalists / J. Drew Lanham)

♦ In ancient Greek times, a pantheon was a temple dedicated to all of the gods.

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

importance & significance: religion

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: allusion / place / religion

panther (Polynesian Panthers, etc.)

Black Panthers

the ~ (U.S.)

Polynesian Panthers

the ~ (see the Wikipedia entry)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

pants (caught with one's pants down)

caught with our pants down

we were ~ (CDC official)

caught with its (tactical) pants down

law enforcement was ~ (Silk Road online drugs bazaar)

readiness & preparedness: clothing & accessories / verb

pants (get in somebody's pants)

get in my pants

they all wanted to ~ (pretty girl vs. high-school boys)

sex: clothing & accessories / euphemism / verb

pants (scare the pants off somebody)

scare the pants off people

it will ~ (lawlessness)

hyperbole: clothing & accessories / verb

courage & lack of courage: clothing & accessories / verb

pants (big girl pants, etc.)

put on the big boy pants

he needs to ~ and act as commander in chief

put on our big boy pants

we ~ and get on with it (Robert Page / Welsh soccer)

put his big-boy pants on

the president needs to ~ and acknowledge that he lost

put your big-girl pants on

you need to ~ and deal with it

♦ "You need to put your big-girl pants on and deal with it, pull them up and get out there and show them what you got..."

♦ "Need to" often collocates with this expression.

growth & development: life span

role: clothing & accessories

pants (fly by the seat of one's pants)

fly by the seat of his pants

he was very impulsive, very romantic, ~ (Keith Davis)

character & personality: plane

paper tiger

paper tiger

Osama bin Laden believed America was a ~

substance & lack of substance: animal / tiger

strength & weakness: animal / tiger

appearance & reality: animal / tiger

force: animal / tiger

parachute (drop in)

parachute journalism

writers doing the 20th century version of ~ (Appalachia)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane

parachute (golden parachute)

golden parachute

CEOs got high salaries and generous ~s

lucrative golden parachute

they rewarded him with a ~ (Blatt)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane

achievement, recognition & praise: plane

parachute (verb)

parachute into poor countries

college kids ~ for medical missions (malpractice)

parachutes into governor's race

Trump ~ on election eve (Virginia 2021)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane

appearance & disappearance: plane

parachuted

parachuted in

he was ~ last year to lead a turnaround of the business

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane

parade (verb)

paraded him at a news conference

the authorities ~ in Minsk

paraded a scientist around right-wing outlets

as proof, they ~

directing / performance: theater / verb

parade (noun)

parade of suspects

the investigation has seen a ~ over the years (crime)

parade of (weather) systems

a ~ is crossing the country this week

parade of witnesses

a ~ has corroborated his account (hearings)

after a ~, it was up to the jury

endless parade

the seemingly ~ of principals (troubled middle school)

never-ending parade

a ~ of visits

nonstop parade

a ~ of local heroes carrying the Olympic torch

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / group, set &

collection: movement / walking, running & jumping

paradise

paradise

the place was a ~ compared to Botany Bay (Sydney)

hikers' paradise

Aspen is a ~

bird lover's paradise

Horicon Marsh is a ~ (Wisconsin)

smuggler's paradise

the ~ of Tijuana (drugs)

surfer's paradise

this ~ (Kuta, Bali)

surfers' paradise

Jaws is a ~ (north shore of Maui, Hawaii)

the North Shore of Oahu has long been a ~

skateboarder's paradise

the park is a ~

train lover's paradise

China is a ~ (43,000 miles of operating tracks)

windsurfing paradise

the Columbia River Gorge is a ~

island paradise

the ~ turned into hell by terrorists (Bali)

redneck paradise

rock on through to ~

no one's uptight at ~

natural paradise

they live in a ~ (langurs of Halong Bay)

socialist paradise

he promised Venezuelans a better life in a ~

tropical paradise

in theory this place should be a ~

image of Paradise

Bled Island is an ~ (Slovenia)

♦ The Horicon Marsh in Wisconsin is a bird-lover's paradise with its geese and great blue herons. It is the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the United States.

♦ "After the turmoil [of W.W.II], it looked like heaven." (Military doctor who saw Andrews, western North Carolina and on the spur of the moment decided to settle there. He spent the rest of his life living among and doctoring to the mountain people.)

♦ Bled Island in Lake Bled, Slovenia, has been described as "an image of Paradise." During World War II, Heinrich Himmler wanted to tear down Mary's Church on the island and replace it with a temple dedicated to Odin!

environment / superlative: religion

flaws & lack of flaws: religion

Paradise Lost (allusion)

Paradise Lost

this ~ kind of family mythology (formerly rich family)

♦ *Paradise Lost* was the poem by John Milton.

division & connection: allusion / religion

paradisiacal (and paradisa)

paradisa (Mediterranean) island

a bank manager who goes to live like a peasant on a ~

paradisiacal sounds

fountains provide ~ (Hama, Syria)

paradisiacal time warp

the forests of Bucovina seemed to exist in a ~

♦ Pronounced para-duh-SEE-uh-kul. If you know how to pronounce a word, you will use it. This one deserves more usage.

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

comparison & contrast: affix

paralysis (noun)

political paralysis

it was a result of the ~ in Washington
~ may push American off a fiscal cliff

functioning: health & medicine / movement

paralyze (verb)

paralyzed Algiers

the heaviest snow in more than 50 years ~

paralyzed Yaoundé

antigovernment riots ~, Cameroon's capital (2008)

riots paralyzed Yaoundé

antigovernment ~, Cameroon's capital (2008)

snow (in more than 50 years) paralyzed Algiers

the heaviest ~

functioning: health & medicine / movement / verb

paralyzed (feeling)

paralyzed with grief

when I got home I was ~ (Everest 96)

paralyzed by fear

we are absolutely ~ (stuck in a job you don't like)

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / health & medicine / movement

paralyzed (functioning)

paralyzed by hackers

Baltimore struggles to revive computer systems ~

left (most of) the capital paralyzed

the assault ~ (Baghdad terrorism)

functioning: health & medicine / movement

paramount (adjective)

paramount importance

being ethical is of ~

importance & significance: height / mountains & hills

parapet (noun)

parapets of schism

Catholics, Orthodox hurl insults at each other over the ~

put his head above the parapet

the Ibrox legions need a hero to ~ and voice fan concerns
he might have to ~ to go and buy provisions (a fugitive)

put his head above the parapet

he's the only man to ~ on this issue (express an opinion)

put my head above the parapet

I ~ and admit that I was wrong (a sports blogger)

raise their heads above the parapet

it's when things fail that allegations of corruption ~

stuck their heads above the (proverbial) parapet

the people who have ~ (groups)

conflict / protection & lack of protection: fortification

parasite (person)

parasite

critics are ~s (literary critics)

tax evaders are ~s to society (Italy)

she is a ~ who exploits her culture for money (a writer)

they are ~s whose work depends on the activity of others

parasite on the economy

the government is not simply a ~

parasite agents

the ~ on a percentage (high prices for soccer players)

parasite and charlatan

Hearn is the biggest ~ Britain has ever produced (boxing)

parasite, a leech

she's a ~ (charges soldiers for river water)

harmful parasites

I can't accept his dismissive characterization of critics as ~

described as parasites

they were ~, socially dangerous and harmful (USSR)

affliction / insult: animal / person

person: animal / insect

parasitical (adjective)

parasitical exploitation

young and rich is a recipe for ~ by criminals

comparison & contrast: affix

pare (verb)

pare (back) tax cuts

to pay for it, the president would ~ (huge spending bill)

pared his novel down to its bare bones

he ~ (every word important)

dismissal, removal & resignation: knife / verb

pared (pared to the bone)

pared to the bone

the delegation has been ~ (government trip abroad)

♦ see also *bone* (cut something to the bone, etc.)

dismissal, removal & resignation / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: knife / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

parent (parent company, etc.)

parent company

a revenue-sharing arrangement with its ~

the Washington Post and its ~

taxation of ~s and their subsidiaries

our ~, Gannett, sold our building (a local paper)

parent star

the brown dwarf orbits around its ~ (astronomy)

corporate parent

CNN and its ~, Warner Media, is being sold to...

♦ Google parent Alphabet, Facebook parent Meta...

division / relationship: family

parent (cat parents, etc.)

cat parents

they are ~ to Miko the cat (Miko's owners)

dog parents

to our ~, please keep your four-legged children on a leash

pet parent

BeChewy provides tips and tricks for the entire ~ experience

♦ "To our dog parents: Please keep your four-legged children on a leash at all times. / Attention dogs: When nature calls, remind your parents to pick up after you. / Alcohol is not allowed in the Park. It made the ducks too rowdy. Be sure to stop into one of our local restaurants." (Signage at the park in Lake Lure, North Carolina.)

♦ "BeChewy provides tips and tricks for the entire pet parent experience, from potty training a new puppy to baking up homemade treats for your fur baby." (Potty training, not house-breaking.)

division & connection / relationship: family

pariah (person)

pariah

the changing political fortunes of a man who was once a ~

pariah of the village

Tom came upon the juvenile ~ (Huck Finn)

pariahs in their communities

they have become ~ (girls do sex online controversy)

pariah in the music industry

the producer has been a ~ ever since...

pariah at that time

he was a real ~ (Muhammad Ali in 1967)

pariah by association

he became a ~

pariah state

Israel is an apartheid ~ (an opinion)

the Taliban do not want to become a ~ again

pariah status

Zimbabwe seeks to jettison its ~

Iran can continue its march towards ~ or...

international pariahs

they do not want to be seen as ~ (the Taliban)

political pariah

he went from a pandemic hero to a ~ (Andrew Cuomo)

by the early 1960s, Oppenheimer was no longer a ~

became a pariah

he ~ in the late 70s (a Hollywood producer)

and so Atiyeh ~ (environmentalist George Atiyeh)

once a popular society figure, she ~ (wife of swindler)

become pariahs

he said he and his girlfriend had ~ (falsely accused)

becoming a pariah

he is rapidly ~ (a French author / MeToo)

came to be seen as a pariah

lionized in the West, he ~ at home (Gorbachev)

made a pariah

instead of being hailed, he's ~ (*Enemy of the People*)

made him a pariah

Kennan's dissenting views ~ in Washington (diplomacy)

made himself a pariah

he ~ at his old studio (an actor)

♦ This word seems to refer to a caste in India and to the British Raj.

♦ "Shortly Tom came upon the juvenile pariah of the village, Huckleberry Finn, son of the town drunkard. Huckleberry was cordially hated and dreaded by all the mothers of the town, because he was idle and lawless and vulgar and bad—and because all their children admired him so, and delighted in his forbidden society, and wished they dared to be like him. Tom was like the rest of the respectable boys, in that he envied Huckleberry his gaudy outcast condition, and was under strict orders not to play with him. So he played with him every time he got a chance..." (*Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain.)

♦ "Frankie was...a wild figure... I had come to join his gang through clause number two (the threat of torture), and had stayed with it for profitable reasons of fun and adventure... When the women of our street could think of no more bad names to call Frankie Buller for leading their children into fights that resulted in black eyes, torn clothes, and split heads, they called him a Zulu, a label that Frankie came to accept as a

tribute." ("The Decline and Fall of Frankie Buller" by the great writer Alan Sillitoe.)

♦ "It was an absolutely scary experience. We called up our friends, and they said they didn't know us." (The physicist Victor Weisskopf, speaking to Robert Oppenheimer about his recent experience in the Soviet Union, following the arrest of one of Weisskopf's friends.)

♦ "Lyuda, from now on our contact with people has to be one-sided. If a man's been arrested, his wife can only visit people who've invited her. She doesn't have the right to say: 'I want to come round.' That would be humiliating for both her and her husband. You and I have entered a new epoch. We can no longer write to anyone ourselves; we can only reply to letters. We can no longer phone anyone; we can only pick up the receiver when it rings. We don't even have the right to greet acquaintances—they may prefer not to notice us. And if someone does greet me, I don't have the right to speak first. He might consider it possible to give me a nod of the head, but not to talk to me. I can only answer if he speaks first. You and I are pariahs." (*Life and Fate* by Vasily Grossman.)

♦ "People who have become pariahs have been 'canceled.'"

acceptance & rejection / society: person

person: society

Paris (epithet)

Paris of the East

Bucharest's historic center was once praised as "The ~"

"Paris of the South"

attempts to promote Asheville as the ~

Paris of the North

the historic city once called "The ~" (Viipuri / Vyborg)

Paris of the Middle East

before 1975, Beirut was known as the ~

Beirut was once known as the ~

Paris of Java

Bandung, Indonesia, is known as "The ~" (Dutch heritage)

Paris of the Orient

the wickedest city in the world, the ~ (Shanghai 1930s)

superlative: epithet / place

park (walk in the park)

walk in the park

people who said it would be a ~ were wrong (Brexit)

I knew it wasn't going to be a ~ (transgender hormones)

it should be a ~ (US women should win World Cup)

made it a walk in the park

they ~ for Spain (poor showing by Costa Rican soccer team)

♦ "Argentina could hardly have asked for an easier evening. After a nervy opening half an hour it has been a stroll." (80 mins: Netherland 0-2 Argentina at the World Cup in Qatar. The rest is history.)

difficulty, easiness & effort: movement / walking, running & jumping

park (hit something out of the park)

hit it out of the park

she ~ (a great debate performance)

hit it out of the park a second time

he ~ (second season of a TV series)

smashed it out of the park

today he has basically ~ (Max Verstappen / Formula One)

♦ "Max was quite simply in a league of his own. And not just today; all weekend. He has excelled here in the past and today he has basically smashed it out of the park." (Christian Horner about Max Verstappen winning the Belgian Grand Prix, his ninth win in fourteen races.)

♦ see *home run (success)*

success & failure: baseball / sports & games

parked (movement)

parked over the islands

the storm is ~

parked on the south-west

a high-pressure system is ~ (a heatwave)

movement: engine / mechanism

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / progress &

lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending:

engine / mechanism / movement

parliament (group)

parliament of creatures

there was little sense of menace in this ~ (Australia)

♦ "There was little sense of menace in this parliament of creatures. The only large meat-eating animal was the dingo... Even the dragon of the bush, a carrion-eating monitor lizard known as a goanna, would rush up a tree when approached and cling there, its throat puffed out in soundless alarm, until the intruder went away. The only universal predator was man." (*The Fatal Shore: The Epic of Australia's Founding* by Robert Hughes. The "parliament of creatures" he mentions includes: birds (Galahs, lorikeets, rosellas, Sulphur-Crested Cockatoos, etc.); wallabies; kangaroos; koalas; brushtailed possums; ringtails; sugar-gliders; platypuses; echidnas (spiny anteaters); and wombats. That's certainly a parliament!)

♦ A parliament of owls...

group, set & collection: government

paroxysm (emotion)

paroxysm of anxiety

the whole culture is caught up in a ~ (the internet)

paroxysms of grief

the loss of the photo sent him into ~ (dead child)

paroxysms of laughter

it sent them both off into ~

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / movement

paroxysm (other)

paroxysms of (racist) violence

the ~ (U.S. history)

last paroxysm

his reign had been the ~ of the System's cruelty

affliction: health & medicine / movement

activity: health & medicine / movement

parrot (verb)

parroted the (official) line

he ~ about enemy losses

parrots the (progressive) line

she ~ on social media (NPR)

parroted the college's stance
some students ~ (at Harvard)

♦ Kids who parrot the Pledge of Allegiance often say, "I led the pigeons to the flag."

♦ "young people parrot empty catchphrases about decolonization" (An online commenter about the Israel-Hamas war.)

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. An indomitable-looking African Grey Parrot is standing on its perch in the foreground of a huge cage. Behind him are two parrots sharing a perch. The one parrot is saying to the other, "He's not afraid to say exactly what other people are saying." By Arroyo, *The New Yorker*, October 2, 2023.)

repetition: animal / bird / sound / speech / verb

parry (verb)

parried the attacks with some skill
he ~ (a political debate)

parry both
he was able to ~ (during a political debate)

parried queries
Merkel ~ during "Chancellor's Question Time"

parry Romney
Santorum used humor to ~ (politics)

thrust and parry
election year ~

♦ "Lieutenant-Colonel Dunlop was here wounded when half way up by a *sirdar* of Mysore, who met him scimitar in hand. Parrying a cut with his sabre, the colonel slashed open his antagonist's breast, and mortally wounded him. The *sirdar* made another cut that nearly hewed off the head of the colonel, and falling back into the breach was instantly bayoneted. Dunlop reached the summit, and then fell from loss of blood..." ("Serengapatam, 1799, from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

**avoidance & separation / resistance, opposition & defeat:
blade / sword / verb / weapon**

parry (noun)

passive-aggressive parries
the scene is full of ~ (*Succession* dialog)

thrust and parry
election year ~

♦ "He's swapping a quiet life in the Cotswolds for the cut and thrust of Westminster." (A new Foreign Secretary.)

**avoidance & separation: blade / sword / weapon
resistance, opposition & defeat: blade / sword / weapon**

parse (verb)

parse each of his sentences
let's ~ (radio host / news show)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: speech / verb

part (play a part, etc.)

played his part
Pavel Larin had just ~ in the Fall of Berlin (Soviet Storm)

role: theater

part (moving parts)

moving parts to this story
there are a lot of ~

a lot of moving parts
there are a lot of people involved and ~ (an investigation)

so many moving parts
there are ~ in terms of the legal issues

♦ "So many layers, Diane, to this story, a lot of moving parts, and it will of course be very interesting to see how it all plays out..." (Marcus Moore of ABC reporting on a sensational murder case.)

♦ "It was a complicated arrangement with lots of moving parts." (Hamas releases hostages during the Israel-Hamas war.)

complexity: mechanism

partisan (noun)

partisan fever
Washington's well-known ~ (vs. decorum and discretion)

partisan hit job
this is a ~ (political kerfuffle)

partisan lynching
this was just a ~ (impeachment)

partisan papers
correspondents who wrote for ~

partisan rage
~ courses through their veins (Democrats)

partisan saboteurs
school boards are being attacked by ~ (culture wars)

biased and partisan
NPR is ~

♦ "Russian tactics in their unconventional national war against Napoleon are based on partisan resistance, Cossack raids, and scorched earth." (August, 1812.)

♦ "To kill and to flee. [That] is the essence of the tactical duty of a partisan." (Russian partisan officer Denis Davydov, 1812.)

♦ "A man stood upon a railroad bridge in northern Alabama, looking down into the swift water twenty feet below. The man's hands were behind his back, the wrists bound with a cord. A rope closely encircled his neck. It was attached to a stout cross-timber above his head and the slack fell to the level of his knees..." ("An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge" by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ "This is a guerilla war not a debutante's ball. There are no rules here." (The great film *Breaker Morant*.)

♦ "Both the German and the Austro-Hungarian armies developed a hard-line culture for dealing with guerrillas, partisans, komidatschi, francs-tireurs or whatever they may have been called—that is, armed men, who shoot from ambush and fight without uniforms." (*The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter England.)

♦ "Pamphil [Palykh] was devoted to [his wife] and loved his children to distraction... With the arrival of his family he had cheered up and begun to recover... But now the news had got about that... [the families] were going to be sent... to winter quarters... Pamphil's spirits fell and his hallucinations came back... / A bleeding stump of a man [lay] on the ground. His right arm and left leg had been chopped off. It was inconceivable how, with his remaining arm and leg, he had crawled to the camp... Fainting repeatedly from loss of blood, the dying man told him ... of the tortures and atrocities perpetrated by Vitsyn's squads. 'As for the children and women—O God!' / Pamphil had been in the crowd surrounding the dying man. He had seen him, heard his words, and read the threatening inscription on the board. His constant fear for his family in

the event of his own death rose to a new climax... In his imagination he saw them handed over to slow torture... / In his desperate anguish he killed them himself, felling his wife and three children with that same, razor-sharp ax that he had used to carve toys for the two small girls and the boy... / The astonishing thing was that he did not kill himself immediately afterward. What could he be thinking of? It was a clear case of insanity... / While Liberius, the doctor, and the members of the army soviet debated what to do with him, he roamed freely about the camp... An obtuse vague grimace of inhuman, unconquerable suffering never left his face. / No one was sorry for him. Everyone avoided him, some people said he should be lynched, but they were not heeded. / There was nothing in the world left for him to do. At dawn he vanished from the camp, fleeing from himself like a dog with rabies." (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.)

♦ "Partisan detachments must be formed in areas occupied by the enemy, to stir up guerilla war everywhere, to blow up bridges and roads, sabotage telephone and telegraph lines, and to burn forests, stores and transports. We shall create intolerable conditions for the enemy and his supporters, they must be pursued and eliminated at every step." (Stalin's radio broadcast to the Soviet People 3 July 1941. From "Soviet Storm: WW2 in the East.")

♦ "Naturally, the grownups tried hard not to talk about these horrors in the presence of children, at any rate not in Hebrew... But sometime a word slipped through... I could hear the whispering... Nazis, Vilna, partisans, death camps, death trains, Uncle David and Aunt Malka, and little cousin Daniel, who was the same age as me. Somehow the fear got into me..." (*A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz.)

♦ see also *reprisal* (noun)

conflict: military / person

person: military

partner (noun)

partner in their relationship

the third ~ was his addiction to heroin

relationship: person

party (garden party)

giant garden party

our lockdown is a ~ compared to China and Italy (COVID)

difficulty, easiness & effort: party

party (late to the party, etc.)

late to the party

aren't you rather ~ (entering new market)

we're kinda ~ here (antisatellite warfare)

join the party late

traders who just follow the herd and ~ will lose money

timeliness & lack of timeliness: party

party (invited to the party, etc.)

invited to the party

who is ~, and who isn't (success in America)

not everyone can be ~ (haves and have-nots)

acceptance & rejection: party

party (party is over)

After the party

~ (FTX's failure and SoftBank's struggles / *The Economist*)

party is over

we're coming for you, the ~ (cops versus gang)

starting, going, continuing & ending: party

party (coming-out party)

"coming-out party"

it was Japan's ~ as a modern naval power (1890)

inauguration: love, courtship & marriage / party

party (celebration)

spoiling England's party

Germany are used to ~ (soccer / football)

resemblance: party

pas de deux

pas de deux between the nose and the tongue

McGee is interested in the playful ~ (a food scientist)

pas de deux of hostility and servility

an extraordinary ~ (Japan and the US after World War II)

developmental pas de deux

Wuhan has embarked on a ~ with Hong Kong (building)

intense pas de deux

the intertwining plotlines gain momentum in their

increasingly ~

relationship: music

pass (time can pass, etc.)

pass

I hope these times ~ soon (a cop)

passes

every minute that ~ is crucial

time: movement / verb

pass (free pass)

free pass

many thought the press gave him a ~ (politician)

too many undocumented immigrants are given a "~"

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ticket

cost & benefit: ticket

pass (cards)

passed

when I offered to talk to him, he ~

action, inaction & delay / commitment & determination:

cards / gambling / verb

pass (end)

pass

your problems will soon ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / walking,

running & jumping

pass (its time has passed, etc.)

passed

the great wave of trans-Appalachian emigration had ~

passed it by

time had somewhat ~ (a travel route becomes obsolete)

time has passed

it's a tradition whose ~

the person remains, yet his ~ (*Life and Fate*)

time may have (already) passed

it's a gimmick whose ~ (augmented reality phone app)

future / past & present / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / time: direction / movement / verb

pass (progress)

passed the US

many countries have ~ in healthcare and quality of life

competition / progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / verb

pass (die)

passed

he ~ surrounded by loved ones

late yesterday we learned that he ~ (mass shooting)

death & life: euphemism / movement / verb

passage (noun)

passage to adulthood

he writes about his ~

passage into womanhood

her quinceañera, the celebration of a Hispanic girl's ~

passage from ballet student to restaurant apprentice

her rocky ~

course / growth & development: journeys & trips

passage (passage of time)

passage of time

the curve relates forgetting to the ~

the ~ has been on her mind lately

time: distance / journeys & trips / movement

passage (journey)

passage from reporter to novelist (and poet)

the ~ was the dominant trajectory of writing then

course / development / experience: journeys & trips / movement

passage (nasal passage, etc.)

nasal passage

the standard Q-tip can't bend through the ~

resemblance: route

pass away (verb)

passed away last week

he ~

♦ A "deceased person" who has "passed away" is a dead person who has died.

♦ "Fire Department medic unit Number 4 responded and transported the victim to Temple Hospital, where she was subsequently pronounced at 5:33 a.m." (A police spokesperson about a murder.)

♦ "Unfortunately, he was found in a pond and he is no longer with us." (Body found.)

♦ "I was able to hold his hand as he journeyed on." (With brother when he died.)

♦ His life was tragically cut short. (Murdered.)

♦ "A woman was found 'deceased'? How about 'dead'?" (An online commenter.)

death & life: euphemism / movement / verb

pass by (progress)

pass us by

we don't want to let this ~ (adopting new technology)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / verb

passing (death / actual)

passing of our friend and brother

it is with the heaviest of hearts that I tell you of the ~

accidental passing

her ~ has been so sudden (selfie accident)

death & life: euphemism / movement

passing (death / figurative)

passing and a re-birth

it may be both a ~ (interest in old cantorial music)

decline / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life / movement

passion (enthusiasm)

passion

my ~ is skiing

passion in life

his biggest ~ was climbing (killed by lightning)

passion for basketball

Spike Lee is famous for his front-row ~ (the filmmaker)

passion for butterflies

Nabokov inherited his ~ from his parents (the great writer)

passion for chemistry

his ~ (Richard Smalley)

passion for graffiti

his ~ was extinguished when... (tagging accident)

passion for (water) sports

a young man with a ~ (kitesurfing, etc.)

passion for trains
his life-long ~ (model trains, train spotting, etc.)

passion for acting
he quit his job to pursue a lifelong ~ (TV, movies)

passion for boating
he has a love and ~ (a kayaker)

passion for caving
his ~ and cave diving has taken him around the world

passion for dancing
an active teen with a ~

passion for sky diving
he had a ~

passion for gambling
his ~

passion for caving and cave diving
his ~ has taken him around the world

passion project
he is doing this audio idea as a ~ (Ian Urbina)
the film has been a ~ for Dominik (*Blonde* biopic)
~s (queer women on their periods / Nolwen Cifuentes)

passion and desire
he had a ~ to do something (dead 14-year-old graffiti
“artist”)

passion and devotion
ramen inspires ~ among Japanese and foreigners

passion and talent
millennials with a ~ for original storytelling

deep passion
she had this ~ for issues she cared about

grand passion
chelonians are Eric Goode’s ~ (the Turtle Conservancy)

lifelong passion
he quit his job to pursue a ~ for acting (TV, movies)
space flight has been his ~ (astronaut)

national passion
baseball is part of our roots, it’s our ~ (a Habanero)

guts, passion and heart
he plays with ~, he’s all in (NFL player)

interest / passions / hobbies
the return of ~ (after trauma, crisis abroad)

love and passion
he has a ~ for boating (a kayaker)

secret or (a) passion or (an) issue or (a) decision
when race is a ~ (people)

with a passion
I love classical music ~ (Anthony Tommasini)

with passion

they are playing ~, with heart, they can do it (World Cup)

developed a passion

he ~ for writing at an early age

followed his passion

he ~ (a windsurfer)

follow your passion

that’s part of the spirit of mountaineering, to ~

inspires passion

ramen ~ and devotion among Japanese and foreigners

turn your passion into a profession

how do you ~ (ad on TV for arts school)

♦ According to Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., *passion* originally meant suffering: the passion of Christ. Then it morphed in the late 14th century (the time of Chaucer) to mean powerful emotions like hatred and rage, including the tender passion of love. In Funk’s day, it came to relate to the powerful emotion of sex. Today it commonly means enthusiasm. *Compassion* comes from the same root and literally means, “with suffering,” or “I feel your suffering.”

♦ “It was hard for family conversations. You couldn’t exactly talk about it over Thanksgiving dinner.” (Dr. Mark Siddall, who studies and is passionate about leeches.)

♦ “Reporting from France for Beardsley is the fulfillment of a lifelong passion for the French language and culture. At the age of ten she began learning French by reading the Asterix The Gaul comic book series with her father.” (The beloved National Public Radio correspondent Eleanor Beardsley, raised in Columbia, South Carolina. From her biography, “Eleanor Beardsley, Correspondent, Paris,” at NPR.)

♦ “Some people may say that passion is folly. I think if you haven’t followed your passions, you haven’t lived. If you haven’t lived, you haven’t evolved.” (John Chao, photographer and founder, publisher and editor in 1993 of the magazine *American Windsurfer*. In December 2016 he drove a panel truck full of firewood and propane from The Dalles, Oregon, to North Dakota to support the Standing Rock Dakota Access Pipeline activists in their winter camps.)

♦ “Playing video games for a living is a dream for many.” (Amazon’s Twitch, etc., and online streamers.)

♦ “He had a passion and desire to do something... / He was received as such a kind, loving, generous, funny, goofy, creative, funny, vibrant, fearless young man.” (The Arizona mother of a 14-year-old boy, struck and killed by a Seattle monorail while defacing buildings with his graffiti.)

♦ Angus Cloud was a brand ambassador for Rockstar Energy Drink and starred in its ad campaign “Fuel What’s Next,” which champions the idea of what’s possible if you follow your passions. He starred for two seasons in the TV show *Euphoria*, playing a drug pusher. He died at age 25 of a lethal combination of fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine, benzodiazepine, and other drugs. His mother made the call to 911.

♦ “The website portrays his work as an innocent and earnest passion.” (Rockstar Cheer’s Scott Foster, who committed suicide as a tsunami of sexual abuse accusations formed up the bay.)

♦ “What if somebody came up with some kind of French term for dodging traffic?” (An unhappy Captain Jerry Miner, with the Indiana University police, after IU’s daily paper ran a photo of a tracer standing on top of a school arch.)

♦ “My passion is actually for people.” (The great Yo-Yo Ma. The Silk Road Project. *Appassionato*. Super!)

♦ ZEAL, n. A certain nervous disorder afflicting the young and inexperienced. A passion that goeth before a sprawl. (*The Devil’s Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

control & lack of control / enthusiasm / feeling, emotion & effect: sex

passionate

passionate about this case

I was ~ (the great lawyer Johnnie Cochran)
passionate about the (local) people
he was so ~ (a scientist in the field)
passionate about animals, journalism, and the elderly
she was ~
passionate defender
President Jacob Zuma is a ~ of Zulu traditions (S. Africa)
passionate response
she delivered a ~
young, passionate and pissed
I was ~ (climber who lost best friend)

control & lack of control / enthusiasm / feeling, emotion & effect: sex

passionately

feel passionately
but for those of us who ~ about the oceans (preservation)
control & lack of control / enthusiasm / feeling, emotion & effect: sex

passed down (by ancestors, etc.)

passed down
their stories have been ~ (vicarious “race-based trauma”)
the stories ~ prime us for traumatization (race-based)
♦ see also down (down through the centuries, etc.)

transmission: direction / hand
past & present / time: direction / height / history / mountains & hills / prep, adv, adj, particle

pass on (verb)

pass on
which track would you like to ~ (BBC Inheritance Tracks)

transmission: hand / verb

passport (noun)

passport to freedom
education is our ~ (young European Muslim women)
passport to success
Polar adventure was not necessarily a ~ (Hjalmar Johansen)
passport to the world
his camera was his ~ (the photojournalist David Gilkey)
passport out of death row
a low IQ can be a ~
biological passports
~ will be scrutinised (athletes / blood doping)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: document / government

past (in the distant past, etc.)

in the distant past

the meteorite was blasted off the surface of the moon ~
the Revolutionary War and Civil War are ~, but...

in the not-distant past
Mormons experienced persecution ~
in the not so distant past
nominees sought bipartisan support ~

lies in the distant past
for most Americans, World War I ~

past & present / time: distance
past (distant past, etc.)

distant past
litigating cases from the ~ can be difficult
Earth’s distant past
the documentary looks at the ~

past & present / time: distance
past (in the past)

in the past
this all happened ~

lies in the past
the adventure is finished and our journey ~

♦ Scott Simon: *When is the past past? Ever?* / Channele Benz: *Well, I think we can lay the past to rest once we’ve had some kind of reckoning with it.* (“Channele Benz On ‘The Gone Dead,’” NPR, Weekend Edition, June 22, 2019.)

♦ “The past is never dead. It’s not even past.” (*Requiem for a Nun* by William Faulkner.)

♦ “The past is never past in Suffolk County.” (Cutthroat politics, Long Island, New York.)

past & present / time: container
past (look past to the future, etc.)

look past
I never ~ a fighter...

♦ “I never look past a fighter but I do window shop.” (The great boxer Deontay Wilder in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, being interviewed prior to The Day of Reckoning.)

future / time: position

pasteurized

pasteurized version
this very ~ of the story where everyone is heroic (Leningrad)

got (completely) pasteurized
it ~ (Soviet story of Siege of Leningrad)

♦ For a short list of eponyms, see *mesmerizing (adjective)*.

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene
pasture (greener pastures)

searching for greener pastures
many young people are ~ elsewhere (migration)

attraction & repulsion: color / farming & agriculture

pasture (put something out to pasture)

put him out to pasture
we need to ~ (a controversial executive)

putting him out to pasture
he felt they were ~ so what the hell (a politician)

♦ see *retire (verb)* for quotations

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / horse
pasture (put out to pasture)

put out to pasture
some think the musical should be ~ (*The King and I*)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / horse
pasture (amount)

pastures of green baize
the camera surveys the ~ (at a casino)

amount: ground, terrain & land

patch (and patch up)

patched up the (contentious) issue with a compromise
they ~ (world leaders)

patched things up
the two eventually ~ (a relationship)
the company has ~ (problems)

patched up their differences
they have ~ (a couple)

patched the (security) flaw
Microsoft has ~

patched his relationship
he has ~ with them

patch the rift
he is trying to ~ (disagreement)

amelioration & renewal: cloth / verb

patch (patch together)

patched together an agreement
leaders finally ~ (diplomacy)

patched together a (workable group)
he has ~

creation & transformation: cloth / verb

patch (rough patch)

rough patches
you go through ~ in your sport that make you want to quit

danger / difficulty, easiness & effort / obstacles & impedance / survival, persistence & endurance: forest / journeys & trips

patched

patched
Windows is full of security holes that can never be ~

patched up
the problems have been ~

amelioration & renewal: cloth

patchwork (noun)

patchwork
the system, however ~, works well

patchwork of (different pandemic-era) laws
with a ~ across the country...

creation & transformation: cloth

paternity (noun)

claimed paternity
one who has credibly ~ is Charles E. Vela (quote below)

acknowledge their paternity
they are not likely to ~ of the debacle

♦ "A brainchild like STEM has many fathers, and one who has credibly claimed paternity is Charles E. Vela..." (Education.)

♦ "None of these men are ever likely to acknowledge their paternity of the debacle that followed." (The triumph of the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2021.)

relationship: family

path (set out on this path, etc.)

set out on this path
he ~ in 1997 by writing... (rehabilitated his career)

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / path

path (the right / wrong path, etc.)

on the right path
I have put Qatar ~ (Sheikh Hamad)
so the economy's ~

on a (sustained) expansion path
the economy now appears to be ~

on a (good expansionary) growth path
the economy seems to be ~

on a downward path
the debt to GDP ratio is ~ (economy)

on a troubled path
when someone you love is ~

down a dangerous path
his unswerving belief in himself led him ~

down a very dark path
the post were so awful and almost led me ~ (trolled)

down the wrong path
it has taken us ~ (antiterrorism)

down a moderate and secular path
lead Pakistan ~

get back on the path
we must ~ of prosperity (politics)

got on the (right) path
he straightened his life out and ~ (former criminal)

stray from the path
a good Muslim must not ~

stray (too far) from (Saudi Arabia's) path
but Qatar does not ~

taken us down the wrong path
it has ~ (antiterrorism tactic)

♦ "In Japan there has been only one path, and today an increasing number of people are not on it. It's easy to say that academic background is not everything. But the parents cannot suggest another path because they don't know one." (A Japanese psychologist talking about *Hickikomori*, the withdrawal from society by young people.)

♦ In the Sierra Mountains of California, do you tell someone about the best / easiest / normal path? Or do you keep it to yourself, to teach some kind of lesson? ("Best-Case Scenario" by Joshua Rothman, *The New Yorker*, January 31, 2022.)

flaws & lack of flaws: journeys & trips / path path (path to / toward something)

path to democracy and freedom
they are on the ~ (Iraq)

path to citizenship
we offer a ~ for 1.8 million illegal immigrants

path to jihad
hundreds of Americans have followed the ~

path to legalization
immigrants need a ~ (US)

path to power
behavior that's admired is the ~ among people everywhere

path to pride
his job to help the school find a ~ (troubled high school)

path to riches
a marketing wizard who hopes he had found the ~

path to sainthood
the Pontiff put him on the ~

path to success
negotiations with no clear ~ (Middle East)

paths to success
there are many ~

path to discipline, tenacity, courage
hardship is the surer ~

path to inner peace
the Buddhist ~

path toward a market economy
the difficult, unguided ~ (Russia)

path toward peace and prosperity
putting the continent on a ~ (Africa)

♦ "Hope is like a path in the countryside. Originally there is no way, but once people begin to pass, a way appears." (The modern Chinese writer Lu Xun.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: journeys & trips / path path (path of peace, etc.)

path
the ~ they follow may not be simple (investigation)
figure out what ~ will work best for you (education)
jihad is its ~ (Hamas motto)

path of Allah
the ~

path of peace
the ~ is still the right path

path of prosperity
we need to get back on the ~ (politics)

path of (ecological) sustainability
they follow a ~ (reindeer peoples)

path of reason, justice and dialogue
adopt the ~ to resolve... (Kashmir)

course: journeys & trips / path

path (tough / easy path, etc.)

clear-cut (career) paths
not all fields at universities have ~

clear path
negotiations with no ~ to success (Middle East)
as of today there is no ~ forward (politics)

difficult path
military families walk a ~ in wartime (dissent, etc.)

perilous path
the military's action puts Myanmar on a ~ (2021 coup)

smooth path
no candidate will have a ~ to the Democratic nomination

straight path
we ask Allah to lead the Muslims to follow the ~
what you do to keep somebody on the ~

surer path
hardship is the ~ to discipline, tenacity, courage

difficult, unguided path
the ~ toward a market economy (Russia)

long, tortured path
it's been a ~ for the international space station

obstacles in the path
the FAA threw ~ of the Peotone proposal (airport)

path appears clear
the ~ for Donald Trump to be the Republican nominee

led him down a dangerous path
his unswerving belief in himself ~

walk a difficult path
military families ~ in wartime (dissent, anxiety, etc.)

**difficulty, easiness & effort / flaws & lack of flaws /
progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / path
path (alternatives and choices)**

path of least resistance
he's lazy, he'll take the ~

path of the lesser evil
we took the ~ (US support of Saddam)

brother's path
he assured his father he wouldn't follow his ~

father's path
he eventually followed his ~ (seminarian)

life's path
her ~ took an unexpected turn (serious injury)

mothers' paths
often, young prostitutes follow their ~ into the sex trade

Qeis's path
he vowed he will follow in ~ (suicide bomber)

Saudi Arabia's path
but Qatar does not stray too far from ~

one path
in Japan there is only one ~

two paths
there are ~ now for supercomputing
you can take one of ~ in high school (boy-crazy or study)

another path
parents can't suggest ~ (Japan)

different path
persuade young delinquents to take a ~

divergent paths
the two sister took extremely ~

many paths
there are ~ to success

quickest path
the ~ is not always obvious
the ~ to raise school's profile is to buy a football team

two paths
there are ~ now for supercomputing
you can take one of ~ in high school (boys or academics)

academic path
decide what the best ~ for you may be

Buddhist path
the ~ to inner peace

spiritual path

turning to a ~ in their search for answers

adopt the path
~ of reason, justice and dialogue to resolve... (Kashmir)

chose the path
another bored child of privilege who ~ of revolution

continue down that path
it's important that we ~ (environmental cleanup)

continue on the path
we're going to ~ that we started on last year

continue on this path
we should let the economy ~

continue on the (same) path
we will ~ that was laid out by Osama...

find a path
his job to help the school ~ to pride (high school)

follow a path
they ~ of ecological sustainability

set me along this path
my mother helped to ~ (of being a writer)

**alternatives & choices: journeys & trips / path
path (force someone down a path, etc.)**

force your child down a path
don't ~ you wanted to follow (but didn't)

**oppression: journeys & trips / path
path (cross paths)**

cross paths
when competitors ~, violence usually follows (prison)

cross his path
he is a danger to all who ~

crossed paths
late Monday night, the two men ~ again (cop / felon)

crossed her path
she left a mark on all of us who ~ (an actor)

cross paths with a stripper
an accountant might ~ (at an airport)

♦ "The nineteen-year-old student [Gavrilo Princip], a Bosnian recruited by Serbia's Black Hand terrorist movement, could not believe his luck. He had been standing on Franzjosefstrasse, bareheaded in the early summer sunshine, depressed over the failure of a comrade, Nedeljko Čabrinović, to kill the royal couple with a grenade earlier in the day. Then he saw their open-top car take a wrong turn off Appel Quay and pass right by him. The lethal logistics that seem to operate at such moments had transformed error into opportunity. Two point-blank targets presented themselves, and Princip's gun did what it was designed to do." (*Colonel Roosevelt* by Edmund Morris.)

♦ "She was coming directly at us," Schwieger told Valentiner. "She could not have steered a more perfect course if she had deliberately tried to give us a dead shot." (Captain Walther Schwieger of the U-20. Schwieger had set a new course for home. As far as he was concerned, the patrol was over. When he first noticed the *Lusitania* through the periscope, she was speeding away from him, uncatchable. But then the

Lusitania changed course. From *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson.)

♦ Distorted shadows fell / Upon the lighted ceiling: / Shadows of crossed arms, of crossed legs— / Of crossed destiny. ("Winter Night," by Boris Pasternak.)

fate, fortune & chance: journeys & trips / path / verb

path (beat a path)

beating a path to China's door
the world is ~

eagerness & reluctance: journeys & trips / path / verb

path (off the beaten path)

off the beaten path
even tours of federal buildings ~ are possible

far off the beaten path
she lives in a place ~

isolation & remoteness: journeys & trips / path

path (a path can turn / development)

step along the path
a preliminary trial is a ~ to a criminal trial (Colorado)

path took an (unexpected) turn
her life's ~ (serious injury)

go down paths
they can ~ that relate to... (investigation)

started down a path
we have ~ that we won't turn back from (legal action)

take its path
justice has to ~ (investigation)

walked this path before
no one has ~ (dealing with pandemic)

development: journeys & trips / path

path (clear a path)

clear the path for Mr. Sanders
her departure will ~ in particular (election)

clears the path for thousands of Floridians
this ruling ~ (voting rules)

amelioration & renewal / difficulty, easiness & effort / obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips / path / verb

pathbreaking (adjective)

pathbreaking article
he wrote a ~ on this subject

pathbreaking filmmaker
he was a ~ who... (obituary)

pathbreaking ideas
he garnered admiration for some ~ but also enmity

path-breaking research

he brought ~ to economics

pathbreaking role
the museum played a ~ in fostering education

path-breaking study
he was the primary author of a ~ that found...

pathbreaking work
his ~ opened a new era in cancer research

importance & significance: journeys & trips / path

driving force: journeys & trips / path

pathfinder (Mars Pathfinder, etc.)

HMS *Pathfinder*
the ~ was sunk by a German U-boat in 1914

Lisa Pathfinder
the European Space Agency's ~

Nissan Pathfinder
he was struck by a ~

proper name: journeys & trips / path

pathfinder (person)

pathfinders and pacesetters
jazz venerates its ~ (its elders)

driving force: journeys & trips / path / person

searching & discovery: journeys & trips / path / person

pathology (noun)

pathology
Nazism emerged as a ~ of an inflation-wracked...

pathologies of manliness
the ~ (politics / a woman writer)

reactionary pathology
this cartoon history is rooted in some kind of ~ (politics)

symptom of a (much wider) pathology
he is a ~ infecting the entire system (politics)

affliction: health & medicine

pathway (route)

pathway to citizenship
illegal immigrants need a ~
the Dreamers need a ~

pathway from complaint to trial
the ~ is too long (sex abuse cases)

illicit pathways
the~ from Columbia to the US became expressways

route: journeys & trips / path

patient zero

patient zero in the NotPetya plague
the servers that played the role of ~ (computer worm)

affliction / initiation: health & medicine

patina (appearance)

patina of authority

his background gave a ~ (Harvard Prof Timothy Leary)

appearance & reality / extent & scope / substance & lack of substance / subterfuge: breadth / materials & substances

patrician

patrician father

his ~ disapproved (of marriage to poor girl)

hierarchy / identity & nature: allusion / history

patron saint

patron saint

feminists found in her a sort of ~ (an artist)

if American cuisine has a ~, it is James Beard

patron saint of New Mexico

it's funny she ended up the ~ (Georgia O'Keefe)

patron saint of swamps

Thoreau has been called the ~ (Annie Proulx)

help & assistance / representation: religion

pattern (holding pattern)

coronavirus-induced holding pattern

society's normal activities are in a ~

in a holding pattern

the U.S. Senate is ~ (Senators discuss what to do next)

we're just sort of ~ right now (a relationship)

action, inaction & delay: plane

Patton (the Patton of Asia, etc.)

"Patton of Asia"

Claire Lee Chennault nicknamed him the ~ (Xue Yue)

military: epithet

pause (verb)

paused the (abortion) law

a judge ~ (called it unconstitutional)

paused the use

officials ~ of the vaccine to study...

action, inaction & delay: mechanism / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb

pause (noun)

pause

I am in favor of a ~ (to investigate a vaccine)

on pause

the vaccine is still ~ (safety concerns)

hit pause

they have agreed to ~ on their escalating trade war
a judge has ~ on a major US contract

lifts pause

US ~ on Johnson & Johnson vaccines (COVID)

action, inaction & delay: mechanism

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

pawn (noun)

pawn of Israel and the West

he is widely seen as a ~

pawn in the Great Game

Azerbaijan was a ~ for territory and power

pawns in a (political) chess game

they use human beings as ~ (hostages)

pawn in this (hollow representation) game

I felt like a ~ (the comedian Julio Torres)

pawns in a (highly profitable) scam

we were ~ (employees at Southern Poverty Law Center)

pawn on the board

they were grasping at straws, I was just a ~ (John Artis)

less a player than a pawn

a soldier is ~

using migrants as pawns

he has accused the Turks of ~

use him as a pawn

both sides will try to ~ for their own purposes (politics)

control & lack of control / power / strength & weakness:

chess / sports & games

pay (benefit)

pays to go back

sometimes it ~ and start over (detective / cold cases)

pays to be nice

it ~ to strangers (got free tickets)

cost & benefit: money / verb

pay (pay a price)

pay the price

when it comes to high heels, the feet ~

the Democrats will ~ in 2020 (for impeaching Trump)

you have released the whirlwind and you will ~ (politics)

pay a price

you want the fame but, baby, you ~ (Frank Sinatra)

pay the price (of the war) with their arms and legs

they ~ (injured civilians)

pays the price in fear, suffering and death

society ~ (anti-vaccination fears and causes)

pay a price for his activism

Lenny Pozner would ~ (Sandy Hook shooting Dad)

paid a price for his beliefs
Yusuf Islam has ~... (controversy, etc.)

pays a price for her (burning) righteousness
she ~ (a play)

pay a (high) price for killing
the U.S. will ~ a senior leader (Hezbollah)

pay a (political) price
these corrupt social media companies must ~ (Trump)

paid a (heavy) price
he was overconfident throughout and ~ (a goalkeeper)

pay a (huge) price
celebrities ~ for their fame

paid the (ultimate) price
she ~ (drug death)

pay the (ultimate) price
you have to be willing to ~ (surfing)

paid a very high price
we ~ (military commander, about casualties)

♦ "It is what it was and it's my mistake and I paid for it." (The celebrity Jeremy Renner about his horrible snowplow accident.)

♦ "He will pick up the tab for his uprising." (Yevgeny Prigozhin.)

♦ No sin without a price.

♦ see also *price* (noun)

cost & benefit / judgment: money / verb

pay (obligation)

paid me a complement
he ~

paying tribute to our (nursing) colleagues
~—past, present and future

paid little mind to the outside world
they ~ (rural isolation)

paid with his life
he ~ for the people's freedom (terrorist)

pay for their actions
they must ~ (teen killers)

paid his debt
he has ~ many times over (44 years in prison)

pays (little) heed
the program ~ to issues of gender and sexuality

paid (close) notice
France's minority communities ~ when...

pay the (ultimate) penalty
they want those guilty to ~ (death)

pay my respects
I was determined to ~ to Ronald Reagan (on his death)

paid his respects
the president personally ~ to Sheehan

pay his respects
he went to the cemetery to ~ (to a victim of terrorism)

pay its respects
the base was opened for the public to ~ (military deaths)

paid their respects
people ~ to the 12 men who died (coal miners)

paid tribute
he ~ to the men and women in the armed services

paid a (surprise) visit
he ~ and was shocked by what he saw (illegal logging)

paid an (unannounced) visit
Rumsfeld ~ to Iraq (government official)

obligation: money / verb

pay (revenge)

pay
I'm going to make you ~ (a threat)
you will ~ for what you did
whoever did this needs to ~ (murder)

made them pay
he took on those monsters and he ~ (Alvaro Uribe)

judgment / revenge: money / verb

pay (pay one's dues)

paid my dues
I've ~ (actor Michelle Yeoh)

experience: money / verb

payback

payback for his reporting
was his murder a crime or a political ~ (journalist)

payback time
it's ~

political payback
was his murder a crime or a ~ for his reporting

retribution and payback
he wants ~

♦ "Will never forget the wild celebrations from the Welsh when England lost to Iceland in 2016. Well, 8 years later it's payback and I'm loving it!" (An online commenter.)

revenge: money

pay dirt

pay dirt
he finally hit ~ (in the 1930 census / genealogy)

movie pay dirt
the company turns graphic novels into ~

hit pay dirt
he finally ~ (a researcher)
on the fourth day, he seemed to ~ (experiment)

searching & discovery / success & failure / worth & lack of worth: ground, terrain & land / mining

pay off (verb)

pay off

what you are doing will ~ (studying / school)

paying off

the training is ~ (military / counter-IED measures)

China's strategy is ~ (G-20 negotiations)

pays off

it's a nervy gamble that ~ (Kristen Stewart plays Lady Di)

gamble paid off

the ~

lessons paid off

the piano ~ (plays well)

work had paid off

all our hard ~ (a scientist)

♦ **Honesty is its own reward. The same for hard work, helping others, and doing the right thing.**

cost & benefit: money / verb

worth & lack of worth: money / verb

payoff

payoff for a job well done

it was an incredible ~ (successful medevac)

cost & benefit / worth & lack of work: money

paywall (obstacle)

paywall-free

access *The Guardian's* ~ journalism (not really)

digital paywalls

the *New York Times* struck gold with its ~

paywalls corral readers

~ like cattle into the subscriber pen

bemoan the paywall

advocates of open access ~ (academic articles)

moved all of its sport analysts behind its paywall

ESPN+ ~

runs into a lot of paywalls

the road to information ~

sits behind a paywall

the *Stockton Record* ~ (a newspaper)

trapped behind pay walls

most academic papers are ~

♦ **"You can't do much web grazing of quality content these days without a paywall clanging shut on you." ("Opinion: More Money and Fewer Readers: The Paradox of Subscriber Journalism" by Jack Shafer, *Politico*, 08/21/2021.)**

♦ **"Democracy Dies in Darkness." (The motto for The Washington Post. Wouldn't it be more truthful to say, "Democracy Dies Behind a Paywall"?) It is hard to understand why Jeff Bezos would provide rides to the edge**

of space for those who can afford it but not subsidize great journalism to those who can't afford the subscription.)

obstacles & impedance: money / wall

computer: money / wall

peach (noun)

peach of a shot

it was a cracking punch, a ~ (Dubois knocks out Dinu)

flaws & lack of flaws / superlative / worth & lack of worth:

fruits & vegetables

peak (numbers / verb)

peaked

his career has ~ and he's on his way down

the coronavirus surge has ~, researchers say

the pandemic has ~

the epidemic has ~ and started to subside (Zika)

peaked in 1979

Union membership ~

peaked in May

since lumber prices ~, however, demand...

peaked at 102 degrees Fahrenheit

my fever ~

rose and peaked and (then) fell

levels ~ again

increase & decrease: number

peak (careers, etc. / verb)

peaked

meanwhile, the swing era had ~

peaked in the '70s

his songwriting career ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / mountains & hills

peak (at the peak)

at the peak of his career

he disappeared seemingly ~ (an artist)

at the peak of his popularity

he was ~ (a leader)

at the peak of his powers

he is ~ (a rugby player)

achievement, recognition & praise / increase & decrease / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: height / mountains & hills

peak (peaks and troughs, etc.)

peaks and troughs

the regional patterns of ~ could change (rising sea levels)

peaks and valleys

it's a long season, you're going to have ~

there are more emotional ~ in the film (than in the book)

♦ "We probably have crested a peak, this seems to be the analogy of the day, a mountaineering analogy, but the reality is, we've only just begun the descent, and we're still at a very very high altitude, and we know that that descent is going to take us months." (Chris Hobson from NHS Providers, speaking about the COVID-19 pandemic.)

shape: direction / mountains & hills

increase & decrease / progress & lack of progress / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: mountains & hills

peak (peak temperature, etc.)

peak winds

with ~ of... (a tornado)

peak (consumption) month

~ (oil)

peak temperatures

we can expect higher ~ (warming)

increase & decrease: numbers

peak (peak experience, etc.)

peak experience

it was like a ~ to be at Brown (Brown University)

peak hype

~ didn't last long (crypto, NFTs, etc.)

peak moment

the film's ~ of misogyny occurs when...

superlative: height / mountains & hills

peak (peak sexy, etc.)

peak dollar stores

we are nowhere near ~ (they are proliferating)

peak Michael Bay

Ambulance is ~ (the film)

peak white woman behavior

it's ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

peak madness

America's educational rot has reached ~ (UPenn's Magill)

peak Method

he thinks ~ came in the late sixties (acting)

peak Netflix

have we reached ~ (subscriptions go down)

peak phosphorus

the world will reach "~" in a few years (less extracted)

peak Ronaldo

he still thinks he is ~ in his head (soccer snark)

peak stupidity

it's ~ (theory about Tay Tay, Travis Kelce, 2024 election)

peak Superhero

have we reached ~ (Marvel fatigue)

Peak TV

Justified was an undersung masterpiece of the ~

peak TV

it's the age of ~

peak sexy

~ (a section in the online *New York Post*)

peak (campus) wokeness

we're past ~, the tide has turned and is receding... (2023)

♦ "Elizabeth Holmes Asking Trial Judge To Be Lenient Is Peak White Woman Behavior" by Candace McDuffie, *The Root*, Sat. Nov 12, 2022. On Yahoo.)

♦ "Indeed, 'peak woke' could simply give way to 'plateau woke,' to campuses filled with intimidated students and quiescent faculty." ("Rollback on Campus" by Frederick M. Hess, *National Review*, December 19, 2022.)

♦ "Some researchers say that 'peak phosphorus,' the point at which the amount of phosphorus being pulled from the ground starts to decline, could be reached within the next decade. Others maintain that the time frame is more like centuries." ("Elemental Need: Phosphorus helped save our way of life—and now threatens to end it" by Elizabeth Kolbert, *The New Yorker*, March 6, 2023.)

♦ The Merriam-Webster online definition for this usage is excellent.

♦ see also full (full Sarah Brightman, etc.)

amount & effect / attainment / superlative: height / part of speech

pear (pear-shaped / failure)

go pear-shaped

how everything could ~ (*Apocalypse How*)

failure, accident & impairment: shape

pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.)

"Pearl of the Adriatic"

the ~, on the Dalmatian Coast (Dubrovnik)

pearl of the Aegean

Naxos has always been the ~

Pearl of Africa

Mogadishu, the ~, is in ruins (Somalia)

"Pearl of the Antilles"

the city was considered the ~ (Havana, Cuba)

Pearl of Asia

when Phnom Penh was known as the ~

Pearl of the Orient

Manila, the ~ (Philippines)

the city that came to be known as the ~ (Saigon)

pearl of Ukraine

the complex has been called the "~" (Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra)

Black Pearl

the Town of Atlantic Beach is known as the "~" (SC)

♦ "The complex has been called the 'pearl of Ukraine' and the 'Vatican' of Ukrainian Orthodoxy. (The Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra complex in Kiev. It is a UNESCO world heritage site.)

♦ "The Indian rivers are pearls, the mountains rubies, and trees perfumes." (Hazrat Oman, a trader.)

♦ "It was an absolute pearl of a script, it was crystal clear, it was hilarious, and deeply touching...it was a true gift to be presented with a script like this." (Alma Poysti about the Finnish film *Fallen Leaves*.)

superlative: epithet / materials & substances / sea

epithet: materials & substances

geography: epithet

pearl (string of pearls)

string of pearls

when the 21 pieces of the "~" comet hit Jupiter

configuration: sea

pearl (clutch one's pearls)

clutch their pearls

her language made some ~ (a lawmaker)

clutching their pearls over his behavior

they are ~

♦ "Some of Trump's defenders argue he's not really serious, and he's just trying to get people clutching their pearls."

♦ "I was pretty appalled in the moment." (NPR's David Folkenflik.)

♦ "Please, spare us the pearl-clutching faux-outrage." (Politics.)

♦ "Sit down, Jake." YouTube, "Time of My life" (Final Dance") Towards the end of that video, you can see a dowager throw away her stole in a fit of abandon and start dancing with a woman!

feeling, emotion & effect: clothing & accessories

Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.)

Pearl Harbor moment

it was sort of a ~ for America (Fort Sumpter attack)

Australia's Pearl Harbor

the Japanese attack on Darwin is known as ~ (1942)

digital Pearl Harbor

the effect of the WikiLeaks Disclosure was a '~' (Schulte)

♦ "Gaza could Have Been Singapore. Hamas Turned It Into ISIS / Opinion" by Bassem Eid, Palestinian Human Rights Activist, *Newsweek*, October 9, 2023.

♦ "It had seemed impossible that Japan would court destruction by war with Britain and the United States, and probably Russia in the end. A declaration of war by Japan could not be reconciled with reason. I felt sure she would be ruined for a generation by such a plunge, and this proved true. But Governments and peoples do not always take rational decisions. Sometimes they take mad decisions, or one set of people get control who compel all others to obey and aid them in folly. I have not hesitated to record repeatedly my disbelief that Japan would go mad. However sincerely we try to put ourselves in another person's position, we cannot allow for processes of the human mind and imagination to which reason offers no key. / Madness is however an affliction which in war carries with it the advantage of surprise." (*The Grand Alliance* by Winston S. Churchill, "Book Two, War Come To America, Japan.")

♦ see also *nine eleven* (Australia's 9/11, etc.)

history / military: epithet

comparison & contrast: epithet

pecking order

pecking order

there is a ~ based on the players he trusts (soccer starts)

pecking order among the girls

the ~ was clear (sisters in a family)

corporate pecking order

we still have ~s and rigid job categories (lack of change)

above him in the pecking order

the fit-again Erik Lamela is ~ (soccer)

at the bottom of the pecking order

we were ~ (biker club)

fell (even further) down the pecking order

he ~ at Man U (the great Kasper Schmeichel)

behavior / hierarchy: animal / bird

pedal (pedal to the metal)

pedal to the metal

our default in the ER is ~ (a doctor)

press the pedal to the metal

they dropped their work on dengue to ~ on Zika

keep his pedal to the metal

he vowed to ~ in challenging the president (politics)

♦ When it comes to pressing the pedal to the metal, one thinks of the *Fast & Furious* franchise.

♦ see also *gas* (*step on the gas* / *step off the gas*)

commitment & determination: engine / mechanism

peddle (verb)

peddling AJ as a GOAT

the BBC has been ~ for years as part of their agenda

peddle positivity for likes, clicks and profit

online "wellness" influencers who ~

♦ "Sorry, but I ain't buying what you're selling..."

attention, scrutiny & promotion: money / verb

pedestal (on a pedestal, etc.)

highbrow pedestal

we're watching a genre step off its ~ (documentaries)

climbed down from his pedestal

Canby finally ~, maintaining that... (the critic about a review)

deserve the pedestal

it turned out he didn't ~ (another historical figure cancelled)

put him on a pedestal

they ~ (George Washington)

people who ~ since he took charge

put on a pedestal

he has been put ~ by some and vilified by others (politics)

put on a (high) pedestal

they are ~ (priests in immigrant community)

♦ "I placed myself on a high pedestal, I refused to lower myself and sleep around..." (An immigrant girl in England. See the quote below this one for a different reaction.)

♦ "As a Brown Muslim immigrant...she felt forced to perform her sexuality or be reduced to the usual stereotypes associated with her cultural

identity." ('Against White Feminism' Is An Urgent Call To Action For Solidarity And Justice' by Jenny Bhatt. This sounds very much like stereotype threat. Presumably, it meant she slept around.)

♦ "The England team are a great young team but the press and commentators turn people against them just like they do with every sport person. Put them on pedestals then same people knock them down just as quick." (A commenter about the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.)

admiration & contempt: height

pedestaled

pedestaled notions

the pressure to conform to ~ of female beauty...

admiration & contempt / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: height / statue

pedigree (noun)

mountaineering pedigree

they have the ~ needed to consider the task (climb K2)

decent pedigree

he never fought anyone with a ~ (boxing talk)

showed his pedigree

he ~ in the ring tonight (Usyk defeats Joshua)

showed their (post-season) pedigree

the Chiefs ~ to get past the bills (NFL)

♦ The origin of this word makes me wish I had taken French in high school.

identity & nature: animal / family

history: animal / family

peek (verb)

peeked through the clouds

the sun ~

peek out from behind morning clouds

the sun is just starting to ~

appearance & disappearance / resemblance: eye

peel (peel back the layers, etc.)

peeled back the layers

as investigators ~, they found more

peels back yet another layer

a revealing new interview ~ (a politician)

peel back the world

he writes with eager curiosity to ~ of...

♦ "My name is Mark Remillard, and I'm a reporter with ABC News. And I've been working with a team within ABC's investigative unit to peel back the curtain on how..."

♦ "You know what, we need to dig in a little bit deeper, so this year we decided to go underneath the covers and peel back some of the layers." (Megan Bigelow, about a survey of Portland, Oregon women in technology.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: fruits & vegetables / verb

Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.)

Pele of Saudi Arabia

Majid Abdullah, the ~ (soccer)

Pele of Brazilian literature

he is the ~ (Paulo Coelho, according to Arnaldo Niskier)

Russian Pele

he earned the nickname, "the ~" (Eduard Streltsov / soccer)

♦ "The Michaelis dictionary, one of Brazil's most popular, added 'Pele' to its online edition Wednesday, defining it as an adjective that can be used to describe 'someone who is out of the ordinary, who or who by virtue of their quality, value or superiority cannot be equaled to anything or anyone.'" ("Pele" now officially means 'exceptional,' a Brazilian dictionary declares" by Emily Olson, NPR, World, April 27, 2023.)

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: epithet / sports & games

pen (constraint)

subscriber pen

paywalls corral readers like cattle into the ~

constraint & lack of constraint: animal

penalty box (noun)

put him in the penalty box with Elizabeth

his prank ~ (workplace)

punishment & recrimination / situation: sports & games

pendulum (reversal)

pendulum is swinging back

now the ~ (from spending to austerity)

pendulum swings back and forth

the ~ all the time (educational pedagogy)

pendulum has swung too far

some think the ~ and they want to push it back

pendulum will swing back

the ~ (politics)

pendulum is starting to swing that way

the ~, and it's encouraging...

♦ "The pendulum is reversing now, hopefully it settle in the middle like it used to be." (Free expression at universities.)

development / reversal: movement / pendulum

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: movement / pendulum

penned (penned into, etc.)

penned into the coastal plain

the British colonists were essentially ~

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / container

pent-up (constrained)

pent-up anger

there's a lot of ~

pent-up energy

all that ~ came bursting out (a filmmaker)

pent-up (civic) forces
the dictator's ouster unleashed a whirlwind of ~

pent-up frustration
~s have flared into violence (Nigeria)

left it all pent up
it's as though the stuttering ~ (talkative person)

feeling, emotion & effect: container
constraint & lack of constraint: container

penumbra (noun)

penumbra of privacy rights
the shadowy ~ (the Supreme Court)

my brother's penumbra
I lived in ~ my whole life

lies in the penumbra
this case ~, between clear right doing and wrong

superiority & inferiority: light & dark / shadow
attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / shadow

people (little people, etc.)

little people
what utter contempt they have for us “~” (a school board)

hurt the little people
she doesn't care about how she might ~ (a celebrity trial)

importance & significance: person / size
characterization: person

pepper (verb)

peppers the body with his combinations
Derek Chisora ~ (boxing / vs. Joseph Parker)

pepper his correspondence
references to his impending doom ~ (Nietzsche)

pepper it with gunfire
with the convoy pinned down, the unit would ~ and retreat

peppered him with questions
she ~

throwing, putting & planting: food & drink / verb
giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink / verb

peppered

peppered with F-bombs
the song was ~ (Gayle / “abcdefu”)

peppered with insights
her book is ~ (a blurb)

getting peppered
he is ~ (boxing match)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink
throwing, putting & planting: food & drink

pepper in (attach)

peppered that in
we've talked about a bunch of policies, we've ~

attachment / relationship: cooking
configuration / identity & nature: cooking

percent (one hundred and ten percent)

gave it one hundred and ten percent
I ~ (investigation of child abduction)

commitment & determination: number

perch (verb)

perch on the edge
people ~ of an unstable cliff (near Seven Sisters)

configuration: animal / bird / verb

perch (noun)

new prime-time perch
her ~ on MSNBC (Alex Wagner)

place: animal / bird

perch (knock something off its perch)

knock Facebook off its perch
only the government can ~

“knock Glasgow off their perch”
Edinburgh want to ~ (rugby)

dislodged Republicans from their congressional perch
the group ~ (politics)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / bird

perched

perched in the rugged hills
their house is ~

perched on a rock
the local prison is ~ with fabulous views (Monaco)

perched on a (Danish) sand dune
for 120 years, it was ~ (Rubjerg lighthouse moved)

configuration: animal / bird

percolate (verb)

percolating
the debate is ~ in various forms (controversy)

percolating (for years) around the blogosphere
the argument has been ~

percolated throughout the U.S. Army
the idea of permanent divisions ~ prior to 1917

activity: heating water / temperature / verb / water
initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

perdition (noun)

perdition of survivor's guilt
the ~ (9/11)

Road to Perdition

film critic Kenneth Turan reviews ~ (with Tom Hanks)

road to perdition

"petting parties" were neon signposts on the ~ (1920s)

slide to perdition

give socialism a foothold, and nothing can arrest the ~

lead the Republican Party to perdition

mean-spiritedness and nonsense will ~ (politics)

destruction: religion

perform (perform values, etc.)

performing who they are

two men who are ~ (Bob Mondello review of *Femme*)

perform girlfriend

I did not feel any pressure from Malcolm to ~, but...

perform her interest

she felt a step behind in knowing how to ~ in the classroom

perform our own lives

social media forces us to ~

performed different masculinities

he ~ growing up (iLoveMakonnen)

perform respectability

people of color must wear the right "uniform" to ~

perform her sexuality

she felt forced to ~ (Brown Muslim immigrant)

perform these values

they chose to ~ (a criticism)

perform whiteness

a white space that expects her to ~ (high school)

perform an image or identity

celebrities may often ~

♦ "This need to constantly perform respectability for white people is a psychological drain, leaving Black people spent and demoralized." ("Black Success, White Backlash" by Elijah Anderson, *The Atlantic*, September 2023.)

♦ "As a Brown Muslim immigrant...she felt forced to perform her sexuality or be reduced to the usual stereotypes associated with her cultural identity." ('Against White Feminism' Is An Urgent Call To Action For Solidarity And Justice' by Jenny Bhatt. This sounds very much like stereotype threat. Presumably, it meant she slept around.)

♦ "I did not feel any pressure from Malcolm to perform girlfriend, but I think just moving through the world as a girlfriend, it just comes with a history of, you know, I'm playing a role, and this is—this role has a set of expectations attached to it." (Haili Blassingame. From "There's pressure to be partnered. Here's how to enjoy single life" with Meghan Keane, NPR's LIFE KIT, January 10, 2022.)

♦ "So I dress in drag as a man to go to work, I perform that. And then, off hours, I'm Tessa." (Miss Golden State Gay Rodeo, Tessa Trujillo.)

♦ "I don't want to hear one more peep out of them about diversity, equity, and inclusion. I don't wanna see any more of our C-suite execs

recommend books for women's history month. There were tangible actions they could've taken and they chose to perform these values. No thank you." (An underpaid employee with an Asian name who was repeatedly turned down for a raise. She finally applied for her job as a new hire at a higher salary, and her posts went viral.)

♦ "Knausgard's creation...reduces the entire world to the size of the author. This is happening everywhere now—as the writer himself, with characteristic insight, recognizes in a long passage about the ways in which the Internet and social media, by forcing us endlessly to perform our own lives, threaten to trivialize the very notion of selfhood... What work more than his deserves to become the great new classic of the age of the blog?" ("Knausgard" by Daniel Mendelsohn, *The New York Times Book Review*, September 24, 2018.)

♦ "[Ashley] Kim concurred. 'When I first joined the English department, I felt seen, but I also felt, Maybe I don't belong,' she said. She'd gone to a magnet public school in New Jersey and felt a step behind the sanguine private-school kids in knowing how to perform her interest in the classroom." (Harvard. From "The End Of The English Major" by Nathan Heller, *The New Yorker*, March 6, 2023. The conventional verb collocations would be "show" or "display" interest.)

♦ If you don't enjoy "performing" your sexuality or your life, why don't you just stop doing it?

♦ Traditional American advice: Just be yourself.

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "She performed the role of Ophelia in Hamlet."

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection / verb

performance (groups)

performance of both

issues of gender, race and the ~ (women's studies)

performance of class

the novel is about class, or the ~ (The Secret History)

performance of cockiness

the ~ ("Hip-Hop's Un-Shakable Life Force" / NYT mag)

performance of contrition

were they a ~ for the rest of the world

performance of (everyday) life

the ~, everything is a narrative, a script...

performance of love

the ~...

performance of masculinity

male artists whose ~ counters norms (Drake, etc.)

performance of patriotism

as if the ~ frees one from responsibility...

performance of a political view

many viewed wearing a mask as the ~

performance studies

Tavia Nyong'o, professor of ~ at NYU

performance, the role

this would be a ~ of her lifetime (Heard-Depp trial)

sexuality and gender performance

self-expression free from expectations around ~

politics of performance

the ~ can be rewarding, at least in the short run...

♦ "For me, queer joy looks like a celebration of uninhibited self-expression free from expectations around sexuality and gender

performance.” (Steven Goings, who identifies as they / he. They (or he) are / is a diversity trainer at California State University—Monterey Bay.)

♦ “Big Freedia, queen of the New Orleans ‘sissy bounce’ scene, released her first EP and is bringing her ‘go homo’ anthems nationwide on a successful tour.” (Tavia Nyong’o, professor of performance studies at NYU and blogger at *Hear is Queer*.)

♦ “Eyebrows might arch at any art form as reliant upon the performance of cockiness. But when vertiginous pride emanates from Black egos, eyes tend to burn in their sockets.” (“Hip-Hop’s Un-Shakable Life Force” by Wesley Morris, *The New Yorker Magazine*, August 13, 2023.)

♦ The performance of Blackness, queerness, victimhood, etc.

♦ “I wondered, as I toured the monument (the Memorial To the Murdered Jews of Europe in Berlin), how much of the motivation to create memorials to the Holocaust reflected a desire for Germany to—internally—reckon with its heinous state-sanctioned crimes, and how much of it stemmed from a hope that putting memorials up would demonstrate to the rest of the world that Germany had accounted for its past? Put more directly were monuments like this one for Germans to collectively remember what had been done? Were they a performance of contrition for the rest of the world? Were they both?” (“Monuments to the Unthinkable: America still can’t figure out how to memorialize the sins of our history. What can we learn from Germany?” by Clint Smith, *The Atlantic*, December, 2022.)

♦ “*Love Island* makes us believe the performance of love leads to the real deal.”

♦ “Recall how many Americans, in the grim depths of the pandemic, refused to understand the wearing of masks as anything but ‘virtue signaling’—the performance of a political view, rather than a genuine public-health measure.” (We’re Already In The Metaverse: Reality is blurred. Boredom is intolerable. And everything is entertainment” by Megan Garber, *The Atlantic*, March, 2023.)

♦ “The story delves deep into what Bret sees as the performance of everyday life; the way everything is a narrative, a ‘pantomime,’ a ‘script.’” (“Bret Easton Ellis’ first novel in more than a decade, ‘The Shards,’ is worth the wait” by Gabino Iglesias, NPR, Review, Books, January 19, 2023.)

♦ “We told you that this would be a performance, the role of her lifetime as a heroic survivor of brutal abuse.” (Camille Vasquez, in her closing arguments in the Amber Heard-Johnny Depp trial.)

♦ “When you’re on set it seems obvious that pornography is a performance, just like a TV show or a choreographed dance. But most people haven’t been on a porn set, and so the idea that it is a performance is not that obvious.” (“Porn Is Easy To See But Hard To Talk About, Shaping The Ways People Think About Sex” by Kat Lonsdorf, NPR, All Things Considered, May 1, 2019.)

♦ Since the world began, beggars have *performed piteousness*...[italics mine]. Perhaps they have been maimed by fate, or intentionally maimed by their parents, or pretend to be maimed. Perhaps they are young and robust, and yet they still block the public’s path by lying on their backs and wailing. They often depend on the religious and charitable feelings of the public. This is especially true in Muslim societies, where charity is a pillar of Islam. They sometimes comprise subgroups of a society, like the Roma in the Balkans; or they are part of the fabric of certain countries, such as India; or they are associated with certain disabilities, such as the deaf, who in certain countries like Thailand, hand out cards soliciting money, and who can become quite aggressive if one does not “donate” to their disability. In the U.S., such hustlers have found new ways of operating. But always, as a *class*, beggars depend on the basic decency and gullibility of the public, even as they despise that public...

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, “Performance studies.”

♦ OLD: showing or displaying the American flag... / NEW: the performance of patriotism...

♦ “My daddy served in the Army where he lost his right eye / But he flew a flag out in our yard ‘til the day that he died...” (“Courtesy Of The Red, White And Blue / The Angry American” by Toby Keith.)

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

performative (groups)

performative

how to send an anti-racist message without appearing ~

some question its value, is it ~ (critical race theory)

performative act

consuming culture has always been a ~ (litcore fashion)

performative activism

she disparaged their protest as ~ and called for accountability

performative allyship

see *performative allyship*

performative-anger

he is calm in a sea of ~ posers (election candidate)

performative art

politics has become ~

performative demands

having to bear up under endless ~ (Jia Tolentino)

performative events

we are focused on outcome, not the process, or the ~

performative friendliness

our persistent ~ (Courtney E. Martin)

performative (long) hours

why are we still stuck with ~ (at a workplace)

performative hydration

critics are calling it “~” (the Stanley Quencher cup craze)

performative nature

it had a ~ to it (politician appears with wife)
the institution’s ~ (Congress / act crazy for cameras)

performative obnoxiousness

the ~ that now pervades Republican messaging (politics)

performative outrage

in this age of ~... (the Oscars and all their controversies)

performative patriarchy

that’s ~ (family honor must be kept at all costs)

performative and calculating

he was so full-on, I thought, “what’s up?” it was so ~

performative and empty

but some Black activists found Blackout Tuesday ~

performative and real

his all-night presence was both ~ (Elon Musk at Canaveral)

performative, less than relevant

the advertisement stands out in a sea of ~ nods to diversity

completely performative

this is ~, do more than just posting meaningless words

socially performative

the act of cancellation is still mostly conceptual or ~

conceptual or (socially) performative

the act of cancellation is still mostly ~

fake / performative

some mocked her undoubtedly ~ accent (Bhad Bhabie)

permanent and performative

he said posting on Twitter can feel “~” (can be intimidating)

routine and performative

these statements can be ~ (“land acknowledgment”)

- ◆ “But, yeah, the idea of performative activism is a fine line. I mean, you can’t just stay silent. But, it’s kind of unethical to use those platforms, those voices, as a way to kind of put a spotlight on yourself.” (Colin Meloy, lead singer with the Portland band The Decemberists. From “On His New Song, Colin Meloy Gets Lost In ‘Slint, Spiderland,’” NPR, Morning Edition with David Greene, Sept. 2, 2020.)
- ◆ “The politics are mostly gestural; leftism as fashionable posturing; sanctimony literature; self-promotion and the airing of performatively righteous opinion...” (Criticism of a writer.)
- ◆ “There was a certain level of performative nature that came from it because I didn’t want to be there... I found myself dealing with my own internalized homophobia.” (Jussie Smollett, who is Black and gay, about an interview he gave.)
- ◆ “What resonates is that the female orgasm somehow has to be performative. Because the female orgasm is there to convince the man that he’s managed it, he’s achieved it, he’s done the thing he’s supposed to do for the woman.” (“Emma Thompson on her new film—and the idea the female orgasm has to be performative,” NPR, All Things Considered, June 17, 2022.)
- ◆ “He couldn’t WAIT to pull it out his pocket at the red carpet. This is gross and performative and no matter how well this movie does or doesn’t do, him proudly displaying his ownership of a photo of an enslaved man unrelated to him will always be disgusting.” / “What a colossally inappropriate thing to do on every level. He shouldn’t own it. Shouldn’t use the wrong name for it. And definitely should not bring it to show and tell.” (“Emancipation’ producer slammed for bringing slavery photo to premiere” by Samantha Ibrahim, *New York Post*, December 2, 2022.)
- ◆ “The pandemic changed nearly everything about work. Why are we still stuck with performative long hours?” (“When so much at work has changed, why can’t we shake presenteeism?” by Josie Cox, BBC, 24 July 2023. In the article, presenteeism is defined as “a compulsion, often performative, to work long hours and be available around the clock even when unwell or unproductive.”)
- ◆ “Indigenous leaders and activists have mixed feelings about land acknowledgments. While some say they are a waste of time, others are working to make the well-meaning but often empty speeches more useful... They’ve been parodied on TV, in series like *Reservation Dogs*...” (“So you began your event with an indigenous land acknowledgement. Now what?” by Chloe Veltman, NPR, All Things Considered, March 15, 2023.)
- ◆ “If it becomes routine, or worse yet, is strictly performative, then it has no meaning at all. It goes in one ear and out the other.” (Kevin Gover, about indigenous land acknowledgments.)
- ◆ “The land acknowledgment gets you to that start. Now it’s time to think about what that actually means for you or your institution. What are the concrete actions you’re gonna take? What are the ways you’re gonna assist indigenous people in uplifting and upholding their sovereignty and self-determination?” (Cutcha Risling Baldy, quoted in “So you began your event with an indigenous land acknowledgement. Now what?” by Chloe Veltman, NPR, All Things Considered, March 15, 2023.)
- ◆ “I’d like to begin by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the lands on which we meet. Here in Canberra that is the [unintelligible] people, and we acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and region.” (A female academic.)
- ◆ A plan by four churches on the Cherokee Indian Reservation to apologize to the tribe for a historical failure to recognize traditional Cherokee religion or culture has been greeted with surprise by tribal leaders. / “I don’t see what they need to apologize for,” said Tribal Council Chairman Bob Blankenship. “But if they feel they’ve offended us in any way, we’ll accept it.” / The majority of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians’ 13,000 members belong to mainstream Christian churches... / As far as I’m concerned, it’s a waste of time,” said the Rev. Bo Parris of Big Cove Baptist Church. “There’s nothing to apologize for.” / Patty Grant, a member of the Eastern Band and one of the event organizers, said understanding intergenerational grief and trauma is an important part of what the churches are trying to do by making the

apology. She said trauma from centuries of oppression often manifests itself in drug abuse, domestic violence and depression. / Pastor Steven Phillipp...said, “From my perspective as a white male, I see a need for the white church to apologize for the oppression by Christian missionaries of Native American people,” he said. “We thought we had to Europeanize them to evangelize. I am not apologizing for the Gospel. But I do apologize for how we perverted the Gospel in the name of Jesus and oppressed God’s people. / Principal Chief Leon Jones, the top elected leader of the Eastern Band, doesn’t think an apology is necessary. / “Personally, I think the past is history and I don’t hold present-day people responsible,” he said. “All we can do is live today’s life and do the best we can today.” (“Churches to offer apology to Cherokee” by Jon Ostendoff and Quintin Ellison in the *Asheville Citizen-Times*, July 22, 2002 A1.)

- ◆ “It’s virtue signalling, but it’s not really dealing with the problem.”
- ◆ Acting; (scripted) entertainment; fake; feign; (like playing in a) movie; optics; performance art / politics; photo op; pose; scripted; (for) show; staged; (publicity) stunt; (political) theater... (Commenters about an article entitled, “AOC denies faking being handcuffed.” Politics.)
- ◆ “You gotta look mean or white people won’t respect you. White people will run all over you if you don’t look mean.” (Victor schooling Thomas on a bus in the affecting 1998 film *Smoke Signals*, based on the book by the great poet and writer Sherman Alexie. “He went to Reardan, a white high school, where he played on the basketball team and was the only real Indian on the Reardan Indians.” Wikipedia has no entry for “mean-mugging,” but Wiktionary does. It is tagged as “African-American Vernacular, transitive.” Certain Afro-Americans are just as “performative” as any other group. Perhaps more so, as other groups feel less need to “perform” a perceived identity.)
- ◆ “When you look at the craze of Hollywood, and all these red-carpet events and the statements at the red carpet, which are all performative... It’s all performative borderline insanity, in a way. Saccharine, pink sort of vanilla ice-cream emotions. I’m the only one who is sane, the one...” (Werner Herzog talking to Terry Gross in 2023.)
- ◆ A related term is “virtue signaling.”
- ◆ see also *lip service* (*pay lip service*, etc.)
- ◆ Linguistically, performative verbs “do something by saying it.” Performative verbs for sympathy include *regret*, *support*, *be sorry*, *grieve*, *sympathize*. And there are many other expressions that are considered performative, like “I sentence you to be hanged” and “I order you to...,” etc. “You’re canceled” can be considered performative.

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

performative allyship

performative allyship

she called out the brand for ~ (Victoria’s Secret rebrand)

~, also known as *optical allyship*...

~ professes support and solidarity but in an unhelpful way

~ refers to someone from a nonmarginalized group

◆ had to look up “performative allyship” and I still don’t get it. crazy. (The online commenter Diogenes.)

◆ If you type in “performative allyship” in Wikipedia, you are redirected to “Performative activism.” (“This article possibly contains original research. Relevant discussion may be found on the talk page. Please improve it by verifying the claims made and adding inline citations...”)

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

performing (performing memory, etc.)

performing blackness

~ (minstrel shows)

performing masculinity

after years of ~ while struggling with her sexuality

performing memory

the huge monuments have always been about ~

Performing Race

“Show Boat: ~ in an American Musical” (Tod Decker)

performing sex work

she’s a natural exhibitionist who finds joy in ~

♦ **MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE:** the performing arts...

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

periscope (noun)

my periscope

from ~ as a state fire marshal, we’re now looking at...

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

perish (verb)

publish or perish software

you can use the free ~

publish-or-perish world

the ~ of academic medicine

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

permeate (verb)

permeates their lives

the sea ~ (Norwegians)

absorption & immersion: air / smell

permission (noun)

gave me permission

Anna Wintour ~ to show up like a boss (MasterClass pod)

gave myself permission

I ~ to be a little more fun (a female)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: speech

fictive communication: speech

person (incarcerated person, etc.)

incarcerated person

New York changes “inmate” to “~”

justice-involved person

a ~ (a felon, an ex-con)

minor-attracted person

a pedophile, a ~ (ChatGPT)

trans person

a ~ (transsexual)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

perspective (from a perspective)

from the perspective of another culture

see Uluru ~ (Australia)

from the perspective of curators

the arrangements were organized ~

from the perspective of lesbians

discussing social events ~ and gay men

from the perspective of students

but ~ and many staff members, nothing changed

from the perspective of African people

history ~ as subjects, not objects...

from a black man's perspective

~, I expect to be able to... (soccer racism)

from the customer's perspective

we're trying to look at it ~

from the employer's perspective

help them see the barrier ~

from the government's perspective

~, he should have been deported years ago

from the passengers' perspective

~, it was a normal day... (D.C. Metro)

from a pilot's perspective

a look at the flight data from a ~ (crash of...)

from the victim's perspective

murder ~

from a native perspective

if you look at history ~ (Cherokee)

from a classroom perspective

it's important to remember ~ that...

from a cost or time perspective

when it's infeasible or impractical ~

from a law-enforcement perspective

things get a little easier ~

from a collecting perspective

~, there is a huge interest in these dolls

from a marketing perspective

~, bankers just don't see the possibilities

from the African perspective

studying ~ (African-American studies)

from a federal perspective

that is possible ~ in this matter

from their perspective

~, the future of arctic wildlands... (Greenpeace, etc.)

from your perspective

and so ~, how do you think about that and...

from an economic perspective

~, the Strait of Malacca is... (importance)

from a historical perspective

people teaching ~

from a psychological perspective

people teaching ~

from a sociological perspective

people teaching ~

from a strategic perspective
~, the Strait of Malacca is... (importance)

consider it from a (larger) perspective
~ that includes... (the town, history, etc.)

look at history from a native perspective
if you ~ (Cherokee)

look at it from their perspective
if you ~...

made it from the Japanese perspective
he ~ (Clint Eastwood / a film)

see the world from a different perspective
people who ~ (autism)

looked at from a long term perspective
however if ~... (exploiting ANWR)

perception, perspective & point of view: position

perspective (in perspective)

difference in perspective
the ~ between Western and Arab views of Hezbollah

kept things in perspective
most importantly, they have ~

keep things in perspective
to ~, these are scary cases but... (stranger abductions)

put the figures in perspective
to ~, each... (water scarcity / Middle East)

put the interview in perspective
~ (jobs)

put it (all) in perspective
what ~ was a woman who came up and said...

put things in (a different) perspective
you sure ~ when you tell us about...

put things in (their proper) perspective
if you ~, it doesn't really matter...

put things in perspective
when we finish grieving and we can ~

put the whole thing in perspective
old people can better able ~ (memories)

kept in perspective
the threat needs to be ~ (Al-Shabab in Somalia)

perception, perspective & point of view: position

perspective (into perspective)

puts everything else into perspective
a child's death ~ (on Tour de France)

put it into perspective
I think you have to ~ (string of skydiving fatalities)

put this into perspective

to ~, this is... (comparison of pay-per-view fights)

perception, perspective & point of view: position

perspective (other)

perspective
your ~ is welcome (a call-in TV show)

perspective that
the past ~ they were pastoralists has been corrected

perspective of a historian
he brought to the subject the shrewd ~

perspectives of the Civil War
if both black and white ~ are recognized...

perspective on (AIDS) issues
articulate the public health ~

perspective on life
articulating the Saudi ~, religion and Sept. 11

perspective on how
they don't have enough ~ they're being formed (teens)

Parent's Perspective
a ~ (depression in children)

public health perspective
articulate the ~ on (AIDS) issues

marketing perspective
I think in terms of the larger picture, which is a ~

balanced perspective
it is important to have a ~ (safety and study abroad)

limited perspective
I had a ~ (status of windsurfing of US vs. rest of world)

3,000-foot perspective
Carrie, let me get your ~ something, do you think that...

Saudi perspective
articulating the ~ on life, religion and Sept. 11

another perspective
~ came from prostitutes... ("John" School)

cultural perspective
a distinctive ~ that we simply don't have

different perspective
different groups have ~s
they can't see that their partner simply has a ~
~s can produce different outlooks on the war (pilots)

enough perspective
they don't have ~ on how they're being formed (teens)

historical perspective
Biological warfare: A ~ (JAMA article)

invaluable perspective
Glen Mills provided him with ~ (a good school)

multiple perspectives

we didn't consider ~ on this (NPR / the pandemic)

new perspective
it must revitalize itself with new ideas and ~s (college)

fresh, outsider perspective
we're able to provide a ~ on US politics

sense of perspective
he has a thick skin and a ~ (homicide detective)

shortcomings of the perspective
they try to redress the ~ (African-American studies)

objectivity or perspective
~ are not easy to come by in books generated by the war

reflection or perspective
calm ~ are not easy to come by (war books)

sympathy and perspective
~ are not easy to come by in wartime

time, distance, and perspective
I am able to write about it now because of ~

perspectives differ
why their ~ (Boomers vs. Gen Xers)

my perspective might have been skewed
~ (US vs. European attitudes to...)

perspective lends understanding
~ (history of Dubai)

perspective was shared
Cohan's ~ by a number of Asian-Americans

add my perspective
I'd like to ~ to the discussion

adds a (fresh) perspective
the parent's view ~ to their fight (intersexed)

advocate for their particular perspective
affinity groups ~ within the organization (at NPR)

agreed with my perspective
not everyone ~

changed my perspective
it ~ on everything...

consider (Native American) perspectives
federal officials need to ~ when...

depends on your perspective
so it probably ~ as to where you are (education reform)

gained some perspective
he professed to have ~ in the ruins of his career

gives you (a little) perspective
it ~ (reading about industry trends)

gives you a perspective
it ~ that everyone is not the same (International camp)

gives you perspective

the institute ~, you see that other people feel...

introduce (new) perspectives into curriculums
trying to ~ (schools)

keep some perspective about it
try to ~ (toddlers who throw food)

provided him with (invaluable) perspective
Glen Mills ~ (a good school in a bad neighborhood)

promote (the proper ethical) perspectives
commanders ~ (military)

supplied perspective
David Morrison of NASA ~ (asteroid danger to earth)

take a (global or an American) perspective
should it ~ (black studies)

♦ see the related *point of view (other)*

♦ "Position determines perspective. Or, to put it more simply, what you see depends on where you're standing. I'd been standing in the wrong place. I'd been standing too close to William Kent. I had to step back and see Kent from a different angle." (*The General's Daughter* by Nelson DeMille.)

♦ "To envision how an ant might see its world, the Norwegian photographer Tine Poppe places her camera in the dirt of a meadow, lens pointing up." ("Looking Up: Photograph by Tine Poppe," *The Atlantic*, April 2021.)

♦ "We're able to provide a fresh, outsider perspective on US politics—one so often missing from the insular American media bubble." ("If you can, please consider supporting *The Guardian* today. Thank you.")

♦ "The Mekong River is the Dza-chu in Tibet, the Lancang (Lancang Jiang) in China, and the Khong (Mae Nam Khong) in Thailand."

♦ In Russia, World War II is known as the Great Patriotic War. In China, it is known as the Second sino-Japanese War. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is called the American War.

♦ "I have only been down one coal mine so far but hope to go down some more in Yorkshire. It was for me a pretty devastating experience and it is a fearful thought that the labour of crawling as far as the coal face (about a mile in this case but as much as 3 miles in some mines), which was enough to put my legs out of action for four days, is only the beginning and ending of a miner's day's work, and his real work comes in between. Have you ever been down a mine? I don't think I shall ever feel quite the same about coal again." (Eric A. Blair in a letter to Richard Rees, 29 February 1936. Sent from Darlington Street / Wigan, Lancs.)

♦ A FUNNY STORY: Nasreddin was lying on the bank of a river, relaxing. Across the water, he saw a man. The man shouted, "Hey, how to I get to the other side of the river?" Nasreddin shouted back to him, "You are on the other side of the river!"

♦ "Where you stand (on an issue) is determined by where you sit."

♦ A good school assignment: Tell us about an event, or a period of time, that changed your perspective about something, someone, or everything...

perception, perspective & point of view: position

pest (person)

sex pest
X is a ~ (a sign with pictures of a rat and cockroach)
a division of the Guardian Angels is on the lookout for ~s

relentless pest
he was a ~ (the stalker / mass murderer Richard Farley)

♦ "A Canadian man nearly blew off his own head while trying to kill a mouse with a rifle..."

♦ "A Japanese man burned his house down while trying to kill a mosquito."

- ♦ "Police arrested a man who tried to torch a hornets' nest, but instead ended up setting fire to two rented motorbikes." (Cambodia.)
- ♦ "A New York City woman set off 21 bug bombs inside her apartment, causing an explosion that collapsed her five-story building, injuring 14 people."
- ♦ "A New Jersey man's over-zealous attempt to eradicate a home cockroach infestation ended in an explosion."
- ♦ "A California man is currently homeless, after attempting to clear spider webs from his backyard using a propane-powered blowtorch."
- ♦ "A Seattle man used a can of spray paint and a lighter as a makeshift blowtorch to kill a spider and ended up burning down his house."
- ♦ "The world record for the longest chain of mini dominoes was... thwarted when a fly triggered the dominoes." (A failed attempt at a Guinness World Record.)
- ♦ "A Texas woman ended up burning down her home in a heated battle with a snake. When the Texarkana resident spotted the serpent in her garden, she doused it with gasoline and set it ablaze. The flaming snake slithered into a nearby brush pile, igniting it and the house in a conflagration..."
- ♦ "On the door you're a pest, in the home you're a guest." (Predatory door-to-door salesmanship.)
- ♦ "The flies plagued Giufa and stung him. He went to the judge and complained about them. The judge laughed at such a simple young man and said, 'Whenever you see a fly you can strike it.' While the judge was speaking, a fly rested on his face and Giufa dealt it such a blow that he broke the judge's nose."

affliction: animal / insect / person

pester (verb)

pester you for sex

they constantly ~ (men at a hotel on Cyprus)

pestered me about it

my brother ~ for years, it was a crazy idea, I told him

affliction: animal / horse / insect / verb

pesty (adjective)

pesty presence

he scored 54 goals by being a ~ for goal keepers (NHL)

pesty (phone) solicitors

this little device can help ward off ~ (1995)

affliction: animal / insect

comparison & contrast: affix

pet (vocative)

my pet

don't worry, ~

vocative: animal

pet (pet cause, etc.)

pet cause

seeking attention for a ~

pet ideas

they want their ~ adopted (conservatives)

pet name

my girlfriend's ~ for it is...

pet phrase

"We shall see" is one of his ~s

pet project

a ~ of Navy Secretary Danzig

earmarks are ~s that lawmakers insert into giant bills

pet theory

it's hard to let go of a ~

history can reinforce one's ~s

Fortune's pet

he was now ~ instead of her stepson (change to good)

teacher's pet

I was the ~ (school)

enthusiasm / relationship: animal

Peter Pan

Peter Pan syndrome

the ~, these men never grow up (NYC men)

♦ see also *never-never land*

growth & development: biology

allusion: books & reading

petri dish

petri dishes of cafes and storefronts

a new theatrical culture grew in the ~ (NYC)

♦ The petri dish was named after the German bacteriologist Julius Richard Petri.

growth & development: biology

petrified (adjective)

petrified to vote

Blacks were ~

feeling, emotion & effect: movement

phalanx (phalanx of lawyers, etc.)

phalanx of lawyers

the ~ representing him

the figure was announced outside the courthouse by a ~

amount / protection & lack of protection: military

phantom

phantom classes

an academic scandal involving ~ (athletes)

appearance & disappearance / presence & absence: creature

pharaoh (power)

bureaucratic pharaoh

he was a ~ who built monumental works (Robert Moses)

military pharaoh

power has transferred from a ~ to an Islamic one (Egypt)

power: history

Pharaonic (adjective)

Pharaonic

the scale and ambition of the project are ~ (a book)

Pharaonic effort

the job required a ~ (channelizing L.A. River)

pharaonic-scale

did Ceausescu really care if this ~ was completed (canal)

size: allusion / history

comparison & contrast: affix

pharmacy (Pharmacy of the World, etc.)

Pharmacy of the World

India is often called “The ~” (drug making)

importance & significance: epithet

phobe (vaxophobe, etc.)

homophobe

he himself was a ~...

the worse ~s are secretly gay (Pop Culture Happy Hour)

ultraconservatives, bigots, ~s and the like (NPR)

transphobe

the stereotype of the redneck ~

vaxophobe

the ~s are commenting

-ists and -phobes

he’s being called a racist and all the other ~

♦ “Hahaha! I see the vaxophobes are on board today!” (A commenter about the death of a young athlete, no cause of death listed. Many other commenters suggested his death may have been related to vaccine shots.)

♦ DVD-phobe; death-o-phobe; physics phobe; Halloween-o-phobes; New Year’s Eve-o-phobes; cellular commitment-phobe; Trump-a-phobe; conflict-phobe; culture-phobes; vegetable phobe; zucchini-phobes... (And on and on from NPR, a suffix without end. 62,418 results for “phobe” and counting...)

inclusion & exclusion: affix

phobia (fatphobia, etc.)

‘-phobia’ frame

antagonizing your ideological opponent is built into the ~

biphobia

entrenched societal, institutional and familial ~

~ always comes out extra during bisexual awareness week

bi-phobia

there is a lot of ~ and bi-erasure that exists in society

fatphobia

low-rise waists and ~ in the fashion industry

eating disorders, body dysmorphia, and ~

~, diet culture, parenting and health

Hinduphobia

NPR has normalized ~ (Furkan Khan, Lauren Frayer, etc.)

homophobia

how ~ sidelined the National Women’s Football League

hot phobia

she believes she’s a victim of ‘~’ (see quote below)

progressophobia

~ is prevalent on the left (Steven Pinker of Harvard)

queerophobia

a broad strategy to combat ~ (Germany)

transphobia

homophobia and ~ within the Black community

police violence, racism and ~ (on the island of Bali)

Islamophobia

bullying and ~ focus of new YA novel

how ~ is hurting India’s foreign policy

♦ Wikipedia redirects “serophobia” to “Discrimination against people with HIV / AIDS.” Wiktionary defines “serophobia” as “fear of, dislike of, or prejudice against seropositives,” usually people with HIV.

♦ “An OnlyFans star was kicked out of the supermarket for her skimpy outfit, but she believes she’s a victim of ‘hot phobia.’” (“I was kicked out of a store over my shorts—I’m a victim of ‘hot phobia’” by Adriana Diaz, *New York Post*, April 26, 2023.)

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inclusion & exclusion: affix

phobic (transphobic, etc.)

phobic about Islam

a lot of Americans are, like ~ (Mahershala Ali)

bi-phobic

it’s been called ~ (the novel *The Well of Loneliness*)

fat phobic

so-called fat suits are ~ and offensive (Hollywood)

Hinduphobic

an NPR producer has resigned over a ~ tweet (Furkan Khan)

homophobic

the victim of a racist and ~ attack (Jussie Smollett claim)

queer-phobic

~ U.S. legislators (‘don’t say gay’ bills / NPR)

a sometimes ~ world (or sexist, or racist, etc.)

Russophobic

hysterical, rabid and ~ (an untrue accusation)

transphobic

she lost her job for ‘~’ tweets (Maya Forstater)

its homophobic and ~ jokes (Netflix special “The Closer”)

protest over ‘~’ speaker (Oxford Union / England)

homo- and trans-phobic
a racist, misogynist, ~ fanbase... (comics)

homophobic, biphobic and transphobic
~ have no place in sport...

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♦ "Moral panic" and "-phobia" are two good examples of words used by proponents to mischaracterize their opponents.

♦ "It's easier to keep quiet than to be labeled with a word that ends with -ist, or -phobic." ("Letting trans players participate in girls' and women's sports is a ticking time bomb" by Kirsten Fleming, *The New York Post*, Feb. 20, 2024.)

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♦ "Ice-phobic coatings for its boats, so they don't get bogged down by freezing water and sea-spray."

inclusion & exclusion: affix

Phoenix (myth)

Phoenix
we will rise from the ashes like the ~ (town burns)

phoenix moment
Natalie Portman is having a ~ (looks great post-divorce)

scientific Phoenix
he was a ~, rising from the ashes of his mistakes (Pasteur)

♦ In Greek mythology, the Phoenix was a bird that periodically was consumed by fire and then regenerated itself from the ashes.

♦ In his notes to Canto XXIV of *The Inferno*, John Ciardi describes the Phoenix thusly: "The fabulous Phoenix of Arabia was the only one of its kind in the world. Every five hundred years it built a nest of spices and incense which took fire from the heat of the sun and the beating of the Phoenix's wings. The Phoenix was thereupon cremated and was then re-born from its ashes." This is close to the story the Egyptians told Herodotus in the 5th century BC.)

♦ "We both know that if I burnt you down some punk phoenix would rise from your ashes." (Camp dialogue recited by the actor Ray Liotta from *Shades of Blue*.)

♦ In Atlanta, Georgia (USA), a bronze monument of the Phoenix rescuing a woman from a fire commemorates that city's rise from the ashes of the Civil War. Atlanta prides itself on its motto, "The city too busy to hate." Pretty much true today, except for the rappers.

♦ Scott Simon: I remember interviewing him once. This would have been 10 years after the riots. And he told me, 'Ashes don't always mean death. Ashes mean death to yesterday. Ashes may mean life to tomorrow...'" / Pastor Steven Johnson: In fact, one of our murals at that first AME is the Phoenix rising from the ashes. (Remembering Reverend Cecil Murray," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, April 13, 2024.)

**creation & transformation / destruction / origin / survival,
persistence & endurance: allusion / fire / sign, signal,
symbol**

photobomb (verb)

photobomb the images
Ms Steinbach denied she had been asked to ~

photobomb the wedding
the person with the pink hair surely didn't intend to ~

♦ Kelly Steinbeich (AKA Kelleth Cuthbert) became known as the Fiji Water Girl after she upstaged celebrities on the Golden Globe red carpet while providing that brand of water to them.

♦ "There has been an increase in so-called 'Zoom-bombing.'" (Video conferencing during the Coronavirus pandemic.)

♦ "The Zoom bombing was an attack on free expression." (Brandeis President Ronald Liebowitz.)

♦ "My dead baby photobombed my new wedding photos." (*The New York Post*, "Weird But True.")

♦ "I remember I went down into this hole for another scoop of dirt, and then that's when the bomb hit. I looked at the man I was digging this hole with; half his body was gone. And I looked up at the trees and I could see body parts on the limbs on the trees, and I shook myself out of it and I stood up, and it was so quiet." (Private Manuel Orona, Hill 875, Dak To, Vietnam War. The 500-pound bomb from a Marine plane caused the worst friendly-fire incident of the Vietnam War.)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: picture / theater / verb /
weapon**

pick (pick oneself up)

pick themselves up
they've got to ~ (a losing team)

resiliency: direction / hand / verb

pick apart (analyze)

picking apart the language
opposition leaders have been ~ (Brexit deal)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / verb

pickled

pickled in wellness culture and "self-care" rhetoric
our brains are ~ (selfism)

♦ "Why is this happening? [Young people determining that certain people are 'toxic,' even family members.] Maybe young people have been inspired by the impermanence and infinite choice baked into online dating and social media. Maybe our brains have been pickled in wellness culture and 'self-care' rhetoric, which stress the need to privilege our own well-being above all else. Or maybe we're just good American capitalists, encouraged by the cult of individualism to think of ourselves as compelling brands, the main characters of cinematic star vehicles, the centers of the universe." ("That's It. You're Dead To Me. Suddenly everyone is 'toxic'" by Kaitlyn Tiffany, *The Atlantic*, September, 2022.)

♦ Alfred Russel Wallace pickled orangutans in barrels and collected butterflies in the Malay Archipelago.

absorption & immersion: food & drink

pick up (increase)

pick up
demand will eventually ~ (airline industry)

increase & decrease: number

**increase & decrease: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle /
verb**

pick up (pick somebody up, etc.)

picked me up

my community of girlfriends ~ during the worst time

mental health: direction / verb

help & assistance: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

pick up (pick up the pieces)

pick up the pieces of my life

at the age of 71, I had to ~...

♦ "They are picking up the pieces this morning." (Tornadoes in the South.)

resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: ruins

picnic (no picnic)

no picnic

Isabelle is ~ herself (needy and insecure)

loving him is ~

the shelter is ~, but he's thankful (disaster relief)

getting Lyme disease is ~

no picnic being a kidney patient

it's ~ even in the best conditions (Gaza Strip)

no picnic for lawmakers

the August recess is ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: food & drink

picnic (other)

picnic

in comparison with Nanda Devi East, Everest is a ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: food & drink

picnic (church picnic)

church picnic

the rally was more ~ than protest (Tea Party)

behavior / conflict: religion

picture (out of the picture)

out of the picture

he is ~ (husband who abandoned family)

take you out of the picture

a mistake will ~ (competition)

wanted him out of the picture

she ~ (murder)

involvement / presence & absence: picture

picture (in the picture)

put you in the picture

this will ~

involvement: picture

picture (in the big picture)

in the big picture

it's not important ~

♦ If you want to know whether a ship is moving, you don't look at the deck, you look over the side... (A quote attributed to the great geologist John Tuzo Wilson, an important convert to and proponent of the theory of continental drift and plate tectonics.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

context / perception, perspective & point of view: picture

picture (big picture / noun)

bigger picture

you never see the ~, do you (criticism)

big-picture goal

her ~ is to end the conservatorship

focus on the big picture

politicians put aside their bickering to ~ (9/11)

get big picture

let's back up and just ~ for a second (NPR)

♦ "Pull the camera back and explain what you think that says about Mormonism in this moment of the 21st century beyond Mitt Romney." (NPR's Ari Shapiro.)

♦ "She is here to lay out something of a radio map for us, hey there, Diaa, so before we get to the fighting, would you give us the big map? Afghanistan, of course..." (Breezy language heard on NPR.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

context / perception, perspective & point of view: picture

picture (big picture / verb)

big-picture this

I want you to ~ for me (a sports show / two guys)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / context /

perception, perspective & point of view: part of speech

picture (view)

picture of the economy

the conventional ~ is...

picture of their kids

confused parents have no clear ~

heart-wrenching picture

the ~ of last week...

complicated picture

an investigation presented a ~

accurate picture

present an ~ of the current boom (economy)

better picture

we need to get a ~ of what's going on

bigger picture

you never see the ~, do you (criticism)

bleak picture

it is an amazingly ~ that you present (jobs / adjuncts)

bleaker picture

there are doctors who paint a ~ than necessary

clear picture

confused parents have no ~ of their kids
no single agency has a ~ of who is responsible for what

complete picture
complaints authorities haven't provided a ~ (epidemic)
what happens in the lab isn't the ~ (virology)

conventional picture
the ~ of the economy is...

different picture
a ~ emerged of the risks...

little-picture (m)
a ~ trend

pessimistic picture
they are painting a ~ of her career (an actor)

sordid picture
the allegations painted a ~ (recruiting violations)

true picture
disclosure will give a ~ (toxic emissions)

ugly picture
she painted an ~ of him as a drug user (trial)

whole picture
you have to look at the ~
you might not be seeing the ~ (health ad)
the numbers may never capture the ~ (pandemic)

quite a (gloomy) picture
he presented ~ of the region

one-sided picture
the ~ purveyed by the media

favorable picture
suspects want to paint the most ~ possible

picture emerged
a different ~ of the risks...
as the cases accumulated, a common clinical ~ (epidemic)

picture (of what is going on) is getting clearer
more and more the ~ (epidemic)

described a different picture
but he ~... (of a crisis)

drew a (very different) picture
prosecutors ~ (a trial)

get a better picture
we need to ~ of what's going on (diplomacy)

painted an (ugly) picture
she ~ of him as a drug user (trial)

painted a (damning) picture
the report ~ of a culture of coercion (sports camp)

paint a (bleaker) picture
there are doctors who ~ than necessary

add nuance to the overall picture
future research will no doubt ~ (epidemiology)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture
characterization / evidence: picture

picture (picture-perfect)

picture-perfect
the launch was ~ (Blue Origin's *New Shepard*)

♦ "Not too shabby." / "It was picture-perfect!"

flaws & lack of flaws: picture

pie (apple pie)

apple pie
nativism is as old as ~

identify & nature: food & drink / sign, signal, symbol

pie (shape)

"pies"
there are snowdrifts, we call them ~ (ice yachting)

♦ "There are snowdrifts, we call them 'pies.' The small ones are ok, but the big ones are dangerous. I drove into one yesterday. It was not great." (Roman Kopylov, an ice yachting enthusiast, speaking on Lake Baikal.)

resemblance / shape: food & drink

pie (piece of the pie, etc.)

piece of the billion-dollar pie
they weren't getting a ~ (NCAA athletes)

piece of the revenue pie
students don't get any ~ (the NCAA)

share of the (AI) pie
The New York Times is demanding a ~ (of course it is)

♦ "I don't want a piece of the pie, I want the goddamn recipe!" (The character of singer-songwriter-businessman Sam Cooke from the fine Amazon film *One Night in Miami*.)

♦ "They weren't getting a piece of the billion-dollar pie... but ya know, you can let them go make their own pies." (T.J. Holmes for ABC's *Good Morning American*, about NCAA athletes being allowed to make money on their name, image or likeness.)

amount: food & drink

piece (missing pieces)

missing pieces
the ~ now are falling into place (police investigation)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle

piece (pick up the pieces)

pick up the pieces
hopefully, negotiators can ~ and find a way forward

♦ "Investigators are still searching for who planted the explosive device. And residents are left picking up the pieces, literally and metaphorically, after the bombing." (The Georgia Guidestones in Elberton, in the US state of Georgia, were blown up. The Guidestones had been an important tourist attraction for the small town.)

amelioration & renewal: destruction / verb

resiliency: destruction / verb

pieces (go to pieces)

went to pieces

when he was abandoned by his friends, he ~ (politician)
he ~, drank more, gave up...

mental health: euphemism

failure, accident & impairment: mental health

piece together (verb)

piece it together

it took him less than two weeks to ~ (serial rapist)

piecing together (historic) clues

he began ~

piece together what

police are trying to ~ led to the shooting

pieced together where

investigators have still not ~ the money came from

analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle / verb

pied piper

pied piper

he was too charismatic, a ~ leading students astray (Uni)

“pied piper of R&B”

he adopted the nickname, ~ (R. Kelly)

“Pied Piper” of theoretical physics

Oppenheimer had become a ~ (Berkeley the place to study)

Pied Piper in Prada ankle boots

she’s a PowerPoint ~

pied-piper meaning

he had a message, a kind of ~ (Charles Manson’s lyrics)

♦ “So Charles would be walking, and then thousands would be following him everywhere he went, you know. He was the Pied Piper.” (Magic Johnson, about Charles Barkley at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. “Chuck” enjoyed strolling the Ramblas at night, attracting great crowds, and at least one sportswriter considered him “America’s best ambassador” at the games.)

♦ In a *New York Times* opinion entitled “Pompom Girl for Feminism,” Maureen Dowd dismissed Sheryl Sandberg as a “PowerPoint Pied Piper in Prada ankle boots.”

attraction & repulsion: allusion / epithet / magic

allusion: books & reading

piety (noun)

pieties of the (early) 1990s

liberals have reverted to the ~ (alleged sex harassment)

lazy pieties

she avoids ~ and reactionary forecasts (a writer)

progressive pieties

bureaucracies enforcing ~ in the workplace (DEI, etc.)

pieties could scarcely survive

these ~ WWII (goodness of man, sentimentality, etc.)

bend to (contemporary progressive) pieties

he refuses to ~

takes aim at the pieties

she is a heretic who ~ of diet culture

idea: religion

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

pig (insult)

pig

he’s a ~

but your bosses can keep coasting along, the ~s

lipstick on a pig

see *lipstick (appearance)*

♦ “They’re looking to have World Cups every two years so they can keep their snouts in the trough financially.” (FIFA.)

♦ What do you expect from a pig but a grunt!

behavior / insult: animal

pigeonhole (noun)

resisted this pigeonhole

he ~ (Bruce Chatwin, of a homosexual)

characterization: animal / bird

pigeonholed

pigeonholed

he never wanted to be ~ (Bruce Chatwin and his sexuality)

characterization: animal / bird

piggyback (verb)

piggy-back something partisan on it

one side or the other tried to ~ (legislation politics)

piggybacked on his reporting

other sites ~ to cast aspersions on the company

♦ Originally this meant pitching something onto somebody’s back.

configuration: animal / verb

piggybank (noun)

piggybank

they used the group’s coffers as their ~

their own personal piggybank

Alameda Research used FTX money as ~ (fraud)

♦ “I will never allow myself to be a piggybank for anyone to shake.” (The musician Ed Sheeran about winning his court case.)

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

pile (pile of money, etc.)

pile of money

they hoped to make a ~

amount: pile

pile-on (noun)

pile-on on Bernie Sanders

there did seem to be a ~ (election debate)

bipartisan pile-on

it was a ~ (Boeing congressional hearing)

cable-news pile-on
the first accusation, the next accusations, the ~

online pile-ons
even non-public figures have ~

callouts, draggings, and pile-ons
some Y.A. books are targeted in intense social-media ~

joined the pile-on
soon big-named comedians ~ (Instagram problem)

♦ "If Joshua was half as good as he thinks he is he'd still be twice as good as he actually is." // "That means he thinks he's four times better than he actually is!!!! I don't think he's that good" (Inspired boxing snark on the BBC, with math. Funny!)

♦ A person who joins a pile-on is a piler-on. The plural would be pilers-on: "She was one of the early pilers-on and she is begging forgiveness."

unanimity & consensus: pile / sports & games
accusation & criticism: pile / sports & games
punishment & recrimination: pile / sports & games
pile on (gang up on)

pile on
some urged Democrats not to ~ (attacks on Joe Biden)

piled on
national Democrats ~ (calls for resignation)
fans ~ (to criticize Bill Buckner after his 1986 error)
the media ~ (criticism of Bill Buckner after 1986 error)

♦ "Man Utd are a club giving joy to hundreds of millions every week. Just not their fans." (Mish on a BBC HYS. 1037 upvotes. 48 downvotes.)

♦ "She was basically dogpiled on social media."

unanimity & consensus: pile / sports & games / verb
accusation & criticism: pile / sports & games / verb
punishment & recrimination: pile / sports & games / verb
pile on (increase)

piling on the pressure
he's ~ (politics)

increase & decrease: pile / verb

pile up (verb)

pile up
disturbing details began to ~ (missing child)

distractions can pile up
~ (while driving a car: kids, music, cellphone, etc.)

evidence was piling up
the ~ (investigation of missing woman)

increase & decrease: direction / pile / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

pilgrimage (trip)

pilgrimage site
his restaurant is a ~ for foodies

rock 'n' roll pilgrimage
Australia's annual ~ (the Elvis festival / Parkes)

annual pilgrimage

they've made the ~ for 12 years (Daytona 500)

act of pilgrimage
in an ~, he found Amundsen's cairn on Betty's Knoll

make the pilgrimage
Scandinavians ~ here each year (northern Jutland)
tourists ~ to see sunrise from Low's Peak (Kinabalu)

makes a pilgrimage
nearly every day, somebody ~ here (Lake Lure)

♦ "They say they just want to see the site. I'm just stunned. It takes work on their part to find out [the locations] where the movie was shot." (John Cloud at Lake Lure, North Carolina, on people who come looking for where the film *Dirty Dancing* was filmed. The movie, released in 1987, starred Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. Dirty Dancing Cove is the popular name for the place where Swayze and Grey practiced lifts in the water.)

♦ The "devotional crawl" around Kang Rinpoche (Mount Kailas) in western Tibet takes about two weeks. The path starts at an altitude of 15,000 feet, attains an altitude of 18,600 feet at the Drolma La Pass, is 33 miles long, and crosses streams. Most pilgrims walk or crawl in a clockwise direction, but the Bonpos go counterclockwise. Pilgrims spend years and even decades simply getting to the mountain.

♦ "Downtown Jeddah is bustling with the annual post-Haj commercial boom caused by the influx of pilgrims. Many pilgrims are on a shopping spree while others set up stalls to sell items they brought with them to help pay for their journey, and even take a little extra cash home with them... Asian pilgrims can be seen buying Islamic-themed gifts, perfumes, beauty products, henna, and prayer rugs... Tunisians, Indonesians, Pakistani and Egyptians are buying religious books and rugs. African pilgrims are buying gold, electronics, cosmetics, furniture and other products in bulk in order to re-sell these items back home... The Gold Street at Bab Sharif has temporarily turned into a Little Khartoum or Little Nouakchott due to the sheer numbers of Mauritanian and Sudanese pilgrims. Women from Mauritania, Sudan, Somalia and Yemen are buying textiles for clothes." ("Balad bustles as pilgrims trade," by Omaira Al-Fardan and Fatima Sidiya, *Arab News*, 7 Dec. 2009.)

enthusiasm: religion
attraction & repulsion: religion / place

pill (poison pill)

poison pill
they included a ~ in the spending bill (to kill it)

poison pill to the Brown's books
it's a contract that has the potential to be a ~ (NFL salaries)

destruction / subterfuge: health & medicine

pill (bitter pill, etc.)

pill to swallow
getting advice can be a bitter ~
it was a hard ~ having medalled in the past (track loss)

bitter pill
the long term solution may be a ~

easily swallowed pill
the song's humor made its feminism an ~ (You're So Vain)

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

pill (miracle pill)

miracle pill
it is not a ~ (a drug)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

pillar (basis)

pillars of Islam

pilgrimage is one of the five ~

pillar of the (US) approach

another ~ is to minimize civilian casualties

pillar of the (Iraq) coalition

a ~ has collapsed (Spain)

pillar of the community

the family was a ~

he has always been a ~ (slain businessman)

pillars of excellence

black schools that were once ~ fell into decline

pillar of their faith

a pilgrimage that is a ~ (Hajj)

pillars of our plan

here are the four ~ (State of the Union address)

pillar of (modern) science

peer-reviewed journals are a ~

pillars of (Somali) society

clan elders, the traditional ~ (Somaliland)

EU's (major policy) "pillars"

the ~ include free movement and Schengen open borders

community pillar

the ~ became an object of loathing (pedophile)

ideological pillar

she assaulted the ~s of the system

traditional pillars

clan elders, the ~ of Somali society (Somaliland)

two pillars

moral and performance were bad, the ~ (USN sub)

three pillars

the ~ of intelligence, the air force, and tanks

four pillars

the AAMDC executes the ~ of Missile Defense

five pillars

pilgrimage is one of the ~ of Islam

first pillar

the ~ of our framework offers a path to citizenship for...

second pillar

salah, prayer, is the ~ (of Islam)

second (Israeli) pillar

a ~ was the Israeli Air Force (1973 war)

fourth pillar

fasting during Ramadan is the ~ of Islam

fifth pillar

Hajj is the ~ (Islam)

considered a pillar

in Italy, *The Betrothed* is ~ of the national literature

rested on the (three) pillars

victory ~ of intelligence, the air force, and tanks

bases: infrastructure

pillar (Pillar Rock, etc.)

Pillar

the ~ is a mountain in British Columbia

Pillars of Hercules

the northern pillar of the ~ is the Rock of Gibraltar

Pillar Point

we walked to ~ (Hong Kong)

Cape Pillar

~, with its cluster of basaltic columns (Tasman Peninsula)

proper name: infrastructure

pillar (resemblance)

pillar of fire

a ~ rose from the home (plane crashes into home)

pillars of smoke

huge ~ rose above buildings (bombardment)

resemblance: infrastructure

pilloried

pilloried

the same military that was idolized was now being ~

pilloried in the media

he was ~

pilloried by the Trump administration

the former ambassador is being ~

pilloried (by critics) for supporting

he is sometimes ~ the revolutions (Arab Spring)

pilloried by his rivals for his past donations

he has been ~ to Democrats

pilloried after Games fall

skater ~ (on social media after fall at 2022 Olympics)

accusation & criticism: speech / violence

punishment & recrimination: speech / violence

pillory (verb)

pilloried the president over (federal) spending

he has ~ (politics)

pilloried his old-school inflexibility

commenters ~ (on Reddit / where else?)

♦ In *Krakatoa*, Simon Winchester reprints a German soldier's list of punishments in Batavia (present-day Jakarta) in 1676. The soldier mentions beheadings, six unfortunate men who were broken on the wheel, a hanging, whippings, burnings (brandings), two soldiers forced to

run the gauntlet, and "A Dutch Schoolmaster's Wife," caught cheating on her husband, who was "put in the Pillory."

accusation & criticism: speech / violence / verb

punishment & recrimination: speech / violence / verb

pilot (verb)

piloted the school to (considerable) success

he ~ (a principal)

directing: boat / verb

pin (attach)

pinning its hopes on a new strategy

the company is now ~ (oil leak)

pinning their hopes on the new treatment

they are ~ (leukemia)

pinned their hopes on the report

many Democrats ~ as a game changer (politics)

attachment: cloth / verb

pinball (verb)

pinballed around the box

Joe Allen's deflected shot ~ (soccer)

pinballed from cheerfulness to negative thoughts

she ~

pinballed (along) from one commitment to the next

I ~ (a Duke University student)

movement: ball / sports & games / verb

pincer (noun)

pincer of (negative) reaction

she faces a ~ (markets and polls / U.K.'s Liz Truss)

pincer attack

the option for a ~ against Peking was possible (1895)

claw of the pincer

he wanted to see the southern ~ on the map (Stalin)

caught in the pincers

Romanians have been ~ of three empires

♦ The three pincers that Romania has been caught between were the Ottoman Turks, the Russians (and the Soviet Union), and the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / predation

pincered

pincered between his hope and his fear

he was ~

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / predation

pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.)

pinch of hunger

to feel the ~ in April and May (Alaska)

economic pinch

what unites them is the ~ and anger at the president

feel the pinch

they don't ~ yet (subsistence farmers and COVID)

feeling the pinch

the economy is bad, and shopkeepers are ~

♦ "Scraping along / In a little shack, / With hardly a shirt / To cover his back, / And a prairie wind / To blow him down, / Or pinching times / If he went to town." ("Nancy Hanks" by Rosemary Benet. The poem is about Abraham Lincoln.)

♦ see biting (adjective)

feeling, emotion & effect: finger / sensation

affliction: finger / sensation

survival, persistence & endurance: finger / sensation

pinched

pinched by the pandemic

it was a windfall for local governments ~ (relief bill)

feeling, emotion & effect: finger / sensation

affliction: finger / sensation

survival, persistence & endurance: finger / sensation

ping-pong (verb)

ping-pongs along

as the dialogue ~, the audience... (a play)

ping-pong back and forth

versions ~ between the House and Senate (spending bill)

ping-ponged (around) from music to comics

the conversation ~

ping-ponging between both those identities

you're ~ and neither feels right (not a child, not adult / girls)

ping-pong between institutions

patients often ~ (nursing homes and hospitals)

ping-pong between the two (major) parties

voters ~ (Mexico)

ping-ponged between Los Angeles and New York

he ~

ping-ponged (numerous times) between Syria and Iraq

her family ~

ping-pongs between vulnerable and obnoxious

she ~ (a child in a film)

movement: ball / direction / sports & games / verb

ping-pong (noun)

ping-pong editing

what I call ~ (close-ups toggle between 2 talking people)

ping-pong exchange

the ~ of offer and counteroffer

ping-pong structure

the book's ~ makes for a kinetic read

ping-pong with your emotions

this sport plays ~ (Costello & Bunce / boxing)

budget ping pong

it's a game of ~ between the two parties (spending bill)

game of (legislative) Ping-Pong

it's a ~ (budget dispute)

movement: ball / direction / sports & games

pinkwash (verb)

pinkwashing Palestinian human-rights violations

Israel is ~ by touting its tolerance of gays

♦ Recognized by Wiktionary.

inclusion & exclusion: subterfuge / verb

pinkwashing

pinkwashing accusations

she has a history of leveling ~ against Israel (Ghadir Shafie)

inclusion & exclusion: subterfuge

pinnacle (achievement)

pinnacle of avarice

critics see it as the ~ (presidency of Goldman Sachs)

pinnacle of glory

it was the ~ in a career of already meteoric achievement

pinnacle of her profession

after reaching the ~ on her shuttle mission...

pinnacle of (Scottish) wooden shipbuilding

she really was the ~ (the *Terra Nova*)

pinnacle of success

Tyson reached the ~ at the age of just 20

pinnacle experience

it was a ~ (Creekbound and Down / kayaking)

reached a pinnacle

his popularity ~ when he won the lead in the school play

♦ A pinnacle is a long pointed "cap" on a tower or buttress. They are common on gothic cathedrals. The name comes from the Latin for "little feather."

achievement, recognition & praise: height / infrastructure

pinned

pinned in the (submerged) rock jumble

I saw his boat, ~ (kayaking)

pinned to the ground

the squad was engaged by weapons fire and ~

pinned vertically

his boat was ~ (kayaking)

attachment: cloth

pinned (pinned down)

pinned down on a roof

the two marines were ~ (Falluja)

attachment: cloth

pinpoint (locate)

pinpoint with accuracy

engineers can ~ the areas... (oil)

pinpoint the (relic's) age

but metals experts could not ~ (a watch)

pinpoint (with accuracy) the areas

engineers can ~... (oil)

pinpoint the location

acoustic sensors can ~ of snipers (combat)

pinpoint locations

G.P.S. can ~

pinpoint the (shooter's) position

police used computer software to ~

pinpoint the (tumor's) size and location

a CT scan can ~

difficult to pinpoint

it is ~ a spot in the desert

location: map / verb

pinpoint (accuracy, etc.)

pinpoint accuracy

direct his bombs with nearly ~

pinpoint precision

cops can track a person's whereabouts with ~ (5G)

pinpoint timing

surfers must hit a wave with ~

location: map

pins and needles

pins and needles in her left foot

she woke with ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

pioneer (person)

pioneers of (independent) film

he's one of the ~ (the great Spike Lee)

pioneer of their sport

a fallen ~, Craig Kelly (avalanche / snowboarding)

pioneer of (blitzkrieg) tactics

Guderian was a ~ (The Battle of France / WW II)

pioneers of (wilderness) therapy

he is one of the ~

pioneer of tow-in surfing

Laird Hamilton, the ~

pioneer in his field

he is a ~ (psychology)

pioneers in their field
those who become ~s of endeavor

pioneer species
~ like brown sedge colonize disturbed sites

big-wave pioneers
~ such as Greg Noll and Jeff Clark (surfing)

hip-hop pioneer
~s RUN-DMC
the ~ stabbed a homeless man to death

industry pioneer
the National Captioning Institute, the ~

Internet pioneer
an ~

online news pioneer
the ~ Matt Drudge (Drudge Report)

skateboarding pioneer
Andy Kessler, a ~... (1970s / NYC)

snowboarding pioneer
Craig Kelly, a ~ who died in an avalanche

Space Pioneer
Scott Bolton receives NSS ~ award (Juno Mission)

♦ "I think pioneers are very important because I think they set the scene, they show others that they can do it, and they put it on the agenda...and others can take it up." (Zerbanoo Gifford speaking about Dadabhai Naoroji.)

♦ "In the evening I sat by the fire and discussed with Dersu the rest of our journey down the Lefu. I very much wanted to have a look at Lake Hanka, discovered by N.M. Przewalski... /// [The old man] stopped and pointed out an old track overgrown with grass and shrubs. That was the old route, he told us, by which the Ussurians used to go through to Olga Bay. It was by that route that, in the sixties of the last century, Budishchev and Maximovich had come, and at the thought their portraits rose before my eyes and their description of their journey... /// The Tadusha! It was this very river that L. Veniukov was the first to explore, but the Chinese had stopped him and compelled him to turn back. That was in 1857 when he put up a big wooden cross to mark his farthest point, but I could find no trace of it. No doubt the Chinese had destroyed it as soon as the Russians had left. Later there came Maximovich, Budishchev, and Przewalski, all famous men of science... /// The climb up the ridge is stiff near the crest. The pass itself is in the form of a broad saddle, boggy, and covered with burnt-out forest. The altitude is 1584 ft., and it ought really to be named after the pioneer, M. Veniukov, who passed this way in 1857, breaking the way for the men who followed... /// September 27 was given up to a reconnaissance of the Bay of Terney, discovered by the famous La Perouse on 23 July 1767, who then and there gave it its name..." (Selections from *Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "The Explorer" (1898) by Rudyard Kipling is a stirring poem about an explorer and the pioneers who followed in his footsteps.

driving force: journeys & trips / person
person: journeys & trips
importance & significance: history / journeys & trips / person

pioneering

pioneering contribution
their ~s to intelligence testing

pioneering (elephant) researcher
a ~ in Nairobi

pioneering study
his ~, "Sexual Behavior..." (Alfred C. Kinsey)

pioneering work
he has done ~ in this field (neural prosthetics)

importance & significance: history / journeys & trips

pipe (noun)

narrower pipe
British English comes to us through a much ~

♦ "British English comes to us through a much narrower pipe than the one that floods Britain with our words." ("Even Americans Find Some Britishisms 'Spot On'" by Geoff Nunberg, *Fresh Air*, Nov. 1, 2012.)

directing / route: infrastructure / water

pipe (sports)

full pipe
the park has a ~, bowls, vert ramp and fun box

halfpipe
snowboarders catch big air in the ~

quarterpipe
the landing area flows to a 27-foot-tall ~

shape: infrastructure

pipe (go down the pipes)

went down the pipes
our relationship ~

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / verb
destruction: infrastructure / verb

pipe dream (and pipedream)

pipe dream
it's not just a ~ anymore...

just a pipe dream
100,000 people in June is ~ (boxing during pandemic)

expectation rather than (a mere) pipedream
qualification has become the ~ (Welsh soccer / Euros)

remains a pipe dream
democracy ~ in places like the Congo and Sudan

dismissed as a pipedream
restoring function after paralysis can no longer be ~

♦ "As you may have guessed, gentlemen, our objective remains Rome. Can't let the Hun spend the rest of the winter there all nice and comfy-cosy. So we shall jolly well turf him out. Over on the left... here...the Yanks will burst through the Bernhard Line and streak up the Liri valley past Cassino and pop into Rome from the south. Our chaps...over here...will smash across the Sangro and gallop up the coast to Pescara then make a left hook into the mountains and pounce on Rome from the east. Our part of the show will open with a colossal crack at the mouth of the Sangro River...First Canadian Division will spearhead the advance after the breakthrough has been made. We've bags of tanks and guns so it should be plain sailing, what?" (A Divisional briefing in Campobasso, delivered by a brigadier, pointing to a huge map. From *And No Birds Sang* by Farley Mowat.)

♦ see also *opium* (noun)

fantasy & reality: addiction / mental health

pipeline (Mexican Pipeline, etc.)

Mexican Pipeline

Zicatela Beach is renowned as the ~ surf break

epithet: shape

geography / shape: epithet

pipeline (Pipeline, etc.)

Pipeline

~ is one of the world's most dangerous surf spots

~ has claimed its victims (fatalities)

~ breaks 30 feet from shore (Hawaii)

♦ "Pipeline is really the ultimate challenge, it's super dangerous... super challenging, super abrupt, it gets very steep...it's really kind of the ultimate tube close to the beach, everyone can see, there's so much energy out there... most of us have lost somebody at Pipeline who has died over the year." (A surfer.)

proper name: infrastructure

pipeline (shape)

waves, tubes, pipelines and barrels

the ~ of surfing

shape: infrastructure

pipeline (other)

aviation pipeline

he was in the ~, he was training in aviation (military)

drug pipeline

the ~ that runs through the reservation (border)

iron pipeline

the so-called ~, coming up from the South (guns to NY)

the ~ coming up from Georgia into New Jersey (guns)

money pipeline

the US vowed to shut down the ~ that finances terror

serves as a pipeline

the boarding school ~ to some of the best universities

♦ "The flow of guns from the US into Mexico has been referred to as the "iron river."

directing / route: infrastructure / water

piper (pay the piper, etc.)

pay the piper

the time to ~ has arrived (pandemic effects on education)

paid the piper

I should have stayed and ~ (murderer who fled to Yemen)

♦ "The piper is coming, the rent is due!" (A former NFL player commenting about contracts, trades, salaries, etc.)

judgment: allusion / verb

piquancy (noun)

sustained piquancy

it is this which lends the book its ~ (a book review)

consumption: food & drink / taste

piracy (noun)

design piracy

legislation to limit ~ has been enacted

Internet music piracy

music executives are trying to end ~

biopiracy

if the tribe does not share in the profits, it's ~ (Brazil)

electronic piracy

do not participate in or encourage ~ of copyrighted materials

taking & removing: crime

piranha (predation)

piranhas around Britney

the ~ were awful (the pop star)

thousand internet piranhas

a ~ ripped through his every utterance (Jordan Peterson)

character & personality: animal / fish / predation

affliction / person: animal / fish / predation

pirate (Il Pirata, etc.)

the Pirate

he was called ~

♦ "His bandana, shaved head, nose stud and earrings earned him the nickname 'Il Pirata'—The Pirate." (The great Italian cyclist Marco Pantani.)

epithet: boat / crime / sea

pirate (person)

pirate server

French police located and dismantled the ~ (botnet)

pirate trade

its perceived benefits have fueled a ~ (tree frog)

music pirate

the industry is pursuing lawsuits against ~s (Internet)

porch pirates

they call them ~ (parcel thieves)

radio pirate

~s get on the bad side of the FCC

buccaneers, outsiders, (political) pirates

they want to be seen as ~ (opposition researchers)

counterfeit, pirate or bootleg

seizures of ~ labels soared (music)

track down the pirates

~ (CDs, computer software, etc. / UAE)

♦ "There have always been pirates in the Cyclades, going back to ancient times. Apparently, they now operate out of restaurants..." ("Greece's notorious rip-off restaurant strikes again: Tourist charged \$770 for shrimp and a drink" by Ben Cost, *New York Post*, August 18, 2023.)

♦ Somali pirates are now capturing ships closer to India than to Africa. Xarardheere is a notorious pirate town on the Somali coast.

♦ "[A] sudden check came in the form of a piratical incursion. A small prau arrived which had been attacked by pirates and had a man wounded. They were said to have five boats, but more were expected to be behind and the traders were all in consternation, fearing that their small vessels sent trading to the "blakang tana" would be plundered. The Aru natives were of course dreadfully alarmed, as these marauders attack their villages, burn and murder, and carry away women and children for slaves... (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace. Chapter 30: The Aru islands & residence in Dobbo.)

taking & removing: boat / crime / person / sea

person: boat / crime / sea

character & personality: boat / crime / person / sea

piratical (adjective)

piratical museums

formerly ~ (colonialism)

taking & removing: crime / sea

comparison & contrast: affix

Pirlo (the Yorkshire Pirlo, etc.)

Yorkshire Pirlo

Phillips has been branded "The ~" by his adoring fans

superlative: sports & games

comparison & contrast: epithet

pit (bear pit)

bear pit of the House of Commons

she stands tall in the ~

bear-pit atmosphere

a York Hall type of experience, that ~ (a boxing match)

frenzied bearpit

Anfield became a ~ (Liverpool soccer)

loves a bear pit

Dillian ~, he's fought in places smaller... (the great boxer)

transformed the ring into a bear pit

he ~ and bullied his rival (boxing)

♦ see also *bearbaiting*

environment: hole

conflict: animal / blood / hole / predation / sports & games / violence

pit (snake pit, etc.)

see *snake pit*

pit (money pit, etc.)

pitfall

see *pitfall* (noun)

money pit

it's a ~, it's hurting the company (Meta and the metaverse)

snake pit

see *snake pit*

flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land

pit bull (person)

pit bull

she's a ~, sinks her teeth into a case and doesn't let go

pit bull for the president

he has been a ~ (a lawyer)

pit-bull lawyers

copyright is in the custody of ~

legal pit bull

he is a bookish, ~ with two Ivy League degrees

♦ "Dear God.... If I lose one of my cats to my neighbor's pit [bull dog], it's unstoppable immediate scorched earth, full nuclear option response, and they know it." (A response by "Phoebe Darling" to an article about yet another pit bull mauling.)

♦ "These dogs are all ticking timebombs waiting to go off." (Pit bulls.)

♦ "Rishi Sunak said the dogs were 'a danger to our communities' and would be banned by the end of the year... [Many] have welcomed the ban." ("American bully XLs to be banned as dog attack victim named" by Doug Faulkner, BBC News, September 15, 2023.)

♦ "Women seriously injured in American XL bully attack." (Ireland.)

♦ "Cindy Marabito runs a pit bull rescue out of her home in Austin, Texas... [She] is one of many pet owners with canine vaccine hesitancy. According to a recent survey out of Boston University, 53 percent of U.S. dog owners question if the rabies vaccine is safe, if it works, or if it's useful." ("Vaccine hesitancy affects dog-owners, too, with many questioning the rabies shot" by Pien Huang, NPR, Morning Edition, October 12, 2023.)

♦ see also *bulldog* (person)

attachment: animal / dog / teeth

character & personality: animal / dog / teeth

behavior / coercion & motivation / commitment &

determination: animal / dog

pitch (promote)

itches the nation's charms

he ~ (tourism)

enthusiasm: speech / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: speech / verb

pitchfork (oppression)

pitchfork-wielding

they are derided as ~ hysterics (sensitivity readers)

pitchforks and torches

it was a mob scene with ~ (perp walk in cuffs)

sharpened its pitchforks

Twitter ~ and came for her (a reporter)

♦ The oppression of Frankenstein's monster in the sentimental film versions seems irrational and cruel. Less so if you read Mary Shelley's harrowing and creepy novel!

♦ "The pitchforks are changing hands." (The U.S. electorate.)

oppression: allusion / creature / sign, signal, symbol

allusion: books & reading

pitchfork (shape)

awful pitchfork

that ~ we saw in the sky (Shuttle *Challenger* Disaster)

shape: tools & technology

pitch in (help)

pitch in on child's play
the government needs to ~ (no playgrounds, etc.)

help & assistance: throwing, putting & planting / verb

pitch-perfect (adjective)

pitch-perfect
his speech was ~ for his audience

flaws & lack of flaws: music / speech

pitfall (noun)

pitfalls of capital punishment
the case is an illuminating window into the ~

pitfalls of launching adolescents
it's time to wake up to the ~ into an adult lifestyle (models)

pitfalls in interpretation
~ (seismic data interpretation by geologists)

scams, schemes, and pitfalls
the shadow world of literary ~

pitfalls await
many ~ the new House majority (politics)

avoids the pitfalls
his book ~ that come with its territory (a biography)

♦ GRAMMAR, n. A system of pitfalls thoughtfully prepared for the feet of the self-made man, along the path by which he advances to distinction. (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ "Not far from the rock there is a big pitfall. This is in the form of a stout fence to keep animals away from their watering-place, built up partly of fallen logs and partly of growing trees. Big stakes had been driven in to hold it firmly and prevent the animals from trampling it down. In a few places openings were left with pits dug underneath them, hidden by grass and dry twigs spread over the top. When the deer come down to the water at night, they come up against the fence, and in trying to find a way round, come to the holes and fall into the pits. There are fences like that stretching over a distance of thirty miles and more, with a couple of hundred pitfalls. / This pitfall on the Vangou had been abandoned... / Dersu abused the Chinese terribly for abandoning the pits without filling them in." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

♦ 27 Nov. To Replee 11 miles. This was formerly an Ass Patrol's Post. It is now broken up and the nearest post is Odha 7 miles further—in this neighbourhood Mr Conway kills immense numbers of deer in pitfalls behind the line hedge—sometimes 19 or 20 are taken in one night in a single pitfall both Antelope and Ravine Deer—the place at which they usually jump the hedge is soon seen & a pitfall is dug just where they alight." (From a diary of Allan Octavian Hume. Quoted in the wonderful book *The Great Hedge of India* by Roy Moxham.)

danger: hole / hunting / walking, running & jumping

pivot (noun)

pivot (away) from green energy
Ohio's ~ (coal)

pivot to China
so what does a ~ mean or look like in practical terms

pivot point
see *point* (*pivot point*)

career pivot

it's a bit of a ~, from chemical engineer to bookstore owner

botched pivot
the ~ likened to a strip club focusing on chicken wings...

remarkable pivot
this represents a ~ for the State Department (in Iraq)

making a (big) pivot here
we're ~, from no water to too much (rain in California)

♦ Teen speak: "Obviously now our plans have had to pivot" instead of "We have had to change our plans."

♦ "One simple pivot that we could do is to shift our focus away from X to Y." (An author being interviewed about his book.)

development / reversal: direction / mechanism / movement

pivot (verb)

pivoted to a more aggressive stance
the group has ~

suspicious (soon) pivoted
their ~ and focused instead on Smollett (detectives)

♦ In a very nice opinion piece, Scott Simon of NPR rightly characterizes this word as a buzzword. ("Politics, Pundits And The Problem With The Word 'Pivot,'" NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, June 11, 2016.)

♦ May also be expressed by the verb "swerve."

development / reversal: direction / mechanism / movement / verb

pivotal (adjective)

pivotal elections
these are ~ (Zimbabwe after Mugabe)

pivotal (naval) battle
it was a ~ (Battle of Trafalgar)

pivotal day
Friday marks a ~ in the Senate's impeachment trial

pivotal moment
that was a very ~ in the fight ("I put him on his ass")

pivotal people
name five ~ in your life

pivotal (backstage) role
he played a ~ in persuading...

development: direction / mechanism
importance & significance: mechanism

place (resting place)

resting place
the sub would never move from its ~ (sunk)

resting place for hundreds of cars
the bluff is the final ~ (St Joseph / Lookout Park)

place: burial / death & life

place (destination)

place of common understanding and common sense

we came to a ~ (compromise)

trusted place

we're a ~ where people can go (a podcast)

welcoming place

a more ~ for others who look like them (music industry)

kinder place

she wants to make the internet a ~

no place

bigotry and hate have ~ in our schools
hate and derision have ~ in Buckeye Nation (sports)
homophobic, biphobic and transphobic have ~ in sport

♦ The internet seems to be both a place and a space.

area: place

place (mental)

place of genuine concern

it's hard to tell if the criticism is coming from a ~

place of fear

he is pushing studios to make decisions from a ~

place of self-reflection

Rose is in a ~

place of (aspirational) thinking and hope

they come from that ~ (high schoolers / reform)

dark place

the ~ that I was in (depression)

worst place

I've been to the ~ anybody could go (depression)

at a bad place

I think she was ~ in her life (mental issues)

at a good place

mentally, emotionally, I was not ~

in a very anxious place

you have to function despite being ~

in a bad place

she was sobbing uncontrollably, she was ~
my head was in a ~

in a (really) bad place

I was ~ physically and mentally

in a better place

I am ~ mentally (Iraq combat vet)
your mind is finally ~ (a drug advertisement)

in a dark place

we don't think we can move forward, we are all ~ (grief)

in a (very) dark place

I spent Saturday ~ inside my head (a bad memory)

in a (really) dark place

I was ~, I was 17, it seemed like the end of the world...

quite a dark, dark place

I descended into ~ (Sophie Gradon, *Love Island* star)

in a good place

the last time he saw her she was not ~ (suicide)
I was not ~ until I told myself... (mentally)
he is not mentally well, he's not ~

in the right place

they key now is that he gets his head ~ (a defeated boxer)

in a (very) weird place

I feel ~ about this (opinion on a sports issue)

all over the place

they are ~ (emotionally)

free of that place

you can only live with resentment for so long, I'm ~

come to a place

I had ~ accepting that she was probably dead

find a peaceful, happy place

personally, I want for her to just ~ (manager resigns)

get to a place

we want to ~ of forgiveness for him (a murderer)

goes to a place

your mind ~ of 'What tragic event happened' (neighbor)

♦ "I understood where he was mentally at that point because I'd been there." (A suicide in prison.)

♦ "I haven't been there myself but I know women who have." (In an abusive relationship.)

♦ "In the last year, I had come to a place accepting that Michaela was probably no longer alive." (Mother of child missing for 32 years and presumed murdered, on arrest of suspect.)

♦ "Our hearts are just in a place that we can't even describe how sad we are." (Murder of a colleague.)

♦ "I've been in a place where it's been dark. And it's been deep, and it's been sad. And I'm like, I need to get out of that place." (Sloane Stephens, tennis player, about mental health.)

♦ "Once again I find myself in a place of shame and regret... / In the heat of the pain I was feeling, I went to dark places." (The actor Johnny Depp, at trial.)

♦ "I know this has been a difficult decision for him. He's shown true courage by acknowledging where he is at and acting on it. We will support him in any way we can..." (Wallabies coach Dave Rennie about Australian captain Michael Hooper, who determined he was not in the right 'mindset' to play and returned home.)

♦ "You've been taking mental-health meds, and your mind is finally in a better place..." (An online advertisement for Ingrezza® valbenazine capsules. Advertising is the final stage in the sanctioning of a cliché.)

♦ see also *space (mental)*

♦ "Place" (and "space") seem to have replaced "spot," "state" or "status" or "way."

mental health: place

feeling, emotion & effect: container / place

place (situation)

at a different place

we're ~ than we were earlier (vaccines)

in a bad place

I put myself ~ (decisions, drinking, aggression)

in a better place
the country is ~ than it was in 2001 (Afghanistan in 2021)

in a (much much) better place
we are ~ right now than we were a month ago (COVID)

in a very different place
social media is ~ than when Bebo was first about

in a much different place
the heavyweight division was ~ on Dec. 1, 2018...

in a difficult place
the government is sort of in a ~ (COVID 19 vaccine)

in a (really) good place
the Post is ~, it's time to move on (Marty Baron retires)

in a (much less) privileged place
other children are ~ than my family (pandemic)

in a (very) solid and stable place
the NIH is ~

in a divided and disheartening place
our nation is ~

from a place of privilege
~, she...

time and place
have we really come to a ~ where debate is feared...

time, place or space
in a ~... (artists)

going toward a younger and more progressive place
their fan base is ~ (the NFL)

get to a place
if we ~ in 2024, if it's worse than 2020... (US elections)

got to this place
how we ~ is because... (history)
remind us how she ~, I mean, how was she able to...

put yourself in a place
if you do these things, you can ~ to be successful (politics)

ratcheted this up to a ridiculous place
they ~ (a sports controversy / Naomi Osaka)

♦ "It seems like a good place to do that." (Marty Baron retires after many years with the newspaper in good shape. He might just as well have said, "It seems like a good time to retire.")

♦ "Middle age is a good place to be as a writer." (The speaker might just as well have said, "Middle age is a good time to be a writer.")

♦ "The country is in a better place than it was in 2001 and the Taliban have become more open-minded." (General Sir Nick Carter, Britain's Chief of Defense Staff. He might just as well have said, "in a better state.")

♦ For Millennials and Zoomers, time, place and space seem to be synonymous, with a preference for space, for some unknown reason.

♦ see also *where (situation / development)*

condition & status / development / situation / time: place

place (place where)

place where

will our digital century be a ~ our civilization can thrive

at a place where
we are still ~ black people can't...
she is ~ she feels she can speak out

at a place (right now) where
we are ~ our hospitals are overtaxed (pandemic)

in a place where
we're still ~ we have to talk about equality (women athletes)

in a place (similar to) where
by next January, they could be ~ the Lions were last year

in a state where
but we are still ~ supply is nowhere near demand (vaccine)

envisions a place where
he ~ blacks have power, opportunity

get it to a place where
it takes time to ~ you can safely take a helmet off (ISS)

get into a place where
I tend to ~ I'm not filling with self-love... (feelings)

get us in a place where
eventually he would ~ we were really talking to each other

get back to a place where
we need to ~ individuals can feel free

seen as a place where
sports are often ~ all that matters is...

take us to a place where
I'm all for doing anything that will ~ this can't happen again

♦ see also *where (situation / development)*

♦ At times, "a place where" can be substituted perfectly for a "moment / time when."

♦ "So I think this is really more about...[they] are in a place where where where what they are [doing] is... (This sort of frontloading before a content word arrives is a feature of NPR punditry.)

♦ A figurative *place* seems to mean or refer to, specifically or in any combination: (1) "a situation in which" (2) "in / at a time / moment when" (3) "a stage of development during / in which..." (4) condition & status.

condition & status / development / situation / time: place plague (verb)

plague patients with (long hospital) stays
infections ~

plagued California for years
blackouts have ~

plagues Vermont all winter
a remedy for the cabin fever that ~

plagued him for years
depression had ~

plague Guatemala
police corruption, lawlessness and drug trafficking ~

plagued Russia
illegal logging has long ~ (Siberia)

plagues the south
the lawlessness that ~ (Somalia vs. Somaliland)

plagued him
injuries ~ (an athlete)

plagued the investigation
leaks ~ (DC sniper murders)

affliction: health & medicine / verb

plague (noun)

plague of locusts
its worst ~ in nearly 30 years (Afghanistan)

plague of (gold) prospectors
the natives faced a ~

plague of (Western) wildfires
the annual ~ (US)

plague of drugs and prostitution
victim's relatives have worried about the ~

crack plague
the ~ of the late 1980's

cellphone plague
the ~ began in the 1990s (a teacher / schools)

HIV plague
the growing ~

NotPetya plague
the servers that played the role of patient zero in the ~

growing (HIV) plague
the ~

annual plague
the ~ of Western wildfires (US)

sonic plague
the ~ of back-up beepers (Bac-A-Larm)

plague began
the cellphone ~ in the 1990s (a teacher / schools)

faced a plague
the natives ~ of gold prospectors

consider motoboy a plague
ordinary motorists ~ (Sao Paulo)

♦ The great traveler Ibn Battuta recorded that during the Plague of 1348 in Damascus, representatives and members of the three major religions—Muslims, Jews, and Christians—all made their way to the Mosque of the Footprints with their holy books to pray for the end of the sickness. Ibn Battuta recorded that in Damascus deaths reached under 2,000 people a day, while in Old Cairo they reached 24,000 a day.

♦ China has been periodically ravaged by plague, including 1911 and 1917. A. J. Cronin wrote about plague during that period in his novel, *The Keys of the Kingdom*, and so did Mary Ninde Gamewell in *New Life Currents*.

♦ "Plagues always bring moral judgments with them."

affliction / amount & effect: health & medicine

plagued

plagued with violence
Southern Thailand has been ~ for years

plagued with cracks
the monument is ~, leaks and corroding surfaces

plagued by drugs
her life has been ~ and other personal demons

plagued by (sectarian) violence
Karachi has been ~ (Shiites / Sunnis)

plagued by homesickness
he was ~ (student)

plagued by (cost) overruns
the project has been ~ (Big Dig / Boston)

plagued by coups and dictators
Mauritania has been ~ since independence

plagued by faulty elevators, mold, and leaky roofs
the 33-story building is ~

plagued by scandals and intrigue
the Vatican is still ~ (finances)

accident-plagued
accident-plagued I95

corruption-plagued
~ civilian governments (Pakistan)

crash-plagued
the innovative but ~ aircraft

crime-plagued
a ~ neighborhood

deficit-plagued
the ~ Federal Government

injury-plagued
after an ~ season in Europe (sports)

insurgent-plagued
Haditha, a lawless, ~ city in Anbar Province

mine-plagued
African children live on the most ~ continent

mosquito-plagued
Siberia's ~ expanse

scandal-plagued
a ~ program (Alabama football)
the ~ former prime minister

violence-plagued
in ~ Iraq

♦ "Swarms of mosquitoes plagued the travelers. Jack's diary is dotted with such entries as 'mosquitoes thick,' 'Mosquitos make a demonstration in force,' 'Put up netting and fooled mosquitoes,' 'John driven out of bed by mosquitos,' 'Evening burned smudges' (smoky fires to drive the insects away), 'Bite me through overalls and heavy underwear.' The men smeared their faces with clay for protection. (*Gold*)

Diggers: Striking It Rich in the Klondike by Charlotte Gray. "Jack" is the great writer Jack London.)

♦ "Dense swarms of mosquitoes set in immediately after sunset... a nuisance that can hardly be imagined. No breath of air incommodes those light-winged tormentors. It is quite impossible, for the European at least, to close an eye without the shelter of a mosquito net. Our Indians slept with no covering, only occasionally brushing away the most obtrusive of the little fiends." (*The Amazon and Madeira Rivers* by Franz Keller.)

♦ "Before evening that day there put in its first appearance the curse of the *taiga*, flies. The settlers call them *gnus*, horror or abomination, and they are indeed the plague of the forest. Their bite draws blood and the wound itches desperately, and the more it is scratched the worse it becomes. When there are many biting flies about, it is impossible to expose the head for an instant. The flies blind your eyes, become entangled in the hair and ears, crawl up your sleeve, and savagely bite your neck. Your face swells up as though with erysipelas." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

affliction: health & medicine

plain (plain people, etc.)

plain people
we're ~, just country people

character & personality: people

planet (noun)

planet in the Arab world
Egypt is a ~

importance & significance: astronomy

plank (noun)

plank of the investigation
the obstruction charge was a secondary ~

bases: infrastructure

plant (put)

planted a bomb
he ~ along the route (terrorist)

planted the explosives
he would not speculate about who might have ~

planted a (political) minefield
the British colonizers ~ in the 1920s (Sudan)

throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant / verb

plant (create)

plant the seeds
the British helped to ~ of discord in Afghanistan
Nasser wanted to ~ of revolution on the Arabian Peninsula

planted the seeds
he ~ that gave principals more autonomy (education)

planted and tended
as field director, she has ~ chapters across the country

creation & transformation / growth & development / throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant / verb

plastered (impression)

plastered across magazine covers
her face was ~

impression: materials & substances

plate (step up to the plate)

step up to the plate
it's time to ~ and take responsibility
we need to ~ and take this issue seriously (climate change)
I hope the district attorney will ~ and...

stepped up to the plate
he could have ducked it but he didn't, he ~ (honesty)
she ~ and advocated for her community (Stella Bowles)

responsibility: baseball / sports & games / verb

commitment & determination: baseball / sports & games / verb

plate (on one's plate)

on your plate
I know that you have an incredible amount of work ~

a lot on his plate
he has ~ and wants to get back to work (Obama)

have a lot on your plate
I know you ~ (busy)

work & duty: food & drink

plate (full plate)

full plate of attacks
they are fighting a ~ from the Republicans (Democrats)

amount: food & drink

plateau (noun)

hit a plateau
if you slip up or ~, don't beat yourself up (weight loss)

shape: direction / mountains & hills

increase & decrease / progress & lack of progress: mountains & hills / shape

plateau (verb)

plateaued
there was an initial upswing, but it has ~ since (soccer)

slightly plateaued
she has ~ (decreased need for sex)

increase & decrease: numbers

increase & decrease: mountains & hills / shape / verb

platform (as verb)

platform marginalized voices
she became a music journalist to ~

prioritize, center, and platform
we must ~ the voices of women (sexual assault)

contempo-speak: part of speech
attention, scrutiny & promotion: part of speech / theater

platform (noun)

platforms to bloggers
his show gave ~ like...

platforms of radio, television and digital media
across the ~

platforms like Fizz
college-specific ~ can serve as echo chambers (Tulane)

platform and an audience and a community
building a ~ on Twitter

huge platform
I work at *The New York Times*, I have a ~...

use our platforms
we're not going to shut up and play, we're going to ~

♦ "You have a platform and a loud mouth." (A Twitter war.)

♦ "[In the hill and mountain country of northern India]... inter-village communication is carried on by shouting. Standing on a commanding point, maybe a big rock or the roof of a house, a man cooees to attract the attention of the people in a neighboring village, and when the cooees is answered the message is shouted across in a high-pitched voice. From village to village the message is tossed, and is broadcast throughout large areas in an incredibly short space of time." (The cooees method of communication. From *Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett, Introduction by Sir Maurice Hallett, Preface by Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India 1936-1943.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

platter (silver platter)

on a silver platter
they did not get it handed to them on a ~ (effort)

difficulty, easiness & effort / money: food & drink / materials & substances / sign, signal, symbol

play (play to the audience, etc.)

play to their base
he expects Republicans to ~ for a time

plays to the gallery
the representation of emotion ~ (anguish, distress, etc.)

performance: theater / verb

play (play with data, etc.)

playing with different parameters
we're ~ (computer modeling)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: sports & games / verb

play down (verb)

played down concerns
the Pentagon has ~ over the Chinese fighter (plane)

played down the importance
Democrats ~ of the findings (politics)

played down the incident
he ~

attenuation: prep, adv, adj, particle / theater / verb
attention, scrutiny & promotion: prep, adv, adj, particle / theater / verb

played (manipulated)

played
are you being ~ (incentives and rewards, etc.)

♦ "The world increasingly feels like a game we can't stop playing." (*You've Been Played* by Adrian Hon.)

♦ like *gamed* (*manipulated*)

behavior: sports & games

play out (verb)

play out
how do you think this will ~ (a sports scandal)

playing out
all this was ~ in Washington (controversy)

play out along the border
anger and confusion continues to ~

played out (very) publicly
her personal crises ~ in the tabloid press (#FreeBritney)

♦ Martha Raddatz, ABC's Chief Global Affairs correspondent: How do you see this playing out? / Jake Sullivan, President Biden's national security advisor: War, of course, is highly unpredictable so it's difficult to predict how it will *play out* [italics mine] but I *will* say this... (ABC punditry.)

development: rope / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: rope / verb

playbook (noun)

playbook
others are taking a page out of that ~

dated (media) playbook
he relied on a ~ (The Messenger)

established playbook
the NRA has a pretty ~ (to explain school shootings)

familiar playbook
politicians and pundits have already rebooted a ~ (guns)

follow the (administration's) playbook
nominees closely ~

♦ The old playbooks don't seem to work nowadays...

script: books & reading / sports & games

playground (noun)

playground for Westerners
Nairobi, once a favorite ~ in Africa...

adult playgrounds
in ~ like Monte Carlo...

summer playground
Lebanon's resorts were the ~s of wealthy Arabs

high-speed playground
street racers have claimed the roads as their ~ (Atlanta)

whitewater playgrounds
the ~ do not freeze in winter (Vancouver / kayaking)

rapids-filled playground
the river is a ~ (paddle sports / the Gauley)

♦ "Deserts and cliffs in western states are not a playground." (Comment about an adult who became separated from a 9-year-old boy. The former ended up falling to his death.)

♦ "The subway system is not a playground." (A city official after yet another 15-year-old dies subway surfing in New York City.)

♦ "Sometimes foreigners don't completely understand that Bali is still a home for people. They see it as just this Disneyland that's there for their enjoyment and their pleasure."

♦ "We're policing somebody else's playground." (A business owner in Miami Beach, about out-of-control out-of-town spring breakers. Many in Miami Beach would like to see the tradition ended.)

environment: school & education

playing field (uneven playing field, etc.)

uneven playing field
corruption and greed have created an ~ (college admissions)

level playing field
all we ask for is a ~ (tariffs)

level playing field internationally
it's not a ~ (swimming and sports doping)

playing field has been tilted
they claim the ~ in China's favor

♦ "Winning on an uneven playing field means nothing." (A Manchester City hater, about City winning the Treble.)

♦ "We all should feel comfortable with who we are in our own skin. But... (Michael Phelps about male-to-female transgender swimmers like Lia Thomas.)

flaws & lack of flaws: sports & games

competition: sports & games

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sports & games

playing field (level the playing field)

level the playing field
the changes will ~ (sex cases on campus)

♦ "The goal of the policy I propose is not to 'tip the scales in favor of boys,' as some fear. Rather, it is to level the playing field in the spirit of equity given the developmental differences between the sexes."

♦ see also *balance* (tip the balance), *scale* (tip the scales), *scale* (put one's finger on the scale, etc.)

equilibrium & stability: sports & games / verb

amelioration & renewal / competition / sanctioning,

authority & non-conformity: sports & games / verb

Please! (sarcasm)

Please
~. What we really deserved were... (see quote below)

♦ Rhoades Ha: As a junior member of the team, he deserved better editorial support and oversight. / Adam Rubenstein: Please. What I and others really deserved were leaders who didn't buckle under pressure and sacrifice their own to placate a loud and insurgent group at the paper." ("I Was a Heretic at The New York Times" by Adam Rubenstein, *The Atlantic*.)

language: sarcasm

plinth (noun)

plinth in their lives
their grandmother was the ~ (chaotic upbringing)

bases: statue

plod (verb)

plod along
he expects Republicans to ~ for a time
her life was just ~ until...

progress & lack of progress / speed: journeys & trips / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: journeys & trips / speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

plot (noun)

writing itself out of the plot
by not being more present, France risks ~ (in Ukraine)

lost the plot
Biden has ~ (changed his rhetoric / politics)

♦ People who we think are deluded, we say, have "lost the plot."

development: theater / books & reading

plot (verb)

plot new lives
freed miners in Chile ~

direction: journeys & trips / map / verb

plot line (development)

torn up the (division's proposed) plot lines
Andy Ruiz Jr has ~

development: books & reading / theater

plow (plow a field, etc.)

plowing a (very fertile) field
Donald Trump was ~ (NPR's Mara Liasson / 2016)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / verb

plow (plow on, plow through, etc.)

plowing ahead
we are ~ (difficult medical research)

plow on
he remains determined to ~ (Elon Musk after a failure)

plowed through the (review) books
I ~ (studying for test)

♦ "Keep your hand on that plow, and hold on." (A moving Negro spiritual.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: prep, adv, adj, particle difficulty, easiness & effort / starting, going, continuing & ending / work & duty: farming & agriculture / verb

plow (put)

plowed their money into gun smuggling
they have ~ (ex-pirates)

directing: farming & agriculture / verb

throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / verb

plug (verb)

plug the hole
the Ministry must find savings to ~ in their budget

amelioration & renewal: tools & technology / verb / water

plug (pull the plug)

pulled the plug on the expedition
the alpinists have ~ after both suffered injuries...

pulled the plug on the project
homeland security ~ (border towers)

pull the plug on its fall sports season
Big Ten presidents are ready to ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

pulled the plug on the show
CBS ~

pulling the plug on its mascot
the university is ~ (getting rid of it)

pull the plug on the (global) talks
no one is quite ready to ~ (climate)

pull the plug on hate radio
we need to ~

time to pull the plug
it's ~ on the project

decided to pull the plug
they ~ on their marriage

threatening to pull the plug
investors are ~

curtailment: infrastructure / verb / water

dismissal, removal & resignation: infrastructure / verb / water

plugged (fixed)

holes have been plugged
the security ~ (computers)

amelioration & renewal: tools & technology / water

plugged in / into

plugged in
he likes to convey the impression he's ~ (radio host)

plugged into politics
people who are very ~

division & connection: electricity

plum (desirable)

plum assignment
the final ~ at the end of a distinguished career
it was a ~ for a young detective

plum (ambassadorial) assignments
giving ~ to big-money donors (*The Foreign Service Journal*)

plum commission
won the ~ for the library (architecture)

plum posting
in return they would give this judge a ~ in Monaco

plum properties
they have snapped up ~ (Londograd)

plum (committee) seats
promises of ~ (politics)

plum spot
relationships and favors guaranteed him a ~ (government)

flaws & lack of flaws / superlative / worth & lack of worth: fruits & vegetables

plumbing (noun)

plumbing of the Internet
the copyright legislation messes with the secure ~

plumbing components
the essential ~ are the routers (Internet)

economy's plumbing
financial data centers put much of the ~ in one place

Internet's plumbing
we're now seeing attacks on the ~
he wants to create standards to secure the ~

bases: infrastructure

plume (shape)

plume
~s started blowing off the summit (Everest)

plumes of ash
sending out ~ and three rivers of lava (volcano)

plume of cyanide
a ~ reached to the Black Sea (spill into Danube)

plume of dust
a rockslide sent up a ~

plume of (sarin) gas
blowing up the Khamisiyah dump released a ~ (Iraq)

plume of smoke
the ~ from a rocket-propelled grenade

plumes of smoke
sent up huge ~ (military air strikes)

plume of water
on the left is a huge ~ called "The Thing" (kayaking)

plume altitude
information about ~ (volcanic eruption)

plume bifurcation
~ was visible (volcanic eruption)

ash plume
~s from the two volcanoes

sarin plume
US troops in the path of a huge ~ (Gulf War)

smoke plume
~s streaking diagonally through the sky (shuttle disaster)

vapor plume
traces of water in a ~

classic plume
you can see the ~ blowing off the top right now (Everest)

huge plume
sending a ~ of smoke into a cloudless sky (air strike)

toxic plume
bombing chemical sites could send up ~s

radiological or biochemical plume
evacuation in the event of a ~

path of a (huge sarin) plume
US troops in the ~ (Gulf War)

♦ Many species of birds were nearly driven to extinction by plume hunters eager to make money from adorning women's hats. At one time, cormorants and egrets were mercilessly hunted for their feathers.

shape: animal / bird

plummet (decline / decrease)

plummeted from \$5.9 to \$3.3 billion
spending at the agency ~

plummeted out of contention
the team ~ (sports)

business has plummeted
its advertising ~

level (of trust) has plummeted
the ~, understandably so (in NPR)

levels can plummet
women's testosterone ~ as they age

morale had plummeted
~ (US soldiers / Vietnam War)

price (of gold) has plummeted
the ~

rates have plummeted
crime ~ over the last decade

production plummeted
agricultural ~, leading to growing unemployment

temperature can plummet
the ~

wages plummeted
~, and the black market flourished

blood pressure plummeted
his ~

output plummeted
economic ~ and unemployment rose

♦ "Now, I want to talk to you about, well, this is your phrase, the year you plummeted to stardom. That's a great phrase. You made *The Graduate* in 1967..." (Another brilliant Kirsty Young BBC Desert Island Discs interview, this time with Dustin Hoffman.)

increase & decrease: number
decline / increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / verb

plunder (verb)

plundered intellectual property and trade secrets
it has ~ (economic espionage)

taking & removing: crime / verb

plundered

plundered
had he tapped on the link, the phone would have been ~

taking & removing: crime

plunge (noun / decline)

plunge in the stock price
the ~ was based on reaction to an article...

harrowing plunge
a day after a ~ in the stock market

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction
increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling

plunge (decline / decrease)

plunged to 38 years
in Zambia, life expectancy has ~ (AIDS, drought, etc.)

plunged by two-thirds
the number of Shinto weddings has ~ (Japan)

plunged 33 percent
new-home sales ~

grades plunged
his ~ (school)

markets plunged
but the ~ (bankruptcy)

sales plunged
but then ~ (the auto industry)

life expectancy has plunged
in Zambia, ~ to 38 years (AIDS, drought, etc.)

decline: direction / flying & falling / verb
increase & decrease: direction / number / flying & falling / verb

plunge (plunge into something)

plunge into (dangerous sexual) behavior
newly released prisoners often ~ (H.I.V.)

plunge into the ocean
~ of pleasure (ad for porn Web site)

plunge into my subject
before I ~... (lecture)

plunging into the unknown
we are ~ (new technology)

involvement: flying & falling / water / verb

plunge (involvement)

take the plunge
it was time to ~ (begin dangerous trek)

involvement: flying & falling / water

plus (benefit)

plus to us
he has been a ~ (versus a detriment)

plus for them
if they can get a big project, that's a ~

negative or a slight plus
tariffs might be a ~

cost & benefit: letters & characters

plus-one (boyfriend, girlfriend, etc.)

takes her model boyfriend as her plus-one
she ~ (on a yacht trip / *Triangle of Sadness*)

contempo-speak: language

language: euphemism

poach (verb)

poached rival quarterbacks
he ruthlessly ~ (leader of a league)

poached allies from Taiwan
China has steadily ~ in the Pacific (Kiribati, etc.)

poached several employees from Apple
the company ~

poach Allyson Felix from Nike
Gap's Athleta brand was able to ~

taking & removing: animal / crime / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / crime / verb

poached

poached by (software giant) Oracle
she was ~ (prodigy)

taking & removing: animal / crime

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / crime

pocalypse (gas-pocalypse, etc.)

apocalypse
see *apocalypse* (noun)

cheesepocalypse
the ~, a national shortage of Kraft Velveeta cheese

chipocolypse
~, a shortage of semiconductors...

gas-pocalypse
this could be the year of the ~ (high prices at the pump)

robopocalypse
come that ~, when they finally take over (robots / AI)

Robopocalypse
~ by Daniel H. Wilson (a novel)

subscription-Pocalypse
the ~ is about to hit (people cut back on subscriptions)

♦ An online BBC article about a shortage of semiconductors entitled "How will 'chipageddon' affect you" prompted Timbob to snark, "Surely 'Chipocolypse' would have been better than 'Chipageddon.'"

♦ "The Subscription-Pocalypse Is About To Hit" by Brian Moritz, Nieman Lab, Predictions For Journalism 2019. His thought is, there are just too many things to subscribe to, so people will begin to cut back.)

♦ "This could be 'the year of the gas-pocalypse' analysts tell the Los Angeles Times..." ("Pained By Prices At The Pump? They're Likely To Go Even Higher" by Mark Memmott, NPR, The Two-Way, January 6, 2012.)

♦ A national shortage of Kraft Velveeta cheese at the start of 2014 was referred to as a *cheesepocalypse*.

♦ Poppy Apocalypse; Poppypalooza... (In 2019, a super bloom of desert poppies saw the town of Lake Elsinore, California, descended on by an army of blissed-out tourists equipped with cell phones and selfie sticks and earbuds. They parked alongside an interstate, blocked local roads, trampled everything, climbed trees to get the best photos, and fell down hills. A dog was bitten by a rattlesnake.)

♦ "I'm very careful to be very polite 'cause, you know, come that robopocalypse, I want them to remember that, you know, I'm not one of the bad guys. It's kind of the reason I made this film is that I'll get spared when they finally take over, they'll be like, 'He's OK. He understands us,' you know? (The British filmmaker Gareth Edwards about his 2023 film *The Creator*. Gareth claims he says "please" and "Thank you" when using Siri, Alexa, ChatGPT, etc.)

affliction / destruction: affix / allusion / Bible

pocket (deep pockets)

deep pocket companies
talent is being hired away by ~

Gulf's deep pockets
the ~ beckon (arms sales)

with deep pockets
even hedge funds ~ can borrow money (FED)

with (suitably) deep pockets
if an investor ~ comes forward

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

pocket (in the pocket)

in their back pocket
the NRA has every politician ~

in the pocket of Donald Trump
the Republican Senate is completely ~

has them in his pocket
I think the old man ~ (has convinced them)

sits in the pocket
Europe ~ of the United States and declines (Chomsky)

♦ "Pockets have been a metaphor for abundance or perversion, possession or secrecy..." ("Concealed Carry: What's really in your pocket?" by Hua Hsu, *The New Yorker*, September 25, 2023. It's a wonderful article.)

control & lack of control / possession: clothing & accessories / purses & wallets

pocketbook (money)

good for the pocketbook
it's ~, too (energy conservation)

hit (more and more) pocketbooks
the strike will ~ the longer it goes on

hitting people in their pocketbooks
sizzling summer weather is~ (cost of AC, etc.)

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

pockmark (verb)

pockmark Baltimore's poorest areas
blocks of vacant row houses now ~ (white flight / crime)

pockmark Indonesia's landscape
illegal mines ~

pockmark the dirt road
puddles of icy water ~

affliction / appearance / configuration / flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine / hole / mark / verb

pockmark (noun)

pockmarks on the wall
he fired a shotgun, leaving ~ of the mosque (Tunisia)

bullet pockmarks
all those ~ were new (Haiti)

splattered (wildly) with pockmarks
the front of the house is ~ (cartel gunmen / Matamoros)

left pockmarks on the side of his house
a grenade exploded in his garden and ~ (Mitrovica)

♦ "For all its pockmarks, there's a reason they call soccer 'the beautiful game.'" ("Three Books To Ignite Your World Cup Fever" by Cord Jefferson, NPR, All Things Considered, May 28, 2010.)

affliction / appearance / configuration / flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine / hole / mark

pockmarked

pockmarked by disparaging comments
his path to power has been ~ about women

pockmarked with embarrassment

Grammy history is ~ (poor choices, lip-syncing, etc.)

pockmarked with mass graves
the country is ~ (Rwanda)

pockmarked with bullet holes
the buildings are ~ (West Mosul)

pockmarked with abandoned lots
it's an area ~ (Mansfield, Ohio)

pockmarked with deep, abandoned pits
the Iron Range is ~ (northern Minnesota)

pockmarked with shrapnel
a statue of Jesus is still ~ (Negombo, Sri Lanka)

pockmarked with empty lots and dilapidated homes
neighborhoods are ~ (Port Arthur, Texas / poverty, storms)

pockmarked by the trenches
the land is still ~ that once lined the Western Front

pockmarked by police shootings and nationwide protests
a summer ~

♦ "Oh, where I was born, everyone had this. First, a fly bit you, then you got a sore. After a while it healed and never came back." (A grandfather, originally from southern Turkey, explaining to his American grandson how he got a shallow scar—a papery depression—on his cheek. Cutaneous leishmaniasis is also known as "Oriental sore," "Baghdad boil," and Aleppo evil." In India it is known as kala azar, or black fever.)

♦ "One day I was called into the room of our hostess's younger sister. The room was dark, and only when hot hands gripped mine did I realize that I was standing near her. When my eyes had got accustomed to the darkness, I looked toward the bed and recoiled in a horror which I could hardly conceal. There lay completely transformed by sickness one who two days before had been a pretty healthy girl. Though a layman, I instantly saw that she had smallpox. Her larynx and tongue were already attacked and she could only cry out with thick articulation that she was dying. I tried to tell her that it was not so, and then escaped from the room as quickly as possible to have a thorough wash. There was nothing to be done and one could only hope that an epidemic would not break out. Aufschnaiter also visited her and agreed with my diagnosis... (*Seven Years in Tibet* by Heinrich Harrer, Chapter 4, "The Village of Happiness.")

♦ "For survivors, smallpox was a cruelly fickle disease, leaving many of its survivors blinded or dreadfully scarred, but others unscathed. It had existed for millennia, but didn't become common in Europe until the early sixteenth century. Its first recorded appearance in England was 1518." (*At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson.)

♦ "I had lots of things to carry me across the river. Sometimes I could use a camel, sometimes I could get a boat. But if I knew there was critical timing involved...I would try to arrange in advance for the elephant. The elephant rides pretty smoothly and it's pretty tall. Usually I got on with a ladder, but you could step on its trunk and it would put you on its back. I was always a little nervous about that." (May Guinan, sent to Uttar Pradesh from the CDC in the campaign to eradicate smallpox, on how she would cross a river to get to her headquarters in Lucknow. Another method involved mounting a bicycle, which was then carried on the shoulders of two men. From *The Invisible Fire* by Joel N. Shurkin.)

affliction / appearance / configuration / flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine / hole / mark

point (decision point, etc.)

confusion point
race is not black or white, that's one of the ~s (historian)

data point

one ~ in the report is civilian casualties
the public will no longer have a key ~ about the war
COVID rates were one ~, and there were others...
it's another ~ that illustrates that... (a statistic)
foregoing the count means we will miss a crucial ~
the results give researchers a vital new ~ (a test)
it's the latest grim ~ (number of confirmed COVID cases)

decision point

it's really an enormous ~ which will transform... (sports)
we reached a ~ to reduce flying to catch up (airline
meltdown)

inflection point

(see *inflection point*)

pain point

highly localized surges a ~ for many communities (COVID)
the "Apple tax," a longtime ~ for app developers

plot points

so what are some of the ~ prosecutors could argue...

price point

cigars at every price in every ~ (Casablanca Cigar Club)

proof point

the leaked document has provided a "powerful ~"

Proof Points

"~s: How Do You Find A Gifted Child" (Hechinger Report)

talking point

~s written by the oil and gas industry (propaganda)
I'm not interested in the same old tired ~s (politics)
a few of the big ~s in the world of boxing this week

danger point or vulnerability point

when there may be a particular ~ (college suicides)

♦ The use of "data point" can give punditry a scientific sheen and the pundit an aura of scientific knowledge.

♦ "So remind us what are some of the plot points in the aftermath of 2020 that prosecutors could argue broke the law." / "Well, there are a few main buckets based on public court documents..." (Political punditry—"plot points" and "buckets"—concerning Donald Trump, heard on NPR in 2023.)

♦ PROOF POINTS: How do you find a gifted child?; PROOF POINTS: What research tells us about gifted education; PROOF POINTS: Gifted programs provide little to no academic boost, new study says; PROOF POINTS: There is a worldwide problem in math and it's not just about the pandemic; PROOF POINTS: Schools' mission shifted during the pandemic with healthcare, shelter and adult ed; PROOF POINTS: Three views of pandemic learning loss and recovery... (Articles at The Hechinger Report that seem to all be written by Jill Barshay. "Proof point" is not yet recognized by Merriam-Webster, Wikipedia, or Wiktionary.)

♦ Q rating is another term beloved by pundits.

development: direction / number

contempo-speak: language

point (sticking / friction point)

sticking points

so what are the ~ in these talks (tariff negotiations)

flaws & lack of flaws: mechanism

point (tipping point)

tipping point

we're at that ~ (demand for antibiotic-free meat)
what was the ~ that made the company say, "Enough"

tipping point for him

what happened this weekend seems to be a ~ (POTUS)

Syria's tipping point

this could be ~ (pro-democracy protests)

social tipping point

we have passed a ~, we can no longer look away (justice)

passed a tipping point

we have ~, a point of no return (Greta Thunberg)

reached a tipping point

he thinks 3D has reached a ~ (new normal for films)

development: direction / mechanism

importance & significance: mechanism

point (pivot point)

pivot point

Casey saw the Iraq War as a ~, one of history's hinges

development: direction / mechanism

importance & significance: mechanism

point (point where)

in a point where

I was ~ I was ready to be done with it (drugs)

development: place

point (point when)

point when

Iran's nuclear program is long past the ~ it is...
was there a low ~ you look back (addiction)

time: place

point (at a point)

at a point

I don't think I was ~ to be ready then (to give up drugs)

♦ "At a point" in one sentence and "in a point" in the next...

development: place

point (in a point)

in a point

I was ~ where I was ready to be done with it (drugs)

♦ "At a point" in one sentence and "in a point" in the next sentence...

situation: place

point (low point / high point)

lowest point

it was the ~ in the history of the CDC (lab adjudged filthy)

at a low point

the investigation was ~ (of a serial killer)

turned that low point into something

Kansas City ~ that flipped its year around (a loss)

progress & lack of progress: height

point (low point / emotion)

low point

was there a ~ when you look back (addiction)

hit some (real) low points

I've ~ in my life

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / height

point man (and point person)

point man

he is the ~ for the administration's efforts to... (politician)

point-person

the White House's health reform ~ Nancy-Ann DeParle

point person for the Obama administration

Biden was ~ on Ukraine (politics)

point person for all NPR political coverage

Arnie Seipel will be the ~ from across the shows and desks

point person on human rights

the State Department's ~

point person on voting rights

Vice President Harris, who has been the administration's ~

State Department's point person

the ~ on Iran...

the ~ on North Korea...

♦ The point man is the lead man in a column of soldiers. He goes a bit ahead of the column and must look for snipers, mines, and booby traps. He may shoot first and discover to his horror that he has shot a noncombatant or a child, even. In a confused situation, he might be fired on by his fellow soldiers in a different unit. The enemy might shoot him dead, or he might set off a trap that kills him outright. Or, the enemy might shoot to wound him and then pick off anyone trying to come to his aid. Or, the enemy may let him pass and shoot up the main column of men, leaving the point man terrified, cut off, and isolated without support...

♦ "Mostly, the enemy is found by the point man, of the point platoon, of the point company bumping into that enemy." (Military operations in urban terrain / MOUT.)

♦ "Castro was yelling, 'Ah shit, man! Shit! Shit!...' / The medic was on his knees. Patrick's arms were lying loosely at his sides, his eyes roaming around the faces of the men standing above him... / Blood was everywhere. Patrick closed his eyes and his head rolled to the side, and he died. / 'I left as soon as I could this morning to get here and help you,' Pete said. 'Colonel wouldn't let me come last night.' He paused. 'Patrick must have fallen asleep, lying here in the bushes. He fired at my point man. Just jerked up and started firing. He and my point man just fired at each other. I'm sorry...' / I couldn't yell at Pete or his point man. It certainly wasn't their fault, nor was it Patrick's. I felt a mindless rage, like I wanted to cry and scream at the same time..." (*Last Man Out: A Personal Account Of The Vietnam War* by James E. Parker Jr.)

♦ "Lopinto was a tough mother. Shirtless beneath his flak jacket and slung with an especially heavy load of grenades and ammunition, he moved down the dirt cart trail they called Route 561." From the affecting history *Operation Buffalo: USMC Fight for the DMZ* by Keith William Nolan.)

♦ "There was another AK47 burst and, instantly, an inhuman scream, followed by shouts to Herbert that one of their guys was hit. Herbert sent

his superficially wounded corpsman in that direction, but he was shot in the legs as he ran and sent sprawling. / The next shot was to his head. KIA. / There was a shout to Herbert that it was the point man Lopinto who had screamed. That was Herbert's best friend, and he shouted back to ask how bad he was hit. The return shout was that he was dead. KIA." (From the affecting history *Operation Buffalo: USMC Fight for the DMZ* by Keith William Nolan. "Lance Corporal Herbert, the intelligent, articulate, and very able leader of the 2d Squad of Bravo Two, was right behind the monster erupting around Bravo Three...")

♦ "Bringing up the rear as tail-end-charlie was almost as bad as walking point." (The Vietnam War. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is known as the American war.)

♦ Nowadays the "point person" is usually a female who mindlessly parrots the administration or company line, reading from a script.

driving force: military / person

person: military

point of view (from somebody's point of view)

from the point of view of concealment

select supply positions ~

from the point of view inside his (climbing) boots

it was written ~ (Boukreev's *The Climb*)

from Abdul Tawab's point of view

~, the marriage helped his position

from the animals' point of view

~ (animal rights, cruelty, eating meat, etc.)

from the destroyers' point of view

Native Americans ~

from the enemy's point of view

consider the traps ~ (military)

from players' points of view

produce content ~ (*Uninterrupted* / LeBron James)

from the male point of view

usually, we talk to females, but these are parenting tips ~

from a spectator's point of view

~, the most interesting match was...

from our point of view

characteristics which are catastrophic ~ (a terrorist)

from your point of view

which country is most promising ~ (Central Asia)

from an Indian point of view

museum exhibitions ~ (Native Americans)

from the Japanese point of view

the film is told ~ (*Letters from Iwo Jima*)

he tells the story of Iwo Jima ~ (Clint Eastwood film)

from an intelligence point of view

~, this is a problem

from the policy point of view

another aspect, again ~ (educational establishment)

from a safety point of view

improve things ~ (motor racing)

from a driving point of view
 ~ you know what's happening (racing)

from a human point of view
 its scope and setting is horrible ~ (terror)

from a military point of view
 ~, we don't face any threats (Uzbekistan)

from a pragmatic point of view
 ~, don't... (monitoring employees)

from a scientific point of view
 ~, geothermal power is touted as "clean"

catastrophic from our point of view
 he has 3 characteristics which are ~ (a terrorist)

consider (the traps) from the enemy's point of view
 ~ (military)

describes an event from two (different) points of view
 the book ~

imagine it from their point of view
 ~ (toilet training for toddlers)

told from his point of view
 the story is ~

told from the Japanese point of view
 the film is ~ (*Letters from Iwo Jima*)

perception, perspective & point of view: position

point of view (other)

point of view
 depending on your ~
 their parents denied or ignored their ~ (suicidal kids)

point of view of concealment
 select supply positions from the ~

point of view on tourism
 a Hawaiian ~

employer's point of view
 an ~ (on hiring) (job searching)

people's points of view
 ~ are influenced by their language and culture

each other's point of view
 it is important to try to understand ~

another person's point of view
 it is important to understand ~

public health point of view
 he patiently explained the ~ (an epidemic)

Hawaiian point of view
 a ~ on tourism

Nez Perce point of view
 increased emphasis to the ~ (park sites)

minority point of view

the ~

outlaw point of view
 his affinity for the ~ (teacher in jail)

conflicting points of view
 good articles tend to be built on ~ (journalism)

differing points of view
 these ~ (in the "education" community)

opposing points of view
 the two songs show ~ of the same situation...

clear point of view
 she has a very ~

different point of view
 in order to understand a ~

different points of view
 we seek out sources with ~ (free press)
 people have ~ (culture, circumstances, etc.)

strong point of view
 reluctance to offer a ~ on civics (education)
 excellence often involves taking a ~
 a ~ can even work against you

two (different) points of view
 describe the same event from ~

differences in point of view
 those ~ fueled the debate (Confederate flag)

affinity for the (outlaw) point of view
 his unconcealed ~ (teacher in jail)

denied or ignored their point of view
 their mother and father ~ (suicidal kids)

explained the (public-health) point of view
 he patiently ~ (an epidemic)

understand each other's point of view
 it is important to try to ~

- ♦ see the related *perspective (other)*
- ♦ In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is called the American War. (Point of view and war.)
- ♦ The French blamed the pestilence on the Neapolitans. The English, Germans and Italians called it the *morbus gallicus* or the 'French disease.' The Polish labeled it the 'Russian disease.' To the Turks it was the 'Christian disease.' It was called the 'Chinese pox' by the Japanese and the 'Portuguese disease' in India and Japan. The Tahitians referred to venereal disease as 'the British disease.' (Names for syphilis, from *Disease, The Extraordinary Stories Behind History's Deadliest Killers* by Mary Dobson. Point of view and public health.)
- ♦ "I have a special hatred for ice cream trucks. I think they should be outlawed. I have so many traumas from them, and the children hit by ice cream trucks are usually on the small side, so they get head traumas." (Gracie Dinkins, a trauma surgeon. From "Flesh & Blood" by Gracie Dinkins as told to Matthew Segal, Los Angeles magazine. A purely personal point of view, based on occupation.)
- ♦ "People say it's a peaceful demonstration but I would say that a huge 18-wheeler is not a peaceful thing to have in the middle of your city." ("Health care workers in Ottawa are being harassed protesters [sic] against COVID-19 mandates," NPR, Weekend Edition, Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022.)

♦ "Yeah, they have these belts on with like all these extra bullets and they're like dressed for war." (Leah talking to her Brit producer, Georgia, for their podcast about the militia movement. Gen-Z point of view.)

♦ Female teacher at a North Carolina high school: Gesim was in a fight. Male ESL teacher: Did he win? (Wrong response! Awkward.)

♦ "Next morning I awoke, looked out the window, and nearly died of fright. My screams brought Atticus from his bathroom half shaven. 'The world's ended, Atticus. Please do something.' I dragged him to the window and pointed. 'No it's not,' he said. 'It's snowing.'" (The beloved American novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. This is an example of the point of view of a child.)

♦ The Turkana have few food taboos and will even eat fish.

♦ We all have accents.

♦ A FUNNY STORY. A young American on vacation from his job was shooting billiards with a local man at a country club in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka. The Sri Lankan man spoke impeccable British English, and at one point during the game enquired, "What do you do for a living?" The young American said, "I teach English in Saudi Arabia." To which the Sri Lankan man expostulated, "How the hell can you teach English when you can't bloody well speak it!"

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. Ragged, disheveled and unshaven Willie and Joe, fighting their way through Europe, are standing in a liberated French town that—Happily!—is completely intact, as opposed to having been reduced to an abandoned pile of rubble. The streets are thronged with French civilians, including a pulchritudinous young female in silhouette; a man is seated peacefully on a balcony smoking a pipe watching the scene below him; and the shop signs are all in French. Jut-jawed Willie is saying to Joe, "Did ya ever see so many furriners, Joe?" (*Up Front* by Bill Mauldin, World War II. Mauldin survived the war. So did Konstantin Simonov and Vasily Grossman. Ernie Pyle didn't.)

♦ A FUNNY STORY. A city man grew weary of the hustle and bustle, the hubbub and din, of city life, and he decided to visit his relative in the quiet and peaceful countryside. He made a sign that said, "Gone to the countryside," posted it on his door, and set off. He drove through the desert until the road ended. Then he drove off road, following tracks in the sands, until the tracks ended at the edge of a steep valley. He abandoned his truck there, crossed the valley on foot, and then walked for miles over a flat barren empty gravel desert. Finally, in the distance, he saw his relative's stone hut, next to a single tree. In great joy and anticipation he hurried to it, only to find, posted on the door, a note that read... "Gone to the countryside."

perception, perspective & point of view: position

point out (verb)

point out that
let me ~ I wasn't...

pointed out that
he ~ murder is illegal in all societies

pointed out
Chevron Texaco ~ it was already doing a lot... (Nigeria)
another cause of concern, he ~, are the lack of road signs...

pointed out in the NYT magazine
as she ~...

pointed out the blunder
only when he ~ did Hutchison... (Everest)

pointed out the inconsistencies
liberals have long ~ of conservative support for...

pointed out problems
media stories have ~ in assisted living...

neglects to point out
what he ~, though, is that...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: finger / gesture / verb

poise (balance)

swan-like poise
she is possessed of ~...

journalistic poise
the *Wall Street Journal* keeps its ~ (vs. *New York Times*)

Politics and Poise
Letter from the Editor: ~ (Anna Wintour / Vogue / 2008)

showed great poise
they ~ in knocking out Dallas and the Lakers (NBA team)

♦ "Tackle the day with confidence, poise, and control..."

equilibrium & stability: standing, sitting & lying

poised (adjective)

poised on Baghdad's doorstep
coalition forces are ~

poised to lose
the party is ~ the elections

poised to write
he is ~ a triumphant new chapter (Obama)

readiness & preparedness: equilibrium & stability

poison (noun)

political poison
advocating gun control has been ~
talk of confiscating guns can be ~ with certain voters

destruction: materials & substances

poison (verb)

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

poison (everyday) life
trivialities ~

poison the project
this academic feud began to ~ (undersea mapping)

poisoned the waters
his statement ~ for anyone seeking an honest answer

poison the well
establish a false persona, then ~ of information (Facebook)

♦ Perhaps the worst mass poisoning of a population in history has taken place in Bangladesh. Around 25 million people have been exposed to arsenic through runoff from agriculture and industry into man-made ponds and the water table. Ironically, many of the contaminated ponds and boreholes were dug with the help of international relief organizations to protect villagers from unclean water.

corruption / destruction: materials & substances / verb

poisonous (adjective)

poisonous
the taint of a bankruptcy can be ~
the rot in Pakistani society is more ~ than anyone thought

poisonous atmosphere

a "~" has descended on the Times (firings)
rumors and gossip can create a ~

poisonous (political and rhetorical) climate
politics suffers from a ~

poisonous doctrine
he was an antidote to the ~ of extremism

poisonous mix
he despises the ~ of religion and politics (an Iraqi)

poisonous situation
it was a ~ (politics and war)

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances
destruction: health & medicine / materials & substances

poker (game)

high-stakes poker
this is ~ (a business decision)

strategy: cards / gambling

poker-faced (adjective)

poker-faced
they were ~

poker-faced chairman
the ~

appearance / concealment & lack of concealment / feeling,
emotion & effect: cards / face / gambling

polar (polar opposite, etc.)

polar opposite of the coach
he is the ~ he replaces (soccer)

polar opposite (of Fitzpatrick) in play style (sports)
he's the ~

extent & scope: earth & world

polarizing (adjective)

polarizing figure
he is a ~ (a football coach)
his critics say he is a ~ who exploits divisions (politics)

intensely polarizing
among intellectuals, he is ~

division & connection: direction

pole position (noun)

put Microsoft in the pole position
OpenAI has ~

♦ "Power dynamics have radically changed, placing players in pole position." (College sports: NIL, transfer portal, etc.)

competition: position / sports & games

police (and cop, etc.)

policeman
the US shouldn't be the world's conscience or ~

cops for apps
Apple and Google are the ~ in our world (app stores)

behavior police
the ~ don't just stick to soccer (women in sports)

cancel-culture cops
the miserable ~ have come for Snow White's dwarfs (2024)

clothing police
school officials should not be the ~ (France / abaya ban)

comment section police
you don't need to be the ~ (internet bulletin board)

continuity cop
and so I, a ~... (NPR's Linda Holmes, about films)

cultural police
~ punish writers for using their imagination (sensitivity)

Cultural Appropriation Police
where are the ~ when a progressive breaks their rules

diversity police
the ~ have ruined *Lord of the Rings* (*The Rings of Power*)

diversity police officer
I'm not the ~, policing non-marginalized people (a "sensitivity reader")

fashion police
I'm not trying to be the ~, but... (sagging pants)

feminist thought police
I don't want to get into trouble with the ~

fun police
we sound like the ~, but... (Gay Pride festival litters beach)
Musk called regulators the "~" (a Boombox feature)

gender police
I became the self-appointed ~ (Curtis Sittenfeld at Groton)

grammar police
don't the ~ have better things to do (online commenter)

Karma police
he boasts about it and two days later this happens, ~

language police
professional bodies should not act as ~ (psychology / WSJ)

'leftist' language police
Chapo Trap House offends the sensibilities of ~

mask police
restaurants don't want to be ~ (COVID epidemic)
I feel like the ~, and that's not what I signed up for

morality police
the ~ are working overtime against the sexual agency of...

notability cop
some ~ cruised past my bio and pulled me over (Wikipedia)

outrage police
the ~ are calling for him to be fired (TV news culture wars)

parenting police

she has run afoul of the ~ (the marvelous singer Pink)

phone police

teachers are tired of being the ~

political correctness police

the ~ started from twitter

speech police

given tech companies discomfort in the role of ~...

spelling police

Oh, look... the ~ are here (BBC HYS sports)

thought police

he called Facebook “~” (for removing his posts)
liberals want to call out the ~ and force people to agree

YouTube police

it became a game of whack-a-mole as the ~ hunted it down

vaccination police

confusing guidance could force workers to become the ~

woke police

the ~ is out there (Chris Harrison)
the only police that need defunding are the ~

role of being a cop

pharmacists don't want to be placed in ~ (vaccinations)

♦ “[The Olympics] need us more than we need them. See how they poison sports. They're like the secret police or worse, like your parents.” (The great snowboarder Terje Haakonsen.)

♦ “If all you have is a good-quality Parmigiano, the cacio e pepe police are not going to come and arrest you!” (Elizabeth Minchilli, quoted in “Cacio e pepe: Italy's beloved three-ingredient pasta dish” by Emily Monaco, BBC, 14 May 2020. The cacio is ordinarily sheep's milk cheese, ideally Pecorino.)

♦ “Are you his teacher or wot? I would of thought that the grammar police had better things to do.” (An online commenter on a BBC HYS about a soccer match. The targeted commenter had criticised a poster's use of “would of” versus “would have.”)

♦ “Hey word police, wind your neck in and stick to boring your wife.” (A BBC HYS about a soccer match.)

♦ “Literally No One Likes a Grammar Cop,” hosted by Erica Brozovsky, Ph.D., PBS Digital Studios, *otherwords*.)

♦ “Being a grammar cop can get you into trouble.” (A reference to Supreme Court Justice John Roberts. Read “Obama retakes oath of office after inauguration stumble,” *The Guardian*, Thu 22 Jan 2009. What the article does not mention was that Chief Justice John Roberts *changed* the oath to *correct* what he thought was the incorrect placement of the adverb, “faithfully.” All Roberts had to do was to read 35 words without error. He didn't do it.)

♦ “And, I'm not going to say the word, but that other word. This new idea that to refer to the N-word is the same thing as using it is absurd. It is utterly absurd. And the reason I'm putting it that way is because...” (It's not using the word, it's referring to it. The linguist John McWhorter, speaking at the Citrin Center at the University of California Berkeley. “John McWhorter: Pitfalls in the Policing of Language—YouTube.” Watch and listen to: [youtube.com/watch?v=Fer2yb5qgWE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fer2yb5qgWE))

♦ “I feel like the mask police, and that's not what I signed up for.” (An unhappy Iowa State University RA (resident assistant) during the 2020 coronavirus pandemic. RAs at universities have quit or gone on strike for “danger pay.”)

♦ “We didn't want to be the mask police in the early portions of this pandemic and we certainly don't want to be the vaccination police at the end of it.” (Marc Perrone, International President of the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union.)

♦ “Flight attendants have to play schoolyard monitor.” (Conflicts between passengers over reclining seats on airplanes.)

♦ “We need a place for honest debate without the hall monitors.” (Politics.)

♦ “It just means when you go to Rolling Loud, the police are inescapable, they are all over the place, they are there (“day are dare”) when you walk in, they're there when you leave, they're there around the barricades, they're there like even in the parking lot, and they're a bunch of them. They line up together, and they're not helpful, either, and so I think there's an ominous aspect to it... that made me uncomfortable.” (Jason Buford of the *Rolling Stone* magazine.)

oppression: justice / person

control & lack of control: person

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person

person: crime / justice

police (verb)

polices (his kid's gaming) habits

he ~ carefully

police my identity

attacks by people trying to ~ (cultural appropriation)

police language

those who ~ wish to police thought

police the language

these absurd attempts to ~ of intelligence assessment

police his mind

he is now aware of how to ~ (a troubled boxer)

police students' speech

universities should not ~ so carefully

police thought

those who police language wish to ~

police its use

universities scrambled to ~ (ChatGPT)

police the web

he formed a group to ~ (Lenny Pozner / Sandy Hook)

♦ “You don't actually get to police what I think or do or say or write.” (The writer and philosopher Ross Gay.)

♦ “How do you police what's in someone's mind?”

control & lack of control: justice / verb

polish (verb)

polished the image

the Klitschko brothers have ~ of the sport (boxing)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances / verb

amelioration & renewal: light & dark / verb

polished (adjective)

polished professional

there is a vulnerable woman beneath the ~

polished speaker

he is a ~ who hits just the right tone (Beto O'Rourke)

flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark / materials & substances

political correctness (groups)

political correctness police
the ~ started from twitter

political correctness and cancel culture
free speech has been pushed to the wayside for ~

rebel against political correctness
Trump campaigned as a ~

shibboleth of political correctness
“everyone has rights” is a ~

at the altar of political correctness
other Roald Dahl classics have been similarly butchered ~

sacrificed free speech to political correctness
the university has ~

♦ see also *politically correct (groups)*

♦ “It was ironic, it was arch, so it felt like, ‘Oh My God! they’re using this against us!’” (Ruth Perry, who founded the Women’s Study Department at MIT in 1984, about the term “political correctness.” From “How Cancel Culture Became Politicized—Just Like Political Correctness,” NPR, All Things Considered, July 26, 2021.)

♦ “Our goal is not just to change language but to honor and acknowledge inclusion and reject white supremacy, anti-immigrant and anti-blackness ideologies.” (A memo from the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, announcing that the school had changed the Office of Field Education to the Office of Practicum Education. See “‘Anti-racist’ language change causes confusion” by Tomoki Chien, *Daily Trojan*, January 11, 2023.)

♦ In academia, eye-rolling can be considered a sign of patriarchy and a micro-aggression.

♦ “Microaggressions: Be Careful What You Say,” NPR, Tell Me More, April 3, 2014.

♦ “What Not To Say To A Mixed-Race Colleague,” NPR, Tell Me More, Diversions, April 21, 2009. A 10-Minute Listen.)

♦ “I was in the Tatte Bakery & café... In the back behind the stairs there is a small space with a few chairs and a couch. Since there was no space large enough for the 8 people in the group I said, ‘let’s colonize this area’ indicating that we should take the available seats and expand as people left. My colleagues from Harvard were aghast... I have training in microbiology, they were political. I thought it was funny, they thought I should be more careful.” (The online commenter “Some Dude” in *The Harvard Crimson*. 2024.)

♦ “In 2012, Nina Totenberg of NPR was criticized by mental-health advocates for asking the question, ‘So, is your client a nut case?’ Activists dislike words like bonkers, psycho, maniac, wacko, and crazy.

♦ “It’s going to be chaos with Republican leadership. And, sadly, the *crazy* [italics mine] caucus has grown among the Republicans.” (Representative Adam Schiff, Democrat-California, on the possibility of losing his position as chair of the House Intelligence Committee after Republicans took control of the House of Representatives.)

♦ “Top of mind to many who care about this topic is getting rid of the phrase ‘committed suicide,’ says Dese’Rae Stage, a suicide awareness activist who holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology and is trained in crisis intervention.” (“The words to say—and not say—about suicide” by Jessica Ravitz, CNN, June 11, 2018.)

♦ “Around noon, family members called police to report that the father was talking about *dying by suicide* [italics mine] in the woods behind his house.” (2022.)

♦ “The memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, recognized as the official Holocaust memorial of Germany, sits in the center of downtown Berlin, just south of the famous Brandenburg Gate and a block away from the site of the bunker where Hitler died by suicide.” (“Monuments to the Unthinkable: America still can’t figure out how to memorialize the sins of our history. What can we learn from Germany?” by Clint Smith, *The Atlantic*, December, 2022.)

♦ “What is the correct language for suicide?” (Google query, “People also ask.”)

♦ Pregnant person; birthing person... (Language for “mother.”)

♦ “I call disabled viewing platforms the “cripple pen.” (A presumably disabled commenter, reclaiming the word “cripple.” From “After the N-word, the P-word” by Rajni Bhatia, BBC, 11 June 2007, which is about reclaiming the word “Paki” in the same way some Blacks have “reclaimed” the N-word. Who has the right to say what when. Who cares?)

♦ “A pidgin English field guide would list buk-buks, pakes, buddaheads, katonks, mokes, titas, popolos, yobos, blalahs, haoles and portagees.” (Ethnic and racial labels used in Hawaii.)

♦ “As wave after wave of pain and outrage swept through the *Times*, over a headline that was not damning enough of Trump or someone’s obnoxious tweets, I came to think of the people who were fragile, the ones who were caught up in Slack or Twitter storms, as people who had only recently discovered that they were white and were still getting over the shock. Having concluded they had got ahead by working hard, it has been a revelation to them that their skin colour was not just part of the wallpaper of American life, but a source of power, protection and advancement. They may know a lot about television, or real estate, or how to edit audio files, but their work does not take them into shelters, or police precincts, or the homes of people who see the world very differently. It has never exposed them to live fire. Their idea of violence includes vocabulary.” (“When the New York Times lost its way” by James Bennet, *1843 Magazine (The Economist)*, Dec 14th 2023.)

♦ “The Home Secretary has blamed political correctness for the failure of authorities to tackle child sexual exploitation.” (BBC, Six O’clock News, 02/04/2023. The Home Secretary was Suella Braverman, referencing fears of accusations of racism about investigating and prosecuting British Pakistani males.)

♦ “I’m actually convinced that it was political correctness gone mad. You know, there was absolutely no reason for it. I was rocking the multicultural boat. But, how would you get changes without talking about it?” (Ann Cryer, Labour MP for Keighley, 1997-2010. From *The Betrayed Girls: The Rochdale Scandal—2017 Documentary*.)

♦ “Why on Earth would anyone be proud of making a PC Snow White?” (Piers Morgan, about the upcoming “woke” 2024 Disney film. This question truly deserves thought and discussion. Said professional wrestler Dylan Postl about the activist actor Peter Dinklage, “By being progressive in his mind, he is really doing the opposite and taking dreams away and potential roles from seven dwarf actors—I think it’s a shame. It doesn’t make any sense to me that we are taking one person’s voice for the whole community.” One online commenter said the controversy made him think of “Men without hats—the safety dance—YouTube.” Worth watching!)

♦ “Hundreds of the author’s words have been changed or entirely removed in a bid for ‘relevancy.’” (“The rewriting of Roald Dahl” by Ed Cumming, Abigail Buchanan, Genevieve Holl-Allen, and Benedict Smith, *The Daily Telegraph (U.K.)*, 17 February, 2023.)

♦ “Some nights at the bar I would descend into discussions with cosmologists and other[s]... and discover that Doctor Seuss meant more to them than a menagerie of imagined animals and a vivid and troublesome cat.” (“The Science of Dr Seuss,” BBC, Sounds, with Robin Ince. Seven Doctor Seuss books were cancelled in 2021.)

♦ “I think ‘hillbilly’ is the one epithet people are allowed to use. The rest are politically incorrect. If they want to look down upon us, then that is their problem. The ignorance is one-sided, and in that way I’ve never had a problem with it.” (Fred Chappell, North Carolina poet laureate.)

♦ “It occurred to me that, because the world media establishment had ignored the Balkans for so long..., these people never had to learn, as the Israelis and Arabs did, how to talk in code, so as not to offend Western sensibilities with their racial hatred. In the Balkans, people spoke more honestly than in the Middle East, and therefore more brutally.” (*Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History* by the superb writer and correspondent Robert D. Kaplan.)

♦ “There is too big a gap between what people say in public and what they believe, when they are just by themselves. And this is you know somehow a collateral effect of this political correctness, which taught people that you are not allowed to say this or that but uh it didn’t change what they believe.” (“From Romanian director Christian Mungiu on his film R.M.N.,” NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, May 6, 2023.)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry for “Euphemism,” specifically the section “Lifespan,” to learn about “the euphemism treadmill.” Steven Pinker of

Harvard University has also discussed the idea, and the linguist John McWhorter has mentioned it, and written about it. The problem is, the euphemism simply acquires the connotation of the word it replaces, requiring yet a new euphemism, etc. Nothing changes.

♦ OLD: a cripple, jake leg, spaz, handicapped, disabled... / NEW: differently abled... (The physically handicapped were arguably the first population in the U.S. to get the “political correctness” labeling.)

♦ OLD: crazy, moron, feeble minded, mentally retarded, mentally challenged, “special,” Petey (*American Pie 2*)... / NEW: intellectually and developmentally disabled, “amazing”...

♦ OLD: a crazy person, a maniac, a mentally ill person... / NEW: a mental consumer (Memphis Police), a vulnerable person...

♦ OLD: a crazy young woman with a knife... / NEW: “a high-risk, endangered missing person who is believed to be armed.”

♦ OLD: mental illness... / NEW: mental wellness...

♦ OLD: the poor... / NEW: the financially insecure...

♦ OLD: a tramp, a bum, the homeless... / NEW: the houseless, the unhoused, men experiencing homelessness...

♦ OLD: hungry... / NEW: food insecure, food insecurity, (severe) food poverty...

♦ OLD: a migrant, an immigrant, an illegal immigrant... / NEW: a newcomer...

♦ OLD: a gay bar... / NEW: a queer space...

♦ OLD: an unwed mother, a single mother... / NEW: an unpartnered mother...

♦ OLD: a conventional law-abiding man of his times... / NEW: a racist...

♦ OLD: a shark attack... / NEW: a shark bite, encounter, incident...

♦ OLD: gun control... / NEW: gun safety... (NPR)

♦ OLD: committed suicide... / NEW: died after an incident; died while detained at a psychiatric hospital, found unresponsive in a bathroom and died two days later; died while being treated; lost her long battle with depression and passed away; fatally harmed herself; took her own life; he took his life (NPR about Jeffrey Epstein); the bunker where Hitler died by suicide (*The Atlantic’s* Clint Smith)...

♦ OLD: a victim... / NEW: a survivor, a conqueror, one who has experienced something...

♦ OLD: “one night of Venus, a lifetime of Mercury,” VD (venereal disease), the clap, the drip, gonorrhea, syphilis, the pale horror, the spiral devils, sexually transmitted disease (STD)... / NEW: sexually transmitted infection (STI)...

♦ OLD: leprosy (the Bible, WHO)... / NEW: Hansen’s disease (CDC)...

♦ OLD: a slave... / NEW: an enslaved worker (NPR)...

♦ OLD: a convict, a con, an inmate... / NEW: an incarcerated person...

♦ OLD: a felon, an ex-con... / NEW: a justice-involved person...

♦ OLD: looters... / NEW: protests not prioritizing private property

♦ OLD: a shoplifter, a thief, a criminal... / NEW: external theft, shrinkage, cost of doing business...

♦ OLD: raped and murdered his ex-girlfriend... / NEW: committed a crime (Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, heard on NPR)...

♦ OLD: juvenile delinquents... / New: at-risk youth...

♦ OLD: whore, prostitute... / New: sex worker, escort...

♦ Old: a porn star... / New: an adult film star...

♦ OLD: “short eyes,” a pedophile... / NEW: a minor-attracted person (ChatGPT)...

♦ OLD: a drug addict... / NEW: a person with addiction, a person who self-medicates, chronic self-medication; became reliant on medicine (Oded / dead); self-medicating from uncontrolled sources (Oded / dead)...

♦ OLD: Oded; died of a drug overdose; found dead in the toilet with a syringe stuck in his arm... / NEW: lost his battle with drug addiction; his life was finally taken from him by a lethal cocktail of heroin and fentanyl after a lifelong dependency; an innocent victim of pharmaceutical addiction...

♦ OLD: suicides, fatal drug overdoses, and deaths from alcoholic liver disease... / NEW: deaths of despair...

♦ OLD: plagiarism... / NEW: duplicative language without appropriate attribution (Harvard University), an erratum...

♦ OLD: showing or displaying the American flag... / NEW: the performance of patriotism...

♦ OLD: beads, moccasins, feathers, turquoise... / NEW: Native American signifiers...

♦ OLD: empower (members of a group—now deemed condescending) / NEW: elevate voices (of the group)... (A great example of the euphemism treadmill.)

*** analysis

♦ “The euphemism treadmill must be accepted as an inevitable and unexceptionable result of what a word is: not only a bundle of sounds linked to a meaning, but also one that naturally piles up with implications over time because it is used by human beings living lives. Since words can’t sit still, and the implications they attract will sometimes be unpleasant, civility will require changing some of them regularly, like underwear.” (*Words on the Move* by the linguist John McWhorter, Chapter 2, “It’s the Implication That Matters: Words on the Move.”)

inclusion & exclusion: language / messaging politically correct (groups)

“politically correct”

eventually ~ was turned into a cudgel and mockery

politically correct failure

England under ~ is terrible (World Cup soccer / Qatar)

politically correct paean

the book is not a ~ (*The General’s Daughter*)

politically correct views

Abraham-Santos had all the appropriate ~

elitist, rich, politically correct

~ (Harvard University)

♦ For quotations, see *political correctness (groups)*, directly above this entry.

inclusion & exclusion: language / messaging pollute (verb)

polluted airwaves

rudeness has ~

corruption: water / verb

polluted

polluted with incivility

the airwaves are ~

polluted with sex

our children’s minds are being ~ (YAL, etc.)

polluted with spam

Web searches on health are ~

polluted (political) rhetoric

we must clean up our ~

polluted sea

pop music has become a ~

become polluted

it feels as if our attention has ~ (attention economy)

corruption: water

pollution (noun)

visual pollution

these signs are a nuisance, ~, illegal (in rights-of-way)

corruption: water

Pollyanna

Pollyanna

not everything goes smoothly, and she is not a ~

I don't want to be a ~, but tomorrow is another day

I am no ~

Pollyanna appeal

the film has a ~

Pollyanna territory

she explores optimism without tipping into ~

feel like (such) a Pollyanna

I ~ here...

sound (too) Pollyanna

do I ~

turned me into a Pollyanna

the awards show has ~

accused of being a Pollyanna

he isn't usually ~ (a financier, stock-market guru)

♦ **Pollyanna** was a character from the 1913 children's-literature novel by Eleanor H. Porter. A Pollyanna is a person who is incredibly optimistic even in the most dire circumstances, and the word is often used in the pejorative sense.

♦ **OPTIMISM**, n. The doctrine, or belief, that everything is beautiful, including what is ugly, everything is good, especially the bad, and everything right that is wrong. It is held with greatest tenacity by those most accustomed to the mischance of falling into adversity... Being a blind faith, it is inaccessible to the light of disproof—an intellectual disorder, yielding to no treatment but death. It is hereditary, but fortunately not contagious." (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

character & personality: allusion

allusion: books & reading

Pollyannaish (adjective)

Pollyanna-ish (and calming) assumption

it was the ~ of some analysts that while...

Pollyanna-ish notion

he mocks the ~ that nations hate war

seems (oddly) Pollyanna-ish

at times, he ~ about his future

sounding Pollyanna-ish

I know I'm ~, but...

character & personality: allusion

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)

“Pompeii of the East”

the site is known as the ~ (1815 eruption of Mount

Tambora)

Pompeii of the New World

Cerén is sometimes called the ~ (El Salvador)

“Western Pompeii”

scientists hailed the find a ~ (Ozette / Makah village)

♦ Pompeii and the nearby town of Herculaneum were buried by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. The excavated Pompeii is today a Unesco World Heritage Site and a time capsule for life in the Roman era.

♦ “Due to the suddenness of the [mudslide] and the exceptional levels of preservation, scientists hailed the find a ‘Western Pompeii...’” (“Ozette: The US’ lost 2,000-year-old village” by Brendan Sainsbury, BBC, 6 June 2022.)

destruction / geography: epithet

pond (environment)

media pond

the BBC, once a shark in the ~...

in a small pond

back home I was a big fish ~

♦ “Back home I was a big fish in a small pond, but in Miami I'm just a minnow surrounded by sharks.” (A model.)

♦ “The [BBC], once a shark in the media pond, is now a mere sardine in a media ocean.” (Clever writing from BBC Six O'Clock News, 26/05/2022.)

♦ “We all swam in the same lake, more or less...” (A comment about media back in the day, when United States citizens got the national and international news from ABC, NBC, or CBS on television, and the country was more unified.)

environment: water

pontificate (verb)

pontificate on any subject

he was ever ready to ~ (Thomas Edison)

speech: religion / verb

pony (one-trick pony)

one-trick pony

you don't want to be a ~ in Hollywood (directing)

♦ “You know what his guy does? Talk. That's what he did in Congress. That's what he does now. And that's it. One Trick Pony.” (Criticism at the Breitbart website for a politician.)

ability & lack of ability: animal / horse / theater

performance: animal / horse / theater

poodle (noun)

UK poodle

the US government and its ~

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat:

animal / dog

pool (verb)

pool and share

enhance the ability of the FBI and CIA to ~ information

group, set & collection: water / verb

pool (people)

pool of (available) brides

the ~ is scarce... (rural China / Loess Plateau)

pool of candidates

he'd looked at the entire ~ (government)

pool of (prison-educated) college graduates

the ~

pool of test takers

the ~ has grown larger

adjunct pool

spent 7 years in the ~ in Atlanta (Ph.D.)

applicant pool

the ~ has doubled (entry to a Jesuit boys' high school)

employment pool

Seattle offered an ideal ~

jury pool

strike eccentric citizens from ~s

~s are disproportionately female

most of the ~ was white

labor pool

the shrinking ~ will slow growth

media-pool

a ~ representative in the execution witness room

office pool

~s for money are generally illegal (sports)

press pool

and as the ~ left the room

talent pool

the company's ~ is remarkable

shrinking (labor) pool

the ~ will slow growth

ideal (employment) pool

Seattle offered an ~

group, set & collection: water

pool (things)

pools of information

databases are vast ~

pool of (two- and three-year-old) used cars

the ~

car-pool

~ lanes

envy pool

women are little ~s with one another

group, set & collection: water

pop (bubble popped, etc.)

bubble popped

the dot-com ~ and the stock market came crashing down

destruction: water

pop (attention / verb)

pop off

the hard-core bands that ~ that people resonate with...

make these fish tacos pop

golden pineapple and a deep-red marinade ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / verb

popcorn (noun)

popcorn entertainment

the series provides audience with pure ~ (*Fast & Furious*)

popcorn sensibilities

a shift towards broader ~ (*Close Encounters vs 2001*)

bring your popcorn

~, this has become a show (congressional hearing)

get out your popcorn

~, get ready for political theater today (hearing)

get your popcorn ready

~ (an evolving Twitter war, with threats)

superiority & inferiority: film & TV / sign, signal, symbol

Pope (Pope of Beaujolais, etc.)

'Pope of Beaujolais'

the ~ dies aged 86 (Georges Duboeuf)

♦ "A newspaper that fancies itself the Vatican City of progressive mores."
(The New York Times.)

representation: religion

importance & significance: epithet

pop up (verb)

popping up in (third-tier) cities

writers are ~ (China)

popping up (all) over the country

coronavirus clusters are ~ (US)

appearance & disappearance: direction / plant / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

porn (food porn, etc.)

dessert porn

delicious ~ that will make your mouth water

fear porn

it's not ~, they're reporting what happened (pandemic)

food porn

food blogs and "~" sites (online)

inspiration porn

we call it ~ in many disability circles (a disparaging term)

"map porn"

Reddit's ~ discussion (sharing, discussion, appreciation)

miserable porn

this avalanche of ~ (Will Smith in the film *Emancipation*)

pantry porn

the TikTok trend she dubbed “~” (organizing pantry, etc.)
celebrities and influencers are pushing “~” (kitchens, etc.)

poverty porn

what Bassin calls ~ (images of starving kids / charities)
is “~” making a comeback (1980s fundraising ads)
slum tourism is like ~ (2009)
images are often “~” (modern native American youth)

Rust Belt ruin porn

there’s an element of ~ (*Justified: City Primeval*)

“space porn”

what some astronomy enthusiasts call ~ (Hubble photos)

“torture porn”

horror dominated by a ~ aesthetic (*Saw, Hostel*, etc.)
the *Saw*-led ~ craze of the mid-2000s

trauma porn

it’s easy to descend into ~ (the great writer Phil Klay)
the kind of “Black trauma porn” (film *American Fiction*)
are films like this ‘~’ (debate over 2022 *Emancipation*)

trauma-porn

she characterized her former friend as a ~ star (contrived)

victimization porn

I don’t get how ~ helps minorities (commenter about NPR)

violence porn

I did not want *Career of Evil* to become ~ (J.K. Rowling)

war porn

~ has vulgarized evening news TV footage
soldiers call these clips “~” (“Watch this!” / snippets)

wealth porn

culture critics describe it as “~” (shows like *Succession*,
Billions, *Gossip Girl*, etc.)

♦ Trauma porn? “For a certain group of people it is hitting particularly hard. For Latinos, seeing the names, the photos of the victims, kids and teachers who look and sound like them, it’s added a layer of grief and trauma. And to talk through this we have called... She’s a...” (“For Latinos, the Uvalde shooting has an extra layer of grief and trauma,” Mary Louise Kelly, NPR, All Things Considered, June 3, 2022.)

♦ Trauma porn? “For me, personally, I wanted to support the students, and the younger generations, I have empathy for what they’re going through.” (“Community member Victoria Van Holder holding a sign offering “free hugs.” From “A year after Michigan State University shooting, museum has preserved memorial items” by Sophia Saliby, NPR, All Things Considered, February 13, 2024. See the Wikipedia entry “2023 Michigan State University shooting.”)

♦ “Project 562. Matika Wilbur, a visual storyteller and licensed primary school educator from the Swinomish and Tulalip peoples of coastal Washington, has spent a decade traveling to more than 400 tribal nations. / Through her research as both a photographer and educator, Wilbur found that many state history standards fail to cover Native Americans post-1900—an oversight she says is ‘damaging to native and non-native youth.’ / What little documentation of contemporary native communities that does exist is often ‘poverty porn,’ says Wilbur. And that’s not what she wants her students—or any students—to think of Native American culture. / She hopes her continued work through her Project 562—dedicated to photographing the more than 562 federally recognized tribes in the United States—will help inspire native peoples and counteract problematic stereotypes. / ‘I remember thinking: I’m showing contemporary representation of indigenous people to my students that is traumatizing them. And I’m not doing the work. I can’t be a part of the problem that’s causing harm to the students. My job is to inspire them. My job is to give them hope,’ says Wilbur.” (“Want To See

Inspiring Pix? Check Out These Award-Winning Photos” by Michele Abercrombie, NPR, Goats And Soda, May 2, 2021.)

attraction & repulsion: sex

porpoising (movement)

porpoising

cars are prone to “~” (FI ground effect)

movement: animal / fish

portal (entrance)

portals to the underworld

Maya culture long considered cenotes to be ~

portals for discovery

mistakes are the ~

portal back to the 1960s

the book offers a vivid ~

♦ “The first thing you do when you wake up, when your eyes are even half open, is you reach and you grab your phone. ‘Cause, that’s your portal to the outside world, that’s how you run your empire.” (Andrew Tate, kickboxer and influencer, who was permanently deplatformed by Instagram and Facebook in 2022.)

portal: doors & thresholds / gate

portrait (view)

portrait of life

he painted a grim ~ in North Korea

pen portrait

a gossipy memoir shot with vivid ~s

grim portrait

he painted a ~ of life in North Korea

portrait emerges

a Jekyll and Hyde ~ of SEAL accused of murder

painted a (grim) portrait

he ~ of life in North Korea

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

characterization / evidence: picture

posse (group)

hang out with their posse

they ~ after school (high school)

♦ “I don’t want to give advice, we have the rights to our fun and my posse...” (An HIV-positive teenage female, interviewed about random needle-sticks in discos and clubs.)

group, set & collection: crime / horse

position (on an issue, etc.)

staking out their positions

the two sides are ~ on the issue (politics)

position, policy & negotiation: line / position

positive (sex positive, etc.)

positive (body) image

help primary school children develop a ~

“positive” sexuality

Blake as a representative of liberation and ~ (2015)

body positive

her 2016 memoir about being feminist and ~

“sex positive”

~ libertarians (feminism and porn)

sex positive

the comedy is ~, full-on raunchy (film *Joy Ride*)

sex-positive

~ feminism commodifies sexual identities

~ representations of puberty and adolescence

Hoang’s new romance is ~

women are grasping the language of ~ feminism

we need a ~ approach to educating people (monkeypox)

regrettable instances do happen in the ~ community...

critical-positive

it would be an easy, ~ change (to Academy Awards)

female-positive

they are femme-forward, ~ (Nelly Furtado about Skims ad)

generous, positive and empowering

how can parents nurture a more ~ body image (females)

♦ “She is sex-positive and makes vivacious, danceable music, perfect for a party or a TikTok challenge. ‘Players,’ her biggest hit, is a two-minute ditty about young women having the same capacity for agency—sexual, musical, geographical—as men.” (Coi Leray. From “The Future Of Rap Is Female” by Niela Orr, *The New York Times Magazine*, August 13, 2023. “The Hip-Hop Issue.”)

♦ “While regrettable instances do happen in the sex-positive community, we have very specific rules and procedures put in place to keep safety in the forefront.” (New York City’s Hacienda sex club, responding to a number of complaints.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

resiliency: direction / number

positivity (body positivity, etc.)

positivity about being

it’s ~ a proudly nerdy teenage girl

body positivity

she is an icon of the ~ movement (Lizzo)

the ~ movement celebrates all shapes and sizes

booty positivity

her unabashed ~ (Chloe Bailey)

threat to (body) positivity

Sydney Sweeney’s micromini outfit feels like a ~

watch body positivity go down the drain

~ (Sydney Sweeney rocks a micromini outfit)

♦ “The same formula again and again. I want to post pictures of myself in bathing suits. When I get criticized I’ll say I want to do it for others and for body positivity. When I get criticized for that, I will show sadness that the world doesn’t support mental health and I’m a victim, and finally I’ll get praised for being so brave for living my own truth.” (Bob Loblaw. A BBC HYS about “SI Swim model Natalie Mariduena wants to ‘be an example’ of ‘body normalcy’” by Stephanie Nolasco, August 20, 2022.)

♦ “The dishonesty behind positivity grates on my nerves.” (Samantha Irby. From “Talk Samantha Irby” by David Marchese, *The New York Times Magazine*, June 25, 2023.)

♦ “Just to be able to spend that one-on-one time with the elderly customers and get to talk to them. / They definitely make me laugh. And to just put a little positivity in their lives it makes you feel good.” (Courtney Meadows, a cashier at a Kroger in Beckley, West Virginia. From “Grocery Cashier Is ‘Putting A Little Positivity’ Into Seniors’ Shopping Trips” by Camila Domonoske, NPR, April 29, 2020.)

♦ “When everyone is a model, no one is a model.” (S197.)

♦ see also *best life (and best lives)*

inclusion & exclusion: positivity

possess (verb)

possessed this woman

I don’t know what ~ to think that she could...

mental health: hand / possession / verb

fictive possession / possession: hand / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: hand / possession / religion / verb

possessed (emotion)

possessed by “archive fever”

he was ~ (cinophile Henri Langlois)

possessed by a certain obsession

writers are each ~

possessed by rage

he was ~

mental health: hand / possession

fictive possession / possession: hand

feeling, emotion & effect: hand / possession / religion

post (abandon one’s post)

abandon his post

he will not ~ to run for governor

allegiance, support & betrayal: military / verb

postage stamp (size)

Postage Stamp Mural

smaller, portable murals are designated ~s

a ~ shows Champion Paper and Fibre Company (Canton)

♦ “It’s got solar cells, batteries, two cameras... computer systems, navigation systems. All of this in a helicopter that’s only the size of a chihuahua.” (A drone on Mars.)

comparison & contrast / size: object

postcard (and post card)

audio postcard

he sent this ~ from California’s Central Valley (NPR)

speech: tools & technology / writing & spelling

poster (poster child, etc.)

poster boy for everything

he became a ~ that was wrong with boxing

poster boy for how

he is a ~ to do it well (a fund-raiser)

poster boy for the sport

he was considered the ~ (Ray Mancini / boxing)

posterboy for all things Draco
he has become the ~ (a rapper / the weapon)

poster child of generative AI
Sam Altman, the ~

poster child for the spoiled athlete
he's a ~

poster child for ignorance
he has become a ~ (racist)

poster child of the unicorns
the ~ was Uber, the ride-hailing smart-phone app

poster girl for tennis
she's going to be a wonderful ~ (Emma Raducanu)

representation: picture / sign, signal, symbol

post-mortem (analysis)

post mortem
I'm sure after the ~ people will analyse and... (sports)

postmortem
the report is a ~ to understand what went wrong (politics)
~: Netherlands Vs. Cameroon (a soccer match)

post mortem of processes and practices
the company promised a ~ it followed (internet meltdown)

post mortems on her campaign
now she has dropped out, ~ have begun (election)

campaign post-mortem
her book is a ~

election post mortem
Republican governors perform ~

Grammy Postmortem
a ~ (Pop Culture Happy Hour)

technical postmortem
he tweeted that there would be a '~' soon

focus of post-mortems
the bridge's design will be a ~ (collapsed)

♦ "There's going to be a post-mortem, isn't there, we're going to have to look and see and say, 'What next now for Anthony Joshua?'" (Jeanette Kwakye commentating on the Oleksandr Usyk-Anthony Joshua fight, which Usyk won.)

♦ "Open AI's chief executive tweeted that there would be a 'technical postmortem' soon." (From "ChatGPT bug leaked users' conversation histories" by Ben Derico, BBC News, March 23, 2023.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: death & life / health & medicine

post-traumatic stress disorder (and PTSD)

see *PTSD (and post-traumatic stress disorder)*

posture (position)

posture of (ADA) units
the readiness ~ (military)

posture on the border
the force has increased its security ~

posture as tough on terrorism
he seeks to exploit his ~

posture, stance, attitude
what surprised you most about China's ~ (diplomacy)

assault posture
the Iraqis were in a classic air-land ~

security posture
the force has increased its ~ on the border

readiness posture
the ~ of ADA units (military)

systems posture
we will review our ~ based on events (White House)

aggressive posture
put his troops in a more ~
the guard prides itself on its ~ (Iran)

defensive posture
destroyed 10 Iraqi T-55 tanks dug in a ~
the Israeli counterattack has all of Lebanon in a ~

nuclear posture
the classified ~ review (US government)

protective posture
it causes us to maintain ~s but doesn't stop us (BW)

position, policy & negotiation / readiness & preparedness: standing, sitting & lying

posture (performance)

defiant posture
Iraqi officials struck a ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

tough-guy posture
he hides behind a ~

♦ George Stephanopoulos: "How much of this is real, and how much of this is posturing?" / Dan Abrams, ABC News Chief Legal Analyst: "I think this is real posturing."

performance: standing, sitting & lying

posturing

partisan posturing
after days of ~ by senators, she was confirmed (judge)

political posturing
a lot of the rhetoric is just ~ (politics)

finger-pointing and (political) posturing
we must put behind us ~ and solve this problem

performance: standing, sitting & lying

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying

pot (pot calls the kettle black)

calling the kettle black

this is the pot ~

♦ "What was Zaha moaning to Maupay about? I hope it wasn't about his celebration in front of the CP fans. Didn't Zaha do that to the Brighton fans after his pen? Pot calling and all that." (wemarchon about Crystal Palace vs. Brighton & Hove Albion, Mon 27 Sept 2021.)

♦ "That's like me calling the kettle black, I can't talk on no shit like that." (An ex-NBA player on latest NBA sex scandal.)

accusation & criticism: color / cooking

pot (stir the pot)

right-wing media pot

stirring up the ~...

stir the pot

I didn't want to ~ (he ignored racist comments)

stir the pot about his past

his creepy older brother shows up to ~

stir the pot and incite

angry people want to ~ (free speech and right to offend)

♦ "There's the people that love to troll and that love to stir the pot."

♦ "I think with all the craziness that's going on, nobody want to stir the pot, but we gotta make sure that everybody has their justice, man..." (Hip-hop artist Rakim.)

♦ "But most people ignored the whole affair; broach it in conversation, and you were considered a pot-stirrer." (In the modern day, about what happened in Forsyth County, Georgia, in 1912. "Don't be starting things...")

♦ "[W]e can be abruptly de-platformed for stirring up the right-wing media pot." (Black journalists. A Washington Post opinion piece about Tiffany Cross, after her show was not renewed by MSNBC.)

initiation: food & drink / movement / temperature / verb

potato (small potatoes)

small potatoes

I think it's ~ compared to... (politics)

importance & significance: potato / size

potato (couch potato)

couch potato footballer

it's obvious you're just a ~

couch potato or lotus-eater

are you a ~ (information, misinformation, etc.)

♦ "It's obvious you're just a couch potato footballer and never been involved in any competitive sport. The modern footballers are our gladiators of the past. People like you could never hope to understand this." (Comment on BBC HYS about a football match in which one player headbutted another and was sent off.)

♦ "I'm a proud couch potato."

consciousness & awareness / person: fruits & vegetables

activity: fruits & vegetables / movement / person / potato

potato chip

equivalent of potato chips

it is the literary ~ (a VERY interesting book)

consumption: food & drink

Potemkin (potemkin meeting, etc.)

Potemkin meetings

management held ~ for 18 months and then... (labor)

Potemkin presidency

this is a ~ with a senile figurehead (politics)

Potemkin Village

a ~ in which phony writers... (AI content)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry for "Potemkin village." It can have the meaning of "Things are better than they actually are." Also, "sham, fake.")

♦ "Parts of the magazine seem to have devolved into a Potemkin Village in which phony writers...pump out AI-generated buying guides...that are monetized by affiliate links..." ("Sports Illustrated Published Articles by Fake, AI-Generated Writers" by Maggie Harrison, *Futurism*, November 27, 2023.)

♦ "It was a carefully coerced hoax, a Potemkin village impersonating normality... Whether the Red Cross delegates were genuinely deceived or were willing to be deceived, they nevertheless gave their approval to what was deemed a model Nazi ghetto. When the visitors departed, the transports resumed." ("The Wedding Present" by Cynthia Ozick, *The Atlantic*, September 2023. The Theresienstadt Ghetto, June 23, 1944.)

appearance & reality: allusion / history

potency (strength)

potency of this

the ~ is beyond the individual services (aircraft carrier)

attenuation / force / power: health & medicine

functioning / strength & weakness: health & medicine

potent (adjective)

potent

the ideology is very ~ (Isis)

potent weapon

the method of non-violent resistance is the most ~

politically potent

the Arab community is not as ~

attenuation / force / power: health & medicine

functioning / strength & weakness: health & medicine

pothole (noun)

public relations potholes

the film would soon run into a number of ~

failure, accident & impairment / obstacles & impedance:

infrastructure / journeys & trips

potshot (noun)

potshot

a few ~s have been aimed at him (criticism of artist)

potshot approach

I don't like that kind of a ~ (politics and criticism)

gleeful potshots

Republicans are taking ~ at Democratic opponents

two potshots

they loved her ~ at the state's Republican governor

take potshots at Harvard

people like to ~ (elitist, rich, politically correct, etc.)

taken (more than a few) potshots at his home state

he has ~ over the years

takes potshot at whatever is bothering him

he takes ~ (comedian)

accusation & criticism: speech / weapon

pounce (verb)

pounce

Schmeichel held on to the ball as Aguero waited to ~

pouncing

his opponents are ~ (politics)

pounced

prosecutors, then, ~ (on defendant's testimony)

Real ~ to win for a 14th time (Champions League)

pounce on him

for me to ~ now would be cruelty (criticism)

pounced on the story

British tabloids ~

quick to pounce

the Obama campaign was ~ (on opponent's gaffe)

censors pounced

~, removing any mention of her from the internet

♦ "For me to pounce on him now would be an exercise in cruelty, because that brother is not right." (Sports discussion about a troubled NFL player.)

♦ An article about tigers at the BBC states that a tiger can leap forward 33 feet from a sitting position!

eagerness & reluctance: animal / hunting / movement / predation / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: animal / hunting / predation / verb / walking, running & jumping

pound (amount)

pound of cure

an ounce of prevention is worth a ~ (proverb)

amount: weight

pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.)

pounded the Northeast

record snowfalls have ~

pounding the Northeast

the hurricane is ~

pound the region

Hurricane Dorian continues to ~ as a Category 4 storm

storm: force

pound (pound targets, etc.)

pounding the social media companies

lawmakers are ~ over their market dominance

pounded targets

US aircraft ~ in Libya

♦ Allenby: (Pointing to the map.) Pound them, Charley. (Thumping his fist on the chalk board.) Pound them. / (The scene changes. It is night. Artillery flickers on the horizon like the aurora borealis.) / Ali: God help the men who lie under that. / Lawrence: They're Turks. / Ali: God help them. (From the film *Lawrence of Arabia*.)

destruction: fist / verb / violence

pour (in, into, pour out, etc.)

poured in

complaints ~

pouring in

casualties from the attack started ~ (to a hospital)

poured out

thousands of protesters ~ of the mosque

the doors opened, everyone ~ and ran (subway shooting)

poured into 911

over 100 calls ~ as the shooting unfolded (at a school)

poured into (neighboring) Turkey

thousands of Syrians ~

pouring into Iraq

terrorists from every group are ~

pouring into Kabul

with rural migrants and refugees ~

pour into the city

thousands of delegates began to ~ for the... (UN)

poured into hospitals

scenes of anguish as civilian casualties ~

pour into his office

messages ~ from disaffected Saudis (dissident)

poured into the slum

police ~ in armored cars (Paraisopolis / São Paulo)

pouring into streets

Jewish worshippers ~ following sundown prayers

aid poured in

international ~ and disaster was averted...

invitations have been pouring in

~ (to speak at colleges / author)

leads poured in

the ~ (70,000 / child abduction)

praise poured in

~ for Carter (Oslo agreement)

tributes are pouring in

this morning ~ for King following his death

amount & effect / movement: verb / water

pour (put)

pour fuel on the fire

this will ~ of toxic political warfare

pour fuel on the flames

the documents are likely to ~ of a strained relationship

pour gases into the air

factories ~

poured his heart and soul into the game

he ~ (Reggie Miller speaking of Larry Bird)

poured money into improvements

King Fahd ~ (Hajj)

poured my soul into it

I ~ (singing performance)

poured our hearts into the movement

we really ~ (social justice)

poured (intense) fire into the position

he ~, killing three enemy as...

poured troops into this region

the Kenyan government has ~

poured money into its Web site

the company phased out its catalogue and ~

pour its resources into transit

some question whether the region should ~

poured effort and money into developing

different companies have ~ jets

pour (deadly) fire upon the enemy

Pfc. Lozada continued to ~ (combat)

poured a stream of fire at the enemy

undaunted, he ~ (combat)

pouring on the pressure

he is ~ (a boxing match)

throwing, putting & planting: verb / water

directing: verb / water

pour (resemblance)

pouring over the mountains

dark storm clouds were ~

pour downhill

boulders ~ in debris flows

resemblance: verb / water

powder keg

powder keg

Northern Nigeria is a ~ (sectarian divisions)

the region is a ~, and things could get out of hand

human powder keg

plantation owners knew they were sitting on a ~ (race)

provincial powder keg

he brought British radical fire to light a ~ (Thomas Paine)

handle (political) powder kegs

he knows how to ~ (president)

light a fuse on a powder keg

the pandemic's end might ~ of frustrated desire

set a spark to a powder keg

I don't want to ~ at precisely the wrong moment

♦ "Far from bringing peace, De Gaul's visit put a spark in the powder barrel." (His visit to Algeria in the 1950s.)

danger / initiation: explosion / military / weapon

power (power to the people, etc.)

power

language is agency, language is ~ (Korean girl in U.S.)

speaking truth to ~ is a dangerous game

the ~ was not in the hands of the people

power to the people

~ (the 1960s)

power and agency

the tech industry is where US workers have the most ~

power and (my) sexuality

like owning my ~ (Demi Lovato)

gendered power

the everyday negotiations of ~ in relationships

women's power

in a world that continues to decry ~ or black power

my power

from angry to then like owning my ~ and my sexuality

Black power

the ~ movement of the 1960s (U.S.)

flower power

the 70s saw the disco and ~ eras...

~ (The Mamas & The Papas- California Dreaming)

'girl power'

the ~ movement of the 1990s and 2000s

the main selling point will be ~ (an Angelina Jolie film)

girl power

~ is a strong force in the film (*Wicked Little Letters*)

Girl Power

~ was the most beautiful tornado to hit your town (Lizzo)

female power

the whole feeling of ~ that's in the song (Eurovision)

superpower

see *superpower (groups)*

gender and power

the film deconstructs ~

race and power
challenging the institutionalized construct of ~

“Fight the Power”
~ (From “Do the Right Thing” Soundtrack)

♦ “In the 1960s there were the mods and rockers. The 70s saw the disco and flower power eras, while in the 80s, new romantic style had its heyday. Fast forward to the present...” (‘Soft Girl’: The radical trend millennials love” by Evie Muir, BBC, 4th December 2022.)

♦ “black power & intersectional feminism & gender self-determination & solidarity with muslims & indigenous sovereignty & decolonization & disability justice & queer kinship & migrant justice & fat freedom & collective liberation” (A black T-shirt with white lettering worn by Stephanie Lyn Kaufman-Mthinkhulu, Director of Project LETS. “Disability and Mad Justice cultural worker. Community Educator. Organizer. Parent. Conflict Intervention. Facilitator. Care Strategist. Writer... Hire me.)

♦ “Respectability politics never actually liberated the oppressed. Whether you’re a creative or an audience member, power can be had in reclaiming the stereotypes that challenge your very existence.” (From “Queer villains, erotic noir, 90s pulp. ‘Basic Instinct’ and the backlash, rewind,” NPR, Pop Culture happy Hour, Nov. 13, 2022.)

♦ “The interesting thing about [Brian De Palma’s 1976 film] *Carrie* is that it is so much about the power of this girl and her discovery of this power that comes out as rage.” (NPR culture critic Linda Holmes.)

♦ “I think the superpower of a Black Woman is to occupy the space in the fullness of who she is.” (The actress Aisha Hinds.)

♦ “YouTube: My Power (official Audio). Tierra Whack, Beyonce, Moonchild Sanelly, Nija, Busiswa, DJ Lag, Yemi Alade.

♦ “She’s a Mohawk woman who goes on a quest to discover her power.” (Kahhori / *What If...?* on Disney+)

♦ “Fight the Power. Fight the Power. Fight the Power. We got to fight the powers that be.” Do the Right Thing (9/10) Movie CLIP—Fight the Power (1989) HD

♦ “There can be real power in the victim posture.”

♦ see also *superpower (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

powerhouse (noun)

powerhouse of a person
I think you’re a ~

powerhouse (investment) bank
the ~ Goldman Sachs

powerhouse (legal) team
he was represented by a ~ (rich pedophile)

powerhouse teams
scouts from ~ like the Florida Gators... (sports)

Nigeria’s economic powerhouse
Lagos is ~

global powerhouse
US whalers were a ~ (in the past)

financial or political powerhouse
the N.R.A. is not the ~ that it once was (guns)

ratings and merchandizing powerhouse
it is a ~ (Sponge Bob cartoon show)

♦ “You’re an absolute powerhouse, of a person. I think you’re a powerhouse of a person. I don’t even want to use the expression ballsy, because that’s all about men. That is very, very strong.” (BBC *Young Again with Kirsty Young*, “6. Jada Pinkett Smith,” released on 07 Nov 2023. Warning: explicit language.)

driving force / power / strength & weakness: dam / electricity / river

praetorian guard

chillingly effective praetorian guard
such men make a ~ (miners break up student protests)

protection & lack of protection: history / military

praise (sing someone’s praises)

singing his praises
I have been ~ ever since he joined Liverpool (sports)

sang the praises of the contract
the mayor ~ (Chicago teachers’ strike ends)

achievement, recognition & praise: music / verb

pray (verb)

praying that
Democrats are ~ the case will disappear

wants, needs, hopes & goals: religion / verb

preach (verb)

preach about what
my father would ~ we could do and couldn’t do

preaches against the evils
Sports Illustrated periodically ~ of steroid use

preach to the choir
see *choir (preach to the choir)*

preaching a gospel (of rebirth) to everyone
he is ~ (Detroit mayor)

preaching a gospel
he is ~ of rebirth (Detroit mayor)

preach hate
school textbooks ~

preaching nonsense
there are outliers out there that are ~ (COVID)

preach the virtues
many ~ of diversity and tolerance, yet...

practices what he preaches
he ~ by hiking regularly (fitness)

♦ “He doesn’t tell us what to think. He’s showing us the world, not preaching about it.” (The Romanian filmmaker Cristian Mungiu, about his 2023 film *R.M.N.*)

♦ “We preach and teach coordination of air and artillery, but...” (Marines. Combat.)

♦ Practice what you preach! (Hypocrisy.)

♦ “I am due to preach in a couple of weeks, and I have nothing to say.”

message: religion / speech / verb

speech: religion / verb

precede (at an earlier time)

preceded the car

the horse ~

preceded the (boxing) match
months of trash talking and hype ~

time: direction / movement / position / verb
sequence: direction / movement / position / verb

preceding (at an earlier time)

preceding days
in the ~ the soldiers got ready for battle

sequence / time: direction / movement / position / prep,
adv, adj, particle

precious (time)

precious time
~ was wasted
first responders wasted ~ (Uvalde school shooting)

precious years
these young men lost ~ (released from prison)

time: money

precious (life is precious, etc.)

precious
life is ~

death & life / worth & lack of worth: money

precipice (at / on the precipice)

at the precipice of (epic) failure
he stands ~ (politician)

at the precipice of becoming
it was recorded when he was just ~ a star (music)

at the precipice of the presidency
he stands ~ (Obama)

on the precipice of a very important election
we stand here ~

skating at the precipice
news organizations that are ~ of financial disaster

tottered at the precipice
she ~ of despair (mother lost her son through death)

danger / fate, fortune & chance / proximity: ground, terrain
& land / mountains & hills

precipice (other)

headed for the precipice
as Britain and the Boer republics ~ (war)

danger / fate, fortune & chance / proximity: ground, terrain
& land / mountains & hills

precipitous (adjective)

precipitous deterioration
their daughter's ~ in the month before her death

decline: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

precursor (noun)

precursor to fear
doubt is the ~ (the great climber Alex Honnold)

initiation: chemistry

predation (noun)

predations of (unscrupulous) business people
Africa can defend itself against the ~...

defend themselves against the predations
young people must know how to ~ of credit

♦ "In those days, nothing could be worse than to be an animal without claws or teeth yet no inclination to be devoured." (*The Betrothed* by Alessandro Manzoni.)

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. A passenger airplane, at first glance entirely full of huge lions. The human stewardess rolling the dinner cart down the aisle has stopped, and is asking, "Sir, did you order the special meal?" She is speaking to a rabbit, sitting in the middle seat between two great lions, one of whom is reading a newspaper, the other a book. The other lions on the plane are eyeing one another. *The New Yorker magazine*, June 5, 2023. The cartoon is signed "Kuper.")

danger: animal / predation

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / predation

Predator (the Predator drone, etc.)

Predator
a Hellfire air-to-ground missile launched from the ~
the ~ is a medium-altitude, long-endurance drone
the ~ can linger for 20 hours over a battlefield

Predator drone
an unmanned ~ (military)

Predator unmanned aerial vehicle
the ~, a 27-foot-long drone
the ~ is operated remotely by controllers on the ground

proper name: animal / predation

death & life / military: proper name

predator (people)

predators on the Internet
the problem of sexual ~

predators in the chain
they were the top ~ (Iraqi terrorists)

predator in a white coat
he is a ~ (doctor accused of sex abuse)

predators and harassers
this culture that turns a blind eye to ~ (entertainment)

predators and the prey
in prison, there are the ~

predators and thieves
they are all ~ (bankers)

penalty box predator
Erling Haaland, the great ~ (Norway)

online predator

~s trying to have sex with children
within minutes, he heard from his first ~ (Webcam)

lethal predators

~ are psychopathic, sadistic, and sane (evil)

real predator

he is a ~, he's destroyed many women's lives

serial (sexual) predator

he was a ~ (pedophile)

sexual predator

the judge called the former NFL player a "~"
dealing with ~s (pedophile)
the problem of ~s on the Internet
Web cams are a magnet for ~s

sexual-predator

six states have ~ laws

prey and predator

he believed people fell into two groups: ~

evolved into a (serial) predator

how a high-school dropout ~

portrayed him as a predator

prosecutors have ~ who exploited his fame

♦ "The world is like this: it's eat or be eaten." ("The German Experiment That Placed Foster Children With Pedophiles" by Rachel Aviv, *The New Yorker*, July 19, 2021.)

♦ "It was this Vedic civilization that first developed India's Grand Road. These Indians found the region covered with dense forests, which sheltered robbers and wild beasts." (*To the Ends of the Earth: The Great Travel and Trade Routes of Human History* by Irene M. Franck and David M. Brownstone.)

♦ "In the Ussurian taiga, the most dangerous meeting of all is with a man." (Inhabitants include trappers, bandits, escaped convicts, gold hunters, ginseng hunters, hermits, migrants, tribesmen, etc. From *Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. A wolf father and his son are crouched in the tall prairie grass near a herd of buffalo, ready to attack. The father is advising his son, "We don't go for the weakest—we go for the one that's checking its e-mail." Indeed, one nearby buffalo has his head down, a cellphone in his hoof, checking its email! *The New Yorker*, October 2, 2023. The vast majority of millennials and Zoomers lack situational awareness. It's why they fall into holes, walk off of piers, drive onto train tracks, and back off of cliffs taking selfies, etc. Darwin Award winners!

person: animal / predation

behavior: animal / person / predation

character & personality: animal / person / predation

predatory (adjective)

predatory best

Harry Kane was back to his ~ (England vs. Ukraine)

predatory business

Internet gambling is a ~

predatory coach

~s are some of the most successful (sex abuse)

predatory developers

fears that ~ will push out poor tenants (urban renewal)

predatory educators

I view for-profit collages as ~, like predatory lenders

predatory lender

the poor fall prey to ~s

predatory marriages

research shows that ~ are on the rise

predatory priest

the archdiocese is accused of harboring ~s

predatory publisher

the company is a ~ (fees, no checking, fake lists)

predatory lending

~ is alive and well (credit cards)

"exploitative" and "predatory"

the activewear company was branded ~ by a judge

criticize (payday) loans as predatory

consumer advocates ~ (300 percent annual interest)

danger: animal / predation

predecessor (go away before)

predecessor

the car and its ~, the horse...

Dollar General's predecessors

the rise and fall of ~ (five and dimes, etc.)

its predecessors

how does this new *Ben-Hur* compare with ~ (the film)

♦ *prae* = "before" and *decedo* = "go away"

past & present: direction / movement / position

time: direction / movement / position

sequence: direction / movement / position

pregnant (adjective)

pregnant with disaster

the city was ~ (intercommunal violence)

pregnant with Easter eggs

it's ~ (the book D C-T! by Avillez and Young)

creation & transformation: birth

prehistoric (adjective)

prehistoric

bullfighting is ~

prehistoric (college football) coaches

~ are killing players (heat stroke, etc.)

♦ "*La corrida est une activité archaïque.*" (A handheld sign protesting the Festival of Pamplona, 2022. Many of the protesters were wearing dinosaur costumes.)

knowledge & intelligence: history

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

past & present / time: history

prescribe (verb)

prescribe fiction

authors ~ for better understanding

prescribe (healthful) food
why not ~ (Rx Fruit and Vegetable program)

Prescribe Literature
"To Cure What Ails You, Bibliotherapists ~" (NPR / Culture)

prescribes drastic measures
Arne Duncan ~ for schools (underperforming)

prescribing a (harmful and inefficient) medicine
international lenders are ~ (Greece)

♦ "Ten Hag still has many ills to cure but he is at least prescribing the sort of medication that is returning Manchester United to something like their former health." (Phil McNulty, Chief football writer for the BBC. Five of the words in that single sentence relate to health.)

amelioration & renewal / script: health & medicine / verb

prescription (noun)

prescription
the diagnosis is wrong, and the ~ is malpractice

prescription to save
a ~ globalization from itself

prescription for disaster
it was a ~ (girl wants acceptance, boys like alcohol)

amelioration & renewal / script: health & medicine

presence (groups)

presence of absence
we feel the ~ (see quote below)

obscure or even erase my presence
I fear that teaching online will ~ (a black female)

♦ "We are other, different, not expected to be seen." (Blacks outdoors in the woods or hiking on a trail.)

♦ "These erasures—and nene's inheritance of and grappling with them—are the point. It is difficult to make a whole from a hole, but in Torres's hands, we feel the weight of nothingness and the presence of absence." ("A Radical Queer Novel Challenges the Idea of History Itself" by Hugh Ryan, *The New York Times*, November 13, 2023. The review uses words like: *presence*; *absence*; *erase*; *erasure*; *queer*, and *gay*. It does NOT use *invisible* or *invisibilize*.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "He is the main penalty box presence because..." (Karim Benzema.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

present (groups)

visible, courageous and present
LGBTQ folks have been so ~

♦ "Being truly present takes diligence and care." (Emily Ratajowski in her commencement speech at Hunter College.)

♦ "Stand with us or against us, because we ain't going nowhere." (Protester at a public city-council meeting.)

♦ We're not going anywhere; we're here to stay; we're in your face; we're present and not absent; you will not erase us...

♦ "We're here, we're queer, we won't disappear." (A chant at a demonstration.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

present (up to the present)

up to the (very) last ball
the match was impossible to call right ~ (tennis)

up to the present day
she explores his legacy right ~ (Julius Caesar)

continues up to the present day
the city's tradition as a hotbed of espionage ~

past & present / time: direction / height / history / mountains & hills prep, adv, adj, particle

press (verb)

press him
I had questions, but I didn't ~

coercion & motivation: force / pressure / verb

pressure (under pressure)

under (relentless) pressure to boost
schools ~ scores

under (enormous) pressure to succeed
children are ~ (education)

under the pressure of (battle) conditions
the unit performed well ~

under pressure from Washington
Saudi Arabia has come ~ to reform

under pressure from the Vietnamese-Americans
~, the museum left out...

under pressure from (animal rights) groups
the business is ~

under pressure from higher-ups
the recruiters are ~ (military)

under enormous pressure
children are ~ to succeed (education)

under relentless pressure
schools ~

come under pressure
Saudi Arabia has ~ from Washington to reform

plays well under pressure
the team ~

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure

coercion & motivation: pressure

pressure (noun)

pressure
the ~ leads his colleagues to "blow up" from time to time

pressure to be
they face strong family ~ dutiful sons

pressure to "get the bird up in the air"
there was a great deal of ~ (*Challenger* Disaster)

pressure to succeed
there's a lot of ~ (Chinese athletes)

pressure to open up
the ~ areas like Badger-Two Medicine and ANWR

pressure of allies
the ~ who counsel against war

pressures of his job
feeling overwhelmed and unable to cope with the ~

pressures of sex, drugs and alcohol
the ~ (adolescents)

pressures (and stress) of everyday life
escape the ~ (an inn)

pressure from (hardline) Muslims
Saudi Arabia faces internal ~

pressure from Moscow
because of political ~

pressure from (the other) players and parents
she felt ~ (ice-hockey goalie)

pressure from abroad
~ is responsible for the government's about-turn

pressure from family members
the relentless ~ (India)

pressure on the adversaries
diplomatic ~ to seek a diplomatic solution

pressure on (arable) land
population ~

pressures on Muslims
the social ~ can be intense (US high schools)

pressure on police
people are scared and there's a lot of ~ (murders)

pressure on getting
there's so much ~ good grades

pressure in the Alps
increasing settlement ~ and avalanche...

pressure along the Appalachian Trail
growing development ~

pressure and competition
society is full of ~ (suicide)

pressures and stress
escape the ~ of everyday life (an inn)

development pressure
growing ~ along the Appalachian Trail

family pressure
they face strong ~ to be dutiful sons

government pressure
~ kept the book under wraps

immigration pressure
~ on Germany or even Italy

job pressure
freedom from ~s

population pressure
~ on arable land

schedule pressure
I do not think we are being unduly influenced by ~

settlement pressure
increasing ~ in the Alps and avalanche...

added pressure
he expected ~ (NASA scientist, after series of failures)

sustained pressure
~ from the European imperialist powers

academic pressure
~ and peer pressure in schools

diplomatic pressure
~ on the adversaries to seek a diplomatic solution
he faces increased internal and international ~ (a ruler)

intense pressure
she was under ~ to join the boycott (Olympics)
teenagers will be under ~ to... (early puberty)

internal pressure
Saudi Arabia faces ~ from hardline Muslims

political pressure
because of ~ from Moscow...

relentless pressure
the ~ from family members (India)
schools under ~ to boost students' performance

social pressures
the ~ on Muslims can be intense (US high schools)
the ~ on middle school girls (acceptance, sex, etc.)

strong (family) pressure
they face ~ to be dutiful sons

public and political pressure
~ is growing on the Metropolitan Police (Sarah Everard)

so much pressure
there's ~ on getting good grades

freedom from (job) pressures
it's hard to imagine ~

anger under pressure
he has shown ~ in the past (police chief)

pressure is building
~ to end the 18-year moratorium on whaling

pressure did not let up
the ~ (on a politician to resign)

ease the pressures

~ on common resources (medicinal plants, etc.)

escape the pressures
~ and stress of everyday life (an inn)

face (strong family) pressure
they ~ to be dutiful sons

felt pressure
she ~ from the other players and parents (sports)

put on the pressure
it's time to ~

come under pressure
Saudi Arabia has ~ from Washington to reform

crack under pressure
favored competitors have been known to ~ (cycling)

crack under the pressure
some people ~ (stressful, demanding jobs)

keep up the pressure
we need to ~

put pressure on their children
parents ~ to achieve

prevail in the face of (extraordinary) pressures
the boldness that enabled him to ~ (Musharraf)

thrive under (enormous) pressure
some people are able to ~ (jobs)

♦ "When I was talking to our team about this, I suddenly started to think about the pressure I feel under to not miss out, a kind of digital FOMO." (Nihal Arthanayake, presenter of "Information overload: Are we drowning in content?" for the BBC.)

♦ "Consider it a kind of bizarro FOMO but for cultural life." (Nicholas Quah about his need for speed-reading.)

♦ "Pressure is for tyres." (James Milner, Liverpool football player, on being asked if he felt pressure when taking penalty kicks. YNWA.)

♦ "Pressure makes diamonds and you learn to deal with it." (The boxer Conor Benn, son of the boxer Nigel Benn.)

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure

pressure cooker (in a pressure cooker, etc.)

in the pressure cooker of (pandemic-era) health care
~ (a fatal medication error)

in the pressure cooker of the San Siro
he did a good job ~ (a soccer player)

environment: container / pressure

pressure cooker (other)

pressure cooker
the White House is a ~ that can burn out idealistic aides
despotism is a ~ without a safety valve (protests)
our son graduated from the ~ that is Cornell
he was a ~ who lacked a safety valve (murderer)

pressure cooker of ideas
the California scene in those days was a ~ (art)

pressure-cooker atmosphere
the accusations underscore the ~ in the region
was it a response to the ~ we have been living in (suicide)

pressure cooker environment
high school can be a ~ (bullying, sex, etc.)

reputation as a pressure cooker
M.I.T. is battling a ~ (student suicides)

♦ "The pressure cooker may be about to explode..."

♦ My grandpa had a pressure cooker. He had false teeth, and the pressure cooker softened beef to his liking. Once, he shouted that the pressure cooker was about to blow, and ordered me and my small brother to evacuate his shack, while he heroically adjusted something called the "bead." Dinners with grandpa, a World War I veteran, could be wonderfully exciting!

environment: container / pressure

pressured

pressured to choose
many students feel ~ sides (rape allegation at school)

pressured to cooperate
his client is being ~ in the investigation

feel pressured
many students ~ to choose sides (rape allegation)
I ~ to fit a prescribed mold (work)

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure

coercion & motivation: pressure

pressure-filled

pressure-filled environment
this ~

pressure-filled meeting room
in a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure

prestige (adjective)

prestige accent
people consider it to be a ~ (received pronunciation / UK)

prestige biopic
Oppenheimer, a somber, ~ (the 2023 film)

prestige (indie cinema) darling
~ A24

prestige dialect
it's a sort of ~ on the internet ("influencer speak")

prestige drama
HBO's immensely popular zombie ~ (*The Last of Us*)

prestige job
the pressure to land a ~ (universities)

prestige movie
Oppenheimer is the rare ~ to gross nearly \$1 billion

prestige thriller
The Fugitive represents the ~ (won an Academy Award)

prestige TV
~ is prime territory for assholery (writers' rooms)
voyeurism in the guise of ~ (*The Dropout*, *The Crown*, etc.)
the ~ teens (21st century / *Justified*, etc.)

worth & lack of worth: society

pretty (adjective)

pretty
it's not always ~ (discussing race)

flaws & lack of flaws: eye

pretty (contempo-speak)

pretty appalled
I was ~ in the moment...

Actually Pretty
"Psychedelic Cambodian Rock ~ Inspirational" (NPR)

actually pretty
the technology is ~ complicated...
I couldn't believe it, he was ~ good (Fed judge who hoops)
we're ~ closely aligned
it was ~ fun...
a lot of the jokes are ~ funny
AI can ~accurately predict... (health care)
it's ~ heartbreaking...

basically pretty
the people who relocated are ~ stable (vs. old homes)
a lot of people were, you know, ~ poor...

definitely pretty
it's ~ cool (the NBA's Allie Quigley)
I'm ~ stressed... (someone at Drexel University)
I'm ~ OK with my smell ("Men, Listen Up" / NPR)

kind of pretty
and so this seems ~ normal (NPR punditry with upspeak)
they lived in ~ grim, ramshackle conditions
our first single was ~ big (music)
two ~ nasty looking men walked in behind us
we were ~ focused on...

obviously pretty
it was ~ well thought-out
I'm ~ doped up (in ICU)
so I'm ~ excited about that
the guy in the song is ~ much me

obviously, pretty
it's ~

really pretty
I was ~ lost
it's ~ easy to...
it's ~ astounding that...
it's ~ shocking...
it's ~ incredible
and it's ~ extraordinary
it's ~ tame on the "yuck" scale...
what's going on is ~ sad

sort of pretty

it's ~ amazing to find this (an astronomer)
I was ~ amazed by it (a film / a young Brit)
you're seeing increases in other ~ important indicators
the issue was ~ significant (NPR punditry)

♦ "And so this seems kind of pretty normal." (Political punditry on NPR, with upspeak on "normal.")

♦ Microsoft Word grammar settings highlights "pretty intense" with the announcement, "More concise language would be clearer for your readers" and offers as an alternative...wait for it... drumroll... "intense."

♦ Are you sure?!

contempo-speak: adverb

prey (prey on something)

prey on (homeless) addicts
drug dealers who ~...

prey on people's desperation
doctors who ~ (brain-health products, CTE worries, etc.)

preyed on parents' fears
he ~ (university admittance fraud)

preyed on his mind
the matter ~ as he went about his daily routine (Archimedes)

preys on people
COVID ~ with existing health problems

preyed on the political prisoners
criminals ~ (gulag)

prey on the sheep
there are a lot of wolves in here who will ~ prison)

prey on ego and greed
regal-sounding diploma mills ~

behavior / pursuit, capture & escape: animal / predation / verb

prey (fall prey to something)

fall prey to (unscrupulous) agents
don't ~ (sex trafficking of Nepalese to UAE)

fall prey to (predatory) lenders
the poor ~

fall prey to traffickers
older women can ~ (sex trafficking)

fall prey to HIV
as many as 45 million people will ~ (by 2010)

fell prey to the (voracious) sun
eight ~ (stranded whales)

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / predation / verb

prey (prey and predator, etc.)

prey for terrorists
subways, shopping centers are easy ~

prey and predator
he believed people fell into two groups: ~

easy prey
subways, shopping centers are ~ for terrorists
their status outside the law makes them ~ (migrants)
she became ~ for an ex-convict twice her age (14 y.o.)

predators and the prey
in prison, there are the ~

makes them (easy) prey
their status outside the law ~ (illegal immigrants)

regard girls as prey
boys ~

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / predation

price (noun)

price to pay
a little bit of sexism is a small ~ for a lot of attention

price to be good
he's willing to pay the ~ (an athlete)

price of doing
the ~ the same old thing is higher than price of change

price of fame
Hinckley forced Jodie Foster to think hard about the ~

price of freedom
"the ~ is eternal vigilance"

price of hypocrisy
the ~ has never been lower (politicians and sex)

price of liberty
eternal vigilance is the ~ (Thomas Jefferson)

price of peace
the costs of war and the ~ (soldiers)

price of success
weary but optimistic, he weighed the ~ (a rapper)

price of war
white tombstones, a reminder of the ~ (Arlington)
they pay the ~ with their arms and legs (civilians)

price of our inaction
the ~ will be paid by our kids (unplanned growth)

price for writing
there is a ~ your mind (journalist in conflicts)

price for his activism
Lenny Pozner would pay a ~ (Sandy Hook shooting Dad)

price for (their) fame
celebrities pay a huge ~

price for freedom
the ~ is high (fight against terrorists)

price for your sins
Jesus Christ paid the ~

heavy price
fame came with a ~

he was overconfident throughout and paid a ~ (soccer)
they will pay a ~ for these actions (politics)

high price
we paid a very ~ (military commander, casualties)

huge price
celebrities pay a ~ for their fame

political price
he may pay a ~ nevertheless (a senator)
those corrupt social-media companies must pay a ~

small price
a little bit of sexism is a ~ to pay for a lot of attention

terrible price
but Knievel's fame came at a ~ (daredevil / injuries)

ultimate price
she paid the ~ (drug death)
you have to be willing to pay the ~ (surfing)

came at a (terrible) price
but Knievel's fame ~ (daredevil / injuries)

comes with a price
fame ~

comes at a price
user-friendliness ~

exact a price
Israel has pledged to ~ from Iran in response

have a price
false hope can ~ (unproven treatments)

pay a price
see *pay* (*pay a price*)

put a price on that
you can't ~ (happiness in career)

weighed the price
weary but optimistic, he ~ of success (a rapper)

♦ No sin without a price.

♦ Grief is the price of love.

cost & benefit / judgment: money

price tag

price tag
obsessive attention to the ~ is misleading
there's no ~ you can put on it (hearing a wolf in the wild)

cost & benefit / judgment: money

prick (verb)

prick (overinflated) reputations
a critic should ~ (poetry)

destruction: air / atmosphere / hole / verb

prickle (prickle of anxiety, etc.)

prickle of anxiety

he felt the first ~ (a commander)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

Pride (groups)

Pride

kink, cops and corporations at ~
a popular family friendly event like ~ (Jules Gill-Peterson)

Pride-themed

zoo animals beat the heat with ~ popsicles

Pride cookies

the bakery is being inundated with orders for ~ (LGBTQ)

Pride displays

New York library removes ~ from children's section

Pride event

it happens at every ~ (LGBTQ)
they are sending more vaccines after ~s (for monkeypox)

Pride festival

a new ~ (LGBTQ)

Pride flags

Black Lives Matter and ~...

pride flag

Wisconsin school board votes in favor of ~ ban

Pride jerseys

some athletes refused to wear ~

Pride march

Philly's ~ returns with new organizers (LGBTQ)

Pride Month

June marks ~ (LGBTQ)

Pride Parade

at the start of a ~

Pride and Queer

~ stories

Black pride

father teaches daughter to have ~

Brighton Pride

"Army of volunteers help clean up litter after ~" (ITV)

Chelsea Pride

~, the London club's LGBTQ supporters group

gay pride

what ~ is

Pride has evolved

since then, ~ (Stonewall uprising)

♦ "More Love, Less Hate." (LGBTQ.)

♦ "I'm proud of who I am." (Gay.)

♦ "Love always wins, and unfortunately sometimes it takes hate to prove that. We don't get rainbows or flowers without the rain." ("A Texas Bakery Got Hate Mail Over Pride Cookies. Then The Community Rallied Behind It" by Rachel Treisman, NPR, Pride Month, June 11, 2021.)

♦ "Chelsea Pride, the London club's LGBTQ supporters group, described the chanting as a 'hate crime.'" (The "Rent boy" chant.)

♦ "F--- Clarence Thomas." (Lori Lightfoot, the Mayor of Chicago, about the Supreme Court Justice, at a Chicago Pride event. Lovely!)

♦ "You couldn't even see the beach in places." (Cleaning up tons of trash after a Brighton Beach "Pride" weekend. Trash included broken glass bottles, cans, plastic bags, food wrappers, disposable barbecues, feather boas, parts of costumes, nitrous oxide cannisters, and balloons which can be deadly to wildlife.)

♦ "We're here, we're queer, we're coming for your children." (A chant by LGBTQ activists during New York City's annual Drag March in Tompkins Square. From "Drag marchers spark outrage with 'we're coming for your children' chant at NYC Pride event" by Patrick Reilly, *The New York Post*, June 24, 2023.)

♦ "Did Videos Show Naked Men at 2023 Seattle Pride Parade, with Families and Children Present?" by Jordan Liles, yahoo, June 29, 2023." (Snopes. True.)

♦ "Check out picks straight off our Rainbow Runway below, including tube socks, a romper and a classic jersey shirt. By clicking on these shopping links, visitors will leave Goodmorningamerica.com. These e-commerce sites are operated under different terms and privacy policies than Goodmorningamerica.com. ABC will receive a commission for purchases made through these links. Prices may change from the date of publication." ("Celebrate Pride month with looks hot off the 'GMA' 'Rainbow Runway,' GMA Team, June 23, 2022.)

♦ "Zoo animals beat the heat with Pride-themed popsicles. Lemurs, gorillas and a squirrel monkey beat the heat with some Pride-themed popsicles at the London zoo." (ABC News.)

♦ "President Vucic cannot cancel someone else's event. The right to hold Pride has been ruled by the European Court of Human Rights to be a fundamental human right." (President Kristine Carina of European Pride Organizers. From "Serbia's leader says EuroPride won't happen due to threats" by Jovana Gec, AP, Aug 27, 2022. In the same article, she mentioned that "Several thousand people recently joined a march in Belgrade against LGBTQ Pride." See also the Wikipedia entry "Belgrade antigay riot.")

♦ "No matter where you are in your journey, I see you, we see you, and we celebrate you—Happy Pride!" (Karine Jean-Pierre.)

♦ Pride is generally capitalized when used as a premodifier, and can also be a single word, also capitalized.

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: The conventional sense of "pride" is usually positive, but it can also be negative. For example, a person can have too much pride and be stubborn, or not ask a question out of pride, or something can wound one's pride. "Pride goeth before a fall," etc. Or, as the Canadian psychologist Jordan Peterson wrote, "Remember when Pride was a sin?"

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: Pride in one's appearance / car / lawn / house; pride in one's country; Hmong American pride in Sunisa Lee; small-town pride; civic pride; community pride; national pride; with pride ("Infantry is infantry" he says with pride); a badge of pride (working to exhaustion); a point of pride (working hard); a sense of pride; a grade of pride (being a veteran); the pride that comes with...; they take pride in...; they pride themselves on...; It filled him with pride...

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "It's crazy how many Filipinos are here. I feel so proud. I feel so glad to be here and show Filipino pride. We're going to fight until the end." (Sara Eggesvik, a member of the Philippines women's national football team during the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup. In contrast, most of the United States women stood silent and stone-faced for the United States National Anthem. Pinoys have long distinguished themselves at home, around the globe, in healthcare in the United States, and in the United States military. Go Pinoys!)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

priesthood (noun)

priesthood of economists

he was excommunicated from the ~

♦ "For a few years after World War II, scientists had been regarded as a new class of intellectuals, members of a public-policy priesthood who might legitimately offer expertise not only as scientists but as public philosophers. With Oppenheimer's defrocking, scientists knew that in the future they could serve the state only as experts on narrow scientific

issues." (*American Prometheus: The Triumph And Tragedy Of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

prima donna (person)

overpaid primadonnas
what a bunch of ~ (Manchester United football club)

overpaid primadonnas
those ~ ("tired, overworked" players / Qatar World Cup)

self-centered, egotistical prima donna
he's a ~ who... (a soccer player)

♦ "Dump Rodgers, she's a prima donna, and doesn't get the TEAM culture." (Shade against the great future Hall of Famer Aaron Rodgers of the NFL Green Bay Packers, using a female pronoun! It remains to be seen, nevertheless, if Rodgers can get his head out of his ayahuasca and win the New York Jets a Superbowl championship.)

♦ "Prima Donna of the highest order !! Messiah complex and ability to divide any dressing room!!!" (An online commenter about a famous soccer player.)

person: theater

behavior / character & personality / performance: person / theater

prime (verb)

prime us for traumatization
the stories passed down ~ (Blacks / race-based)

prime the customer to agree
questions that elicit a "yes" ~ (salesmanship)

initiation / readiness & preparedness: explosion / mechanism / verb / weapon

primed (ready)

primed for honesty
if you swear to tell the truth ahead of time, your brain is ~

primed for outrage
we are all so ~ (culture wars)

primed to detonate
the film was ~ this weekend (open)

primed to love it
I was so ~ (a Jane Campion film, *Power of the Dog*)

primed to protest
why are students always ~ (Dartmouth College)

♦ "Priming" a response is a "big thing" in academic experiments, particularly in social psychology, linguistics, etc. Sadly, some academics have falsified their data to show a "priming effect" that isn't true. Google Dan Ariely of Duke University and Francesca Gino of Harvard University.

initiation / readiness & preparedness: explosion / mechanism / weapon

prince (epithet)

Prince of Cartography
John George Bartholomew, called the "~"

prince of surgeons
Lister, the ~, hugged Pasteur (1892)

superlative: epithet / royalty

epithet: royalty

prince (person)

little prince
I got used to being the ~ (first-born Asian male)

superlative: person / royalty

person: royalty

princess (person)

princess
she thinks a ~ in a pink gown is kid stuff (Halloween)

princess phase
every little girl goes through a ~ (US / pink)

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

pop princess
teen ~ Britney Spears

superlative: person / royalty

person: royalty

prioritize (groups)

prioritized democracy over his political future
Lincoln ~ (NPR's Steve Inskeep / sounds like presentism)

prioritizes intersectionality
she is a speaker and organizer who ~

prioritize joy
in order to ~, you must... (Emily Ratajkowski)

prioritize her wellbeing
Simon Biles withdraws from Tokyo Olympics to ~

prioritise mental health and happiness
Ellie Downie retires to '~' (the gymnast)

prioritize, center, and platform
we must ~ the voices of women (sexual assault)

inclusion & exclusion: messaging / verb

prioritized (groups)

prioritized
femme space has never been prioritized (lesbian bars)

inclusion & exclusion: messaging

prism (through the prism)

through the prism of its own ideology
the US sees the world ~

through my own ethnic prism
I view the world ~

through a progressive prism
things are viewed ~ (at NPR)

looks at Israel through the prism
he ~ of his Christian faith (Bush)

sees his role through the prism
Bush ~ of the war on terror (Middle East)

see the show through the prism
progressive critics ~ of 'white grievance' (*Yellowstone*)

viewed through a (partisan) prism
the past is ~ (US)

♦ "Things are viewed through a progressive prism." (At National Public Radio / NPR.)

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

prism (other)

ethnic prism
my own ~ sometimes distorts my perspective
I view the world through my own ~

ideological prism
his ~ has not changed (Qaddafi / anti-imperialism)

partisan prism
the past is viewed through a ~ (US)

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

prison (constraint)

prison of fat
if you want to lose weight and escape from the ~ (an ad)

unlock the prison
to study the past is to ~ of the present (Jill Lepore)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime

prisoner (constraint)

prisoner
care about people's approval and you will be their ~

prisoner of his determination
he was the ~ (Amundson follows line of longitude to Pole)

prisoners of our own doctrine
we were ~ (Israelis in 1973 war)

prisoner of duty
he could seem like a grudging ~ (President Grant)

prisoner of a preconceived notion
he was the ~

prisoner of her own success
she is a ~ (a Pop diva)

♦ "Keep the tongue in your mouth a prisoner." (Turkish.)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime

prisoner (take no prisoners, etc.)

take no prisoners
we fight hard, we play for keeps, we ~ (gun-rights activist)

take-no-prisoners
the ~ approach to justice
his aggressive, ~ attitude was always on display (a coach)

take no prisoners
her ~ approach got her fired (an educational reformer)

takes no prisoners
this is one reason Sesali Bowen is so powerful, she ~

hard-charging, take-no-prisoners
he's known as a ~ kind of guy (Governor Andrew Cuomo)

♦ "We fight hard, we play for keeps, we take no prisoners. We'll get in the trenches and fight dirty." (Greg Pruett, president of the Idaho Second Amendment Alliance, a gun-rights group.)

♦ "Bowen also calls out the classism and cultural biases even within Black media circles where so many of her colleagues come from privilege and 'have had to untangle their Blackness from the web of whiteness they were socialized in.' This is one reason Bowen is powerful; she takes no prisoners. Going against every tide, Bowen's trap feminism enthusiastically celebrates "ghetto girl culture." More than reconciling feminism with hip-hop, she marshalls [sic] its power." ("5 books at the intersection of Black feminist thought, culture, and politics" by Carole V. Bell, NPR, Book Reviews, March 21, 2022.)

*** war, conflict, etc.

♦ "Keep it under your hats, but our boys are so fucking well brassed off about it, they aren't taking any prisoners. Not those First Para bastards anyhow!" (The German scorched-earth program, destroying Italian villages, forcing Italian refugees onto roads to block the Allied advance, etc. World War II. Italy.)

♦ "A man cannot change his feelings again during the last rush with a veil of blood before his eyes." (Ernst Junger. World War I. Quoted in *On Killing* by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman. Close-quarters combat. Soldiers who resist to the final moment and then throw down their weapons and raise their hands may or may not be taken prisoner in the heat of battle.)

♦ "About saving the lives of enemy wounded there was disagreement; the convention varied with the division. Some divisions, like the Canadians and a division of Lowland Territorials, who claimed that they had atrocities to avenge, would not only avoid taking risks to rescue enemy wounded, but go out of their way to finish them off. The Royal Welch were gentlemanly: perhaps a one-in-twenty risk to get a wounded German safely would be considered justifiable." (*Good-Bye To All That* by Robert Graves. World War I. No man's land.)

♦ "We rode past the other bodies of men and women and four more dead babies, looking very soiled in the daylight, towards the village; whose loneliness we now knew meant death and horror. By the outskirts were low mud walls, sheepfolds, and on one something red and white. I looked close and saw the body of a woman folded across it, bottom upwards, nailed there by a saw bayonet whose haft stuck hideously into the air from between her naked legs. She had been pregnant, and about her lay others, perhaps twenty in all, variously killed, but set out in accord with an obscene taste... / I said, 'The best of you brings me the most Turkish dead', and we turned after the fading enemy, on our way shooting down those who had fallen out by the roadside and came imploring our pity. One wounded Turk, half naked, not able to stand, sat and wept to us. Abdulla turned away his camel's head, but the Zaagi, with curses, crossed his track and whipped three bullets from his automatic through the man's bare chest. The blood came out with his heart beats, throb, throb, throb, slower and slower. / Tallal had seen what we had seen. He gave one moan like a hurt animal... [H]e dashed his stirrups into the mare's flanks and galloped headlong, bending low and swaying in the saddle, right at the main body of the enemy... / Instantly their rifles and machine-guns crashed out, and he and his mare, riddled through and through with bullets, fell dead among the lance points... / By my order we took no prisoners, for the only time in our war... / Just one group of Arabs, who had not heard our news, took prisoner the last two hundred men of the central section... [A] man on the ground behind them screamed something to the Arabs, who with pale faces led me across to see. It was one of us—his thigh shattered. The blood had rushed out over the red soil, and left him dying; but even so he had not been spared. In the fashion of to-day's battle he had been further tormented by bayonets hammered through his shoulder and other leg into the ground, pinning him out like a collected insect. / He was fully conscious. When we said, 'Hassan, who did it?' he drooped his eyes towards the prisoners, huddling together so hopelessly broken. They said nothing in the moments before we opened fire. At last their heap ceased moving; and Hassan was dead..." (*Seven Pillars of Wisdom* by T.E. Lawrence, Chapter CXVII.)

*** analysis

♦ Attack ads; battleground states; blood; political bombshells; crash and burn; campaigns; carnage; crosshair; drop dead; fire away; catch flak; gun (“they bring a knife, you bring a gun”), outgunned; kill (and killing); lock and load; marching orders; take no prisoners; shoot down; shot through; target; war rooms... (“How traumatic Events Change Our View of Language,” Geoff Nunberg, NPR, Fresh Air, January 20, 2011.)

♦ see also *quarter* (no *quarter*, etc.)

judgment / punishment & recrimination: military

privilege (groups / verb)

privilege our own well-being
self-care rhetoric makes us ~ above all else

privilege whiteness
Latinos who historically and contemporarily ~ (colorism)

privileges (scholarly) work
SCA ~ that takes an intersectional approach (academia)

♦ *Somes “advantage” (verb).*

inclusion & exclusion: objectification / verb

privilege (groups / noun)

privilege
~ is characteristically invisible to people who have it

privilege over me
you don’t have ~ (removed by cops / racial rant on plane)

privilege guide
if this ~ upsets you, you’re the reason why it’s needed

privilege, hierarchy, bias, or exclusion
cleanse language of any race of ~

Black privilege
~ (Black Wendy’s employee murders old white customer)

caste privilege
“~” and South Asians in the United States

chick privilege
~ (“my mistakes don’t define who I am”)

Christian privilege
if you get a holiday for Christmas, then you have ~

cis privilege
Leelah Alcorn’s suicide led to renewed recognition of ~

male privilege
not having to worry much about where to pee is a ~
Men is a sly take on sexism and ~ (Alex Garland’s film)
he finds terms like “~” and “the patriarchy” nebulous
they both participate in a takedown of ~ (*Do Revenge*)

southern male privilege
the private club was once a bastion of ~

plagiarism privilege
why is Harvard giving Claudine Gay ‘~’ (she resigned)

wife privilege
in her latest display of ~... (Linda Andrade, Dubai)

thin privilege
~ is a lot like white privilege (blind to how you benefit)
~ (“straight” sizes [0 to 14] / buying clothes)
you can be fat and still benefit from ~ (“small fat”)

white privilege
the law seeks to ban any discussion of ~ (education)
“~” is used as a political weapon to bash opponents
an anti-racism tool to teach those with ~
some gays have access to ~ in America
one of the manifestations of ~ is not having to think about it

earned privilege
what about ~ (Areva Marin vs. David Web)

able-bodied privilege
if you can walk up a set of stairs, then you have ~

heterosexual privilege
if your wife doesn’t raise eyebrows, you have ~

pretty privilege
there’s an ugly side to ~ (Shye Lee, who is “totally hot”)
#~ has attracted more than 300 million views on TikTok
I use my ~ to make strangers buy me things, no one says no

racial privilege
it exemplifies snobbery, stuffiness, and ~ (classical music)

religious privilege
groups that campaign against ~ (National Secular Society)

social privilege
~ denied to dark-skinned Afro-Latinos (colorism)

white companies, white people, white privilege
~ (?)

entitlement and privilege
white skin color equals ~

interests and privileges
they direct debate in a direction favorable to their ~

power and privilege
they were predators who were able to use that ~
they used their ~ to harm countless individuals
3rd-graders rank themselves according to their ‘~’ (school)

racism and privilege
the bill limits discussion of ~ in classrooms, workplaces

child of privilege
another bored ~ who chose the path of revolution

place of privilege
from a ~, she...

position of privilege
she frequently mentions her ~ (comedian Amy Schumer)

types of privilege
different ~, including...

discourse around “privilege”
~ (macro and micro discrimination or aggression)

carries some privilege

any white person ~ due to their skin color

cocooned in privilege

a metropolitan elite ~ (Great Britain)

come from privilege

so many of her colleagues ~ (the Black media)

treated with privilege

since she was ~, she wasn't arrested (a white woman)

use their privilege

white-passing Latinos ~ to distance themselves (colorism)

♦ If you're confident that the police exist to protect you, you have **white privilege**. / If while growing up, college was an expectation of you, not a dream, you have **class privilege**. / If you can expect time off from work to celebrate your religious holidays, you have **Christian privilege**. / If you can use public bathrooms without stares, fear or anxiety, you have **cisgender privilege**. / If you don't have to worry about how to get into a store, you have **able-bodied privilege**. / If you don't have to explain that your spouse is of the same gender, you have **heterosexual privilege**. / If you don't have to think about it, **it's a privilege**. Check your privilege: White / Male / Class / Cisgender / Able-Bodied / Heterosexual. (A "Leading Practices: Unpacking privilege" information handout.)

♦ "And what I want people to make the connection to is actually white privilege is a part of white supremacy and it upholds white supremacy." (Layla Saad, author of *Me and White Supremacy*.)

♦ "They have ridden their waves of privilege far beyond their own skill levels." (White male writers.)

♦ "The foreigner tends to ride upon the high though not very reliable horse of privilege." (In Asia. For most European people, "staying too long in the East was tantamount to suicide.")

♦ "Artistic director Patrick Dooley, who's not Native American, said having a land acknowledgment helps remind his theater company and audience of their privileges." ("So you began your event with an indigenous land acknowledgment. Now what?" by Chloe Veltman, NPR, All Things Considered, March 15, 2023.)

♦ "There have been 393 homicides in Philadelphia so far this year, but Dana Pico at First Street Journal notes the 'white privilege' in this case: Philadelphia media seldom name the murder victims in the city, the vast majority of whom are black." ("A Death in Killadelphia" by Robert Stacy McCain, Sept. 24, 2022. The post is about the murder of Everett Beauregard, age 23.)

♦ "You are white privilege. Sit down. You are not my boss. You don't have privilege over me. You have white privilege and it's not here, it's over with. It's 2020. Wake up... You don't have white privilege anymore." (Video: Passenger taken away by police after racial rant on plane in US, *Daily Mail*, Sept 14, 2020.)

♦ "Bunch of little faggots with your white privileges. Fuck you, faggots." (Audrey / Aiden Hale, a transgender man. See the Wikipedia article "2023 Nashville school shooting." Audrey / Aiden murdered three nine-year-old children and three adults at school.)

♦ "She frequently mentions her position of privilege. 'I get it—white women are the worst,' she recently said on LeBron James's podcast 'Uninterrupted.' 'I hate myself. Trust me.' Depending on your point of view, this is either a welcome emphasis on the structural inequities inherent in American life or a grating form of virtue signalling from a member of the elite." ("Mom Com: Amy Schumer's second act" by Ariel Levy, *The New Yorker*, September 5, 2022.)

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♦ "'This doesn't happen to people like me' is the most white privilege-iest thing to ever be uttered at an awards show ever for all time." (Sam Sanders of *Vulture*, previously with NPR, about Harry Styles and his Grammy Award for Album of the Year.)

♦ "White privilege, male privilege, cisprivilege... (Terms popularized on Tumblr. From the brilliant podcast *The Witch Trials of J.K. Rowling*, "Chapter 3: A New Pyre.")

♦ "The stately pace of the motorcade, a royal prerogative..."

♦ "In many societies, special privilege is accorded to standard accents."

♦ Driving is a privilege, not a right. (What most Americans heard growing up.)

♦ Rank has its privilege. (Typical American understanding of the word, which accepts the fact that you earn your rank and deserve whatever privileges that come with it. A better and bigger office with a view. A driver / chauffeur. Not having to wait in line at a club; a VIP room. Same for the airport. Company or military perks. The list goes on and on.)

♦ "Respect has to be earned." (A basic American value.)

♦ "Privilege is vile." (A traditional American way to remember how to spell the word correctly that also expresses the traditional, historic, and ingrained American view that *undeserved* [italics mine] privilege is wrong.)

♦ "USC was one of the universities embroiled in an admissions cheating scandal in which wealthy parents sought to get their *undeserving* [italics mine] offspring into college by falsely portraying them as star athletes." ("Former USC dean pleads guilty in political bribery case," AP, September 19, 2022.)

♦ Almost all Americans instinctively despise favoritism, nepotism (nepo babies), and cronyism, unless, of course, those things apply to their own families.

♦ The vast majority of Americans give credit where credit is due.

♦ "Alex Levy contacted me just before the meeting began to tell me to use whatever question I got first to apologise, and at some point to acknowledge my privilege." ("When the New York Times lost its way" by James Bennet, *1843 Magazine (The Economist)*, Dec 14th 2023.)

♦ "Harlem's most opulent apartment house, the Dunbar—honoring the Dayton, O., Negro poet Paul Laurence Dunbar—houses some of the most celebrated of the colored folk. It is an impressive structure, a Rockefeller creation, with all the white folk appointments, even to uniformed elevator operators and hot-cha door flunkies. Bob Robinson lives there. Also Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, Adelaide Hall and the colored cartoonist E. Simms Campbell." ("New York Day by Day" by O.O. McIntyre, from *The Day*, New London, CONN., Thursday Afternoon, April 1, 1937.)

♦ First he built a fire against a fallen tree trunk... Then he cut a branch of dogwood that forked into three tines, leaving the stem for a handle. On the fork he laid a chunk of his hard corn bread and fastened it in place with limber twigs woven crosswise. He impaled a slice of fat salt pork, on a sharpened stick, broiled it over the coals, and held his bread under it to catch the dripping grease and get warmed through. / Youlus ate as voraciously as a hound, meantime drinking his black coffee without sugar and getting supreme enjoyment from it... If some well-meaning but misguided genii had carried him off on a magic carpet and set him to feast at a king's table, Youlus would have sniffed and growled at every dish placed before him and would have bragged about his 'old corn bread and sow-belly.'" (*Smoky Mountain Magic* by Horace Kephart.)

♦ "Why is Harvard giving Claudine Gay 'plagiarism privilege'? (An online commenter.)

♦ "Responsibility, not privilege, would be the keyword for battalion leadership when the Second Raiders formed up." (The Wikipedia entry "Evans Carlson," the legendary leader of Carlson's Raiders. His biography is extraordinary.)

*** analysis

♦ PRIVILEGE (noun). (1) What you deserve and I want (2) What you don't deserve and I do (3) A right possessed by all: "Every man has the privilege to lay his head down and sleep each night wherever he lies, no matter his circumstances or station in life." (A definition of "privilege" in the spirit of *The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ "The way we talk about white privilege is eerily consonant with the way one talks about original sin." (John McWhorter, author of *Woke Racism: How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America*.)

♦ see also *earn (verb)*, *rope (velvet rope)*

inclusion & exclusion: objectification

privileged

privileged category

it is absurd to see white Americans as a uniformly ~

privileged countries

the ~ of the world (vs. poorer ones)

privileged (queer vacation) destination

a very ~, Fire Island

privileged white family

telling the story of a ~ (*Downton Abbey: A New Era*)

privileged immigrant

I am by all means a ~ (Miguel Macias)

privileged people

~ who didn't have to think much about race (parenting)

privileged white women

~ shouldn't be the only face of breast cancer (Ericka Hart)

socially privileged

the compilation also skews toward the ~ (early scientists)
the gay white man is more ~ than his queer peers

white, privileged woman

as a ~ (versus underserved populations / health equity)

white privileged world

the novel is set in the ~ of Ivy League schools

rich, powerful and privileged

that Jews are ~ is an antisemitic trope

♦ "I feel privileged to co-chair the LGBTQ+ ERG and help spread awareness of lived queer experiences." (An official at the Silicon Valley Bank.)

♦ "I'm really privileged to work on a book like this." (A lesbian, about *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves*.)

♦ "Museums are spaces where a certain sort of story is privileged." (An advertisement for Meta's LGBTQ+ VR Museum.)

inclusion & exclusion: objectification

prize (noun)

prize

it was their biggest ~ yet in the 18-day old war (airport)
she has some obstacles between her and the ~ (candidate)

Arctic prize

perhaps the biggest ~ is oil and natural gas

strategic prize

the city is a vital crossroads and a ~ (war)
An Nasiriya is considered a ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

considered a (strategic) prize

An Nasiriya is ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

cost & benefit / worth & lack of worth: money

wants, needs, hopes & goals: money

prized

prized in China

the saiga horn is ~ as a traditional remedy (Mongolia)

prized as an ingredient

the saiga horn is ~ of Chinese medicine

prized (in China) as a (traditional) remedy

the saiga horn is ~

prized as dairy cattle

the kuri are native to the Lake Chad region and ~

prized for their odor

durians are ~ (fruit)

prized for their taste

edible wild mushrooms are ~ (poisonings)

prized by the (local) Bushmen

ostrich eggs are greatly ~ (water containers)

prized by Iran, North Korea and terrorist groups

a stash of weapons-grade uranium that would be ~

prized dish

they're a ~ at restaurants (Cat Ba langurs)

prized fur

llamas and their ~

prized (QB) recruit

Alabama beat Tennessee for a ~

horn is prized

the saiga ~ in China as a traditional remedy

greatly prized

ostrich eggs are ~ by the Bushmen

most prized

sable was the ~ accessory in the courts of Europe

♦ "They arrive with gold and depart with pepper." (An amazed Tamil trader. Europeans prized pepper. From *At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson.)

♦ "Jade has no meaning for our culture, but we are thankful to Allah that the Chinese go crazy for it." (Yacen Ahmat, a Uighur in Khotan's jade bazaar, in Xinjiang.)

♦ The small corpses of Carolina parakeets were used whole by milliners to adorn women's hats. The last known representative of its species died in February 1918.

cost & benefit / worth & lack of worth: money

process (verb)

processed what happened

I don't think I've really ~ (a building collapse)

process our grief

we ask that the media respect our privacy as we ~

process this (awful) loss

her little sister can hardly ~ (a fatal selfie accident)

feeling, emotion & effect: manufacturing / verb

comprehension & incomprehension: manufacturing / verb

procrustean (adjective)

procrustean

requiring rigor from expert and amateur is ~ (data)

procrustean bureaucracy
~ in the name of consistency (education)

procrustean criticism
they faced ~ from rightists and leftists (immigration)

procrustean decisions
film editing sometimes requires making ~

* This refers to making everyone and everything fit to an arbitrary standard; to ensure conformity. In science, it can relate to tailoring data to fit the hypothesis. It is similar to "one size fits all." Procrustes was a crazy man who stretched people or cut off body parts so that his victims would fit a metal bed.

* Perhaps a laudable anxiety to be correct and systematic in making and recording meteorological observations has induced the prevailing idea that extreme precision is all-important, and that observations should be very numerous. Observatories, unquestionably, such should be the case; but to treat all localities, all alike, and to require a similar registration from each, would indeed be Procrustean, while their application of very refined instruments might be like cutting wool with razors." (*The Weather Book* by the great sea captain and scientist Robert FitzRoy.)

comparison & contrast: affix
creation & transformation / oppression: allusion / clothing & accessories

prod (verb)

prodded the government to do something
he ~

prodding districts to apply
the government is ~

coercion & motivation: finger / force / verb

product (noun)

product of the 70s
she described herself to *New York* magazine as a ~

product of my environment
I'm a ~ (place, food, friends, speech, etc.)

product of mentorship
I'm a complete ~ (Broadway producer Scott Rudin)

product of its time
the film was a ~ (*Gone with the Wind*)

product of her upbringing
she is the ~ (an Appalachian musician)

product of her (Midwest) upbringing
this is possibly a ~ (an inviting personality)

product of their (life) experiences and their education
they are to some extent the ~ (Supreme Court justices)

creation & transformation: manufacturing
identity & nature / product / relationship: manufacturing
professor (noun)

his professors
the Arctic was his university and the Inuit ~ (Amundsen)

knowledge & intelligence: person / school & education

profit (verb)

profit from lessons learned
he was confident that he could ~

cost & benefit: money / verb
worth & lack of worth: money / verb

profile (low profile)

low profile
US citizens should maintain a ~ (terrorism)
my company was ~

keep a low profile
Westerners ~ in line with their embassies' advisories

maintain a low profile
Americans should ~ (terrorism overseas)
US citizens should ~ (Saudi Arabia)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: height / target
protection & lack of protection: height / target
profile (high profile)

high-profile case
~s involving sex
the police are under pressure to solve the ~

high-profile disappearance
it was the nation's fourth ~ of a child

high-profile intellectual
Mr. Ramadan ins not just a professor but a ~

high-profile target
the US is a ~ (terrorism)

highest-profile (soccer) star
he is one of the world's highest-paid and ~s

attention, scrutiny & promotion: height
profile (attention)

profile of atheists
raising the ~ in America (a march)

profile in the US
trying to raise the sport's ~ (table tennis)

profile in the region
the US has raised its military ~ (Korea)

sport's profile
trying to raise the ~ in the US (table tennis)

military profile
the US has raised its ~ in the region (Korea)

profile soared
her ~ spectacularly in 2016 (after interviewing Trump)

raised her profile
the endorsement ~ (a politician)

raise the (sport's) profile
trying to ~ in the US (table tennis)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: height

profile (picture)

profile of the killer
he created a ~

profile of the women
construct a reproductive ~ in the tribe

profile of Los Angeles
as the demographic ~ changed (police department)

profile parameters
~ for Arab terrorists

person's (personality) profile
a ~ is a powerful influence

consumer profile
portal sites are doing a lot with ~

credit profile
customers with even riskier ~s (phone companies)

criminal profile
techniques for developing a ~

flight profile
the dangerous potential of the ~ (aircraft crash)

mule profile
he fit the ~ (busted drug courier at airport)

personality profile
a person's ~ is a powerful influence

DNA profile
the law mandates taking a ~ of all criminals
the F.B.I. maintains a national database of ~s

detailed profile
~s that include the donors' health history

criminal profile
techniques for developing a ~

demographic profile
as the ~ of Los Angeles changed (police department)

different (homicidal) profile
he appears to fit a ~

discernible profile
these victims do not fit any ~ (spree killings)

geographic profile
~s use crime locations to determine...

homicidal profile
he appears to fit a different ~

particular profile
victims usually fit a ~, such as prostitutes...

psychological profile
construct a ~ of a serial killer
the FBI is working on developing a ~ of the suspect
FBI ~s of the Green River killer appear to match him

reproductive profile
construct a ~ of the women in the tribe

profile had suggested
an FBI ~ the kidnapper is a predator, and possibly...

profile (also) suggested
the ~ that the killer... (FBI-created profile)

construct a (psychological) profile
~ of a serial killer

developing a (criminal) profile
techniques for ~

fit a (particular) profile
victims usually ~, such as prostitutes...

fit any (discernible) profile
these victims do not ~ (spree killings)

fit the (mule) profile
he ~ (busted drug courier at airport)

characterization: picture

profile (profile in courage)

see *profile in courage* (JFK)

profile in courage (JFK)

profile in courage
all honor to Liz Cheney, a genuine ~ (Bill Kristol)

profiles in courage
major businesses are not exactly ~ (the bottom line)

♦ The beloved US president John F. Kennedy wrote *Profiles in Courage*, in which he singled out eight senators for their bravery and integrity.

♦ "Look, I never expect a foreign leader I'm dealing with, or a colleague senator, to voluntarily appear in the second edition of *Profiles in Courage*. So you got to think of what is in their interest." (Joe Biden speaking to Evan Osnos.)

allusion / character & personality: books & reading

prognosis (noun)

grim prognosis
the ~ was consistent with new figures (world economy)

reliable prognoses
there aren't any ~ of how the Arctic climate will develop

scientific prognoses
grim ~ have come to pass (death of the Amazon)

condition & status: health & medicine

future / time: health & medicine

progress (verb)

case has progressed
a lot has happened as this ~

progress & lack of progress: movement / verb

development: movement / verb

promethean (adjective)

Promethean Award

the ~ for Headteacher of the Year in a Primary School

Promethean fire

this is forbidden fruit, a ~, a Pandora's box, and evil genie

Promethean hero

the Romantic view of Satan as a ~ (*Frankenstein*)

promethean heroes

a high Romantic vision of authors as ~ of creativity

Promethean individualism

Nietzsche was drawn to Ralph Waldo Emerson's ~

Promethean sins

and for his ~ the next generation was punished (see below)

Promethean task

the scale-up for treating a human is a ~ (growing livers)

♦ "In Greek Mythology, Prometheus was a Titan who loved humans too much. He gave them the gift of fire, and at the banquet with the gods, he would save them the best pieces of meat. That kind of generosity upset Zeus, who condemned him to be chained to a mountain and have his liver eaten by an eagle. Every night the liver would grow again, ready to be devoured the next day. This torment...is the punishment for wanting to outsmart the gods. Giving men fire, Prometheus provided the first important tool, the very first step towards technology, science, and the dominance of humans over nature... It didn't end well." (BBC, "The curious case of the man with a hole in his stomach," 17 May 2022.)

♦ This word refers to at least 4 things: (1) great creativity and originality, especially, now, new technology (2) "gifting" something of great benefit to others (3) defiance of authority and disobedience (4) great suffering.

♦ In Greek mythology, the myth of Prometheus and the story of Pandora are intertwined.

♦ "Prometheus unframed: A new type of camera could prove valuable on robots, drones and driverless cars," *The Economist*, January 29th, 2022.

♦ "Their father worked on the Manhattan Project, and for his Promethean sins the next generation was punished." (Graeme Wood's review of Cormac McCarthy's two latest books—*The Passenger* and *Stella Maris*—in *The Atlantic*. Wood does not mention J. Robert Oppenheimer in his review, or that Oppenheimer's daughter committed suicide.)

♦ "Paine is the preeminent spokesman of a new class of people who are emerging at just that time. We used to call them the artisans, self-educated working men with a skill... They've taught themselves to read or they've become literate... And they develop political ambitions. And Paine is the perfect spokesman of this group of people who meet in taverns and coffeehouses and public squares to discuss self-improvement and the improvement of society. And that's why—it's Promethean, I suppose, is the word I'm looking for. It's the desire to share the fire, not just with the gods but with the whole of humanity, so everyone can warm themselves by the flame and see by it, too." ("Hitchens: How Paine's 'Rights' Changed the World," NPR, October 23, 2007. From the special series, "Books That Changed the World.")

♦ Mary Shelley's 1818 novel was titled *Frankenstein, or The Modern Prometheus*. Frankenstein was Victor Frankenstein, the young scientist who created the monster.)

♦ "At this point if you chained [Erling] Haaland to a rock he would just pick up the rock and score like before. Amazing." (The online commenter Kalista about the great Norwegian soccer player.)

difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion / religion

comparison & contrast: affix

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: allusion / religion

Prometheus (epithet)

America's Prometheus

he was ~, "the father of the atomic bomb" (Oppenheimer)

American Prometheus

~: *The Triumph And Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer*

♦ "A year ago, OpenAI was an obscure startup that unleashed a technology so powerful, it almost immediately invited comparisons to Prometheus bringing fire down from the realm of the Gods." ("Open AI's turmoil is about more than Sam Altman" by Allison Morrow, CNN, November 21, 2023.)

epithet: religion

Promised Land

promised land of Scorie

their friends and countrymen in the ~ (Mohawk Valley)

bring us to the promised land

this is the coach that's going to ~ (Cal's Mark Madsen)

painted the North as a promised land

he ~ (Robert Sengstacke Abbott of *Chicago Defender*)

♦ It's a message we were dying to hear; oh, man, I love it, I like what he said; I'm impressed; he hit all the right notes; music to the ears; he seems like a genuine dude; I think this is the coach that's going to bring us to the promised land... (Comments about coach Mark Madsen, the new basketball coach at the University of California, Berkeley.)

environment / superlative: allusion / Bible / religion

prong (river)

South Prong

the ~ of the Current River

branching system: animal / horn

prong (part)

two main prongs

the scheme consisted of ~ (college admissions scandal)

branching system: animal / horn

pronoun (groups)

preferred pronouns

the Catholic Diocese banned the use of ~ (Des Moines)
schools are not required to use students' ~ (U.K.)

share her pronouns

she faced pressure from fans to ~ to show solidarity

uses they/them pronouns

Sam Brinton ~ (the Federal Government suitcase thief)

♦ "Before (roller) derby, I knew I was on the spectrum of queer and pansexual, but I didn't have the language or support until I met my derby mates who genuinely wanted to see me become my best self. My derby league was the first place I asked people to use they/them pronouns for me." (Lauren Macadaeg, who identifies as they/them.)

♦ "NPR's Juana Summers talks with author Jas Hammond about their book, *We Deserve Monuments*. It's a young adult love story and a family mystery that explores intergenerational trauma and racism." (NPR.)

♦ "If they don't have something lined up by Feb. 6, Tu faces having to leave the country." (NPR. "They" and Tu are one and the same person.)

♦ Entire books have been written in the gender neutral unnamed "you."

♦ "Would I know them [an actor], Tony says. / I think so, you say. / Tony only blinks back at you. / So, they say, is that what you were crying about. / Yeah. / Been there, your driver [Tony] adds... / The two of you lean over your noodles." ("Arrivals" by Bryan Washington, *The New Yorker*, July 11 & 18, 2022.)

♦ “In ‘Pastoral,’ you use the first person singular and plural as well as the second person...” (Tobias Carroll interviewing Jac Jemc about *False Bingo*. Her name is pronounced “Jack Jams.”)

♦ “In Hollywood, cats have pronouns and this one’s are they/them, making *Open Throat* the best book narrated by a genderqueer feline you’ll read this year.” (“Open Throat by Henry Hoke review—inside the mind of a queer mountain lion” by Rahul Raina, *The Guardian*, Fri 28 Jul 2023. “That voice—simultaneously innocent, world-weary, human alien, queer in all the senses of the word—is the book.”)

♦ “Boop / bop / beep. Seriously? This was the start of the end for me? A 20-year career, the blood, sweat and tears of fighting?” (Gina Carano, about being canceled for her political views. Gina was a MMA fighter before being noticed by Steven Soderbergh and cast in the lead of the 2011 film *Haywire*. Her next role was in *Fast & Furious 6*. Read “Gina Carano on Getting Sacked From Star Wars and Her Grudge Match With Disney” by Seth Abramovitch, *The Hollywood Reporter*, March 14, 2024. It’s an excellent article.)

♦ “I’ll take outraged fans for \$1,000.” (A commenter about “Jeopardy!” sparks outrage with ‘neopronouns’ question: never existed when ‘Alex Trebek was still alive’” by Jack Hobbs, *The New York Post*, Feb. 28, 2024. The clue read, “Xem, Xyrs, Xemself” and the correct answer was “What are pronouns.” “Neopronouns” is a Wikipedia entry.)

♦ “France has little patience for American culture-war staples such as genderless pronouns and bathrooms. Even the relatively modest, gender-neutral *iel* was forcefully dismissed by the first lady, Brigitte Macron: ‘Our language is beautiful. And two pronouns are enough,’ she has said, to practically no pushback at all.” (“The French Are In A Panic Over Le Wokisme” by Thomas Chatterton Williams, *The Atlantic*, March 2023. The title seems to contradict the quote.)

♦ “I absolutely support trans, but all these pronouns are an esthetic nightmare.” (Elon Musk.)

♦ “Pronouns in bio = opinion discarded” (Libs of TikTok)

♦ Screw Your Pronouns. (The name of an online commenter at the *New York Post*.)

inclusion & exclusion: language

pronunciation (language)

ack uh DAY me uh

~ (“academia” / NPR host rhymes it with *macadamia*)

acrost

it’s not consistent ~ all objects (*Prof. Jennifer Kreder*)

ADD-dolt

~ (“adult,” can sound like “addled”)

CHEEE-laaay

~ (“Chile,” brayed / virtue signaling)

Cutter

~ (the country of Qatar on the Arabian Peninsula)
ordinary people now spell Qatar as ~ (attested)

DE-criminalize

~ (NPR’s Ailsa Chang)

DOOR-ing

~ (“during”)

fur

~ (“for”)
(sometimes written in text as fir (typo?))
(contempo-speakers love to linger over this...)

GAZZ-uh

~ (rhymes with JAZZ-uh) (“Gaza,” the place in the news)

gotten

with affected glottal stop by NPR’s Bobby Allyn (funny!)

groan

threats have only ~ (*grown*)

gunna

~ (“going to,” but marked / exaggerated / lingered over)

Hartoum

~ (“Khartoum” / the NPR reporter from Nicaragua)

HAW

~ (“haul” as in “haul videos” / that exuberant NPR host)

hoppin’

~ (actually “happen” / like a rabbit / funny!)

hun-nert

~ (“hundred,” with an exaggerated glottal stop)

im-POR-unt

~ (“important,” glottal stop, grunted. Ugly!)
(a glottal stop should not call attention to itself...)

I ran

~ (the country of Iran)

IZZYrock

~ (Is Iraq...)

Justin time

(=just in time)

Keeve

~ (“Kiev,” per the U.S. State Department edict)

Limbaw

~ (Andrew Limbong of NPR)

mundering

he did a lot of ~ money laundering cases... (NPR)

NECK-id

~ (“naked,” exuberantly pronounced by an NPR host)

NEW England

at a ~ boarding school for boys (vs. new-ENG-land / NPR)

OFF-tin

~ (“often,” pronounced with the T
(contempo-speakers love to pronounce the silent T)

Ollie

~ actually Ali (Jarbawi) / NPR’s Greg Myre / Funny!

Organ

Oregon (the state) (NPR) (funny!)

POOO-tin

~ (“Putin.” With a *whooping* glottal stop by an NPR host)

really

see *really* (*gushing*)

rectum

Don King has ~ (“wrecked him” about “Iron” Mike Tyson)

RE-ward

it will ~ repeat viewings (a film / heart on NPR)

SHAME-un

~ (“shaman,” A journalist heard on NPR. Shame on you.)

Sick

~ (“Sikh,” the religious group. Heard on NPR)
(pronounced “Sick” and “Seek” by the *same* NPR reader)

Simon Bowels

~ (“Biles.” Heard on NPR. Wow...)

snot

(=it’s not)

soft tin

~ (“soften,” NPR’s David Folkenflik)
(contempo-speakers love to pronounce a silent t)

spunding

\$14 billion in ~ cuts (NPR / spending? funding?)

stronghold

Trump has such a ~ on the party (strong HOLD?)

shore

~ (“sure,” rhymes with “bore” and “whore”)

tuh

~ (= to, but marked / exaggerated / lingered over)
(a marker of a contempo-speaker)

urine

~ and year out... (“year in and year out”)

WRECK-ert

(= a record, the kind you play on a record player / NPR)

wri-in

~ (“written,” affected glottal stop / heard on NPR)

YOU-crain-aid

~ (aid to Ukraine / NPR’s ...)

Zip hole

~ (actually Zip Poll)

♦ At the Quora site, years ago, Joan B wrote, “Mostly millennials, using glottal stops in place of ‘t’s. First time it caught my ear was Kate Hudson advertising her exercise-wear... Every younger HGTV host is redecorating their ‘t’s.”

♦ Wolf Blitzer of CNN was probably responsible for popularizing the pronunciation of “Qatar” as “CUT-er” during his coverage of the Gulf War. It would be the rare American who heard his pronunciation and could then point out “Qatar” on a map of the Arabian Peninsula.

♦ Tyler Adams, the USMNT captain, graciously apologized to an Iranian journalist for pronouncing Iran as EYE-RAN at the FIFA World Cup in Qatar, and it is to his great credit. (“USMNT captain Tyler Adams apologizes for mispronunciation of Iran; addresses issue of discrimination in the US” by Ben Morse and Wayne Sterling, CNN, November 28, 2022. Tonya Mosley of NPR’s Fresh Air pronounces it as eye-RAN and eye-RAIN-i-an.)

♦ March 2, 2024, a black day for pronunciation! Listen to “The *Palast Orchester* performs 1920s German Jazz music once banned by the Nazis,” NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, March 2, 2024. The opera *Mahagonny* is not pronounced the same as the wood mahogany.)

♦ Britain; certain; Dayton; didn’t; hundred (hun-nert); important; Martin; mountains; not only; Peyton; pollutant; presented; Putin (with an exuberant explosive plosive whooping and glottal); put in; reportedly; threatened; Trenton (the New Jersey city); uncertain; uncertainty; united; what is; written... (Words pronounced with affected, exaggerated glottal stops by hosts or guests, all heard on NPR.)

♦ The BBC, and English people in general, tend to retain the anglicization of foreign names. A BBC news reader might pronounce

Cape Verde as “Cape Vurd.” To paraphrase Winston Churchill, “Do we really want NPR pronouncing Paris Patee?”

♦ “From Iceland, to Italy, to the Philippines, to Afghanistan, to CHEE-laay, to Indonesia...” (NPR’s Steve Inskip. Five out of six ain’t bad.)

♦ Recently, NPR had a segment on a man condemned to death in Saudi Arabia. Unfortunately, his name was incomprehensible to almost all native American English speakers due to Leila Fadel’s inability or unwillingness to pronounce the first sound of the man’s last name with an Anglicized hard “g,” properly stressed. What is gained by this? What if someone wanted to get more information about the man on the internet?

♦ More NPR. Scott Detrow introduced a woman, sounded like Jennifer *Vermasco*. Searching on Google, I wondered if the person might be Jennifer *Schmidt*. Then I checked the beginning of the transcript, and the name was recorded—incorrectly—as Jennifer *Francisco*. Search on Google led to more confusion. Finally, I checked further down the transcript, and found that the byline name was Jennifer *Vanasco*!

♦ “There is still much resistance to the use of the pinyin name Beijing for the current Chinese capital. Not only are very few outsiders able to pronounce the word accurately; its use also flies in the face of the more general use in English of ‘English’ names or pronunciations for distant cities or countries. Roma is called Rome, Deutschland is called Germany, Suomi is called Finland, and Zhongguo is called China. Many who accept this logic would like Peking returned to common currency, but doubt that it will ever happen.” (Footnote 47. From *The Man Who Loved China* by Simon Winchester.)

♦ “Ixopo The name of a village. Its Zulu pronunciation is difficult, and would be considered *affected* [italics mine] in English speech. It is pronounced in English, ‘Ickopo,’ with the ‘o’ as in ‘hole.’ (From the “List of Words” at the end of the 1987 edition of *Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton.)

♦ “Enough! I can’t stand it anymore!...Competitors are NOT taking part, Alex, in the fencin, rowin, boxin, kayakin, weightliftin & swimmin.” (Lord Digby Jones, in a tweet about Alex Scott—a woman—dropping her g’s during her Olympics commentary.)

♦ Off-ter (after); thot (that); pod-cost (podcast); osk (ask)... (The affected speech of podcaster Bobbi Althoff—a young woman—speaking to Rick Glassman.)

♦ “‘You can take the boy out of the Bronx,’ murmured one technician as the dubbing proceeded, ‘but you can’t take the Bronx out of the boy!’ In view of the critical notices Pacino’s Scottish/cockney-with-a-dash-of-the-Bronx accent was to receive, it was an auspicious remark.” (*Al Pacino: A Life On The Wire* by Andrew Yule, about the 1985 film *Revolution*, which was savaged by most critics.)

♦ “Just try to ignore Tony Curtis as a Roman slave with a Brooklyn accent...” (The 1960 film *Spartacus*.)

♦ “‘Wheel of Fortune’ player denied win after mispronouncing word: ‘Pat Sajak was cold-blooded’” by Samantha Ibrahim, Jan. 5, 2024. To solve the puzzle, the contestant had to read “Congenial company and clever conversation.” She pronounced “congenial” as “CON jun uhl.” Pat Sajak muttered something about “a coined word,” and another contestant read the word correctly. A rare case where pronunciation cost a person money.

♦ “Something I’ve always wondered is when I’m going to develop the affected-Black-intellectual voice,” Harris said that summer, still stuck in London. He was reflecting on some of his favorite writers and artists of an older generation, and the way that their talk was often as effortfully stylized as their work. He’d been thinking about Andre Leon Talley, the fashion writer and editor whose high diction and baroque syntax became hallmarks of his style—and seemed, moreover, like a way of asserting his belonging in a largely white milieu. / Talk of that voice—I knew what Harris meant without having to ask—got me thinking, perhaps slightly defensively, of my own. / ‘You have it a little bit,’ he said, confirming a fear I’d spoken aloud.” (“Outside Man: Jeremy O. Harris, before and after ‘Slave Play’” by Vinson Cunningham, *The New Yorker*, September 25, 2023. “Blacks talking white.” The crab-bucket syndrome. Concerns about “authenticity” in the era of hip-hop. Sad.)

♦ “Looking at it today, it may seem inauthentic for our Spanish-Jewish-Irish Catholic family to belt out lines from Jamaican folksongs.” (Scott Simon. From “Opinion: Harry Belafonte’s voice will live on,” NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, April 29, 2023. It’s a wonderful tribute.)

♦ “I’d listen to him read the phone book!” (An admiring comment about the wonderful voice and diction of the great American actor James Earl Jones, who has dealt with a stutter his entire life.)

♦ "Bob was the best cold reader in the business, you could throw a Budapest phone book at him and he'd read it out with unwavering authority and enunciation that was proper without being stuffy." (Scott Simon's wonderful tribute to Bob Edwards. From "Scott Simon remembers Bob Edwards, the voice of NPR for 25 years, NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, February 17, 2024.)

♦ These sorts of pronunciations have many possible explanations.

language: pronunciation

proof (bulletproof, etc.)

bombproof
see *bombproof* (adjective)

bulletproof
see *bulletproof* (adjective)

futureproof
~ body against chronic pain with 12 simple movements

prop (noun)

spiritual prop
he leaned on Wilson as his ~ (Robert Falcon Scott)

**allegiance, support & betrayal / amelioration & renewal:
infrastructure / mining / verb**

prophet (person)

prophets
some of these ~ had been spectacularly wrong (stocks)

prophets of doom
reject the ~ and their predictions of the Apocalypse

internet prophet
Michael Goldhaber is the ~ you've never heard of

mantle of a prophet
he increasingly adopted the ~

turned (doomsday) prophet
the news anchor ~ (the film *Network*)

message: Bible / person / religion

future / time: person / religion

person: religion

prop up (verb)

props up North Korea with aid and trade
China ~

prop up his government
foreigners ~ (Venezuela)

prop up (global) growth
China may not be able to ~

props up Maduro
the military ~ (Venezuelan leader)

prop up her spirits
though her body sagged, her doctor helped ~

**allegiance, support & betrayal / amelioration & renewal:
infrastructure / mining / verb**

proselytize (verb)

proselytize for his government
his political allies are expected to ~ (workers)

message / speech: religion / verb

prospect (verb)

prospected for stories
he ~ and enjoyed the hospitality (Maugham in Malaysia)

searching & discovery: mining / verb

prostrate (verb)

prostrated themselves
corporate leaders have ~ (to BLMGNF)

**dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat:
standing, sitting & lying / verb**

proud (groups)

proud of her body
Lizzo wears naked dresses to show that she's ~

proud lesbian
the MP Hannah Bardell describes herself as a ~

#BROWNandPROUD
~ (Dr. Vanessa Toolsie resigns from NAACP chapter)

out and proud
I'm very ~ (Megan Rapinoe)

out and loud and proud
~ (Cher Strawberry)

♦ "I've been here before, out and loud and proud." (Cher Strawberry, from her debut album *Chering is Caring*.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

proverbial (adjective)

proverbial slow boat to China
what must have seemed like the ~ (circuitous route)

proverbial parapet
the people who have stuck their heads above the ~ to improve visibility (groups)

proverbial committee-designed racehorse
collaboration often leads to the ~ becoming a giraffe

resemblance: allusion

proving ground

proving ground between college and national newsrooms
local newspapers were once the ~ (no longer)

proving ground for ambitious executives
fashion became a new ~

proving ground for young talents
Calloway's band had become a ~ (Dizzy Gillespie, etc.)

experience: ground, terrain & land

prowl (on the prowl)

on the prowl for (naïve) girls
Internet predators are always ~

behavior / movement: animal / predation

prune (verb)

prune the budget
they are seeking ways to ~ (government)

dismissal, removal & resignation: farming & agriculture /
plant / tree / verb

pruned

pruned
every interview here has been ~

creation & transformation: farming & agriculture / plant /
tree

psychobabble (noun)

psychobabble
shopping in health food stores, talking ~ (well-being)
its website is full of ~ (anti-anxiety patches)

psychobabble buzzwords
an hour and a half of ~ (an online celebrity therapy session)

‘therapy speak’ or ‘psychobabble’
the overuse of ~ (men gaslighting women)

♦ “The likes of Jonah Hill—who was accused of misusing psychology vocab to ‘control’ his ex this weekend—have faced criticism for the overuse of ‘therapy speak,’ or ‘psychobabble,’ as a tool of manipulation rather than an expression of emotional vulnerability.” (“How ‘therapy speak’ is being weaponized amid Jonah Hill ‘boundaries’ scandal” by Brooke Kato, *New York Post*, July 11, 2023.)

♦ “To be sure, many observers, beginning with de Tocqueville, have remarked that Americans are singularly concerned with their individual well-being. Since the 1830s, when de Tocqueville visited America, the United States has been swept by a series of popular movements concerned with improving health variously through diet, exercise, moral purity, positive thinking, and religious faith. Today, were a revived de Tocqueville to observe Americans jogging in parks, shopping in health food stores, talking psychobabble, and reading endless guides to keeping fit, eating right, and staying healthy, he would probably conclude that, if anything, the obsession is now more pronounced.” (*The Social Transformation of American Medicine* by Paul Starr, winner of the 1984 Pulitzer Prize for general non-fiction.)

speech: sound

substance & lack of substance: sound

Ptolemy (Chinese Ptolemy, etc.)

Chinese Ptolemy
the ~, Phei Hsui, made a detailed map of China

importance & significance: epithet

comparison & contrast: epithet

PTSD (and post-traumatic stress disorder)

PTSD

seeing herself as someone with ~ was odd at first
many people think ~ is mostly a military problem
veteran with ~ smokes weed, faces deportation
~ doesn’t qualify them for workers’ comp
the recreational drug MDMA looks promising in ~

ptsd

I have ~, I have panic attacks I go to therapy

PTSD providers

Texas has a need for more ~ (trafficking, refugees, etc.)

PTSD treatment

another controversial ~ is eye movement desensitization

forms, faces and causes of PTSD

the many ~

Civilians With PTSD

“Not Just For Soldiers: ~ Struggle...” (NPR)

patients with post-traumatic stress disorder

psychiatrist Dr. Julie Holland uses psychedelics to treat ~

from nightmares to PTSD

from ~, the toll on Facebook moderators...

treat PTSD

using virtual reality to ~

Congress calls on VA to study medical marijuana to ~

trigger PTSD

VA cautions Ken Burns’ Vietnam documentary could ~

♦ “After they left the meeting, the engineers went through the usual stages of post-Musk distress disorder: baffled, then angry, then anxious. But within a week they got to the stage of being intrigued, because the new approach, they realized, might actually work.” (*Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson. Clever writing!)

♦ “Years later, I have ptsd, I have panic attacks I go to therapy. Finally I’m ready to talk about it and finally heal.” (Gabby, about a sexual assault with a Golden Globe nominee.)

♦ “Lady Gaga reveals how she used her PTSD in new role,” BBC.

♦ “There was a mile-long list of lawsuits. Income went from some exorbitant amount to zero... You can go through all of these things without suffering PTSD.” (“Lance Armstrong says that he experienced PTSD and had intensive therapy” by George Ramsay, CNN, March 17, 2024.)

♦ “Yeah, I think I had a little bit of umm like a PTSD happening around being judged, around not being able to be marketed...” (The retired WNBA star Sue Bird talking to Fresh Air’s Terry Gross about publicly coming out as gay.)

♦ “Ford also discussed other psychological principles during the course of her questioning, including her experience with anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder, which at points in her testimony she referred to by the scientific term *sequelae*, or after-effects of trauma.” (“Indelible in the Hippocampus Is the Laughter.’ The Science Behind Christine Blasey Ford’s Testimony” by Jamie Ducharme, *Time Magazine*, September 27, 2018. In 2024, Christine Blasey Ford was interviewed by Terry Gross about the former’s new book. Listen to “For Christine Blasey Ford, the fallout of the Kavanaugh hearing is ongoing” with Terry Gross, NPR, Fresh Air, March 19, 2024.)

♦ “The push to expand the trained workforce coincides with a growing understanding of trauma’s effect. The National Council for Behavioral Health, a nonprofit organization of mental health care providers, calls trauma a “near universal experience” for people with mental and behavioral health issues.” (“Not Just For Soldiers: Civilians With PTSD Struggle To Find Effective Therapy” by Caroline Covington, NPR, May 20, 2019.)

♦ “Post-traumatic *growth* [italics mine] refers to positive changes that can happen after a life-shattering event occurs, according to Richard

Tedeschi, a clinical psychologist with the Boulder Crest Foundation, an organization that offers recovery programs for combat veterans, first responders, and their families." ("What Doesn't Kill You Might Actually Make You Stronger" by Emily Sohn, *Outside Magazine*, 04/05/21.)

♦ When a term includes everyone, it means nothing.

*** other cultures, countries

♦ "Every culture possesses what Edward Shorter, a medical historian at the University of Toronto, calls a 'symptom repertoire'—a range of physical symptoms available to the unconscious mind for the physical expression of psychological conflict.' In parts of India, patients are said to suffer from dhat syndrome: they complain of impotence and have the delusion that they are losing their semen. In Nigeria, students who can't retain information and report feeling a burning sensation in their heads are sometimes given a diagnosis of 'brain fog.' The illnesses are reinforced by a local belief that the symptoms are a sign of authentic suffering, worthy of expert attention and care." ("The Apathetic: Why are refugee children falling unconscious?" by Rachel Aviv, *The New Yorker*, April 3, 2017.)

♦ Zar: Spirit possession (Middle East); amok: an episode of murderous rage followed by amnesia (Southeast Asia); koro: the feeling that the genitals are retracting into the body (Southeast Asia); tsog tsuam (sleep paralysis / Hmong in the US); Digeunton (pressed on / Indonesia); Bei gui ya (held by a ghost / China); Boszorkany-nyomas (witches' pressure / Hungary); the Old Hag and ag rog (hag ridden / Newfoundland) ... (Illnesses associated with particular cultures.)

*** the military

♦ Shell shock (WW I), combat fatigue (WW II), operational exhaustion (Korea), PTSD (Vietnam)... (The military.)

♦ "One agency that seized upon Freeman's work was the Veterans Administration. Faced with an influx of shell-shocked World War II GIs that flooded its mental wards, the VA issued a directive in 1943 requesting its neurosurgeons to study and use the Freeman and Watts lobotomy technique. By 1951, nearly 3,000 lobotomies had been performed at VA hospitals, according to agency records." ("D.C. Neurosurgeon Pioneered 'Operation Icepick' Technique" by Glenn Frankel, the *Washington Post*, April 7, 1980.)

♦ Case B2.—DEAF-MUTISM / PRIVATE, 35 YEARS OF AGE. DURATION, 26 MONTHS/ A shell explosion in France resulted in this patient being buried to the neck. He could not remember anything until he arrived in England a few weeks later. While in a London hospital he made several attempts at escaping and was successful on one occasion. Previous to his admission to the National Hospital he had been given strong faradic shocks; tuning forks had been applied to the head; and sudden noises and hypnotism had also been tried, but all without any result whatever. He was dull, depressed, discouraged and suspicious, and in a tremulous condition." (*Hysterical Disorders of Warfare* by Lewis Ralph Yealland, M.D., Resident Medical Officer, National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, Queen Square, London, with preface by E. Farquhar Buzzard, M.D., F.R.C.P., Lieut.-Colonel, R.A.M.C., 1918.)

♦ see also *shellshocked* (and *shell-shocked*)

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: military

public-spirited

public-spirited

~ citizens

~ journalists

character & personality: religion

puff (puff piece)

puff piece

a recent ~ by *The New York Times*...

substance & lack of substance: food & drink

puke

see *retch* (and *puke*, *vomit*, *throw up*)

pull (tidal pull)

tidal pull

the ~ of Berkeley was strong on her (academic)

attraction & repulsion: astronomy / sea / tide

relationship: astronomy / sea / tide

pull (attraction)

pull of the Arctic

he felt the ~ (Amundsen)

pull of ISIS

the book explores the ~

gravitational pull

some felt the ~ of the gold rush in California (migrants)

irresistible (gravitational) pull

the almost ~ of getting more attention (on the internet)

exerted a pull

Lake Ohrid has ~ on me since my childhood (Balkans)

felt the pull

she still ~ of her childhood faith (a scientist)

attraction & repulsion: astronomy

relationship: astronomy

pull (pull for someone)

pulling for you

we're ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: arm / burden / verb

pull (pull yourself together, etc.)

pull himself together

he would ~ and seem to be under control (troubled)

pull myself together

high-flying shells droned their dirge while I tried to ~ (war)

mental health / resiliency: verb

amelioration & renewal: verb

feeling, emotion & effect: rope

pull back (verb)

pulled back

he ~ after giving the green light and go order (military)

pulled those ships and planes back

he ~ (called off military attack)

starting, going, continuing & ending: verb

avoidance & separation: verb

pulled in

pulled in by this light

they are ~ (migratory birds and urban areas)

situation: container / movement

involvement / attraction & repulsion: astronomy / movement

pulled into

pulled into the rabbit hole
I got ~ (an online feud)

situation: container / movement

involvement / attraction & repulsion: astronomy / movement

pull out (verb)

pull out of the agreement
they want to ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: burden / verb
dismissal, removal & resignation: burden / verb

pull through (verb)

pull through
I thought she was strong enough to ~ (died of Covid)

managed to pull through
some companies have ~ (satellite constellations)

survival, persistence & endurance: verb

pull together (verb)

pull together
we all ~ (hurricane)
he asked conservatives to ~ (politics)
maybe we can ~ to beat this pandemic
but in North Carolina, we're gonna ~, work to clean up
we will ~ and through this (a disaster)

pull together as a country
we're going through a time when we have to ~ (pandemic)

pull together as a team
are we going to be civilized and ~ when there's a crisis

pull together to help
it's vital that we all ~ weather this crisis (pandemic)

pull together, grieve together, work together
we will ~, and love one another (high school shooting)

unanimity & consensus / work & duty: arm / burden / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.)

pulpit
television is the ~ from which they preach (politics)

presidential bully pulpit
Obama should use the ~ to address entitlements

pulpit and the megaphone
use the ~ of the office to highlight human rights

♦ "You've got to use the bully pulpit of the mayor's office," Lori Lightfoot said at the MIT roundtable in April as she explained how she runs Chicago... / Lightfoot seems not to understand what Teddy Roosevelt meant when he called the presidency a 'bully pulpit.' Like a lot of Northeastern patricians of his day, he used the adjective 'bully' to mean great, or perhaps jolly good. The bully pulpit is the opposite of what Lightfoot describes. She means the smoke-filled room. And she seems

to assume that Roosevelt is referring to *bullying*..." ("The Inequality of 'Equity,'" by Christopher Caldwell, *National Review*, May 17, 2021.)

♦ "This is not going to devastate us. Chicken Little said the sun will come out tomorrow, didn't he?" (Coach Kim Mulkey of the LSU Tigers, about her team's season opener loss to the number 20 ranked Colorado Buffaloes. Of course, Chicken Little said that the sky was falling.)

message: Bible / religion / speech

pulpit (Devils pulpit, etc.)

Devil's pulpit
the ~ (an outcrop in a gorge)

proper name: religion

geography: proper name / religion / shape

pulsating (adjective)

pulsating contest
in a ~, Ward produced a composed performance (boxing)

pulsating start
the fight has a ~ in Leeds (boxing)

feeling, emotion & effect: movement

pulse (anyone with a pulse, etc.)

with a pulse
anyone ~ should now realize that...

♦ "Anyone with a pulse should now realize that the concerns over Google's censorship and bias are warranted." (A comment about Google's Gemini AI rollout.)

consciousness & awareness: blood / death & life

pulse (noun)

pulse of what's happening
he needs to get the ~ (Joe Biden / the Mexican border)

pulse of the planet
the satellites allow scientists to take the ~ (climate)

pulse of the (Israeli) public
the polling firm regularly takes the ~

oceans' pulse
robot subs help to take the ~

on the pulse of the nation
the prime minister does not have his finger ~

pulse (of the city) is (really) pumping
the ~ again (Chinese nightlife post-pandemic)

got a pulse
we need to prove that we've still ~ (the film *Maze*)

taken the pulse
we have ~ of sex in the US today (survey)

keep our finger on the pulse
help us to ~ (pop survey at a website)

♦ "He needs to get down there, show his face and get the pulse of what's happening." (Jaime Dominguez, an associate professor in the department of political science, Northwestern University, about President Biden and the Mexican border.)

condition & status / measurement: blood / death & life / health & medicine

pummel (the storm pummeled the island, etc.)

pummels Midwest with snow
spring blizzard ~

pummeling the islands with rain and winds
the hurricane is ~

pummeled Barbados
the hurricane ~

storm: force

pummel (verb)

pummeled him over the cost
Republicans ~ of the bill (politics)

pummeled the company's earnings and stock prices
the problem has ~

pummeled her rival
she ~ (a tennis match)

accusation & criticism: boxing / fist / speech / verb / violence

pummeled

pummeled
the bank's shares have been ~

pummeled in the media
she has been ~ (a leader)

pummeled for failing
he has been ~ to solve the problem

pummeled by conservatives
he was ~ for even broaching the topic (politics)

pummeled by the storm
the area was ~

pummeled by both sides
he has been ~ (Obama)

pummeled by drugs and crime
the neighborhood has been ~

feeling, emotion & effect: boxing / fist / sensation

pump (direct)

pumps \$20 million into the (local) economy
rafting ~ (Summersville, WV)

pumped (new) life into the (martial-arts) genre
he ~

pumped (more than) \$100 million into (city) schools
the Gates Foundation has ~

directing: verb / water

pumped (directed)

pumped into the facility
for all the money that was ~...

directing: pump / water

pumped (feeling)

so pumped
others were not ~ (eager to deploy to Iraq)

so pumped to get out there
I'm ~ (a female teen surfer)

♦ "Last night we got out of strict Level Four lockdown, which hasn't allowed us to surf for five weeks. We're in Level Three now and we can finally surf. I'm so pumped to get out there." (A video showing a female teen surfer in New Zealand on the shore in a wetsuit with her surfboard. She runs to the water.)

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / pump

pump up (verb)

pump up your confidence
~ (job hunting)

pumped the rookies up
having ~, he now deflates them... (NFL camp)

increase & decrease / feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / mechanism / prep, adv, adj, particle / pump / verb

punch (punch above one's weight, etc.)

fight above our weight
we're going to have to ~ (politics)

punches above its weight
Hungary ~ in math, it has produced many mathematicians

punched (massively) above our weight
we ~ (small Wales does great in Rugby World Cup)

power / substance & lack of substance: boxing / verb / weight

punch (sucker punch / verb)

sucker punched France
the US has ~ (scored a goal against run of play)

behavior: boxing

readiness & preparedness / restraint & lack of restraint / subterfuge: boxing / fist / verb

punch (sucker punch / noun)

mighty sucker punch
a ~ came flying in (Toby Keith)

♦ "A mighty sucker punch came flying in from somewhere in the back." ("Courtesy Of The Red, White And Blue / The Angry American" by Toby Keith. Super!)

behavior: boxing

readiness & preparedness / restraint & lack of restraint / subterfuge: boxing / fist

punch (pull a punch)

pull any punches
she didn't ~

pulled no punches
he ~ when he spoke of the president (cursed him)
prosecutors ~ (called him a liar, thief, cheat)
women wrote the toughest scripts, they ~ (Chris Meloni)

pulled his punches
he was very direct, never minced his words or ~

pulls its (hard) punches
Black on Black never ~ full of painful truths (Daniel Black)

restraint & lack of restraint: boxing / fist / speech / sports & games / verb

speech: boxing / sports & games / verb

punch (punch back, trade punches)

punching back
he wants Trudeau to keep ~ (trade war)

trade (increasingly heavy) punches
as they ~ (Israel and Hezbollah)

♦ "Neither Israel nor Hezbollah want a full-scale war. But as they trade increasingly heavy punches, the risks of uncontrolled escalation will grow." (Israel-Hamas war.)

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: boxing / verb

punch (take a punch)

take a punch
she can ~ and hit back even harder (a politician)

survival, persistence & endurance: boxing / verb

resiliency: boxing / verb

punch (roll with the punches)

roll with the punches
you just have to ~ (government shutdown)

survival, persistence & endurance: boxing / verb

resiliency: boxing / verb

punch (beat somebody to the punch)

beat Kim to the punch
it was a way for Trump to ~ (cancel meeting before Kim)

sequence: boxing / verb

readiness & preparedness: boxing / verb

punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.)

punch
Atlantic Beach was feeling Hurricane Isabel's ~

most brutal punch
the storm saved its ~ for New England

one-two punch
the ~ has devastated wildlife (algae and red tide)
the extinction could have been a ~

packed a punch
the storm ~

storm: force

punch (punch in the gut, etc.)

punch in the face
he said the defeat was a massive ~ but... (Liverpool)

punch in the gut
they broke the story and for us that was a ~ (police)

punch in the gut reading
it was kind of a ~ about the case for the first time (racism)

punch-counterpunch
this kind of ~ makes Canadians nervous (trade war)

gut punch
historic oil bust delivers a ~ to Texas county
that is a ~ of a finding from a new study (pandemic deaths)

knockout punch
he is looking for a ~ (political race)

one-two punch
the ~ of self-righteous preening and hypocrisy
the ~ of the pandemic and the oil bust (Texas)
they are a hell of a ~ (a coach about 2 great players)

packs an (emotional) punch
the play ~

landed a (rhetorical) punch
she ~ (at a political debate)

took a (gut) punch
we ~ in Iowa (Joe Biden on Iowa caucus results)

trade (increasingly) heavy punches
as they ~ (Israel v. Hezbollah, Israel-Hamas war)

effect: boxing / fist / force / sensation / violence

force: boxing / fist / sensation / violence

feeling, emotion & effect: boxing / fist / force / sensation / violence

punch bowl (shape)

punchbowl waterfall
it's a ~, the water falls into a wide pool (kayaking)

shape: food & drink / object

punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.)

Punch Bowl Falls
we walked to the base of ~ (Eagle Creek, Oregon)

Punch Bowl Spring
~ in Yellowstone is about ten feet in diameter

Devil's Punchbowl
you can leap from cliff to cliff at ~ (Aspen CO)
the ~ is a naturally formed swimming hole
the ~ is just 10 miles outside Aspen, Colorado

Devils Punch Bowl

whales migrate past the ~ State Natural Area (Oregon)

Battle of the Punchbowl

Bloody Ridge, Heartbreak Ridge, the ~ (Korean War)

proper name: food & drink / object / shape

geography: proper name / shape

punching bag (noun)

punching bag for (Russian) cyberattacks

Ukraine has been a ~ for years

punching bag for politicians

Facebook has become a ~ on all sides (hearings)

punching bag for their (domestic) politics

the British must stop using us a ~ (migrants from France)

media's (new) punchbag

she became the ~ (Meghan, Duchess of Sussex)

industry punching bags

screenwriters act as ~ (they have much to complain about)

feminist punching bag

Barbie the toy has been a ~ for decades (until the Oscars)

rhetorical punching bag

Biden wasn't as much of a ~ this time (election debate)

♦ *Punchbag* is British English (BE) for the American English (AE) *punching bag*, or *heavy bag*. *The Guardian* spells it as one word. Merriam Webster has it as two words. No matter. Boxers know what it is.

**accusation & criticism / punishment & recrimination:
boxing**

punchline (joke)

punchline

he is a ~ (athlete who failed, choked, blew it)

insult: speech

punctuate (verb)

punctuate her points

her hands move emphatically to ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters / verb

punctuate (configuration)

punctuate the horizon

huge red-rock walls and pillars ~ (Utah / Indian country)

configuration: letters & characters / verb

puncture (verb)

punctured Slater's aura

he ~ of invincibility (surfing)

puncture (widely held) beliefs

the allegations ~ about how he operated

destruction: air / atmosphere / hole / verb

pundit (person)

pundits, twaddle

I don't need the ~ (World Cup commentators)

group think of the pundits

the ~ following like sheep using these terms (language)

presenters, commentators and pundits

~ (BBC Sports)

♦ From Hindi *pandit*, "a learned man or scholar."

♦ In a very nice opinion piece, Scott Simon of NPR rightly characterizes this word as a buzzword. ("Politics, Pundits And The Problem With The Word 'Pivot,'" NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, June 11, 2016.)

♦ "But what do we know about what that actually means now he actually owns the company? Do we know anything about how he..." / "Yeah, I mean he says he thinks..." (NPR punditry.)

♦ "How much do these 'pundits' get paid for spouting all these cliches and stating the obvious?" / "Well, all the pundits are saying either Brazil or Argentina, so it's obviously going to be either Belgium or the Netherlands." / "I don't need the pundits, build up, half time twaddle or the inarticulate trip over their words, the Aitches and 'he wot done it, like' phrasing—they don't add value, they detract." / "We only need a few pundits, preferably that can speak good English with proper grammar." / "Oh yeah and don't forget the Alex Scott sob story sympathisers..." (Commenters about the BBC commentators at the Qatar World Cup.)

♦ It would be better perhaps if pundits and commentators had term limits: perhaps one time on air only would be best.

knowledge & intelligence: person

punt (verb)

punt to the courts

the strategy is to ~ and run out the clock (politics)

punted their decision back to him

they ~ (did not decide themselves)

punted on what to do

the Supreme Court ~

punted on a major test

the Supreme Court ~ (gerrymandering)

punt on the year

you can't ~ it wasn't going to get better (NBA coach fired)

♦ Scott Simon of NPR: Any one or two books you'd recommend for a teen to read this weekend? / Nick Higgins, chief librarian of the Brooklyn Public Library: Oh, huh, huh, yeah, for shore, for, for teens, uh ya know, listen, how 'bout I decide, I'm gonna punt on his one and say, "Listen, teens, read what you want to read. Don't let anyone tell you that the book you want to read is inappropriate or not for you..." ("Brooklyn Public Library makes banned books available to teens for free," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, August 27, 2022.)

♦ "WADA recommended banning the entire squad. Rather than act decisively, however, the IOC punted, asked individual sports federations to rule on each athlete's admission one by one." (The Olympics.)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: football / verb

punt (noun)

more of a punt than a (long-lasting) decree

the decision was ~ (Supreme Court)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: football

puny (adjective)

puny (bailout) mechanism

we must extend the euro's too ~

strength & weakness: health & medicine / size

puppet (control)

puppet

she was a ~ under his control

promoters run the shop, the guys in the ring are just ~s

puppet of the Left

he is the ~ (politics)

puppets on a string

Scott saw his men as ~ (negative criticism)

puppet master

some say he is a ~ of the news media (WikiLeaks)

he is the ~ of a brutal human-trafficking group

puppet rulers

Nazi ~ in Croatia killed thousands (Jasenovac)

♦ "Puppets behaving badly is not exactly new. Historically, raunch has been the rule, not the exception. / 'Puppetry around most of the world, until the 19th century wasn't for children,' says Eileen Blumenthal, theater professor at Rutgers University and author of the book *Puppetry: A World History*. 'In fact, a lot if it was pretty shocking... In the Middle Ages, one specialty of puppets became sex and violence.' / The classic Punch and Judy puppet shows were topical, political and very racy. It was a good way, in the 17th century, to poke fun at the crown and the church without getting your head chopped off. / 'Puppets have always been able to get away with things that live actors can't,' Blumenthal says. / Thinking of puppets as something for kids is a recent phenomenon..." ("A New Addition To The Long Tradition Of Puppets Behaving Badly" by Barry Gordermer, NPR, Morning Edition, August 24, 2018.)

control & lack of control: puppet / theater

unanimity & consensus: puppet / theater

puppet (sockpuppet / internet)

sock

I will not be coming back here as a ~ (Wiki editor)

sockpuppet

a sockpuppet is an online identity used for purposes of deception (Wikipedia)

computer / subterfuge: puppet

concealment & lack of concealment: puppet

puppet (as verb)

puppeting various narratives

we are ~ (Aaron Rodgers)

control & lack of control: part of speech / puppet

puppeteer (noun)

cast Murdoch as a ~, controlling British politics

they ~ through is partisan newspapers

control & lack of control: puppet

puppeteer (as verb)

puppeteered her into making

Merle ~ decisions... (versus her own free will)

♦ "There are moments when I fantasize that, one day, my children will ask me the question that Henry James's Isabel Archer asks Madame Merle, the woman who has puppeteered her into making the decisions Isabel believes she has made of her own free will..." ("The Mother Trap: Everyone's talking about 'mom rage,' but what is it?" by Merve Emre, *The New Yorker*, September 25, 2023.)

control & lack of control: part of speech / puppet

purgatory (noun)

travel purgatory

the wait for US passports is creating ~ and snarling plans

legal purgatory

he finds himself in ~ (waiting to face charges)

period of purgatory

he had been living in a ~ (pilot's crash kills at air show)

remain in purgatory

the refugees ~

stuck in this purgatory

nurses describe getting ~ (applying for state licenses)

♦ "Disappearance is more heartbreaking than death even, because it leaves people in a kind of purgatory, they're neither dead nor alive..." (NPR's Eyder Peralta, who seems to be obsessed with the lack of resolution and justice concerning the fate of "Mexico's missing students." See the Wikipedia article, "Iguala mass kidnapping." It is an extremely long and complicated article.)

♦ This word seems to mean "in between," being stuck in between two states or fates: heaven or hell; accused but not yet exonerated or convicted; accepted for asylum or not accepted for asylum, etc. It also has the connotation of waiting for one's fate to be decided.

situation: container / religion

action, inaction & delay / certainty & uncertainty /

environment / progress & lack of progress: religion

puritanism (noun)

puritanism versus our Latin culture

American ~ (France)

modern puritanism

his film rebels against our ~ about intoxication (Vinterberg)

rebels against (our modern) puritanism

his film ~ about intoxication (Thomas Vinterberg)

oppression / sex: history / religion

purity (sex)

purity culture

evangelical ~, or abstaining from sex before marriage

purity movement

the evangelical ~

♦ "He was criticized—and praised—earlier this year after he had issued a fatwa saying it was permissible for women to have reconstructive hymen surgery before marriage to conceal that they were no longer virgins. He said that since it was impossible to tell whether a man was a virgin, women should have the same option." (Egypt's grand mufti, Sheik Ali Gomaa, "A Compass That Can Clash With Modern Life," by Michael Slackman, *NYT*, June 12, 2007.)

♦ "Virginity is a very real issue for Egyptian women, as illustrated in the popular film 'The Wedding.' It tells the story of Abdullah and Gamila, a young couple who signed their marriage contracts years ago but couldn't

afford the marriage ceremony that would, by tradition, allow the union to be consummated. But the couple has been having sex all along... ("Artificial Virginity Device Sparks Backlash In Egypt," by Peter Kenyon, NPR, Oct. 13, 2009.)

♦ "If they think they can get a pure-hearted girl this way they are really mistaken. To me, the way people are taking virginity as a commodity these days is such a sad thing." (A Chinese woman, on the practice of very rich Chinese businessmen advertising for virgin brides, and then interviewing them.)

♦ "She can be in danger because sometimes it's a matter of traditions and family. I believe we as doctors have no right to decide for her or judge her." (An Arab doctor in Paris who performs hymenoplasty two or three times a week. The operation takes about 30 minutes under local anesthetic and costs 2,000 euros.)

♦ "The editor of Morocco's Al-Ahdath Al-Maghribia daily newspaper, Moktar el-Ghzioui, is living in fear for his life after he expressed support for pre-marital sex during a local television debate. / 'The next thing there was a cleric from Oujda releasing a fatwa that I should die,' he says. / According to article 490 of the penal code, Moroccans can be jailed for having sexual relations outside marriage. / This is based on Islamic law, which bans unmarried people from engaging in sexual activity... / A sociologist at the University of Mohammed V, Abdessamad Dialmy, argues that article 490 needs to be removed because human beings have the right to sex. / He says more and more unmarried couples are having sex because they are getting married much later... / Imam Hassan Ait Belaid who preaches at a mosque in the commercial capital Casablanca says article 490 is part of the culture of a non-Western society. / 'If the code is removed, we will become wild savages. Our society will become a disaster,' he says." ("Morocco: Should pre-marital sex be legal?" by Nora Fakim, BBC, 8 August 2012.)

♦ The boto is a dolphin that can transform itself into a human to impregnate impressionable young virgins. (The Amazon.)

♦ Purity applies to women, but not men.

♦ There is no religion below the navel.

sex: hygiene / materials & substances

purposeful (adjective)

purposeful

I make sure my use of technology is ~ (digital mindfulness)

♦ see also *intentional (adjective)*, *mindful (adjective)*

wants, needs, hopes & goals: target

consciousness & awareness: head

contempo-speak: language / mental health

purse (money)

purse of seventeen million dollars

a ~ (boxing match)

total purse

the ~ is at least \$475,000 (New York Marathon)

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

purse strings

controls the (family's) purse strings

he ~

controls the purse strings

Congress ~

his group ~ (a for-profit company)

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

pursue (afflict)

pursue her to her grave

racism and hatred would ~ (Hattie McDaniel)

pursue its lawsuit

the company retained the right to ~ if...

pursued a (ruinous) economic policy

he has ~ (a president)

affliction: animal / creature / verb

pursue (pursue a dream, etc.)

pursue it with (great) vigor

I intend to ~ (full investigation)

pursue their (own hidden) agendas

factions ~ outside of the law

pursue (both old and new) approaches

NASA will ~ simultaneously

pursue an (acting) career

he moved to Los Angeles to ~

pursue a (film) career

left her TV show to ~

pursue the case

the Pakistani government vowed to ~ (rape of girl)

pursuing a doctorate

he was ~ in computer sciences at...

pursue her dream

she quit her job to ~ of becoming...

pursue a dream

people who switched courses late in life to ~

pursue an education

it is in his interest to ~ in computers or technology

pursue my education

the thing that will make me happiest is to ~

pursue (higher) education

women who delay marriage to ~ and a career

pursued her goal

she ~ by studying...

pursue your interests

you can certainly find an hour a day to ~

pursue (other) interests

I want to have time to travel and ~

pursue its (own strategic) interests

the US should ~ (vs. high-minded goals)

pursuing (even quadruple) majors

students are ~

pursue these matters

but we'll ~ further to build on... (diplomacy)

pursue (military) objectives

army forces must ~ energetically

pursue opportunity

they left to ~ in California (black Okies)

pursue (new job) opportunities
the ability of workers to ~

pursue (other) opportunities
she resigned, saying the time had come to ~

pursue the opportunity
she encouraged him to ~ (of study abroad)

pursue all possibilities
he said investigators would ~ (blast)

pursue this
I think it's wrong to ~, we should let it drop

pursues his vision
Wangurri clan Elder Timothy Buthimang ~

pursue a film career
left her TV show to ~

whether to pursue
the lawyers will determine ~ further appeals

continue to pursue
and so we will ~ a relationship with Russia that...

aggressively pursued
if it had ~ an investigation (FBI / 9/11 terrorists)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

pursuit (in pursuit)

in pursuit of (economic) development
Native American tribes ~

in the pursuit of their duties
they are overzealous ~ (Saudi religious police)

in pursuit of goals
~ that are political, religious, or ideological (terrorists)

in pursuit of gratification
cybersex addicts risk jobs, marriages ~

in their pursuit of justice
rape victims often find cultural bias ~ (Mexico)

in the pursuit of knowledge
men swear off women ~

in pursuit of (various) objectives
~ (special operations)

in its pursuit of peace
Afghanistan has a long way to go ~

in our pursuit of victory
we will be relentless in our ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

pursuit (other)

pursuit to satisfy
her ~ the ticking biological clock

pursuit of excellence

it's what the ~ in his field requires (a doctor)

pursuit of happiness
freedom, equality, justice and the ~ (US)

pursuit of revenge
the ~ is a turn-on for men (brain studies)

pursuit of truth
the historian's supposedly disinterested ~

dangerous pursuit
climbing mountains can be a ~

noble pursuit
working for the homeless or some other ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

push (coercion and motivation)

push you on this
I do want to ~ (a pushy reporter)

pushing players in that direction
the NFL can't mandate it, but they are ~ (vaccinations)

pushed me to do better
he ~ (a teacher)

pushing each other to do things
but it's not like we're ever ~ (2 elite climbers)

push immigrants to drop out
critics say Regents English Tests ~

pushes for (speedy) elections
as the Bush Administration ~ (in Iraq)

push you around
don't let people ~

push myself
I'm a little scared but I'm gonna ~ (Sky Brown)

♦ "Ned, aren't you tired of letting people push you around... He's walking all over you... When are you going to stop being a pushover? When are you finally going to start sticking up for yourself?" (Ned's awful toxic girlfriend Patty in the 2003 film *School of Rock*.)

coercion & motivation: arm / gesture / force / verb
force: arm / gesture / verb

push (push comes to shove)

when push comes to (political) shove
corporate-led NGOs don't work ~

political shove
corporate-led NGOs don't work when push comes to ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: arm / force
force: arm

push (promote)

push the story
opinions ~ and facts are ignored (at NPR)

pushed the story
prominent right-wing media figures ~ (conspiracy)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: arm / verb

push (force)

pushed the Bath bombing out of the headlines
Lindbergh's triumphant flight ~

push a breed to extinction
economic forces can ~ (indigenous pigs, cows)

push one's enemy to the point of despair
one should never ~, because...

push them over the edge
just a tiny temperature rise can ~ (coral bleaching)

pushed religion too far
the Islamists ~ (a Somali)

pushing or suppressing
people wonder if the BBC is ~ agendas

force: arm / verb

push (push against, etc.)

push (hard enough) against Beijing's attempts
they didn't ~ to cover up its misinformation

resistance, opposition & defeat: arm / force / verb

push (a number)

pushing \$500
the price of gold is ~ an ounce

attainment: arm / number / verb

push (push somebody away, etc.)

push him away from me
I don't want to ~ (relationship)

avoidance & separation: arm / verb

push (summit push, etc.)

push for acceptance
the public ~ of its technology (Microsoft)

push for (Maori) rights
the ~ (New Zealand)

push for the summit
the final ~ began in the evening

summit push
in anticipation of a ~ the next day (K2)
waiting to begin the final ~ (Camp IV / Everest)

final push
the ~ for the summit began in the evening

next big push
the US retrenches for its ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

difficulty, easiness & effort: arm / force

push back (verb)

push back
they are preparing to ~

pushed back against the military's claim
he ~ of impropriety (a filmmaker)

resistance, opposition & defeat: arm / force / verb

pushback (noun)

pushback from Congress over the treaty
do you expect any ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: force / arm

pushed around

pushed around
we will not be ~ (tariff war)

**coercion & motivation / resistance, opposition & defeat:
arm / force**

pushed out

pushed out of better paid work into lower paid work
they were ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: force / arm

pusher (drug pusher, etc.)

world's drug pusher
they don't want to be seen as the ~ (Fentanyl)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: person

pushing (keep on pushing, etc.)

pushing the extremes
~ of calculational speed (a supercomputer)

pushing a quick pace
with Heras ~, they passed Jalabert (Tour de France)

pushing for an Islamic state
~ in Egypt

pushing for a place
~ in the cell-phone business

pushing yourself into unknown realms
adventure is ~

commitment & determination: arm / force

push on (verb)

pushed on
in spite of the insults, she ~

push on to Baghdad
just waiting for word to ~ (a US soldier)

♦ "I'll just keep pushing on, and I'll see how far I can take this..." (Anthony Joshua defeats Otto Walin in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.)

♦ "So I must push onward, for to stand still or to go back is out of the question, this would make things more difficult still, and in the end there

would be the necessity of beginning all over again." (*Dear Theo: The Autobiography of Vincent Van Gogh*, Edited by Irving and Jean Stone.)

resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance: force / journeys & trips / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

pushover (noun)

no pushover
the Iraqi Army was no ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: arm / force

pushy (people, etc.)

pushy
knowing how to be encouraging without being ~ (kids)

pushy parents
the problem of ~ in public schools

pushy people
don't let ~ affect your decisions

pushy stage mother
I'm not a ~

rude or pushy
scammers use ~ language to get you to act immediately

come across as pushy
or you'll ~...

behavior / character & personality / coercion & motivation: force / arm

put (put something back together)

put my life back together
I'm trying to ~

putting his life back together
he was just ~ after being sexually assaulted

put the talks back together
negotiators have been scrambling to ~

**resiliency: infrastructure / mechanism / verb
amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / mechanism / verb**

put (put something together)

put it together
nobody ~ (clues leading to a spy)

put these pieces together
when we ~, we have a better idea about...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle / verb

put (put somebody through something)

put me and my family through
I had to forgive the media for what they ~ (Bill Buckner)

affliction / oppression: mechanism

put off (verb)

putting it off
I've been ~ (making a plan)

action, inaction & delay: verb

putty (noun)

putty in the hands
students are ~ of all-powerful professors (sex abuse)

**control & lack of control: materials & substances
character & personality: materials & substances
creation & transformation: materials & substances**

put up with (verb)

put up with it
they are a nation of terrorists, and we won't ~

put up with this
enough is enough, I'm not going to ~

putting up with it
we're not ~ anymore in this country (politics)

**survival, persistence & endurance: verb
confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: verb
resistance, opposition & defeat: verb**

puzzle (problem)

puzzle
I'm happiest working on ~s (chemist)

puzzle-solving
there is ~ in all technical climbing

puzzles, riddles and real-life problems
solving ~ (forensic science)

complicated (racial and political) puzzle
the hearings presented him with this incredibly ~

piece of the puzzle
that was the ~ we needed (crime tip)
the findings are just one ~ and there is still a lot to learn

pieces of the puzzle
gather as many ~ as possible (investigation)

pieces of a puzzle
one agency can have ~ that another agency is missing

larger puzzle
it might be a key piece in the ~ that is emerging

unlock the (whole) puzzle
a tiny detail can ~ (police investigation)

♦ "There's a puzzle-within-a-puzzle, for the diehard puzzleheads." (The book *D C-7!* by Joana Avillez and Molly Young.)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation / complexity /
comprehension & incomprehension: picture / puzzle**

puzzling (adjective)

puzzling comment

not long after hearing this ~...

puzzling details

investigators were trying to make sense of some ~

puzzling disease

making some sense of this ~

puzzling news

this was ~ indeed...

comprehension & incomprehension: puzzle

pygmy (size)

pygmy goat

visitors pet ~s (at a zoo)

pygmy parrot

the ~ is so small it fits in a human hand (Madagascar)

size: person

pyramid (the Black Pyramid, etc.)

Black Pyramid

they traversed the ~, a gauntlet of exposed rock (K2)

proper name: shape

pyramid (hierarchy)

pyramid's apex

and at the ~ is "self-actualization" (Maslow)

food pyramid

apex predators at the top of the ~

tennis pyramid

it seemed impossible they could regain the tip of the ~

academic pyramid

a purge at the top of the ~ is essential (MIT, Harvard, etc.)

corporate pyramid

the path to the top of a ~ no longer looks desirable

economic pyramid

those individuals at the apex of the ~

apex of a (complex) pyramid

he was at the ~ of individuals... (crime)

bottom of the (football league) pyramid

I've had to start from the very ~ (Vardy)

tip of the (tennis) pyramid

it seemed impossible they could regain the ~

top of the (English Football) pyramid

Manchester City have finished ~

at the bottom of the economic pyramid

new jobs are coming ~ (poorly paid jobs)

at the top of the pyramid

the people ~ know exactly what they are doing (justice)

hierarchy: direction / history / shape

Pyrrhic victory (figurative)

Pyrrhic victory

the confidence vote may prove to be only a ~

♦ "If we are victorious in one more battle with the Romans, we shall be utterly ruined." (Attributed to Pyrrhus of Epirus, following the Battle of Asculum.)

♦ Once it could be expected that everyone who read or heard this allusion could be expected to understand it. No longer! Note the brackets in the following quotation, from an article on the BBC website about a Parliament vote of confidence: "I very much fear if Johnson does win tonight it will be a Pyrrhic victory [one that comes at great cost]."

♦ A variation is a *Hannibalic* victory, referring to Hannibal's famous victory over the Romans at the Battle of Cannae during the Second Punic War, which he failed to follow up on. Ultimately, he would be defeated.

♦ You can win the battle and still lose the war.

allusion: military

cost & benefit / resistance, opposition & defeat / success

& failure: allusion / history / military

Q

quagmire (noun)

quagmire of Vietnam

we're in the ~ (war in Afghanistan)

quagmire of (boxing) negotiations

the two camps are swimming through the ~

Libyan quagmire

Egypt might get sucked into the ~ (military intervention)

legal quagmire

it's a ~ that people are not think through (politics)

fear of a (Somalia-like) quagmire

~ which could have endangered US troops (Rwanda)

digging themselves deeper into the quagmire

they are ~ (an embattled regime fighting to survive)

obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land

progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land

quarantine (verb)

quarantine (suspicious) files into sandboxes

systems ~ (computing)

computer: health & medicine / verb

acceptance & rejection / avoidance & separation /

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine / verb

quarter (no quarter, etc.)

no-quarter kind of guy

Max is a ~ and Lewis... (F1 racing)

no quarter will be given

her display name is "~" (Chaedria LaBouvier)

ask for no quarter

I ~ and I bear no malice (Churchill / politics)

♦ “By contrast [to Nancy Spector], LaBouvier comes across as fierce and direct. On Twitter, her display name is ‘No Quarter Will Be Given.’” (Chaedria LaBouvier. From “The Scapegoat” by Helen Lewis, *The Atlantic*, November 2022.)

♦ “We fight hard, we play for keeps, we take no prisoners. We’ll get in the trenches and fight dirty.” (Greg Pruet, president of the Idaho Second Amendment Alliance, a gun-rights group.)

♦ “A man cannot change his feelings again during the last rush with a veil of blood before his eyes.” (Ernst Junger. Quoted in *On Killing* by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman. Close-quarters combat. Soldiers who resist to the final moment and then throw down their weapons and raise their hands may or may not be taken prisoner in the heat of battle.)

♦ see also *prisoner (take no prisoners, etc.)*

judgment / punishment & recrimination: military

quarter (the fourth quarter, etc.)

fourth quarter

during the ~... (final part of testimony)

♦ “During the fourth quarter I felt like the game got a little strange.” (Christine Blasey Ford, on *Fresh Air* in 2024, about her testimony at a congressional hearing. About the questions of one lawyer, Ford said, “I didn’t know how to respond to her.” Ford has a new book out and was talking with Terry Gross.)

time: sports & games

development: football / sports & games

timeliness & lack of timeliness: football / sports & games

queen (Queen of Soul, etc.)

Queen of method acting

Stella Adler was the ~ (Marlon Brando, etc.)

Queen of the Adriatic

the ~ is no stranger to flooding (Venice)

Queen of the English Channel

Alison Streeter, the “~,” has swum the distance 43 times

Queen of Crime

Agatha Christie, the so-called ~ (mystery writer)

queen of the Dolomites

dubbed the “~,” Marmolada rises about 11,000 feet...

Queen of Soul Food

Sylvia Woods, the ~ (Sylvia’s Restaurant in Harlem)

Queen of the Plata

Buenos Aires, ~

“Queen of Rock ‘n Roll

Tina Turner, widely referred to as the ~

“queen of the skies”

the Boeing 747, the ~, was the first jumbo jet

Queen of Soul

Aretha Franklin, the ~ (singer)

queen of her sport

she is the ~ in her country (speedskater)

superlative: epithet / person / royalty

epithet: royalty

queen (role)

queen bees

selecting ~ from the most productive colonies

beauty queen

the Georgia ~ is accused of murdering her boyfriend

Coffee Queen

she won the popular title of ~ (Argentina)

drag queen

~ theater

drama queen

see *drama (and drama queen, etc.)*

Festival Queen

Nicholas County Potato ~ (West Virginia)

opera queen

gimlet-eyed ~s

soap-opera queen

the ~ Susan Lucci

powwow queen

this year’s ~

homecoming queen

she was ~ her senior year (high school)

a gay student who ran for ~ caused a huge stir
students elected their first male ~ (university)

King and Queen

the coronation of a Geek ~ (Geek Prom)

kings and queens

homecoming, the American tradition featuring ~

call María Lionza the queen

devotees ~ (María Lionza religion / Venezuela)

superlative: person / royalty

person: royalty

queen (Dairy Queen, etc.)

Queen Elizabeth

the ~ is the third Cunard ship of that name

Queen Charlotte Islands

the ~, or Haida Gwaii (British Columbia)

Dairy Queen

Faisal found a job at ~

proper name: royalty

queen-size (and queen sized)

queen-size

a ~ bed

comparison & contrast: royalty / size

queer (collocations)

queer affection

displays of ~ (at Fifa 2023 Women’s World Cup)

queer Americans

~ were emerging... (AIDS)

queer animals
5 facts about ~ for Valentine's Day (NPR)

queer anthem
George Michael's ~ "Freedom"

Queer Appalachia
the artist collective ~

queer appeal
M3GAN, murder, and mass ~ ("It's Been A Minute")

queer audiences
~ deemed the scenes inauthentic (*Blue is the Warmest...*)

queer bardo
some kind of ~ for gay ghosts (*Blackouts* by Justin Torres)

queer canon
why *M3GAN* belongs in the ~ (the film)

queer chain
the next link in a ~ from Jan to Juan to nene to you

queer cinema
~ has come a long way since 1964

queer claim
he has staked a ~ to country music

Queer Commissioner
Germany appoints first ~

queer community
Muna (the band) represents all things joyful in the ~
Seattle's ~ is furious after gay bars were raided... (NPR)

Queer Communities
"How ~ Created Secret Languages" (Erica Brozovsky)

Queer Cosmos
~: *The Astrology of Queer Identities & Relationships*

queer cowboy
judges decide who is the best all-around ~ and girl (NPR)

Queer Ducks
what '~' can teach teenagers about sexuality (NPR)

queer (birth) experiences
childbirth educators specializing in ~

queer (bird) experts
we got to meet with ~ (Pattie Gonia / drag outdoor activist)

queer eye
~ for home design (Bobby Berk)

queer family
I want to thank my ~ (NBA award ceremony / books)

queer fiction
a cult writer and pioneer of ~ (James Purdy)

Queer Gym
~ honors queer people's existence

queer historian
as a ~, I'm... (the writer Hugh Ryan)
~s have had to flense details off a rotten mass of lies

queer history
he's passionate about teaching people ~
when ~ is "recovered" by white scholars (Hugh Ryan)

queer (NFL) history
"Carl Nassib made ~. Now he's stepping away..." (NPR.)

queer home
in his ~... (Hilton Als writing about the poet Thom Gunn)

queer identity
Bros offers laughs and commentary on ~ (the 2022 film)

queer (digital) intimacy
her writing is concerned with ecology, desire, and ~

queer joy
see *joy (groups)*

queer kids
Brave Trails is a summer camp for ~

queer liar
a slacker and occasional thief and ~ (Cristina Rivera Garza)

queer (mountain) lion
inside the mind of a ~ (*Open Throat* by Henry Hoke)

queer luminaries
her relationship to ~

queer moments
openly ~ at the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup shine...

Queer Novel
"A Radical ~ Challenges the Idea of History Itself"

queerophobia
a broad strategy to combat ~ (Germany)

queer pain
~, being left in the South (by Jewly Hight)

queer peers
the gay white man is more socially privileged than his ~

queer person
every ~ has a remarkable story (Meta VR advertisement)

queer poet
Tommye Blount is a Black, ~ from Detroit

queer (Guyanese Indian) poet
what resilience looks like for a ~

Queer (Birth) Project
Ellyn Wyman-Grothem, a member of the ~

queer refugees
hard-nosed Berliners and ~ (!)

queer rights
they were pioneers in getting us ~ (drag performers)

queer romance

the novel is a lush ~ (*The Violins of Saint-Jacques*)
 high profile femme women in ~s (women date women)

queer Seoulites
 ~ (*Love in the Big City* by Sang Young Park)

queer signifiers
 queerbaiting appropriates ~ as an aesthetic only

queer spaces
 Desi ~ (South Asians)

queer storytelling
 the future of ~

queer students
 ~ say they find comfort in the artwork (*middle school*)

queer theorists
 ~ and 'crip' theorists are at the cutting edge

queer (Gen Z TikTok) users
 ~ started a trend ("Do you listen to Girl in Red")

queer victimhood
 they aren't interested in ~ *Feme* (Bob Mondello review)

queer visibility
 as ~ increased in pop culture (*Basic Instinct*, etc.)
 ~ is growing around the world (Fifa Women's World Cup)

queer women
 ~ on their periods (Nolwen Cifuentes)

queer world
 a midcentury ~ that no longer exists (19th century U.S.)

queer competent
 it's basically impossible to find a ~ therapist in Missouri

queer-friendly
 Chelsea was a ~ place in the 1960s and 70s ("rent boys")

queer tastemakers, movers and shakers
 how ~ shaped the music of New Orleans

queer and pansexual
 I knew I was on the spectrum of ~

Queer and Trans
 the ~ Old-time Music Gathering...

queer and trans
 ~ youth plan march in the streets in 50 states

queer, questioning, father-haunted
 plays featuring ~ protagonists

openly queer
 having a drink in a space where it's safe to be ~

Semi Queer
 ~: *inside the World of Gay, Trans, Black Truck Drivers*

Country Queers
 the oral history ~

genderqueer
 the voices and presence of ~ folks

Open Throat is narrated by a ~ feline (by Henry Hoke)

poor, black and queer
 growing up ~ (the trifecta!)

invisibility of queers
 the wholesale ~

♦ Search for "queer" in "Not-So-Lone Rangers: Out In The Country All Year Long" (by Jewly Hight, NPR, Music, Editors' Picks, June 11, 2020), and you get 96 hits! Queer experts, queer storytellers, queer...

♦ "Eleven out of ten people are queer." (A queer boast about Palm Springs, California.)

♦ (1) Queer animals (2) queerness in the animal world (3) Queer is Natural (4) Questions, comments or thoughts on queer animal Love? Email us... Section titles are: "Banana slugs are hermaphrodites," "There's an all-female lizard species," "Clownfish switch genders," "Some deer are nonbinary," and "Bonobos make love, not war." ("Manny loves Cayenne. Plus, 5 facts about queer animals for Valentine's Day" by Selena Simmons-Duffin, Margaret Cirino, and Rebecca Ramirez, NPR, Short Wave, February 14, 2024.)

♦ "In Hollywood, cats have pronouns and this one's are they/them, making *Open Throat* the best book narrated by a genderqueer feline you'll read this year." ("*Open Throat* by Henry Hoke review—inside the mind of a queer mountain lion" by Rahul Raina, *The Guardian*, Fri 28 Jul 2023. "That voice—simultaneously innocent, world-weary, human alien, queer in all the senses of the word—is the book.")

♦ "I just rewatched the 1988 Christmas Special last night, and just the sheer queerness of it really jumps out. You've got Grace Jones and k.d. lang, and Little Richard, and if you were a weird kid, or a queer kid, or a weird queer kid, you were seeing so much weirdness and queerness on a G-rated kid's show, and you felt seen." (Stephen Thompson's tribute, from "Actor Paul Reubens, who created Pee-wee Herman, dies at 70," NPR, Morning Edition, August 1, 2023.)

♦ "I just want you to be prepared, not scared." ("Everything you need to know about Mercury going into retrograde in Gemini," ABC News, May 28, 2021. Astrologer and relationship expert Colin Bedell is the author of *Queer Cosmos: The Astrology of Queer Identities & Relationships*.)

♦ "Reclaiming The Queer Dance Floor" by Shawn Reynaldo, NPR Music, April 12, 2016.

♦ "Having language disputes was an interesting part of working on this story. A big argument I had, in fact-checking and copyediting, was like, 'Are we allowed to call Ben's penis a dick? Can I call it a dick, or is only Ben allowed to call it a dick? How many times can we say dick? When is saying dick serving the accuracy of someone's experience, versus being crass for the sake of being crass? / I err on the side of saying 'dick' as much as you want, because it's funny, and it's just how people talk. But the magazine said, 'Okay, you're going to get a certain number of 'dicks'—how are you going to deploy them accurately?'" ("Jamie Lauren Keiles Follows the Surgical and Philosophical Journey of Phalloplasty" by Celia Ford, July 26, 2022. Jamie Lauren Keiles' article, "How Ben Got His Penis," appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*.)

♦ "She looks like Elizabeth Olsen slash Amanda Seyfried, and she's very pretty, and she's like a little bit psychotic and mean, and you're just like, I don't know for other people, but I was like, I'm in love." (Alex Abad-Santos, a self-professed "flagrant homosexual." From "M3GAN, murder, and mass queer appeal," NPR, It's Been A Minute, January 17, 2023.)

♦ "We called ourselves the Gay Liberation Front, the word 'front' designed to be offensive. And that was our mood... This was a time when the American Psychiatric Association had just stopped listing homosexuality as a disease." (*My Own Country: A Doctor's Story* by Abraham Verghese.)

♦ "Dan Savage: Queer-on-Queer Glitter-Bombing Victim" by Alexander Abad-Santos, *The Atlantic*, November 3, 2011.

♦ "I think part of the reason why [Lil Nas X's] queerness was easier for some audiences to swallow is because his project was 'queer' in and of itself. This was a Black guy making a country hip-hop song. I'm talking queer here not in the sexuality context, but taking the literal definition of queer—something that is strange and unusual." (Author and scholar Mark Anthony Neal. From "'Thugs don't dance': iLoveMakonnen and Drake tested rap's norms of masculinity, but only one passed," NPR, Louder Than A Riot Season Two, May 4, 2023.)

♦ “More than 96 athletes in the 2023 Fifa Women’s World Cup are out today... [R]oughly 13% of the players in the 2023 World Cup identify as LGBTQ+. Outsports reports Australia leads the way with 10 openly gay players, which Jackie J dubs ‘The Gayest Team 2k23.’” (“Fifa 2023 Women’s World Cup: ‘Good, queer joy’ on and off the pitch” by Aileen Weintraub, BBC, 18th August 2023.” See also “Lisa De Vanna’s allegations highlight tensions in Australia’s *complex* [italics mine] football culture” by Samantha Lewis, ABC Australia, Analysis, Sport, 18 Oct 2021.)

♦ them The best of what’s queer Stay on top of LGBTQ+ news, movies, and advice Email Address By signing up, you agree to our user agreement including the class action waiver and arbitration...

♦ NOT SO LONG AGO: “I suppose the Quintin Hogg who won the Oxford election was the little squirt who was a fag when I left school...; Admittedly it is a queer kind of magnanimity...; I had the queer and rather pleasant experience of seeing...; it was a queer business...; Queerly enough, I am still...; Nothing is queerer than...; Magwitch belongs to the same queer class of characters as Falstaff and, probably, Don Quixote...” (George Orwell in his writings.)

♦ NOT SO LONG AGO: “But a fag happened to pass on an errand, and saw the spurt of blood, so the incident could not be hushed up / I jumped up, looked out of the window, and saw nothing except a fag-end smoking on the pavement / Sir, I came over queer all of a sudden, Sir. / Aye, they do play queer tricks / He went through the last push, Sir, and that sent him a bit queer / The town was gay / My relations with Raymond were comradely, not amorous; but in my fourth year I fell in love with a boy three years younger than myself, who was exceptionally intelligent and fine-spirited. Call him Dick...” (*Good-bye To All That* by Robert Graves.)

♦ NOT SO LONG AGO (various): “Oh, excuse me, what a queer fellow you are really!” / “They’re queer customers, the Appin Stewarts” / *Queer People* by Basil Thomson; “Robert was getting very little sleep and, according to Fergusson, he ‘began to get very queer’” / “You’ll have seen Picken’s letter—the man’s going mad...he has been going queer for many months past...” / “[Places] which has been given the reputation of being queer when it has been given out that any one has seen things...”; “‘Lyall,’ he said sharply, ‘does that guy’s uniform look queer to you?’” (World War II combat); “[His] present home is in a queer house in a remote street in Amritsar”; “This was formerly an Ass Patrol’s Post...”

*** analysis

♦ [Note: The linguist John McWhorter talks about the word “minority.” But his insight seems to apply to words like “queer” and “gay” and “straight” and many other words in English] “*Minority* in American English has taken on, via implications, a meaning quite far from what the word originally referred to... Word meanings drift as always, this time from referring to a proportion to referring to dark-complected people. ‘He’s a minority’—imagine how queerly illogical that sentence would sound to someone transported to our times from 1600. ‘A minority of what?’” (*Words on the Move* by the linguist John McWhorter, Chapter 2, “It’s the Implication That Matters: Words on the Move.”)

♦ see also *alphabet* (LGBTQ+), *LGBTQ+*

inclusion & exclusion: language / messaging

quest (in a quest)

in our (never-ending) quest to be
~ more, and do more

in the quest for peace
the deal was a necessary concession ~

in their quest for profits
companies often change business strategies in their ~

pursuit, capture & escape: Middle Ages

searching & discovery: Middle Ages

quest (on a quest)

on a (widely publicized) quest to ascend
she was ~ Everest

go on a (vision) quest

~ with the help of a medicine man

pursuit, capture & escape: Middle Ages

searching & discovery: Middle Ages

quest (other)

quest to ascend
her widely publicized ~ Everest ended in disaster

quest to become
she is 2 months into a ~ the youngest person to ...

quest to develop
in their ~ a vaccine effective for HCV

quest to find
the ~ the biggest, scariest wave (surfing)

quest to get
their ~ cheap AIDS drugs (India)

quest to honor
their ~ a man (Rocky Versace, Medal of Honor)

quest to observe
the ~ an extremely young moon is a lifelong one

quest to reach
in his ~ the largest possible audience (film)

quest to land
her ~ at the FBI was still up in the air

quest for answers
an almost three-year ~ (Columbine shooting)

quest for employment
his Ph.D. has not helped him in his ~

quest for Everest
her ~ (climber)

quest for identity
the ~ is a constant undercurrent in the Middle East

Quest for Immortality
the ~: Treasures of Ancient Egypt (exhibit)

quest for the moon
NASA’s ~ in the 1960s

quest for peace
the deal was a necessary concession in the ~
if the US stays steady in our ~ (Middle East)

quest for profits
companies will change business strategies in their ~

quest for self-understanding
transmute the violent impulse into a ~ (prison teacher)

quest for a (separate) state
the ~ (Uighurs)

quest for a (fourth Tour de France) title
his ~ (Lance Armstrong)

quest for (some elusive underlying) unity

our ~

quest for the mountain quail
my personal ~, a Code-2 bird (bird-watching)

quest for love, lust, adventure
one woman's ~

NASA's quest
~ for the moon in the 1960s

woman's quest
one ~ for love, lust, adventure

airlines' (decadelong) quest
~ to create frictionless travel

vision quest
go on a ~ with the help of a medicine man

never-ending quest
in our ~ to be more, and do more

widely publicized quest
she was on a ~ to ascend Everest

ceaseless quest
in the ~ to stake out bigger slices of the market

her quest
she isn't about to give up ~ anytime soon

personal quest
he was on a ~ to...

spiritual quest
jihad can also mean one's private ~

private spiritual quest
jihad can also mean one's ~

decadelong quest
airlines' ~ to create frictionless travel

century-long and decade-long quest
this ~ (genome achievements)

three-year quest
their ~ to impose dosage restrictions

start of their quest
the ~ to dethrone the champs (NBA)

exhaustive but fruitless quest
the ~ for a scientific basis for...

go on a (vision) quest
~ with the help of a medicine man

give up her quest
she isn't about to ~ anytime soon

made reliability its quest
Toyota ~

♦ "To dream the impossible dream / To fight the unbeatable foe / To bear with unbearable sorrow / To run where the brave dare not go." (The musical *Man of La Mancha*.)

pursuit, capture & escape: Middle Ages

searching & discovery: Middle Ages

question mark

question mark
he has got a lot of ~s (an athlete)
the ~ hovering over their rematch (boxing)
he left command of the ship with a ~ hanging over him

question mark over the evidence
so now there is a ~ of... (a criminal trial)

question marks around how
there are ~ the shoes... (alphaFLY)

question marks about him
there were a few ~ (a boxer)

massive question mark
and suddenly this ~ has been inserted (a trust issue)

♦ "Masks have been a question mark in public health, and now I think that question mark has been removed." ("Lawrence Wright on How the Pandemic Response Went So Wrong," *The New Yorker Radio Hour*.)

certainty & uncertainty: letters & characters

queue (sequence)

time queue
in the ~, earlier events are before later ones (linguistics)

sequence: line

quicksand (in / into the quicksand)

sentimental quicksand
but for Hanks, the movie would suck you down into ~

in the quicksand of organized crime
~, murder is an option for solving disputes

♦ "But for [Tom] Hanks, the movie would suck you down into sentimental quicksand." (*A Man Called Otto*.)

♦ "We reached the river about two in the afternoon. A stiff breeze was blowing off the sea, and the waves were noisily breaking on the beach, sucking back along the sand in a cloud of foam. From the mouth of the river a sand-bank stretched out to sea. Thoughtlessly I walked along it, when suddenly I felt a great weight tugging at my feet. I tried to retreat but to my horror found I could not stir from the spot. I was slowly sinking. 'Quicksands!' I yelled in an unnatural voice... (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

♦ Famous film "quicksand" scenes include *Lawrence of Arabia* and *Mountain Patrol: Kekexili*.

obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land

quiet (adjective)

gone quiet
the gangs have ~

went quiet
he left Serbia, we were in touch for a week, then he ~ (a migrant trying to get to the EU)

seek quiet
Israel does ~, with elections only a week away (fighting)

stay quiet
are we going to ~ as they turn back the clock (protest)

activity / conflict: sound

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

Quisling (Quisling of China, etc.)

quisling army

a ~ at the tail of the Japanese (Burma / led by Aung San Suu Kyi's father)

Petaín, the Laval, the Quisling

he became the ~ of China (Wang Jingwei)

♦ Wang Jingwei escaped his treason trial by dying in Japan in 1944, where he was receiving treatment for an old wound from an assassination attempt. Following Japan's defeat, his tomb in Nanjing was destroyed and his body was burnt.

♦ Benedict Arnold; Wang Jingwei; Vidkun Quisling; Pierre Laval; Philippe Petaín; William Joyce (aka Lord Haw-Haw)... (Notorious traitors.)

military: epithet

quit (as noun)

quit in you

if you've got the ~, there will always be doubt (boxing)

starting, going, continuing & ending: part of speech

quiver (noun)

quiver

we carry a whole ~ (of protection while climbing)

presidential quiver

he will use every arrow in his ~ to get his will

arrows in their quiver

they have more legislative ~ (politics)

♦ *Arrow, bow, and quiver* are three words from archery that are used figuratively.

amount / group, set & collection: weapon

Quixote (Don Quixote)

Don Quixote's lance

he is fighting globalization with ~ (US isolationism, etc.)

Quixote, (an obstinate) fanatic, a maniac

he is a ~ ("Neighbours" by Anton Chekhov)

medical Don Quixote

he became an academic *picaro*, a ~ (Paracelsus)

played Sancho Panza to Scott's Don Quixote

Wilson ~ (*The Last Place on Earth* by Roland Huntford)

tilting at windmills

he suggested that Trump is ~ (attributed to Xi Jinping)

♦ "Scott seemed as incomplete without Wilson as Don Quixote without Sancho Panza." (*The Last Place on Earth* by Roland Huntford.)

♦ "When Jehu was shot, Wilson noted in this diary, it was 'a good few miles further South than the lat. where Shackleton shot his first pony.' Wilson, playing Sancho Panza, to Scott's Don Quixote, had joined his master in his illusory battle with an imaginary foe." (*The Last Place on Earth* by Roland Huntford.)

♦ "From my childhood I remember Grandpa Alexander standing on the balcony in the early morning in his vest and bedroom slippers, beating the pillows like Don Quixote attacking the wineskins, bringing the carpet beater down on them repeatedly with all the force of his wretchedness or despair." (*A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz.)

♦ see also *tilt* (*world-title tilt, etc.*), *windmill* (*tilt at windmills, etc.*)

fantasy & reality: allusion / person

allusion: books & reading

quixotic (adjective)

quixotic

the endeavor is, needless to say, "~" (E-Prime / "to be")

quixotic ability

his ~ to extract himself from peril (James Weddell)

quixotic ambition

secondarily was this ~ that if... (a music project)

quixotic campaign

he finally ended his ~ for the GOP nomination this week

quixotic duty

he felt a ~ to save it (the Republican Party / Mitt Romney)

quixotic gesture

in a characteristically ~, he offered them a truce (Mehmet)

quixotic project

each of them pursued a ~ (two inventors)

quixotic run

Yang's ~ addressed the challenges of automation (election)

quixotic and self-destructive

his attempt seems utterly ~

crazy or quixotic

so maybe he wasn't ~ after all (an explorer)

♦ This adjective comes from *Don Quixote de la Mancha* by Cervantes, a surprisingly modern book for having been written so long ago. Quixote means different things to different people. The phrase "tilting at windmills," especially, can be viewed sympathetically or negatively.

♦ "At times, his attempt to start a farm seems like an act of love or intense passion, and at others, utterly quixotic and self-destructive." ("Lee Isaac Chung Jotted Down Some Family Memories—They Became 'Minari,'" NPR, Fresh Air, March 3, 2021. Presented by Arun Venugopal.)

♦ "He is a Quixote, an obstinate fanatic, a maniac" thought Pyotr Mihalitch..." ("Neighbours" by Anton Chekhov, translated by Constance Garnett.)

♦ See "A Gargantuan Error: Quixotic Is Not The Only Word From A Book Character," NPR, All Things Considered, September 10, 2015. With NPR's Robert Siegel and Professor Bruce Conforth of the University of Michigan. See "allusion: books & reading" in this work.)

♦ "The word "quixotic" seems to be in a huge number of languages." (NPR's Robert Siegel.)

fantasy & reality: allusion / person

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

quiz (verb)

quiz the heads of Google, Facebook and Twitter

the US Senate Commerce Committee will ~ about...

judgment: school & education / verb

quote (and quotes, quotation marks)

quote unquote

she was not in the ~ conversation (see quote below)

a ~ serious movie that did big box office (*Oppenheimer*)

scare quotes

our culture is skeptical of “greatness” (~ mandatory)

- ◆ “She was not in the quote unquote conversation.” (*New Yorker* writer Michael Schulman about the actor Andrea Riseborough and the 2023 Oscars.)
- ◆ Contemporary clichés—like *mindful*—sometimes appear in quotes, for the very good reason it is often hard to understand what the original user means.
- ◆ As one writer had a character say, “Much of life should have quotes around it.” (Frank’s ‘love’ for Betty Tran...)
- ◆ “[Lana] Del Rey, born Elizabeth Grant in New York, weathered a now-incomprehensible controversy about ‘authenticity’ (a word that, to paraphrase Nabokov, should only ever be in quotes) upon the 2011 release of her swooning, doomy single ‘Video Games.’” (“In Their Feelings: The indelible, indomitable voices of Miley Cyrus and Lana Del Rey” by James Parker, *The Atlantic*, April, 2023. Notice that *authenticity* is in quotes. James Parker is *not* George Packer.)
- ◆ “Use the modifiers anti-abortion or abortion-rights; don’t use pro-life pro-choice or pro-abortion unless they are in quotes or proper names. Avoid the term abortionist, which connotes a person who performs clandestine abortions.” (The Associated Press style book.)
- ◆ “Hawaii’s ‘overtourism’ becomes growing debate.” (ABC News. Notice that *overtourism* is in quotes.)
- ◆ “Maybe we all need some ‘sensitivity’ training.” (Notice that *sensitivity* is in quotes.)
- ◆ The term is coopted (and perhaps modified) by others groups. “Black lives matter” becomes “Blue lives matter,” “All lives matter,” “Black Dykes Matter,” etc. “Homophobia” becomes “hot phobia.” “Ghosting” becomes “zombie.” Doing anything “while black” morphs to NPR’s Selena Simmons-Duffin’s “Talking while Female.” The term is picked up by corporate advertisers, looking to appeal to specific groups and make profits. The term is used by aging news anchors, dowager readers, and ancient pundits. The term is used by politicians. The term is repeated from the pulpit. (Dialects are a major way everyone from corporations and pastors and military leaders and the like reach target demographics.) In the media, the term might be used first with quotes, but later the quotes will be dropped. The term begins to occur in the captions of cartoons: a real estate agent showing an apartment to a hip young couple says, “The refrigerator isn’t just smart, it’s woke!” (*The New Yorker*.) Finally, the term becomes a porn category: “Lesbian ASMR,” etc.... (The stages of linguistic cooption that weaves a cliché into the fabric of society.)
- ◆ A FUNNY CARTOON. Three yuccie types are sitting at a table in some trendy “space.” The unattractive but intense black-haired woman is saying, “O.K., so ‘maybe’ I don’t ‘understand’ how air quotes ‘work.’” Of course, she is making air quotes as she speaks, with fingers like claws. From *The New Yorker*, June 5, 2023. You can just hear her overenunciating. Funny! The cartoon is signed Slaut.
- ◆ see also *vocabulary (and language / words / groups)*

language: letters & characters

R

rabbit hole (fantasy)

rabbit hole

the Percocet could have sent her down a ~

rabbit hole of conspiracy theories

simply typing “federal reserve” led students down a ~

rabbit-hole quality

this obsessive, ~ can make the show feel almost manic (a “deep-dive” podcast)

conspiracy theory rabbit hole

LA yoga influencer who went down the ~ (Katie Griggs)

populist rabbit hole

the country is diving down a ~ (Czech Republic)

burrowed into an anti-vax rabbit hole

people who have ~

digging (deep) rabbit holes

they are dispensing wild theories and ~ (tabloid press)

diving down a (populist) rabbit hole

the country is ~ (Czech Republic)

fall down the rabbit hole

how did people like Lopez ~ (bogus COVID cure)

follow Trump down the rabbit hole

when people ~, that’s when we lose (a Democrat)

jump down this rabbit hole

maybe I need to ~ (Abby Wendle, *Invisibilia*)

leads him down a rabbit hole

the quest ~ to strange uncanny places (Reply All podcast)

lead people down these rabbit holes

the algorithm can ~ to extremism (YouTube)

leap down rabbit holes

when you ~, you start seen rabbit holes everywhere...

pushed her down a dangerous rabbit hole

Instagram ~ (eating disorder leads to teen suicide)

sent me down a rabbit hole

it ~ that lasted for 20 years (Tom O’Neill about his book)

sent you down the rabbit hole

let’s go back to the question that ~

went down the rabbit hole

she ~ of the alt-right to embrace an ideology of hate

◆ “I didn’t jump in, I got pulled into the rabbit hole.” (An online feud.)

◆ “I’ve been researching and writing and talking about this now for 30 years, and, over that period, I’ve gone very very deep in the rabbit hole.” (David Icke, conspiracy theorist.)

allusion: books & reading

fantasy & reality: addiction / allusion / animal / books & reading / hole / mental health / person

rabbit hole (exploration)

rabbit holes

~ leading to music you won’t find elsewhere (bandcamp)

rabbit hole of information

I feel down this ~ (a novelist about his new book)

informational rabbit hole

clicking on the links would propel me down an ~ (Title IX)

Internet rabbit hole

following a browser down some weird ~ (surfing)

sent me down a rabbit hole

it ~ of looking up old videos on YouTube

trapped in that rabbit hole

they have a website and I got ~ last night

♦ “You can go down the YouTube rabbit hole following Carroll Shelby. I lived down there for a while.” (Matt Damen talking about his role in the film *Ford v Ferrari*.)

♦ “She intends to take this trial down a number of unnecessarily salacious rabbit holes.” (Lawyers for Johnny Depp about Amber Heard.)

searching & discovery: allusion

rabid (enthusiasm)

rabid fans

~ that make for a true sports town

rabid (sports) fans

Philadelphia is full of ~

rabid support

he has the ~ of his base (politics)

enthusiasm: health & medicine / mental health

rabid (behavior)

rabid animals

they are ~ that should all be put down (looting and arson)

rabid crowd

he did not look very comfortable in front of that ~ (boxer)

rabid defenders

he has many ~ (Bill Cosby)

rabid supporters

there are many ~ of death for blasphemy (Pakistan)

♦ “When I have a mad dog in my yard there is only one solution.” (A comment on a discussion board about a heinous murderer.)

♦ Calpurnia: Scout, Jem, come on inside. Come on, come on! (Inside, on the phone.) Mr. Finch, this is Cal. I swear to God there’s a mad dog down the street a piece. He’s coming this way! (From the beloved film of *To Kill a Mockingbird* starring Gregory Peck. In a very dramatic scene, Mr. Finch shoots the mad dog and Jem learns something about his father that he hadn’t known.)

♦ “And then a cousin died. This was the first death in our joint family, and it left me desolate. I was about seven years old... / This is the story she told on her return, and it is permanently etched in my head: It was the afternoon of a very hot day, and most of the household in Delhi were napping. She was sitting alone on the long front veranda when she noticed a stray dog with a strange gait meandering down the front drive. The next thing she remembers is hearing screaming and sounds of a struggle. She ran through the opening in the henna hedge into the south courtyard. There, in front of the bedroom of my middle uncle, Shibbudada, was the dog, growling, frothing at the mouth, and clutching Brijesh’s hand. She tried to shake the hand free, but the dog’s teeth were firmly embedded around Brijesh’s thumb, so it took a while. In the meantime, she yelled for help, but not before getting a lot of blood on herself as well. Family and servants came running, and the dog was ultimately captured for examination in case it had rabies. / Lalit and my father left for Kanpur. It was in Kanpur that we got the call from Delhi saying that the dog did have rabies, that Brijesh was getting his rabies injections, and that Lalit should get them, too. / Lalit got her shot at the hospital on the way to school. I would go in with her. She would have to lie down and expose her stomach. The biggest, thickest needle would be poked slowly right into her soft belly. The medicine went in slowly, too. Her face expressed her agony, but she did not make a sound. I wanted to cry for her but did not dare. It seemed to take forever. I would think of Brijesh, too. He was so much younger. The same would be happening to him. / [L]ater, we learned that Brijesh had rabies and that he was in a hospital. The injections had not worked for him. It happened sometimes, they said. We got daily reports from Delhi. It was an agonizing death, they said, complete with hydrophobia and all the havoc that rabies wreaks. He cried for water but could not swallow a single drop.” (*Climbing The Mango Trees: A Memoir Of A Childhood In India* by Madhur Jaffrey. A wonderful remembrance of India by a wonderful writer.)

♦ “On a day in October in 1831, a nine-year-old boy ran frightened away from the edge of a crowd that blocked the door of the blacksmith shop of a village in the mountains of eastern France. Above the awed excited whispers of the people at the door this boy had heard the crackling “s-s-s-z” of a white hot iron on human flesh, and this terrifying sizzling had been followed by a groan of pain. The victim was the farmer Nicole. He had just been mangled by a mad wolf that charged howling, jaws dripping poison foam, through the streets of the village. The boy who ran away was Louis Pasteur, son of a tanner of Arbois and great-grandson of a serf of the Count of Udressier... (*Microbe Hunters* by Paul De Kruif. The chemist Louis Pasteur would go on to develop the rabies vaccine.)

♦ “A Norwegian woman has died after contracting rabies from a stray puppy in the Philippines. / Brigitte Kallestad, 24, was on holiday with her friends when they found the puppy on a street, her family said in a statement. / The puppy is thought to have infected her when it bit her after they took it back to their resort. / She fell ill soon after returning to Norway, and died on Monday at the hospital where she worked. / It was the first rabies-related death in Norway for more than 200 years. / Her family are calling on Norway to make rabies vaccinations compulsory for citizens traveling to the Philippines.” (“Norwegian woman dies from rabies after Philippines puppy bite,” BBC, 10 May 2019.)

♦ “Cindy Marabito runs a pit bull rescue out of her home in Austin, Texas... [She] is one of many pet owners with canine vaccine hesitancy. According to a recent survey out of Boston University, 53 percent of U.S. dog owners question if the rabies vaccine is safe, if it works, or if it’s useful.” (“Vaccine hesitancy affects dog-owners, too, with many questioning the rabies shot” by Pien Huang, NPR, Morning Edition, October 12, 2023.)

♦ “I didn’t really realize that rabies was still a thing in the U.S., to be honest.” (Emily Mullin, a science reporter. From “To control rabies in wildlife, the USDA drops vaccine treats from the sky,” NPR, Short Wave, November 1, 2023.)

behavior: animal / dog / health & medicine / wolf

rabidly

rabidly intolerant

they are ~ of Israel

rabidly misogynistic

the ~ agenda (politics / culture wars)

rapidly opposed

Republicans ~ the legislation

behavior: animal / dog / health & medicine / wolf

race (the term raced to its end, etc.)

raced to its end

as the term ~ (university)

race toward an election

as we ~ in November...

time: movement / speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

race (hurry)

racing to develop

scientists around the world are ~ a vaccine (COVID)

racing to take credit

politicians are ~ for the initiative

**movement: speed / verb / walking, running & jumping
competition / speed: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

race (politics)

race in Hawaii

an all-female ~ (for governor)

race for the White House

the quadrennial ~

all-female race

an ~ in Hawaii (for governor)

closely fought race

other ~s just outside Washington

closely watched race

in the most ~ in Virginia (politics)

quadrennial race

the ~ for the White House

in the (most closely watched) race

~ in Virginia (politics)

government: sports & games

competition: government / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

race (arms race)

arms race

the ~ and mutual misunderstanding

arms race of fantasy economics

the ~ is well underway (promises of tax cuts / politicians)

arms race between variants and vaccines

we have an ~ (COVID)

arms race with spammers

this has been a bit of an ~ (CAPTCHAS)

arms race to build plush new dorms and stadiums

Berea College has opted out of the college ~

regional arms race

Southeast Asia is facing a ~

technological arms race

the stock market has become a great ~ (electronic)

spark a (technological) arms race

the Vaporfly shoe could ~ before this summer's Olympics

competition: allusion / history / military / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

race (competition)

race between vaccination and the virus

it's a ~

race to build

the ~ computer chips out of individual molecules

race-to-the-moon

the glorious ~ days

arms race

see *race (arms race)*

♦ "So, in some respects, it's kind of like a race between the potential for a surge and our ability to vaccinate as many people as we possibly can. And hopefully, if you want to make this a metaphorical race, the vaccine is going to win this one. Which I believe it will, if we continue with the vaccine program, which has really been quite successful, at the same time as we don't prematurely declare victory and pull back too much on our mitigation policy." ("Dr. Anthony Fauci Does Not Expect A 4th Coronavirus Wave To Hit The U.S.," NPR, Morning Edition, April 2, 2021.)

competition: movement / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

race (race to the bottom)

race to the bottom

we are engaged in a ~ (two states wooing companies)

decline: direction / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

race (race against time, the clock, etc.)

race against time

saving endangered animals is often a ~

we are in a ~ (disaster relief)

State of Terror features a classic ~ (against terrorists)

race-against-time

it's a classic ~ film

in a race with the clock

we are ~

race against time, it's a race against the clock

it's a ~ to get these animals refloated (stranded whales)

race is on

the ~ to save the Gulf (oil spill)

competition / timeliness & lack of timeliness: sports & games / walking, running & jumping

race (groups)

race-hustlers

the seemingly endless line of ~

Race Man

Max Yergan: ~, Internationalist, Cold Warrior (book)

~: *The Collected Works of Julian Bond, 1960-2015*

race man

Hansberry was a real-estate speculator and a proud ~

race science

~ isn't going away any time soon (*The Guardian*)

race thing

not making it a ~, but... (a black person)

race and identity

~ become paramount... (Uri Berliner at NPR)

southern European races

nearly all English children were brought up to despise the ~

♦ "I want a home here not only for the Negro, the mulatto, and the Latin races; but I want the Asiatic to find a home here in the United States, and feel at home here, both for his sake and for ours." (Frederick Douglass, in 1869.)

♦ “AFFAIRS IN MINNESOTA / Movements of the Hostile Sioux Indians / ...They rushed on to the camp with that unearthly scream and yell peculiar to their race... This shouting is done on purpose to terrify their opponents, and give them an exaggerated idea of their strength. Whatever the strength of the assaulting party was, it is sufficient to say they were repulsed, but not before they had killed one enlisted man of the Seventh Minnesota Volunteers, and one boy. Two women were wounded and three or four men...[The] Indians carried away with them several horses. Col. Miller, upon being informed of this unfortunate event, immediately sent a force of well-mounted cavalry in pursuit, and the redskins are captured they will be summarily dealt with. This outrage has again stricken the inhabitants of the border settlements with terror, and many are fleeing from an expected crusade of the savages...” (Correspondence of the *New-York Times*, May 1, 1863.)

♦ “VII—Relations Between Germans and Japanese. The survivors of *Alsterufer* were scandalized [by how] they had been treated by the Japanese in the Far East... The Japanese considered themselves at war with all the white races... Measures were merely to emphasize the racial superiority of the Japanese... British and American prisoners were treated so abominably that their plight aroused the pity of the Germans... German and Dutch women had been herded into a camp without any means of subsistence [in the hope that] they would eventually agree to enter Japanese brothels... It was the hope of every Japanese officer to keep a Dutch or German mistress so that he might satisfy his race-consciousness... White women and half-castes were reserved for the Japanese [while] visiting Germans had to be content with native girls... The First Mate, a loyal German, [said] he was bitterly ashamed that they were the Allies of his country.” (SS *Alsterufer* interrogation Report Transcribed from the National Archives record ADM 186/809. E&OE. The blockade runner was sunk at 46 06 N and 19 10 W on its return trip to France after visiting various ports in the Far East. World War II.)

♦ “They were wrestling and laughing and talking just like normal human beings and yet they gave me the creeps and I wanted a mental bath after looking at them.” (Ernie Pyle on seeing Japanese prisoners of war for the first time.)

♦ “As I watched large numbers of surrendered soldiers, I feel like I'm watching filthy water running from the sewage of a nation which derives from impure origins and has lost its pride of race.” (A Japanese wartime writer on seeing US prisoners of war for the first time.)

♦ “Admiral Halsey says ‘Kill Japs, Kill Japs, Kill More Japs.’ You will help kill the yellow bastards if you do your job WELL.” (A billboard sign on a hillside on Tulagi Island, the Solomon Islands, July 1943. Admiral Halsey was William “Bull” Halsey, Jr.)

♦ “This snow and cold are very good. In this way our good-for-nothing Italians, this mediocre race, will be improved.” (Mussolini in late December, 1941.)

♦ “The care and consideration shown for the wounded by the natives has won the complete admiration of the troops. With them, the black-skinned boys are white.” (Australian troops fighting the Japs in New Guinea during World War II. See *Kokoda Front Line* (1942).)

♦ “Now in Inja's sunny clime, / Where I used to spend my time / A-servin' of 'Er Majesty the Queen, / Of all them blackfaced crew / The finest man I knew / Was our regimental bhisti, Gunga Din!” (“Gunga Din” by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ “A man should, whatever happens, keep to his own caste, race and breed. Let the White go to the White and the Black to the Black. Then, whatever trouble falls is in the ordinary course of things—neither sudden, alien nor unexpected.” (“Beyond The Pale” by Rudyard Kipling, 1888. Compare Kipling's affecting and cautionary story with NPR's Lauren Frayer and her breezy NPR podcast, “Love Commandos.” Freyer is controversial in India.)

♦ “People used to be defined by 3 things: Race, Creed, and Color... that's what we were taught in the 60's-70's.” (An online commenter about Whoopi Goldberg's claim that the Holocaust wasn't about race.)

♦ “As humans, we are obsessed with race.” (The actor Idris Elba.)

♦ “I've always referred to myself as ‘mixed race’, but apparently that's not correct anymore—but to call myself ‘black’ would be to deny my mother. There are so many boxes you can put yourself in and the part of the Venn diagram where they overlap is probably who you are.” (The actor Nina Sossanya.)

♦ “Not making it a race thing, but that's the sentiment.” (A Black person who claims that white people want Deion Sanders to fail. For those who might not know, Deion Sanders is a famous sports figure.)

♦ “Yes I do we have a rule of law. Unintentionally killing someone is manslaughter you brought race into this. Ones Canadian ones usa so both not natives here. We don't have the same racial bias as you do...” (An online commenter about “How the Racist Treatment of Matt Petgrave Hurts Black Hockey Players by Isi Frank Atvie, *Chicago Defender*, December 4, 2023.)

♦ “Whatever actually happened, Higgins, being an *American* [italics mine], went home and returned brandishing a gun. He was arrested by Ann Arbor police...” (Robert Higgins, partner of Gayl Jones, the Black writer. From “No Novel About Any Black Woman Could Ever Be the Same After This” by Calvin Baker, *The Atlantic*, September 2020. Higgins ended up cutting his own throat and dying in a standoff with the police.)

♦ “Woman charged with attempted arson of Martin Luther King Jr. birthplace in Atlanta.” (Associated Press. Thankfully, Laneisha Shantrice Henderson, 26, was stopped to two good Samaritans.)

♦ “Max almost seems blacker than you, Stephen A.” (Terrell Owens. “Max” is Max Kellerman, who is white. “Stephen A.” is Stephen A. Smith, who is Black. Terrel Owens is Black. And the NFL player they were discussing, Colin Kaepernick, the product of a white mother and Black African father, grew up with his mother.)

♦ “Across more than 170 pages, this damning report outlines how vulnerable victims were repeatedly marginalized and let down. The review found that police had repeatedly failed to properly investigate allegations of the sexual abuse of white girls by gangs of men, mainly of Pakistani and Afghan heritage.” (North of England reporter Rowan Bridge. From BBC Six O'Clock News, 15/01/2024. The report referred to is the “Independent assurance review of the effectiveness of multi-agency responses to child sexual exploitation in Greater Manchester, Part Three, The review into Operation Span and the investigation of non-recent child sexual exploitation in Rochdale” by Malcolm Newsam CBE and Gary Ridgway, January 2024. See also the Wikipedia article, “Rochdale child sex abuse ring.” Or, “The heroes who helped bring down the Rochdale grooming gangs” by Frankie Elliott, *Daily Mail*, 16 January 2024. Or “The Betrayed Girls: The Rochdale Scandal—2017 Documentary.”)

♦ “It was IRELAND it was typical DRUNK VIOLENT IRISH MEN. / It's the history of IRELAND. Violent drunks.” (An online commenter, about an assault on an American tourist in Ireland.)

♦ A FUNNY JOKE. Question: “Why did God invent whiskey?” Answer: “So the Irish wouldn't rule the world!”

♦ “This is a messed up world we live in. Even whales are getting mixed up in race incidents.” (A snarky posting about orcas attacking a yacht in the Strait of Gibraltar during The Ocean Race.)

♦ “No vices are peculiar to any time; this world has been vicious from the dawn of history, and every race has reeked with sin.” (“COLUMBUS” by Ambrose Bierce, 1892. The full quote mentions notable exceptions.)

*** analysis

♦ MULATTO, n. A child of two races, ashamed of both. (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

racial (groups)

racial aspects

the fraught ~ of horse racing in U.S. history

racial bias

the law seeks to eliminate ~ from the justice system (CA)
~ in the media (unarmed whites killed by cops)

racial disparities

COVID's ~

racial divides

LA's ~—and solidarity (NPR / Latinos vs. Blacks)
the scandal has exposed ~ in this multicultural city (LA)

racial dynamics

the ~ at play (in the U.S.)

racial equity
 questions of ~ abound

racial (homeownership) gap
 zero-down payment loans to close the ~

racial harm
 employees who have experienced ~ (DEI)

racial hatred
 she likes to stir up ~ (a critic of MSNBC's Joy Reid)

racial heckling
 there is no evident fans engaged in ~

racial issues
 let's face it ~ are trending (the media)

racial justice
 the link between ~ and climate change
 ~ activists are upset about...
 readability of healthcare forms is a ~ issue
 the group addresses the intersection of homelessness and ~
 how struggles for ~ liberate everyone

racial (fault) lines
 the scandal highlights the ~ of a very diverse city (LA)

racial makeup
 the ~ of the city changed

racial privilege
 it exemplifies snobbery, stuffiness, and ~ (classical music)

racial slur
 neither the referee nor the on-field officials heard a ~
 videos of him using ~s came to light
 he shouted ~s, fatphobic and sexually explicit remarks
 Bongsi Mbonambi accused of ~ (2023 Rugby World Cup)

racial tensions
 corporate journalists capitalize on ~ (in the U.S.)

racial weirdness
 the ~ of *Aloha* (the 2015 film)

racial and ethnic
 OMB's standards for ~ data

historical, racial and intergenerational
 the negative impacts of ~ on her mom (Cambodian)

♦ "In *Aloha*, Ema Stone plays Allison Ng, who's supposed to be of Hawaiian, Chinese and Swedish descent." ("Here's What People Are Saying About Racial Weirdness in 'Aloha'" by Maanvi Singh, NPR, Code Switch, June 2, 2015.)

♦ "BYU apologizes to a banned fan, saying it found no proof they yelled racial slurs" by Bill Chappell, NPR, Race, September 14, 2022.

♦ "Racial" can be used in two completely opposite ways. One is neutral: racial data, etc. The other is polemical and inflammatory: racial justice, racial injustice, etc.

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

racialize (groups)

racialize
 when you ~ an issue... (education)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection / verb

racialized (groups)

racialized
 people who were ~, discriminated against, prohibited...
 how Latinos have been ~ in South Texas, specifically
 the way fatness is ~ (sociologist Sabrina Strings)

racialized as non-white
 French North Africans are ~ (Dr. Crystal Marie Fleming)

racialized (STEM) education
 how ~ stifles innovation

Racialized Trauma
My Grandmother's Hands: ~ (Resmaa Menakem)

racialized and gendered
 the ~ tensions of adolescence (*Poukahangatus*)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

racially (groups)

racially balanced
 the show has a ~ (theater)

racially-charged
 the ~ slur

racially fetishy
 if it smells ~, it probably is (Sisonke Msimang)

racially marginalized
 she was ~ by others in the NAACP (South Asian)
 I investigate what it means to be ~ while minoritized...
 people from poor, immigrant, and ~ communities

racially insensitive
 the family intends to sue over its "~" handing of the case

racially problematic
 how the Beatles and bird names are ~ (NPR)

racially reductive
 the hostile and ~ critique of the show (*Yellowstone*)

racially and sexually
 while the supporting cast is both ~diverse... (2022 *Bros*)

♦ "If it smells racially fetishy, it probably is." (Sisonke Msimang. *When a white man tells a Black woman she is beautiful.*)

♦ "There's an unspoken consensus about the stories we should pursue and how they should be framed... The mindset animates bizarre stories—on how the Beatles and bird names are racially problematic, and others that are alarmingly divisive; justifying looting, with claims that fears about crime are racist; and suggesting that Asian Americans who oppose affirmative action have been manipulated by white conservatives." ("I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust" by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

racism (groups)

racism concerns
 WHO renames monkeypox over ~

racist conscience
 the ~ of America (Eldridge Cleaver, *Soul on Ice*)

racism row
the ~ engulfing Australian netball (an indigenous player)

racism scandal
Los Angeles, where a ~ has engulfed city hall (2022)

racism and linguicism
the broad impact of ~ on the ELT profession (TESOL)

racism and privilege
the bill limits discussion of ~ in classrooms, workplaces

racism, sexism, classism and elitism
~ are widespread in cricket (BBC / the ICEC Report)

institutionalized racism
he condemned affirmative action as ~ (academia)

antiracism
decolonization, DEIA, and ~ in ELT (TESOL 2023)

anti-white racism
he had a history of ~ on social media (Darrell Brooks)

space racism
~ associates black neighborhoods, or spaces, with violence

environmental racism
the U.N. called it “~” (“Cancer Alley” / Louisiana)
advocates say ~ is to blame for Jackson water crisis (MS)
he decries ~ (the EPA’s Michael Regan)

historical racism
figures linked to ~ or oppression

modern racism
the left is the home of ~ (MSNBC, etc.)

royal racism
where is their proof to support their charge of ~

scientific racism
many Nobel Laureates have expressed ~
~ hasn’t gone away (*The Guardian* newspaper)

structural racism
he speaks with Ibram X. Kendi about ~
~ underpins the US healthcare system (Linda Villarosa)

systemic racism
he pledged to root out ~ (President Biden)
how ~ shaped George Floyd’s life
state lotteries are the most neglected example of ~ (NPR)
hair discrimination is rooted in ~ (NAACP)
it’s kind of a big thing to say America is infected with ~

woke racism
linguist John McWhorter on how to combat the harms of ~

accusation of racism
Lady Susan Hussey has stepped down after an ~

acts of racism
nobody should feel guilt for historical ~

experiences of racism
members share ~ (Girl Guides of Canada)

culture of racism
a Black patient bled to death because of a hospital’s ~

colorism and racism
~ exist among Latinos from every country

misogyny and racism
Till director Chinonye Chukwu calls out ~ after Oscar snub

misogyny, classism and racism
Senator Tiara Mach dismissed criticism as ~ (twerking)

trauma and racism
a young adult love story that explores intergenerational ~

violence, racism and transphobia
police ~ (on the island of Bali)

racism exists
so we know that ~ (poet Jillian Hanesworth)

blames racism
‘Selling Tampa’ is canceled, cast ~ for decision (Netflix)

dismissed some European criticism as racism
officials have ~ (FIFA World Cup in Qatar)

know racism
we as Black people, we ~ (NBA great Charles Barkley)

♦ “When it comes to identifying and ending systemic racism we can be agents of change...” (NPR’s CEO John Lansing.)

♦ “We need you to talk. We need you to stop sitting around the dinner table acting like everything’s great because it’s not. Just because you aren’t experiencing it doesn’t mean it’s not happening. Your role in this is to help change the system.” (Jillian Hanesworth’s advice to white people about systemic racism. From “Buffalo’s poet laureate calls for change” by Raquel Maria Dillon, NPR, Race, May 17, 2022.)

♦ “John James Audubon’s racism is the albatross rotting around the necks of those who would hold him in reverence. It is past smelling foul and beginning to reek.” (“What Do We Do About John James Audubon?” by J. Drew Lanham. Which begs the question, “What Do We Do About J. Drew Lanham?” The answer: give him a MacArthur Genius Award. See the Wikipedia entry “J. Drew Lanham.” “This article may be in need of reorganization to comply with Wikipedia’s layout guidelines.”)

♦ “The husband of a Black woman who died hours after childbirth in 2016 sued Cedars-Sinai Medical Center on Wednesday, saying she bled to death because of a culture of racism at the renowned Los Angeles hospital.” (“Lawsuit says a Black patient bled to death because of a hospital’s culture of racism,” NPR, Health, by the AP, May 5, 2022.)

♦ A relatively recent trope about racism in the US is the idea of “weathering.” That’s the idea that racism “weathers” people, affecting their health, etc., in ways that are not equitable. Black Americans “live sicker and die quicker.” Arline Geronimus of the University of Michigan coined the term for chronic stress.)

♦ “She doesn’t have the complexion for protection.” (Black criticism of media coverage of victims of crime.)

♦ John McWhorter’s article, titled “The Dictionary Definition of Racism Has to Change” (*The Atlantic*, June 22, 2020), is interesting. In it he says we need a “3.0 definition of racism based on “sociopolitics” and “a usage...that one often acquires in college classes in the social sciences.” This raises at least three points. (1) There is absolutely nothing in a dictionary that prevents McWhorter or anyone else from expressing ideas about racism; his use of the combining form “socio” with “politics” to coin “sociopolitics” proves it. My computer spellchecker marks “sociopolitics” as an error. “Sociopolitics” is not recognized by Merriam-Webster or the online Oxford Learner’s Dictionaries. If you type “sociopolitics” into search at Wikipedia, you are directed to a long article at “Political sociology.” (2) If such a 3.0 definition is included at Merriam-Webster as a new sense, it should be identified as “aggrieved group,” just as lexicographers tag certain words or senses as “biology,” “archaic,” “colloquial,” “substandard,” “slang,” etc. (3) No person interested in words has failed to note that all the dictionary publishers seem to be in

competition to add contemporary, trendy, and often controversial updated senses to new words; the attendant publicity is simply good business.

♦ “E news posted offset [sic] instead of Takeoff when they first reported his death and instead of apologizing they just deleted it. Black people do not all look alike [sic]! Incredibly tacky AF [as fuck]! If you hired educated black people that never would’ve happened.” (Offset and Takeoff are the names of two members of the hip-hop group Migos. Offset’s real name is Kiarri Kendrell Cephus. Takeoff’s real name is Kirshnik Khari Ball or Kirsnick Khari Ball. “Takeoff” was shot and killed at 2:40 a.m. after a dice game outside of Billiards & Bowling in Houston, Texas. Because of the stigma of “snitching,” few witnesses have come forward with information.)

♦ “Bad from the *Mirror*, but they corrected their error over two hours before Kwasi Kwarteng tweeted about it.” (The *Mirror* published a picture of Kwasi Kwarteng that was a different Black man. The *Mirror* put out the following statement: “This morning a picture in a story about Kwasi Kwarteng was wrongly captioned on the *Mirror* website. This was a terrible error and we apologise to Mr. Kwarteng and all our readers. The *Mirror* has a long history of working against racism and we will redouble our efforts on this.” Did the *Mirror* commit an act of racism or was it just a mistake, quickly corrected? You be the judge.)

♦ “Recently, Google processed images of a trio of happy young African Americans and its automatic photo-tagging service labeled them as gorillas. The company apologized profusely, but in systems like Google’s, errors are inevitable. It was most likely faulty machine learning (and probably not a racist running loose in the Googleplex) that led the computer to confuse Homo sapiens with our close cousin, the gorilla. The software itself had flipped through billions of images of primates and had made its own distinctions. It focused on everything from shades of color to the distance between eyes and the shape of the ear. Apparently, though, it wasn’t thoroughly tested before being released.” (*Weapons of Math Destruction* by the remarkable Cathy O’Neil.)

♦ “Racism is not just a netball problem.” (Donnell Wallam / Australia.)

♦ “Ex-Virginia Tech soccer player who refused BLM Kneel gets \$100K in settlement.” (Kiersten Hening / USA.)

♦ If you search NPR for “historical racism,” you will get 10 hits. Search “racism,” and you get 16,673 hits (and counting).

♦ “A lot of black people today are wringing their hands and pointing accusing fingers at white doctors from the public health service.” (Janie Taylor, “Origins of the Infamous Tuskegee Syphilis Study,” NPR, August 7, 1972. It’s a seven-part series available in its entirety at NPR. Type “Janie Taylor” in search at NPR, and all seven of her reports should be available. Should access change, try searching at NPR for “The digital preservation of this audio has been made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities” and then search through the at present 112 results for the seven episodes: “Was The Tuskegee Syphilis Study Unethical?” / “Why Weren’t Tuskegee Syphilis Study Patients Given Penicillin As Treatment?” / “Were Participants Informed Of The Purpose Of Tuskegee Study?” / “Tuskegee Syphilis Study Patient Believed He Was Being Treated” / “Nurse Who Worked 39 Years For The Tuskegee Syphilis Study” / “Former Director For Tuskegee Syphilis Study Believes Work Was ‘Completely Ethical’” / “Origins Of The Infamous Tuskegee Syphilis Study.” See also “Stop Blaming Tuskegee, Critics Say. It’s Not An ‘Excuse’ For Current Medical Racism” by April Dembosky, NPR, March 23, 2021.)

♦ “Some people don’t want to watch movies about enslaved people...” (The film critic Eric Deggans, about the 2022 film *Emancipation* featuring Will Smith.)

♦ The spin bowler Azeem Rafiq has charged the Yorkshire Cricket Club with “institutional racism.” In 2021, Rafiq himself had to apologize for using anti-Semitic language in Facebook messages and a meme relating to African people.

♦ “Racism, at the individual level, can be seen as a predictive model whirring away in billions of human minds around the world. It is built from faulty, incomplete, or generalized data. Whether it comes from experience or hearsay, the data indicates that certain types of people have behaved badly. That generates a binary prediction that all people of that race will behave that same way.” (*Weapons Of Math Destruction* by the remarkable Cathy O’Neil.)

♦ “Black Tunisians, who make up around 10-15% of the population, suffer discrimination because of the colour of their skin.” (BBC.)

♦ See the Wikipedia article, “Oxford child sex abuse ring.”

♦ “Must I Mentor a White Law Student When I Requested a Black Mentee?” (The Ethicist by Kwame Anthony Appiah, *The New York Times Magazine*, Dec. 4, 2022.)

♦ “If we don’t know how to end racism, we can at least call it structural.” (“The Moral Case Against Euphemism” by George Packer, *The Atlantic*, April 2023. “Equity” language.)

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

racist (groups)

racist

flyers accused the Gibsons of being ~ (Gibson’s Bakery)

racist towards another

when one Latino is ~ (colorism)

racist attack

he said he was fending off a ~

racist authoritarianism

so many people vote for ~ (Comptroller Brad S. Lander)

racist city

this is not a ~, it’s an open city

racist comments

these ~ by four Latino leaders (Los Angeles)

the suspect made ~ (“kung flu,” etc.)

he made ~ to students (arguable)

racist country

we’re not a ~ (Republican Hershel Walker of Georgia)

the false narrative that Britain is a ~

racist crackdown

Tunisia’s ~ on migrants (NPR)

racist highway

Buttigieg awards grant to dismantle ~ (ABC)

racist incidents

a new system to flag ~ (Emmett Till Alerts)

racist joke

she called out a Knoxville reporter for a ~

racist label

Levi’s jeans from 1880s with ~ sold at auction

the antique pants are even complete with a vile ~

racist language

their conversation was filled with ~ (secretly recorded)

former England Cricket captain cleared of using ~

he has denied using ~ (against South Asians)

racist marginalization

NAACP leader quits over ~ (Dr. Vanessa Toolsie)

racist (text) message

a ~ (“What do you get when...” / a joke)

racist mob

my mother was not part of a ‘~’ (Chicago politics)

racist name

critics say ‘monkeypox’ is a ~

Squaw Valley ski resort will retire ~

racist party
he is accused of holding a ~ (a fireman)

racist past
how Audubon societies are grappling with a ~

racist people
some of the most ~ I've met or known have been of color

racist person
she is the most ~ in all of TV (Megyn Kelly/Tiffany Cross)

racist rhetoric
he was condemned for ~ (against race-mixing)

racist scandal
Latinos caught in a ~ (LA City Council / 2022)

racist scapegoating
since the start of the pandemic and the ~...

racist sign
a ~ ("Juneteenth, it's whatever... We're closed.")

racist slogan
Levi's jeans from 1880s with ~ sold at auction

racist society
the "weathering" affect [sic] of living in a ~

racist statements
they claimed they never used ~, only used the word *Haole*

racist stereotypes
~ of black men as violent (violent rap lyrics)
people accused her of playing off of ~ (comic He Huang)
critics claim the name "monkeypox" plays into ~

racist stigma
WHO renames monkeypox as mpox, citing ~

racist things
they were caught saying ~

racist tweets
she was fired after her old ~ were exposed

racist views
the Sierra Club apologized for the ~ of its founder (Indians)

racist and derogatory
the conversation included ~ comments (politics)

racist and homophobic
posts used ~ slurs (Disney hack)
the depiction of cops as ~ was incorrect (Dahmer film)
Jussie Smollett said he was the victim of a ~ attack

racist, sexist and ableist
concerns over ~ theories and language (Wellcome Museum)

Anti-Racist
How to Raise an ~ (by Ibram X. Kendi)

non-racist
marshal support from ~ fans

white racists

for you to just wildly label them as ~... (Chicago politics)

hurtful, ignorant, colonial—and racist
the accusations are ~ (about Buffy Sainte-Marie)

racialized and racist
our ideals of the ultimate body is ~

accused the Gibsons of being racist
flyers ~ ("Gibson's Bakery v. Oberlin College" / Wikipedia)

branded him a racist
he lost that gig, too, after the *Times* ~ (Doug Adler / ESPN)

calls the migrant busing strategy "racist"
Chicago mayor ~

portray Mark Fuhrman as a racist
Bailey attempted to ~ whose goal was to frame O.J.

- ♦ "Hawaii is nice but there are too many racist Hawaiians for me."
- ♦ "These northerners are lazy. They are nomads. They would rather starve than work." (A southern businessman on a Niger River riverboat in Mali, on why the Niger River isn't the Sahara's greatest oasis.)
- ♦ "Do you think that there are members of the jury that voted to acquit O.J. because of Rodney King?" / "Yes." / "You do?" / "Yes." / "How many of you think felt that way?" / "Oh, probably 90% of them." / "Ninety percent? Did you feel that way?" / "Yes." / "That was payback." / "Uh huh." / "You think that's right?" (No answer, just a clicking sound. A juror on the O.J. Simpson murder trial, interviewed after the verdict. From "Fresh Air Weekend: 'O.J.: Made In America'; Margaret Glaspy's Album; 'Sweetbitter,' NPR, Fresh Air, June 18, 2016. As Jeffrey Toobin said, "Those juror interviews, they just made me so sad. I mean just sad. I mean, I don't think these jurors are idiots...")
- ♦ "This lady actually had the CAUdacity to say black people can be racist too." (DOD official Kelisa Wing, using a portmanteau for "Caucasian audacity.")
- ♦ "So ESPN can have Ime Udoka all over the news but hardly talking about Brett Favre that's [sic] looks and sounds very racist." (A tweet about two contemporaneous controversies involving a white and Black sportsman. See the above quote.)
- ♦ "Having a gorilla mascot is racist." (According to the ex-NBA star Lamar Odom. "Go The Gorilla" is the mascot of the NBA team the Phoenix Suns.)
- ♦ "A Sports Reporter Calls Out a Racist Tweet and Gets Exposed for her Own."
- ♦ "A biracial man who says he was fending off a racist attack on a Georgia highway when he fired a gun into a moving pickup truck and killed a teenage passenger was sentenced Tuesday to 10 years in prison..." ("Georgia man sentenced to 10 years in teen girl's road death," AP, September 20, 2022.)
- ♦ See the Wikipedia article, "Jussie Smollett."
- ♦ The following two headlines appeared about the same incident: (1) "2 teens charged with hate crimes after allegedly hitting woman on bus, making 'anti-white' statements" by Marlene Lenthang, NBC News, July 27, 2022 (2) "Teen girls who said they 'hate white people' charged with hate crimes after bashing woman on Queens bus" by Elizabeth Keogh, *New York Daily News*, July 26, 2022. The teens were Black.
- ♦ "Racism is a societal problem, and it is no longer good enough to simply be non-racist, Scottish sport must now be actively anti-racist." (Steward Harris, chief executive of Sportscotland.)
- ♦ "It is not enough to indicate that you are not racist, instead you must demonstrate that you are anti-racist." (Sophomore volleyball player Rachel Richardson, Duke University. See "Rachel Richardson: Duke player's claim of racist slur denied by university—what we know" by Abe Asher, Yahoo / Independent, September 9, 2022. See also, "BYU apologizes to a banned fan, saying it found no proof they yelled racial slurs" by Bill Chappell, NPR, Race, September 14, 2022. The saga continues to play out, with members of one sports team charging BYU fans of *historic* racist abuse.)

- ◆ “There was a lot of language I was unfamiliar with.” (A parent about messages he began receiving from his children’s elite private school concerning antiracism. He eventually removed his children from the school.)
 - ◆ “Coach Gundy is not, and I repeat is not a racist in any way nor has a racist bone in his body, mind, or soul.” (Joe Mixon of the Cincinnati Bengals about the resignation of Oklahoma University Sooners assistant coach Cale Gundy, who read the N-word aloud off a player’s iPad. See the red text below.)
 - ◆ “According to Molitar, the incident was escalated when [Joe] Mixon used a homophobic slur towards her friend... [Joe] Mixon claimed that Molitor’s friend had directed a racial slur at him and that he responded with a homophobic slur at the friend.” (The shocking attack by the athlete on a woman happened on July 25, 2014, a day after [Joe] Mixon turned 18, in Norman, Oklahoma. From the Wikipedia entry, “Joe Mixon.” See the red text above.)
 - ◆ “People like AJ, Pogba, Sterling are role models for egotists. Call them on it and you are classified... Take our money and then insult us with racism. It’s creating a hellish environment.” (A commenter on a BBC HYS about the second Oleksandr Usyk-Anthony Joshua fight, and Joshua’s bizarre post-fight antics and rant. The following comment simply said, “I’m just glad Joshua lost. He is an unlikeable character.”)
 - ◆ “If you think I’m a racist, go f*** yourself.” (The boxer Anthony Joshua.)
 - ◆ “I’ve never used the R-word, and neither does the book.” (Omid Scobie, author of *Endgame*. Disingenuous, much?)
 - ◆ “I suppose he’ll now blame the judges for being racist, that seems to be the way of things these days.” (A commenter about the bizarre post-fight antics of Anthony Joshua, after he lost a second time to Oleksandr Usyk. Another poster commented, “He’ll probably pull out the race card next.”)
 - ◆ “Between August 2021 and July 2022, Steinle wrote letters to all 25 Republican members of the Ohio Senate and Jordan. In the letters, he called the lawmakers names like ‘pig’ and called them racist...” (“Police arrest an Ohio man who is accused of sending more than three dozen letters laced with poop to Republican politicians, including Rep. Jim Jordan” by Yelena Dzhanova, Yahoo Insider, August 7, 2022.)
 - ◆ “My mother was not part of a ‘racist mob.’ (The son of Kathy Osterman, reacting to a comment by Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot.)
 - ◆ “[The] depiction of city police officers as racist and homophobic was incorrect.” (Anne E. Schwartz, the journalist who broke the story of Jeffrey Dahmer’s crimes, about Netflix’s 10-part biopic *Dahmer—Monster: The Jeffrey Dahmer Story*. The series slams police as racist and homophobic.)
 - ◆ “This is not a racist city. This is an open city. If you behave well, you are welcomed and even helped.” (Newsstand owner Domenico Giordano of Civitanova Marche, Italy. From “Role of race contested in killing of Nigerian man in Italy” by Colleen Barry, AP, reprinted in *The Washington Post*, August 6, 2022.)
 - ◆ “I’m not a racist, I don’t have anything in common with the views of white supremacists.” (Nicholas Wade, author of *A Troublesome Inheritance*, to Maryland Democrat Kweisi Mfume at a Congressional hearing in 2023.)
 - ◆ “A label printed on the interior of the pocket declares: ‘the only kind made by White Labor’—a racially-charged [sic] slogan used by the company during a time of pervasive anti-Chinese discrimination in the US, the Wall Street Journal reported.” (“Levi’s jeans from 1880s with racist slogan sold at auction for \$76K” by Snezana Farberov, *New York Post*, Oct. 13, 2022.)
 - ◆ the norms of society 100 years ago should NOT be held to today’s standards /// We can’t condemn our ancestors for doing what was considered the way of life in the past /// How is this any different than saying “support black businesses” /// that label was printed almost 150 years ago, it’s a pair of jeans for crying out loud /// And today our government tells us don’t buy Chinese, how things have changed (sarcasm) /// the liberal media goes out of its way to make EVERYTHING about race /// Please, the virtue signalling is really getting out of hand these days /// Yes, racist stuff happened, it was a different time, we learn from it, and we move on /// anyone faint after reading that ‘vile racist label,’ BTW, Chinese isn’t a race /// this obsession with race is more racist than the jeans label /// does anyone see the irony in this ‘auctioning off racist pants’ /// So the ‘very woke’ Levi’s company is the racist in the room, too funny... (Online commenters about the article “Levi’s jeans from 1880s with racist slogan sold at auction for \$76K” by Snezana Farberov, *New York Post*, Oct. 13, 2022.)
 - ◆ “How soon before breathing is racist? Seems that today everything is racist in some people’s minds. The term has completely lost its meaning which is a shame as true racism is truly evil and statements like ‘swimming is racist’ dilute the impact of the word ‘racism.’” (A commenter about the article “Fetterman’s Wife Calls Swimming in America ‘Very Racist’” by Ari Blaff, *National Review*, October 27, 2022. At Yahoo. Another commenter on the same article posted: “Swimming is racist. Bridges are racist. Wanting secure borders is racist. Wanting murderers to stay in prison is racist...”)
 - ◆ “Who Can be ‘Racist?’” by Michelle I. Gao, *Crimson Opinion Writer*, *The Harvard Crimson*, August 10, 2018. Perhaps a better title would have been, “Who Isn’t ‘Racist?’”
 - ◆ “Don’t worry. A Christian politician cannot be racist. So we should never hesitate to heavily challenge our opponents on these issues.” (Victor Orban addresses CPAC 2022, in Texas.)
 - ◆ “No soy racist! Soy Argentino.” (An Argentinian who overturned a Mexican’s food cart that was blocking the sidewalk.)
 - ◆ “Even white supremacists don’t want to be called racist.” (“Not Racist Is Not Enough: Putting In The Work To Be Anti-Racist” by Eric Deggans, NPR, Life Kit, August 25, 2020.)
 - ◆ “Jackson and Rao say the claim, ‘I am not racist’ is ‘a statement made by white people that we hear as ‘I am very racist.’” (“White women’ book that calls all white women racist is a manipulative sham” by Rikki Schlott, *Opinion*, *New York Post*, October 4, 2022.)
 - ◆ “Well, uh, first thing of all ya know, when someone starts out a statement by saying, ‘Look, I’m no bigot,’ they’re probably going to end up saying something bigoted.” (Arslan Iftikhar, civil-rights attorney, about NPR’s firing of journalist Juan Williams. “Shop Talk’: Was NPR Right To Oust Juan Williams?” NPR, Tell Me More, October 22, 2010.)
 - ◆ “Dude should have looked into living there a little better before stepping on locals’ toes like that, especially if he took his family—he owed it to them to look out for their welfare...” (A commenter on the article “2 Hawaiian men found guilty of hate crime for attacking white homeowner” by Michelle De Pacina, Yahoo / NextShark, November 21, 2022.)
 - ◆ Bias; bigot; prejudice; animus... (Less emotional words than racist or hate.)
 - ◆ “The term ‘racist’ has become utterly meaningless—a big yawn and a shoulder shrug—nobody cares but the NPC class...” (An online commenter about an unusual case where a drunk military hero allegedly called a hotel guard the N-word. It later came out that the guard was a white man. To which one commenter replied, “Big deal. Changes nothing. Voicing a slur is still an awful thing to do.” To which another commenter replied, “Always, always have race hoax on your bingo card.” And yet another commenter replied, “Oops! Al Sharpton just had to turn his private jet around.” The “NPC” in the original post probably stands for “nonplayer character.” It refers to video games.)
 - ◆ “She began to do the Lakota shawl dance...” (SuAnne Big Crow, responding to prejudiced chants from an opposing non-Indian team at the beginning of a high-school basketball game. Her performance won over the prejudiced fans, who ended up applauding her.)
 - ◆ In the 1930s, 40s and 50s, a person would be smeared as a “communist” or “homosexual.”
- *** analysis
- ◆ “Just to clarify a bit and to state it plainly. White folks, conservatives included, are afraid of being called racist by African-Americans.” (Jack Tchen, who created NYU’s A/P/A Studies program and co-founded the Museum of Chinese America.)
 - ◆ BIGOT, n. One who is obstinately and zealously attached to an opinion that you do not entertain.” (*The Devil’s Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)
 - ◆ PREJUDICE, n. A vagrant opinion without visible means of support. (*The Devil’s Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)
 - ◆ “The word racist has been thrown around left and right and is meaningless.” (An online commenter.)
- inclusion & exclusion: division & connection**
- radar (on the radar)**
- on the radar
he has long been ~ of groups following hate groups

on their radar

he had been ~ for a long time (trafficker)

on our radar

he came ~ when we were looking through footage (riot)

on anyone's radar

it's not really ~ (Pakistan's contribution to warming)

on the (UVA threat assessment) team's radar

he also was ~ (murdered three football players)

on the radar of law enforcement or the school

the teen had never been ~ (a school shooter)

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology

attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology

presence & absence: tools & technology

radar (below / under the radar)

under the (cultural) radar

men-only clubs operating for decades ~

flew under the radar

he ~, at large and unidentified (Golden State Killer)

flown under the (awards) radar

the film has mostly ~ (Academy Award nominee)

passed under the (educational) radar

the NCSS standards ~ completely unnoticed (education)

went below the radar

it really ~ (a piece of news)

work below the radar

they work best when they ~ (ICRC / POWs)

keep him under the radar

we are trying to ~, out of the spotlight (troubled athlete)

♦ "She's operated in a really average way, but being average has allowed her to go under the radar. And it's allowed her to operate in plain sight." (A police official, about Nurse Lucy Letby.)

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology

attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology

presence & absence: tools & technology

radar (drop off the radar)

dropped off the radar

several of the men have "~" (terrorists)

appearance & disappearance / attention, scrutiny & promotion / consciousness & awareness / presence & absence: tools & technology / verb

radar (under the radar screen)

under the radar screen

girls' aggression often passes ~ (school bullying)

well under the radar screen

flying ~ was a move by Congress to...

passes under the radar screen

girls' aggression often ~

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology

attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology

presence & absence: tools & technology

radar (radar screen)

radar screen

I want this on everybody's ~ (kids need more sleep)

films like "Good Will Hunting" put him on our ~s

Hollywood's radar screen

he popped onto ~ two years ago with...

national radar screen

he disappeared from the ~ 4 years ago (a coach)

blip on the radar screen

Ecstasy is no longer a ~ (the club scene)

fell off the radar screen

both men ~ (terrorists)

disappeared from the (national) radar screen

he ~ 4 years ago (a coach)

popped onto (Hollywood's) radar screen

he ~ two years ago with...

put him on our radar screens

films like "Good Will Hunting" ~ (an actor)

radar screen went dark

then the ~ where Heinrich was concerned (child murder)

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology

attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology

presence & absence: tools & technology

radar (other)

Bear-dar

the ~ is being field tested in Churchill (Canada)

gaydar

~: supposed ability to recognize a person is gay

have (really good) radar

I ~, it was no accident (a perceived slight)

♦ "I'm surprised this is on here lol." (BenjaminUnfried, 30 May 2011, who looked up "gaydar" at the Merriam-Webster site, in the "What made you look up this word?" section.)

♦ "Can you tell us a little more about this Bear-dar, like, how does it work?" (Ayesha Rascoe of NPR wants to know! From "Bear-dar" might help humans keep their distance from Polar Bears," NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, May 1, 2022.)

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology

radioactive (adjective)

radioactive

he is only 24, yet he's currently ~ (troubled athlete)

the politics of the issue were ~ (immigration)

radioactive in the Arab world

NATO is ~ and seen as a tool of US imperialism

radioactive for them

Democrats have decided the issue is ~ (gun control)

radioactive words
the play contains ~ (relating to race, sexual identity)

became radioactive
reporting on it soon ~ (at NPR / National Public Radio)

find me radioactive
his friends began to ~ (an investigative reporter)

avoidance & separation / destruction: nuclear energy

radius

blast radius
see *blast radius* (noun)

effect / force: explosion

raft (amount)

raft of (op-ed) articles
a ~ debated the issue

raft of books
there have been a ~ about the case

raft of shell companies
he set up a ~

raft of new measures
he announced a ~ (to fight COVID)

raft of (technical) problems
engineers encountered a ~ during development (Nauka)

raft of research
there has been a ~ lately that...

amount: boat

rage (verb)

raging in New York City
the epidemic is ~

raging in the Philippines, France, Brazil
the virus is still ~...

raging through this country
Omicron is running wild in Australia, it's ~

debate rages
police officers become candidates as policing ~

fighting rages
~ as Taliban attack key Afghan city

activity / behavior / control & lack of control: force / movement / verb

rage (enthusiasm)

all the rage
this year, AI agents that do errands for you are ~

become all the rage
Paris danced the Mazurka, which had ~

♦ "This year, AI agents that do errands for you are all the rage." (2024. Rabbit RI, etc.)

enthusiasm: mental health

rage (black rage, feminine rage, etc.)

rage sex
break up sex, miss you sex, ~, the list goes on and on
~ is a thing, yes it is...

Rage Baking
~ (see the quote below)

rage giving
'~' has dropped off (donations to pro-abortion groups)

rage, sex and honesty
Exile in Guyville was wrought with ~ (Liz Phair)

black rage
the optics of ~ (versus respectability politics / NPR)
~ eats away at them...

feminist rage
Le Tigre's ~ has always been fun (the band)

Mom Rage
~: *The Everyday Crisis of Modern Motherhood* (2003)

Eloquent Rage
~: *A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower* (book)

feminine rage
Olivia Rodrigo put her own ~ on display ("good4u")

worry, rage, fear, or guilt
it's not irrational to be full of ~ (climate despair)

Day of Rage
US police on high alert as Hamas calls for '~'

market for (feminine) rage
people felt that there was no ~, but...

♦ "Black anger, black rage, black distress over injustice..." ("When Civility Is Used As A Cudgel Against People Of Color" by Karen Grigsby Bates, NPR, Code Switch, March 14, 2019.)

♦ "Riots, rebellions, uprisings, this is a visceral expression of rage and frustration. People are on the streets, and they're angry, and they have a right to be angry." (Heard on NPR.)

♦ *Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower* by Brittney Cooper.

♦ *Rage Baking: The Transformative Power of Flour, Fury, and Women's Voices.* (A book by Kathy Gunst and Katherine Alford.)

♦ "US police on high alert as Hamas calls for 'Day of Rage.'" (Following the Hamas attack on Israel from Gaza in October, 2023.)

♦ "I think people felt that there was no market for feminine rage, and trauma and all that sort of stuff. But then #MeToo happened, and obviously, that was something that people actually were interested in." (The director Andrew Dominik, speaking about his film *Blonde*, which was widely panned by the critics and ignored by the public. From "Blonde' director says the unhappiness of Marilyn Monroe should come as no surprise," NPR, All Things Considered, September 29, 2022.)

♦ "The Mother Trap: Everyone's talking about 'mom rage,' but what is it?" by Merve Emre, *The New Yorker*, September 25, 2023.)

♦ "The interesting thing about [Brian De Palma's 1976 film] *Carrie* is that it is so much about the power of this girl and her discovery of this power that comes out as rage." (NPR culture critic Linda Holmes.)

♦ "Even in Hawaii, Mazie Hirono is viewed as the quote 'good girl' of politics, polite, never in-your-face, not a boat-rocker. But in the last year and a half, as one Hawaii columnist put it, she's become quote, 'a badass.' / 'I always was. I just wasn't very noisy about it. I've been a fighter all my life. I just don't look like that.'" ("The Quiet Rage Of Mazie Hirono" by Nina Totenberg, NPR, Morning Edition, June 7, 2018.)

♦ OLD: anger, frustration, aggrievement... / NEW: rage...

inclusion & exclusion: mental health

rage (road rage, etc.)

air rage

"~" is making the skies unfriendly...

road rage

teenager's death puts spotlight on ~

tipping rage

"Got ~?" (NPR's Stacey Vanek Smith / tiplflation)

toy rage

"~" was rife (fights at stores over Teletubbies / 1997)

youth sports rage

now there's ~ (father killed at son's hockey practice)

rural rage

dealing with '~' is like fighting terrorism (a progressive)

♦ "You've heard of road rage and air rage. Well now there's youth sports rage. Last week in Massachusetts, a father of three was killed at his son's hockey practice during a confrontation with another parent." ("Violence In Kids Sports," NPR, Talk Of The Nation, July 18, 2000.)

♦ "Can Rage Hotlines Prevent Some Mass Shootings? Researchers Study The Idea" by Eric Westervelt, NPR, National, July 8, 2021.

♦ "The 'anti-mask meltdown' has become its own video genre."

behavior / feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: society

ragged (adjective)

ragged (red) beard

he had a shaved head and a ~

ragged roadscape

a ~ of motels, franchises and big box stores...

ragged, sensitive, elemental

Joplin's voice—a ~ howl...

battered and ragged

the ships left gleaming and laden and returned ~

flaws & lack of flaws: cloth / clothing & accessories

raging (adjective)

raging forest fire

for the first time in my life I beheld a ~ (V.K. Arseniev)

activity / behavior / control & lack of control / feeling, emotion & effect: force / movement

raggs-to-riches

raggs-to-riches backstory

his ~, his unvarnished authenticity (boxer Gervonta Davis)

raggs-to-riches journey

he had a ~

raggs-to-riches story

his ~ is amazing, but his practices are Machiavellian
the film is a Dickensian ~

♦ "Boxing has a long history of raggs-to-riches success stories."

♦ The flip side of raggs to riches is riches to raggs.

money: clothing & accessories / sign, signal, symbol

rail (verb)

railed against the government's trade policies

he ~

accusation & criticism: sound / speech / verb

speech: sound / verb

rail (off the rails)

off the rails

it seems like he is ~ (behavior of celebrity)

things were going ~ (at NPR / Trump coverage)

off-the-rails speech

everyone is talking about his ~

go off the rails

they will not let things ~ (two politicians)

gone off the rails

science has ~, gone astray, many times

went off the rails

he ~ after moving to the big city (Brazil)

failure, accident & impairment: train

behavior / control & lack of control: train

rail (third rail)

third rail of politics

social security reform is the ~

third rail of (American) politics

this issue was once considered ~ (gun control)

third rail of (Indian) politics

agricultural reform has long been the ~ (avoided)

third rail on this show

so why is race such a ~ (the Bachelor)

third-rail issue

this is one of those ~s (criticism of Israel)

there are certain topics that are ~s (China and Hong Kong)

this was a ~ that the governor didn't want to touch (guns)

avoid this third rail

sports pundits ~ (trans athletes in women's sports)

embraced the third rail

he has ~ of Republican politics (pro-immigration)

touched the third rail

Kanye ~ of public life and discourse (antisemitism)

♦ "There are certain topics that are third-rail issues in certain countries, societies and communities. Supporting a separatist movement in a Chinese territory is one of those third-rail issues, not only for the Chinese

government, but also for all citizens in China." (Brooklyn Nets owner Joe Tsai, about comments made by the general manager of the Houston Rockets about China and Hong Kong. The general meaning of the phrase is "untouchable.")

♦ "Kanye touched the 'third rail' of public life and discourse in America." (A commenter about the article, "Kanye West Claims He's 'Been Beat to a Pulp' Over Losing Brand Deals, Wants to 'Do Better'" by Miranda Siwak, Oct. 29, 2022. Kanye West was accused of anti-Semitism.)

danger: electricity / train

railroad (verb)

railroad the sick into giving up
the healthy could ~ (assisted suicide)

railroaded him into seeking
he claimed the university had ~ publicity (cold fusion)

railroad innocent folks
the judicial system can ~

coercion & motivation: train / verb

railroaded

railroaded
he was ~, chosen to be the scapegoat (wrongly convicted)

got railroaded
people say they think he ~ (victim of #MeToo movement)

coercion & motivation: train

rain (amount and effect)

rained on (northern) Israel
Hezbollah rockets ~

rained debris for (more than) 10 miles
the explosion ~ (2 trains collide)

raining mud and ash
it is now ~ (eruption of volcano on Rabaul)

rockets rained
Hezbollah ~ on northern Israel

amount & effect / resemblance: rain / verb

rain (rain down)

rained down
more than a hundred cruise missiles ~ (Libya)

rain down missiles on Israel
they could ~

rained down on her
boos ~ (an athlete)

cables (of congratulations began to) rain down
the ~ (Amundsen reaches the South Pole)

embers rained down
~ on a nearby highway (California wildfire)

amount & effect / resemblance: rain / verb

rainbow (searching and discovery)

end of the rainbow
Chile, to me, is the ~ (Bill Sharp / surfing)

follow every rainbow
~, 'till you find your dream (song)

searching & discovery: allusion / atmosphere / sky

rainbow (color)

rainbow sheen
material or ~ on water (pollution incident)

resemblance: atmosphere / color / sky

rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)

Rainbow Falls
~ is on the Wailuku river in Hilo, Hawaii

rainbow trout
~ are predators

♦ Many falls around the world are named Rainbow Falls. This is often because, when the light is right, you can see a rainbow, or even a moonbow, in the mist at the bottom of the falls.

proper name: atmosphere / color / sky

geography: atmosphere / color / proper name / sky

rainbow (mixture)

rainbow mix
a ~ of Creole, Garifuna, Mestizo, Spanish, Maya (Belize)

rainbow tribe
they are a ~, black, Asian, white, biracial (kids at a pool)

rainbow nation
what Trinidadians call their "~"

♦ Rainbows occur when it is raining while the sun is shining. To see a rainbow, turn your back to the sun. Look at your shadow on the ground. From the shadow of your head (the antisolar point), measure 42 degrees upwards, or about four fist widths with your arm held straight out in front of you, as if you were holding a stick in your fist vertically. There you may see the top of the rainbow. The sun must be less than 42 degrees above the horizon, so that you will never see a rainbow at noon on a summer day in the US, when the sun is high in the sky. At 51 degrees, you may see a second rainbow above the primary rainbow.

mixture: atmosphere / sky

rainbow (groups)

Rainbow Coalition
the ~ is his personal fiefdom (Jesse Jackson)

Rainbow Runway
celebrate Pride month with looks hot off the GMA ~

rainbow flag
holding a ~
an arsonist set a ~ on fire outside the restaurant in Soho

Rainbow Laces
he is part of the ~ campaign (Jordan Henderson, soccer)

♦ "We had just had a bit of a pause as we have seen someone run on to the pitch holding a rainbow flag." (The 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar. The incident occurred during the Portugal-Uruguay game.)

♦ "Check out picks straight off our Rainbow Runway below, including tube socks, a romper and a classic jersey shirt. By clicking on these shopping links, visitors will leave Goodmorningamerica.com. These e-commerce sites are operated under different terms and privacy policies than Goodmorningamerica.com. ABC will receive a commission for purchases made through these links. Prices may change from the date of publication." ("Celebrate Pride month with looks hot off the 'GMA' 'Rainbow Runway,' GMA Team, June 23, 2022.)

inclusion & exclusion: color / sign, signal, symbol

rainforest (rainforests of the sea, etc.)

rainforests of the sea

coral reefs are often called the ~

biodiversity, nature & life: epithet

rainforest (society is a rainforest)

rainforest

community theater is (like) a ~

♦ "[Community theater is like a rainforest]. And if one species is wiped out, it threatens the whole thing." (Versus competition, which would "kill everything," according to Sarah Bellamy.)

identity & nature / mixture: forest

rainmaker (person)

lead rainmaker

the congresswoman's chief of staff and ~ has resigned

♦ A rainmaker is a lawyer or salesman who makes a lot of money for the company, or a person who can ensure progress and success.

♦ "Last year, religious leaders, including Khoisan leader Ockert Lewies, pictured, gathered at the bottom of Table Mountain to pray for rain." ("Icebergs and empty pools: Five things Cape Town's Day Zero taught us" by Flora Drury, BBC, 12 May 2018.)

worth & lack of worth: person / rain

person: money / rain

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain / weather & climate

raise (attention)

raises

the other question it ~is...

raise awareness

the women will use the Olympic platform to ~ (basketball)

raised (a number of) issues

we both ~ (diplomacy)

raised objections

they have ~

raises the question

it ~, how can...

raised a (fundamental) question

his firing ~

raised more questions

the few details have ~ (a quadruple murder)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: direction / height / verb

raise (feeling)

raised our spirits

she really ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / height / verb

raise (your image, etc.)

raise your image

raise your pants, ~, stop the sag (a billboard)

it you don't ~, people look down on you

behavior / reputation: direction / height / verb

raised (reared)

raised to be

I was ~ a good Christian

conceived, born and raised

Nature was ~ to serve polemic purpose (the magazine)

growth & development: life span

rake (destroy)

raking the coast

the hurricane is ~

destruction: farming & agriculture / tools & technology / verb

rake in (verb)

rake in big money

lobbyists can ~ (government)

raked in more than \$100 million

their business model has ~ (Somali pirates)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: tools & technology / verb

rake up (verb)

raking up some horrible memories

we are ~ (a crime podcast)

searching & discovery: tools & technology / verb

rally (verb)

rallied around her

her fans ~ (controversy)

rally round the flag

see *flag (rally around the flag)*

rallying around their nominee

they are ~, falling in line (Trump)

rallied around the reporting

fellow reporters have ~

rallied behind him

conservatives have ~ (a minister in trouble)

rallied public sympathies around her

a new documentary has ~ (#FreeBritney)

rally their faithful

they climbed the stage to ~ (conservatives / politics)

rallied the troops

she ~ (an executive of troubled company)

rallying their troops

conservative luminaries are ~ (against Obama / politics)

assembling: flags & banners / military / verb

allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners / military / verb

ramp (on ramp and off ramp, etc.)

exit ramp

Trump provided the ~ (that Biden followed / Afghan war)

off-ramp

he may want an ~ to back off and try later (confrontation)

on-ramp to misinformation and extremism

talk radio is the ~

diplomatic “off-ramp”

there appears to be no easy ~ in this crisis

visible off-ramp

is there a ~, to get Putin to back down (NPR)

offramps and onramps

we need ~ for when conditions change (mask wearing)

accept this off-ramp

he is willing to ~ that Iran is offering (diplomacy)

block whatever off-ramp

you don't want to ~ is available to him (confrontation)

hopes he has an off ramp

the world ~ and de-escalates this crisis (nuclear war)

looking for an off-ramp

he is ~ (de-escalation of a crisis)

offers (both sides) an off-ramp

the attack ~ (de-escalation of crisis)

♦ “Maybe there is just a bit of desire to find a way out of this, and an offramp...” (A BBC commentator about a threatened UK rail strike. One “bit of desire” the commentator mentioned was the fact that Christmas was approaching. What man wishes to be unemployed at Christmas, having to worry about money to pay for the heat and buy gifts for his family?)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: infrastructure

rampart (protection)

rampart against militancy

France relied on Ben Ali as a ~

ramparts of flesh and blood

they were living ~ against barbarity (the Kurds)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.)

Upper Ramparts

the ~ is a canyon on the Porcupine River (Yukon)

proper name: fortification

rampart (resemblance)

ramparts of the Hindu Kush

the Wakhan Corridor is cut off by the ~

resemblance: fortification / military

ramp up (verb)

ramping up our efforts

we are ~ (diplomacy)

ramp up production

Toyota to ~ after cutbacks due to pandemic
companies ~ of rapid COVID tests

ramp up (COVID-19) testing

the US wants to ~

increase & decrease: prep, adv, adj, particle / tools & technology / verb

ranch (enterprise)

dude ranch

~s are still popular (an experience of the West)

surf ranch

yes, there really is a ~ (surfer Kelly Slater's)

♦ see also *farm (enterprise)*

product: cows & cattle

rancid (adjective)

rancid (political) environment

we're now in a ~ (the U.S.)

corruption: food & drink

rando (person)

rando

and any other ~ with an iPhone can, like, send you a picture

a ~ who tried to fat-shame a barista

~ has an edge of exclusion to it...

♦ “Rando” has a Merriam-Webster entry—first known use 2003. The Wiktionary entry is excellent, as usual. No entry in Wikipedia.

♦ “Yeah, you have to have an iPhone to do it... Like, if you're in a public space and you have your AirDrop turned on, any other rando with an iPhone can like, send you a photo, or a gift, or whatever. It's kind of awesome but kind of scary (upspeak). Uhh, it's really scary to me, I have mine turned off all the time... The kids are using AirDrop to just like drop memes and stuff on anyone around them, but there's also like this dark underbelly to the AirDrop where like a lot of folks on the New York subway will get AirDrops, pictures of... bodies.” (Tony Romm, Washington Post tech reporter, referring to dirty pictures and sexting. From “Weekly Wrap: Government Takes On Big Tech, What ‘Intersectionality’ Means, RIP iTunes,” NPR, It's Been a Minute, June 7, 2019.)

♦ A “rando” as a person and “randomness” very much relates to Gen Z, Millennials, and the technology they grew up on. On TikTok, everyone is a rando...

♦ "Neck tattoo guy catches him outside and beats him savagely leaving Jules naked, bloody, traumatized..." (Bob Mondello's review of the 2024 film *Femme* on NPR, All Things Considered.)

♦ "Some alternative types use "human" in a strange and unusual way, as in, "I find that humans are very interesting."

*** analysis

♦ "[A]ll the men ever born are also my brothers..." (The American poet Walt Whitman, 1819-1892.)

person: society

society: person

contempo-speak: language

random (society)

random man

a ~ punched her in the head (New York City)

Rando (Freshman) Roommate

"In Praise of the ~" by Jesse Singal, *New York Magazine*

random (college) sophomore

because no one really visited the home page of a ~

random words

stringing seemingly ~ together (psychosis)

random roomie

a ~ can widen your worldview (college)

random and mean

many TikTok users disagreed with her "~" analysis

random, unquenchable

I was struck by the ~ nature of Maher's anger (NPR CEO)

Club Random

his podcast ~ (the comedian Bill Maher)

at random

the gunmen opened fire ~

it was literally just ~ (man pushed person in front of train)

♦ "Want To Widen Your Worldview? A Random Roomie Helps" with Melissa Block and Jesse Singal, NPR, All Things Considered, August 28, 2014. It is an excellent interview. The best place to widen your worldview is to join any branch of the military. Unfortunately, most college students would not consider such a thing.

♦ "One common sign of psychosis is disorganization. To us, on the outside, it can look like someone talking fast, getting lost in tangents, or even just stringing seemingly random words together." (Breaks from reality.)

fate, fortune & chance: control & lack of control

randomly (society)

randomly punched

"Women on TikTok Say They were ~ in New York City"

essentially randomly

an evil advisor to the King, who ~ gets upset...

just very randomly

we ~ had a still carousel post go viral on Instagram

♦ "There is an evil advisor to the King, who essentially randomly gets upset at the Jews for no good reason..." (Aaron Koller at New York City's Yeshiva University, explaining Purim.)

♦ "We just very randomly had a still carousel post go viral on Instagram—it was a roundup of micro shorts that attracted a lot of comments." (Hot pants, daisy dukes...)

fate, fortune & chance: control & lack of control

rank (close ranks)

close ranks

when cops are attacked, they often ~
the natural tendency for the Arab world is to ~

closed ranks around him

in the past they have always ~ (politics)

close ranks behind him

will the party ~ (politics)

close ranks with Obama

her concession and her call to ~ (politics)

close ranks, (they) circle the wagons

the groups ~ (bands, sororities, fraternities / hazing)

allegiance, support & betrayal: line / military / verb

unanimity & consensus: line / military / verb

protection & lack of protection: line / military / verb

rank (break ranks)

break ranks

some Democrats will ~

broke ranks

she ~ and told Americans... (pandemic)

allegiance, support & betrayal: line / military / verb

unanimity & consensus: line / military / verb

rank-and-file (adjective)

rank-and-file rebels

she has secured her nominations after negotiations with ~
(politics)

hierarchy: line / military

rape (verb)

raping me all over again

I felt like the system was ~

destruction: violence

rape (noun)

rape of (Indonesia's) forests

the devastating ~

journalistic rape

Herridge accused CBS of "~" for seizing her files

when my records were seized I felt it was a ~ (Herridge)

destruction: violence

rapier (noun)

rapier thrust

there is a ~ to Solskjaer's side (BBC hype)

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / sword

raptor (Raptor Technologies, etc.)

Raptor Technologies

~ supplied the alert system (Uvalde school shooting)

proper name: bird / predation

rash (affliction)

rash of (home) burglaries
concern about a ~

rash of cases
a ~ occurred in Puerto Rico (early puberty)

rash of clashes
a recent ~ between bikers (motorcycle gangs)

rash of crime
gun sales are up after a ~s
there has been a ~s against women
Academy officials have no explanation for the ~

rash of drownings
the ~ has tourism officials on the spot (Florida)

rash of abductions and murders
the impression of a ~ of children

rash of accidents and near misses
a ~ had spooked the sailors of the 7th Fleet

recent rash
the ~ of cybervandalism

affliction / amount / amount & effect: health & medicine

rash (road rash, etc.)

river rash
it's just ~ (scratches on used kayak)

road rash
he proudly showed off his ~ (skateboarder)

♦ "I don't have health insurance so I just taped it up." (Kayaking enthusiast, on how he treated a gash in his right eyebrow after a run on the Green River south of Asheville, North Carolina. "No brain, no pain, no problem!")

♦ "It's not broken, it's good." (A moaning Czech Republic guide incapacitated and on his butt after a tower jump.)

resemblance: health & medicine

rash (hasty)

rash decision
he made a ~ (short of money, he shoplifted)

haste: health & medicine

Rashomon (point of view)

Rashomon effect
the ~ refers to conflicting eye-witness accounts of an event

"Rashomon effect"
the unreliability of witnesses is referred to as the ~

Rashomon moment meeting a Rorschach test

this was a ~ (3-group confrontation on D.C. Mall)

♦ In the 1950 film by Akira Kurosawa, four people give radically different versions about how a man ended up dead. In the film, everyone lies, and there is the sense no one will ever know the full truth.

♦ The film *The Last Duel* highlights, "The truth according to X."

♦ A group of Kentucky teenagers, a Native American, and black Hebrew Israelites all met by accident on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Read "Viral standoff between a tribal elder and a high schooler is more complicated than it first seemed" by Michael E. Miller, *The Washington Post*, Jan 22, 2019. Or "January 2019 Lincoln Memorial confrontation" (Wikipedia).

allusion: film & TV

perception, perspective & point of view: allusion / film & TV

Rasputin (epithet)

called him "Rasputin"
Milley ~ (government)

♦ "The desire on the part of Trump and his loyalists to utilize the Insurrection Act was unabating. Stephen Miller, the Trump adviser whom Milley is said to have called 'Rasputin,' was vociferous on this point. Less than a week after George Floyd was murdered, Miller told Trump in an Oval Office meeting, 'Mr. President, they are burning America down. Antifa, Black Lives Matter—they're burning it down. You have an insurrection on your hands. Barbarians are at the gate.' / According to Woodward and Costa in *Peril*, Milley responded, 'Shut the fuck up, Steve.' Then he turned to Trump. 'Mr. President, they are not burning it down.'" ("The Patriot" by Jeffrey Goldberg, *The Atlantic*, November 2023.)

person: royalty

behavior / character & personality / control & lack of control: allusion / epithet / government

rat (lab rat, etc.)

gym rat
he's a ~
he was the quintessential ~ (Larry Bird / basketball)

lab rat
if you weren't such a ~, you would know that

mall rat
my brother is a ~

pack rat
I'm a bit of a ~ (hoarder)

river rat
~s (kayakers, rafters) versus the locals
he has been a ~ since the age of 14 (guide)

"snow rat"
he was a ~ from childhood (a snowboarder)

enthusiasm: animal / person / rat

rat (tunnel rat, etc.)

tunnel rat
~s went in with only a pistol and flashlight (Vietnam War)

Tunnel Rats
Tunnels of Cu Chi: A harrowing Account of America's ~

trapped rat
the defender of an urban area is a ~ (MOUT)

♦ see the Wikipedia article, "Cu Chi tunnels."

resemblance: animal / rat

rat (betray)

ratted him out
his personal chef ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / rat / verb

rat (a snitch)

rat
the other inmates think he's a ~, an informant

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / person / rat

rat (smell a rat)

smell a rat
I ~ (something suspicious)
I don't know what went on, but I know enough to ~

♦ I smell a rat; I don't buy it; a "version" of events... (Incredulity.)

evidence / suspicion: animal / rat / smell

rat (sinking ship)

rat off the ship
when you're a ~, and you leave early (Miami Heat fans)

allegiance, support & betrayal: boat / rat

rat race

rat race
deep into the ~, far from the finish line of retirement

admissions rat race
it helps in the ~ if you founded a company in high school

corporate rat race
many women drop out of the ~ (competition, etc.)

competitive, driven, rat-race
it's a very ~ culture

drop out of the (corporate) rat race
many women ~ (competition, etc.)

♦ "A rat in a cage pushes a lever so much because it's in a cage. It doesn't have anything else to do." (Adrian Hon, author of *You've Been Played*.)

♦ The Rat Race is for Rats! (A bumper sticker.)

♦ Even if you win the rat race, you're still a rat. (A bumper sticker.)

♦ "I get away from all that rat-race noise down in the street." (Carole King, "Up On the Roof.")

♦ In China, 996 refers to working from 9am to 9pm, six days a week.

competition / work & duty: animal / rat

ratchet up (verb)

ratcheted up its criticism
the State Department has ~ of China on this issue

ratchets up the pressure
this ~ on him (athlete receives sports award)
his arrest ~

ratcheted up the pressure

he has ~ on foreign oil companies

ratcheted up its rhetoric
Iran has ~ too

ratcheted up his (anti-American) rhetoric
he has ~

tensions ratchet up
before a deployment, ~ (military families)

♦ A ratchet is a tool that can be used to tighten cables or metal strips. The pawl of the ratchet, which looks like a Toucan's beak, prevents slippage backwards. Deckhands on riverboats use ratchets to tighten cables that hold the barges together. Warehouse workers often use a ratchet to securely bundle together trash-compacted material, which is then taken away by a forklift.

increase & decrease: direction / mechanism / prep, adv, adj, particle / pressure / tools & technology / verb

rattle (disrupt)

rattled some people
I ~ (female CEO and former athlete)

rattle our cage
don't ~

rattle cages
the government is willing to ~ to get things done

rattled neighbors and allies
the conflict has ~ (within a royal family)

♦ "Justice will be served and the battle will rage / This big dog will fight when you rattle his cage..." ("Courtesy Of The Red, White And Blue (The Angry American)") by Toby Keith.)

disruption: animal / equilibrium & stability / sound / verb

rattled (feeling)

rattled
the city is ~ (a series of murders)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

rave (verb)

raved about her (smoky gray) eyes
Multichannel News ~

enthusiasm / speech: mental health / verb

rave (rave review, etc.)

rave reviews
her album came out to ~ (Lizzo)

enthusiasm / speech: mental health

ravenous (adjective)

ravenous for success
he is ~

intellectually ravenous
he was ~ (an academic)

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink
consumption: food & drink**

ravenously

ravenously followed
the media ~ the story

consumption: food & drink

raw (emotions, etc.)

raw

her emotions are still ~
the emotions are ~ (Netherlands crash out at Euro 2020)
emotions were ~, tears flowed (tribute for victims)
emotions are ~, and that's fine (but...)

raw nerve

(see *raw nerve*)

still raw

the war wounds are ~ (between Japan and its neighbors)

rubbed raw

she was ~ emotionally (newspaper advice columnist)
the battle ~ the country's divides (political, social, etc.)

remain raw

emotions ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

raw (raw recruit, etc.)

raw novice

how much work it takes to become a ~ (boxing)

experience: meat

raw (unrefined, etc.)

raw data

the NSA wanted to gobble up as much ~ as it could

raw opium

Kandahar is a key transit point for ~

worth & lack of worth: materials & substances

raw nerve (feeling)

raw nerve in Haiti

the incident struck a ~ (foreign adoptions)

raw nerve among Democrats

her epic fail is still a ~ (Hillary Clinton)

Russian raw nerve

the German report hit a ~ (about Battle of Kursk)

on the raw nerve

it pressed directly ~ of English society (class anxiety)

struck a raw nerve

the incident ~ in Haiti (foreign adoptions)

touched a raw nerve

her comments ~ in this country (Israel)
the withdrawal touched a ~ (troops give up area)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

ray (ray of hope, etc.)

ray of hope

looking for a ~

amount / evidence: atmosphere / light & dark

razor (razor-thin)

razor-thin margin

the election was decided by a ~

comparison & contrast / size: breadth

extent & scope: breadth

reach (secure)

reached an agreement

Democrats said they had ~ with the White House

reach your conclusion

how did you ~

attainment: movement / verb

reach (a number)

reached number one

his song ~ in the charts

reached 72 mph

gusts ~ (windy weather)

reached an unprecedented high

suicide rates have ~

reached a 9-year high

stabbings have ~

attainment: number / verb

reach (reach an answer, etc.)

reach your answer

how did you ~

reached its conclusion

on 22 May the trial ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / movement / verb

reach (a place on a journey)

reached its lowest ebb

morale had ~ when... (military)

reached an impasse

we have ~ in the negotiations

reached a point

we have almost ~ of no return

reached a crisis point

we have ~ in education funding

reached its lowest point

her life ~ one morning in a gutter

reached (one of) its most crucial stages

350 million years ago, evolution ~ (life moves to land)

development: journeys & trips / movement / verb

attainment: journeys & trips / movement / verb

reach (the news reached him, etc.)

reached him

sadly, the good news never ~

♦ "It's a lot of things that went on in the South that never reached the papers, no one wants to talk about it, but they happened, these things happened." (Patsy Rembert about her artist husband's autobiography, *Chasing Me To My Grave*.)

♦ The February 1779 death of Captain Cook, killed by natives on a beach in Kealahou Bay, Hawaii, during his third Pacific voyage, took over a year to reach London.

♦ Bad news travels fast!

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: journeys & trips / movement / verb

reach (beyond reach)

beyond our reach

what was once in our grasp is now ~

attainment / possession / proximity: arm

reach (within reach)

within reach

the president has declared world peace ~

attainment / possession / proximity: arm

reach (extent and scope)

global reach

our local touch with our ~ (L.A. Times)

gang's reach

the ~ extends across America

reach was extended

the paper's ~ by Pullman porters (*Chicago Defender*)

extent & scope: arm

reach out (verb)

reached out to people

he has ~ who have been looked over (a fashion designer)

reached out to families

she ~ from the neighborhood (school needs students)

reaches out to his rivals

he ~ (politician)

reach out to students

universities ~ from all walks of life

reach out to those

it is not unusual for the Amish to ~ who hurt them

reach out to us

we hope he will ~ (cops seek contact with criminal)

reach out to (minority ethnic) youth
the government has failed to ~ (France)

reach out to non-Muslims

~ and educate people about Islam

♦ "Maybe it's their way of you know 'reaching out,' as the Americans say..."

♦ OLD: thank you for contacting us about our mistake... / NEW: thank you for reaching out to us...

division & connection: arm / verb

read (read a mind)

read his mind

while it's impossible to ~... (a politician)s

mind: books & reading / verb

read (read something into something)

read too much into it

don't ~

there's no need to ~

read anything into that

but I really would beg you not to ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: books & reading / verb

read (analyze)

read between the lines

they fail to listen, observe and ~

~ and you can see...

you have to ~ to understand...

read clues

the FBI's failure to properly ~ available before 9/11

read a map

I can't ~ to save my life

read your (electric) meter

how to ~ (utility brochure)

read my mind

you ~

read the (blocking) schemes

they know how to ~ (football players)

reading the skies

as long as people have walked the earth, they have been ~

read the signs

if you can't ~, you won't survive (the taigá)

reads the signs

he ~ like a map ("Shadow Wolves" tracker)

read the sky

they pride themselves on their ability to ~ (hunters)

read a (financial) statement

she learned how to ~

read the weather, wind, sun, stars

a sailor must be able to ~ (sailing)

hard to read

Ohio is ~ (elections)

♦ "You are not reading between the lines. He..." (And online commenter about a celebrity's mysterious and undisclosed "illness.")

♦ "The governor is going to read the political tea leaves and make a decision."

♦ You can also read, try to read, or misread a person's face (expression), a situation, etc.

analysis, interpretation & explanation: books & reading / verb

read (the sign read don't enter, etc.)

altimeter read

my ~ 27,500 feet (Mount Everest)

banners read

huge ~ "Allez les Bleus" (World Cup soccer)

card read

his business ~ "Any kinds of Ladies' Tailor and Skin, etc."

decal (on the door) read

a ~ "In the name of Allah we enter..."

label reads

the ~, "Made in England"

map reads

"These islands are rich," the ~

poster read

the ~, "You're Not Good Enough To Be A Marine"

radar read

the ~ 31,500, 25,400, and 18,300 (diving plane)

sign read

a hand-painted ~, "God Bless America"

watch read

my ~ 1:17 P.M. (at the top of Mount Everest)

fictive communication: books & reading / verb

reality (real, truth, lies, facts, etc.)

***** fact**

fact

it's true even though it's not all ~ (a playwright)

the ~s are clear, we will take our sea at the table (queers)

fact-checking

~ is a scheme to launder left-wing messaging

settled fact

~ (what you think and I don't)

alternative facts

~ (culture wars)

universes of facts

it's like two different ~ (beliefs about vaccines)

version of the facts

our network is about the best ~ (David Zaslav / CNN)

recited as fact

it was ~ (war propaganda)

***** lie**

lie

the ~s we tell ourselves...

Noble Lie

Fauci admitted he had told a ~

~s are a trap, and loss of trust is devastating

white lie

everyone tells little ~s

truth and lies

policing ~ online is really fraught these days (NPR)

***** real**

real doctor

is he a ~ (lawyer, "expert," NPR pundit, etc.)

REAL FAKE

~ (CISA graphic novel /cisa.gov)

real life

but for me, it's my ~

but forget football right now, this is ~

~ isn't a game

real-life

my ~ experiences are rare (Diane Keaton on *The View*)

real story

the ~ behind...

real time

a war happening in ~ on social media (Ukraine)

real thing

it's definitely a ~ and not just something on TikTok

in real life

~ (IRL / texting)

we were able to talk to him directly ~ (*Washington Post*)

in the real world

I'm glad I grew up ~ (a commenter about incels)

in the so-called real world

~ (?)

performative and real

his all-night presence was both ~ (Elon Musk at Canaveral)

***** reality**

reality

perception is ~ (politics)

how real is '~' (reality TV shows, etc.)

Reality Defender

Ben Colman, ~ Co-Founder and CEO (deepfake detection)

reality TV

~ shows (participants' complicity, etc.)

augmented reality

we'll manipulate objects using ~ (AR)

hyperreality
the realm that the postmodernists call ~

virtual reality
we'll explore ~ (VR) worlds

virtual and augmented reality
many companies have made significant investments in ~

AR and VR
~ will change how we express our identities (fashion)

in reality
this was called a vigil but ~ it was a protest (South Korea)

view of reality
everyone has their own sources and ~ (an NPR host)

*** truth

truth
the ~ can't yet be known and probably never will be

truth decay
~ and trust decay...

actual truth
emotional truth, not the ~ (the comic Hassan Minhaj)

emotional truth
~, not the actual truth (the comic Hassan Minhaj)

whole truth
'take in the ~' when weighing Israel's war against Hamas to solve the problem, you have to take in the ~ (Obama)

wrong truth
say the ~ and you will get punished (academia)

elusiveness of truth
the messy complexity of human behavior and the ~

tell the truth
if you're going to speak truth to power, at least ~

*** "Life is but a joke..." / "Life is a 'nar-ra-tive,' old chum..."

- ◆ "Don't expect much truth in the telling here, but do expect some over-the-top fun." (David Bianculli, from "Never mind that it's not factual, this Weird Al biopic parody is very, very funny," NPR, Fresh Air, November 3, 2022.)
- ◆ "This whole story is completely true. Except for all of the parts that are totally made up." (Netflix.)
- ◆ "'Bros' Flopped, But Did It Fail?" (The 2022 film *Bros*, described as a gay romcom. Its marketing roll-out was budgeted higher than the production of the film.)
- ◆ "It's not what you say—it's how it's interpreted." (A Lucasfilm media trainer about what an actor can and cannot say on social media.)
- ◆ "It's all true even though it's not all fact." (A playwright.)
- ◆ "When I tell people I was born in a tobacco field, I'm only exaggerating, like, a *tiny* bit." (An activist.)
- ◆ "It turns out that a lot of the stories that former Daily Show correspondent and Patriot Act host Hassan Minhaj has told in his standup comedy acts, stories from his lived experience as an Asian-American and a Muslim, never actually happened, at least not to him. He told *The New Yorker* those stories are the emotional truth, not the actual truth..." ("Comedians may exaggerate for a punchline. When is that not OK?" with Leila Fadel, NPR, Morning Edition, Sept 22, 2023.)

◆ "I'm just messin' wit 'cha, man"; irony; mockery; sarcasm; LULZ; 4-Chan; 8-Chan; trolling; catfishing; swatting; queerbaiting; vishing; 1 Hacker Way; "Here's to the Crazy Ones"; "Mission Accomplished"; the Affordable Care Act; QAnon; the okay sign with the fingers...

◆ "There are many here among us / who feel that life is but a joke. / But you and I, we've been through that / and this is not our fate. / So let us stop talking falsely now / the hour's getting late." (The Jimmy Hendrix Experience, All Along The Watchtower (Official Audio.)

*** Life is a film (script, podcast)

◆ "This sounds like a horror movie." (A comment about "2022 University of Idaho killings.")

◆ "It sounds like a heist movie." (Sam Briger on Fresh Air interviewing a writer who wrote a non-fiction account about a historical event.)

◆ "Never would you think that you could see, physically see, the Key Bridge tumble down like that. It looked like something out of an action movie." (Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott, about the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge into the Patapsco River after it had been hit by a container ship.)

◆ "A manhunt is on in the U.K. for a terror suspect whose cinematic prison break has captivated the country." ("A U.K. soldier accused of terrorism escaped prison strapped under a truck" by Lauren Frayer, All Things Considered, Sept. 8, 2023. "Cinematic"? "Captivated"? "Lauren Frayer"? "NPR"?)

◆ "It's what you do in video games, you don't do it in real life." (A sports pundit on NPR about Shohei Otani, who pitches and hits well in real life.)

◆ "I like that *Star Wars* reference there to describe the political landscape." (Political punditry by NPR's Leila Fadel.)

◆ "He was born into a plotline in a soap opera watched by the whole planet." (The comedian Laura Lexx about Prince Harry. Her comment ended up being quite sympathetic to Harry, an Iraq War veteran.)

◆ "It's like its own little reality show. To each his own." (An ex-NBA player about the latest NBA sex scandal.)

◆ "The 'screenlife' category in which everything plays out on computer screens." (Films. One example is the "screenlife thriller" *Searching* by Aneesh Chagtany.)

◆ "WILDEST APPLAUSE to all of you for your unwavering dedication to getting justice for..." (A tweet with a gif of people in a concert venue giving a standing ovation.)

◆ "The Coyote was given the nickname 'Wile E.' after the Warner Brothers character." (A coyote that strayed into a California school.)

◆ "This is an American crime story that follows what sadly feels like a familiar script. Woman goes missing, husband gets in front of a camera, makes an emotional plea for her return, and that husband is arrested for her murder. This has now happened in the case of..." ("Husband of missing Colorado mom arrested nearly one year after her disappearance," ABC.)

◆ "The same formula again and again. I want to post pictures of myself in bathing suits. When I get criticized I'll say I want to do it for others and for body positivity. When I get criticized for that, I will show sadness that the world doesn't support mental health and I'm a victim, and finally I'll get praised for being so brave for living my own truth." (Bob Loblaw. A BBC HYS comment about "SI Swim model Natalie Mariduena wants to 'be an example' of 'body normalcy'" by Stephanie Nolasco, August 20, 2022.)

◆ "We both in different worlds needed redemption over the same issue. You know, when I look in the mirror I gotta look at the man who let his wife get murdered. You know, at some point, I needed redemption. I needed to be rebuilt into something I could live with. You know, and I see Jeremy in the same light, you know in a different frame, a different story line. You know, he's the, he's the, one who put all this into play, you know, he's the one who's holding the knife. And so he needs his own redemption. You know what? I thank God for that. I thank God for that because without that I don't think we ever get to the bottom of it. And very few people know the truth. You know, now there's a bigger story to tell. Where it goes from here, we'll see (guitar music)." (Leo Schofield about Jeremy Scott from the podcast *Bone Valley*, "Chapter 9 | Coming Clean." Does it sound like a Hollywood pitch written by a film-school graduate? You be the judge.)

◆ "He did reference the movies and it's not hard to understand why. I mean, *Star Wars* was always a fairytale for children, and fairytales are morality tales, of good versus evil, where good is clearly defined, evil is clearly defined, and it's not hard to extrapolate an evil empire with Russia invading a sovereign nation. So..." ("Mark Hamill on speaking to

Zelensky about Star Wars," BBC News, Entertainment & Arts. Sean Penn actually lent one of his best actor Academy Award trophies to Zelensky.)

♦ "This isn't how the movie is supposed to end, you know the good guys are always supposed to ride off into the sunset."

*** Life isn't a film (script, podcast)

♦ "DART, as we call it, it felt like a movie plot. But this was not Hollywood." (NASA Administrator Hill Nelson about "Humanity's first planetary defense test.")

♦ "Not all heroes wear capes, and Chris definitely was a hero to this community. He just didn't have a cape." (The cousin of a police officer killed in the line of duty.)

♦ "But forget football right now, this is real life, and real life isn't a game. So we're hoping the best for everyone involved. (A *New York Post* video about an NFL quarterback and his divorce.)

♦ "This is not a podcast for me, this is real life." (The brother of murdered Hae Min Lee.)

♦ "This isn't some new season of *Happy Valley* or *Prime Suspect*, these are real people with real lives, a real family that is hurting." (The online commenter Julia Hartley-Brewer about the "Death of Nicola Bulley.")

♦ "When classes started, Tahiry found herself struggling to connect with the other students. They came from 'different worlds,' she said. It was a complaint I heard from many of the Afghan women, at several schools. Some told me that American students took no interest in them; others said that American students took too much interest in them, and they were tired of explaining what was happening back in Afghanistan. 'It's just like a movie for them,' one woman who ended up at Cornell, who asked not to be named for privacy reasons, told me. 'People here are always watching dramas and everything.' She added, 'But for me, it's my real life.'" ("Students In A Strange Land" by Maddy Crowell, *The New York Times Magazine*, August 14, 2022.)

♦ "Note how many pundits have dismissed well-documented tragedies—children massacred at school, families separated by a callous state—as the work of 'crisis actors.' In a functioning society, 'I'm a real person' goes without saying. In ours, it is a desperate plea." ("We're Already In The Metaverse: Reality is blurred. Boredom is intolerable. And everything is entertainment" by Megan Garber, *The Atlantic*, March, 2023.)

*** MSM

♦ "Some researchers say that 'peak phosphorus,' the point at which the amount of phosphorus being pulled from the ground starts to decline, could be reached within the next decade. Others maintain that the time frame is more like centuries." ("Elemental Need: Phosphorus helped save our way of life—and now threatens to end it" by Elizabeth Kolbert, *The New Yorker*, March 6, 2023.)

♦ "Severe flooding in Italy kills 2; drought persists," *The Associated Press*, May 3, 2023. (Flood. Drought. Pushing the climate-change angle, much? Or, "Sea turtle nests break records on US beaches, but global warming threatens survival." Mmmm...)

♦ "The snowstorm comes amidst an ongoing what they call 'snow drought.'" (An overheated female weather forecaster about a spring snowstorm in Minnesota following a winter with low winter snow totals. Wikipedia doesn't have an entry for "snow drought." Again, the idea of global warming...)

♦ "They aren't trying to tell the truth, they're trying to sell newspapers and feed the click machine." (LSU coach Kim Mulkey about the Washington Post's Kent Babb.)

♦ NPR's Michele Martin: Does the ICRC have a realistic hope of being able to visit the hostages being held in Gaza? / Crystal A. Wells: (Seventy words later.) Now, in terms of your question... (Crystal never does answer the question, and her credentials seem a bit suspect. More and more, NPR reporting follows this script. And the "experts" will be diverse.)

♦ "And we avoid the trap that befalls much US media—the tendency, born of a desire to please all sides, to engage in false equivalence in the name of neutrality. While fairness guides everything we do, we know there is a right and a wrong position in the fight against racism and for reproductive justice." (*The Guardian*. Practically hidden nowadays behind the subscription / pop-up / please donate / advertising wall.)

♦ "Critics say he falsely gives weight to both sides of the issue..."

♦ "When I read this I really didn't actually believe it, we weren't going to go to air with this story till we'd actually spoken to KFC, and they explained what happened. They have something called an "automatic content generator." And this is attached to a calendar, it detects anniversaries, and then links them to a product, and churns out a promotion. Now, it is supposed to be checked by a human being..." (Europe Regional Editor Paul Moss on the BBC Global News Podcast, 11 Nov 2022, about a "Treat yourself to more cheese on your tender chicken now at K-F-Cheese" promotion to commemorate Kristallnacht!)

♦ "MSN, Microsoft's in-house news aggregation site, sparked outrage after it published an artificial intelligence-powered obituary of former NBA player Brandon Hunter which referred to him in the headline as 'useless'... The news story that MSN published about Hunter's death bore a headline which read: 'Brandon Hunter useless at 42.'" Much of the story was linguistic "word salad," or gibberish. Commenters were outraged. One posted, "AI should not be writing obituaries. Pay your damn writers MSN." From "MSN slammed by users after insane AI-powered headline calls deceased ex-NBA pro 'useless,'" by Ariel Zilber, *New York Post*, Tech, Sept. 18, 2023.)

♦ "He 'served the Palmdale and Antelope Valley communities without absolute distinction." (ABC News.go, about a murdered sheriff. Without absolute distinction?!)

♦ "CNET, a tech-centric website, has reportedly been using AI to generate content."

♦ "We were the first newsroom to treat internet life as real life." ("A Final Editor's Note" by Karolina Waclawiak, Editor-in-Chief of BuzzFeed News, May 5, 2023.)

♦ "Let's consider (for the moment) the narrative..." (NPR's Mary Louise Kelly.)

♦ "BuzzFeed announced plans to expand its use of ChatGPT in order to create content on its website."

♦ "Opinion: What the Sports Illustrated AI debacle is telling us" by Will Leite, CNN, November 29, 2023. Leite makes many excellent points.

♦ "Editor's Note. Before this article was posted online, a passage in it about the Middle East was updated to address Hamas's attack on Israel, which occurred after the print version of the article went to press." (*Foreign Affairs*, published by the Council on Foreign Relations. The original article—"The Sources of American Power: A Foreign Policy for a Changed World" by National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan—was self-congratulatory and failed to anticipate such an attack: "The Middle East... is quieter than it has been for decades." *Foreign Affairs* was begun on 15 September 1922, and "over its long history, it has published a number of seminal articles," according to its Wikipedia entry.)

♦ "Thank you for reaching out to the FSJ. It may not come as a surprise—you were not alone in catching this statement and feeling compelled to write to us. As a result, we have been communicating with the letter's author, and just wanted to make you aware we will be publishing a correction/follow up message in a forthcoming edition for clarity." (Hannah McDaniel, Publications Coordinator, *The Foreign Service Journal*. "Reach out?" "Feel compelled?" There was never any acknowledgement of error / correction. The online version was simply rewritten. The print versions will simply...molder. This saves face for all involved.)

♦ "The *Times* declared that the 1619 Project 'aims to reframe the country's history, understanding 1619 as our true founding'. That bold statement—a declaration of *Times* fact, not opinion, since it came from the newsroom—outraged many Americans who venerated 1776 as the founding. The *Times* later stealthily erased it from the digital version of the project, but was caught doing so by a writer for the publication *Quillette*." ("When the New York Times lost its way" by James Bennet, *1843 Magazine (The Economist)*, Dec 14th 2023.)

♦ "Never wrong for long." (Cynical reporters about their mistakes and the news cycle.)

♦ "The earliest known documented outbreak of unexplained livestock deaths occurred in early 1606." (The Wikipedia entry for "Cattle mutilation." Click-bait stories of mysterious unexplained "animal mutilations" continue to the present day, from Texas, from Colorado, from Oregon... Perhaps you've clicked on one. *Plus ça change...*)

♦ "Bedbug scams have proliferated." (Creepy pictures of bedbugs.)

♦ "If you don't read the newspaper, you're uninformed. If you do, you're misinformed." (This quote is commonly misattributed to Mark Twain, according to snopes.com and the Center for Mark Twain Studies.)

◆ Journalism as a legitimate profession is dead. Its throat was slit on the altar of the attention economy, social media, and capitalism.

◆ see *clickbait* (noun) in this work.

*** So what is the truth, anyway?

◆ "Is this legal, what Amazon is doing? Lawyers and privacy advocates say it's up for debate."

◆ "It's not a lie if you believe it."

◆ "A lie you accept becomes a lie you forget."

◆ "Just because I lie doesn't mean I'm a liar." ("Matthew McConaughey's book 'Just Because' is judgment-free" by Reena Advani, NPR, Morning Edition, September 12, 2023.)

◆ "But it felt real, and therefore it was real... Stranger rhymed with danger." (The so-called "stranger danger" in the US in the 1980s.)

◆ "At some point perception becomes reality." (Joe Biden is too old to run for re-election.)

◆ "According to her version of events..."

◆ "Wherever the truth lies, she..."

◆ "The truth lies somewhere in between."

◆ "Language models can just wholecloth make things up." (ChatGPT, etc.)

◆ "They are not wholecloth falsehoods [with upspeak] but they reassemble things that are true or close to being true into stories that are just wildly and completely different from what actually happened."

◆ Online commenter #1: MU fans hailed him as the Messiah and because he's spoken the truth all MU fans turned on him. / Online commenter #2: And by truth I'm assuming you mean his version of the truth. (Online commenters about the great soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo.)

◆ "In Mexico it feels like truth exists in a different dimension." ("There are still no answers eight years after 43 students in Mexico went missing" by Eyder Peralta, NPR, All Things Considered, January 17, 2023.)

◆ "The conversation around the case tells its own story about the blurred lines of information, what is known versus what is believed, what qualifies as evidence and how the truth of an incident can be warped by its circumstances." ("Can the Tupac Shakur murder trial salvage any justice from a 27-year-old case" by Sheldon Pearce, NPR, Analysis, Music, Oct 17, 2023.)

◆ Misinformation; disinformation; malinformation (it has a Wikipedia entry); prebunking ("Google to expand misinformation 'prebunking' in Europe"); truthiness; trutHER; post-truth (and post truth); alternative facts; fake news; fake posts; false narratives; phony content; propaganda; untrue information; whataboutery; "leave it to the Times to both sides it"; "false equivalence"...

*** Conspiracy theories, culture wars

◆ "She realized that '9/11 truth' has sunk its hooks into her husband." (Architects & Engineers for 9/11, a controlled demolition by the U.S. government, the 23rd floor, Japanese gold...)

◆ "The 'election was stolen' is not a debatable issue."

◆ "The facts are clear, our community is growing, and we will take our seat at the table." (A comment about a poll showing that 21% of Gen Z is LGBTQ.)

◆ "Settled fact." (A pronouncement that *you* believe, by *I* don't.)

◆ "Fact-checking is a scheme to launder left-wing messaging." (Chris Rufo.) /// "Policing truth and lies online is really fraught these days. The political right..." (NPR punditry.)

◆ "It's always a conspiracy until it's true."

◆ "You mean the conspiracy that turned out to be true?" (An online commenter.)

◆ "Only those who live a lie hate the truth." (Dawn Las Quevas-Allen.)

◆ "Surely she's been hacked. Those messages don't even read as if they have been created by a human." (An online commenter about Dawn Las Quevas-Allen.)

◆ "You can't provide evidence to prove something that doesn't exist never happened." (Conspiracy theories.)

◆ "She seems more like she's acting." (An online commenter about a black female teen interviewed after a St. Louis school shooting.)

◆ "This thinking [identity politics] appeals not to reason or universal values but to the authority of identity, the 'lived experience' of the oppressed... [This has led some] to believe that words can be a form of violence; to close down a general argument with a personal truth ('You wouldn't understand,' or just 'I'm offended'); to keep your mouth shut when identity disqualified you from speaking." ("School Shouldn't Be A Battlefield" by George Packer, *The Atlantic*, April 2022.)

◆ "We were left out of these stories." (Carrell Augustus about his photography book *Black Hollywood: Reimagining Iconic Movie Moments*, which replaces white actors and actresses with Black ones or, alternatively, "puts black actors and actresses at the center of some of Hollywood's most iconic movie images.")

◆ *Jay Gatsby: A Black Man in Whiteface*. (Janet Savage, 2017.)

◆ "People doing so-called crime..." (Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah.)

◆ "The White Supremacist Origins of Exercise, and 6 Other Surprising Facts About the History of U.S. Physical Fitness" by Olivia B. Waxman, *Time Magazine*, Dec. 28, 2022. (The author may or may not have written the title.)

◆ "It's shocking but not surprising. It is yet more proof that the international climate crisis has been hijacked by the oil and gas industry and that they have been using the climate talks to further their own business interests and..." (Alice Harrison of Global Witness about COP28.)

◆ "The state of mind that the Party enforces through terror in 1984, where truth becomes so unstable that it ceases to exist, we now induce in ourselves." ("Doublethink Is Stronger Than Orwell Imagined: What 1984 means today" by George Packer, *The Atlantic*, July 2019.)

◆ "Basically, say the wrong truth and you will get punished in academia and journalism." (An online commenter, about academic publishing and climate change.)

◆ A FUNNY CARTOON. Two children, a boy and a girl, are sitting on a mat with their toys: a teddy bear, blocks, a stacking ring, etc. A creepy-looking third child is stalking towards their mat. The first boy is saying to the girl, "He has this crazy conspiracy theory about object permanence." (*The New Yorker*, March 6, 2023.)

◆ TRUTH, n. An ingenious compound of desirability and appearance... (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

◆ TRUTH (noncount and count noun): (a) Whatever you can convince yourself of (b) Whatever you can convince others of (c) Whatever you can get away with—"I didn't do nuffin!" (A definition written in the spirit of Ambrose Bierce's *The Devil's Dictionary*.)

*** manipulating reality and making money

◆ "Anthony Bourdain doc director admits to using A.I. to fake voice." (*New York Post*.)

◆ "He wants people to know the video is a supercut and doesn't reflect the rest of his live coverage..." (A tweet that went viral.)

◆ "Somebody took LeBron James' name, somebody took former president Bush's name onto their accounts and got them verified..." (Twitter.)

◆ "Okay, this looks pretty cool but, it just didn't feel like reality, and maybe that is because I know that it's not reality, where I'm like, I, I know that's not how I look in person, I know that's... I'm not even going to try to like that..." ("Luong," a 28-year-old who works in management consulting in Toronto, about TikTok's new beauty filter, *Bold Glamour*. From "A new AI-powered TikTok filter is sparking concern" by Bobby Allyn, NPR, Technology, All Things Considered, March 8, 2023. "There are concerns the tools promote unrealistic beauty stands and blurs (sic) the lines of reality.")

◆ "Creepy new AI animates photos to bring the dead back to life" by Joshua Hawkins, June 8th, 2022. (The app Deep Nostalgia from MyHeritage.)

◆ "Introducing The Shotline, a platform where the voices of victims killed by gun violence have been brought back using AI technology. Now those voices can call our representatives against and again in hopes of changing our gun laws. Visit theshotline.org to send a call." (A tweet on X from ChangeTheRef @ ChangeTheRef, from "Gun violence killed them. Now, their voices will lobby Congress to do more using AI" by Elena Moore, NPR, All Things Considered, updated February 14, 2024.)

◆ "This post includes content assisted by AI."

◆ “Over time, mistakes in generated data compound and ultimately force models that learn from generated data to misperceive reality even further.” (Iliia Shumailov.)

◆ Re-enactors; “the age of the edit”; actor portrayals; scripts; deep fakes; CGI; ChatGPT; the Liar’s Dividend...

*** The everyday lives of ordinary Americans

◆ how...; why...; who...; what’s with...; is...; has...; did...; was...

◆ it is possible that...; he could have...; If...; I believe that...; check his grinder account...

◆ hmmm; I’m not saying this is impossible, but...; many questions remain unanswered; I just don’t know what to think here; I will refrain from concluding, but...; seems odd; sounds strange to me; seems suspicious; color me dubious; my antenna is up; too many unanswered questions; this whole story makes no sense; it just doesn’t add up; there are so many holes in her story; it doesn’t pass the smell test; something smells fishy; something stinks; all her attention getting photos are troubling; getting more murky by the minute

◆ coincidence, yeah (sarcasm); really? (sarcasm); yeah, right, sure (sarcasm)

◆ sorry, I don’t believe it; not buying it; bogus; bizarre; fake; hoax, hoax, hoax, hoax!!!!; scam; she is lying; she made this up to get media attention; phony story; fabricated story; she a player; kind of reminds me of [X]; reminds me of the [X] case; [X] case anybody?; remember that great story about the homeless man in Philly who...

◆ where’s Columbo; does Hillary Clinton have an alibi...; have not had so much fun since the ‘boy in the balloon’ hoax...

◆ “Paid actors, not real clients. Results achieved do not necessarily indicate similar results can be obtained for other clients. Gross recovery amount before fee and cost deductions.” (A typical advertisement on YouTube.)

◆ The answer to a Google query says the average American sees between 4,000 and 10,000 ads in a single day.

◆ “It looks like the results below are changing quickly. If this topic is new, it can sometimes take time for reliable sources to publish information.” (The result for a Google search.)

◆ “Attention has always been currency, but as we’ve begun to live our lives increasingly online, it’s now *the* currency.” (“I talked to the Cassandra of the Internet Age” by Charlie Warzel, *The New York Times*, Feb. 4, 2021. The attention economy.)

◆ “IRL’ Author Says It’s OK That We’re Spending So Much Of Our Lives Online” by Noel King, Ryan Benk, NPR, Author Interviews, Morning Edition, December 7, 2020.

◆ “ChatGPT use for wedding vows, eulogies stokes dispute over authenticity.” (ABC.)

◆ NOTICE: Important information enclosed. Time sensitive. (Junk mail.)

*** war

◆ “The first casualty of war is the truth.”

◆ “When the first detachment of American soldiers was sent to France on transports the troopships went under convoy of cruisers and destroyers. The day they landed in France the newspapers carried a thrilling story... of an attempt by submarines to sink the transports in mid-ocean... It was a splendid story, but there was not a word of it true... Naval officers who had gone over with the transports read it in Parisian newspapers and marveled at the generous gifts of publicity agents...” (A *New American History* by W. E. Woodward.)

◆ “They get awfully sick at the big-print headlines in some of the papers—The Hill 60 Thrill! ‘Thrill, indeed! There’s nothing thrilling about ploughing over parapets into a machinegun, with high explosives bursting round you,—it’s merely beastly,’ said a boy this evening, who is all over shrapnel splinters.” (*Diary of a Nursing Sister on the Western Front: 1914-1915* by Kate (Katherine) Evelyn Luard.)

◆ “Not only did the Belgian baby whose hands had been cut off by the Germans travel through the towns and villages of Great Britain, but it went through Western Europe and America... Everyone wanted to believe the story, and many went so far as to say they had seen the baby... / [*The Times* Correspondent in Paris reported in an article of August 27, 1914 that] ‘One man whom I did not see told an official of the Catholic Society that he had seen with his own eyes German soldiery chop off the arms of a baby which clung to its mother’s skirts.’ / On September 2, 1914, *The Times* Correspondent quotes French refugees

declaring: ‘They cut the hands off the little boys so that there shall be no more soldiers for France.’ / Babies not only had their hands cut off, but they were impaled on bayonets, and in one case nailed to a door. But everyone will remember the handless Belgian baby. It was loudly spoken of in buses and other public places, had been seen in a hospital, was now in the next parish, etc., and it was paraded, not as an isolated instance of an atrocity, but as a typical instance of a common practice. / In Parliament there was the usual evasion, which suggested the story was true, although the only evidence given was ‘seen by witnesses.’ / But the most harrowing and artistically dressed version of the handless child story appeared in the *Sunday Chronicle* on May 2, 1915. / ‘Some days ago a charitable great lady was visiting a building in Paris where have been housed for several months a number of Belgian refugees. During her visit she noticed a child, a girl of ten, who, though the room was hot rather than otherwise, kept her hands in a pitiful little worn muff. Suddenly the child said to the mother: ‘Mamma, please blow my nose for me.’ / ‘Shocking,’ said the charitable lady, half-laughing, half-severe, ‘A big girl like you, who can’t use her own handkerchief.’ / The child said nothing, and the mother spoke in a dull, matter-of-fact tone. ‘She has not any hands now, ma’am,’ she said. The grand dame looked, shuddered, understood. ‘Can it be,’ she said, ‘that the Germans--?’ The mother burst into tears. That was her answer.’ / Signor Nitti, who was Italian Prime Minister during the war, states in his memoirs: / ‘To bring the truth of the present European crisis home to the world it is necessary to destroy again and again the vicious legends created by war propaganda. During the war France, in common with other Allies, including our own Government in Italy, circulated the most absurd inventions to arouse the fighting spirit of our people. The cruelties attributed to the Germans were such as to curdle our blood. We heard the story of poor little Belgian children whose hands were cut off by the Huns... Mr. Lloyd George and myself, when at the head of the Italian Government, carried on extensive investigations as to the truth of these horrible accusations, some of which, at least, were told specifically as to names and places. Every case investigated proved to be a myth.’ (*Falsehood in War-time: Propaganda Lies of the First World War* by Arthur Ponsonby.)

◆ “The story of babies torn from their incubators was repeated over and over again. President Bush told the story. It was recited as fact in Congressional testimony, on TV and radio talk shows, and the UN Security Council... Following the war, human rights investigators attempted to confirm Nayirah’s story and could find no witnesses or other evidence to support it. Amnesty International, which had fallen for the story, was forced to issue an embarrassing retraction.” (The 1991 Gulf War.)

◆ Joanna Kakissis: [They] were looking for Inna’s 8-year-old daughter, Ulya. [Translator: She’s very fond of her. She’s very smiley. She’s a blond-haired girl, so positive.] So the bodies of Ulya’s grandmother and father had already been found burned so badly that Oksana said that they looked like coal. As she kept holding out hope that Ulya would somehow be found alive. But when we called her last night, she told us Ulya was dead and that her mother recognized the little earrings and necklace on Ulya’s body. / Scott Simon [Emotional]: Oh, my. Bless them all... Any idea why Uman was the target?” (“At least 25 people died from Russian strikes in two Ukrainian cities,” NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, April 29, 2023.)

◆ “The BBC hasn’t been able to verify the pictures or the authenticity of the documents...” (The war in Ukraine. 2023.)

◆ “*Real or not* [italics mine], reported Kremlin drone attack unsettles Russia” by Jim Heintz, Associated Press, May 3, 2023.)

◆ “*The fact* [italics mine] that [the ICJ] said there’s a responsibility to prevent it [genocide], *the fact* [italics mine] that his word is even in play, *the fact* [italics mine] that this word is even in our discourse, I think demonstrates the mass inhumanity that Gazans are facing.” (Alexandria “The Fact” Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y.)

◆ “It’s hard to, you know, rationalize that a war is happening and we can see it in real time on social media, everyone commenting on it, everyone speaking about it and actually just talking about it. We don’t know what to do.” (War in Ukraine. Gen Z. “TikTok is the new Google for Gen Z.”)

◆ “Young Ukrainians are spreading joy by organizing cleanup parties.” (NPR’s Kat Lonsdorf.)

◆ I overtook him, I hit him with a rifle. And he fell down. And I was going to bayonet ‘em when he start [pauses to gather himself]... he started calling for his mother. He started going, “Mommy, Mommy, Mommy.” I says, uh [in a hard voice] “Why are you calling for your mother?” He says, “I don’t want to die.” He says, “I want my mommy.” I said, “All right, I’ll tell you what, I’m gonna make it look like I stabbed ya. [In a firm, clear voice.] Pretend you’re dead... when I move away from you.” “Okay,” he

said, "Okay." [Sighing, in a firm voice.] I did it. (Private First Class Ralph Martire—pronounced MAR-tire—after the siege of Bastogne was lifted. The German soldier was a teenage boy. From Oral History Interview with Ralph Martire recorded 2010 Mar. 27, Central Connecticut State University Digital Collections / Veterans History Project.)

♦ "The question is why. Why did these men fail to fire? As I examined this question and studied the process of killing in combat from the standpoints of a historian, a psychologist, and a soldier, I began to realize that there was one major factor that was missing from the common understanding of killing in combat, a factor that answers this question and more. The missing factor is the simple and demonstrable fact that there is within most men an intense resistance to killing their fellow man. A resistance so strong that, in many circumstances, soldiers on the battlefield will die before they can overcome it." (*On Killing* by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman.)

appearance & reality: death & life

really (gushing)

really really enjoyed

I ~ watching her (a female about a female)

really, really hoped

I would have ~ that she would...

REEE•lee know

so, does anyone ~... ("A" Martinez, NPR)

really realize

I didn't ~ that rabies was still a thing

really really really take to heart

it's something I ~ (Margrethe Vestager)

really really really wanna go hard

hey bitch, do you ~ (a song)

really, really wanted to do things

I ~ that make my heart happy (female athlete)

really challenging

it's ~ to do this through social media (controversies)

really, really challenging

I think it's ~ (Graham Honaker to Ailsa Chang about sports)

REEE•lee, REEE•lee devastating

this is something that is ~ to fat people (Michael Hobbes)

really really hurting

a lot of these guys and gals are ~ (clinical social worker)

REEE•lee, REEE•lee annoyed

suppose you did something that ~ an old friend

really, really bothered

it ~ me (Abigail Disney / a Disney labor practice)

really, really pissed

the people were getting ~ (NPR's Jasmine Garsd)

really, really bad

it was ~ (Dawn, a gay student)

REEE•lee, REEE•lee contagious

the Omicron virus is ~ (NPR's Selena Simmons-Duffin)
but the thing with measles is that it's ~ (Pien Huang NPR)

really, really cool

and it's ~ that... (Cari Fletcher, queer)

really, really difficult

for me, exercising is hard, it's ~ (Salma Hayek)

REEE•lee expensive

this is a ~ rocket (Nell Greenfieldboyce of NPR)

really, really good

my mother was ~ at helping me (Dawn, a gay student)

really hard

I went through a ~ time coming out

really really hostile

they say the bill creates a ~ environment (Trans)

really really real

these forest fires are ~

really REEE•lee rich

~ customers (Stacey Vanek Smith)

really, really sad

it was just ~ (Heath Ledger's O.D.)

really serious

Tori Kelly hospitalized in '~' condition

REEE•lee, REEE•lee small

the amount of gas is ~ (NPR's Nell Greenfieldboyce)

really really weird

but there's this second ~ thing...

really, really

and they did ~ well

really absolutely

see *absolutely* (*contempo-speak*)

really actually

see *actually* (*contempo-speak*)

really basically

see *basically* (*contempo-speak*)

really deeply

I really ~ wish I had been more responsible (SBF)

really definitely

see *definitely* (*contempo-speak*)

really do

see *do* (*emphasizer*)

really does

see *does* (*emphasizer*)

really feels like

see *feel like* (*feels like, felt like*)

really felt like

see *feel like* (*feels like, felt like*)

really just

see *just* (*filler*)

really kind of

see *kind of* (*contempo-speak*)

really pretty
see *pretty (contempo-speak)*

really so
see *so (gushing)*

really sort of
see *sort of (contempo-speak)*

really totally
see *totally (contempo-speak)*

really truly
I think he ~ believes in...

really very
see *very (contempo-speak)*

absolutely really
this drawing is ~ important scientifically

actually really
his job is to ~ stare at octopus (a photographer)
she was ~ criticized, deeply criticized...
I was ~ surprised, pleasantly surprised...
employees ~ honest to God want to be here...
but it ~ is important to people...
I was ~ upset... (by the death of Queen Elizabeth II)
that's why it's ~ hard to...
I think language is ~ important (actor Zach Woods)
this is ~ early examples of animal domestication, right?

actually, really
shaming ~ does some damage and distracts...

actually really, really
people who were ~ ravaged by the war...

actually really do
see *do (emphasizer)*

definitely really
I ~ appreciate what I have, I mean, I just love...
I was ~ excited
my parents were ~ nervous about that

did really
but I ~ like this kind of moody, grown-up drama
but I ~ enjoy *Starlion: Thieves of the Red Night*
but he ~ want to do that and...

do really
and I ~ believe that it all...
I ~ believe these universal ideas about bonding
but I ~ believe that politics is changing in that sense...
I ~ think he's a genius composer

does really
which ~ suggest this is just reflecting... (COVID punditry)

does really sort of
see *sort of (contempo-speak)*

I mean, really
~ I'm doing myself a disservice by...
~, for this piece I wish it sounded more American

just really
a story you ~ want to follow...
we ~ want to live our life as joyously as possible
that's exactly it, and you've ~ perfectly summed it up
I was ~ sort of eyebrow raised... (disbelief)
in a way that's ~ like uhh...

just kind of really
my mom ~ reiterated how special I was (Dr. Jason Arday)

just kind of really
and she was ~ positive, kind of like a hippie...

kind of really
they're not ~ claiming to be traditional...

kinda really
it ~ depends on my state when...

obviously really
we are ~ happy as...
social media has ~ revolutionized MLMs (marketing)
that promise is ~ attractive to groups who...
I am ~ concerned if this drags out... (stress)
it's ~ difficult to...
she is ~ good at... (an athlete)
you literally have paralysis and that's ~ dangerous...

♦ A marked and extended long e is a feature of "female gushing." Certain types of men, or men who work around women, do it, too.

♦ "And you are an archer, Gina Davis, you are really really good at archery." (Rachel Treisman gushing on NPR. Gina Davis seems to take it in stride. I imagine her eyebrow raised.)

♦ Really really difficult; really bad; really hard; really hard; really shocked... (NPR's Kat Lonsdorf, reporting on the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza from Tel Aviv.)

♦ "But there's this second really really weird thing that happens... (Geoff Brumfiel, on NPR's science desk.)

♦ Type "really really" into search at NPR and you get 7,056 hits and counting...

♦ Type "actually really" into search at NPR and you get 912 results, and counting...

♦ Type in "obviously really" at NPR and you get 49 results and counting.

♦ "I'm reeeeeeally not liking the medical field these days...sure hope there's some major changes down the road." (A text comment from Kiki_Bee.)

♦ "It really is definitely a pattern." (An NPR pundit.)

♦ "When Perhaps You Actually Really Can't Handle The Truth," Pop Culture Happy Hour, Linda Holmes, October 31, 2008.

♦ "There are those who think we're together only because of the film. They're wrong. This is a real love story. With Al it's everything, without him it's nothing. We are really, really, really in love," she stressed, lingering over each 'really.' / ... Pacino's response was a nervous, positively embarrassed half-smile..." (Marthe Keller, the blond actress, interviewed with Al Pacino. From *Al Pacino: A Life On The Wire* by Andrew Yule.)

♦ "I really really don't like people knowing we're dating... I'm really sorry I'm such a shitty person to date." (Sam Bankman-Fried to Caroline Ellison.)

♦ "I really deeply wish that I had taken like a lot more responsibility..." (Sam Bankman-Fried, during an interview with George Stephanopoulos in November, 2022.)

*** analysis

♦ Linguist John McWhorter's analysis of "really" is interesting, as always. *Really* is "fundamentally emotional" and "personal." He says, "*Really* conveys a hand-on-the-heart testament." "*Really* is about your gut feelings in a way that *very* is much less so." In his FACE typology of MPMs (modal pragmatic markers), he considers it to represent "Factuality: For Real." (*Words on the Move* by the linguist John

McWhorter, Chapter 1, "The Faces of English: Words Get Personal," subsection "Factuality: For Real.")

♦ The linguist John McWhorter does not specifically mention "really" being doubled up. But he has a wonderful discussion of exclamation points that perhaps applies. "It is often remarked that people are now using multiple exclamation points in texting, social media, and casual writing... The reason for the proliferation? The potency of the single exclamation point has faded over time..." (*Words on the Move* by John McWhorter, Chapter 3, "When Words Stop Being Words: Where Does Grammar Come From?") subsection "The Signal Fades." It appears that words, letters, punctuation marks, and emojis can all proliferate. "Wayyyyy too blessed for that," etc.)

♦ see also *actually (contempo-speak), basically (contempo-speak), definitely (contempo-speak), obviously (contempo-speak)*

♦ see also *y (pulpy, etc.)*

♦ J-K-L-R speech. ("Just," "kind of," "like," and "really.")

contempo-speak: adverb

realm (area)

realm of ideas

now that partisanship infects every corner of the ~

realm of giant peaks

the ~ (Pakistan)

realms of sci-fi and fantasy

he explored the ~ (Rod Serling)

♦ "Crushing pressure, brutal cold and utter darkness; an epic journey into the unknown; alien worlds; bizarre creatures; extraordinary new behaviours; unendurable pressures; savage hordes of Humboldt squid..." (BBC enters the hype realm for *Blue Planet II*, *The Deep*.)

♦ "Adventure is pushing yourself into unknown realms, not dying just because the pro sucked." (The great climber Todd Skinner.)

area: royalty

reap (verb)

reaped (vast) sums from (Nigerian) oil

Shell has ~

reap (enormous political) support from the unions

politicians can ~ (education)

reap their (biggest) profits by selling

sex traffickers ~ virgins (Asia)

reaping a (bitter) harvest

teachers are ~ (dislike by public)

reap the (almost immeasurable) rewards

a few corporations ~ of a vast new world (AI)

reap the whirlwind

he who sows the wind shall ~ (Bible)

♦ "The Harvard online course catalog has a search box. Type in 'decolonize.' That word...is in the title of seven courses and the descriptions of 18 more." ("Reaping What We Have Taught" by Harvard Professor Harry R. Lewis, Contributing Opinion Writer, *The Harvard Crimson*, January 8, 2024.)

product: farming & agriculture / plant / verb

reaper (Reaper drone, etc.)

Reaper drone

a Hellfire missile fired from a ~ killed...

proper name: farming & agriculture / plant

death & life / military: proper name

death & life: farming & agriculture

reappropriate (groups)

reappropriate it

today's challenge is to ~ (nationalism)

Reappropriate Pink

"Is It Time to ~?" (Tania Lombrozo / color, not the singer)

reappropriated words

she ~ from a slut-shaming culture (Megan Thee Stallion)

♦ "Jill Lepore opens with a bravura survey of two and a half centuries of American national consciousness. Today's challenge, she argues, is not to resist nationalism but to reappropriate it." (Gideon Rose, Editor, *The New Nationalism*, *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2019.)

♦ Reappropriate, an Asian American-centered race and gender blog.

♦ "In a chorus ringing, 'Hands on my knees, shakin' a**,' on my thot s***,' the Houston rapper reappropriated words from a slut-shaming culture that are often used to demonize Black women." ("Megan Thee Stallion, 'Thot S***' by Gabrielle Pierre, NPR Music, June 11, 2021.)

♦ "Mama's boy' is a flex, not an insult." (According to NPR's Neda Ulaby.)

♦ see also *appropriate (groups), appropriation (groups), coopt (and co-opt), misappropriate (groups), misappropriated, misappropriation (groups, etc.), reappropriation (groups), reclaim (groups), reclaimed (groups), take back (take back one's life, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: possession / verb

reappropriation (groups)

corporate reappropriation

~, the straight-approved forms of LGBTQ expression

reappropriation or (perhaps) misappropriation

"Columbusing"—the ~ of African-American culture...

♦ "Barbie knows that representation matters and is committed to continuing to increase diversity across collections, so that more people can see themselves reflected." (The trans Barbie doll, a Barbie doll with a prosthetic limb, the Ken doll with vitiligo, a Barbie doll with Down Syndrome who is shorter and has smaller features, etc.)

♦ "*Columbusing* is a word that can be used to describe the reappropriation or perhaps misappropriation of African-American culture—for instance, various slang terms that get appropriated by a white mainstream audience. We see that happening quite a lot in language and culture, so this is a clever and rather sarcastic term for that phenomenon." (Ben Zimmer, language columnist for *The Wall Street Journal*. From "Die-In, Vortex, Selfie Stick: What's The Word Of 2014?" by NPR Staff, Pop Culture, December 28, 2014. The word refers to discovering something that is not new, and was "popularized in a College Humor video that came out this summer." The article has a link to that YouTube humor video "Columbusing: Discovering Things For White People.")

♦ see also *appropriate (groups), appropriation (groups), coopt (and co-opt), misappropriate (groups), misappropriated, misappropriation (groups, etc.), reappropriate (groups), reclaim (groups), reclaimed (groups), take back (take back one's life, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: possession

rear (verb)

rearing for a fight

Dees is still ~ (Southern Poverty Law Center)

behavior / conflict: animal / horse / verb

reared (raised)

reared on fiascos

young Americans have been ~ (war, recession, etc.)

growth & development: life span

rearguard (noun)

rearguard action

he has been fighting a ~ against criticism (politics)

the mainstream Left is fighting a pathetic ~ (government)

rearguard effort

a heroic second-half ~ (Saudi National soccer team)

♦ "One gets the feeling their celebrations will go on long into the night after a heroic second-half rearguard effort." (Andy Cryer, BBC Sport, about Saudi Arabia 2-Argentina 1 at the FIFA World Cup in Qatar, 2022. Mashallah! "Raise our Green Flag!")

♦ The rearguard action of a group of British soldiers at the village of Khig, following the British disaster in the Battle of Maiwand (27 July 1880) during the Second Anglo-Afghan War, was one of the most courageous last stands in military history. It helped allow the bulk of the British troops to safely withdraw to Kandahar. The only survivor of the last stand was Bobbie, a terrier attached to the Berkshires, who made it all the way back to England. Bobbie visited Queen Victoria, who awarded him with a medal. No doubt he got treats, too.

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

rebel (person)

rebel against political correctness

Trump campaigned as a ~

Rebel Royal

Princess Margaret: ~

rebel (Tory) MPs

~ will fail (against Boris Johnson)

rebel roots

the sport has ~ in southern California (skateboarding)

rebel, tree sister, earth protector

I am a ~ (Extinction Rebellion)

rebel or trailblazer

he was asked if he regarded himself as a ~ (LIV Golf)

outcast Hollywood rebel

he was the ~ (film director Nicholas Ray)

rank-and-file rebels

after negotiations with ~... (politics)

world's oldest rebel

he calls himself the ~ (Harry Leslie Smith)

pop rebel

she plays her part as ~ (Sky Ferreira)

conservative rebels

~ have attacked plans to extend lockdown powers (UK)

scientific rebel

this "~" (J. Craig Venter)

sexual rebel

she was a ~ (the remarkable Rebecca West)

♦ "Here's to the Crazy Ones! / The misfits. / The rebels. / The troublemakers. / The round pegs in the square holes. / The ones who see things differently." (Apple's "Think Different" advertising campaign.)

♦ Move faster, take more risks, break rules, question requirements... (Elon Musk.)

♦ for first-movers, risk-takers, and change-makers, introducing corporate program for startups [American express.com/startups](https://www.americanexpress.com/startups) AM EX Don't do business without it™ (A four-page ad in *Wired* magazine, January, 2020.)

♦ "Delivering for Thinkers, Doers, Movers, Shakers, Groundbreakers, Innovators, Future Makers, Trailblazers, Disruptors, Streamers, Dreamers. (A full-page advertisement in *The Atlantic* for the United States Postal Service. A Black employee with a smile on his face and three boxes in his hands and a laden bag over his shoulder is photographed at the rear of his open USPS truck, which is full of boxes. The Black man's sneakers are all black, his calves ginormous, his smile ecstatic. The advertisement goes on to say, "And our next-generation trucks [italics mine] will carry even more packages..." (*The Atlantic*, September, 2022.)

♦ "I think we really need to shift our thinking. Rebels are people who break rules that should be broken. They break rules that hold them and others back, and their way of rule breaking is constructive rather than destructive. It creates positive change." (Social scientist Francesca Gino. From "You 2.0: Rebel With A Cause," Shankar Vedantam, NPR, Hidden Brain, August 19, 2019.)

♦ "I remember the first time I encountered a pierced eyebrow... / 'But what does it express?' I asked, entirely in earnest... / The high-school punk rejects the culture of the mainstream only to embrace a subculture with norms no less exacting; how different a goth looks from everyone else, and yet how similar to every other goth... / Even the pierced eyebrow achieves its meaning within a web of social conventions... Would Robinson Crusoe bother getting a tattoo?" ("Ego Trip: The early Romantics and their troublesome legacy by Nikhil Krishnan, *The New Yorker*, October 3, 2022. The article is his review of Andrea Wulf's *Magnificent Rebels: The First Romantics and the Invention of the Self.*)

♦ A protruding nail will be hammered down." (Japan.)

person: military

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / person

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: military / person

rebel (verb)

rebel

he began to ~ (in school after death of father)

rebels against our modern puritanism

his film ~ about intoxication (Thomas Vinterberg)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: military / verb

rebellion (noun)

sizable rebellion

the PM is facing a ~ (vote of confidence)

seeds of rebellion

enforced potty sitting can sow the ~ (toddlers)

courting rebellion by pushing ahead

he is ~ with his plan (political party)

♦ 1850-1864. The Taiping Rebellion. Led by Hong Xiuquan, who believed he was Jesus' younger brother. A rebellion against the Qing ("Ching") dynasty and its Manchu elite. Ultimately 20-30 million died, most from plague and famine. Sixteen of 18 provinces were affected and at least 600 cities destroyed. It was during this same time period that the *Susquehanna* bore the U.S. flag up the Yangtze to Wuhu (1854), and the side-wheeler *Saginaw* steamed into Tung Ting Lake, 700 miles from that river's mouth (1861). If the *Saginaw* had been a Chinese warship on the Mississippi River, it would have reached the vicinity of Memphis, Tennessee. And it was also during this time that the British and French forced the Second Opium War upon China (1856-1860). / Amazingly,

when the rebels tried to take Shanghai in 1860, they were repulsed by a Qing army led and supported by European officers that included Charles George Gordon (Chinese Gordon, Pasha Gordon, Gordon of Khartoum). Frederick Townsend Ward also assisted, a US sailor and soldier of fortune. / The Third Battle of Nanking (Nanjing) in 1864, which ended the Taiping Rebellion, was perhaps the bloodiest battle up to that point in human history. In three days, over 100,000 died. The rebels fought to their deaths or committed suicide rather than be captured. / The Qing Dynasty would last into the 20th century, but essentially the rebellion finished them off. One result of the rebellion was that it made the dynasty realize that it had to Westernize and modernize its military. This is but a part of China's long history that shapes Chinese attitudes to the West to this very day.

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: military

rebirth (noun)

rebirth of (mountain) culture

the ~

gospel of rebirth

he is preaching a ~ to everyone (Detroit mayor)

death and rebirth

the primordial pageant of ~ of light (solar eclipse)

passing and a re-birth

it may be both a ~ (interest in old cantorial music)

growth & development: birth

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: birth

amelioration & renewal: birth

reboot (verb)

reboot the series

he is helping ~ (new Twilight Zone)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb

reboot (noun)

reboot

Ukraine is ready for a ~ (political change)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

reborn

reborn

Spanish football was ~ (13 Oct 2007 vs Denmark)

reborn in Athens in 1896

the Olympics, born in ancient Greece and ~

reborn career

a ~ as an advertising icon (Jeff Hakman)

amelioration & renewal: birth

growth & development: birth

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: birth

rebound (recover)

rebounded in numbers

it's possible the sharks have ~

ability to rebound

resilience is the ~

skin can rebound

~ and look younger (anti-aging creams)

resiliency: ball / movement / verb

movement: ball / verb

rebound (verb)

rates never fully rebounded

vaccination ~ (autism fears)

increase & decrease: ball / movement / verb

movement: ball / verb

increase & decrease: numbers

rebound (on the rebound)

on the rebound

the economy is finally ~

the sick seal appears to be ~

amelioration & renewal / resiliency: ball

rebound (rebound headache, etc.)

rebound headache

it sounds like you're experiencing ~s

drugs can cause ~s

rebound hypertension

abrupt discontinuation may cause ~ (drug)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: ball

rebuild (verb)

rebuild their lives

they are trying to ~

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb

recant (verb)

recanted

one of his earliest supporters ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: religion / verb

recapture (verb)

recapture past glories

patience is required as the club tries to ~ (Man U)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

recast (verb)

recast herself as a sexy dancing girl

she ~, and the world went mad (Joey Heatherton)

recast the (university's) image

it is part of a longstanding plan to ~

recast (modern) womanhood

she helped ~ (Helen Gurley Brown / *Cosmo*)

recast as a villain

a guard cast as a hero was ~ (Richard Jewell)

characterization: manufacturing / verb

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb
recast

recast as a villain
a guard cast as a hero was ~ (Richard Jewell)

characterization: manufacturing
creation & transformation: manufacturing
received (wisdom, etc.)

received norms
the film does not bridle against ~ (the Cold War)

received opinion
like so much ~, it was fallacious

received wisdoms
I do like to question ~ because they suit somebody

received and outdated
Nansen did his best to overcome Scott's ~ opinions

♦ "She is simply hard, a straight shooter, a woman clean of received wisdom and open to what she sees." (Joan Didion about Georgia O'Keeffe.)

transmission: giving, receiving, bringing & returning
recipe (vaccine recipe, etc.)

original recipe
the FDA ok'd extra doses of Pfizer's ~ (COVID vaccine)

script: food & drink

recipe (for conflict, etc.)

recipe for conflict
in the brutal world of Afghan politics, this was a ~

recipe for controversy
combining sex and religion is a ~ (the arts)

recipe for disaster
this is a ~ (using pig organs for human transplants)
record rain combined with the region's topography was a ~

recipe for success
working together is a ~ (sports)

recipe for a breakdown
I can't let it tear me apart because it's just a ~ (anxiety)

♦ "I don't want a piece of the pie, I want the goddamn recipe!" (The character of singer-songwriter-businessman Sam Cooke from the fine Amazon film *One Night in Miami*.)

script: food & drink

reckoning (groups)

MeToo reckonings
the ~ engulfed NBC, CBS, and Fox News (and now ABC)

nationwide (racial) reckoning
a ~ over the systematic oppression of...

racial reckoning
this is time for a true and steadfast commitment to a ~

moment of (national) reckoning
people who want an attorney general to meet this ~ (BLM)

reckoning has expanded
the MeToo ~ in scope to include workplace bullying

face a reckoning
statues of Hannah Duston ~ (cancelled)

sparks (Australia media) reckoning
Rebel Wilson outing ~

♦ "Where's the antisemitism reckoning?"

inclusion & exclusion: judgment
reckoning (judgment)

reckoning with it
lay the past to rest once we've had some kind of ~

historical reckoning
the trial was part of a ~ (2010 / Argentina)

moment of reckoning
will "Framing Britney Spears" be a ~ for the media

reckoning is at hand
and so the ~ (a moment in a revenge story)

avoided any (deep) reckoning
Japan ~ with its past (after WWII / many not punished)

judgment: money / society

reclaim (his place, etc.)

reclaim the heights
they have managed to ~ (tennis sisters)

reclaimed his place
he has ~ back at the top of the boxing mountain (Fury)

possession: boundary / ground, terrain & land / surveying / verb

reclaim (groups)

reclaimed
21 words the Queer community has ~

reclaiming their agency
a conversation about women ~

Reclaim America
"~" was written on the back of one shirt

reclaim "Let's Go Brandon"
the White House has attempted to ~ ("Dark Brandon")

reclaiming their culture
Gen-Z Latino-Americans are ~ through language (ABC)

reclaim desire
~ for yourself and take agency (sex / women)

reclaim her (sexualized) image
her sexy selfies allow her to ~ (abused when young)

reclaimed (country and Americana) music

how Black women ~ in 2021

reclaiming the phrase

Rose Brand is ~ ‘So Gay’ (So Gay Rosé wine)

reclaiming their place

“How Black riders are ~ in cowboy culture” (NPR)

reclaims the (genre) space

the creator ~ for people of color (a horror film)

reclaimed space

she has ~ for the Lumbee of Baltimore (Ashley Minner)

reclaim the story

his work will allow the family to ~ of their ancestor (Black)

reclaim the term

women who ~ (“bitch” / in songs, conversation, etc.)

reclaims a (previously demeaning) term

“Thunder Thighs” ~ (Miss Eaves)

reclaim the word

a new generation of activists are trying to ~ (“slut”)

reclaim and repurpose

~ the rhetorical and aesthetic space of country music (Mali Obomsawin)

Challenging, Changing And Reclaiming

“These 3 Latinx Artists Are ~ Culture” (ALT.LATINO)

♦ “*Reclaim MLK* is one campaign trying to reassert King’s radical legacy.” (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

♦ “Activists Reclaim Use Of The ‘S’ Word” by NPR Staff, NPR, Tell Me More, Jun 9, 2011. (Slut.)

♦ “Queer theorists and ‘crip’ theorists (those critiquing ‘disabilities’) are at the cutting edge that I believe we need to also be mindful of.” (Jack Tchen, a professor and historian at New York University. “Crip” of course is short for *cripple*, or *crippled*.)

♦ “I call disabled viewing platforms the “cripple pen.” (A presumably disabled commenter, reclaiming the word “cripple.” From “After the N-word, the P-word” by Rajni Bhatia, BBC, 11 June 2007, which is about reclaiming the word “Paki” in the same way some Blacks have “reclaimed” the N-word. Who has the right to say what when.)

♦ “Respectability politics never actually liberated the oppressed. Whether you’re a creative or an audience member, power can be had in reclaiming the stereotypes that challenge your very existence.” (From “Queer villains, erotic noir, 90s pulp. ‘Basic Instinct’ and the backlash, rewind,” NPR, Pop Culture happy Hour, Nov. 13, 2022.)

♦ “Wherever the truth lies, [the actor Sharon] Stone chose to take back control of an allegedly violating experience and reclaim it, lean into it...” (The interrogation scene in the film *Basic Instinct*. From “Queer villains, erotic noir, 90s pulp. ‘Basic Instinct’ and the backlash, rewind,” NPR, Pop Culture happy Hour, Nov. 13, 2022. According to the podcast, she also “owned” it, joked about it, “embraced the role,” and was “game to talk about it.” According to Paul Verhoeven, “She knew exactly what we were doing.”)

♦ “‘Mama’s boy’ is a flex, not an insult.” (According to NPR’s Neda Ulaby.)

♦ “I landed on the flower because of its reclamation—queer reclamation of it. It is a flower that has been used originally as a derogatory term.” (The tattoo artist Cedre Csillagi. From “To raise funds for trans communities, an artist has pledged to do 1,000 pansy tattoos” by Halisia Hubbard, NPR, Culture, Nov. 25, 2022.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: “RECLAIM THE BEACH Paros citizen moment for free beaches.” (A large protest banner. The movement seeks to reclaim beaches from bars and hotels which cover them with pricy sun loungers and umbrellas, usually for tourists. The

movement has spread from Paros to everywhere in Greece, and even to Turkey.)

♦ see also *appropriate (groups)*, *appropriation (groups)*, *coopt (and co-opt)*, *misappropriate (groups)*, *misappropriated*, *misappropriation (groups, etc.)*, *reappropriate (groups)*, *reappropriation (groups)*, *reclaimed (groups)*, *take back (take back one’s life, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: possession / verb

reclaimed (groups)

reclaimed by LGBT people as a self-affirming term
queer, originally a pejorative term for *gay*, now being ~

reclaimed by the indie pop music scene

“twec” was ~ in the UK and US

♦ see also *appropriate (groups)*, *appropriation (groups)*, *coopt (and co-opt)*, *misappropriate (groups)*, *misappropriated*, *misappropriation (groups, etc.)*, *reappropriate (groups)*, *reappropriation (groups)*, *reclaim (groups)*, *take back (take back one’s life, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: possession

reclaiming (groups)

reclaiming (African) art

Artists win awards for ~ (Ashley Pointer)

reclaiming their bodies

women are defying the male gaze by ~

Reclaiming (Black) Culture

“~ in ‘Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom’”

Reclaiming One’s Name

“Finding Power In ~” (immigrants / NPR)

reclaiming the word

~ “fat” to fight anti-fat bias

reclaiming—and normalizing—

~ the word ‘fat’

Recovering and reclaiming

“~ Black women’s place in music history” (NPR)

♦ “[W]omen...are pushing back against body policing by reclaiming their bodies, showing them off and making art that defies the [male] gaze.” (“Beauty is in the eye of the male gaze: DreamDoll, DoeChii and Baby Tate,” NPR, Louder Than A Riot, Season 2, Episode 3, March 30, 2023.)

♦ “Sole-Smith says parents can combat American diet culture by reclaiming—and normalizing—the word ‘fat.’” (“Diet culture can hurt kids. This author advises parent to reclaim the word ‘fat,’” NPR, Fresh Air, April 25, 2023.)

♦ “Reclaiming The Queer Dance Floor” by Shawn Reynaldo, NPR Music, April 12, 2016.

inclusion & exclusion: possession

recoil (verb)

recoiled from his comments

fellow Republicans ~

recoiled from (a lot of) positions

he ~ propounded by Miller (politics)

attraction & repulsion: movement / tools & technology / verb

recover (mental health)

recover

so how does the Uvalde community ~ (school shooting)

♦ "He began to get better. At first he took everything for granted, like a halfwit. He remembered nothing, he could see no connection between one thing and another and was not surprised at anything. His wife fed him on white bread and butter and sugared tea; she gave him coffee. He had forgotten that such things did not exist, and he enjoyed their taste like poetry or like fairy tales, as something right and proper for a convalescent. Soon, however, he began to think and wonder." (*Dr. Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak, from the section, "The Moscow Encampment." Zhivago was recovering from typhus. His half-brother had provided the luxuries.)

mental health: health & medicine

recovered (groups)

"recovered" by white scholars

when queer history is ~ (the writer Hugh Ryan)

♦ "When queer history is "recovered" by white scholars." ("A Radical Queer Novel Challenges the Idea of History Itself" by Hugh Ryan, *The New York Times*, November 13, 2023. Note the use of quotations.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

recovering (groups)

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"~ Black women's place in music history" (NPR)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

recycle (verb)

recycle parts

we hope to ~ of the program

amelioration & renewal: manufacturing / verb

red (red list, etc.)

red-list countries

travel to and from ~ remains restricted (COVID)

England's travel red list

England has added Turkey to ~ (pandemic)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol

red (Red Sea, etc.)

Red Basin

the ~ is *Good Earth* country (China)

Red River

the ~ rises in Yunnan and flows to the Gulf of Tonkin

Red Sea

Jeddah, the bride of the ~

Red Volta

the ~ is a tributary of the Volta River

♦ *Watching the sun set from Jeddah's corniche is a delight!*

♦ *The White Volta's main tributaries are the Black Volta and the Red Volta.*

proper name: color

geography: color / proper name

red (politics)

red state

is Iowa at this point a ~ or a blue state

♦ "Is Iowa at this point a red state or a blue state?" "Iowa is still a purple state." (US politics, as talked about on NPR.)

♦ "Red, R, Reagan, that's why we chose red." (A network broadcaster during the 1984 presidential election, explaining why states that had gone for Reagan were colored red on a national map. Democratic states were colored blue.)

identity & nature: color

red (blood)

bleed red

white, black, brown, yellow, red, we all ~ (the military)

death & life: blood / color / sign, signal, symbol

red (see red)

saw red

he ~ (enraged and violent)

♦ *see also blood (blood in one's eyes), mist (red mist)*

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / color

violence: blood / color

red alert (on red alert)

on red alert

all organizations employing Westerners are ~ (terror)

readiness & preparedness: color

red carpet (treatment)

red carpet for investors

lay out the ~

lay out the red carpet for investors

they ~

rolled out the red carpet for Karzai

the White House ~

superiority & inferiority / welcome: carpets & rugs / color / royalty

red flag (warning)

red flags

it raised some ~ to me (ethical question)

the company's disclosure raises a ~ (fraud)

red flags of arson

there are many ~ (arson investigation)

intelligence red flags

a range of ~ signaling terrorist activity (Kenya)

hugely red flags

there were ~ nearly three years ago (a building collapse)

warning signs or red flags

there were no ~ (mass shooter)

red flags were piling up
something just wasn't right, the ~

red flags may signal
the following 10 ~ an early problem (children)

makes my red flag wave
her girlfriend ~ (questions about fatal accident)

missed red flags
State Police ~ about his mental health before hiring him

raised red flags
I ~ at the time the decision was made

♦ "Something very wrong with this story, red flags everywhere." (Woman found dead.)

♦ "Not only were there red flags, they were flapping in the wind." (A psychiatrist, commenting on the suicide of a university student.)

♦ "The hot blush or the averted gaze...are 'semaphores of trouble...'"

warning: color / flags & banners / sign, signal, symbol

redoubt (noun)

redoubt of independent Russian mass media
the radio station is the last ~

redoubt of (all-male Protestant) privilege
Princeton University was a ~

redoubt for the townies and old-timers
the hotel and its bar is the last major ~

redoubt for carousing
it was a ~ (Sarajevo bar during war)

redoubt in hay loft
the barn cat watched me from its ~

last redoubt
North Korea is the ~ Stalinist isolation

tiny redoubt
the ~ of never-Trump conservatives (politics)

gritty, blue-collar redoubt
Williamsburg used to be a ~ (Brooklyn)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

red tape

red tape
rescue efforts got bogged down by ~ (earthquake)

bureaucratic red tape
the ~ required to...

incompetence and red tape
the ~ is amazing (Italian government)

ran into red tape
the inmate's transfer ~

cut through (all) the red tape
he ~ to get it done

got bogged down by red tape
rescue efforts ~ (Kobe earthquake)

action, inaction & delay: sign, signal, symbol

reek (verb)

reek of euphemism
words and phrases that ~ (in U.S. English)

♦ "John James Audubon's racism is the albatross rotting around the necks of those who would hold him in reverence. It is past smelling foul and beginning to reek." ("What Do We Do About John James Audubon?" by J. Drew Lanham. Which begs the question, "What Do We Do About J. Drew Lanham?" The answer: give him a Macarthur Genius Award! See the Wikipedia entry "J. Drew Lanham." "This article may be in need of reorganization to comply with Wikipedia's layout guidelines.")

corruption / flaws & lack of flaws: smell / verb

reel (verb)

reeling from accusations
Wall Street is ~ that it is a rigged casino

reeling from the worst attacks (on their homeland)
Americans were ~ since Pearl Harbor (9/11)

reeling from her diagnosis
she is ~ (HIV)

reeling from the effects
the town is ~ of the hurricane

reeling from 3 hurricanes
Cuba is still ~ in a year last year

reeling from a (citizens') revolt
the city council is ~ over officials' pay

reeling from a (massive) scandal
Massachusetts is ~ in its state's crime lab

reeling from a series
the industry is ~ of scandals

reeling from the shock
the staff is still ~ of the shootings

economy is reeling
the ~, and politicians are making it worse

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping
disruption / feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb / walking, running & jumping

reel in (verb)

reel him in
maybe there's a way we can ~ (investigation)

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

reflected

reflected glory
they now accepted him and partook of his ~

transmission: light & dark

reflex (noun)

reflex response
shaming has become the ~ to anything (Twitter)

standard reflex

when confronted, his ~ is to try and gaslight you

♦ “[T]he simple, elegant, inexpensive almost plebeian swing of the reflex hammer has a cost/benefit ratio that I think no advanced technology will likely ever match.” (Dr. Stephen Krieger, an expert on multiple sclerosis.)

control & lack of control: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

refrain (common refrain, etc.)

common refrain

there’s a ~ among these MeToo stories (relief)

Navy refrain

“SWOs eat their own” is a common ~ (jealousy)

repetition: music

reframe (characterize)

reframe the narrative

critical race theory seeks to ~ of American history

reframe it as the ‘great upgrade’

the White House has tried to ~

♦ “Marilyn was objectified, scrutinized and judged—mostly by male writers, biographers and historians...” (“Reframed’ revisits Marilyn Monroe’s life and legacy, from an all-women point of view” by David Bianculli, Jan 14, 2022.)

♦ “The White House has bristled at the term ‘great resignation’ and has tried to reframe it as what Bharat Ramamurti, the deputy director of the National Economic Council, calls the ‘great upgrade.’” (“‘Great resignation’ reaches White House with staff turnover” by Zeke Miller, AP, June 8, 2022.)

characterization: picture / verb

analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure / picture / verb

refuge (noun)

refuge from bullying

nowadays there is no ~ (teens and cyber-bullying)

last refuge

patriotism is the ~ of the scoundrel

seek refuge

many ~ in delusion, denial and fantasy (Mideast)

protection & lack of protection: place

refugee (person)

“bitcoin refugees”

China’s ~ are scrambling to find a new home (Texas)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / person: journeys & trips

regurgitate (verb)

regurgitating the bitterness

they are ~ of the election (politics)

regurgitate fake or inaccurate information

the AI tools ~

♦ Feed (it) / eat up, Hoover up, snatch up, vacuum up / gobble up, ingested (the book) / regurgitate (everything), spit out... (What AI does. From “The alleged theft at the heart of ChatGPT,” Planet Money,

November 10, 2023. Other articles use words like *devour*, *scrape up*, *suck up* (language and ideas) / *vomit up* (words and sentences), *spew* (false information), *spout* (misinformation), etc.)

consumption: food & drink / verb

rehearsal (noun)

rehearsal

~s build confidence and improve performance (military)

~s reveal weaknesses or problems (military)

rehearsal of all (critically timed) events

a ~ should be done (ARSOA)

rehearsal for invasion

North Korea calls the maneuvers a ~

rehearsals or reconnaissance

terrorists undertake ~

dress rehearsal

if a full-scale ~ is impossible (military)

the Battle of Shanghai was a ~ for WW II (1937)

mission rehearsals

this plan, along with ~... (military)

plans, SOPs, standards, and rehearsals

integrate measures into ~ (fratricide)

planning, rehearsal, and execution

during mission ~ (military)

reconnaissance and (some) rehearsal

no doubt it required some ~ (attack on Red Cross)

conduct rehearsals

~ on terrain that resembles the actual ground (military)

♦ “Bad dress [rehearsal], good opening.” (A theater superstition.)

readiness & preparedness: theater

reheat (verb)

reheating an older idea

they are simply ~ that didn’t work (politics)

amelioration & renewal: cooking / verb

rehearse (verb)

rehearse for combat

the maneuvers are a chance for soldiers to ~ (Kuwait)

rehearse on terrain and under conditions

if possible, ~ like those at the operation site (military)

rehearsed your answers

when you have your script and have ~ (interview)

rehearse procedures

~ for evacuation requests (casualties / military)

rehearse the signals

~ to be used on the patrol (military)

rehearses (critical) tasks

the platoon ~

tasks to rehearse
some important ~ include assaulting a bunker

failure to rehearse
short planning time, ~, and leader fatigue... (military)

plan, rehearse, and execute
~ the operation (military)

readiness & preparedness: theater / verb

reign (verb)

reign in Congress
polarization is likely to ~ after the election

reigned supreme
censorship ~ from 1932 to the late 50s (Hollywood)

confusion reigns
~ nationwide amid conflicting coronavirus rules

uncertainty reigns
even with computer models as a guide, ~

unease reigns
~ after North Korean missile test

originality and uncertainty still reign
~ (Black Mirror TV show)

starting, going, continuing & ending: royalty / verb
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty / verb

reign (noun)

reign of Gerald
the ~, an aggressive turkey, is over (relocated)

reign over FIFA
questions have been raised about Sepp Blatter's ~

reign as a terrorist mastermind
his ~ (Palestinian)

championship reign
she took 3 months out of her ~ to do the movie (Valentina Shevchenko)

rise and reign
Amazon and the ~ of Jeff Bezos

reign ends
Klitschko's heavyweight ~ with loss to Fury (boxing)

reign (as the heavyweight champion) lasted
his ~ only...

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

reigning

reigning academics
he battled against the stale works of the ~

reigning champion
as ~, Armstrong... (Tour de France)

reigning (NFL) champions

the ~ led 17-0 at half-time (American football)

reigning champs
we're the ~ (basketball)

reigning monarch
deep learning is the ~ of AI

reigning wisdom
this has become the ~ of the nineties

former and reigning (m)
~ heavyweights (boxing)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

re-ignite (verb)

re-ignite (economic) growth
I'll ~ (commercial for a politician)

initiation: fire / verb

reign of terror / fear, etc.

reign of fear
Iraq's Shiites describe a ~ (Saddam)

reign of terror
a full-scale invasion to end the ~ (Haiti)
stoning is used to extend the ~ (Iran)

reign of terror against (ethnic) minorities
carrying out a ~ (Burma)

reign of terror in Uganda
Idi Amin's ~

reign of terror by (indigenous) Dayaks
a savage ~ (Indonesia)

Idi Amin's reign of terror
~ in Uganda

savage reign of terror
a ~ by indigenous Dayaks (Indonesia)

imposed a reign of terror
foreign militants have ~ in South Waziristan

oppression: allusion / history / royalty / violence

rein (rein in)

rein in (Medicare) costs
he wants to ~ (politics)

rein in (tribal and personal) rivalries
~ (Afghanistan)

rein in the rocket fire
 Hamas has been trying to ~

rein in (government) spending
we need to ~

control & lack of control: animal / horse / verb

rein (reins of power, etc.)

reins of Holland

he ran PSV Eindhoven before taking the ~ (coach)

reins of power

he has successfully gathered all the ~ into his hands (crown prince)

reins to the union

he holds the ~

organizing reins

Rose will turn over the ~ to Sunny Ross

hold on the reins

he now has a much stronger ~ (government)

holds the reins to the union

he ~

turn over the (organizing) reins to Ross

he will ~

handed the reins

he has been ~ (new coach for team)

seize the reins

he will probably ~ (football player for a position)

control & lack of control: animal / horse

rein (free rein)

free rein

he was given ~ to loft his jumper (basketball)
the panel has a ~ to look at other areas of his research

have a free rein

weapons inspectors must ~ (in Iraq)

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / horse

reincarnation (noun)

reincarnation of continuity

he is the ~ (German politician Armin Laschet)

reincarnation of hope

American Utopia argues for the ~ in the American project

♦ "But I am still alive / But I am living still / But I am still around / But I will remain, and I'll be back again..." (The Highwaymen—Highwayman (American outlaws: Live at Nassau Coliseum, 1990. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMdeg-WKt1U>)

creation & transformation / presence & absence: religion

reined in

violence has been reined in

the ~ (in a filmmaker's latest film)

control & lack of control: animal / horse

reinforce (verb)

reinforce his claims

candidates who ~ of voter fraud (politics)

reinforces the importance

the research ~ of hand washing (public health)

reinforces racism

CRT ~ (John McWhorter)

reinforced a sense

the tragedy has ~ of community (in a Texas town)

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb

reinvigorate (verb)

reinvigorated the agency

she has ~

reinvigorates support

Nike's ad ~ in Kaepernick's corner

amelioration & renewal: death & life / health & medicine / verb

rekindle (verb)

rekindles memories

it ~ of the bad old days of Suharto

rekindle our relationship

I'm not looking to ~

rekindling their romance

Lindsay and Samantha may be ~ (celebrities)

rekindle stereotypes

he worries the case might ~ of Mississippi

rekindle (these) stereotypes

CBS comes along to ~ (show on hillbillies)

initiation: fire / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: fire / verb

relation (poor relations, etc.)

appear poor relations

suddenly, the PGA Tour ~ (to LIV Golf)

relationship: family

relative (relationship)

relative

anorexia nervosa, or its ~, bulimia nervosa

relative of the giraffe

the okapi, a ~...

close relative

chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a ~ of Alzheimer's

relationship: family

relax (relax control, etc.)

relax the (normally strict) boundaries

a psychiatrist may ~ of the doctor-patient relationship

relax their lockdown measures

a number of countries are set to ~ (COVID-19)

relaxed some rigid rules

he has ~ (coach)

increase & decrease: pressure / verb

relax (feeling)

relaxed and drank wine

in the afterglow of our rafting trip we ~

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure

relic (noun)

relic of the era

the department is a ~ when... (Opinion at New York Times)

relic of a (different) era

this system is a ~ (governance)

relic of the past

privacy has become a ~ (Internet, etc.)

his confrontational approach was rejected as a ~ (coach)

whooping cough, once thought to be a ~...

will Covid-19 make handshakes a ~

relic of an earlier time

the club is a ~ (a social club)

relic of households past

the iron is a ~

relic of the Cold War

NATO is not a useless ~

dated relic

some think the musical is a ~ (*The King and I*)

perfectly preserved relic

it's a ~ from the dawn of the solar system (Bennu)

Ottoman relics

we have no weapons, only old ~

cultural relics

cultural gems become ~ (decline of U.S. baseball)

obsolete relic

the book-based world will be an ~ (Internet)

twin relics

polygamy and slavery, the ~ of barbarism

out-of-touch relic

she is an ~ with a fossilized understanding of race, gender

♦ "It's a thing of the past, it is almost archaeological, it is humiliating." (Bloc Quebecois leader Yves-Francois Blanchet, about the monarchy in Canada.)

♦ "Culture gems become cultural relics." (The decline of baseball in the U.S. and attempts to fix it.)

♦ "The notion of a politically detached business is a relic of the past. (To young people. ESG, or corporate "wokeness," etc.)

♦ "To all of you who faithfully labor at putting pen to paper, fingers to computer." (Oprah Winfrey onstage at the 2023 National Book Awards. "Pen to paper" persists, and its meaning is crystal clear, even though few put pen to paper nowadays, much less a pencil.)

past & present / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / time: Bible / religion

relief (in bold relief)

in bold relief

Battle of the Bulge revealed those intelligence failures ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: height

religion (enthusiasm)

religion

deep in the Bible Belt, here football is ~ (Knoxville)

football is a ~ and Saturday is the high holy day (South)

religion to many

barbecuing is a ~ ...

nearly a religion

Brazil, where football is ~

♦ "In our family, there was no clear line between religion and fly fishing." (The opening line of *A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean. The book is set in Montana and features the Blackfoot River.)

♦ "Their fellowship went further still. On Sundays, after mass, they took their rods and slipped secretly—lest they shock finer sensibilities—through the back ways of the Sabbath-stricken town, out into the verdant valley of the Whitadder. In his tin, packed with sawdust, were luscious maggots, picked the night before from Mealey's boneyard. Thereafter the day was heady with the sound of the stream, the scent of meadowsweet,—his father showing him the likely eddies,—the crimson-speckled trout wriggling on bleached shingle,—his father bent over a twig fire,—the crisp sweet goodness of the frizzled fish..." (*The Keys of the Kingdom* by A.J. Cronin.)

♦ Laksa fever; "everyone's just contracted this laksa fever"; "the love child of Malaysian, Indonesian and Singaporean cuisine"; love for laksa; a thing that people love; craving a fix (for laksa); the mania (for laksa); a city obsessed (with laksa); the laksa obsession; the faithful; a giant shrine is erected (for monthlong laksa festival); laksa ice-cream / smoothies / cheesecake / sausage / crocodile dumplings / beer; the Laksa Festival Hall of Fame; the Golden Bowl award for best laksa... ("How laksa fever took hold in this Australian city" by the wonderful writer Tiffanie Turnbull, BBC, October 31, 2023. Life at "The Top End" of Oz. Super!)

enthusiasm: religion

religiously

watches the show religiously

he ~

behavior / enthusiasm: religion

remain (verb)

remain

but many questions remain (terrorism)

remaining coy

most potential candidates are ~ for now (presidency)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / presence & absence / survival, persistence & endurance: movement / verb

remedy (verb)

remedy the problems

we must ~ of the past

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / verb

remedy (noun)

remedy for stress

a sense of control is the best ~ (living with terrorism)

remedies for violations

administrative ~ of the statute (Title IX)

remedy for the cabin fever

a ~ that plagues Vermont all winter

administrative remedy

~s for violations of the statute (Title IX)

best remedy

a good mousing cat is the ~ (mice in stable)

a sense of control is the ~ for stress (terrorism)

legal remedy

the injustice cried out for a ~

in some countries marriage is a ~ for statutory rape

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

remind (verb)

reminds us that

his life ~ the cutting edge can grow dull (Hugh Hefner)

remind him

if someone has lost his freedom, the steppe will ~ of it...

fictive communication: speech / verb

remote (past)

remote past

in the ~, dinosaurs roamed the land

past & present / time: distance

remote (future)

remote future

alternative scenarios of the ~ (science)

events set in a ~ (science fiction)

future / time: distance

remove (kill)

remove him from the battlefield

the president's decision to ~ saved US lives

♦ "President Biden, Vice President Harris and members of the President's national security team observe the counterterrorism operation responsible for removing from the battlefield Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi—the leader of ISIS." (A White House Tweet with a picture.)

death & life: euphemism / verb

renaissance (noun)

renaissance of fable

the Age of Discovery brought a ~

renaissance cowboy

he was a ~ (Cybill Shepherd about Larry McMurtry)

renaissance era

its release ushered in Disney's ~ (Little Mermaid, 1989)

renaissance man

a ~, Morton already had experience as... (anesthesia)

he was a ~ who just enjoyed a wide range of things

career renaissance

she is enjoying a ~ (an actor)

something of a renaissance

documentary has undergone ~ in the last ten years

♦ see also *sance* (*McConaissance*, etc.)

amelioration & renewal / growth & development / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: birth / history

renegade (person)

renegade hobby

skateboarding is still considered a ~

renegade thinkers

~ like Franz Boas and Margaret Mead

ideological renegade

he developed a reputation as an ~ (Ishmael Reed)

resistance, opposition & defeat: person / religion

allegiance, support & betrayal: person / religion

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person / religion

repaid (a debt, etc.)

repaid to those men

a debt has been ~ (blanket men / Maze Prison escape)

obligation: money

repair (verb)

repair the economy

we need to ~ at home

repaired their relationship

she and Tom have ~

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

repair (noun)

in need of repair

their marriage is ~

amelioration & renewal: mechanism

repay (verb)

repaid me with petty insults

he ~ for having rejected him (#MeToo)

repay the debt of gratitude

we can never ~ owed to our nation's veterans

♦ "I place a date in your lips, and you spit the pit in my face!" (Ingratitude.)

obligation: money / verb

repercussion (noun)

repercussions and reverberations

fears about the ~ of a targeted killing persisted

shocking repercussions

her reaction had some ~

crime and its repercussions

this gruesome ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

effect: sound

repertoire (noun)

repertoire of your teaching kit

jokes may contribute to the ~ (education)

help & assistance / performance: theater

amount / group, set & collection: theater

report card

Report Card for America's Infrastructure

the 2005 ~" (American Society of Civil Engineers)

nation's report card

the national assessment is often called " ~"

mixed report card

for Obama, a ~ from Afghanistan

report card gives

a ~ 29 states an F (health-care price transparency)

gets a bad report card

when a school ~

issues report cards

the state department of health ~ on hospitals and surgeons

♦ "Broncos Stock Report: Who's up, who's down after 16-9 win over Houston." (The NFL team the Denver Broncos.)

judgment: school & education

repose (position)

reposed the city

on its near edge ~ (a plain)

fictive position: standing, sitting & lying / verb

represent (groups)

proudly represented

he ~ his community ("Trouble" AKA Scoob)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence / verb

representation (groups)

representation for British Asians

more ~ in literature (Sufiyan Salam)

representation at the Olympics

I think it's awesome that we're finally getting trans ~

representation game

I have felt like a pawn in this hollow ~ (comic Julio Torres)

representation and presence

~ aren't the same thing

representation and visibility

~ are so important (NFL player comes out as gay)

Black representation

he spoke up about ~ (Andre Leon Talley)

Asian representation

controversies surrounding ~ in *Miss Saigon* (the musical)

deaf representation

Raven Sutton breaks barriers for ~

female representation

there's a dearth of ~ in late-night (says Chelsea Handler)

indigenous representation

the groundbreaking show for ~ on TV (*Reservation Dogs*)

more representation

~ for...

queer representation

Steven Universe broke barriers in ~

The *Color Purple* is a pinnacle of ~ (Armond White)

trans representation

~ onscreen

misrepresentation

representation—and ~—on screen (Blacks)

overrepresentation

the ~ of women in higher education is harmful

under-representation

the ~ of African American poets (Cave Canem)

issue of representation

it's an ~, it's an issue of whether or not...

lack of representation

there is a ~ of Black people in mountaineering...

more empowerment, more representation

~, more stories told (PBS versus Beyond Inclusion)

inclusivity and representation

~ within the Black disabled transgender community

visibility or (that) representation

being the person creating that ~ can be painful (trans)

visibility, representation and equality

thanks to increases in ~, more LGBTQ folks can come out

representation matters

Barbie knows that ~ (the transgender Barbie doll)

demanded representation

we ~, and not just in gender and race, but in...

make too much of 'representation'

I sometimes think we ~ (actor Nina Sosanya)

♦ see also *diversity (groups)*, *inclusion (groups)*

♦ "For me, it's a catalyst to go harder. It's a catalyst for the next door that I walk into to create a space where we can combine this scholarship and this culture to have more Black girls dominating these academic spaces." (Emani Stanton, 17. At *People*, "Black Female Duo Wins Harvard Debate Competition" by Rachel DeSantis, July 21, 2021.)

♦ “You see a fierceness that’s coming from the girls that are coming up now, that’s because we understand we ain’t got nuttin to lose. I already done lost that job, I already done lost that job.” (Angelica Ross, about Trans representation in media / entertainment. According to her Wikipedia entry, “Her breakthrough role came in 2018, as Candy Ferocity in Rya Murphy’s FX drama series *Pose*.”)

♦ “Barbie knows that representation matters and is committed to continuing to increase diversity across collections, so that more people can see themselves reflected.” (The trans Barbie doll, a Barbie doll with a prosthetic limb, the Ken doll with vitiligo, etc.)

♦ “We don’t have enough representation of people that look like me as non-binary... that are outside the white androgyny.” (Self-described as fat, Black, and non-binary. Dating...)

♦ “I think it had a lot to do with me being a Black woman, period. And having seen how historically, you know, if our stories, you know, have been presented to the world, oftentimes they’re misrepresented or they’re not represented in their fullness or there’s just like a sliver of us being presented. And so, I just felt like this is huge responsibility to not only show, like her—I would say ginormous levels of strength and resilience—but also to provide an audience like a window into the vulnerability.” (Katori Hall speaking about the great American-born Tina Turner, birth name Anna Mae Bullock, a Swiss citizen since 2013.)

♦ “We’ve been silenced and misrepresented. And so, any time you get an opportunity to tell your truth, you are pushing back against so many lies and falsehoods...And being an artist and in demanding that the world just looks at you, you oddly are being an activist.” (Katori Hall.)

♦ “We demanded representation, and not just in gender and race, but in perspective, values and experience.” (Rashad Robinson, president of Color of Change, about Ketanji Brown’s confirmation to the Supreme Court.)

♦ “At issue, is the question of who controls the non-fiction stories told on PBS and which stories—or filmmakers—get the most financial support.” (PBS And Ken Burns Vow To Do Better On Diversity But Critics Aren’t Convinced,” Eric Deggans, NPR, Television, August 12, 2021.)

♦ “It is really important to remember that we have very limited representation and presence isn’t the same thing as representation centered around the Black American person the Black American community and it does not take into account constantly the white gaze.” (Bethany C. Morrow, author of *So Many Beginnings: A Little Women Remix*, speaking with Lulu Garcia-Navarro on NPR.)

♦ “A lot of the festivals that we have, now, overlook hip-hop, they do. I mean, if you look at [?], there’s not enough hip-hop, uh, representation, if you look at Coachella, there’s not enough hip-hop representation, Firefly, any of those festivals, there’s not enough hip-hop representation.” (“Why hip-hop festival Rolling Loud seems to be a hotbed for arrests,” NPR, All Things Considered, Monday, Nov 1, 2021.)

♦ “It’s an issue of representation. It’s an issue of whether or not you can envision yourself doing something else other than playing this sport of football or maybe basketball.” (Professor Kevin Blackstone of the University of Maryland. From “Why playing football appeals to families in spite of danger,” NPR, All Things Considered, February 8, 2024. “An investigation by University of Maryland journalism students looks at why Black families are drawn to football, despite knowing the risks of injuries.” At some universities, Blacks make up just three percent of the student population but fifty to sixty percent of the football team.)

♦ “Once they’re finished, the outdoors will be a more inclusive place, according to their GoFundMe page.” (“A mountaineering group is aiming to be the 1st all-Black team to climb Mount Everest” by Sharon Pruitt-Young, NPR, October 9, 2021.)

♦ “There is a lack of representation of Black people in mountaineering and in high-altitude mountaineering.” (Philip Henderson, leader of the Team Full Circle Everest, an American / Kenyan group, in 2022. Ten Black climbers had, in fact, previously accomplished the feat.)

♦ “I’m no climber, but as a non-binary backpacker and general outdoors lover it was hugely affirming and so wonderful to see a non-binary person being portrayed in such a humanized and beautiful way through their love of climbing.” (Kera Leslie, commenting about *They/Them: One Climber’s Story*.)

♦ “It’s an exciting time right now for representation.” (The writer Tommy Orange.)

♦ “For a while, I have felt like a pawn in this hollow representation game. Because what the hell does Disney’s ‘Coco’ do for Mexican children? Bob Iger gets richer. That’s the climax.” (“Extraordinary Alien: The

otherworldly comedy of Julio Torres” by Michael Schulman, *The New Yorker*, December 28, 2020.)

♦ She remains thrilled by the unusually wide demographic appeal of the series (*Last Tango in Halifax*). Might this be due to its subject matter being love and families, which most people have some experience of? ‘Yes. Even if the characters didn’t look like them. I sometimes think we make too much of ‘representation’. You don’t necessarily need to see yourself on a screen for it to be interesting. For me, ideally ‘diversity’ would mean white audiences watching black shows and the other way round.” (The actor Nina Sosanya. From “Nina Sosanya: ‘I was always a minority—even in my own family’ by Mark Lawson, *The Guardian*, 11 July 2016.)

♦ “[My father said to me] ‘Listen son, people like us don’t do things like that...son, I just don’t want you to talk about it anymore...’” (“British Actor Terence Stamp Reflects on London in the Swinging ‘60s,” NPR, Fresh Air, Nov 5, 2021. Originally broadcast in 2002. About what his father had said, Stamp said, “In fact, it didn’t deter me at all.”)

♦ “Representation, diversity, inclusion, words that pervade the world we live in.” (If you live online.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence represented (groups)

represented and heard
females in the community feel ~ (#midsizebody / fashion...)

represented, welcomed and accepted
fostering a culture where people are ~

underrepresented
all ~ communities must get a seat at the table

misrepresented or not represented
our stories are ~ in their fullness (Blacks)

respected, visible, and represented
a space for students to feel ~ (gay / Yeshiva University)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence reprieve (noun)

reprieve from (intense) colds
with only 20 weeks of ~ every year... (Siberia)

fate, fortune & chance: justice punishment & recrimination: justice reprisal (noun)

reprisals against opposition politicians and activists
politically motivated ~

reprisal from their employer
talking about misconduct without fear of ~

bloody reprisals
I suspect the volume will feature ~ (issue among linguists!)

vicious reprisal
breaches of respect are sometimes met with ~ (surfing)

fear of reprisal
they could express their feelings with less ~ (secret ballot)

retaliation and reprisal and threats
donors face ~ on the internet (a Supreme Court case)

faces reprisals
she ~ (Gina Carano / for social media posts)

targeted the executives for reprisal

he appeared to have ~ (the CEO of a US agency / politics)

♦ Memorial Centre Lipa Remembers; Velika massacre; Podhum massacre; Kragujevac and Kriva Reka massacres; Kalavryta massacre... (Awful reprisals against civilians in the Balkans during World War II.)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, "Ardeatine massacre."

♦ "All burgomasters and village headmen are responsible for safety in their area. Should the locals fail to ensure this, at least twice the number of dead German soldiers will be taken from the local population and shot. In the event of damage being done to roads, bridges or mines, at least three local people will be shot. Those who give shelter or food to strangers, or render them any assistance without permission of their burgomaster or village headman—will be hanged." (Byelorussia, World War II. From "Soviet Storm, WW2 in the East.")

♦ see also *partisan* (noun)

conflict / punishment & recrimination: military / violence

requiem (noun)

requiem for a show

a ~ that deserved better (Outside The Lines cancelled)

apogee and requiem

his painting was both ~ (Bohomazov / Ukraine / modernism)

decline / starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / music / sound

rescue (verb)

rescued him from a life

canoe-making ~ of alcohol and obliteration (Palawa artist)

rescue the program from mediocrity

he promised to ~ (a new coach)

rescue these 78 RPMs, tapes, wax cylinders, everything

we try to ~ (AMAR Foundation / Mustapha Saeed)

help & assistance: death & life / verb

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

rescue (noun)

come to (America's) rescue

Franklin's call for history to ~ (John Hope Franklin)

come to their rescue

people are looking to scientists to ~ (pandemic)

♦ "A snowboarder is stuck upside down in a tree well." (A remarkable video, showing the skier Francis Zuber saving a snowboarder from asphyxiation. Super! See Moment Hero Skier Saves Snowboarder Buried Alive Goes Viral: 'Amazing')

♦ "Knowing that the divers on the scene were not up to this specialized task of entering the cave, and assuming—that Gant might still be alive in an air pocket—[Buddy] Lane pleaded by telephone that trained caver divers be called in..." ("The Bat Cave Miracle," 16 August 1992, Nickajack Lake Cave, New Hope, Tennessee.)

♦ Pete Schoening's belay on K2 on August 10, 1953, is a legendary moment in mountaineering history. Pete stopped 5 climbers from falling to their deaths.

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

help & assistance: death & life

reservoir (amount)

reservoirs of rage

the loneliness of children and their often unrecognized ~

reservoir of good feeling

polls show a surprising ~ toward Obama

tap into the reservoir

the militants can ~ of submerged hatred

amount: dam / river / water

reservoir (source)

viral reservoir

bats are among the most dangerous ~s on earth

source: dam / river / water

reservoir (group)

reservoir of labor

the DPs became a ~ (WW II "Baltic Swans," etc.)

group, set & collection: river / water

reset (noun)

reset

he wants an overall ~ (policy towards Afghanistan)

our ~, which is not a retreat, will be different (Time's Up)

the group call this a ~, it could also be called an implosion

in our reset

we're determined ~ to do better, get it right (Time's Up)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

reset (verb)

reset relations

Obama promised to ~ with Russia

reset the trajectory

he helped formulate the strategy that ~ of the war

fix or reset

the law's efforts to ~ struggling schools (NCLB)

♦ Steve Inskeep: "This is really interesting, not going to reset. Meaning not gonna look into Putin's eyes as George W. Bush did, not gonna bring a reset button, as Hillary Clinton once did under Obama, not going to look away from Russian election interference, as Donald Trump did. Just try to move forward? (In an incredulous tone.) Is that what they're trying to do?" / Franco Ordóñez: "Yeah, they wanna move forward..." ("U.S. Announces Sanctions On Russia Over Poisoning Of Opposition Leader Alexei Navalny," NPR, Morning Edition, March 2, 2021.)

♦ "We are resetting, we are not retreating, and we are here, we have a vision, we are capable of fulfilling it." (Ashley Judd of Time's Up, responding to criticism of that organization.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb

reshape (verb)

reshape how

the debate could ~ Americans understand foreign aid

reshaping the (Texas) economy

drought, urbanization, and oil were ~ (vs. small farms)

reshaped Hollywood

the *Jaws* producer who ~ (Richard Zanuck)

reshaped the (ethnic) landscape
the brutal violence has ~

reshaping (Indian) society
westernization is ~

reshape the world
this lawsuit could ~ of digital publishing

creation & transformation: hand / manufacturing / verb

reside (verb)

resides at Goodrich Castle
Roaring Meg ~ (an English Civil Wars-era mortar)

reside inside of a business or campaign headquarters
the drop-boxes ~ (the controversial US 2020 election)

♦ see also *live (location)*

location: house / verb

place: house / death & life / verb

presence & absence: death & life / verb

residence (noun)

taken up residence
this iceberg has ~ near the coastland (Newfoundland)

location: house

place: house / death & life

presence & absence: death & life

residue (noun)

residue of shame
World War II left a ~ around Germany's future military

presence & absence: chemistry

resonate (verb)

resonated around Mexico
the news ~ (arrest of Garcia Luna)

resonate with students
his speech will ~ (politics)

resonates with Latin voters
Bernie's message ~ (election)

resonates today
the riot still ~ (Attica / 1971)

resonated loud and long
accounts of the 1963 Everest epic ~

♦ Echo; resonate; reverberate; rhyme...

feeling, emotion & effect: sound / verb

effect: sound / verb

rest (laid to rest / death)

laid to rest
two of the little victims were ~ (school shooting)

death & life: euphemism

rest (put / lay something to rest)

laid to rest any doubt
she ~ about... (PM Jacinda Ardern of New Zealand)

laid to rest a misapprehension
Apple ~ that...

put these accusations to rest
the idea for the interview was to ~ (historical sex abuse)

lay this history to rest
any trial is unlikely ~ (in Columbia / Alvaro Uribe)

laid the incident to rest
China appears to have ~ (returns US underwater drone)

put the matter to rest
Cook had now ~ (no Southern Continent)

put this matter to rest
we must ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: burial / sleep / verb

rest (put / laid to rest)

laid to rest
the issue has now been ~ (a work issue)
the situation has finally been ~ (authorship dispute)
Rosetta will be ~ not too far away (from Philae)
doubts about his birth had been ~
Adobe Flash is finally ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: burial / sleep
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: burial / sleep

restlessness

musical restlessness
that ~ has made her a lightning rod (country music)

activity: sleep

resurface (verb)

resurfaced
jihadists have ~ to pursue an Islamic state
he went to ground for a few months but then ~ (wanted)
his self-destructive tendencies have ~

resurfaced concerns
the debates have ~ about efforts to...

appearance & disappearance: verb / water

resurrect (verb)

resurrect a career
he was desperately trying to ~ that... (a boxer)

resurrect his career
after a third loss in five bouts, Joshua now has to ~ (boxer)

resurrect (many of the old) criticisms
a German defeat will ~ (soccer)

resurrected a killer

scientists have ~ (reconstructed 1918 flu virus)

resurrecting the Hummer name

GMC is ~ as a full-electric pickup truck

resurrect performers

CGI can ~ from another era

amelioration & renewal: death & life / religion / verb

resurrection (noun)

resurrection of the (1918) flu

the story of the ~ began in 1995...

retrieval, resurrection, and revival

his ~ (Thoreau / US literary canon)

amelioration & renewal: death & life / religion

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / religion

resuscitate (verb)

resuscitated the (fascinating) case

Michelle McNamara has successfully ~ (Golden State Killer)

resuscitate this (all but abandoned) city

how can we ~ (Detroit)

resuscitate the middle class

if only we could ~

amelioration & renewal / survival, persistence &

endurance: death & life / health & medicine / verb

retch (and puke, vomit, throw up)

puke

when she says she is spokeswoman for abuse I want to ~

retch

if education jargon causes you to ~...

throw up

I want to ~ thinking about voting for either of them

just about throw up

when I tell this to my kids they ~ (elderly advice)

made him want to "throw up"

he said watching the video ~ (discipline at school)

make me want to retch

some of his comments ~ (politics)

♦ "Everytime [sic] she says she is a spokeswoman for abuse I want to puke." (A comment on the Amber Heard-Johnny Depp trial.)

♦ "I just threw up a little in my mouth. Ew!" (An online commenter about something she considered cringe.)

acceptance & rejection / consumption / feeling, emotion & effect / hyperbole: bodily reaction / food & drink / stomach / verb

retire (verb)

retire the term

it's time to ~ (LGBTQ+)

it's time to ~ 'People Of Color' (Damon Young)

♦ This simply means to retire someone (or something) and is a benevolent concept. An alternative is, "Time to send him off to the sanctuary." A less benevolent idea is "Slaughter the donkey when its work is done." Or "It's time to send him to the glue factory." Or, "Put him to sleep." Or "Take him behind the barn."

♦ Cats in the Cradle; Imagine; Yesterday; Happy (Pharrell); American Pie; Freebird (Lynyrd Skynyrd)... ("Hallelujah! The Songs We Should Retire," NPR, All Songs Considered, hosted by Bob Boilen, October 11, 2017.)

♦ Sam Sanders ("Opinion: It's Time to Put 'Woke' To Sleep," NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, December 30, 2018) argues that the term woke has had its day and should be retired.

♦ "Why It's Time To Retire The 'Serious Conversation About Race'", with Damon Young. (1A, WAMU, NPR, July 16, 2020.)

♦ "Author Damon Young Says it's Time To Retire The Term 'People Of Color,'" Here & Now, wbur, September 04, 2020.)

♦ "Honestly, I think we should probably retire the phrase 'cancel culture' at this point. Because it's losing its meaning...when people just use it to mean, 'I resent your drawing attention to my crazy ideas.'" (Mona Charen, the *Bulwark*.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: verb / work & duty

retired

retired

the Chief Wahoo logo is to be ~ (Cleveland Indians)

retired in July

the original Segway will be ~ (the personal transporter)

retired in 2025

Windows 10 will be ~ (Microsoft)

retired planes

Australian Airline selling bar carts from ~

pensioned-off warships

the oak walls of these ~ (English prisoner hulks)

♦ "I'd really like to see "misogynoir" retired someday as something we don't need to use or only think about in the past because we've done the work to create a world where misogynoir doesn't exist." (Sociologist Moya Bailey, who coined the term, speaking about the Megan-Tory trial. From "Megan's Rule: Being exceptional doesn't make you the exception," NPR, Louder Than a Riot, Season 2 Episode 1. By Gabby Bulgarelli, Rodney Carmichael, and Sidney Maddon.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: work & duty

retort (speech)

angry retort

the allegations have brought an ~

♦ A retort is a chamber or vessel relating to heat.

speech: tools & technology

retraumatize (verb)

retraumatized

her family would be ~ if she's executed (Melissa Lucio)

retraumatize our communities

we want to make sure these records do not ~ (Blacks)

retraumatized her

the young woman said a disciplinary hearing would have ~

retraumatize eyewitnesses and family members

multiple trials may ~ (George Floyd)

traumatize or re-traumatize
you really want to not ~ kids (Blacks)

♦ "New Ways of Treating Trauma: Try Some Yoga," NPR, Here & Now, January 12, 2015. ("wbur: We're sorry, but we cannot locate the page you requested. Mmmm.")

♦ Terry Gross: How did you write your book without re-traumatizing yourself? / Christine Blasey Ford: I did retraumatize myself... ("For Christine Blasey Ford, the fallout of the Kavanaugh hearing is ongoing" with Terry Gross, NPR, Fresh Air, March 19, 2024.)

♦ "Liberia has been through so much in the last 15 or 20 years. This is really almost re-traumatizing people here." (Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the CDC, talking in 2014 about an outbreak of Ebola in Liberia.)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine / verb

re-traumatizing (groups)

re-traumatizing
survivors say the criminal justice system can be ~

retraumatizing article
The New York Times publishes a graphic and ~

re-traumatizing experience
the Chauvin trial and the ~ of remembering

re-traumatizing process
it's a ~ to file a claim... (veterans vs. the VA)

potentially re-traumatizing
the justice systems is ~ (vs. college adjudication)

graphic and retraumatizing
The New York Times publishes a ~ article

♦ "*The New York Times* publishes a graphic and retraumatizing article with no heads-up to the victims' families, with no consideration that we may still be struggling." (Francine Wheeler, in a letter published in *The New York Times Magazine*, May 14, 2023. Her son, Ben, was murdered at the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.)

♦ "They can [go to the police]. Always can. But in a lot of cases, it's the victims who don't want that. They see the criminal justice system as more grueling and potentially re-traumatizing. And not only is it harder to go through, but it's also harder to win in court where, you know, a case has to be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. On campus, the standard of proof is much lower. The government says it should be a preponderance of the evidence, which means, basically, just that something was more likely to have happened than not." ("Why Colleges Adjudicate Their Own Campus Crimes" with Rachel Martin, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, November 30, 2014.)

♦ see also *traumatizing (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

mental health: health & medicine

retread (noun)

retread of the original
the sequel is a loud, brash ~ (a film)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

retreat (withdraw)

retreated into himself
he ~ (high-altitude bivouac on Gasherbrum IV)

retreated into a fantasy world
she ~ (9-year-old, father jailed)

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / feeling,
emotion & effect: direction / military**

retreat (reverse / verb)

retreated from that stand
he has since ~, saying... (politician)

retreated on several points
still, the state has ~ (prisoners' demands)

retreating on his policy
he is ~ to... (president)

retreated on that
but the EPA ~ (reverses a ban)

♦ "We are resetting, we are not retreating, and we are here, we have a vision, we are capable of fulfilling it." (Ashley Judd of Time's Up, responding to criticism of that organization.)

reversal: direction / military / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / military / verb

retreat (reverse / noun)

media retreat
there was a ~ and apology for past invasiveness

reversal: direction / military

retreat (glaciers, etc.)

retreating rapidly
alpine glaciers are ~ (Switzerland)

♦ The Swiss cover sections of the Rhone Glacier with tarps in the summer to prevent melting.

movement: direction / military / verb

retreat (absence)

hasty retreat
an invasion by the national media, followed by a ~

♦ The usual trajectory for mass shooting coverage involved an invasion by the national media, followed by a hasty retreat."

presence & absence: military

return (and return to)

return to normal
coral can recover if conditions ~ (bleaching)

returned to normal
his heart and liver function had ~ (CO poisoning)

returning to normal
things are slowly ~

returned in force
it was still horribly cold and the wind ~ (climbing)

conditions return
coral can recover if ~ to normal (bleaching)

function had returned
his heart and liver ~ to normal (CO poisoning)

wind returned

it was still horribly cold and the ~ in force (climbing)

♦ see also *go back (and get back)*

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / situation: direction / movement / verb

return (animals, etc.)

return of this (national) symbol
the dramatic ~ (bald eagle)

return of the wolf
the west has seen the ~ (US)

dramatic return
the ~ of this national symbol (the bald eagle)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction
survival, persistence & endurance: direction**

return (point of no return)

point of no return
many see annexation as a ~ in terms of a peace deal

**fate, fortune & chance: journeys & trips
development: journeys & trips
commitment & determination: journeys & trips**

return (noun)

return of function
full ~ is common (fracture)

return of cold temperatures
the ~ led to an ice age

return to function
complete ~ is the norm (fracture)

return to the fundamentals
Salafis advocate a strict ~

return to the "old days"
what he really wants is a ~ (Pakistani Christian)

return to traditional foods
the tepary bean symbolizes a ~ (Tohono O'odham)

point of no return
I reached the ~

symbolizes a return
the tepary bean ~ to traditional foods (Tohono O'odham)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement

reveal (verb)

reveal how
his novels ~ things really got done (spycraft)

reveal a (genetic) bottleneck
blood samples ~ (too few Amur tigers left)

reveal some dirt
critics hoped the report would ~ on the President (politics)

revealed the extent

dawn ~ of devastation

revealed a (deep) fissure
the resignations ~ among Afghan leaders

reveals (many) hidden gems
the road ~ (N7 in France)

reveal gulf
antiwar marches ~ between leaders and people

reveal the hypocrisy
he listed the façade of respectability to ~

reveals a (disturbing) pattern
the data ~ to a trained eye

reveal themselves
secrets always ~ in the light of truth

**concealment & lack of concealment: verb
evidence: verb**

reveal (big reveal, etc.)

reveal (for most of the country) was
the biggest ~ that... (a government hearing)

reveal moment
it's like a real chilling ~ where you realize that... (a film)

gender reveal
at a ~ party (sex of baby)
the couple's ~ ceremony sparked a wildfire

big reveal
when will she make the ~

juicy reveals
candid confessions, ~ (on reality-TV hot mics)

♦ "Should gender reveal parties be reserved for transgender kids when they come out..."

♦ Molly Woodstock, a gender educator and co-host of the podcast *Gender Reveal*.

♦ "Some thought the episode was part of the act and waited for the reveal." (Roy of Siegfried & Roy fame is mauled onstage by the white tiger Mantecore.)

**concealment & lack of concealment: part of speech
searching & discovery: part of speech**

reverberate (verb)

reverberates beyond our own shores
the political dialogue in the US ~ (New Zealand massacre)

reverberate through admission offices
the case is sure to ~ (forged transcripts)

reverberating throughout Kenosha
the acquittal on all counts is ~ (Kyle Rittenhouse trial)

♦ Echo; resonate; reverberate; rhyme...

**effect / feeling, emotion & effect: sound / verb
transmission: sound / verb**

reverberation (noun)

reverberations across the globe

the attacks in Christchurch have had ~ (mass shooting)

reverberations of his (shock) resignation
the ~ are being felt widely and deeply

global reverberations
the choices that are made have ~ (world leadership)

political reverberations
the ~ continued to be felt (assassination)

repercussions and reverberations
fears about the ~ of a targeted killing persisted

reverberations haven't died away
that was 150 years ago, yet the ~ (Civil War)

reverberation went further
his death shook basketball, but the ~ (Len Bias / drugs)

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

effect / transmission: sound

reverential (adjective)

reverential care
the livestock was guarded with ~ (a colony)

reverence: religion

revictimization (or revictimisation)

re-victimization of what
she felt almost a ~ she went through (rape trial)

revictimization of the survivors
FEMA's complexities amounts to the ~ (of natural disasters)

re-victimization but also a validation
the investigations are a ~ (victims of Catholic sex abuse)

♦ "Victimisation" has a Wikipedia article, which is part of a series on Discrimination. Part of the article is on "revictimisation."

♦ see also *victimization (or revictimisation)*

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

revictimized (groups)

re-victimized
our families have been ~ by nonprofits (school shootings)

re-victimised
women are ~ when they come forward (Amber Heard)

♦ see also *victimised (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

revisit (verb)

revisit that stuff
it's always hard to ~ (a racial murder from 1964)

past & present / time: direction / journeys & trips / movement / place / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb

review (noun)

rave reviews
his new pitch has drawn ~ (a pitcher)

mixed reviews
but his performance got ~ (a lawyer)

judgment: theater

revive (verb)

revive (computer) systems
Baltimore struggles to ~ paralyzed by hackers

revive hiring
government intervention can ~

amelioration & renewal / survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / health & medicine / verb

revivify (verb)

revivify the context
creative non-fiction seeks to ~ of events

amelioration & renewal / survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / health & medicine / verb

revolt (verb)

revolted against the pay
shareholders have ~ awarded to...

revolted against her attempts
many supporters of her party have ~ at austerity

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

revolt (noun)

shareholder revolt
the aftershocks from the ~ will be felt...

citizens' revolt
the city council is reeling from a ~ over officials' pay

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

revolution (noun)

revolution in (data) storage
astronomy faces a ~

communications revolution
the ~ that is the Web

information revolution
the impact of the ~

Internet revolution
helped propel the ~

digital music revolution
his startup, MP3.com, helped ignite the ~

shortboard revolution
his board designs helped kick off the ~ (surfing)

lesbian revolution
her hit song *Wenn die beste Freundin* unleashed a ~

sexual revolution
living in a country that went through the ~ (US)

aftermath of the (sexual) revolution
in the ~

igniter of the (3-point) revolution
he was the ~ in the NBA (the great Stephen Curry)

impact of the (information) revolution
the ~

path of revolution
another bored child of privilege who chose the ~

revolution is brewing
a ~ (against bilingual education)

launched a revolution
he ~ (astronomer looking at X-ray emitters)

kick off the (shortboard) revolution
his board designs helped ~ (surfing)

importance & significance: history
disruption / growth & development: history

revolutionary (person)

separating the charlatans from the revolutionaries
~ is a challenge (Silicon Valley)

♦ "We will make electricity so cheap that only the rich will burn candles."
(Thomas Edison, December, 1879.)

disruption: history / person

revolutionary (adjective)

revolutionary for biology
the discovery of DNA was ~

revolutionary for physics
the discovery of cosmic microwave fluctuations was ~

revolutionary breakthroughs
~ in armor technology (military)

revolutionary toothbrush
brush your teeth in less than 10 seconds with this ~ (ad)

importance & significance: history
disruption / growth & development: history

revolutionize (verb)

revolutionized the (retail drug) business
Mr. Walgreen ~ in the 1950s

revolutionize (health) care
Holmes' promise that Theranos would ~

revolutionized (medical) care
the CAT scanner ~ throughout the world

revolutionized women's lives
the sewing machine ~ (1870s)

revolutionized forensic anthropology
the body farm ~ (Knoxville, TN)

importance & significance: history / verb
disruption / growth & development: history / verb
revolve (revolve around something)

revolves around Mahomes
the entire offense ~ (injured NFL quarterback)

revolved around heroism
for many tribes, life ~

revolves around the ocean
our life ~ (Perth / Australia)

revolved around the sea
his life ~ (a surfer)

revolved around sports
his childhood ~

revolved around a (church) youth group
her social life ~

revolve around personalities and geography
allegiances ~ (Tuvalu politics)

movement: astronomy

attraction & repulsion / bases / configuration / division & connection / relationship: astronomy / movement / verb

revolving door

revolving door
her romantic life is a ~
it has been a ~ and there's been a lot of turnover (politics)
it was a ~, there was a lot of turnover (a company)
the mental health care system is a ~

revolving door of the Trump administration
through the ~ goes another high-level departure

revolving door between the DEA and the drug industry
if you take a look at the ~ (regulators become lobbyists)

revolving door between sickness and health
many moved constantly in a ~ (preventive medicine)

revolving door of (national-security) advisors
this has been the ~ (firings, resignations, etc.)

revolving door (at Theranos) continued to swing
the ~ at a furious pace (Silicon Valley)

movement: doors & thresholds

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: doors & thresholds / movement

rev up (verb)

revved up the debate
the information ~ over the war

revved up its focus
the probe has ~ on alleged corruption and fraud (Florida)

increase & decrease: engine / mechanism / verb

revved (revved up)

revved up
the crowd is ~

feeling, emotion & effect: engine / mechanism

reward (verb)

reward you with its beauty
whatever the season, the galaxy will ~ (plant)

reward the winners with certificates
we ~ of achievement (class project)

rewards loyalty over excellence
he ~ (president)

reward (or punish) students for their behavior
grades should not ~

rewards (creative) approaches
the competition ~ to... (research)

rewards the (personal) loyalty
the bureaucracy ~ of those at the bottom

reward or punish
grades should not ~ students for their behavior

cost & benefit: money / verb

reward (noun)

reward
I think that the risk is part of the ~ (a climber)

rewards of fish watching
introduce recreational divers to the ~

rewards like money, sex and drugs
the human brain is acutely attuned to ~

rewards for (good) work
high grades are given as ~ (school)

rewards or other kinds of motivation
recognize achievement with ~ (job)

rewards and dangers
developing the Arctic carries ~ for those in the area

cash reward
the new software is delivering ~s

unpredictable rewards
~ produce much larger signals in the brain

lion's share of the rewards
they reap the ~

incentives and rewards
improve class climate through ~ (teachers)

perils and rewards
the ~ of the backcountry (Mt. Rainier)

rewards (certainly) justified the effort
the ~ (hiking)

carries rewards
developing the Arctic ~ and dangers

delivering (cash) rewards
the new software is ~

attuned to rewards
the human brain is acutely ~ like money, sex and drugs

♦ **Honesty; doing the right thing; learning and education; kindness and helping people and animals...** (Things that are their own rewards.)

cost & benefit: money

rewarding

rewarding
the work is very hard but very ~ (nursing assistant)

rewarding experience
it's the most ~ I've ever had (adoption)

rewarding thing
it's the most ~ I've ever done (adoption)

rewarding spiritually
it's very ~ (paragliding / Hawaii)

fun and rewarding
wilderness and travel medicine can be ~

cost & benefit: money

rewind (verb)

rewind
if I could ~ I would (a swatting leads to death of innocent)

rewind to that moment
let's ~ before everything changed... (go back in time)

rewind this film
you cannot ~ (US withdrawal from Afghanistan)

present & past / reversal / time: film & TV

rewritten (changed)

rewritten
tools that allow the code of life to be ~ (Crispr-Cas9)

creation & transformation: writing & spelling

rhyme (verb)

rhyme
history doesn't repeat itself, but it can ~
but many of their back stories do ~ (are similar)

rhyme with the story
it doesn't ~ TV has written for him

rhyme with the truth
as for her explanation, it didn't ~

make hope and history rhyme
this is our moment to ~ with passion and purpose (Biden)

♦ "A lot of this play it doesn't follow my biography but it rhymes with it."
(Tom Stoppard about his play *Leopoldstadt*.)

♦ "Who's listening to this while Americans are evacuating Kabul? History doesn't repeat itself but it sure does rhyme." (A commenter about a haunting Russian song about Afghanistan called "Caravan.")

♦ "And so another Tiger transgression—not a big one, not by far—but another one washed away as it doesn't rhyme with the story TV has written for him and recites every time he plays on TV." (The great sportswriter Phil Mushnik about an incident involving the golfer Tiger Woods.)

♦ "I think in some way their characters rhyme a bit." (The writer Michael Lewis about his book *Going Infinite: The Rise and Fall of a New Tycoon* (about Sam Bankman-Fried) and Walter Isaacson's authorized biography *Elon Musk*.)

♦ "History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes." (Often attributed to Mark Twain. According to the Quote Investigator website, "There is no substantive evidence that Twain who died in 1910 made this remark." Attributing quotes to people is always problematic. And, in many cases, quotes attributed to people are simply untrue, the stuff of posters and T-shirts and the internet.)

♦ Echo; resonate; reverberate; rhyme...

repetition: sound / verb

ribbon (Ribbon Reef, etc.)

Ribbon Creek
we paddled up ~ (Alberta, Canada)

Ribbon Lake
~ is in Alberta, Canada

Ribbon Reef
we scuba-dive on ~ (Queensland, Australia)

Pabst Blue Ribbon
drink ~ and imbibe some American history

proper name: cloth

ribbon (ribbon of moonlight, etc.)

ribbon of moonlight
the road was a ~, across the purple moor...

shape: cloth

rich (rich land, etc.)

rich
the land here is particularly ~

♦ "Better poor with honor than rich with shame." (A point of pride in Kosovo.)

worth & lack of worth: money

rich (plentiful)

rich in (natural) beauty
the Aisén area of Patagonia is ~ (Chile)

rich in minerals
Guinea, a former French colony that is ~

rich in uranium
the north of Niger is ~

rich in protein, iron and calcium
teff, an easily absorbed millet ~ (Ethiopia)

feature-rich
it is not nearly as ~ or versatile (a camera)

fiber-rich
to avoid hemorrhoids, fill up on ~ foods

fossil-rich
at the ~ site in China...

oxygen-rich
fish need ~ water to survive (pollution)

resource-rich
China and India court ~ counties like Nigeria

target-rich
he flew into a ~ environment (combat)

wildlife-rich
the ~ province of Mpumalanga

amount: money

rich (superlative)

rich (maritime) heritage
the New York and New Jersey area has a ~

rich (Jewish) legacy
there is a ~ associated with boxing

rich (basketball) tradition
Philadelphia has a ~

rich, sophisticated and varied
Islamic civilization—~

superlative: money

rickety (condition)

rickety
the company's ad base appears more ~ than ever (media)

rickety region
Jordan remained a relative rock of stability in a terribly ~

condition & status / flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability

ricochet (verb)

ricochet
this could ~

movement / reversal: verb / weapon

riddle (noun)

solve the riddle
their objective was to ~ of COVID-19's origin

♦ When I eat I live, when I drink I die. What am I?

♦ What has three heads, eight legs, and two wings? (A Bedouin, on a horse, with a falcon.)

♦ Four in the morning, two in the afternoon, three in the evening...

♦ Which came first, the chicken or the egg? (Thank you for clearing that up!)

certainty & uncertainty: speech

riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)

riddled with bullets
his car was ~ (assassinated)

riddled with clichés
the script is ~

riddled with doubt
he was ~ (Ben-Gurion)

riddled with falsehoods
the series was a hatchet job ~ (a documentary)

riddled with flaws
that particular study was ~

riddled with lookouts
the gang-infested neighborhood is ~

riddled with bugs and glitches
the game is ~, and is prone to crashes

♦ *Riddled* is generally followed by something that is negative. The following quote of the actor Peter O'Toole is an exception. Speaking about the actors in the film *Becket*, he said, "The place was riddled with first-class people."

affliction: animal / hole / insect

flaws & lack of flaws: animal / hole / insect

configuration: animal / hole / insect

ride (rough ride, etc.)

ride of my life
this has been the greatest ~ (graduating basketball star)

rollercoaster of a ride
I've had a ~ (rugby player Gareth Thomas)

magic carpet ride
her campaign has become a ~ (Michele Bachmann)

"Magic Carpet Ride"
~ by Steppenwolf

amazing ride
I want to thank the organization for an ~ (NFL player)

bumpy ride
consumers are in for a ~ this year (customer service)

fantastic ride
we have had a ~ (his team loses in semifinal)

greatest ride
this has been the ~ of my life (graduating sports star)

rough ride
we're in for a ~ (new troops in Iraq)

wild ride
it's going to be a ~ (future events)
his tweets and interviews make for a ~ (President Trump)

bumpy part of the ride
we're in a ~ (a fashion company)

easiest of rides
it hasn't been the ~ (a film's release)

take you along for the ride
a start-up that's ready to ~ (job)

♦ It looks like we're in for a wild ride, so hang on. (A Wall Street bear market.)

♦ "Businesses are strapping themselves in for a bumpy ride on the new trade deal rollercoaster." (Brexit.)

♦ "2024...Strap in...it's going to be an incredible year!" (Riyadh Season sports events.)

♦ The Drachen Fire, the Great American Scream Machine, Shockwave, the Mind Bender, the Mind Eraser, the Traumatizer... (Roller coasters.)

experience: horse / movement / riding

ride (ride on something)

rides on our ability
the future ~ to adapt

rides on terminology
much ~ (diplomacy)

riding on this
a lot of people's jobs are ~ (strike)

hopes are riding
all ~ on their daughter (immigrant family)

dependency / relationship: riding / verb

fictive transportation: riding / verb

ride (ride something to fame, etc.)

rode them to fame
she was the one who ~ (ideas of fat liberation)

fictive transportation: horse / riding / verb

ride out (verb)

ride this thing out
we'll just have to ~ (a hurricane)

rode out the hurricane at home
they ~

ride out his affliction
he chose to ~ (instead of going to the hospital)

rode out the storm
the punch hurt him, but he ~ (boxing)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / riding / verb

rift (division)

rift
a ~ occurred between the radicals (Seattle mosque)

rift between Hamas and Fatah
hopes to end the deepening ~

rifts between blacks and whites
already existing ~ in the South

rifts between the Defense Secretary and the military
~ (US)

rifts (between blacks and whites) in the South
already existing ~

rifts in the city
trying to heal the racial ~ (LA)

rift among Indians
the move created a ~ here (Yakama Nation)

rifts over (America's) strategy
orchestrated leaks from the White House have exposed ~

deepening rift
hopes to end the ~ between Hamas and Fatah

centuries-old rift
a ~ has come to the surface (Egyptians in the US)

racial rift
trying to heal the ~ in the city (Los Angeles)

new school / old school rift
a classic ~ (newer kayaking moves)

exposed rifts
leaks have ~ over America's strategy

healed the rift
the years have not ~ between Shipa and her family

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

right (right a wrong, etc.)

right our (fiscal) ship
we must ~ (budget)

right this wrong
we must ~

right a (perceived) wrong
seeking to ~ with a firearm

seeking to right
~ a perceived wrong with a firearm

amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / orientation / verb

right (bragging rights)

claim bragging rights
Putin's eagerness to ~ is justified (hypersonic missiles)

competition: sports & games

right (and rights / groups)

right to defend
the country has asserted a ~ itself (attacked)

right to disappear
adults have the ~ (missing person)

right to have
heat equity is the ~ thermally safe environments

right to live
Trans' ~ any way that feels authentic and comfortable

right to repair
originally Apple opposed the ~ movement

right to retire
the ~ early is part of their culture (the French)

right to travel
a woman's ~ to seek an abortion across state lines

right to dignity
the Palestinian people's ~ and to self-determination

rights to our fun
we have the ~ and my posse (a Spanish female teen)

right to privacy
the 14th Amendment ~ does not apply to abortion (2022)

right to due process
the law violates the ~

right to water
the human ~ was passed in 2012 (California)

right of assembly
the ~ applies even to groups like the Ku Klux Klan

rights of (adolescent) girls
Girl Up promotes the ~ around the world (the UN)

right of Israel
the ~ to exist as an independent Jewish state

rights of nature
the Florida Democratic Party lists the ~ in its platform

right of parents
courts generally support the ~ (medical decisions / kids)

right of the people
the ~ to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed

right of resistance
Hamas terrorists have a '~' (George Washington U. panel)

"right of return"
all Palestinians should have the ~ to land inside Israel

right of scholars
the AAS firmly supports the ~ take part in...

rights for animals
the legal basis to grant ~

rights group
the human ~ Amnesty International says...

women's rights
activists hailed the verdict as a victory for ~ in India

no right
the public has ~ to use beach (Kennebunkport, Maine)
Florida has ~ to declare them outcasts (Don't say Gay)
the US has ~ to tell China what to do
the school has ~ to punish her for off-campus speech

unenumerated rights
~, freedoms not explicitly written in the Constitution

abortion rights
can ~ supporters stop the ban in Indiana

animal rights

the ~ group Toronto Pig Save
the ~ group Animal Equality
the ~ movement has an arsenal of tools (drones, cameras)
he read *Animal Liberation*, the seminal ~ (by Peter Singer)
Hsiung became a vegan, a Buddhist, and then an ~ activist

Animal Rights

the 2016 ~ National Conference in Los Angeles

bedrock right

we will continue to stand up for Israel's ~ to defend itself

civil right

a fundamental right, a human right, a ~ (housing)

disability rights

~ activist Cola Booy, dead at 34 (Matthew Urango)

divine right

the ~ of kings

gun rights

how Americans feel about ~ versus restrictions

human right

housing is a ~ (homeless moms)
housing is a ~, not a commodity (Moms 4 Housing)
sodomy is not a ~ (Uganda)
being able to manage your period is a ~ (Marni Sommer)
family planning is a ~, says U.N. (contraception, etc.)
health is a ~
education is a ~ (Maryland teacher Keishia Thorpe)
she interprets climate protection as a ~ (Germany)
it is a ~ not to get shot (a gun control activist)
food is a basic ~
water is a ~
the practice of sport is a ~ (Olympic Charter)
in his view, access to clean water is a ~
international ~ standards
~ groups have long complained that...
the government has been tossing ~ attorneys in jail
freedom of conscience is a ~ (Pope Francis / same sex)
he is a ~s lawyer

Human Rights

the ~ Watch report (prisons)

labor rights

Uber, Lyft drivers strike over wages and ~

period rights

period poverty and ~ (menstruation)

queer rights

they were pioneers in getting us ~ (drag performers)

trans rights

~ are human rights (a chant at a demonstration)

trans-rights

~ activism is just another weapon of the patriarchy (TERF)

basic (human) right

sleep is a ~
nearly half of humans lack that ~ (access to toilet)

freedom of speech is a ~ (IOC bans Olympic protests)
housing is a ~
in the US health care is not considered a ~

Constitutional right

our ~s are under attack

constitutional right

bikini baristas have a ~ to wear G-strings and pasties

digital rights

~ experts say doxing treads a fine legal line

fundamental right

access to housing is a ~ (Kamala Harris)

fundamental (human) right

privacy is a ~ (Apple CEO Tim Cook)
the ~ not to be arbitrarily deprived on one's life (drones)
the ~ to participate in democratic process (Afghanistan)
I believe pain control is a ~ (opioids)
independent journalism is recognized as a ~
communication is a ~ (cell networks)

inalienable (human) right

he sees migration as an ~ (novelist Mohsin Hamid)

international (human) right

abortion is not an ~ (HHS Secretary Alex Azar)

legal rights

the Nonhuman Rights Project wants ~ for animals
laws that extend ~ to a fetus in utero
is it time to give nature ~ and the power to fight back
New Zealand has given ~ to the Whanganui River

Neurorights Foundation

he cofounded the ~ (Rafael Yuste)

neurorights

~ are new human rights to protect... (Rafael Yuste)
brain implants for humans revive reminders of ~ (NPR)

religious rights

the Supreme Court upheld ~ over LGBTQ rights

reproductive rights

the law will be challenged by ~ (an abortion ban)

spiritual rights

their unjust removal is a violation of those ~ (graves)

gay and lesbian rights

a good year for ~ (2011)

gay and transgender rights

he advocates increasing ~ (Joe Biden)

Bill of Rights

the Lake Erie ~ became law in 2019

protection of (fundamental) rights

the ~ and freedoms

privilege, but a right

family planning is not a ~ (U.N.)

award rights

environmentalists want to ~ to lakes, hills, rivers, etc.

becomes a (human) right
make sure that health care ~ (Bernie Sanders)

declared happiness a universal human right
HappinessDay.org ~

declared Internet access a human right
the U.N. has ~

defends the right
the NEA ~ of teachers to teach the truth about racism

denies them a (basic) human right
the ~ (to charter schools, vs. public schools)

exercise my human right
I'm going to ~ to defend myself (a gun owner)

exercising their (human) right
they were simply ~ to peacefully protest

expands gun rights
Supreme Court ~

give convicts the right
the Constitution does not ~ to test DNA evidence

guaranteed a right
Roe V. Wade had ~ to access abortion (overturned)

had a right
only me, my doctor, and my God ~ to be involved

had no right
the men ~ to claim self-defense (lead prosecutor)

reserve the right
when we don't ~ of self-definition (activist Audre Lorde)

respect the right
we ~ of employees to decide... (unions)

seen as a human right
vacation in France is ~

threatening (human) rights
the Supreme Court is ~ (abortion)

violate our (religious) rights
the restrictions ~ (no church during pandemic)

upheld the right
the court ~ of Arizona voters to try to make...

violates the right
the law ~ to due process

♦ "If there is one message that echoes forth from this conference, let it be that human rights are women's rights and women's rights are human rights, once and for all." (First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, addressing the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995. According to Hillary, "Women's rights are human rights" became popular on "tote bags, cellphone cases, needle-point pillows, and T-shirts" thereafter.)

♦ "I don't want to give advice, we have the rights to our fun and my posse..." (An HIV-positive Spanish teenage female, interviewed about random needle-sticks in discos and clubs.)

♦ "Every soul's body is important, no matter what size it is. It is an absolute right for me to feel good in my body." (The plus-size model Emme.)

♦ "Fight For Your Right (To Party)." (The cover by Corey Worthington.)

♦ "Workers at 'bikini barista' coffee stands in Everett, Wash., have a constitutional right to wear G-strings and 'pasties' while serving customers, a federal court has ruled." (The Week, "Only in America," November 11, 2022.)

♦ "The only people who had a right to be involved in that decision were me, my doctor, and my God." (A campaign ad for a politician who is pro-abortion.)

♦ "This is a problem with society, with this 'It's my right' selfish attitude. I have given up with cinema because of this." (People who converse loudly in cinemas, answer their cellphones, etc.)

♦ Same-sex marriage is an unenumerated right.

♦ "She said her measure was inspired by Scotland, which last year declared access to menstrual products to be a human right and required public places to provide them free of charge. Ideally, Garcia said, menstrual products would be as common in restrooms as toilet paper and paper towels." ("California Could Soon Require Free Menstrual Products in Public Schools" by the Associated Press, NPR, National, September 10, 2021.)

♦ "A court ruled it was Sabau's fundamental right to request euthanasia. (The Romanian "Gunslinger of Tarragona" Marin Eugen Sabau, 46, Spain.) /// "Belgian rapist Van Den Bleeken refused 'right to Die.'" (The rapist and murderer.)

♦ The right to reclaim one's life and have a second chance—whether that reclamation is from illness, from drug recovery or from prison—is a human right, not just a civil right." ("New Film About Life After Prison Was Directed By A Man Who Lived It" by Jon Kalish, NPR, February 11, 2017.)

♦ "Why shouldn't some kid from East LA have access to these things? It's science and it's our human right to work with scent." (Saskia Wilson-Brown, the founder and director of the Institute for Art and Olfaction. From "The Scents And Sensibility of LA's Nosy New Perfume Enthusiasts" by Chloe Prasinos, NPR, Culture, February 22, 2015.)

♦ "This kind of became weirdly enough in this court case, a battle of two amendments. The 14th Amendment is about equal protection under the law, and then the First Amendment is about free speech and whether or not a bikini or a G-string qualifies as free speech." (Mike Lewis, from "A return to bikini-clad baristas in Everett, judge rules" by Gee Scott and Ursula Reutin Show, Oct.24, 2022. The State of Washington.)

♦ "In 1972 the legal scholar Christopher Stone wrote a paper called "Should Trees Have Standing?" in which he pointed out that courts have long recognized entities that possess rights but require someone to sue on their behalf, from corporations to ships to children." ("Arbor in the Court" by Clive Thompson, *Wired*, January 2020.)

♦ "We strongly defend the right of stand-up comedians to perform on stage without fear of violence."

♦ "Children have a right to school education and a school day that is as carefree as possible. School closures must therefore not be allowed." (Justice Minister Marco Buschmann, laying out Germany's COVID measures for the winter of 2022-23.)

♦ "Poulter told BBC Sport he was 'fighting for his right to play golf' and confirmed he had taken legal action against his ban from the Scottish Open." (Englishman Ian Poulter, a LIV golfer, seeking to play in the Scottish Open. From "Ian Poulter allowed to play Scottish Open after ban lifted—DP World Tour boss 'disappointed,'" Iain Carter, BBC golf correspondent, 4 July 2022.)

♦ "President Vucic cannot cancel someone else's event. The right to hold Pride has been ruled by the European Court of Human Rights to be a fundamental human right." (President Kristine Carina of European Pride Organizers. From "Serbia's leader says EuroPride won't happen due to threats" by Jovana Gec, AP, Aug 27, 2022. In the same article, she mentioned that "Several thousand people recently joined a march in Belgrade against LGBTQ Pride." See also the Wikipedia entry "Belgrade antigay riot.")

♦ "Dignity" is not mentioned in the U.S. Declaration of Independence or the U.S. Constitution, or in the Pledge of Allegiance. The contemporary usage of "dignity" as a human right seems to stem from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948. See the Wikipedia entry, "Dignity."

♦ Listen to BBC Radio 4, The Reith Lectures, Jonathan Sumption, 2019. There are five lectures: (1) Law's Expanding Empire (2) In Praise of Politics (3) Human Rights and Wrongs (4) Rights and the Ideal Constitution (5) Shifting the Foundations. The lectures are free to all at BBC.

*** analysis

♦ "RIGHT, n. Legitimate authority to be, to do or to have; as the right to be a king, the right to do one's neighbor, the right to have measles, and the like..." *The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

right (right? / polemical)

prove them wrong, right?

Black people, we're going to go out and ~

deciding whether they're racist, right?

but the jury isn't ~

inconvenience them as much as possible, right

~ (an activist)

everything became about Black people, right?

in school, all of a sudden, ~ (Karsonya Wise Whitehead)

right? So

we speak a different cultural language, ~ you're always...

♦ "The point of our protest was to inconvenience them as much as possible, right, and to increase the costs of them doing business." (A gay activist.)

♦ "In school, all of a sudden everything became about Black people, right? So you're putting collar greens into the cafeteria..." (Karsonya Wise Whitehead about Black History Month.)

♦ "If you cook that, right, it's super-tender, right." (I guess so.)

♦ "You know, as a Black person, when I walk in a room and I spot the Black people in that room, it makes me feel safe and when I spot those Black folk, I can see everybody much more clearly, right? I'm open in a different way, right? I think that's a human thing. And it's no different when it comes to literature." (Jason Reynolds, National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, an award presented bi-annually by the Library of Congress.)

♦ Bobby Allyn: "But, look, it's important to emphasize here that these journalists didn't have some kind of special surveilling powers, right?" / "The journalists were writing about an account that tracked Musk's jets, right. It started and ended with airports." / "It sets a dangerous precedent, right, having this powerful billionaire who controls what's basically the front page of the internet banning journalists based on a personal animus." / "Twitter policy is written at the whim of Elon Musk, right..." / "Maybe one day I'll be caught in the middle and be suspended, right, I mean his rules are arbitrary and constantly moving, they're hard to keep up with..." (From "Twitter owner Elon Musk suspends the accounts of several high-profile journalists," NPR, Business, Morning Edition, December 16, 2022. Bobby Allyn is NPR's tech reporter.)

♦ "And, you know, Elon Musk is behaving like Elon Musk, right? Uh..." (The Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Ronan Farrow, speaking to Fresh Air's Tonya Mosley.)

♦ "I mean this is the whole beauty of like horror movies is that it's such like weird circumstances and there's so much like weird rules about them that it's fun to subvert them and it's also like, the horror movies themselves were doing subverting, were like trying to like, be twisted and do this weird stuff and have these weird commentaries, and this is what makes *Scream* so good, right." (Alex Abad-Santos, a self-professed "flagrant homosexual." From "M3GAN, murder, and mass queer appeal," NPR, It's Been A Minute, January 17, 2023. Just. Weird.)

♦ "If aliens came down from another planet, and they wanted to get to know us, they should go to the movies, right? Then they would understand us." (Umm, okay...)

♦ Type in "right? so" at NPR and you get 9,945 results and counting. Not all of those hits relate to the meaning of "implicant agreement to an assertion." But many do.

♦ Motivational speaker: Is selling good? Say yes. / Audience: Yes! / Motivational speaker: Is getting sold good? Say yes. / Audience: Yes! From "The Hard Sell" by Tad Friend, *The New Yorker*, August 8, 2022. According to the article, "[Q]uestions that elicit a 'yes' prime the customer to agree to a purchase. Encyclopedia salesmen once practiced an 'ascending close' that required summoning forty-two yesses..."

♦ Drill Sergeant: Tell me if I'm wrong. / Recruits: You're right! / Drill Sergeant: Tell me if I'm wrong. / Recruits: You're right! / Drill Sergeant: Sound off. / Recruits: One Two! / Drill Sergeant: Sound off! / Recruits: Three Four! / Drill Sergeant: Bring it on down. / Recruits: One Two Three Four One Two THREE FOUR! (Military cadence, marching in lockstep.)

♦ Wait; Stop; Hold on; Just a second; What exactly do you mean?; What!; No, you're not right!; Wrong; Negative... (What you can say to interrupt the flow of polemical people who pepper their speech with "Right" in an attempt to bulldoze you.)

♦ see also *you know* (filler)

inclusion & inclusion: polemics

right (introductory)

Right, so

see *so* (introductory)

Right, well

see *well* (filler)

♦ Rob Schmitz: How... / Dr. Dennis Whyte: Right, so... / Rob Schmitz: What... / Dr. Dennis Whyte: Right, so... / Rob Schmitz: So this experiment still took energy off the grid? / Dr. Dennis Whyte: That's correct... / Rob Schmitz: How long... / Dr. Dennis Whyte: Right, well... (A typical exchange on NPR.)

♦ see also *so* (introductory), *sure* (introductory), *yeah* (and *yah* / introductory)

contempo-speak: introductory

righted

righted

finally, a terrible wrong is being ~ (miscarriage of justice)

amelioration & renewal: boat

equilibrium & stability: boat

right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)

right-hand man

he was Mubarak's ~ for decades

importance & significance: hand / position

rigid (constraint)

rigid (religious) beliefs

he has ~

rigid doctrine

the group does not have a ~

rigid hierarchy

teachers should avoid establishing a ~ of groups

rigid routine

inside, life followed a ~ (a factory)

rigid rules

he has relaxed some ~ (coach)

rigid (production) schedule

workers must deal with ~s

rigid versus a flexible
commanders must weigh the benefits of a ~ plan

rigid and omnipotent
its caste dynamics were ~

rigid and puritanical
Wahhabism, the ~ strain of Islam

ideologically rigid
our political leaders are too ~

less rigid
the Berbers practice a ~ form of Islam today

**ability & lack of ability / constraint & lack of constraint:
materials & substances / movement**

rigid (character)

rigid
she was not ~, and her views evolved (Ann Landers)
we are not being so ~ as saying that is the only option
don't be ~, stay aware of your environment (military)

rigid in his beliefs
his parents claim he is not ~ (religion)

rigid or extremist
his parents say he is not ~ in his beliefs

**ability & lack of ability / character & personality: materials
& substances / movement**

ring (ring false, etc.)

rang false
her story ~

rang hollow
his apology ~ (insincere)

ring hollow
promises that the country's best days lie ahead ~

rings hollow
his argument ~ to many
that is an argument that ~ (a bad argument)

ring true
his stinging accusations about EU institutions ~

rings true
his story ~
the message ~ 75 years later (It's a Wonderful Life)

perception, perspective & point of view: sound / verb

ring (ring of truth, etc.)

ring of truth
his words had the ~ (murder trial)
it doesn't have the ~ (an FBI report)

magical ring
those three letters have a ~ (BBC)
'Vichyssoise' still has a ~ to it (for a chef)

modern ring

his report of the landings has a strikingly ~ (Terceira)

successful ring
it had a ~ (a boxer's boxing name for himself)

perception, perspective & point of view: sound
ring (kiss the ring)

kiss the ring
I feel no need to ~ (Nikki Haley, about Trump)

kiss the ring to get there
he had to ~ (a Supreme Court justice)

allegiance, support & betrayal: Middle Ages / religion
ringed (circled)

ringed by sand flats
Rabbit Key, a small mangrove hummock ~ (Florida)

ringed by barbed wire
the area is ~ (military post)

ringed by mountains of garbage
neighborhoods here are ~ (Luanda)

ringed seal
the ~ is a chief prey of the polar bear (Arctic)

♦ Animals might be banded, dappled, marbled, mottled, ringed, speckled, spotted, stippled, streaked, striped, and even spectacled!

configuration: shape

ring in (the New Year, etc.)

ring in the Year of the Pig
next month, China will ~

rung in some huge changes
the past 10 years have ~ for television

ringing out 2019 and ringing in the New Year
today we are ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: bell / sound / verb
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / inauguration
/ starting, going, continuing & ending: bell / sound / verb

ringmaster (role)

ringmaster of the (daily) news briefings
he was the ~ (government public-affairs news briefer)

ringmaster of loyalty investigations
he was the ~ (Joe McCarthy)

role of the ringmaster
he is playing the ~ (a crusader and media personality)

turned himself from spectator to ringmaster
he artfully ~ and took control (a mayor)

directing: circus / person

performance: person

person: circus

ring out (the New Year, etc.)

ringing out 2019 and ringing in the New Year
today we are ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: bell / sound / verb
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / starting,
going, continuing & ending: bell / sound / verb

ring out (voice)

voice rang out
her ~ with an accusation

speech: bell / sound / verb

ring out (a shot rang out, etc.)

shot rang out
suddenly, a ~ and a bullet fired from the house struck...

sound: bell / verb

rinse and repeat

rinse and repeat
one hopes this isn't just ~ (serial shootings of Blacks)
Men In Black 3 does not just ~, it adds time travel

“rinse and repeat” of the 2018 report
the findings are a ~ (same problem, no change)

rinse-and-repeat treatment
eight bars get the ~ over nine minutes (music)

suspend, apologise, reinstate, rinse-repeat
~ (a government member who made a gaffe / politics)

♦ “You hop off... You pick a new horse, ride it for another 25 miles. Rinse and repeat.” (The Mongol Derby.)

♦ “With protests unfolding almost daily throughout the country, one hopes this isn't just rinse and repeat—lament the dead, demand justice, another cop kills another unarmed Black person, and so on.” (“Pharoahe Monch, Styles P Call Fight For Equality ‘Same S***, Different Toilet’” by Marcus J. Moore, NPR Music, June 5, 2020.)

♦ “Dahmer—Monster: The Jeffrey Dahmer Story Review: Ryan Murphy, Netflix, Rinse, Repeat” by Daniel Fienberg, *The Hollywood Reporter*, September 22, 2022.

♦ “To prepare them, cut off any thick stalks. Submerge in a large bowl of water to loosen the dirt. Drain, rinse and repeat as necessary, then pat dry. Par-boil them...” (A recipe for beets.)

repetition: hair

riot (run riot)

ran riot
they ~ in a 5-0 win (a soccer match)

ran riot at St Mary's
Leicester ~ to win (a soccer match)

ran riot around the streets
he ~ of Holytown as a young lad (Chris Bungard)

mind ran riot
his busy ~ after his success (a troubled boxer)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: crime

riot (other)

riot of speculation
everything the police said led to a ~ (Nicola Bulley case)

Riot Girls
~ offers no-holds-barred dramas (BBC Radio 4)
~ offers provocative writing by women (BBC Radio 4)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: crime

riot (riot of color, etc.)

riot of wildflowers
spring covers the Rocky Mountains in a ~

riot of life and colour
Southern Africa is a ~ (ocean currents)

resemblance: crime

ripe (adjective)

ripe
the time is ~ to sit down with the Chinese

ripe for a (large) fire
conditions are ~ (dead trees)

ripe for fraud
drop boxes are ~ (voting)

ripe for cultivation
the colonists found meadows ~

ripe for rebellion
the city is ~ (Basra)

seemed ripe
the time ~ for a fresh attempt (scientific ballooning)

made conditions ripe
the fronts and temperatures ~ for tornadoes

growth & development / timeliness & lack of timeliness:
fruits & vegetables / plant

ripple (verb)

ripple out
all sorts of abuses ~ (from dogfighting)

rippled westward
the tradition may have ~ with the Scythians (art)

rippled through the system
United's flaws ~ (plane transportation)

rippled through Hollywood
a groundswell of cases like hers ~ (MeToo)

rippled through every industry
the effects of the movement have ~ (MeToo)

rippled around the ground
a sense of foreboding ~ (a soccer game)

transmission: verb / water

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: verb / water / wave

ripple (ripple effect)

ripple effects

the ~ have affected river access (kayaking fatalities)

ripple effects in all directions

Kazakhstan's policies have caused ~

have ripple effects

weather delays ~ (air transportation)

adds to the ripple effect

every new infection ~ (AIDS epidemic)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: water / wave

ripple (noun)

ripples

delays can have ~ thousands of miles away (planes)

ripple on the economy

that move, in turn, has had a ~

ripples of Columbine

what were the ~

ripples of the shutdown

travelers everywhere felt the ~ (airport)

ripple in the atmosphere

the smallest changes can have a ~ (tornadoes)

ripples from the drownings

the ~ have affected river access (kayaking)

political ripple

the existence of child workers has made barely a ~ here

barely a ripple

the existence of child workers has made ~

ripples could extend

the ~ beyond the industry (tainted beef)

made (barely) a ripple

the existence of child workers has ~ here

sending ripples through colleges

the changes are ~

♦ "Who looks upon a river in a meditative hour and is not reminded of the flux of all things? Throw a stone into the stream, and the circles that propagate themselves are the beautiful type of all influence..." (*Nature*, Chapter 4 (Language), by Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1836.)

♦ "The pebble had been dropped in that water and it started rippling out in waves that nobody could finally control, least of all Timothy Leary." ("Turn On, Tune In, Drop Out and LSD.")

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: water / wave

rip through (verb)

ripped through the community

the virus has ~

movement: force / verb

force: movement / verb

Rip Van Winkle

Rip Van Winkle effect

people incarcerated for decades grapple with the "~-"

modern Rip Van Winkle

if a ~ feel asleep in 1975 and woke up today... (internet)

think of myself as Rip Van Winkle

I began to ~ (see quote below)

♦ "As I realised how different the new *Times* had become from the old one that trained me, I began to think of myself not as a benighted veteran on a remote island, but as Rip Van Winkle." ("When the New York Times lost its way" by James Bennet, *1843 Magazine (The Economist)*, Dec 14th 2023.)

♦ "It was strange to be back. 'It definitely felt like a little Rip Van Winkle,' he says. While Kraft was fighting in Iraq, his friends moved ahead with their lives." ("Attitudes, PTSD Complicate Iraq Vet's Job Search" by Joseph Shapiro, NPR, Morning Edition, November 12, 2007.)

♦ "Home. Twenty-eight years old, feeling like Rip Van Winkle." (Michael Herr, who wrote *Dispatches*.)

allusion: books & reading

time: person

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: allusion

rise (rise and fall)

see *rise and fall*

rise (prices rise, etc.)

rose 20 percent

prices ~

increase & decrease: direction / number / verb

rise (increase / noun)

rise in popularity

the meteoric ~ of the word "bae" (2014)

increase & decrease: direction

rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)

rising to the challenge

we are ~

rise to the occasion

can they ~

rose to the occasion

he ~ like freshly baked dough

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / height / verb

rise (rise above something)

rose above party politics

he was a towering figure who ~ (a politician)

behavior: direction / height / verb

rise (resist)

rose in revolt

the people ~

rise up

no one knows if the people will ~
people who ~ often get killed (rebellion)

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb

rise (on the rise)

on the rise

feed prices are ~ (drought effect on herds of animals)

on the rise in Tajikistan

Islam is ~

growth & development: direction / height

increase & decrease: direction / height

rise (rise of agriculture, etc.)

rise of the Roman Empire

with the decline of Greece and the ~...

rise of Buddhism

with the ~ the study of anatomy was prohibited

rise of Christianity and Islam

the practice predates the ~ (FGM)

rise of China

if you are worried about the ~

rise of agriculture

his hypothesis suggests that the ~ led to...

rise of feminism

this period witnessed the ~

rise of podcasts

the popularity of audiobooks coincides with the ~

growth & development: direction / height

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / height

rise (achievement)

meteoric rise

she had a ~ and a heartbreaking fall (Whitney Houston)

on the rise

he has been ~ (a politician)

his profile was ~ (Detroit's Kwame Kilpatrick)

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height

rise (achieve)

rise in the company

he was anxious to ~ (workplace sociopath)

rose to fame

he ~ in 1973 (Ahmed Zaki Yamani)

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height / verb

rise and fall (verb)

rise and fall on the believability

the case will ~ of the accusations (rape)

♦ "No mortal power may stay her spinning wheel. / The nations rise and fall by her decree. / She passes, and things pass... / ...Season by season / her changes change her changes endlessly." (Dante's *Purgatory*, translated by John Ciardi. In medieval times she was known as Dame Fortune, to the Romans she was Fortuna, to the Greeks she was Tyche. Today she might be referred to as Lady Luck.)

fate, fortune & chance: direction / height / verb

success & failure: direction / height / verb

rise and fall (noun)

rise and fall of a business colossus

the ~ (Carlos Ghosn)

Rise and Fall of the Comanches

Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the ~

rise and fall of a parenting influencer

the ~ (Ruby Franke)

rise and fall of Dollar General's predecessors

the ~ (five and dimes, etc.)

Rise and Fall of a New Tycoon

Going Infinite: The ~ (Michael Lewis' book about SBF)

rise and (sudden) downfall

her ~ captured the nation's imagination (Theranos trial)

rise, fall and rebirth

the Fab Four's ~ (the Beatles)

Rise, Fall, and Return

The ~ of Michigan Football (John U. Bacon)

rise, fall, and rise again

his ~ may have seen a final chapter (a boxer)

rise and fall and rise again

the play follows the ~ of a family

♦ *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich* by William L. Shirer (1960).

♦ *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* by Edward Gibbon. Six volumes, published between 1776 and 1789.)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry for "Roman historiography."

♦ "My privileged position was, I was there before it all went bad. I was there for a year before it all went bad, trying to figure out what this story was...So I could see the rise as well as the fall." (The remarkable writer Michael Lewis about his book *Going Infinite: The Rise And Fall Of A New Tycoon*, which is about Sam Bankman-Fried.)

♦ "The Joker: Shane Gillis's fall and rise" by Kelefa Sanneh, *The New Yorker*, September 26, 2022.

growth & development: direction / height

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / height

rising (rising star, etc.)

rising star

she is a ~ (a singer)

~ Poeti Norac has died (the French surfer)

she was named a ~ (cinematographer Halyna Hutchins)

rising star in the (Lincoln) firmament

General Grant was a ~

rising star in the Democratic Party

he was considered a ~ (Stockton California mayor)

rising star in Democratic politics

Joe Neguse has been considered a ~

rising star in the (progressive) ranks

Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez is the ~

achievement, recognition & praise: astronomy / direction / height / star

rising (upcoming)

rising generation

young women were part of this ~ (CIA post 9/11)

rising politician

reaction to the riots lifted a ~ named Ronald Reagan

rising right

the ~ in Europe (populism)

rising senior

she's a ~ on the UCLA gymnastics team

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / height

rite (rite of passage)

rite of passage

it's kind of a ~

wild rite of passage

Las Vegas becomes a ~ for new 21-year-olds (booze)

growth & development: journeys & trips / religion

ritual (noun)

ritual of (village) life

in a ~

rituals and routines

many people have ~ before bedtime (nursing)

concert ritual

~s include "body surfing"

bedtime ritual

follow a nightly ~ (bath, pajamas, story, bed) (kids)

springtime ritual

drinking sap from the maple tree is a ~ (S. Korea)

pre-spring-break ritual

what became a ~ (females diet / eating disorders)

fraternity drinking ritual

his son had taken part in a ~ (died)

personal finance ritual

recording checks is a ~

hazing ritual

it was a ~ (training)

Yale has strict policies barring ~s (fraternities)

~s pushed too far (high school)

mating ritual

cicadas engage in a frenetic ~

annual ritual

the summer sojourn is an ~ (Germans visit Mallorca)

bizarre rituals

elaborate and sometimes ~ (OCD)

nightly (bedtime) ritual

follow a ~ (bath, books, and bed) (toddlers)

superstitious ritual

~s such as wearing the same shirt (sports)

wacky (bedtime) ritual

you learn who's got ~s (sharing a room)

yearly ritual

the start of the ~ (Cancun spring break)

bedtime ritual

follow a nightly ~ (bath, pajamas, story, bed) (kids)

you learn who's got wacky ~s (sharing a room)

follow a (nightly bedtime) ritual

~ (bath, books, and bed) (toddlers)

stop the ritual

colleges have tried various tactics to ~ (alcohol)

engage in a (frenetic) mating ritual

cicadas ~

taken part in a (fraternity drinking) ritual

his son had ~ (died)

♦ "Reading about Larry's exploits in the *Boston Herald* had become a happy ritual." (Larry Bird, the great NBA player and Hoosier from French Lick, Indiana.)

behavior: religion

river (resemblance)

river of (yellow taxi) cabs

a ~ ebbed and flowed down Broadway and 7th Ave

River of Grass

the ~ that is the Everglades (Florida)

the Florida Everglades, the so-called ~

the subtle, sodden grandeur of the so-called ~

river of (high-altitude) air

the jet stream, a speeding ~, veered far south

river of ice

the glacier is broad and grand, like the ~ it is

river of lava

sending out plumes of ash and three ~s (volcano)

the volcano sent 200-foot-wide ~ through the town

river of wind

that ~, called the jet stream

lava river

the ~ seemed to have widened (Fagradalsfjall)

atmospheric river

the Pineapple Express is an ~
you can see the ~ on the satellite here (weather report)
~s of moisture could fuel megafloods (California)

♦ "The city is in my blood, the ruins of its palaces, the mosques and the river." (An Iraqi, speaking of Baghdad.)

♦ "The Indus brings bread to our table. It is one of the longest rivers in the world, and it is also one of the wildest." (Wajahat Malik, filmmaker and leader of the Indus Expedition 2022.)

resemblance: river

river (river of hogs, etc.)

river of hogs

this annual migration, this "great ~" (Buncombe Turnpike)

iron river

the ~ refers to the flow of guns from the US into Mexico

♦ The flow of guns to the East Coast from the South (from Georgia and Tennessee, especially) has been referred to as the "iron pipeline."

♦ "...[B]ehind all this [violence] was constantly present to our eyes and mind the scene of a great stream, a procession, so to speak of human souls on their way to eternity." (*Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby. The Civil War.)

amount & effect: river / water

movement: river / water

river (sell somebody down the river)

sold football down the river

FIFA have ~ to fill the pockets of the fat cats

stab us in the back or sell us down the river

he might ~ (lack of trust)

allegiance, support & betrayal: history / river / verb

rivet (verb)

riveted the nation

his trial ~ (O.J. Simpson)

♦ An awful murder trial might rivet / mesmerize / capture the attention of a nation. And yet, *The New York Post* and ABC have used the word "captivate."

attachment: tools & technology / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion / feeling, emotion & effect: tools & technology

riveted

riveted in the (public) imagination

Brandi Chastain is forever ~

riveted on the drama

the nation's attention is ~ unfolding in Washington

keep you riveted

this twisty crime thriller will ~ (*No Sudden Move*)

attachment: tools & technology

attention, scrutiny & promotion / feeling, emotion & effect: tools & technology

riveting (adjective)

how riveting

this is a one-sit-down read, that's ~ it is (true-crime book)

♦ "Hard to put down; can't-stop-now reading; a one-sit-down read; unputdownable... (Praise for *I'll Be Gone In The Dark* by Michelle McNamara.)

attachment: tools & technology

attention, scrutiny & promotion / feeling, emotion & effect: tools & technology

riviera (Riviera of the Midwest, etc.)

Riviera of the Midwest

St. Joseph, Michigan, on "the ~"

Caucasian Riviera

Sochi is on the ~ (Russia)

Citron Riviera

the ~ (Santa Maria del Cedro, Calabria, Italy)

Danish Riviera

Gilleleje, a fishing town on the ~ (BBC Travel)

Irish Riviera

the South Shore, referred to as the "~" (south of Boston)

Scituate, on the "~," was a center of the mousing industry

♦ The Wikipedia entry for this word has a nice list of various riviervas around the world but does not yet include Michigan's "the Riviera of the Midwest," famous for the city of St. Joseph, fondly referred to by locals as Saint Joe. Its ice pancakes in the winter are famous!

♦ Here is another startling epithet from the Midwest: "Put-in-Bay, a village on an island off the northern coast of Ohio (in Lake Erie), is sometimes called the Key West of the Midwest." It has also been referred to as Roofie Island, by at least one Buckeye newspaper. Who knew?

geography: epithet

road (Whale Road, etc.)

Whale Road

early Icelanders referred to the sea as the ~

route: epithet

road (turn in the road, etc.)

turn in a (troubled) road

it was one more ~ (personal problems)

development / direction: journeys & trips

road (rules of the road)

rules of the road

we need to have some basic ~ that we can all abide by

constraint & lack of constraint: infrastructure

road (road from / to something)

road to recovery

she is well on the ~

the economy is on the bumpy ~

road to riches

other companies saw a different ~ (online education)

road to ruin

a doctor's ~ (addiction)

road to space

the ~ is being built today (Blue Origin's *New Shepard*)

road to the truth
the ~ is still a very long one (slave laborers in Siberia)

road to sin and evil
it blocks the ~ (women and non-mahram males)

road to stardom
the ~ hasn't been a superhighway for her (film actor)

road to the White House
his ~ was paved with discretion and loyalty

road to a fit, fabulous body
the ~ isn't short

road from convert to jihadist
the ~ can be remarkably short (terrorists)

road from research to (finished) product
the ~ is long and costly (drugs)

road (to get) from where we are now to impeachment
there's a long ~

♦ "By the time I discovered love, I was no greenhorn. I knew there were different menus. I knew that there was a motorway and a scenic route, and also unfrequented byways where the foot of man had barely trodden... There were so many different ways." (*A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz.)

♦ "The dark off-roads of human behavior... (Crime.)

course: infrastructure / journeys & trips

route: infrastructure / journeys & trips

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips

survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips

road (along / on the road)

along the (long) road of parenting
it'll help you ~ (advice about toddlers)

on the road to fame
they were young, just starting ~

on the road to peace
we're still ~ (Palestinian road map)
the negotiations are an important stepping stone ~ (Sudan)

on the bumpy road to recovery
the economy is ~ to recovery

well on the road
she is ~ to recovery

bumps along the road
there have been a few ~

first step on that road
this is a pretty aggressive ~ (to impeachment)

start on the road to e-riches
all eager to ~ (Internet prospectors)

♦ "We're still on the road to peace, it's just going to be a bumpy road, and I'm not going to get off the road until we reach the vision." (President Bush on Palestinian road map, after suicide bombing.)

course: infrastructure / journeys & trips

road (come down the road / pike)

coming down the pike
so a lot is ~ today

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

future / time: direction / movement / verb

road (road ahead, etc.)

on the road ahead
nobody knows what is ~

long road ahead
there is still a very ~ for Ms Warren (running for presidency)

future / time: direction / journeys & trips

road (down the road, etc.)

down the road
but that's ~, right now, people are still...
this will lead to problems ~
it could be indictable ~ (in the future)
the company hopes to make money ~ (in the future)
thank you both so much for your time, we'll see you ~

easier down the road
it'll make your job ~

few years down the road
we don't want to find out a ~ that... (investigator)

further down the road
they hope for improvement in relations ~ (diplomats)

further down the track
and then, ~, Trump will be waiting (election)

ample time down the road
there will be ~ to allocate responsibility

future / time: direction / distance / journeys & trips

road (down a road before)

down this road before
we have been ~
I can tell you've been ~

down that road before
I've been ~ (exploited by girlfriend)

♦ "We've been around this block before in 2018.

♦ "Been there, done that, this is like, I need to get a perm, right, because we're back in the eighties..." (Christie Donner, a leader of the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition.)

experience: journeys & trips / movement / place

past & present / time: journeys & trips / movement / place

road (go down that road, etc.)

go down that road
let's not ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / eagerness & reluctance: journeys & trips / movement

road (end of the road)

the end of the road

a defeat does not necessarily mean ~ for Nigeria

the end of the legal road

they are at ~ (Hillsborough tragedy / YNWA)

hit the end of the road

he has ~ (arrested for murder)

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips

road (long road)

long road

the ~ we have traveled in the U.S. (desegregation)

it's a ~ when you face the world alone (Mariah)

it's been a ~, and sometimes it has been fun (old rocker)

long road of parenting

it'll help you along the ~ (learn to pick your battles)

long road to an uncertain result

investigators face a ~

long road ahead

there is still a very ~ for Ms Warren (running for presidency)

face a long road

investigators ~ to an uncertain result

traveled a long road

we have ~ (desegregation)

help you along the long road

I'll ~ of parenting (learn to pick your battles)

course: journeys & trips

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips

road (tough / easy road, etc.)

bumpy road

the economy is on the ~ to recovery

dangerous road

it seems like a ~ to go down (a social issue)

difficult road

they team slogged a ~ to qualify for the tournament

hard road

it's been a ~ (a victim of abuse)

rough road

President Obama faces a ~ (politics)

safe road

do I take the ~, or do I venture out

tough road

it's been a ~ for everybody

troubled road

it was one more turn in a ~ (personal problems)

bumps along the road

there have been a few ~

bumps in the road

many families encounter ~ to toilet training

stumbles on the road

there have been some ~ to reform

on a road (that)...

~ is paved with leaks, supposition, speculation (enquiry)

flaws & lack of flaws: journeys & trips

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips

road (the high road / the low road)

low road of impeaching people

this ~ for political speech (politics)

taken the high road

he has ~ and refused to respond to the insults

behavior: direction / height

road (fork in the road, etc.)

come to a fork in the road

the countries involved in the Middle East have ~

when things like that happen, you ~

different road

other companies saw a ~ to riches (online education)

similar road

the six countries all followed a ~ (to democracy)

going down that road

I am not ~

going down a road

you are ~ that will be your undoing

take you down the wrong road

it's a question that can ~ (job interview)

♦ "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, / And sorry I could not travel both / And be one traveler..." ("The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost.)

♦ "Finally, sometimes metaphoric mappings are so conventional that they force themselves on readers or listeners even without any overt specification of mappings. In such a case, the author can afford the apparent luxury of underspecification, exactly because it is only apparent. We cannot really call these minimalist—they don't give the reader any special sense of discovery or active participation in the reading. An example is Robert Frost's 'The Road not taken' which says, 'Two roads diverged in a yellow wood / and sorry I could not travel both... I took the one less traveled by / and that has made all the difference.' Despite Frost's own insistence that this poem was about actual choices of paths during country walks (poking fun at a friend who treated these choices too seriously), generations of readers have consistently and automatically understood it as being about LIFE AS A JOURNEY (within which LIFE CHOICES ARE CROSSROADS). This makes us realize that mappings which are not explicitly labeled may or may not be genuinely left open to the reader." (*Figurative Language* by Barbara Dancygier and Eve Sweetser.)

♦ see also *crossroad* (*Crossroads of the World, etc.*), *crossroad* (*at a crossroad*), *crossroad* (*other*)

alternatives & choices / death & life: journeys & trips

road (push something down the road)

pushed down the road

some of the big decisions were ~ (government)

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: journeys & trips / verb / walking, running & jumping

road (road to Damascus)

road to Damascus conversion

after his ~, Milley set several goals for himself

♦ "For Milley, Lafayette Square was an agonizing episode; he described it later as a 'road-to-Damascus moment.' The week afterward, in a commencement address to the National Defense University, he apologized to the armed forces and the country. 'I should not have been there,' he said. 'My presence in that moment and in that environment created a perception of the military involved in domestic politics.'" ("The Patriot" by Jeffrey Goldberg, *The Atlantic*, November 2023. For context, see the Wikipedia article, "Donald Trump photo op at St. John's Church.")

consciousness & awareness: allusion / Bible / journeys & trips / religion

road (Silk Road)

see *Silk Road (maritime Silk Road, etc.)*

roadblock (noun)

legislative roadblock

the union headed to Albany to set up a ~ (education)

face some roadblocks

we ~ (better relations with China)

hit roadblocks

Baltimore residents ~ in efforts to combat urban blight

thrown up roadblock after roadblock

Texas has ~ for people (mail-in voting)

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

roadkill (noun)

a lot of roadkill

there is going to be a ~, but some will succeed (migration)

see the Jets as roadkill

most other NFL teams ~ honestly (NFL)

♦ "The people who come to California are brave, this is a high-risk, high-reward state. There is going to be a lot of road kill, people are going to get hurt, people are going to get steamrollered, but in the end you have some people who are going to succeed..." ("The California Century: From Hollywood to Silicon Valley," BBC, Sounds, 17 June 2020, wonderfully narrated by Stanley Tucci.)

destruction: animal / death & life / infrastructure

road map

road map toward peace

a ~ in the Middle East

road map to cutting

he has a detailed ~ spending (politician)

roadmap for the Internet

the 13 root servers that provided the ~

road map for what

it's a ~ we must do (plan to save coral reefs)

♦ Ana Castillejos: "It's almost like a roadmap, which makes it really really exciting as it stands to kinda see where she's leading us in all the different songs." / Steve Inskeep: "A roadmap in that it refers back to Swift's older material..." (An interesting NPR exchange. The older Inskeep seeks to "translate" the younger person's metaphor. But does he succeed? From "Taylor Swift breaks a record and sweeps Billboard's top ten spots," NPR, Morning Edition, November 1, 2022.)

♦ "Two Swedish tourists headed for the Italian resort of Capri misspelled the name in the GPS device and ended up in the industrial town of Carpi, 400 miles away, where they were very puzzled by the absence of a beach." (*The Week*, August 7, 2009.)

♦ "Triple A suggested that drivers who use GPS still carry a good old-fashioned map."

script: journeys & trips / map

roar (verb)

roars (ex-FCC policy advisor) Nathan Learner

Google's Gemini AI was an absolute disaster ~

speech: animal / sound / verb

roar (activity)

roar again

the American economy will ~ (after pandemic)

activity: animal / sound

roar (noun)

roar of the waterfall

he had to shout over the ~

sound: animal

resemblance: sound

roar back (verb)

roar back

the job market is starting to ~

usually within a year or two, the disease would ~

it can fade away and then ~ (grief)

but the economy isn't going to ~, it'll be a slog...

roar back in the primaries

he did ~ (a politician)

roared back from (Chapter II) bankruptcy

the company has ~

roar back to life

the winds are expected to ~ by Tuesday (wildfires)

if they would do this, our economy would ~

roar back with a vengeance

inflation will ~ unless...

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / force: animal / sound / verb

roaring back (come roaring back, etc.)

bring manufacturing roaring back

he promised to ~ (politics)

came roaring back

sales ~ in the third quarter (cars)

come roaring back

it could ~ (coronavirus)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / force: animal / sound

Roaring Twenties

Roaring Twenties-type

there could definitely be a ~ deal post-COVID (spending)

behavior / time: history

roast (verb)

roasted the president

she ~ (White House Correspondents' Dinner)

speech: cooking / fire / verb

rob (verb)

rob the winds of their moisture

the uplands ~ (valley in rain shadow)

robbed me of my health and vitality

he ~ (a sex abuser)

robbed me of that justice

his death has ~

robbed me of my youth, innocence, and self-worth

he ~ (seduced by older man)

taking & removing: crime / verb

robbed

robbed of our child

we were ~ (murdered)

taking & removing: crime

robbery (noun)

highway robbery

it's an outrage, ~ (boxer gets draw instead of win)

taking & removing: crime

robe (noun)

in her (most exquisite) robes

an aurora is nature ~

appearance / resemblance: clothing & accessories

Robin Hood

Robin Hood in reverse

this is a transfer of wealth, it's ~ (taxes)

Robin Hood figure

in Mexico, some saw him as a ~ ("El Chapo" Guzman)

Robinhood name

the ~ is a household name now (the stock trading app)

Robin Hood reputation

with this began the ~, totally undeserved (bushrangers)

reverse Robin Hood

Liz Truss, a ~, 'taking from the poor to give to the rich'

digital Robin Hood

he is a ~ ("Neld Harris" takes down scammers)

taking & removing: allusion / crime

allusion: books & reading

Robinson Crusoe

Robinson Crusoe winter

a ~ alone in a makeshift hut (Nansen and Johansen)

Arctic Robinson Crusoes

Edible Country diners aren't ~ (Swedish "outdoorsiness")

female Robinson Crusoe

newspapers hailed her as the real "~" ("Ada Blackjack")

♦ "Immediately our Pinnacle return'd from the shore, and brought abundance of Craw-fish, with a Man cloth'd in Goat-Skins, who look'd wilder than the first Owners of them. He had been on the Island four Years and four Months... His name was Alexander Selkirk a Scotch Man..." (*A Cruising Voyage round the World* by Woodes Rogers.)

♦ In *The Last Place on Earth*, Roland Huntford tells the tragic story of Hjalmar Johansen. After surviving the "Robinson Crusoe winter" with Nansen in the Arctic, he took to drink, separated from his wife and children, resigned from the army, went bankrupt, and became destitute. Nansen, wishing to help his old companion who had saved his life, convinced Amundsen to take Johansen on his expedition, which Amundsen did, against his better judgement. In Antarctica, Johansen rubbed Amundsen the wrong way. The result was that Johansen was left out of the party that went to the South Pole. Back home, Johansen resumed drinking and ended up committing suicide. He was a man who withstood and overcame harshest nature, but not society.

♦ "There was a frailty in the man himself, and the indoor life of human relationships was something that he found difficult." (Sir Ian McKellen on Sir Edmund Hillary, BBC, Great Lives, 04 Aug. 2015.)

isolation & remoteness: epithet / island / sea

society: island / sea

allusion: books & reading

robot (noun)

robot

he's not a ~, he's got feelings and emotions

I'm not a ~, I get tired (an athlete)

we are human beings, not ~s (faces racist fan abuse)

we're not just athletes, we are also humans and not ~

robot in (pressure-packed) situations

he's a ~ (a coach)

robot kids

in a world of cookie-cutter ~, he was different

translation robots

wide-ranging ~ require large datasets

♦ "You name it, somebody is trying to build a robot for it." (Surgery, sex, window cleaning, etc.)

♦ "Robots have advanced considerably faster than humans in the past decade."

♦ "Robots just aren't good at folding laundry."

♦ "The robot malfunctioned."

consciousness & awareness / feeling, emotion & effect /

operation: mechanism

robotic (feelings)

went robotic
I kind of ~ and shut everything out (teen is pregnant)

mental health: mechanism

robotic (movement)

robotic and stiff
Anthony Joshua often appeared ~ (boxing)

slow and robotic
Joe Joyce's performance was awful, ~ (v. Zhilei Zhang)

movement: mechanism

comparison & contrast: affix

robust (adj)

robust
our quality-control systems are ~

robust debate
the controversy has ignited a ~ on Web sites

robust response
the threat of terrorism requires a ~

robust suite
the MQ-9 has a ~ of visual sensors for targeting

robust (testing) system
we need a ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

strength & weakness: health & medicine

condition & status: health & medicine

rock (verb)

rocked the (scientific) community
the earthshaking experiment has ~

rocked the media
the story ~

rocked the (Japanese) sport
the match-rigging scandal has ~ (sumo)

rocked Silicon Valley
the scam ~ (technology fail)

rocked their world
a fertility-clinic mix-up has ~

rocked New York and the country
his resignation was a major surprise that ~ (a politician)

disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb

rock (Rock of Chickamauga, etc.)

Rock of Chickamauga
his legendary status as "the ~" (Gen. George H. Thomas)

epithet: materials & substances

strength & weakness: epithet

rock (Rock of Gibraltar)

Rock of Gibraltar
see *Rock of Gibraltar*

rock (support)

rock of a family
Barbara Bush was the ~ dedicated to public service

rock of their family
she was a caring person, the ~ (murdered)

rock of stability
Jordan remained a relative ~ in a terribly rickety region

rock of support
Rosalynn Carter remained her husband's ~ to the end

rock of learning and geniality
he was a solid ~

my rock
I am grateful for Alexi, ~ during this time (bereavement)

our rock
she has been ~ (a soccer player)

how strong a rock
~ Elizabeth was to his life and career (Bruce Chatwin's)

credits his wife for being his rock
he ~ through all this (Alec Baldwin / *Rust* shooting)

bases: ground, terrain & land

rock (rock-solid)

rock-solid
their ~ case began to crumble (murder)
she was a ~ witness (in murder case)

strength & weakness: materials & substances

comparison & contrast: materials & substances

rock (on the rocks)

on the rocks
their relationship is ~
their marriage is ~
Ringwald and James play a couple ~
the ballad describes a romance ~
their relations had been ~ for some time (celebrities)
I think it's ~ (the US-UK relationship)
Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's future is ~
Manila's relationship with Washington is ~

On the Rocks
~ is a light-hearted romp... (Sofia Coppola film)
~ features a couple living in Manhattan (Sofia Coppola)

♦ "America's Long Love Affair With Beer Is on the Rocks." (*The Wall Street Journal*.)

♦ "At eleven, they saw St. Alban's Head, a mile and a half to the leeward, upon which they took in sail immediately, and let go the small bower anchor, which brought up the ship at a whole cable, and she rode for about an hour, and then drove. They now let go the sheet anchor, and wore away a whole cable; the ship rode about two hours longer when she drove again. / In this situation the captain sent for Mr. Meriton, the

chief officer, and asked his opinion concerning the probability of saving their lives. He replied with equal candor and calmness, that he apprehended there was very little hope, as they were then driving fast on shore, and might expect every moment to strike." (The *Halsewell* went on the rocks near Seacombe, on the Isle of Purbeck (a peninsula), South Dorset, in 1786. Rescuers on the cliff above managed to pull seventy-four to safety. One hundred sixty-six perished. From "The Loss of the *Halsewell* East Indiaman," reprinted in *The Tragic History of the Sea* by Anthony Brandt.)

failure, accident & impairment: boat / sea

danger / destruction: boat / sea

rock (between a rock and a hard place)

caught between a rock and a hard place
we have been ~

stuck between a rock and a hard place

I'm ~ (too poor to improve situation)

oppression / situation: ground, terrain & land / pressure / weight

rock (turn over every rock, etc.)

look under every rock
people then were not prepared to ~ (historical sex abuse)

turn over every rock to see
we're going to ~ if... (police investigation)

difficulty, easiness & effort / pursuit, capture & escape / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / verb

rock-bottom (adjective)

rock-bottom
the prices for scuba diving are ~ (Belize)

rock-bottom price
rented at ~s

decline: direction / ground, terrain & land

rocked (disruption)

rocked by the leak
the intelligence community was ~ of classified documents

rocked by the sex scandal
the network was ~ (CBS)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

disruption: equilibrium & stability

rocket (increase)

rocket to 1 billion
the number of passengers is expected to ~ by...

rocketing upward
demand is ~ (for a service)

levels will rocket
sediment ~ (dam removal)

increase & decrease: number

increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / rocket / verb

rocket (speed)

rocketed down the slope on his back
he ~ (a climber)

rocketed to fame
she ~ in New York (an actor)

movement / speed: rocket / verb

movement: speed

rocket (resemblance)

fired a rocket past the keeper
a moment later, he ~ (soccer)

resemblance: rocket

Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / war)

"Gibraltar of Africa"
an attack on the ~ (the Cape of Good Hope)

Gibraltar of America
the ~ (Quebec)

Gibraltar of the East
Singapore, Britain's ~, had fallen (1942)

"Gibraltar of the West"
Vicksburg, the ~ (state of Mississippi / Civil War)

Gibraltar of the West
Columbus, the ~, is ours...(state of Kentucky)

"Gibraltar of the Western World"
Quebec was then named the ~ (1759)

♦ "After weeks of incessant but minor cannonading, the grand attack was made on the 13th of September, 1782... / By evening the ship cannonade began to slacken; rockets, as signals of distress, were seen soaring into the air, while boats were rowed about the disabled men-of-war, in which our artillery must have made the most dreadful havoc, for, during the short intervals of cessation, a strong, indistinct clamour, the mingled sound of groans, and cries, and shrieks, came floating upward to the ears of the garrison... (*British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

military: epithet

Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)

my Rock of Gibraltar
Lisa has been ~ (emotional support in a relationship)

♦ "How utterly nauseating—but this is like a puff of wind against the Gibraltar of your great standing in American life." (David Lilienthal to Robert Oppenheimer in 1950 about the accusations leveled against Oppie by ex-Communists Paul and Sylvia Crouch that appeared on the front page of the *Washington Post*.)

allusion: military

allegiance, support & betrayal: epithet

bases / protection & lack of protection / strength & weakness: fortification / military / mountains & hills

rocky (adjective)

rocky
his relationship with his superiors was ~
their season has been ~ (a women's basketball team)

rocky (midterm Congressional) elections
the president faces ~

rocky ending
he had a ~ to his nine years in Pittsburgh (NFL player)

rocky (on-again, off-again) relationship
they've had a ~ (a couple)

rocky start
his NFL career got off to a ~
their bid for an Olympic title is off to a ~ (soccer)

rocky tenure
he had a ~ at the State Department (resigned)

rocky year
it was a ~ for the newspaper (criticism)

flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land

rod (iron rod, etc.)

rod of iron
they ruled Afghanistan with a ~ (the Taliban)

with an iron rod
in the 1990s the Serbs ruled Kosovo ~

oppression: materials & substances / weapon

rodeo (first rodeo)

rodeo of self destruction
this is not Anne's first ~ (a Hollywood actress)

her first rodeo
Joan made it clear that this was not ~ (adultery)

his first (debate) rodeo
this won't be ~ (a debate moderator / presidential debate)

my first rodeo
I worked on several viruses, this is not ~ (COVID-19)

our first rodeo
this is not ~, we've been through this before (hurricanes)

♦ "Well, it was daunting, but it wasn't my first rodeo..."

experience: animal / horse

rogue (noun)

rogue cells
your immune system identifies those ~ and kills them

rogue pharmacists
corrupt doctors and ~ worked hand in hand (opioids)

rogue scientist
a ~ claims to have edited the DNA of twin girls

goes rogue
M3GAN imagines a human-like robot doll that ~ (the film)

gone rogue
he has ~

went rogue

they discussed what to do if she ~ (publicity)

**society / control & lack of control: animal
behavior / character & personality: animal
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: animal**

roil (verb)

roiling Canada
the migration crisis is ~ at the moment

roiled (Tibetan) areas
ethnic unrest has ~ of China

roiling the markets
what is ~ is the fact that... (international finance)

disruption / effect / feeling, emotion & effect: verb / water

role (act)

role of her lifetime
this would be a performance, the ~ (a trial)

diva role
she chose to perform her ~ to the hilt (celebrity trial)

played the role
he ~ of a loving husband and doting father (a murderer)

♦ "We told you that this would be a performance, the role of her lifetime as a heroic survivor of brutal abuse." (Camille Vasquez, in her closing arguments in the Amber Heard-Johnny Depp trial.)

♦ "Gwyneth Paltrow's Trial Is Her Best Role in Years" by Naomi Fry, *The New Yorker*. As Fry has said, "Let's not knock breezy distraction." As my mother once said, "Whatever blows your hair back."

performance: theater

role (function or part)

sport's (starring) role
the ~ in the end of apartheid (South African rugby)

played a role
the investigation into his sexting case ~ in the 2016 US presidential election

importance & significance: theater

roll (on a roll)

on a (pretty good) roll
we're ~ now (basketball coach / win streak)

get on a roll
you ~, you get momentum... (winning streak)

started the year on a roll
the radical right ~

flaws & lack of flaws: ball / movement

**progress & lack of progress: ball / movement
starting, going, continuing & ending: ball / movement**

roll (verb)

start rolling
revolutions often ~ when the army refused to shoot

rolling on

the controversy keeps ~

progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending: ball / movement / verb

roll (move)

roll across the mountains

some strong thunderstorms ~ (news / weather)

thunderstorms roll

some strong ~ across the mountains (news / weather)

movement: ball / direction / verb

roll (slow-roll)

slow-rolled their requests

opponents claim that he ~ (politics)

constantly slow-rolled

he ~ any sort of military option (politics)

movement: speed

action, inaction & delay: ball / movement / verb

roll back (verb)

roll back policies

he has attempted to ~ to address carbon emissions

roll back the (health-care) reform

politicians want to ~

reversal: ball / mechanism / verb

roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.)

roller-coaster

and you talk about emotion, it's been a ~ (soccer final)

roller-coaster ride

culture shock can be a ~ of emotions

it's a ~, a light scene followed by a dark scene (film)

roller coaster of a career

she had such a ~ (Judy Garland)

roller coaster of ups and downs

he really has been through a ~ (footballer Jamie Vardy)

emotional roller coaster

it's frustrating, an ~

an ~, with many tears and goodbyes (deployment)

Carly is an ~ (drama)

rode an emotional roller coaster

the family ~ for months (daughter kidnapped)

♦ *The Drachen Fire, the Great American Scream Machine, Shockwave, the Mind Bender, the Mind Eraser, the Traumatizer...* (Roller coasters.)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / movement

roller coaster (development)

roller coaster

my life is a ~ and this is a down time

roller-coaster

this is a real ~ (attempts to rescue trapped miners)

roller-coaster ride

it's been a ~ ride for investors

rollercoaster week

it's been an up and down, ~ (impeachment trial)

roller coaster (weight) gains and losses

she has a long history of ~

legal roller coaster

the ~ over stem-cell research...

♦ "Businesses are strapping themselves in for a bumpy ride on the new trade deal rollercoaster." (Brexit.)

♦ It looks like we're in for a wild ride, so hang on. (A Wall Street bear market.)

♦ "Today, the roller coaster is in free fall." (Enrollment in the humanities—English and History—versus enrollment in science and engineering, which is shooting up.)

movement: direction / sports & games

development / increase & decrease: direction / movement / sports & games

roll in (verb)

rolling in

donations are ~ (after fire at cathedral)

movement: ball / verb

rolling (movement)

rolling end

the war had a rolling start and will have a ~ (Iraq)

rolling start

what commanders have called a ~ to the war (Iraq War)

the war had a ~ and will have a rolling end (Iraq War)

rolling blackouts

another day of ~ (California)

movement: ball

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement

roll on (resiliency)

roll on

roll on, soldier

resiliency: journeys & trips / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

roll out (verb)

roll out (six) new models

Chrysler will soon ~ (automobiles)

rolled out 17 different initiatives

he ~ to reduce gun violence

rolled out a package

the Party ~ of reforms (China / economy)

rolling out new policy

we are not ~ (politics / election)

roll the (new) settings

we are going to ~ this week (Website)

roll out their new shows

each fall the 3 networks would ~ at the same time (TV)

inauguration: mechanism / verb

rollout (noun)

rollout of new features

he is overseeing a ~ to protect users (bullying / Facebook)

inauguration: mechanism

roll over (verb)

roll over

Watford won't ~ (FA Cup final underdogs)

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / dog / verb

conflict: animal / dog / verb

Rolls Royce

Rolls-Royce of cable

HBO's metamorphosis into the ~

Rolls Royce of medical care

you would expect him to get the ~ (POTUS)

Rolls Royce of Christmas trees

Is Balsam Hill really the ~ (very expensive artificial tree)

♦ the guy is a Rolls Royce, absolute quality (An online commenter about the soccer player Kevin De Bruyne.)

♦ "They are the Cadillac of beach chairs." (Amazon Zero-gravity chairs—Set of 2—\$100.)

superlative: mechanism

romance (noun)

romance between the American right and Russia

why the ~ (NPR's Mary Louise Kelly)

romance with Russia

I think the ~ has grown (*The Atlantic's* Anne Applebaum)

romance with the West

his ~ makes him vulnerable to detractors (leader)

♦ "I think the conservative party's romance with Russia has grown quite a bit deeper." (Anne Applebaum of *The Atlantic* speaking with NPR's Mary Louise Kelly. From "The Republican Party has grown much more supportive of Russia in recent years," NPR, All Things Considered, February 13, 2024. // "Sixty-eight percent of tweets between journalists who work at *The Washington Post*, NPR, [and *The New York Times*...are to each other. "How Journalists Congregating Into 'Microbubbles' Affects Quality Of News Reporting," NPR, All Things Considered, August 12, 2020. See also *incestuous* (adjective).

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage

Romeo and Juliet (epithet)

Romeo and Juliet of the East

Layla and Majnun were the ~ (Lord Byron)

♦ "Grit of Women" by Jack London is one of the greatest love stories ever written.

♦ "One dollar and eighty-seven cents. That was all. And sixty cents of it was in pennies. Pennies saved one and two at a time by bulldozing the

grocer and the vegetable man and the butcher until one's cheeks burned with the silent imputation of parsimony that such close dealing implied." (The beginning of "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry. One of the greatest love stories ever written. To this day people put pennies on the grave of its author in Riverside Cemetery, Asheville, North Carolina, USA.)

♦ "If the story of Daphnis and Chloe still touches people's hearts, it is not simply because their love was born in the shade of vines and under a blue sky. That story is repeated everywhere—in a stuffy basement smelling of fried cod, in a concentration-camp bunker, to the click of an accountant's abacus, in the dust-laden air of a cotton mill. / And now the story was being played out again to the accompaniment of the howl of dive-bombers—in a building where people nourished their filthy sweat-encrusted bodies on rotten potatoes and water from an ancient boiler, where instead of honey and dream-filled silence there was only noise, stench and rubble." (*Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman. Katya and Seryozha. Stalingrad.)

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: epithet

roof (a roof can cave in)

roof has caved in on the team

the ~ (losing)

failure, accident & impairment: house / roof / ruins

destruction: house / roof / ruins

roof (through the roof)

going through the roof

the price is ~

shot through the roof

prices have ~

increase & decrease: number

extent & scope / increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / height / house / roof

roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)

roof of the cave

the ~ collapsed

roof of his mouth

he got peanut butter on the ~

orientation: direction / house / roof

roof (Roof of the World, etc.)

Roof of the World

the Pamir mountains, which the natives called "The ~"

Tibet, the ~...

geography: epithet

rookery (noun)

rookery of absconders

the central Pacific became a veritable ~ (escaped convicts)

"rookery" of the poor

East London was a warren of tenements, a ~

♦ A rookery is a breeding colony of animals, of rooks, birds in general, and some other animals like seals, etc.

♦ "In the South Shetlands a single ship would expect to take as many as 9,000 seals in three weeks, and there is a record of two ships and sixty men demolishing 45,000 in one season. And since every pelt was worth a guinea—in some markets like Canton in China very much more—there was every inducement for the slaughter to go on to the bitter end. An

end, however, there had to be; and by the eighteen-thirties fur seals in the southern ocean were virtually extinct, and sea-lions and sea-elephants were dying out as well. / The main attack was now diverted to the whales..." (*The Fatal Impact* by Alan Moorehead.)

creation & transformation / growth & development / place:
animal / bird

room (back room, etc.)

back room of the terrorist attack
the ~ was exposed (Charlie Hebdo trial)

back-room deals
private meetings and ~ can pay off

back room deals
enough with the secrecy and ~ ("health care" costs)
she uncovered the ~ struck by Rockefeller (Ida Tarbell)

smoke-filled rooms
the ~ (before the Progressive era / politics)

♦ "It was a classic Suffolk County back-room deal." (The district attorney gets the police commissioner he wanted and gets rid of two enemies. Long Island, New York.)

♦ Back room, boiler room, engine room, war room, nerve center...

concealment & lack of concealment: house / society
attention, scrutiny & promotion: house / society

room (inclusivity)

invited into the room
they weren't being ~ to discuss policy (women, etc.)

acceptance & rejection: house

room (wiggle room)

wiggle room
negotiators had very little ~
he then used the only ~ the law allowed him

wiggle room on wages
the MTA has hinted at ~ (negotiations with union)

wiggle room for players
there's no ~ (11-point table-tennis games)

situation: container / ground, terrain & land
constraint & lack of constraint: container / ground, terrain & land

room (war room)

see *war room* (*strategy, etc.*)

room (space)

room to hide
thick forests and deep gorges offer ample ~ (Caucasus)

room for a dart game
a few pool tables and ~

room for wasted space
no ~ in the apartment

room for 12 coffins
a mausoleum with ~, 20 cremation niches and...

legroom
new seats allow more ~

sea room
a ship with adequate speed and ~

ample room
thick forests and deep gorges offer ~ to hide (Caucasus)

constraint & lack of constraint: space

room (opportunity)

room for advancement
his predecessor left because there was no ~

room for compromise
there is little ~

room for diplomacy
there is ~ here... (UN issue)

room for error
there's no ~

room for improvement
there was ~ in his shooting (basketball)

room for maneuver
how much ~ do you think he has in Brussels (diplomacy)

room for an additional voice
there's ~ (new newspaper)

room for slipups
if you don't allow yourself ~... (dieting)

breathing room
provide ~ to consider the options
the rate increase gives the Postal Service "~"
we have a little ~ to establish alternative energy sources
the Turks are giving the Saudis a little ~ (to reply)

negotiating room
how much ~ is there on the part of...

allow yourself room
if you don't ~ for slipups... (dieting)

constraint & lack of constraint: space
situation: space

rooster (person)

crowing rooster
he was vilified as a ~

♦ "Foreign Minister Erko was vilified as a crowing rooster, a writhing serpent, and a phobic rat." (*Frozen Hell: The Russo-Finnish Winter War of 1939-40* by William R. Trotter.)

character & personality: animal / bird

person: animal / bird

root (at the root)

at the root of his desperate act
the mystery ~

bases: plant / tree

root (tear something out by the roots, etc.)

tearing it out by the roots

it's like we're trimming the branches of the tree when we should be ~ (drug trafficking in Sinaloa)

dismissal, removal & resignation: plant / tree / verb
curtailment / destruction: plant / tree / verb

root (root cause)

root cause

nobody is looking at the ~s...

root causes of the conflict

the accord failed to address the ~ (Darfur)

root causes of jihad

it's not easy to address the ~

root cause of these problems

the ~ ...

root causes of global warming

the burning of coal, oil, and gas is the ~

root cause of Global Dimming

the burning of coal, oil, and gas is the ~

root cause of why

that might be the ~... (reasons for a disaster)

root causes or common threads

in some places, suicides seem to have ~

bases: plant / tree

analysis, interpretation & explanation: plant / tree

root (root of the problem, etc.)

roots of conflict

the ~ run deep (Sudan)

roots of militancy

the ~ lie in a feeling of intense humiliation

roots of this misery

the ~ are not hard to find (Indian reservations)

root of the problem

once you find out the ~

roots of terrorism

understand and address the ~

roots of the disorder

there is little info about the ~

bases / origin / relationship: plant / tree

root (origin)

roots in Mexico

he is proud of his ~ (son of immigrants)

roots in Virginia

time to research her family ~

roots (deep) in the Jordanian desert

he is of the Beni Hassan tribe, with ~

roots in the (local) culture

he had no ~ (Barak Obama in Hawaii)

NASCAR's (moonshine whiskey) roots

he represented ~ (Junior Johnson)

family's roots

time to research her ~ in Virginia

surfing's roots

I'm stoked to be in Hawaii, back to ~

university's (military-school) roots

the ~

home-town roots

he is stressing his ~ (a Mississippi politician)

military-school roots

the university's ~

reporting roots

it marked a return to his ~ (editor reports on war)

moonshine-running roots

its ~ (NASCAR)

Azeri roots

many Iranians have ~

Catholic roots

the region has never lost its ~ (New Mexico)

Dalit roots

despite his ~, he earned a degree... (Kanshi Ram)

Italian roots

Rico himself has no ~ (mobster)

Jewish roots

he's tried to deny his ~ (politician)

Polynesian roots

he traces the history of surfing back to its ~

Southern roots

as NASCAR grew from its ~ into a national sport

ancient roots

the science of anatomy has ~

biological roots

little info about the ~ of the disorder

humble roots

this learned man from ~ (North Carolina poet laureate)

urban roots

this competition is a tribute to the ~ of street skating

deep historical roots

it's a dispute that has ~ (Greece and Macedonia)

proud of his roots

he is ~ in Mexico... (son of immigrants)

roots run deep

it's a new sport for the Olympics and its ~ (surfing)

deny his (Jewish) roots

he's tried to ~ (politician)

♦ "Our Waters Run Deep, Our Roots Run Deeper."
(WWW.CROWNSGUAM.COM.)

identity & nature / origin / relationship: plant / tree

root (take root, etc.)

deep roots

child labor retains ~ (west and central Africa)

Catholicism has very ~ in Ireland

firm roots

Christianity failed to set ~ in Japan and China

shallow roots

his success has ~

a sport with ~ in this country (tennis in China)

many residents have ~ in the city (state workers)

Democracy has ~, it's a fragile flower

roots and wings

the only thing you can give your children is ~

take root

but the colony did not ~ (Australia)

taking (commercial) root

the new generation of nanomaterials is ~

took root

cricket ~ during the colonial era of the Raj (Pakistan)

put down roots

many Canadians have ~ in Florida (home-buyers)

set (firm) roots

Christianity failed to ~ in Japan and China

growth & development: plant / tree

survival, persistence & endurance: plant / tree

strength & weakness: plant / tree

root (root server)

root server

organizations responsible for operating the ~s

the ~s serve as a sort of master directory for the Internet

8 or more of the world's 13 ~s must fail before...

the 13 ~s that provided the roadmap for the Internet

root server (m)

at the top of the ~ hierarchy is the "A" root server

the most complex DDOS attack ever against the ~ system

computer: plant

rooted

rooted in authority and integrity

information grounded in science and truth, ~ (*Guardian*)

rooted in (violent) collisions

a sport whose popularity is ~ (NFL / concussion)

deeply rooted

Ethiopia, a country with a ~ Christian identity

fireworks are a ~ tradition in Peru

family deer hunts in November are a ~ tradition

bases: ground, terrain & land / plant / tree

root out (verb)

root out crooked cops

the force must ~

root out corruption

the UN must improve its accountability and ~

he is trying to ~ (a leader)

root out an enemy

the marines are trying to ~ that knows the terrain

root out heresy

a DEI task force should vigorously ~ (NPR)

root out militants

efforts to ~ inside Egypt

root out (wasteful) spending

we need to ~

root out terrorists

send more troops and ~ (in Iraq)

dismissal, removal & resignation: plant / tree / verb

destruction: plant / tree / verb

rope (learn the ropes, etc.)

learning the ropes

she is still ~ (a waiter)

knows the ropes

she ~

experience: boat / rope / sea

rope (at the end of one's rope)

at the (very) end of my rope with him

I think I'm ~ (kid)

feeling, emotion & effect: rope

rope (on the ropes)

on the ropes

many Hawaiian species are ~

got Turkey on the ropes

Italy has ~ now (a soccer game)

♦ "It feels like Arsenal are on the ropes. It feels like they are taking punch after punch. City will be hoping they don't rue these missed chances."
(Man City 1-0 Arsenal, BBC Radio 5 Live. The game ended Manchester City 4-1 Arsenal.)

survival, persistence & endurance: boxing / rope

rope (velvet rope)

velvet rope

cruise ships know how far to go with the ~ (privilege)

The Velvet Rope Economy

~ (by Nelson D. Schwartz)

velvet-rope stadiums

~ make it hard to walk around (sports stadiums)

velvet-rope syndrome

he exploited the ~ (“hard to get in” fraud Bernie Madoff)

puts you inside the velvet rope

“membership” ~ (subscriptions)

♦ In his book *The Velvet Rope Economy*, Nelson D. Schwartz writes about special privileges for the super-rich—including helicopter rides to the airport, concierge doctors, and elite college counseling—and the impact of growing wealth inequality on society.

money / superiority & inferiority: cloth / materials & substances / rope / sign, signal, symbol

rope in (verb)

rope him in

he stuck to that line no matter how senators tried to ~

control & lack of control: animal / cows & cattle / horse / verb

Rorschach (test)

Rorschach blot

the case became a ~ (Central Park Jogger Case)

Rorschach test

she is our newest human ~ (Alexandria (Ocasio-Cortez))

Rorschach test for people

I think the Black Panthers are a kind of ~ (aid / guns)

living Rorschach test

he is a ~ (Brett Kavanaugh / the Supreme Court)

legal Rorschach

the cases before the Supreme Court are a ~

Rashomon moment meeting a Rorschach test

this was a ~ (3-group confrontation on D.C. Mall)

♦ “We call this case an inkblot. I see what I see, Barb sees what she sees, and you see what you see.” (The podcast “Down The Hill: The Delphi Murders,” Chapter 7: Madness.)

♦ “Music is like a Rorschach test: People hear what they want to hear.” (LL Cool J about criticism of “Accidental Racist,” his controversial collaboration with Brad Paisley.)

♦ A group of Kentucky teenagers, a Native American, and a group of black Hebrew Israelites all met by accident on the National Mall in Washington, DC. No, this is not by any means the beginning of a joke. Read “Viral standoff between a tribal elder and a high schooler is more complicated than it first seemed” by Michael E. Miller, *The Washington Post*, Jan 22, 2019. Or “January 2019 Lincoln Memorial confrontation” (Wikipedia).

♦ “The case—in which a twenty-eight-year-old female banker was brutalized and raped and five youths of color were convicted, and then, decades later, exonerated—became a Rorschach blot, with some people (largely white) seeing a city ‘systematically ruined, violated, raped by its underclass’ and others (largely of color) seeing a city ‘in which the powerless had been systematically ruined, violated, raped by the powerful.’” (“The Falconer: What we get wrong about Joan Didion” by Nathan Heller, *The New Yorker*, February 1, 2021.)

♦ “How people viewed the verdict in that trial exposed really deep divides on how different races experienced the criminal justice and the legal system.” (ESPN’s Michele Steele on the death of O.J. Simpson.)

♦ “For now, observers are left to speculate about what fundamentally drives Kavanaugh... / If Kavanaugh is ‘dangerous,’ as his critics contend, it’s not because he is part of some brazen right-wing conspiracy. It’s because he has managed to ascend to the height of American power while remaining, perhaps even to himself, a living Rorschach test.” (“Whose side is Kavanaugh on?” by McKay Coppins, *The Atlantic*, June 2021.)

♦ “Quiet quitting is like this year’s version of the debate about the color of that viral dress. Do you remember? [Sound bite: “White and gold versus blue and black.”]. Now it’s like, ‘Quiet quitting, what is it? Is it bad, is it real, are millions of people clocking out early and dancing into the streets to find their fuller selves?’ At its heart, we’re in a debate about how emotionally invested people should be in their work, with quiet quitting as a Rorschach test, just like that viral dress. Do you see it as blue or gold. Do you think quiet quitting is sad... Or do you see it [as] a rebellion against burnout? Some academics argue quiet quitting is... To corporate execs it’s just...” (“The concept of quiet quitting has captured the post-pandemic zeitgeist” by Alina Selyukh, NPR, Morning Edition, Sept 15, 2022.)

perception, perspective & point of view: allusion / picture

Rosebud (allusion)

Rosebud sled

whatever her ~ is, she may just be a shell (mental illness)

allusion: film & TV

Rosetta Stone

Rosetta stone for understanding

the article is a ~ Y.A.’s toxic culture (Kat Rosenfield)

psychological Rosetta Stones

people are looking for ~ (to understand alcoholic politician)

♦ “The brilliant victory won by Nelson in the Bay of Aboukir imprisoned the army of France amid the arid sands of Egypt; but, nevertheless, Napoleon led it in 1799 across the desert to Palestine. He took Jaffa by storm, and laid siege to Acre, where, as related, he was repulsed by the British and Turks under Sir Sidney Smith. Subsequent to this, alarming news from France caused him to hurry home and leave his troops in Egypt, when they began to lose heart, about the time our great expedition to that country was projected, with the purpose of driving them out of it.” (*British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant. A French soldier had found the stone, but the British took it from the French by the Capitulation of Alexandria in 1801 as a spoil of victory, which is why it is in the British Museum, and not the Louvre, never mind the Grand Egyptian Museum.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / comprehension & incomprehension: allusion / history

rot (verb)

rotting from the inside

America is ~

rotted away

inside prison one simply ~

left to rot

the working class has been ~ (US)

corruption: food & drink / verb

rot (computer)

link rot

this article uses bare URLs, which are vulnerable to ~

computer: food & drink

rot (noun)

rot in (Pakistani) society
the ~ is more poisonous than anyone thought (violence)

rot in the system
Shevardnadze sniffed out the ~ (Georgia)

Rot at the Top
the lead opinion piece was entitled, "The ~" (corruption)

rot and corruption
the moral ~ (of the Republican Party)

educational rot
America's ~ has reached peak madness (UPenn's Magill)

moral rot
the silence on the issue is an example of ~
the ~ of our elite universities (culture wars)

spiritual rot
this ~ (Dr. Cornel West vs. Harvard Divinity School)

intellectual and moral rot
campuses are infected with this ~ (antisemitism)

personification of the rot
she is the ~ that has sickened the party (politics)

infected with this (intellectual and moral) rot
how did your campuses get ~

sniffed out the rot
Shevardnadze ~ in the system (Republic of Georgia)

stop the rot
the church needed someone else at the helm to ~ (Catholics)

♦ "How did your campuses get this way? What is it about the way your hire faculty and approve curriculum that's allowing your campuses to be infected by this intellectual and moral rot." (Congresswoman Ms. Virginia Foxx of North Carolina, Chairwoman at the hearing, "Holding Campus Leaders Accountable and Confronting Antisemitism," the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, December 5, 2023. Congresswoman Foxx directed her questions to (1) Claudine Gay, president of Harvard (2) M. Elizabeth Magill, President of the University of Pennsylvania, and (3) Sally Kornbluth, President of MIT.)

♦ The fish rots from the head. (A proverb about leaders in organizations, governments, etc.)

corruption: food & drink / smell

rotten (adjective)

rotten
your billing system is ~

rotten in gaming culture
he has become a global symbol for all that is ~ (swatting)

rotten administrator
she's a ~ but a nice person

rotten shape
the job market is in ~

corruption: food & drink

rough (personality)

rough customer
he's a ~

♦ "Whenever I find myself growing grim about the mouth; whenever it is a damp, drizzly November in my soul; whenever I find myself involuntarily pausing before coffin warehouses, and bringing up the rear of every funeral I meet; and especially whenever my hypos get such an upper hand of me, that it requires a strong moral principle to prevent me from deliberately stepping into the street, and methodically knocking people's hats off—then, I account it high time to get to sea as soon as I can. This is my substitute for pistol and ball." (*Moby Dick* by Herman Melville.)

character & personality: materials & substances / sensation

rough (adjective)

rough edges
her policies aim to smooth capitalism's ~

rough flight
it was a ~

rough patches
you go through ~ in your sport that make you want to quit

rough ride
we're in for a ~ (new troops in Iraq)

rough road
President Obama faces a ~ (politics)

rough times
develop better coping skills to get you through ~

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances / sensation

roulette (noun)

genetic roulette
we are playing ~ with our agriculture and crops

play roulette
boxers ~ with their brains (Gerald McClellan tragedy)

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games

round (boxing)

Round One
it's ~ in a prizefight, but the bell hasn't rung yet

round one
this is just ~ (in the budget battle)

15-rounder
it's a long haul, son, it's a ~ (pandemic)

♦ "And that was just round one in what would be a three-round bloodbath." (Elon Musk buys Twitter, fires half of employees.)

♦ "If it's in the equation, I would love to have a round two." (A text message suggesting sex in the morning following a sexual encounter the night before.)

development / time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: boxing / sports & games

rounded up

rounded up by authorities

they were ~ (opposition figures)

assembling: animal

round up (assemble)

round up groups of black men

RICO was weaponized to ~ (gangs)

rounded up a few things

I've ~ (Cortana internet search)

assembling: animal / verb

route (course)

roundabout route

he had come to painting by a ~

go this route

I'm surprised more people don't ~ (turn down fame)

came (to painting) by a roundabout route

he had ~

course: journeys & trips

rout (defeat / noun)

Biden rout

Sanders assessing campaign after ~

stock rout

Dow falls more than 4% amid coronavirus ~

Old Trafford rout

Spurs embarrassed Manchester United in ~ (1-6)

rout continued

the ~ as... (Man Utd 0-7 Liverpool)

♦ "Thought 4 was a 'thump' not a rout. Hard to keep up" (An online commenter on Barcelona 0-4 Real Madrid)

♦ "Never was a rout and never was a victory more complete!... / Along the whole line of road from Vittoria to the Pyrenees, a distance of one hundred miles, the way was strewn with dead or abandoned horses, dilapidated carriages, clothing of every kind, uniforms, books, rich dresses, laces, veils, gloves, and bonnets torn forth from mails and imperials, by the rude hands of guerillas, *cacadores*, and peasants; letters, orders, and French bank-notes in bundles, too, lay there. / Many unfortunate women—some of them the wives of officers, and others ladies of the court—barefooted, almost naked, and in the most pitiable condition, were overtaken in wild and solitary places, and most barbarously used and then murdered by the merciless Spaniards." (Vittoria, 1813. *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

rout (defeat / verb)

rout (champions) Arsenal

the Blues scored three times in ten minutes to ~

routed all the experts, pontificators, Arctic authorities

Nansen had ~ by his safe return (*Fram*)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

routed (defeated)

routed

the Gunners were ~ (Arsenal loses soccer game)

routed in Delhi elections

India's ruling party ~

routed in the state

he got the youth vote even though he was ~ (election)

routed during his first run

he was ~ for governor (politics)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

row (row to hoe)

long row to hoe

it's going to be a ~ (a legal challenge to president)

tough row to hoe

he's got a ~ (a boxing match)

without him, the state will have a ~ (prosecution)

work & duty: farming & agriculture

difficulty, easiness & effort: farming & agriculture

row (row in the same direction, etc.)

row in the same direction

it's better when we ~

unanimity & consensus: boat

row (row back)

rowed back on his comments

he later ~ (unfounded accusations against Russians)

rowed back on most of them

the Academy tried to make changes, but they have ~

rowed back on its promise

the company has ~ to...

reversal: boat / direction

royalty (noun)

royalty for a day

being a bride used to mean being ~ (Xochitl Gonzalez)

basketball royalty

the Lakers are ~ (NBA winners)

boxing royalty

Eubank Jr has ~ in his corner (coach Roy Jones Jr)

Broadway royalty

~, and Outer Banks Royalty (William Ivey Long)

Oscar royalty

the film could make Will Smith ~ (*King Richard*)

teen royalty

The Plastics are ~ (The 2004 film *Mean Girls*)

US running royalty

Kara Goucher was ~ (medal winner)

Chicago sports royalty

~ (Mike Ditka, Richard Dent, Michael Jordan together)

♦ "People are just jealous. Rodgers is NFL royalty. They need to leave Princess Aaron alone." (NFL sarcasm. *Princess Aaron?! Most likely a Chicago Bears fan.*)

♦ "Treat her like a queen, and she'll treat you like a king." (Marriage advice.)

superlative: royalty

rub (rub somebody the wrong way)

rubbing fans the wrong way
her whining is ~ (an auto racer)

rubbed me the wrong way
what he said ~ (rationalization)

rubbed a lot of people the wrong way
she ~ (a poor woman who married money)

♦ "Robert Bly could rub people the wrong way." (The poet.)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / verb

rub (rub in, rub something in)

rub it in
the emotion comes from the facts, I don't want to ~ (film)

♦ The emotion comes from the facts and not...rub it in...that's not necessary...everything can speak for itself as much as possible, and what you think about it is for the viewer to decide..." (The historian Bianca Stigter, talking about the film *Occupied City*.)

♦ You don't need to rub it in!

impression: sensation / verb

rubber stamp (noun)

rubber stamps for (special-interest) groups
we must assure that these forums are not just ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mark

rubbish (noun)

rubbish
she is not ~, she had a life (died of drug overdose)

rubbish army
it's a ~ (ineffective, ill equipped, conscript, etc.)

day-to-day rubbish
the ~ of certain administrative tasks (UK)

absolute rubbish
his claim was ~ (about voting irregularities)

load of rubbish
he calls their strike "a ~" (UK)
what a ~ (English World Cup soccer team)

piece of rubbish
it's a pretentious ~ (a film)

weed out the rubbish
he pushed Barnes & Noble stores to ~ from their shelves

♦ "the guy is finished in boxing, washed up and now today's chip wrappings" (An online commenter about a boxer. His use of "today's chip wrappings" drew praise and a "thumbs up" from another commenter. Rubbish, in other words.)

♦ "This women's team are actually a bit rubbish." (An online commenter about England's team at the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)

♦ "Who are they hunting down? They were rubbish today, been rubbish all season and it's rubbish reporting from the BBC who all of 3 weeks ago were wondering if TH would be sacked." (A BBC HYS commenter about "Aston Villa 1-2 Man Utd: 'Momentum' with Red Devils as they hunt down top-four rivals" by Simon Stone, BBC, 11 February 2024.)

♦ "If boxing wants to come clean they should refuse to sanction this rubbish." (Ngannou versus Joshua)

♦ "Don't forget, it's rubbish in, rubbish out, rubbish all about." (From "News Corp CEO Robert Thomson challenges AI-generated content's left-wing bias, accuracy: 'Rubbish in, rubbish out'" by Ariel Zilber, *The New York Post*, Sep. 8, 2023.)

insult / worth & lack of worth: waste

rubble (in the rubble)

In the Rubble
Finding a New Economics ~ (financial earthquake)

destruction: ruins

rubble (other)

financial rubble
regulators sifted through the ~

political rubble
both sides will be left to sift through the ~ (impeachment)

"reduces to rubble"
the decision ~ a defendants Sixth Amendment guarantee

reduced the country to rubble
they have ~ (Somalia)

sift through the (political) rubble
both sides will be left to ~ (impeachment trial)

destruction: ruins

Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)

Rubicon moment
this was my ~

digital Rubicon
I had remained on the near shore of a ~ (smart compose)

digital rubicon
the NFL crossed a ~ (Amazon's Thursday Night Football)

political Rubicon
impeachment crosses ~ with House vote

crossed my Rubicon
finally I ~ (author uses Smart Compose)

crossed that Rubicon
and so we ~ (journalist passes info to police)

cross the Rubicon
DA Brag to ~ and divide the nation by indicting Trump

♦ "I think it's crossing the Rubicon from the point of view of Iran." (Sima Shine, of the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv, about the Iranian attack on Israel with drones and missiles.)

♦ The Roman Tribune named Curio encouraged Caesar to cross the Rubicon, saying, "A man prepared is a man hurt by delay." Because he "settled Caesar's doubts that day" Dante put Curio in Circle Eight of hell, as a sower of discord. "Ah, how wretched Curio seemed to me / with a bloody stump in his throat in place of the tongue / which once had dared

to speak so recklessly!" (John Ciardi's wonderful translation of the *Inferno*.)

commitment & determination / fate, fortune & chance:
allusion / history / journeys & trips / river

rub off on (verb)

rub off on the (local) host
the factory refutes the idea that foreign technology ~

rubbing off on you
I guess living with me is ~ a little (father / son)

rub off on Vanessa
I hope some of her will ~ (better behavior)

transmission: rubbing & washing / verb

rudderless

rudderless in the gathering storm
the hospital is ~ (deficits)

seemed rudderless
an isolated political class that has ~, even helpless

control & lack of control / direction: boat

ruffled (feathers)

appeared ruffled
he rarely ~ (a diplomat)

appearance / disruption: animal / bird

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / bird

rug (under the rug)

shoved under the rug
most of the details were quickly ~ (an investigation)

sweeping their mess under the rug
politicians are ~ (Greta Thunberg)

swept under the rug
the whole affair will be ~

♦ "They sweep their mess under the rug and ask children to clean up for them." (Greta Thunberg, climate-change activist.)

♦ see also *carpet* (*under the carpet, etc.*)

concealment & lack of concealment: carpets & rugs

rug (pull the rug out)

pulled the rug out from under him
the White House ~ (failed to support him)

allegiance, support & betrayal: carpets & rugs / verb

rugged (as noun)

return to rugged
~, the all-new 2-22 Nissan Pathfinder (advertisement)

character & personality: part of speech

Ruhr Valley (new Ruhr Valley, etc.)

Ruhr Valley

Hebei Province, China's new ~ (steel)

♦ "Magnitogorsk was the U.S.S.R.'s answer to Pittsburgh."

comparison & contrast: epithet

ruin (verb)

ruined our country with corruption
they have ~ (president and his family)

ruined me professionally
the accusations ~

ruined the INS
decades of that civil-service mentality have ~

ruined the careers
the Greenville has ~ of two captains (nuclear sub)

ruin (Bruce's) career
he essentially tried to ~ (scientists)

ruins the ceremony
letting white guys or non-Indians in ~

ruin it
if you overcook kangaroo meat, you ~

ruins kidneys
life support ~, it ruins brains, it ruins all the organs

ruins (people's) lives
crystal meth ~ (a cop)

ruined my life
he ~ and a lot of girls' live (rich pedophile)

ruined his (medical) practice
the H.M.O.s have ~

ruin his (company's) reputation
he was determined not to let the hackers ~

ruin the (tourist) trade
crime could ~

ruins the catalytic converters
high-sulfur fuel quickly ~ (sour crude)

tried to ruin
he essentially ~ Bruce's career (scientists)

quickly ruins
high-sulfur fuel ~ the catalytic converters (sour crude)

endanger or ruin
I hope this doesn't ~ your career

destruction: infrastructure / ruins / verb

ruin (financial ruin, etc.)

financial ruin
he faced ~

facing (financial) ruin
they are in crushing debt and ~

destruction: infrastructure / ruins

ruin (in ruins, etc.)

ruins of their (silly) theory
they had to sit sullenly amid the ~

in ruins
my life is ~

economy is in ruins
the rural ~ (Buryatia)

lay in ruins
his reputation ~ (a beaten general)

left his life in ruins
his alcoholism ~

♦ "The timeless allure of ruins" by Paul Cooper (BBC Culture, 16 January 2018) is an article about our fascination with ruins, with artwork.

destruction: infrastructure / ruins

ruin (road to ruin)

doctor's road to ruin
a ~ (addiction)

destruction: infrastructure / ruins

ruined

ruined by the greed
the land was ~ of strip-mining

destruction: infrastructure / ruins

rule (verb)

rule
science is going to ~ (public health decisions / pandemic)

control & lack of control: royalty / verb

ruled

ruled by vice
my soul was ~

control & lack of control: royalty

rumble (verb)

ready to rumble
the other Democrats are ~ (political debate)

♦ The boxing announcer Michael Buffer is associated with the catchphrase, "Let's get ready to rumble!" He has been paid up to one million dollars to say it. According to the Internet, he copyrighted the phrase in 1992 and has received \$400 million from others using it at sporting events. "One of the things I really love about my job is enthusiasm," he has said.

conflict: boxing / sports & games / verb

run (a road can run, etc.)

runs through the (An Nafud) desert
the route ~

♦ *Run* is extremely polysemous, as explained in "A Verb for Our Frantic Times" by Simon Winchester, *The New York Times*, May 28, 2011. And Winchester himself can be heard speaking at "Has 'Run' Run Amok? It Has 645 Meanings... So Far," NPR, Talk of the Nation, May 30, 2011.

fictive motion: verb / walking, running & jumping

run (run deep / high / strong)

run (especially) deep
fears of Moscow ~ in Poland (2009)

runs deep
Wright's admiration for the marines ~ (correspondent)
the sense of allegiance to the Catholic Church ~ (city)
resentment of the US ~ (Arabs)
support for the insurgency ~ (Kandahar)

runs deepest
in places where anti-American sentiment ~ (Iraq, etc.)

ran high
as anti-Western sentiment ~ in the Arab world

runs high
envy ~ in the world of art and intellect

run high
emotions ~ with an abandoned infant (ED nursing)

runs strong
the grief and anger still ~ (murder)

admiration (for the marines) runs deep
his ~ (an embedded correspondent)

anger (still) runs strong
the ~

distrust (of the industry) runs deep
~ (an environmental activist)

emotions run high
~ with an abandoned infant (ED nursing)

envy runs high
~ in the world of art and intellect

fears (of Moscow) run deep
~ in Poland (2009)

grief (still) runs strong
the ~

mistrust (of police and courts) runs deep
~ (Blacks)

resentment (of the US) runs deep
~ in the Arab world

stereotypes run deep
these ~ (about women in sports)

tensions (in the area) are running high
~ (Gaza)

tradition and reverence (for the dead) run deep
this is a town where ~ (Puerto Rico)

♦ Melting snowpack will cause a river to run high. If it runs too high, it might burst its banks and cause a flood.

♦ "Our Waters Run Deep, Our Roots Run Deeper." (WWW.CROWNSGUAM.COM.)

extent & scope / feeling, emotion & effect: river

run (run into next week, etc.)

run into next week
the defense's case will ~

future / time: movement / walking, running & jumping

run (run into something)

run into (further) delays
in case the Russians ~ (space station)

running into some hurdles
marine-energy developers are ~

ran into problems
but Zhou's plan to get even ~

ran into (political and financial) problems
the project ~ (museum)

ran into (serious) resistance
she ~... (girls wants to play football)

run into trouble
trail angels figure out where hikers are likely to ~;
the laws have ~ on free-speech grounds (cross burning);
he has ~ with the law before

ran into red tape
the inmate's transfer ~

run into a brick wall
law enforcement has ~

run into stone walls
journalists have ~ with the administration

ran into a hornet's nest
the Apache helicopters ~ of antiaircraft fire

obstacles & impedance: crashes & collisions / walking, running & jumping / verb

run (in / over the long run)

over the long run
our advocacy of human rights ~

happiest in the long run
the thing that will make me ~ is to pursue my education

pay off in the long run
it would ~

future / time: distance / movement / walking, running & jumping

run (on the run / haste)

on the run
we had to improvise solutions ~

haste: movement / walking, running & jumping

run (on the run / retreat)

on the run
the sheriff's department believed the parents were ~

have our enemies on the run
we ~ (terrorism)

resistance, opposition & defeat: walking, running & jumping

run (a good run, etc.)

a good run
the term has had a ~, but we don't need it anymore
it's been ~, but it's come to an end (Blog of the Nation)
paper coupons had a ~, but they ran out of steam

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

runaround

bureaucratic runaround
months of unanswered phone calls and ~s (NYC)

♦ In the wonderful film "Coal Miner's Daughter" there is a funny scene. Doolittle asks Mr. Ted Webb for his daughter Loretta's hand in marriage. Mr. Webb tells him to ask his wife, Clara. Clara tells him to ask Ted. Loretta, who has been waiting expectantly, stops Doolittle on his way back to her father and asks him what is going on. Doolittle explains, and Loretta advises him to wait until Ted and Clara are both in bed, and he can catch them together. And that is just what Doolittle does.

progress & lack of progress: direction

runaway (control)

runaway consumerism
some criticized the long lines as a sign of ~ (Ikea)

runaway cycle
events in the Arctic could lead to a ~ of melting

runaway debt
we have to stop ~ (ad for a politician)

runaway rhetoric
we must tone down this ~

runaway success
the ~ of the building
the Ford Model T was a ~ (1908-1927)

runaway spending
the country is headed off a fiscal cliff of ~

control & lack of control: animal / horse / walking, running & jumping

run away (verb)

run away on us
we must not let the virus ~ again (Jacinda Ardern / COVID)

♦ "Beyond Yasothon, past Mahachanachai, outside of Village Number 3, a water buffalo had somehow slipped the tyranny of its nose-ring and coursed along the embankment above the green rice paddies like a black torpedo."

control & lack of control: verb / walking, running & jumping

rung (on the bottom rung)

on the bottom rung
child molesters are ~ (prison)
informants are ~ (prison)

hierarchy: ladder

rung (bottom rung)

bottom-rung job
she landed a ~ there (TV station)

bottom-rung workers
~ in plants, in warehouses, behind counters

hierarchy: ladder

rung (other)

rung of the hierarchy
trappers occupy the most basic and brutal ~ (fur trade)

rungs of power
he worked his way up the ~ (government)

rungs of the (Hindu) caste hierarchy
those on the lowest ~

rung below the main circuit
the Challenger Tour is a ~ (men's tennis)

rung on the ladder
it was the pioneers who occupied the highest ~ of prestige

rung on the (corporate) ladder
their ~

ladder's (lowest) rung
the socioeconomic ~

bottom rung
child molesters and informants are on the ~ (prison)

bottom-rung
she landed a ~ job there (at a TV station)

highest rung
free speech occupies the ~ of First Amendment values
they occupied the ~ on the ladder of prestige

lowest rung
the socioeconomic ladder's ~

hierarchy: ladder

running (continuing)

long-running argument
a ~ about what it means to...

long-running battle
the ~ over the rights of...

long-running competition
their ~

long running conflict
settles a ~ that went to arbitration (business)

bitter and long-running (m)
the bloody culmination of a ~ feud (cop / citizen)

time: distance / movement / walking, running & jumping
starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence
& endurance: walking, running & jumping

run-of-the-mill

run-of-the-mill offence
the incident is not a ~ (cheating scandal at West Point)

run-of-the-mill politician
your ~

run-of-the-mill sinner
people will realize that he was just another ~

worth & lack of worth: manufacturing

run out (of time)

see *time* (*run out of time*)

run out (of gas, etc.)

running out of excuses
I'm ~ that sound plausible

ran out of gas
he ~ (a losing boxer)

run out of ideas
we've ~

running out of patience
Iraqis are ~ with foreign fighters

luck (finally) ran out
their ~ (football team loses)

luck is running out
I feel my ~ (Marine killed in Falluja)

patience is running out
my ~

consumption: walking, running & jumping / verb

run out (of town on a rail, etc.)

run out of town
he survived but was ~ (Black newspaper editor)

♦ In the old days, a person might have been run out of town on a rail, after having been tarred and feathered.

♦ "The sheriff should have come with troops and cannon... Simms tells it all: '...sharing with their husbands the belief that they were the objects of oppression...they took the sheriff...and dealt with him according to his deserts... He was knocked down by a blow from the magistrate (Magdalene Zeh), and inducted into various places in that young village where the sow delighted to wallow. After receiving many indignities in the neighborhood of Weisersdorf, some of which he was conscious of receiving, and some not, he was placed upon a rail and rode skimmington through most of the settlements.' After a trip of some six or seven miles on the rail, Sheriff Adams was finally deposited on a log bridge on the road to Albany. Magdalene 'then seized a stake which she carelessly laid over his person, until two of his ribs made four, and his organs of vision diminished by one half.' After a final, and unmentionable, indignity, 'she called off her compatriots, leaving him for dead.'" (*The Mohawk* by Codman Hislop. His wonderful book is about the river in New York State.)

♦ Lynchings and running people out of town on a rail after having tarred and feathered them have been replaced by doxing, swatting, pile ons, and cancellation.

dismissal, removal & resignation / oppression: walking, running & jumping

run over (verb)

run over you

if you aren't dominating, they're going to ~ (protesters)
don't let anybody ~ (mother's advice to daughter)

let them run over you

either you curl up and ~ or you defend yourself (protesting)

destruction: tools & technology / verb

force: tools & technology / verb

run over (get run over, etc.)

run over like this

we will not be ~ (Alaska, by the federal government)

get run over

if law enforcement isn't computer-wise, it will ~

got run over by Wall Street Bets

Melvin Capital ~ (the Robinhood affair)

get run over by that

jazz is male-dominated and I think a lot of females ~

destruction: tools & technology

force: tools & technology

rupture (noun)

bridge the rupture

US diplomats are trying to ~ (Middle East)

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism

division & connection: mechanism

rush (rush to judgment)

rush to judgment

we contended there had been a ~ (defense lawyer)
we don't need a ~ (national-security lapse)
we ask only that people not ~ (a lawyer)

fell victim to a rush to judgment

she ~ by police following the murder

haste: justice

rush (oil rush, etc.)

oil rush

the discovery well set off an ~ (East Texas 1903)

activity / haste: movement

Russian roulette (you could actually die)

Russian roulette

it's ~ (climbing K2 / Adriana Brownlee)
so, it's a ~ when people take these drugs...

playing Russian roulette with your lives

you are ~ if you get critically ill abroad (poor care)

playing Russian roulette

a solo-officer entry is essentially ~ (school shootings)

♦ "The serac was the main danger, it's probably almost a hundred meters high. Slightly overhanging. It could crack any time. The main tactic to avoid the dangers of the serac is to be fast, to minimize the time you are

exposed to it." / "It's very very delicate place. It's notorious. Ice can drop at any time. It's a Russian roulette, that's what it is." (Two climbers talking about the dangers of the Bottleneck on K2. From the very good documentary YouTube K2 The Killer Summit BBC. See also the Wikipedia article "2008 K2 disaster.")

death & life: weapon

Russian roulette

play Russian roulette with my livelihood

I can't afford to ~

danger / fate, fortune & chance: weapon

rust (functioning)

rust

at age 38, the ~ caught up with him against... (boxing)

ring rust

Tyson had ~ after long layoff (the great boxer)
he showed considerable ~ (boxer after a layoff)

flaws & lack of flaws / functioning: chemistry

rust (resemblance)

wheat rust

a fungus causes ~
the disease, ~, caused famines in the past
in the 1950s, ~ devastated crops in North America

resemblance: chemistry

rusty (adjective)

rusty

his skills are ~
the Springbok side is rested, but will they be ~ (rugby)

ring rusty

I was a bit ~, I haven't boxed in a year... (COVID)

a little rusty

after a winter's layoff, every kayaker is ~

math is rusty

in case your high school ~...

flaws & lack of flaws / functioning: chemistry

rut (in a rut, etc.)

creativity rut

Hollywood is being punished for its ~ (blockbusters fail)

in a rut

we are ~ and spinning our wheels (financial reform)

stuck in a rut

he is ~, unable to move forward

**obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress:
ground, terrain & land / movement**

ruthless (sun, etc.)

ruthless

the calculus behind people trafficking is ~
the katabatic winds off the glacier can be ~ (very cold)

ruthless deadlines
every day brings ~ (an independent contractor)

Ruthless Sun
Beneath a ~ (a book by Gilbert King)

empathy & lack of empathy: animal

S

saber rattling

calculated saber rattling
it's not the drum beat of war, it is ~

just sabre rattling
is this a serious threat or ~ (military intervention)

message: military / sound / sword

sabotage (verb)

sabotage what
are you trying to ~ we are doing here

sabotaged (progressive) priorities
she is a corporate Democrat who has ~ (politics)

sabotaged his (attempted) reforms
conservatives ~ (politics)

“sabotage” his show
Pat McAfee accused ESPN of trying to “~” (sports talk)

sabotage yourself
I think you're starting to ~

♦ “I think you need to ask yourself why you're doing this, Steven, because I think you're starting to sabotage yourself.” (The funny 1996 film *The Cable Guy*.)

destruction / disruption: military / verb

sabotage (noun)

sabotage of the conversation
what he said was deliberate ~

self-sabotage
his talent, intelligence and gift for ~ (Val Kilmer)

digital sabotage
it's been a summer of ~, hype houses, conspiracy theories

destruction / disruption: military

sabotaged

sabotaged by subzero temperatures
our efforts to force the route were ~ (climbing)

destruction / disruption: military

saboteur (person)

partisan saboteurs
school boards are being attacked by ~ (culture wars)

kind of saboteur

he was a ~, he undermined the policy of public health

♦ A female senator who left the Democratic Party to become an Independent has been called a saboteur and a traitor.

destruction / disruption / person: military

conflict: military / person

saccharine (adjective)

saccharine propaganda
Green Book's ~ (Academy Award winning film)

feeling, emotion & effect: taste

consumption: taste

sacred (adjective)

sacred to Democrats
it is a program ~ (low-income heating assistance)

sacred to Cubs fans
the statue is ~

sacred to a newspaper
there is nothing more ~ than its credibility

sacred to you
maybe it's ~, but it's not sacred to me (US anthem)

sad and sacred
it is a place ~ to many Americans (New York 9/11 site)

importance & significance: religion

sacred cow

sacred cows of the (Israeli) economy
the defense and high-tech industries are the two ~

sacred cow of (farming) subsidies
many countries are afraid to touch the ~

American sacred cows
the film is critical of ~ (Dominik's film *Blonde*)

Victorian sacred cows
his mordant wit and irreverence for ~ (Lytton Strachey)

no sacred cows
there will be “~” when letting go of personnel (cuts)

sacred cows are slaughtered
some ~ on the way (educational theory)

destroy the "sacred cow"
I am not out to ~ of the Kennedy presidency (filmmaker)

♦ “The fear of starvation is always hanging over the Indian peasant... / To an American it seems strange that under such distress these villagers never used their cows for food when it was inevitable that the animals would perish from lack of fodder. Only once on our trip did we hear—and then only in scandalized whispers—of a village that was actually ‘eating its cows.’ For a Hindu farmer to do away with a starving cow, even to put that beloved beast out of its misery, is as unthinkable as for him to slaughter it to feed his starving and equally beloved children. / Such prohibitions as these—too fantastic to seem credible to a Westerner—appear to separate the Indian from the American farmer by a distance greater than the curve of the world that divides them. And yet the problem of getting food out of the land has similarities which reach around the globe...” (*Halfway to Freedom* by Margaret Bourke-White.)

idea / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: animal / cows & cattle / religion

sacrifice (give up something)

sacrifice his career on such a remote altar
no respectable clergyman would ~ (Norfolk Island)

sacrificed free speech to political correctness
the university has ~

sacrificed everything for me
he ~ and the team (Tour de France)

sacrificed himself for the sake of the team
he ~ (professional foul / soccer)

sacrifice for success
boomers are generally willing to ~ (careers)

sacrificed his dream
he ~ of attending college to help finance...

sacrificed his life
he ~ by throwing himself directly onto the grenade

sacrificed their lives
the Rangers who ~ (Roberts Ridge)

sacrifice themselves
thousands will come after us, ready to ~ (terrorists)

sacrifice their personal lives
they don't want to ~ (for a career)

ready to sacrifice
thousands will come after us, ~ themselves (terrorists)

willing to sacrifice
each one of us is ~ himself for... (suicide terrorist)

sacrifice: religion / verb

sacrifice (noun)

financial sacrifice
it takes a ~ to get through the training (nursing)

sacrifice: religion

sacrilegious (adjective)

sacrilegious to suggest
maybe it's ~, but...

sacrilegious for women to smoke
it was once ~ cigarettes

sacrilegious about making
there is nothing ~ a sequel (film)

offensive or sacrilegious
do you worry about being ~

being sacrilegious
I hope I'm not ~ in suggesting that...

considered sacrilegious
athletes who bet on games are ~

felt sacrilegious
it ~ to hear my brother say those words

seemed sacrilegious
it ~ to visit Oxford and not visit Faulkner's house

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

sad (as noun)

sad
the ~ I get from being with you (vs. without you)

feeling, emotion & effect: part of speech

saddle (shape)

saddle between the peaks
he climbed the ~

below the saddle
right side of that peak, right ~ (a sniper speaking)

shape: horse

saddle (acting saddle, etc.)

acting saddle
she got right back in the ~ (after college)

role: horse

saddle (oppress)

saddled him with (derogatory) nicknames
his opponents have ~ (a politician)

saddled America with (high) unemployment
the stimulus merely ~ and more debt

♦ A devious horse, resistant to being saddled and ridden, will fill his lungs with air as the cinch strap is tightened. If this behavior is not taken into account, the saddle will slide off the horse's back, depositing the rider on the ground.

oppression: horse / verb / weight

saddle (Saddle Island, etc.)

Saddle Island
we visited ~ (Yemen)

Saddle Mountain
~ is in Queensland, Australia

Sansan saddle
~ is a double-topped hill, 195 feet high... (China)

proper name: horse

saddle (saddle up)

saddle up
let's ~ (get ready and go)

starting, going, continuing & ending: horse / verb

saddle (in the saddle)

in the saddle
an evil regime, too long ~...

back in the saddle
NATO is ~ (Libya)
he is ~ running Breitbart News (after political job)

firmly in the saddle
president Arroyo is now ~ (following plots against her)
the Scottish Nationalists seem ~
he is ~ as IPL chairman for the next 5 years (cricket)

control & lack of control: horse

saddle (get back in the saddle)

get back in the saddle
if you fall off a horse, pick yourself up and ~

♦ "We've got a story now about how getting back in the saddle, literally, helped save a man's life." ("U.S. Veteran takes on the ultimate riding challenge: the Mongol Derby," wbur, Here & Now, July 25, 2016. This is the rare feel-good story that seems genuine.)

♦ Man's happiness lies in open, empty spaces. (A Mongolian proverb.)

resiliency: animal / horse / verb

saddle (a burr in the saddle)

burr in the saddle of the company
the controversy is a ~

♦ "Maybe learning what happened to the famous old weaving would remove that tickling burr under his saddle, if that figure of speech worked in this case." (*The Shape Shifter* by Tony Hillerman.)

affliction: horse / sensation

saddle (support)

in their saddles
the boilers began to work loose ~ (ship in typhoon)

configuration: horse

saddled

saddled in debt
I was ~

saddled with responsibility
the government did not want to be ~

oppression: horse / weight

safe (groups)

safe place
we will make sure you are in a ~
it offers her a ~ to vent frustration (New Teacher Institute)

safe space
see *safe space (groups)*

safety or security
social spaces that offer a sense of ~

safe and inclusive
a ~ place for anyone to play football (GFSN)

safe and welcome
it was important to create a space where we felt ~

safe, inclusive, respectful, and welcoming

create psychologically ~ environments (DEI)

positive, safe and empowering
our goal is to create a ~ space where... (Morphe cosmetics)

feel safe
I created a space where everyone can ~ (bookstore)

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♦ "Recently there's been more visibility in the trans community. But being the person that's creating that visibility or that representation can also be really painful. The truth is that every day I experience violence of some kind that makes me feel like it's not safe to be in my body, and not safe to be visible." (Lor Sabourin, a non-binary rock climber.)

♦ "Been getting a lot of 'why are they placing her body like that in those ads?' Well, I direct the ads. I place myself like that. And it's because of the thousands of unwelcome comments I receive about my body. You've lost the privilege of looking at it until I feel safe again." (A tweet from Milana Vayntrub, AT&T commercial actress.)

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inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

safe space (groups)

safe space
~ is always imaginary
~s have been credited with producing radical identities
~s are very powerful sites
a ~, a gay sauna...
it was a ~ so that they could be themselves (Moms' Club)

safe space for people of color
this is not a ~ (sorority disbands)

'safe space' for coming out stories
programs included a ~ (SV Bank)

safe space to students of color
welcome and ~ (high schools)

safer space
a ~ for athletes to be themselves

create a safe space
~ at home (kids and post-lockdown anxiety)

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inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

safety (groups)

community, joy and safety
support groups provide ~ (Queer people)

jeopardised their safety
dancers claimed she ~ by publicising her resignation

♦ "Dancers who accused a leading choreographer of transphobia have claimed she has jeopardised their safety by publicising her resignation. / Rosie Kay resigned this week from the dance company she founded in 2004..." ("Rosie Kay: Dancers write open letter to choreographer after gender row" by Katie Razzall, *Culture editor*, BBC, December 10, 2021.)

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

safety net (and net)

social safety net
the ~ is seriously frayed
the pandemic has been an x-ray of the weaknesses of our ~

dismantled the (social) safety net
he ~ (Pinochet / Chile)

fly without a net
he was willing and eager to take risks and ~ (Elon Musk)

♦ "Many veterans are isolated and financially insecure, and the safety nets meant to help them are too small."

♦ "I am interested to inspire people to uplift their soul and to look at the sky and say 'Wow, I can move mountains now, nothing is impossible' so that's why I love what I do... I never leave anything to chance and I have weaved this safety net in my head for the past 55 years. So I value life too much to risk my life and I do something I think much more inspiring and noble, I don't risk my life, I carry my life across." (The remarkable high-wire artist Philippe Petit.)

♦ While safety nets are associated with circuses, they might also be set up for workers on buildings, to prevent suicides from bridges, to protect spectators at sporting events, etc.

protection & lack of protection: circus

sag (verb)

sag
morale in some parts of the office has begun to ~

sags
a lot is a good time, but too much still ~ (play review)

sags a little bit
the first half of the movie ~

decline / increase & decrease: direction / verb
flaws & lack of flaws / strength & weakness: direction / materials & substances / verb

saga (noun)

saga
there is continuing public interest in his ~ (a boxer)

saga of Antonio Brown
the surreal ~ is not slowing down (troubled NFL player)

legal saga
his ~ was far from over

scientific saga
the modern fight against syphilis is a ~

grim, continuing saga
the ~ of clearing up after the storm (Storm Arwen)

development: journeys & trips

Sahara (Sahara of snow, etc.)

Sahara of snow
the homecoming landmark in that rolling ~ (Ross Ice Shelf)

♦ A sea of sand (the Sahara Desert), a Sahara of snow (Antarctica)...

environment / resemblance: desert

comparison & contrast: epithet

sail (sail to victory, etc.)

sailed to victory
he ~ (a politician)

sailed (through) to the third round
he ~ (an easy victory / tennis)

sailed through the House and Senate
the bipartisan bill ~ by unanimous voice vote

difficulty, easiness & effort: boat / movement / verb

attainment: boat / movement / verb

sailing (smooth sailing)

smooth sailing
after that, it's ~ (job)
it's not been all ~ (marriage)
it's not going to be ~ from now on

difficulty, easiness & effort: boat

saint (superlative)

saint
he was a real ~ (9/11 FDNY chaplain Mychal F. Judge)
he was not a ~ (anger issues / politician)

no saint
Mr Berlusconi has always maintained he is "~"
I'm ~, how about you

not a saint
I'm ~ but I'm not a demon or anything either (acquitted)

revolutionary saint

Lenin, the ~

behavior / reverence / superlative: religion

sainthood (noun)

secular sainthood

his family has mixed feelings about his ~ (Matthew Shepard)

superlative: religion

salad (word salad)

see *word salad*

salient (important)

salient feature

the Patriot Act made surveillance a ~ of American culture

salient points

he covered all the ~ in his report

♦ A salient is a projecting part of a fortification. Or it is a bulge on the front line. If the salient is cut off, it becomes a pocket. A salient can form in a number of different ways, and can be defended or used offensively in a number of ways. In World War II, the Kursk Battle and the Battle of the Bulge each developed around a salient. At Kursk the Germans attacked a Russian salient; at the Battle of the Bulge, they used their own salient to spearhead their attack. Both ended up in crushing defeats for the Germans.

importance & significance: fortification / ground, terrain & land / military

salivate (verb)

salivating over the (class-action) lawsuits

lawyers should be ~

salivating at the prospect

consumers are ~ of the new product

salivating to attack

Republicans are ~ the president over...

salivating to build

developers are ~ in the area

eagerness & reluctance: bodily reaction / mouth / verb

salt (flavor)

salt went out

when I 'wrote short' much ~ of the work (R. Kipling)

♦ "Salt is the primordial narcotic."

character & personality: taste

salt (sailor)

old salt

the ~ sent the apprentice off to find Charlie Noble

♦ Hazing inexperienced sailors by sending them off on a fool's errand has a long tradition.

experience: boat / sea / taste

salt (with a grain of salt)

take it with a grain of salt

~ (be skeptical)

♦ "Until false accusations have very real consequences I take every 'sexually assaulted' woman story with a grain of salt." (An online commenter.)

consumption: taste

salty (language)

salty response

a ~ from an artist who won't back down (you idiot!)

speech: taste

salty (slang)

salty about it

it's like a bad breakup, that's why I'm ~ (a Patriots fan)

♦ *Salty* can mean bitter, angry or upset. See "A 'Salty' Word With a Promising Future: The American Dialect Society picks its Most Likely to Succeed word" by Ben Zimmer, *the Wall Street Journal*, January 16, 2015.)

♦ Commenter 1: "Why are so many just plain salty of Manchester City?" / Commenter 2: "It's not jealousy or being salty, it is because of FFP and human rights abuses..." / Commenter 3: "Scouse tears are extra salty." (Inspired soccer repartee on a BBC HYS.)

feeling, emotion & effect: taste

salty (experience)

salty

he's ~ (has a lot of experience, like an old sailor)

experience: sea / taste

salute (verb)

saluted his efforts

his colleagues ~ to lower racial barriers (tribute)

salute her timing

I have to ~ (author produced timely book)

salute you

we ~ (encouragement to those who stick to their diets)

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / military / verb

salvage (verb)

salvage a (decent) life from the wreckage

money to ~ of misfortune

salvage order out of chaos

we are trying to ~ (East Timor)

salvage his career

he got a chance to ~

salvage their credibility

politicians need to ~ (versus corruption)

salvage its season

the team is desperate to ~ (sports)

salvage a (recently scrapped) summit

they are trying to ~

amelioration & renewal: boat / manufacturing / verb

salvation (noun)

energy salvation
the government views the Amazon as Brazil's ~ (dams)

amelioration & renewal / help & assistance: religion

salve (verb)

salve them
is it journalism's role to salt wounds or to ~

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / verb

salve (noun)

salve for (racial) rancor
the only ~ is honesty

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

salvo (noun)

opening salvo
the decision was an ~ of the modern civil-rights movement
it was clearly a rehearsed ~ to try to fluster me (a meeting)

latest salvo
this is the ~ in the war against plastic straws
the sports argument is the ~ to prevent equality (trans)

verbal salvo
they exchanged ~s over this turn of events (enmity)

exchanged (opening) salvos
the government and the company ~ (antitrust trial)

fired salvos
a number of generals publicly ~ at each other

accusation & criticism / conflict / speech: boat / military / weapon

sance (McConaissance, etc.)

Brenaissance
the ~ (Brendan Fraser nominated for Oscar)
those thrilled by the "~" (Brendan Fraser wins Oscar)

Celinaissance
it can only be described as a ~ (GMA / the play *Titanique*)
are we in a ~ (GMA / the play *Titanique*)

McConaissance
the ~ (Matthew McConaughey)

Nellysance
the "~" is showing no signs of slowing (Nelly Furtado)

Oh-aissance
the Sandra ~ (magazine *Vanity Fair*)

renaissance
see *renaissance* (noun)

Toryssaince
the '~' is the 'talk of the town'

♦ Often refers to a Hollywood career revival.

♦ "The 'Toryssaince' is the 'talk of the town': Inside Tory Burch's 'cool girl' rebrand." (*The New York Post*.)

language: affix

sanctuary (noun)

Sanctuary City
making Tucson a ~ failed (Proposition 205 / 2019)

sanctuary state
California is a ~ for abortion rights

"Second Amendment sanctuaries"
counties have declared themselves ~ (to resist gun control)

finds sanctuary
she ~ in Ranchera music

♦ "Trans Kid's Family Searching For Sanctuary, organized by Kimberly Shappley." (@gofundme.com)

protection & lack of protection: religion

sanctum (and inner sanctum)

sanctums of conspiracy
he founded the project to penetrate the ~ (a Ufologist)

West's literary inner sanctum
he saw his role as storming the ~ (Ishmael Reed)

inner sanctum
the computer's kernel, the machine's most privileged ~
she took one of my tapes into the ~ of the office

penetrate (al-Qaida's) inner sanctum
he was able to ~ (a US sympathizer)

reverence: religion

sand (political sands, etc.)

political sands
the ~ are shifting (diplomacy after the Arab Spring)

environment: desert

sand (stick one's head in the sand)

kept my head buried in the sand
I ceded all financial control to my husband, and ~

stick my head in the sand
I didn't want to ~ and deny what was going on...

♦ "Allan Pocock, a resident of the Oudtshoorn region of South Africa, where 200,000 ostriches were once reared for their feathers, noted that during the 80-odd years when records were kept, no one had reported a single case of an ostrich burying its head, or even apparently attempting to do so."

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: animal / bird / desert

sandbox (area)

play in their sandbox
they were curious to see this young girl who wanted to ~

quarantine (suspicious) files into sandboxes
systems ~ (computing)

♦ "They were very curious to see this young girl who wanted to play in their sandbox." (The remarkable actor Michelle Yeoh, about learning how to do martial-arts stunts from men. She received an Oscar for Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in 2023. Super!)

area: school & education

sandwiched

sandwiched between Australia and Indonesia
East Timor is half an island ~

sandwiched between Europe and Central Asia
Turkey has a strategic role in a region ~ (Caucasus)

sandwiched between Togo and Ivory Coast
~, Ghana is considered a model democracy

Sandwiched between Romania and Ukraine
~, Moldova emerged as an independent republic...

configuration: food & drink

sanguine (adjective)

sanguine about the series
he was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / color / health & medicine

sanitize (verb)

sanitized Mark Twain's masterpiece
he has ~ by replacing the N-word

sanitize the history
the Japanese often ~

textbooks sanitize
~ Japan's wartime atrocities (Japanese schools)

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb

sanitized

sanitized edition
the ~ of 'Huckleberry Finn' has caused an uproar

sanitized version
lawmakers read aloud a ~ of the US Constitution

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

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene

sanitizing

sanitizing language
military officials used ~ to mask the fact...

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene

sardine (noun)

sardine can
Airbus loses order for 840-seat 'flying ~'

sardine-can
~ seating on planes will soon be the norm (face to face)

sardine seats

Flyers Rights calls the shrinking seats ~ (airplanes)

♦ "The [BBC], once a shark in the media pond, is now a mere sardine in a media ocean." (Clever writing from BBC Six O'Clock News, 26/05/2022.)

competition / size: animal / fish

**importance & significance / power / strength & weakness:
animal / fish / size**

sardined

sardined in the settlement
no more convicts could be ~

configuration: animal / fish / pressure

satellite (noun)

Iranian satellite
Bahrain could become an ~

attraction & repulsion / relationship: astronomy

satrapy (noun)

satrapy of the right
the BBC has become a ~ (a liberal critic)

dependency / relationship: history

saturated

saturated with the (television) ads
the Philadelphia media market has been ~ (politics)

saturated with firearms
most neighborhoods like mine are already ~

saturated with racism
the jury heard the factory was ~

saturated with reactions
now, you can choose to be absolutely ~ (social media)

media-saturated
the challenge of running fair trials in a ~ age

tech-saturated
in today's ~ society (recording private conversations)

absorption & immersion: water

saturation (noun)

saturation point
Starbucks hits ~ (drop in customer visits)
when a meme has reached the ~

App saturation
smartphone users might be reaching ~

point of saturation
we're past the ~ (true-crime stories)

absorption & immersion: water

Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia of coal, etc.)

Saudi Arabia of coal

the US is the ~

West Virginia has been called the ~

Saudi Arabia of cotton

the South was the ~ (the US Civil War)

Saudi Arabia of lithium

Afghanistan could become the ~ (mineral)

we know that Bolivia can become the ~

Saudi Arabia of renewables

could Scotland ever be 'the ~' (wind and tidal energy)

Saudi Arabia of clean water

thanks to Lake Michigan, Chicago is the ~

Saudi Arabia of tidal power

Scotland could be the ~ (Alex Salmond / 2008)

♦ "As Saudi Arabia is to oil, the UK is to wind." (Prime Minister Boris Johnson, about Scottish wind power.)

amount: epithet

savage (Savage Mountain, etc.)

Savage Mountain

K2, the so-called "~,," doesn't have much tolerance

♦ The climber George Irving Bell, after a 1953 trip to K2, said, "K2 is a savage mountain that tries to kill you." He was one of the five men saved by Pete Schoening's famous belay.

epithet / character & personality: animal

danger: epithet

savage (verb)

savaged his critics

the president ~

savaging him

critics are ~ (a journalist over ethics)

accusation & criticism: animal / predation / verb

speech: animal / predation / verb

behavior: animal / predation / verb

savage (groups)

Savage X Fenty

Rihanna's ~ celebrates fearlessness...

Lily Savage

his drag queen persona ~ (the U.K.'s Paul O'Grady)

Most Savage... Bachelorette

the ~ (an advertisement for the TV show)

♦ "Rihanna's Savage X Fenty celebrates fearlessness, confidence and inclusivity." (Lingerie.)

♦ "The Most Savage... Bachelorette." (An advertisement for the TV show showing a fierce young lady walking away fiercely, like definitely obviously really really upset.)

♦ "The Bay Area black metal band perversely blends savagery and accessibility with hints of pop-punk and screamo."

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

savage (adjective)

savage day

Antietam was a ~ in American history (the Civil War)

savage humor

his ~ spared no one (Mort Sahl)

savage toll

the Great Lakes can take a ~ on swimmers (drownings)

♦ "But I was aware of what was going on around me in only a disconnected and hazy manner. It seemed as if the weariness and the illness, like ferocious and cowardly beasts, had waited in ambush for the moment when I dismantled my defences, in order to attack me from behind... / I was hoisted on to the cart...together with a load of dying men, from whom I did not feel very different." (*The Truce: A Survivor's Journey Home From Auschwitz* by Primo Levi.)

♦ "From the woods..."

force: animal

savagery (noun)

savagery of the regime

the ~ (Syria)

savagery of the reviews

the ~ (a film)

savagery of slavery

I grew up not knowing about the ~

savagery of internet trolls

the ~

savagery and prejudice

he wrote with a kind of ~ (V.S. Naipaul)

attackers' savagery

the ~ (Turkish nightclub attack / New Year's Eve)

your savagery

we have suffered from ~ for centuries (see quote below)

bite and (a certain amount of) savagery

there was a real ~ in that performance (Holbrook as Twain)

bitterness and savagery

the ~ of his criticism...

♦ "I went outside of my house, and it was like total savagery." (A Bahamian pastor, about the effects of Hurricane Dorian.)

♦ "We do know what's happening in the global South. They're just refusing to participate... Not ours. Your war. We don't pay any attention to your hypocritical proclamations. We know exactly what they mean, we've suffered from your savagery for centuries, stop lecturing to us." (Noam Chomsky, about U.S. attempts to gain allies for what Chomsky views as the U.S. proxy war against Russia in the Ukraine.)

force: animal

savant (noun)

heavily travelled savants

(sports) scouts are ~ who value young players

knowledge & intelligence: person

save (verb)

save globalization from itself
a prescription to ~

save face
dictators always need to ~ (repression)

save "honor"
Pakistani killed daughters to ~ (headline)

save the honor
men who kill women to ~ of their family

save his own skin
he was a liar who just wanted to ~ (criminal trial)

save their skins
executives sold their stock, hoping to ~ (Enron)

save his voice
he would play music to ~ (early days of radio)

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

savior (the savior of mothers, etc.)

Saviour of Poland
long live Napoleon, the ~

savior of mothers
today he is known as "the ~" (Simmelweis)

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet

savior (noun)

savior
he's *it*, a lot of people in this town think he's a ~ (Trump)

savior act
his ~ turned weird when... (abducted / Brooklyn Mirage)

Wale's saviour
it was always likely Bale would be ~ (soccer game)

wildlife savior
she is referred to as "India's greatest ~" (Indira Gandhi)

white saviour
she was accused of exhibiting a ~ complex (aid worker)

white savior
Hollywood's '~- complex (the 2009 film *The Blind Side*)
The Blind Side may be the worst ~ movie ever (MSNBC)
Hollywood's '~- complex

white male saviour
a ~ teams up with indigenous inhabitants to fight
colonialism

environmental savior
the press made Obama out to be the ~
managers and bankers pitched themselves as ~s (ESG)

global savior
NASA doesn't really want the job of ~ (NEOs)

villain to (climate) savior

mining recast from environmental ~ ("green" minerals)

savior was back
the Boston Garden erupted, the ~ (Larry Bird, May 5, 1991)

looking for a savior
movie theaters were ~ and *Dune: Part II* is delivering

billed as the savior
he was ~ who would take the Jets back to Super Bowl glory

seen as Kosovo's savior
Russian President Vladimir Putin is ~ (by ethnic Serbs)

♦ "Discussing international scripts he would receive, he said: 'It's always an American going in, fixing the world's problems, going to Africa...and I said, 'Don't send me these scripts because it's not true.'" (Fim director Shekhar Kapur.)

help & assistance: religion

savor (verb)

savor the benefits
~ of living a healthier lifestyle (energy, sleep, etc.)

savored the feeling
I ~ (a massage)

savor the moment
some other voice was telling me to slow down, to ~

savored the moment
I ~ (a moonlit swim)

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste / verb

say (a sign can say something, etc.)

say
restaurants signs that ~, "Restrooms for customers only"
what did the letter ~

says
a street sign that ~ Martin Luther King
the rumor mill ~ he may have plans... (boxing)

said the San Francisco Chronicle
US Terrorized by Radio's 'Men From Mars,' ~

♦ "Radio Listeners in Panic, Taking War Drama as Fact," declared the New York Times. "Radio Fake Scares Nation," cried the Chicago Herald and Examiner. "US Terrorized By Radio's 'Men From Mars,'" said the San Francisco Chronicle. ("The Halloween myth of the War of the Worlds panic" by Professor W Joseph Campbell, BBC, 30 October 2011.)

♦ "The mountain said no." (Climbers turn around.)

fictive communication: speech / verb

say (say his name, etc.)

"Say Abortion"
~ (a hand-held sign for abortion rights at a rally)

'Say Her Name'
~: The Latest On Breonna Taylor's Case
~: Mahsa Amini (Iranian protesters in Austria)

say his name
~: five days for George Floyd (PBS)

SayTheirNames

#~ (#BlackLivesMatter)

SayPeriod

Periods in sport: Female athletes back #~ campaign

“Don’t Say Gay”

Florida’s ~ law (Parental Rights in Education law)

♦ “#Sayhername, the patriots will tweet, delighting in their appropriation of a campaign created for Black women.” (Ashli Babbitt.)

♦ “Say her name. Mahsa Amini.” (Iranian protesters outside a soccer friendly between Senegal and Iran in Vienna, Austria. Protesters outside the stadium used megaphones and loudspeakers to “make their voices heard.” The protest was so loud, Iranian state TV had to broadcast the match on mute. From “World Cup 2022: Iran’s turbulent build-up amid violent anti-government protests” by Pooria Jafereh, BBC Persian, November 17, 2022.)

♦ “There is power in speaking Omer’s name, showing his picture.” (The mother of an Israeli soldier captured by Hamas.)

♦ see also *name (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: messaging / verb

scaffold (verb)

scaffold instruction

we need to ~ in mixed-ability classes and materials

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb

help & assistance: infrastructure / verb

scaffolding (noun)

cosmic scaffolding

strands of dark matter form a kind of ~

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure

help & assistance: infrastructure

scale (scales of justice, etc.)

scales of justice

he put his finger on the ~ to exonerate the police

scale of the market

critics say it unfairly puts a finger on the ~ (ESG)

judgment: justice / scale / sign, signal, symbol

scale (put one’s finger on the scale, etc.)

put his finger on the scales

he ~ of justice to exonerate the police

puts a finger on the scale

critics say it unfairly ~ of the market (ESG)

put a thumb on the scale

politicians will be tempted to ~ (a culture-war issue)

put its thumb on the scales

the court has ~ on the side of student free speech

puts his thumb on the scale

in the final pages, Cohen finally ~ (says he is against it)

♦ “The way this issue has been reported, it’s as if there is a thumb on the scale in favor of white supremacists. But as I understand this case, that’s just not what the judge is doing.” (“A look at Bruce Schroeder, the judge in the Kyle Rittenhouse trial,” NPR, All Things Considered, Nov. 4, 2021.)

♦ “Normally the US government would resist putting a finger on the scale of any one private company.” (But not Boeing, which the government will always favor.)

♦ see also *balance (tip the balance), playing field (level the playing field), scale (tip the scales)*

equilibrium & stability / judgment: scale / verb / weight

scale (tip the scales)

tip the scales

this could ~

tip the scales against him

this could ~ (politics)

tip the scale in favor of boys

I do not intend to ~, rather...

♦ “The goal of the policy I propose is not to ‘tip the scales in favor of boys,’ as some fear. Rather, it is to level the playing field in the spirit of equity given the developmental differences between the sexes.”

♦ see also *balance (tip the balance), playing field (level the playing field), scale (put one’s finger on the scale, etc.)*

development / equilibrium / initiation: scale / verb / weight

scale (climb)

scaled the heights of government

he never ~ (MP Sir David Amess)

attainment / progress & lack of progress: direction /

mountains & hills / movement / verb

scalp (save one’s scalp)

save his own scalp

he is a career criminal trying to ~ (jailhouse snitch)

survival, persistence & endurance: hair / head / skin,

muscle, nerves & bone / verb

scalp (noun)

scalp on his record

Wilder would be a great ~ (boxing)

decent scalp

AJ is still a ~ (boxing)

impressive scalp

Usyk would be an ~ for Joshua (boxing)

scalp to hold up

Twitter and Facebook had a high-profile ~ (ban Trump)

claim another (big) scalp

Palace ~ (victory against Tottenham Hotspur in FA Cup)

collected scalps

they issued demands, ~ (students force resignations)

have his name as a scalp

it’s great to ~ on my record now (boxing)

needed a scalp

Cuomo ~, a notch on his political belt (Hank Morris)

take scalps

he is looking to ~ at Sony (underperforming films)

thirsting for another manager's scalp

now I see McNutty is ~ (a BBC sportswriter)

♦ "He's a hedge fund guy looking to take scalps at Sony." (The actor George Clooney stands up for Hollywood against big-money investors looking to make a buck.)

♦ "Get (at least one) incumbent establishment scalp to become a credible threat." (An internal document of Justice Democrats. From "The Left Turn" by Andrew Marantz, *The New Yorker*, May 31, 2021.)

♦ "The Bayonet Tree got its name when one of Herkimer's men was crucified on it. George Walter lay beside a spring, pretending to be dead while an Indian ran a scalping knife around his skull, tearing off, finally, hair and skin from the bloody head. The Senecas captured Robert Crouse, the tallest and strongest man in Tryon County. They trussed him up, and then, in order to cut him down to their size, they whittled his legs off below the knees, cut the ropes holding him, and told him to walk." (*The Mohawk* by Codman Hislop. His book is about the Mohawk River.)

♦ See "Adjusting Appropriately To Words That Hurt" by Jeanine Santucci, Opinion, NPR, Language, August 8, 2018. Written by an intern. Words mentioned include "scalp," "Sherpa," "spook," and "guru." See also the Wikipedia entry, "Scalping." Scalping is clearly not limited to any particular people, place, or time.)

♦ see also *hatchet* (*bury the hatchet*)

achievement, recognition & praise / punishment & recrimination / success & failure: hair / history / violence

scalpel (noun)

scalpel of analysis

I never had the courage to probe him with the ~ (a hero)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: blade / health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / tools & technology

scape (threatscape, etc.)

Bat-scape

the ~ is pretty well established (*The Batman*)

battle-scape

the brain is the 21st Century ~ (microwave weapons)

cellscape

cryo-EM can help reveal the ~ as it actually is

cityscape

the dramatic ~ of steel and lights (Hong Kong)

friendscapes

as we curate our ~ post-COVID (some fade away)

why we need diversity in our ~

~ change as life's landscape changes

hellscape

flames turned the small town into a ~ (wildfire)

Twitter must not become a free-for-all ~ (Elon Musk)

a free-for-all ~, where anything can be said...

the future will be a ~ ("cli-fi" books and films)

the ~ that is the American mental health system

landscape

(see *landscape*)

mediascape

he rips into the Internet-juiced ~ (the film *France*)

moonscape

(see *moonscape*)

Nightscape

Shanghai ~: *A Nocturnal Biography of a Global City*

roadscape

a ragged ~ of motels, franchises and big box stores...

Roofscape

~ to bring green roofs to the Parisian skyline (company)

"sandscape"

how the ~ has changed (Bacton Beach / North Norfolk)

scentescape

the ~, the scentosphere... (a *New Yorker* article)

seascapes

artists fall in love with the area's ~ (Northern Jutland)

smellscapes

how transformations have affected people's ~ (history)

smell-scapes

as the world faces a pandemic, our ~ are being changed

snowscapes

you see these unbelievable ~ (extreme skiing)

soundscape

the unique ~ of Tanzania's largest city (Eyder Peralta)

a new field of biology called ~ ecology

gentle ambient ~s, electronic beats (German music)

streetscape

the bomb destroyed the facades and ~ of the tourist area

threatscape

the changing ~ (terrorism)

townscape

additions to the ~ of Lhasa (drains, etc.)

waterscape

this ~ is called the four thousand islands (Si Phan Don)

♦ "As the world faces another global pandemic, our smell-scapes are being changed again..." ("What's That Smell? Researchers Hope to Recreate Historic Scents From Europe's Past" by Reese Oxner, NPR, Nov. 22, 2020.)

♦ "He called that painting "Bottlescape." (Winston Churchill, a great amateur painter. His painting consisted of 12 bottles and some large cigar boxes. Of course it did!)

♦ Wiktionary is wonderful! Wiktionary has a long list of words at "Category:English terms suffixed with -scape." Only four of the words in the entry here are not yet listed by Wiktionary: Bat-scape; battle-scape; cellscape; and friendscape. And there is no entry for the title of Winston Churchill's painting. Upon reflection, though, it occurs to me that certain bars I have been in have had magnificent bottlescapes, with bottles of varying sizes, shapes, necks, colors, stoppers, baskets even, and labels. I can see such a bottlescape in my mind's eye right now...

area / environment: ground, terrain & land / picture

area / environment / language: affix

scapegoat (noun)

scapegoat

he was railroaded, chosen to be the ~ (wrongly convicted)

scapegoats of imperialism

they became the ~ (Indians in East Africa)

scapegoat for California's drought
how almonds became a ~

scapegoat for America's failures
he accused Trump of making Pakistan a ~ in Afghanistan

government's scapegoat
she is the ~ for crimes committed by Epstein

made a scapegoat
he has been ~ for the failings of the Catholic Church
(Cardinal George Pell)

make Pakistan a scapegoat
the US is trying to ~ for the war in Afghanistan

chosen to be the scapegoat
he was railroaded, ~ (wrongly convicted)

use the West as a scapegoat
Moi sought to ~ for the country's troubles (Kenya)

used as a scapegoat
the company is being ~ for America's opioid crisis

♦ "Nancy Spector, in other words, was a scapegoat." ("The Scapegoat" by Helen Lewis, *The Atlantic*, November 2022. "A museum curator was forced out of her job over allegations of racism that an investigation deemed unfounded. What did her defenestration accomplish?")

♦ One goat was sacrificed. The scapegoat was driven off into the wilderness to perish with the sins of the community lying symbolically on its horns.

**oppression / punishment & recrimination / sacrifice:
animal / justice / religion**

scar (the Scar, etc.)

know the rock formation as "The Scar"
fishermen and Taku locals ~ (Jaw Point, Alaska)

geography: proper name
proper name: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars
scar (resemblance / noun)

scar on the face
the slums are a ~ of a beautiful city (Jeddah)

gaping scar
the open-pit mine has left a ~ two sq miles in size

resemblance: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars
scar (resemblance / verb)

scar the landscape
abandoned construction sites ~

**appearance / resemblance: health & medicine / mark /
verb / wounds & scars**

scar (psychologically / verb)

scarred me
the way my grandpa taught me to drive forever ~

**affliction / feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: health
& medicine / mark / verb / wounds & scars**

scar (psychological scars, etc.)

deep (psychological) scars
soldiers are coming home with ~ (from Iraq)

emotional scars
the ~ he inflicted on his children
the ~ of modern slavery run deeper than any wound

personal scars
the political mistakes and ~ that shaped Joe Biden

psychological scars
~ suffered by the orphan subjects (experiment)
the victims struggle with ~ (town lost to wildfire)

♦ "I heard yesterday that there is a military hospital hidden in the forest for the soldiers who have had their faces shot away. They apparently look so horrific that ordinary people can't even look at them. Things like that make me despair." (Elfriede Kuhr, a young German schoolgirl. From *The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter England.)

♦ "A World War One memorial to soldiers whose story has been described as an unresolved 'taboo' is set to be unveiled... / The statue is to be unveiled by descendants of some of the soldiers, at Queen Mary's Hospital in Sidcup, Kent, where many of the men were treated." ("Ending the taboo of soldiers with 'broken faces'" by Sean Coughlan, BBC, 9 November 2019.)

mental health: mark / wounds & scars
**affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine /
mark / wounds & scars**

scar (blemish / noun)

scar on the history
the Sand Creek massacre is a permanent ~ of Colorado

economic scars
the longer the recovery, the more long-lasting the ~

flaws & lack of flaws: mark / wounds & scars
scar (blemish / verb)

scar it
this report will not just injure the BBC but ~ (Lady Di)

flaws & lack of flaws: mark / verb / wounds & scars
scarred (afflicted)

scarred by a (harrowing) incident
all of us have been ~ that happened to a friend...

scarred by (childhood) rejection and abuse
an angry young man ~

scarred for life
I was ~ (traumatic incident)

emotionally scarred
if you are half as ~ as I am...

**affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine /
mark / wounds & scars**

scarred (battle-scarred, etc.)

scarred with piles
the open land around Norilsk is ~ of tailings (mines)

battle-scarred buildings
checkpoints and ~ (Middle East)

battle-scarred capital
in Mogadishu, Somalia's ~

battle-scarred country
a ~ divided among warlords (Afghanistan)

battle-scarred air base
American forces based at the ~ (Afghanistan)

flaws & lack of flaws: mark / wounds & scars

scarring

scarring experience
it was a ~ (being bullied)

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

scary (as noun)

amount of scary
the books have just the right ~ (horror for children)

feeling, emotion & effect: part of speech

scathing (adjective)

scathing editorial
in a ~, the newspaper condemned the university for...

scathing portrait
the book offers a ~ of the president

scathing report
the ~ faults Boeing for the deadly crashes

scathing testimony
he lashed out at his former boss in ~

affliction / speech: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

scattershot (adjective)

scattershot
his approach can be somewhat ~ (a historian)

scattershot approach
they have taken a ~

configuration / extent & scope / target: weapon

scavenger (noun)

scavengers show up
how quickly the ~ (contested celebrity will)

character & personality / insult: animal

scene (behind the scenes)

behind the scenes
people want to know what goes on ~
what goes on ~ isn't always known (Man U)
~, the US government twisted arms to the limit
I'm ~, I know how things work... (a boxer)

behind the scenes of the arts and sciences
BTM takes a monthly deep-dive ~

from behind the scenes
they will pull strings ~ (politicians)

working (feverishly) behind the scenes
the US is ~ (diplomacy)

♦ "The heavyweight division used to be the pinnacle of the sport but now it's little more than a travelling circus where the ring masters behind the scenes lift your wallets by putting on a clown show." (Captain Y-Fronts, on BBC's HYS about the Fury-Schwarz fight.)

♦ "People don't see the behind the scenes, the miles that you put in." (Cleveland boxer Morelle McCane about training at Glenville's Bob Davis Boxing Club. Morelle qualified for the Olympic team.)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: society / theater
concealment & lack of concealment: society / theater**

scene (come onto the scene)

came onto the scene in 2015
he first ~ with a handful of mixtapes (a dead rapper)

appearance & disappearance / attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

scent (throw somebody off the scent)

threw the Nazis off the scent with subterfuge
she ~ (saved Polish Jews)

throw the investigators off the scent
he tried to ~

throw the press off the scent
he tried to ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / smell / verb
subterfuge: hunting / smell / verb**

scent (evidence)

scent of malfeasance
he's a born bloodhound who lives to track the ~ (journalist)

evidence: smell

scepter (authority)

wave your scepter
you can't just ~ and make it so (changing a rule)

♦ "Before the *scepter* [italics mine] of climate change ever reared up..." (Oops! Confusion of the two words *specter* and *scepter*? Misreading a text? An "eggcorn"?)

♦ "...and the scepter of race actually raises its head..." ("Black, British And 'Brain Drained': Playwright Takes Charge In Baltimore," NPR, Tell Me More, February 24, 2014. Did the interviewee mean to say *specter*? Did the audio process make *specter* sound like *scepter*?)

♦ "She was greeted with a scepter, tiara and a kiss from the first runner-up, Miss U.S.A." (Miss Colombia Paulina Vega.)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: royalty / sign, signal, symbol

schism (noun)

schism between the sides
the ~ has deepened (politics)

cultural and political schism
the region's ~ (Northwest Michigan)

♦ "Better the Sultan's turban than the cardinal's hat!"

division & connection: religion

schizophrenic (adjective)

schizophrenic
the weather is ~

kind of schizophrenic
we're ~ (a musician about music scene)

schizophrenic blend
she encapsulates the ~ of exhilaration and alarm (tech)

schizophrenic issue
it's a ~, in fact (Egyptian attitude to West)

♦ The secondary definition in the OED is "with the implication of mutually contradictory or inconsistent elements." Some see this definition as hurtful to the mentally ill and would like to see it removed.

♦ "League executives admit their marketing efforts have been schizophrenic." (The Women's National Basketball Association, about fans who are "fluid," "progressive," and "eclectic," in other words, lesbian, etc.)

behavior: health & medicine / mental health

school (verb)

schooled Joshua
Usyk ~, and will do it again (boxing)

experience / knowledge & intelligence: school & education

school (experience)

school of the sea
they were tough men risen in the ~ (ship captains)

suspicious school
having been brought up in a ~, I suspected...

tough school
it's a ~, this... (Scotland beaten by Croatia / Euro 2020)

♦ "A whale-ship was my Yale College and my Harvard." (*Moby Dick* by Herman Melville.)

♦ "The Eskimos were right!" (An excited scientist in a helicopter in 1994, noticing a bow whale swimming with a group of beluga whales. This is but one example of traditional ecological knowledge.)

♦ "What we become depends on what we read after all of the professors have finished with us. The greatest university of all is a collection of books." (Thomas Carlyle.)

♦ "Fredrick August Wilson walked out of his Pittsburgh high school at fifteen when a teacher suggested that his term paper on Napoleon was too good to have been written by a black kid. Afraid to tell his mother he'd quit school, he got up every morning and went to the library instead, later graduating to the rough-and-tumble bars and restaurants of the Hill, the down-on-its-heels black neighborhood where he grew up and most of his plays are set." (Bob Mondello's wonderful tribute to the great American playwright on NPR's All Things Considered, October 3, 2005.)

♦ "A friend of mine, who was deported to the women's Camp of Ravensbruck, says that the camp was her university. I think I can say the same thing, that is, by living and then writing about and pondering those events, I have learned many things about man and the world." ("Postscript: The Author's Answers to His Readers' Questions" by Primo Levi.)

♦ "Ability has no school." (Turkey.)

♦ "Time teaches more than books." (*Po but siklos bersentar sar lilentar* / Roma.)

♦ Life is the best education."

♦ see also *university (experience)*

ability & lack of ability / experience / knowledge & intelligence: school & education

schooled

schooled (at an early age) on how
he was ~ to be a drug dealer

schooled for twelve rounds
he was ~ and nearly KO'd (a boxer)

schooled by Usyk
AJ got ~ twice (boxing)

outclassed and schooled
he was ~ (Oleksandr Usyk beats Anthony Joshua / boxing)

got schooled
AJ ~ in his own yard (by Usyk, in London / boxing)

♦ "Dennis Rodman just went to Larry Bird University for a term." (Snarky commentary during a 1986 NBA game.)

experience / knowledge & intelligence: school & education

science (as verb)

science a solution
the goal was to ~ to...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: part of speech

science (not rocket science)

not rocket science
heat, drought, it's ~ (resultant wildfires)

♦ "ban guns and sort our your mental health support for young people, it's not rocket science" (An online British commenter about the latest U.S. school shooting.)

♦ "He's not a rocket surgeon." (A comment about an athlete's intelligence. Heard on the sports radio show the Sportsocracy. Conflates "rocket scientist" and "brain surgeon." Funny!)

language: sarcasm

analysis, interpretation & explanation / knowledge & intelligence: rocket

scintilla (scintilla of doubt, etc.)

scintilla of evidence
there is not a ~ against him

scintilla of merit
there is not a ~ in this claim (of a jailhouse snitch)

♦ This is from the Latin for a spark.

amount: fire / light & dark

scintillating (adjective)

scintillating performance
she gave a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect / superlative: light & dark
character & personality: light & dark**

scissor (verb)

scissoring up and down
we were ~ (plane maneuvers defensively to avoid collision)

movement / resemblance: blade / verb

scissor (resemblance)

scissor kick
his 94th-minute ~ sent the game to penalties (soccer)

movement / resemblance: blade

scissor (genetic scissors, etc.)

Crispr-Cas9 genetic scissors
their discovery, known as ~

creation & transformation: blade / tools & technology

sclerotic (adjective)

sclerotic bureaucracy
businessmen must deal with a ~
the tech company and Ukraine's ~ (Palantir)

sclerotic culture
she campaigned to change the ~ of Sacramento (election)

sclerotic (judicial) system
the ~ is in need of reform

sclerotic, authoritarian
it is not the only country with a ~ political system

unthinking and sclerotic
they rebelled against ~ traditionalism (filmmakers)

condition & status: health & medicine

scold (verb)

scolded the White House press corps for behaving
she sometimes ~ like her children (Sarah Sanders)

accusation & criticism: family / verb

scold (person)

moral scold
he became a ~ (Bill Cosby)

character & personality / judgment / speech: person

scorched-earth (and scorched earth)

scorched-earth approach
what they see as his ~ (a federal prosecutor)

scorched-earth attacks
voters want answers to their questions, not ~ (politics)

scorched-earth campaign
Theranos continued its ~ against my sources (*Bad Blood*)
he waged a ~ to convince other investors... (Bill Ackman)

scorched-earth offensive
this ~ that we saw from the president (attacks his critics)

scorched-earth politics
republicans have adopted his slash-and-burn, ~

scorched-earth pursuit
the senator's ~ of communists (Joe McCarthy)

♦ According to William Safire's book, *Lend Me Your Ears: Great Speeches in History*, this term was first used in the Sino-Japanese war during the 1930s. From his introduction to "Stalin Commands the Soviet Peoples to Scorch the Earth Being Taken by Hitler's Troops.")

♦ "At the time, the Allied command appeared to have been very little disturbed by this barbarism. It was said the Germans were simply pursuing the 'scorched-earth' policy they had developed in Russia, where everything which might conceivably have been of any use to the Russian Army was destroyed, and the civilian population—rendered homeless and destitute—was deliberately converted into a living obstacle in the path of the advancing Russian troops. Presumably because our brass hats considered the scorched-earth policy a legitimate military tactic, the atrocities inflicted on the Italian peasants in the Sangro mountains rated no more than a few casual and non-condemnatory references even in the official military histories written after the war..." (*And No Birds Sang* by the great Canadian writer Farley Mowat. Italy. World War II.)

♦ "Fiercely the red sun descending / Burned his way along the heavens / Set the sky on fire behind him / As war parties when retreating / Burn the prairies on their war trails." (William Wadsworth Longfellow. Quoted from memory.)

♦ "Scorched earth" has been a feature of warfare since the beginning of mankind, and, like "scalping," or any other atrocity anyone can think of, cannot be related to any particular time, place, or race.

conflict / destruction: military / fire

scorching (adjective)

scorching (final) scene
in the play's ~, she unleashes a torrent of fury at...

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation / temperature

score (settle a score, etc.)

score
you're gonna pay, 'cause I'm the one who's keepin' ~

settle scores
there are worries that people may try to ~

♦ *Score refers to an account or a bill.*

revenge: money / verb

scorecard (noun)

Police Scorecard
the research organization ~ Project

culture, diversity and inclusion scorecard
in 2016 the company began using a ~ (hiring)

judgment: baseball / sports & games

scorpion (HMS Scorpion, etc.)

Scorpion
Drake releases his double album, "~"

Scorpion police unit

Memphis's ~ (Street Crimes Operation to Restore Peace...)

scorpions in a bottle

the justices were known as "nine ~" (US Supreme Court)

HMS *Scorpion*

there have been a number of ~s

♦ Traditional medicine and psychiatry may relate to black magic, the evil eye, an evil spirit, a ghost, magic, muti, sorcery, a spell, voodoo, or witchcraft. In Chad and the Sudan, a hijab is a pouch of goatskin or cowhide containing verses of the Qur'an. Traditionally in the desert, hijabs guard a child against the evil eye and protect against scorpions. A vehicle may be adorned with hijabs. Practitioners of traditional medicine include the inyanga, medicine man, sangoma, shaman, sorcerer, traditional healer, witch, witch doctor, and yerbero.

♦ "Scorpions can survive a year between feedings; some scorpions never drink; scorpions kill over 5,000 people a year; there are over 1,500 species of scorpions worldwide; there are lethal snakes and ants, softball-sized spiders, scorpions, centipedes, giant beetles and disease-bearing ticks (in Kandahar, Afghanistan); poisonous snakes, scorpions, and spiders are common in all deserts; a twelve-year-old West Virginia girl was stung by a scorpion while picking up a seedless watermelon at Wal-Mart (the shipment came from Mexico)... (Things said or written about scorpions.)

♦ "Tuareg mothers put a dab of scorpion poison on their nipples when they are breastfeeding as a form of vaccine for their babies." (Mark Eveleigh.)

♦ "At Ras Al Gar, the U.S. Marines would pit scorpion against scorpion in a hole in the sand and bet on which scorpion would win." (Operation Desert Shield, the Gulf War.)

character & personality: animal / predation

identity & nature: animal / predation

proper name: animal / predation

military: animal / predation / proper name

scour (verb)

scoured the shops for antiques

they ~

scoured the Earth for (rare) fruit

Bill Whitman ~ (collector)

scoured the area for hours

search teams ~ (Delphi Indiana murders)

scoured the Web

crazed fans ~ ("Blair Witch Project")

scoured his computer

police ~

scoured the neighborhood

more cops ~

scoured (all) the records

the new team ~ in the case (prosecution)

scoured 46,332 sq miles

the search ~ of sea floor (for MH370)

scoured the streets and homeless shelters

officers ~ but could find no trace of him

searching & discovery: rubbing & washing / verb

scoured

scoured by whirlwinds

a scorched moonscape ~ of ash (wildfire)

scoured by wind

the land is ~ and baked by sun

resemblance: rubbing & washing

scourge (noun)

scourge of (mass) incarceration

the ~ rips apart poor communities

scourge of (violent) jihad

the ~ has not gone away

scourge of racism

we thought the ~ was a distant memory (soccer)

scourge of the Resistance

Klaus Barbie was the ~

scourge of (modern) technology

car wrecks are a great ~ (Fast & Furious films)

scourge in the black communities

crack cocaine was a ~

self-appointed scourge

he is now a ~ of victimhood and outrage (a writer)

blessings as well as its scourges

celebrity's ~

♦ "He was celebrated as a scourge of Nazis, Communists, and subversives." ("When J. Edgar Hoover Was a National Hero" by Jack Goldsmith, *The Atlantic*, December 2022.)

affliction: violence / whip

scout (noun)

boy scouts

the ~ are shining paragons of American boyhood

sports scouts

~ are heavily travelled savants who value young players

talent scout

a ~ asked them to come to Las Vegas

♦ The scout / snipers serve as the eyes and ears of the battalion commander.

♦ "Scout Snipers The Grim Reaper Confirmed kills [number obscured by a soldier]" (The backdrop to a group photo in front of a sniper tent, An Hoi, Vietnam. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is called the American War.)

searching & discovery: military / person

scout (verb)

scout blind drops

please ~ (memorial to kayaker Edward Lee Green)

scout for talent

he came to Bosnia to ~ (KSM / terrorist)

searching & discovery: military / verb

scramble (verb)

scramble to get

I had to ~ some money

scrambled (this week) to prevent
attorneys ~ the public release of recorded statements

scrambling to provide
the government is ~ additional security (Olympics)

scrambling to put
negotiators have been ~ the talks back together

scrambling to salvage
they are ~ the treaty (diplomacy)

scrambling to stop
health officials are ~ the spread of the virus (measles)

scrambled for his (political) survival
he has ~ this week (ethics problems)

**activity / difficulty, easiness & effort / haste: movement /
verb / walking, running & jumping
movement: verb / walking running & jumping**

scramble (disrupt)

scrambled the lives
he has ~ of everyone in the news business (president)

scrambled their plans
the impeachment trial has ~ (politicians)

disruption: mixture / verb

scrap (verb)

scrapped (nearly all of) the changes
he has ~ (of the previous regime)

scrapped the idea
the team ~ of...

scrapped (NASA's) plan
the administration has ~ to return to the moon

scrap its plan
the government must ~ to restart the nuclear reactors

scrap that strategy
they should ~ and try something different

scrapped the (color-coded) system
the Obama administration ~ (terrorism alerts)

dismissal, removal & resignation: manufacturing / verb

scrap (noun)

scraps of the (old) economy
young people should fight over the remaining ~

scraps of morale
hunger destroyed whatever ~ may have been left (convicts)

amount: food & drink

scrape (verb)

scrape 500,000 members' private details
the flaw allowed hackers to ~

**computer / dismissal, removal & resignation / searching &
discovery / taking & removing: blade / knife / verb**

scrape by (verb)

scraping by
farmers are just ~

survival, persistence & endurance: blade / knife / verb

scraped

scraped from the internet
LAION 5B contains billions of images that have been ~

**computer / dismissal, removal & resignation / searching &
discovery / taking & removing: blade / knife**

scrapped

scrapped by the governor
the project was ~

project was scrapped
the ~

program will be scrapped
he believes the ~ later this year (State Dept.)

tour was scrapped
the ~ (music)

want them scrapped
Americans oppose the bills and ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: manufacturing

scratch (scratch and claw, etc.)

scratch and claw for the maximum
she is going to ~ she can get (politics)

**behavior / conflict / difficulty, easiness & effort: animal /
verb**

scratch (record scratch)

record-scratch effect
her close relationship to her sources did have a ~

♦ This refers the feeling you would have if you were listening to a song on a turntable and the needle abruptly ripped across a record. It is a sound effect used in films.

♦ There is a wonderful "record scratch" moment at My Cousin Vinny (What If I were To Kick The Ever Loving Shit Out Of You)

feeling, emotion & effect: film & TV / sound

sound: film & TV

scream (verb)

whine, scream and cry
the Democrats ~ crocodile tears for the child victims (guns)

conflict: sound / verb

scream (scream "premium," etc.)

scream (out to the young people) that
this sentence will ~ you can't drive drunk (prison)

scream “adventure”
the off-road capability of their cars ~ (Jeep Wrangler)

screamed money laundering
from law enforcement’s point of view, bitcoin ~

scream maturity
what we saw in Houston doesn’t ~ to me (NBA)

screamed the front page
“Raheem shoots himself in foot” ~ of the *Sun* newspaper

scream ‘premium’
if there are scratches on the tin, that doesn’t ~ (paint)

screams “Rob me”
the carry case ~ (Apple AirPods Max)

scream Washington
at first glance the restaurant doesn’t ~ (Compass Rose)

screams David v Goliath
if there’s one tie that ~, this is it (Falkirk v Rangers)

♦ “The effect is trashy, hollering sexual availability... (Young American girls who wear short shorts, or Daisy Dukes.)

♦ Fashion that suggests rather than shouts. (Females.)

♦ “I just love the idea that you can listen to a body and it’s screaming at you. In this case Ganymede’s screaming, ‘I have my own magnetic field!’ That’s a very special tale...” (Scott Bolton, the principal investigator for the Juno Mission, about the moon revolving around Jupiter. The sounds are “data converted to audio, so we could all hear it.” From “What does a moon sound like,” NPR, Morning Edition, Dec. 24, 2021.)

♦ see also *cry* (verb)

evidence / fictive communication: speech / verb

scream (scream for action, etc.)

screaming for action
the public is ~ now (Australia / fires / climate change)

screamed (out) for an activist investor
it is a situation that ~ (tennis reform)

scream and holler and carry on
people manufacture outrage and ~ like there’s no tomorrow

conflict: sound / verb

screen (split screen)

split screen
South shore is a ~ (rich / poor)

split screen of conduct
it’s a ~ that is required (manufacturing hygiene in India)

split-screen day
this was really a ~ in the US Senate (2 important events)

split-screen messaging
there was some ~ (cooperation vs. unilateralism)

split-screen moment
dueling televised town halls, a ~ (rival politicians)

split-screen reality
he lived in this ~ all the time (adoration / vilification)

chilling split screen
it was a ~ (president addresses nation / street protests)

worse split screen
I can’t imagine a ~ (9/11 pile / Osama escapes Tora Bora)

series of split screens
Trump is hoping to set up a ~ (during impeachment trial)

♦ “The World Trade Center pile of debris was literally still smoking on December 12th, 2001, which is the day Bin Laden escaped from Tora Bora. It’s also the same day that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld was getting briefed about the future Iraq war plans by the Pentagon, and to me that sort of speaks for itself... The split screen on 9/11 (in 2021) will be the Taliban you know taking over chunks of Afghanistan using American military equipment that they’ve seized, and reading the names of the victims at the World Trade Center site, and I can’t imagine a worse split screen, but I think that is likely what we will see.” (The fine journalist Peter Bergen. From “Osama Bin Laden Biography Goes Inside Al-Qaida Leader’s Final Hideout,” NPR, Fresh Air, with Dave Davies.)

♦ “And here is a split screen 20 years later... (Video of Bush in 2001 announcing attacks in Afghanistan and Biden announcing US exit from Afghanistan in 2021.)

♦ “It’s like a split screen, Scott. Israelis and Palestinians are not looking at the same thing.” (NPR’s beloved Eleanor Beardsley reporting on the Israel-Hamas war from Tel Aviv. For decades, she has been known for her wonderful reportage from *France*.)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion / comparison & contrast:
film & TV**

screw (tighten / loosen the screws)

loosen the screws
if we ~ on restrictions the economy will return (pandemic)

tighten the screws
as Trump sought to ~, Bezos... (*The Washington Post*)

tightened the screws
the judge ~ and... (sentence)

pressure: tools & technology / verb

coercion & motivation: pressure / tools & technology / verb

screw up (verb)

screwed up
I ~

failure, accident & impairment: tools & technology / verb

script (to script)

exactly to script
things haven’t gone ~ (a boxer’s career)

gone (exactly) to script
things haven’t ~ (a boxer’s career)

sticks to script
White House ~ (diplomacy)

♦ “This is an American crime story that follows what sadly feels like a familiar script. Woman goes missing, husband gets in front of a camera, makes an emotional plea for her return, and that husband is arrested for her murder. This has now happened in the case of...” (“Husband of missing Colorado mom arrested nearly one year after her disappearance,” ABC.)

♦ “The same formula again and again. I want to post pictures of myself in bathing suits. When I get criticized I’ll say I want to do it for others and for body positivity. When I get criticized for that, I will show sadness that the world doesn’t support mental health and I’m a victim, and finally I’ll get

praised for being so brave for living my own truth." (Bob Loblaw. A BBC HYS comment about "SI Swim model Natalie Mariduena wants to 'be an example' of 'body normalcy'" by Stephanie Nolasco, August 20, 2022.)

♦ "Will Smith is executing a pretty standard and frankly effective return to the public. You know, he'd been keeping out of media, but with Emancipation's release, he appeared for a high-profile interview in a friendly venue, he talked over the scandal last week with Daily Show host Trevor Noah, who admitted that he's Smith's friend, and then he hit the red carpet and a few other friendly media outlets, and he emphasized how he hopes that audiences disregard the scandal for the sake of his co-workers. And that's kind of a common strategy for big-name celebrities in trouble, you disappear for a while, you talk over the controversy with a friendly interviewer, and then you return to public events and kind of act as if this situation is mostly behind you..." ("How celebrities work their way back into the spotlight after scandals," NPR, All Things Considered, December 5, 2022. With Eric Deggans.)

♦ "Instead, the Jan. 6 hearings were meticulously choreographed... Unlike typical congressional hearings, these would have a script. 'Every word was intentional,' one senior staff member recalled. 'Nothing was spontaneous.'" ("Inside the Jan. 6 Committee" by Robert Draper and Luke Broadwater, *The New York Times Magazine*, January 1, 2023.)

♦ "That pattern is initially denying there is a problem, sometimes making misleading or obfuscating statements, and making life difficult for those investigating the issue. Only when external findings eventually show wrongdoing or ineffectiveness by the Met, is there finally an admission of failings. This is usually accompanied by announcements of new actions which the Met claim address the problems and present as if they are fully implemented and effective. / Another part of the pattern is an acceptance of failings only in respect of individual officers, who are termed 'bad apples.' They are seen as distinct from the majority of officers, who do their jobs well and with integrity." (Baroness Casey Review.)

♦ "Same old story—beat some minnows, nation gets hysterical, lose to the first decent team you meet." (A sour commenter about English World Cup soccer.)

♦ "The story delves deep into what Bret sees as the performance of everyday life; the way everything is a narrative, a 'pantomime,' a 'script.'" ("Bret Easton Ellis' first novel in more than a decade, 'The Shards,' is worth the wait" by Gabino Iglesias, NPR, Review, Books, January 19, 2023.)

development / script: theater

script (off script, etc.)

flipping the script

older gymnasts are ~ (gymnasts are usually girls)

go off script

they are so good when they ~ (two quarterbacks)

development / disruption / script: theater

scrub (remove)

scrub campuses clean

some want to ~ of words, ideas, and subjects that might cause discomfort

scrub the video off the internet

he tried to ~

scrub a computer

they made a plan to ~ (criminal investigation)

scrub the record

can you imagine Clinton after impeachment trying to ~

scrub your criminal record

state agencies can ~ (expungements, sealing records)

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb

dismissal, removal & resignation: hygiene / verb

scrubbed

scrubbed in the hours after the fatal raid
his social media accounts were already ~

scrubbed from the firm's website

the ex-employee's page was ~ and later wiped from Google

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene
dismissal, removal & resignation: hygiene

scrum (reporters)

scrum of reporters

we were surrounded by a huge ~

media scrums

court hearings, ~...

sidewalk scrum

during a ~ with reporters, he was asked why... (politician)

♦ A press gaggle is similar.

♦ "Finally, has the well run dry for South Africa? They were exhausted against England and didn't have any energy but by the skin of their teeth they found something in the scrum to pull off the win. Can they do it again? It'll be absolutely fascinating." (Excitement about the 2023 Rugby World Cup final.)

♦ Give blood, play rugby; Rugby players eat their dead; Trample the weak, hurdle the dead, play rugby... (Rugby bumper stickers.)

behavior / group, set & collection: sports & games

activity / resemblance: sports & games

scum (insult)

scum

you people are just as much garbage as this ~ (TMZ)

wash the scum off the streets

we need to ~ (criminals, etc.)

some day a real rain will come and ~ (film *Taxi Driver*)

♦ Incel; breeding weak men by design; literally retarded; coward; a soft dribbly mouth little mess; brain dead; scum; scumbag; soyboy trash; POS; narcissistic little prick; airhead; typical Reddit user; loser; everything that's wrong with society social media generation; piece of garbage; disgrace to Canadians... (And on and on and on... An internet dragging.)

♦ Domenico Montanaro: "And I never quite heard at a debate another candidate call another fellow colleague 'scum,' and that's what Nikki Haley did, and it was really kind of surprising to hear... / Leila Fadel: So some fireworks there..." (Heard on NPR.)

insult / violence / worth & lack of worth: hygiene

scupper (verb)

scupper all chances

that might ~ of getting peace talks going again

scuppered the deal

that's what ~ the last time

scuppered plans

his loss to Parker ~ for their big showdown (AJ vs. Wilder)

scuppered her (future) prospects

staff and students ~ (Morgan Bettinger / UVA)

scupper the (current) recovery

the Federal Reserve does not want to ~

♦ "Extremists will do all they can to scupper the idea."

destruction: boat / sea / verb

scuppered

scuppered

the deal was ~

efforts to pass the Law of the Sea Treaty are always ~

scuppered by Wenner

previous attempts at this book were ~ (a biography)

destruction: boat / sea

scuttle (verb)

scuttled an agreement

she headed off a dispute that nearly ~ (diplomacy)

scuttled her plans

she ~ to become a teacher

scuttled its economics program

the university ~

scuttled the talks

no side wishes to appear to have ~

♦ "Indian unity by British rule will swiftly perish... The great ship is sinking in the calm sea. Those who should have devoted their utmost efforts to keep her afloat have instead opened the sea-cocks." (Winston Churchill in a speech in 1946.)

♦ On November 27, 1942, the French scuttled the French fleet in Toulon as the Germans attempted to seize it. Three battleships, 7 cruisers, 15 destroyers, and 12 submarines were sunk. Sea valves were opened, also, demolition charges were set off. The German military was disappointed they hadn't been able to seize the ships intact, but Hitler was pleased because the fleet was destroyed and could not be used against the Axis. The captains of a few ships were able to sail them to the Allies.

♦ On the 21st of June, 1919, German sailors scuttled the interned German High Seas Fleet in Scapa Flow. Arguably, It was the greatest loss of shipping in a single day in world history. Fifty-two of the 74 ships went to the bottom.

♦ "ANNELIESE ESSBERGER – intercepted by the USS MILWAUKEE and scuttled while outbound November 21, 1942, at ØØ-54 N. 22-34 W."

destruction: boat / sea / verb

scuttled

scuttled by the governor

the project was ~

scuttled show

the musical was a last-minute replacement for a ~

deal was scuttled

the ~ (politics)

plan was (later) scuttled

the ~ was (government)

destruction: boat / sea

Scylla and Charybdis

Scylla of blandness and the Charybdis of confrontation

like most shows of this ilk, it toggles between the ~

Scylla of negativity and the Charybdis of cheerleading

how to steer between the ~ (literary criticism, etc.)

Scylla and Charybdis of Yiddish on the one hand

Hebrew, under threat from the ~ and European languages...

lexicographer's Scylla and Charybdis

the dictionary steers a sound middle course between the ~

(prescription vs. description)

between "Scylla and Charybdis"

their proposals are an unnecessary choice ~ (Greek crisis)

♦ "The dangerous straits through which the Waldeck-Rousseau ministry was obliged to pass were hit off in a cartoon appearing in the *Humoristische Blätter* of Berlin, entitled 'Between Scylla and Charybdis.' On one side of the narrow waterway a treacherous rock shows the yawning jaws of the Army. On the other side, equally hideous and threatening, gleam the sharpened teeth of the face typifying the Dreyfus Party. Waldeck-Rousseau, appreciating the choppiness of the sea and the dangerous rocks, calls to his gallant crew: 'Forward, dear friends, look neither to the right nor to the left, and we will win through at last.'" (*The History Of The Nineteenth Century In Caricature* by Arthur Bartlett Maurice and Frederic Taber Cooper, Profusely Illustrated, London, Grant Richards, 1904.)

alternatives & choices: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

danger: allusion / boat / Iliad & Odyssey / sea

sea (in a sea)

in a sea of (armed) chaos

Somaliland is an island of stability ~

in a (rising) sea of (moral) pollution

they saw themselves as a small archipelago of decency ~

in a sea of sexism

we existed ~ (Poppy Northcutt of NASA)

in a sea of viruses

we are swimming ~ (bacteria, viruses, etc.)

in a sea of woes

a school flailing ~ (title of article)

♦ "It's an old tactic of insurgencies in asymmetric warfare, to hide away, and swim in the sea of the people." (A comment about the Israel-Hamas war. Negative. The war relates to a "Fortified Region." The civilians are human shields.)

environment: sea / water

sea (environment)

sea

it is the ~ we all swim in (the Internet and regulation)

♦ "We all swam in the same lake, more or less..." (A comment about media back in the day, when United States citizens got the national and international news from ABC, NBC, or CBS on television, and the country was more unified.)

environment: sea / water

sea (at sea)

at sea

policy makers are ~

direction: boat / sea

sea (amount)

sea of clouds

I saw a ~ extending miles and miles (fire tower)

sea of data

the testing mandates had generated a ~ (education)

sea of debt

a ~ threatens to drown the dreams of a generation

sea of (unfamiliar) faces

all I saw was a ~

sea of humanity

the pilgrims formed a ~ (Hajj)

sea of (rights) issues

the turbulent ~ (copyright)

sea of merchandise

there's a ~ (department store)

sea of people

as far as I could see was a ~ (state funeral)

sea of pilgrims

a seemingly endless ~ (Hajj)

sea of protesters

a ~ were waving Socialist party flags (Albania)

sea of red

the stands were a ~ (Seoul World Cup stadium)

seas of squalor

islands of prosperity within great ~ (Bombay, etc.)

sea of thoughts

he says his mind is a muddled ~

sea of unknowns

the oil spill has created a ~

sea of candles and flowers

a ~ (public memorial to terrorist victims)

sea of (Japanese) flags and signs

the stands were a ~ (baseball)

sea of (2,000 mostly) Hispanic students

this ~ (school)

sea of red ink

keep it from crashing in a ~

♦ "Where had it come from? Had it rained down or sprung from within the earth? Did the townsfolk of al-Hadra, al-Rawdha and the dozens of other places behind the hills know that all this water was here? Why was it here instead of in other places where people needed it? The rainwater and well water were sweet and drinkable, if at times a little brackish, but how had the seawater become so salty and bitter that no one could possibly drink it? How long would it be here—where was it going?" (Bedouins from the interior of the Arabian Peninsula seeing the sea for the first time. From *Cities of Salt* by Abdelrahman Munif.)

amount: sea

sea (sea of sand, etc.)

sea of mud

everywhere is a ~ (after a tsunami)

sea of sand

their way was blocked by an impassible ~ (desert)

dune sea

the great ~s called ergs in Arabic (Sahara)

sand sea

the Eastern Erg, a ~ covering 120,000 square miles

♦ A sea of sand (the Sahara Desert), a Sahara of snow (Antarctica)...

resemblance: sea

sea legs

fame sea legs

a 19-year-old man finding his ~ (Lil Nas X)

experience: boat / walking, running & jumping

equilibrium & stability: walking, runny & jumping

seal of approval

seal of approval

he gave me that grin of his, and that was his ~

mob's seal of approval

a kiss on the cheek was the ~

sign, signal, symbol: royalty

judgment / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sign,

signal, symbol

seam (burst at the seams)

bursting at the seams

a nearby campground is ~

size: clothing & accessories

seamless (adjective)

seamless service

the company delivers ~ to its customers

seamless teamwork

~ can be a potent weapon (epidemiology)

division & connection: cloth

flaws & lack of flaws: cloth

seamlessly

seamlessly

they work together ~

division & connection: cloth

search (for truth, cure, etc.)

search for answers

the ~ should start with...

turning to a spiritual path in their ~

search for a cure

the ~ for autism

search for evidence

the ~ of childhood abuse

search for fulfillment
 their ~ goes unrewarded (quarterlifer crisis)

search for identity
 his adolescence was marked by a painful ~ (racial)

searching for a better life
 they were all ~ (migrants to L.A. in 1904)

search for thrills
 the ~ can kill (Chilko River rafting disaster)

search for the truth
 in the unrelenting ~

search for safety and perfection
 all the gear was overhauled ad altered in the restless ~

unrelenting search
 in the ~ for the truth

spiritual search
 he began a ~ that took him to...

searching & discovery: hunting

search (digital strip search, etc.)

digital strip-searches
 critics are unhappy over ~ (cop requests for smartphones)
 ~ of victims are unnecessary and violate victims' rights

searching & discovery: clothing & accessories

computer: clothing & accessories

seared

seared into my consciousness
 that period of time was ~ (divorce of her parents)

seared in the Japanese consciousness
 Hiroshima and Nagasaki are ~

seared into the national consciousness
 their names are ~ (names of World War I battles)

seared in my mind
 that's a moment that is ~ forever (disaster)

seared in her memory
 her rape is ~

remain seared
 the images ~ in our collective memory (9/11)

impression: fire / mark / sensation

searing (adjective)

searing attack
 he launched into a ~ on the Republicans (politics)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation

season (life)

season of our life
 in each ~, there are certain tasks which must be accomplished

seasons of our lives
 as the seasons turn, so do the ~ turn

harvest season
 he has a sense that this is his "~" (lifetime awards)

going through a season
 we are ~ right now but we will come out of it (hope of change)

♦ "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.)

death & life / development / time: season

season (hunting)

season in Alaska
 the commercial fishing ~

9-day (deer) season
 the ~ is a huge event

bow season
 the start of ~

deer season
 the ~ is a huge event (in Wisconsin and Minnesota)

quail season
 during the ~ they hunted together

fishing season
 for the term of a ~

hunting season
 imposing strict ~s and bag limits (Texas)
 wear brightly colored clothing during ~

honey-hunting season
 during the ~...

squirrel-hunting season
 ~ opens this month

open season
 see *open season* (noun)

♦ *The Deer Hunter, Enemy at the Gates...* (Great films about the military that compare and contrast the killing of animals to the killing of humans. *Deliverance* does the same.)

time: season

season (sports)

season ticket
 he's a huge fan and a ~ holder (basketball)

climbing season
 this has been one of the mildest ~s in memory (Everest)

racine season
 a month before the new ~ would begin (Winston Cup)

basketball season
 this will be her final ~

hockey season
 the ~ lasts until the end of June

ski season

high hopes for a strong ~ (weather)

♦ Pre-season; early-season; late-season; post-season; off-season...

time: season

season (public health)

flu season

~ runs from December to April

~ normally peaks in January

predict the extent and severity of this year's ~

this ~ will be much worse than in the past

hay-fever season

many people wear masks during ~ (Tokyo)

malaria season

the ~ is just starting

♦ "In winter there was typhus and in summer dysentery... the alcohol was suitable for preparing tincture of quinine, which was used in the treatment of typhus when it reappeared at the onset of the cold weather." (Dr. Zhivago by Boris Pasternak, from the section "The Forest Brotherhood.")

♦ "In 1647 yellow fever appeared in Barbados, where some 5,000 people died of 'a new distemper.' From that date on, it regularly visited the ports and cities of the Americas during the summer months—from Quebec in the north to Rio de Janeiro in the south... European ports—including Lisbon in Portugal, St Nazaire in France and Swansea in Wales—also suffered visitations of yellow fever." (*Disease, The Extraordinary Stories Behind History's Deadliest Killers* by Mary Dobson.)

time: season

season (agriculture)

growing season

the lack of rainfall during past ~s

harvesting season

late July and early August is date ~ in Iraq

picking season

at the height of the various ~s

planting season

~ is just around the corner

when times got lean as the ~ approached (CAR / Africa)

plowing season

during the ~

harvest season

since the ~ began in early October (olives / Palestine)

strawberry and blueberry season

the ~ in Michigan

♦ "It is 'Spargelzeit' (asparagus season) in Germany. / There will be wooden huts at thousands of road junctions selling nothing but white asparagus. Every restaurant offers its own specials of asparagus... / There is asparagus soup, asparagus sausage. I have had ham with asparagus embedded in it. Asparagus ice cream is not unknown. / And, or so I am informed by a keen-nosed friend, no toilet at a concert will now be free of the smell that asparagus imparts... / There will be asparagus festivals. Spargel Queens will be crowned, with crowns made of asparagus... The joy is not the food itself, but the idea of seasonality. / The food comes, you eat lots of it, you get a bit tired of it, and then it goes promptly on 24 June...when the industry determines that enough is enough and the stalks of the old have to be hacked ready for the next season. / Who knows what the mixture of phallic symbolism and fertile soil means in the German psyche. All I know is that to eat asparagus is

to partake of the country itself." ("Asparagus, royalty and the joys of seasonal eating," by Stephen Evans, BBC, 21 April 2012.)

time: season

season (animals, insects, etc.)

breeding season

the 5-month-long ~ (ostriches congregate / Kalahari)

calving season

the ~ is just beginning (Colorado cattle, in January)

the ~, from now to early April (Colorado cows)

lambing season

during the six-month ~

mating season

October through November is the deer ~

spawning season

during the ~ (walleye)

swarming season

in termite country during ~

locust season

the ~ usually runs from November through May (in Saudi)

mosquito season

there are no plans to spray because it's late in the ~

snake season

~ starts early (snakes end winter dormancy / Australia)

migratory season

November 4, at the height of the ~ (birds through NYC)

♦ "Radar shows swarms of mayflies over Lake Erie" by Mike Gauntner, WFMJ-TV, June 24th 2022.

time: season

season (natural events)

avalanche season

one of the deadliest ~s on record...

fire season

the worst ~ in 30 years (wildfires)

the nation's worst ~ in more than a decade

we have a forecast out for the entire ~ (wildfires)

hurricane season

the long ~ of 1999

Tropical Storm Alex, the first named storm of the Atlantic ~

the Atlantic ~ officially runs from June 1 to Nov. 30

monsoon season

the South Asian ~ runs from June to September (India, etc.)

flooding is common during Myanmar's ~

Myanmar's ~ starts in late May

snow season

the end of summer and the onset of a new ~

tornado season

generally speaking, the ~ tends to be in the spring

dry season

watering holes during the ~
the wildebeest move west at the end of the ~ (Serengeti)
next year's ~ (Brazilian Amazon)
storing water for use in the ~ (the Everglades)
old trails are visible in the ~, but not the wet season (salt)
in Vanuatu, May to October is the ~

rainy season

the ~ extends from November to May (Serengeti)
after the ~, people repair and resurface mud walls (Djenne)
the bird population of the Crater increases during the ~
in the ~ they are cut off by impassable roads (Dos Rios)
when the ~ arrives in June (Niger)

♦ The annual rains are a blessing and a curse for the subcontinent.
(Flooding in India and Bangladesh.)

♦ "During the rainy season, the Tonle Sap Lake covers nearly 1/5 of Cambodia."

♦ "Take a boat ride up the muddy brown Tonle Sap River and almost all the houses you pass are on stilts, 10 feet high or more. For the monsoon brings flooding. Big floods. At the height of the rainy season, from the air, it seems as if the entire country is underwater. Few here seem to mind, in fact for most the seasonal flooding of the Mekong Basin is a blessing, not a curse." (Cambodia.)

♦ "Concepts like *tornado alley* and *tornado season* no longer apply."
(Climate change, and the worry that tornado alley is getting wider.)

time: season

season (other)

cockfighting season

New Mexico's ~ starts in December and lasts through July

marching season

the annual Protestant (Northern Ireland)

college admissions season

the most competitive ~ ever...

Christmas season

retailers make up to 75% of profits during the ~

fashion seasons

between ~

holiday season

the ~ (Thanksgiving to New Year's)

Halloween season

amusement parks are cashing in on the ~

pilgrimage season

mid-May is the high point of the ~ (Darchen / Mt. Kailas)

prom season

the month of May means ~ (high schools)

tourist season

the height of the summer ~

travel season

Thanksgiving marks the final ~ of the year
this is peak summer ~ (tourism)

TV season

the most talked-about show of the new ~

time: season

seasoned (experienced)

seasoned

I'm ~, I've seen a lot of things, but not like this (cop)

seasoned actor

she is a ~

seasoned doctors

~ are likely to be resistant to coaching

seasoned executive

the company needs a ~ with a proven track record

seasoned investigator

he is a ~ who specializes in cleaning house (government)

seasoned (tax) lawyers

even ~ are confounded by the new rules

seasoned observers

the speed of the Taliban takeover startled even ~ (2021)

seasoned (showbiz) pro

Jimmy Kimmel is a ~ (2024 Oscars)

seasoned professional

she is a ~

seasoned (diplomatic) troubleshooter

he is a ~ (dispatched by president to Egypt)

seasoned and sensible

he is a ~ traveler

young but seasoned

he is ~ (city lobbyist at state capital)

♦ Good firewood has gone through at least four seasons.

experience: season

seat (front seat)

front seat

I have had a ~ to many profound events

front seat to history

it's such a privilege, you have a ~ (Cokie Roberts)

proximity: theater

seat (front-row seat)

front-row seat

as the weather gets weirder, we in Alaska have a ~

front-row seat to the revolution

he had a ~ (a journalist)

front-row seat to the tornado

they had a ~ (storm chasers)

had a front-row seat

he ~ to her surprise loss (advisor to Clinton / 2016)

proximity: theater

seat (in the driver's seat)

in the driver's seat

- he continues to be ~ going forward (politician)
- the smaller parties are ~ (German election)
- he is ~ in terms of the conversation going forward (politics)

in the driving seat

- I'm ~, take it or leave it (terms of contract)

firmly in the driver's seat

- hip-hop and streetwear are ~ (fashion industry)

puts you in the driver's seat

- a good credit score ~

♦ "Now, with a Republican administration in control of Washington, Strauss was in the driver's seat, and his right foot was pressing his political accelerator to the floor." (*American Prometheus: The Triumph And Tragedy Of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.)

♦ "One insider said she and her new leadership group have taken the 'keys to the car' and turned ABC's climate of asking questions into a 'culture of fear.'" (ABC News.)

♦ "It's definitely nice to be back in the driver's seat."

control & lack of control / driving force: engine

seatbelt (fasten your seatbelt / ironic)

fasten your seatbelts

- firebrand* comes from—*fire* and *brand* (a stick)

readiness & preparedness: mechanism

second-class (adjective)

second-class citizen

- comedy has always been a ~ (in films, versus drama)

hierarchy / superiority & inferiority: ticket

second coming (of Steve Jobs, etc.)

second coming of Leonard Bernstein

- the ~ he is not (Alex Ross about Gustavo Dudamel)

second coming of Steve Jobs

- her all-consuming quest to be the ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

representation: religion

secret (secret world, etc.)

secret life

- see *life* (*secret life*, *secret lives*)

secret history

- see *history* (*secret history*)

Secret Language

- The ~ of Snow* (by Terry Tempest Williams / kids' book)

secret war

- ~s tend not to be so secret where they are taking place

secret world

- the ~ of childhood (Eskil Vogt / *The Innocents*)

Secret World

he's curating an exhibition, "The ~ of Elephants" (museum)

♦ "Secret wars tend not to be so secret in the country where they take place."

♦ "What you see here, what you do here, what you hear here, when you leave here, let it stay here." (Los Alamos and the Manhattan Project.)

concealment & lack of concealment: earth & world

seduce (verb)

seduce patrons (of the arts) into parting

- he hoped to ~ with some money (backers' audition)

seduce Hollywood

- the film has gone on to ~ since being unveiled at Cannes

pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / sex / verb

seduced

seduced by him

- authors were often ~ at first but then became disenchanted

seduced by Hollywood

- some novelists, like Fitzgerald, are ~

seduced by the French Revolution

- Byron, Heine, Goethe, Hegel and Beethoven were all ~

seduced by the siren song

- they've been ~ "college for everyone"

attraction & repulsion / pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / sex

seductive (adjective)

seductive spokesman

- he is a ~ for a new brand of youthful defiance (Han Han)

seductive theory

- it's a ~

sounded seductive

- the pitch has ~ (for an educational fad)

attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / sex

see (a date can see something, etc.)

saw over 250 climbers

- 23 May ~ try to summit (Mount Everest)

fictive meeting & seeing: eye / verb

see (fictive)

seen

- this is some of the hottest air we have ~ in half a decade

see from him

- what do you want to ~ (what do you want him to do)

seeing a reverse brain drain

- the US is ~ as foreign students go home

see fees

- consumers ~ everywhere (phone, credit cards, hotels)

see more responsible government
we are beginning to ~ (Indonesia)

seen an increase
the library has ~ in attendance at spoken-word events

seen (angry) protests
Bolivia has ~ by the country's indigenous majority

seen the return
the west has ~ of the wolf (US / relocation programs)

seen a series
the last few years have ~ of political upheavals (England)

seen a 100 degree temperature
New York City has not ~ in seven years

seen (a series of political) upheavals
the last few years have ~ (England)

saw Basques ambush
the battle ~ a part of Charlemagne's army

saw the Scandinavians eliminated
her goal ~ by the same team that...

fictive meeting & seeing: eye / verb

see (we see you, we hear you, etc.)

see *see you* (*hear you, love you, etc.*)

see (visit / meet)

sees him (maybe) once a month
his biological father ~

see a doctor
he had to pay \$95 to ~ (immigrant)
I advise you to ~

saw a neurologist
she ~, who diagnosed traumatic brain injury with...

see the (patient's) nurse
please ~ to obtain a mask (hospital)

see you around
I'll ~

came to see
thousands ~ Willy Nelson (concert)

advise you to see
I ~ a doctor

place to see
the mall, for many teens, is a ~ and be seen

social interaction: eye / verb

see (refer to)

see www.nlm.nih.gov / research
a draft version is available, ~

See Instructions
~ (product)

reference: eye / verb

see (see action, etc.)

saw action
she last ~ Jan. 8 against Arizona (basketball)

see combat
he never expected to ~ (young soldier)

saw combat
the B-2 stealth bomber first ~ in the air war over Kosovo

see the world
in his early 20's he set off to ~
I wanted to ~...

see a great fight
win or lose, you're going to ~ (with boxer Arturo Gatti)

expected to see
he never expected to ~ combat (young soldier)

a lot to see
there is quite ~ within the underwater caves here

set off to see
in his early 20's he ~ the world

♦ "We know a thing or two because we've *seen* a thing or two." (The tagline for a cute series of ads by Farmers Insurance.)

♦ "I'm just *seeing* a small piece of this elephant." (A reporter reporting on extensive wildfires on the west coast.)

experience: eye / verb

see (comprehension)

see
you'll ~...
I ~ (understand)

see your point
I ~ and it's a good one

see for yourself
you'll ~ how you can save (ad for store)

see the potential
don't you ~ for disaster here

sees it as (maybe) the next big thing
Silicon Valley ~ (BeReal vs Instagram)

comprehension & incomprehension: eye / verb

see (see something coming)

saw it coming
I never ~
they never ~
nobody ~ (boy arrested)
we were caught flatfooted, we never ~ (Uber's success)

saw this coming
well, who ~ (Saudi Arabia 2-Argentina 1 / World Cup)

see it coming
he didn't ~ (heart attack)
it's a proper shock, I didn't ~ (the suicide of a friend)

see his release from the New England Patriots coming
he didn't ~ (the great Cam Newton)

♦ "He dipped down, he looked low, and he threw the right hand over...Ogawa didn't see it coming." (The Welsh boxer Joe Cordina vs. Kenichi Ogawa.)

♦ "Such a tragedy. They will think this was their victory so this will become an American war. And the end will be the same... except for the numbers who will die before we get there." (Lt. Col. Nguyen Huu An, on the inability of the NLF to overrun Hal Moore's troops in the Ia Drang Valley in 1965, from the 2002 film, *We Were Soldiers*.)

♦ "Who didn't see this coming" (An online comment to "NJ transgender woman transferred from women's only prison after impregnating 2 inmates, report says" by Stephen Sorace, Fox News, July 17, 2022.)

♦ "I never see anything coming, that's why I don't do any gambling." (A sports commentator when asked, about a sports upset, "Did you see that one coming?")

♦ "Five members of the Communist Workers Party, participating in a 'Death to the Klan' rally in Greensboro, North Carolina, were shot to death by a group of Klansmen and neo-Nazis." (The Greensboro massacre, 1979.)

♦ Steve Irwin died from the barb of a stingray to his chest while filming a series called "Ocean's Deadliest."

♦ Shrek: My father was an ogre. He tried to eat me. I should have seen it coming.

♦ You don't play with snakes and not expect to get bitten.

**consciousness & awareness / development / fate, fortune
& chance / future / time: eye / direction / movement / verb
see (future)**

see

we'll just have to ~ (what will happen)
but we don't know what the court will do, we'll ~
when you think about your future, what do you ~

see beyond the next election
many politicians can barely ~

saw the future
he ~ and he set out to build it (Jeff Bezos, Amazon)

remains to be seen
it ~ if he can weather the storm (a politician)
he claims he will win, but that ~
it ~, and we just don't know yet, it's too early

future / time: eye / verb

see (perceive)

see Tutsi as (foreign) interlopers
many Congolese ~ (eastern Congo)

see the collapse on the horizon
we can ~ (a resumption of ethnic strife)

sees himself as an ambassador
he ~ for his sport (Tito Ortiz)

see it as a (good) excuse
some ~ not to go to the office (snowfall in London)

seen themselves as the gatekeepers
book publishers have long ~ of literary culture

see immigration as an (invisible) invasion
people ~ (Europe)

saw the Germans as liberators
many Siberian gulags ~ (W. W. II)

see themselves as members
many Congolese Tutsi ~ of a vulnerable minority

see boxing as a ticket
many Indian girls ~ to a middle-class life (India)

see themselves as the victims
Shiites always ~ (said by a US diplomat / Iraq)

see themselves through this male gaze
women are starting to ~ (as sex victims / TV and films)

see the world from a different perspective
people who ~ (autism)

see eye to eye
I don't ~ with my new boss

sees fit
he is determined to live as he ~ (a Native American)

see the best
~ in others (wise advice)

see nothing wrong
many ~ with it

see choice
patients ~ as both a blessing and a burden

saw himself
what mattered was how he ~ (identity)

see us
as others ~, five views of Britain from the rest of the world

see any hope
Palestinians don't ~ in the plan

see it
there's another world out there, you just can't ~

see warmth
the thermal-imaging camera can ~ through walls (cops)

saw different things
people ~ (televised hearings)

continue to see
we ~ strong job growth

hard to see
progress may be slow and ~ (nursing / rehabilitation)

♦ "The more money farmers can get for what they grow, the more likely they see deer damage as a problem." (Sofi Gratas paraphrasing Charlie Killmaster, deer biologist for the state of Georgia. The number of deer is stable and in north Georgia is actually declining, due to habitat change and more bears and coyotes. And yet, farmer requests for deer control permits (to shoot deer) have gone up. While row-crop prices are higher, prices for seed, diesel and fertilizer are also up, which is why farmers are reluctant to invest in fencing. From "White-tailed deer can cause farmers millions of dollars worth of damage" by Sofi Gratas, NPR, Morning Edition, October 30, 2023. Wonderful reporting.)

♦ A STORY ABOUT PERCEPTION: An old man lived in a house. His hobby was woodworking. One day a new family moved into the house next to him. The family had a young boy, and the old man watched him run home from school one afternoon through his window: the boy acted

like a child, ran like a child, laughed like a child. One morning the old man went into his garage and discovered that his hammer was missing. He looked out his window that afternoon and saw the boy arrive home from school, and now the boy acted like a thief, ran like a thief, laughed like a thief, and the old man felt bitter. A month or so later, the old man found his hammer in a place where he had absent-mindedly put it. That afternoon he looked out of his house and saw the young boy return home from school. And the boy acted like a child, ran like a child, laughed like a child.

♦ "A stranger has big eyes but sees nothing." (An African proverb about traveling and travelers.)

♦ "You don't need glasses to see and analyse where the problems are."

♦ "We see nothing truly till we understand it." (John Constable, 1776-1837, about clouds.)

♦ see also *eye* (*open eyes, etc.*)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / verb

see (see through something)

see (straight) through that confidence

I ~ (one boxer talking trash about another)

saw through the (spurious) claims

he ~ of a therapy called... (autism)

seen through the spin

I think people have ~ (of powerful sex abusers)

see (right) through you

I can ~ (to real motivations)

consciousness & awareness: eye / verb

concealment & lack of concealment: eye / verb

appearance & reality: eye / verb

seed (noun)

seeds of distrust

India's 21-day war with China in 1962 sowed ~

seeds of doubt

plant the ~

seeds of rebellion

enforced potty sitting can sow the ~ (toddlers)

seeds of (sectarian) hatred

the ~ had taken root

seeds of revolt

Facebook helped to blow the ~ across the country

seeds of revolution

Nasser wanted to plant the ~ on the Arabian Peninsula

seed for that (momentous) law

the ~ was planted about 40 years earlier (Title IX)

seeds for (future) unrest

they have planted the ~ (military hangs on to power)

plant the seeds

the British helped to ~ of discord in Afghanistan

planted the seeds

he ~ that gave principals more autonomy (education)

sowing the seeds

he could be ~ of a new disaster (price controls)

sow the seeds

enforced potty sitting can ~ of rebellion (toddlers)

♦ "He planted the seed, and I'm just one of the apples that fell from the tree." (Tribute paid by a black rodeo rider to a pioneer in his sport.)

♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (An Arab proverb.)

♦ "He who sows the wind shall reap the whirlwind."

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

creation & transformation: farming & agriculture / plant

seed money

seed money

the government loans will be ~ (to new businesses)

provided seed money

tech tycoons ~ (for an AI startup)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / money /

plant

seen (perceived)

seen as modern-day people

we aren't ~ at all (a Native American)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

seen (future)

remains to be seen

it ~ if he can weather the storm (a politician)

he claims he will win, but that ~

it ~, and we just don't know yet, it's too early

future / time: eye / verb

seen (groups)

seen

when we get older, we aren't ~ (Lola Flash)

the trauma and aspiration and desire to be ~ (Blacks)

seen and heard

they felt very ~... (Oregon drug addicts)

seen, heard and loved

we want students to know they are ~ (Fulton County, GA)

Seen, Heard, and Paid

~: *The New Work Rules for the Marginalized* (book)

seen and welcomed

I want all who buy my books to feel ~

heard and seen

it's so important that they feel ~ (Trans athletes)

supported, seen and developed

programming that makes us feel ~ (minorities)

feel seen

she wants deaf viewers to ~ (deaf activist Raven Sutton)

♦ "I wanted her to feel seen." (A trans person waving a trans banner in support of a trans swimmer.)

♦ "It's so important that they feel and continue to feel undeniably heard and seen." ("Alex Morgan, Lindsey Horan on Korbin Albert social media activity: 'Disappointing and extremely, extremely sad'" by Meg Linehan, *The Athletic*, April 3, 2024.)

- ◆ “We are literally demanding to be seen.” (An actor, talking about the Oscars, nominations, awards, and people of color.)
- ◆ “I just rewatched the 1988 Christmas Special last night, and just the sheer queerness of it really jumps out. You’ve got Grace Jones and k.d. lang, and Little Richard, and if you were a weird kid, or a queer kid, or a weird queer kid, you were seeing so much weirdness and queerness on a G-rated kid’s show, and you felt seen.” (Stephen Thompson’s tribute, from “Actor Paul Reubens, who created Pee-wee Herman, dies at 70,” NPR, Morning Edition, August 1, 2023.)
- ◆ “This is not just for me, this is for every little girl that looks like me... We want to be seen. We want to be heard.” (Michelle Yeoh touting herself on Instagram for an Academy Award.)
- ◆ “I just feel like black gay ppl have to fight to be seen in this world and even when we make it to the top mfs try to pretend we are invisible.” (A Lil Nas X tweet.)
- ◆ “I would say up to the age of 25 or 26 we’re the *it* girls, right? And then after you pass over this threshold of maybe 30, 35, you’re put out to pasture. When we get older, we aren’t seen.” (Lola Flash, who uses she / her and they / them pronouns. From “Photographer Lola Flash is honored for creating images that challenge invisibility,” NPR, All Things Considered, December 14, 2021. Told by Allyson McCabe.)
- ◆ “She made Palestinians feel heard and seen.” (A tribute to Shireen Abu Akleh by her niece, Lina Abu Akleh.)
- ◆ “[Ashley] Kim concurred. ‘When I first joined the English department, I felt seen, but I also felt, Maybe I don’t belong,’ she said. She’d gone to a magnet public school in New Jersey and felt a step behind the sanguine private-school kids in knowing how to perform her interest in the classroom.” (Harvard. From “The End Of The English Major” by Nathan Heller, *The New Yorker*, March 6, 2023.)
- ◆ “There was a kind of sense of connection, communication that was almost shockingly joyous that I felt... And I felt a kind of, you know, for lack of a better word—not that I felt seen or something—but I felt connected to people, to the other actors and I felt a sense of communal effort that was really exciting to me.” (Paul Giamatti about being in plays in high school.)
- ◆ “Today, we send a message to all transgender Americans. You are loved. You are heard. You are understood. You belong. You are America...” (A White House statement marking Transgender Day of Visibility, March 31, 2024.)
- ◆ “They felt very seen and heard by people who weren’t there to judge their drug use.” (“Unhoused” drug addicts in parks, getting free safe-use supplies, safe-sex supplies, and free meals from Stabbin Wagon in Oregon, paid for by Measure 110. “Why Oregon’s groundbreaking drug decriminalization experiment is coming to an end” with David Davies and journalist E. Tammy Kim, *Fresh Air*, March 27, 2024.)
- ◆ “[N]o one is talking about “I need to be *seen*, I need to be *seen*, I need to be *seen*—look, Mommy, I can *see* myself!” They never say that... Their self-esteem is not managed by a digital world of digital managers and gatekeepers.” (The playwright Michael R. Jackson about the “normal, regular neighborhood” he grew up in in Detroit. From “The Radical Self-Awareness of Michael R. Jackson” by Thomas Chatterton Williams, *The Atlantic*, March 2024.)
- ◆ “Everybody is desperate to tell you who they are, to be seen. Which is sadly or not a reality of our species. We are all desperate to be seen or to be heard.” (The Mexican filmmaker Guillermo del Toro, talking with Terry Gross of *Fresh Air* about his film *Nightmare Alley*.)
- ◆ “Mom’s video about once being a ‘fun person’ has moms feeling seen.” (ABC.)
- ◆ “Everyone deserves to be seen as they truly are.” (A Super Bowl advertisement for Google’s Real Tone software, included on its Pixel 6 phones, with Lizzo singing a new song.)
- ◆ “Humans want to be seen and to be loved.” (A trendy screenwriter / TV producer.)
- ◆ see also *see you (hear you, love you, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

seep (verb)

seeps into (neighboring) countries
heroin ~ and then into Russia (from Afghanistan)

seeped into mainstream thinking
it ~

movement: water / verb

seer (person)

play the seer
the temptation to ~ is strong (journalism)

person: magic / religion
future / message / time: eye / magic / person / religion

seesaw (noun)

seesaw of emotions
thus began, for him, a violent ~ toward Kevin

seesaw battle
they are locked in a ~ for the strategic city

see-saw classic
they produced a ~ (Champions League soccer)

see-saw (economic) recovery
the ~

seesaw relationship
the ~ between North Korea and the US

legal seesaw
the ~ was part of a protracted battle (environment)

movement: direction / sports & games
development: direction / movement / sports & games

seethe (verb)

seething with anger
protesters are ~ (against the US)

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

see you (hear you, love you, etc.)

see you
I ~ (acknowledge you, your existence, etc.)
I ~, hear you, understand and love you (a politician)

see Black people
white people don’t ~, they look past them (Katori Hall)

see you and we hear you
Lisa and Rhali: We ~ (see quote below)

see you, respect you and love you
I ~ for who your are (Emma Watson about Trans people)

◆ “*When They See Us* transforms ‘The Central Park Five’ into individuals with names and personalities.” (Versus most of the victims in *Dahmer—Monster: The Jeffrey Dahmer Story*, according to Daniel Fienberg’s negative review of *Dahmer* in *The Hollywood Reporter*, September 22, 2022. *When they see us* refers to Ava DuVernay’s documentary.)

◆ “I wrote it at a time when I didn’t know what I was going to do with my life, I didn’t know how I was going to move forward, I felt unseen, I felt unheard, I felt misunderstood... (Michael R. Jackson, who has a BFA and MFA from the Tisch School of the Arts, about his musical *A Strange Loop*, which won Best Book and Best Musical at the 2022 Tonys.)

♦ “And for readers like me, who can relate to the experience of being a non-binary gestational parent, who are so used to being erased and invisible from conversations around families and parenting, the book looks us dead in the eye and says, unflinchingly: I see you. I am you.” (“Labeled ‘Mother’ When Not A Mother At All: On Being A Non-Binary Gestational Parent” by Britni De La Cretaz, NPR, Review, June 15, 2021. Britni de la Cretaz is a “freelance writer whose work sits at the intersection of sports, gender, culture, and queerness,” according to their Website, which is not secure. They describe themselves as an older millennial. See “The woman who refused to have sex...” by Erica Tempesta for *Dailymail*, 10 December 2015.)

♦ “To all trans people who deal with harassment, self-loathing, abuse and the threat of violence every day: I see you. I love you and I will do everything I can to change this world for the better.” (“Oscar Nominee Elliot Page Announces He Is Transgender” by Dustin Jones, an intern on NPR’s News Desk.)

♦ “We’ve been silenced and misrepresented. And so, any time you get an opportunity to tell your truth, you are pushing back against so many lies and falsehoods...And being an artist and in demanding that the world just looks at you, you oddly are being an activist.” (Katori Hall.)

♦ “How do I become something I don’t see?” From this simple question, The Delta Project was born. The Delta Project exists to break the generational cycle of incarceration by reconnecting youth of color and their families to community relationships through mentorship, coaching and storytelling. Help young men see what they can become. Take action. thedeltaproject.co/action. (A full-page advertisement for The Delta Project in *The Atlantic*.)

♦ “I just want the people of Florida to know. We see what you’re going through and we’re with you. We’re going to do everything we can for you.” (President Joe Biden after Hurricane Ian.)

♦ “No matter where you are in your journey, I see you, we see you, and we celebrate you—Happy Pride!” (Karine Jean-Pierre.)

♦ “This is a day that Minnesota says, ‘Bring your authentic self. You’ll be seen, heard, valued and loved in this state, and we want you to be whoever you are.’ We see you, we hear you, and we will make sure you are in a safe place to be who you are.” (Gov. Tim Walz.)

♦ “I want my trans followers to know that I and so many other people around the world see you, respect you and love you for who you are.” (Emma Watson, of the Harry Potter films.)

♦ “Lisa and Rhali: We see you and we hear you.” (Football Australia (FA) chief executive James Johnson, responding to their accusations of “women protecting women who abuse women,” presumably lesbians. From “Lisa De Vanna’s allegations highlight tensions in Australia’s complex [italics mine] football culture” by Samantha Lewis, ABC Australia, Analysis, Sport, 18 Oct 2021.)

♦ “We see you. We have always seen you. We have watched you pretend not to see us...” (“We See You, White American Theater” at weseeyouwat.com/statement. Fifteen accusatory paragraphs begin with “We have watched you...” and end with “We see you.” A clever redirection of the trope. #WESEYOU. NPR’s Andrew Limbong referenced the “We see you White American Theater” movement in “Working in theater is a grind. But it doesn’t have to be,” NPR Morning Edition, October 5, 2022.)

♦ “Let’s face it, America is getting bigger, and women want to see themselves instead of the image of what society says they should be.” (Plus-size model Ashley Graham.)

♦ “[N]o one is talking about “I need to be *seen*, I need to be *seen*, I need to be *seen*—look, Mommy, I can see myself!” They never say that... Their self-esteem is not managed by a digital world of digital managers and gatekeepers.” (The playwright Michael R. Jackson about the “normal, regular neighborhood” he grew up in in Detroit. From “The Radical Self-Awareness of Michael R. Jackson” by Thomas Chatterton Williams, *The Atlantic*, March 2024.)

♦ “to everyone showing up to @Minions in suits: we see you and we love you.” (Universal Pictures @UniversalPics.)

♦ “Bud Light maker CEO tells customers, ‘We hear you,’ but doesn’t apologize as sales tank.” (The Dylan Mulvaney marketing fiasco.)

♦ “we ‘Heard’ you, now just go away.” (A Johnny Depp supporter and online commenter during the Amber Heard-Johnny Depp trial.)

♦ see also *seen* (groups)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

seismic (adjective)

seismic

the impact would be ~ (educational reform)

seismic change

the results are a ~ for Irish politics (nationalists win)

seismic impact

this will have a ~ in the world of athletics (doping bans)

seismic news

this is ~ in the world of sports business (Nike change)

seismic shift

increased female enrollments portends a ~ (education)

we need a ~ in the way maternity care is provided

seismic (life) shift

his ~ (from entertainment to farming)

seismic win

Japan are praised for their ~ against Ireland (Rugby)

terrific Scotland stun Spain in ~

constitutionally seismic

their relationship was ~ (Wallis Simpson and King)

historic and seismic

the coalition government marks a ~ shift (Britain)

♦ “This is seismic.” (Mark Chapman, BBC Radio 5 Live presenter, on Saudi Arabia 2-Argentina 1 at the FIFA World Cup in Qatar. Mashallah! Another commentator said, “Saudi Arabi’s victory was off the Richter scale.”)

♦ “Just as behind the apparently fixed contours of a landscape lie great historic shifts and upheavals in the earth, so behind the seeming permanence of a social order lie the past struggles of classes and other groups negotiating for advantage.” (*The Social Transformation of American Medicine* by Paul Starr.)

amount & effect / extent & scope: earthquake

seismically

shifted seismically

power has ~ (Liverpool vs. Manchester United)

amount & effect / extent & scope: earthquake

seize (verb)

seized Dirac

this idea ~ (Paul Dirac / that math was beautiful)

seized hold

a militant consensus ~ of the Austrians (1914)

seized it

with the title within their grasp, Boston ~ (NBA / 1984)

seized me

the story really ~ (an author / camels in US)

seize the moment

he has failed to ~ (a politician and economic problems)

Congress must ~ to legalize... (Democratic politics)

seize the reins

he will probably ~ (football player for a position)

he was seized by a ~ of lurking danger

fictive possession / possession: hand / verb
taking & removing: hand / verb
seized (by an emotion)

seized by a (gut) feeling
 he was ~ of lurking danger

feeling, emotion & effect: hand
fictive possession / possession: hand
taking & removing: hand
self (self-love, etc.)

self-soothes
 she ~ her dark thoughts with therapeutic optimism

self-coined
 author and ~ “Financial Hype Woman” Berna Anat

self-interested
 she is semi-hip to her own ~ motives

Self-Made
 ~: *Curating Our Identities* (by Tara Isabella Burton)

self-titled
 she has released a new ~ album

self-affirming
 it’s ~ bop (Lizzo featuring SZA, “Special”)

self-acceptance
 finding ~ and embracing his changing body (vitiligo)
 she spoke with Laila Fadel about the process of ~ (NPR)
 it’s a radical form of ~ and self-expression (“naked” look)

self-awareness
 how journaling can improve ~

self-care
 see *self-care (and self care)*

self-confidence
 replace anxiety with ~ (a guide)
 self-connection

self-criticism
 she grew up full of insecurities and ~s (actor Geena Davis)
 you notice you’re caught in a cycle of ~

self-discovery
 the book spins a tale of racism and ~

self-doubt
 five more tips on how to ~
 expressions of loneliness and ~ (music)

self-esteem
 all this “zooming” has hurt her ~ (pandemic)

self-exploration
 if ~ is new, be curious and give it time (masturbation)

self-expression
 advocacy and ~ (chalk art and children)

it’s a radical form of self-acceptance and ~ (the “naked” look)

self-forgiveness
 the album reflects on loss, addiction, and ~

self-fulfillment
 two writers building careers and ~ through food

self-help
 a ~ influencer for men

self-honor
 Jessie Montgomery, composing from a place of ~ (Black)

self-image
 her ~ warps and contorts as she struggles to figure out...
 substance abuse and ~

self-judgment
 feel better with less ~ this year!

self-love
 Meghan Trainor rediscovers her ~ as a new mom
 mindfulness exercises on ~, growth and healing

self-optimization
 the future of human ~ (biohacks to live centuries)
 our culture of ~ (a criticism)

self-ownership
 discovering ~ helped her break free from The Family

self-reflection
 ‘CHAOS NOW*’ is an exercise in empathy and ~

self-talk
 tips on quashing negative ~
 how to curb negative ~

self-worth
 a meditation on ~ and healing (a book)

self-referential
 his ~ new novel

athletic self
 her right to fully realize her ~ was now was law (1972)

authentic self
 see *self (authentic self, authentic selves)*

best self
 see *self (best self, best selves, better self)*

true self
 see *self (true self and true selves)*

vulnerable self
 I was my true self but I couldn’t be my most ~ (Carli Lloyd)

whole self
 bring your ~ to work (office poster / pandering)

version of oneself
 see *self (best version of oneself)*

♦ “The embracing arms represent self-love, protection and adoration, not objectification.” (Beyonce’s illusion bodysuit by Loewe.)

♦ “Goodman is Black, queer, non-binary... Their new book, “You Gotta Be You,” is “an ode to shaking off the expectations of others and tossing out the boxes that society nudges us all into. And above all, it asks every person to consider this question—who would I be if society never got its hands on me?” (“Brandon Kyle Goodman embraces their authentic self in new book,” Ailsa Chang, NPR, All Things Considered, September 27, 2022.)

♦ “Her right to fully realize her athletic self now was law.” (In 1972. From “Title IX revolutionized female athletics but advocates say it’s been a constant fight” by Tom Goldman, NPR, Morning Edition, June 23, 2022. Using contempo-speak to describe historical events is a form of presentism.)

♦ ““Bring your whole self to work,’ the office posters say...” (When corporations echo cliches...)

♦ ““Sex Cult Nun’ says discovering self-ownership helped her break free from The Family,” NPR, Fresh Air with Terry Gross, December 21, 2021.

♦ “Why is this happening? [Young people determining that certain people are ‘toxic,’ even family members.] Maybe young people have been inspired by the impermanence and infinite choice baked into online dating and social media. Maybe our brains have been pickled in wellness culture and ‘self-care’ rhetoric, which stress the need to privilege our own well-being above all else. Or maybe we’re just good American capitalists, encouraged by the cult of individualism to think of ourselves as compelling brands, the main characters of cinematic star vehicles, the centers of the universe.” (“That’s It. You’re Dead To Me. Suddenly everyone is ‘toxic’” by Kaitlyn Tiffany, *The Atlantic*, September, 2022.)

contempo-speak: affix

self (authentic self, authentic selves)

authentic self

bring your ~, you’ll be seen heard, valued, loved (gay)
to finally love who I am enough to pursue my ~
she’s not really sure how to harness her full, ~
Kim experiences what life is like as his ~ (a boy)

authentic selves

I want spaces in sport for trans athletes to be their ~
when kids are able to be their ~ (reactions to trans kids)

my authentic self

to finally love who I am enough to pursue ~

his authentic self

Kim experiences what life is like as ~

our true authentic selves

spaces where we can flourish and be ~ (a Black teen)

their authentic selves

I want spaces in sport for trans athletes to be ~

your authentic self

bring your ~

full, authentic self

be your ~
she’s not really sure how to harness her ~

true, authentic self

never be afraid or ashamed or have any fear to be your ~

true authentic selves

spaces where we can flourish and be our ~ (a Black teen)

happy and authentic and our true selves

we transition to be ~ (a trans woman athlete)

brought her very authentic self to work

she was somebody who ~ (committed suicide)

compete as my authentic self

it was such an amazing experience to ~ (Lia Thomas)

do the sport (I love) as my authentic self

I can continue to ~ (a trans woman college swimmer)

embraces their authentic self

Brandon Kyle Goodman ~ in new book (NPR)

living as her authentic self

she is finally living as her ~ (transgender)

live as our authentic selves

more LGBTQ folks can come out and ~

♦ “I want spaces in sport for trans athletes to be their authentic selves and compete at the highest level, and know they are loved and that they belong there.” (Chris Mosier, about transgender athletes at the Tokyo Olympics.)

♦ “Everyone should be able to feel safe and be their true authentic selves.” (An announcement by the Australian “Socceroos” prior to the Soccer World Cup in Qatar, in support of LGBTQ.)

♦ “This is a day that Minnesota says, ‘Bring your authentic self. You’ll be seen, heard, valued and loved in this state, and we want you to be whoever you are.’ We see you, we hear you, and we will make sure you are in a safe place to be who you are.” (Gov. Tim Walz.)

♦ “Starting today, no matter how you identify, you can express your authentic self on Tinder. We haven’t had the right tools to serve our diverse community in the past but that changes today.” (A Tinder announcement.)

♦ “Thank you for creating a safer space for current and future athletes to unequivocally be themselves.” (Nastia Liukin, thanking Simon Biles on Instagram.)

♦ “FLETCHER is unapologetically herself.” (The queer Cari Fletcher.)

♦ “Heather has a BS in Psychology and an MS in Criminal Forensic Studies. She aims to use her gifts, talents, experiences, education, and authentic self to help others feel empowered to live as their authentic selves. She wants to normalize mental health struggles and addiction, and let people know that they are not alone. There is help and support just around the corner.” (An advertising circular at a public library.)

♦ “I’m buzzing. He gets to live his truth and his authentic self.” (Thomas Beattie about Jake Daniels.)

♦ “Every time I met him he seemed he was his best self and he encouraged me to be my best self.” (A tribute to Jonathan R. Sugarman, who died on Everest.)

♦ “I was a journalist for 20 years and I can spot marketing rigmarole and a contrived script. You have to be your crude, authentic self to attract your audience.” (Azadeh Williams of AZK Media, quoted in an article about LinkedIn and its “new emotional tone.”)

♦ “But the reality is, who we are is not one true self and a bunch of other fake selves, but rather a composite of many selves.” (Chris Stedman, Interview Highlights. From “‘IRL’ Author Says It’s OK That We’re Spending So Much Of Our Lives Online” by Noel King, Ryan Benk, NPR, Author Interviews, Morning Edition, December 7, 2020.)

♦ “The fact of the matter is, there’s never one authentic self. There are always multiple authentic selves.” (Author and scholar Mark Anthony Neal. From “‘Thugs don’t dance’: iLoveMakonnen and Drake tested rap’s norms of masculinity, but only one passed,” NPR, Louder Than A Riot Season Two, May 4, 2023.)

♦ “Warm Weather, Warmer Welcomes. Welcome to a place that lets you be your true self. From family fun to indulgent date nights, turn with the tide and go where adventure takes you. Find your wave and more in Miami Beach at MBFindYourWave.com. Find Your Wave. Miami Beach. (A full page advertisement in *The New Yorker*, May 15, 2023. It shows a happy, smiling Black family relaxing on a beach.)

♦ “You be you, Daddy.”

♦ “You do you, I do me.”

♦ In the old days, someone might simply have counseled another, “Don’t worry. Be yourself.”

♦ “Get over yourself.”

♦ see also *authentic (groups)*, *authentically (live authentically, etc.)*, *authenticity (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation / epistemology

self (best self, best selves, better self)

best self

- feel your ~ (mental health program for 1st graders)
- he encouraged me to be my ~
- my roller derby mates wanted to see me become my ~

best selves

- climbing brings us closer to our ~ (mountains)

better selves

- speak to our ~ (Vice President Kamala Harris)

♦ "Before (roller) derby, I knew I was on the spectrum of queer and pansexual, but I didn't have the language or support until I met my derby mates who genuinely wanted to see me become my best self. My derby league was the first place I asked people to use they/them pronouns for me." (Lauren Macadaeg, who identifies as they/them.)

♦ "Every time I met him he seemed he was his best self and he encouraged me to be my best self." (A tribute to Jonathan R. Sugarman, who died on Everest.)

♦ "The devil's half of the bargain was that Siegfried & Roy could become the grandest version of themselves only by surrounding themselves with the instruments of their potential destruction." (From "The Original Tiger Kings: The Improbable Rise And Savage Fall Of Siegfried & Roy" by Chris Jones and Michael J. Mooney, *The Atlantic*, November 2022. Roy was famously mauled by the tiger he and Siegfried called Mantecore.)

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contempo-speak: affix

self (best version of oneself)

best version of myself

- I feel like the ~ when I have a crush on someone

best version of yourself

- they make you feel like the ~ (your friends)

grandest version of themselves

- they could only become the ~ by...

worst or best version of yourself

- as you age, you either become the ~ (comic Steve Martin)

become the best version

- I help young people ~ of themselves...
- you're trying to ~ of yourself that exists (Olympics)

♦ "I love coaching. I do. It's something that I'm passionate about. It brings me joy. And I love helping young people reach their potential and become the best version of themselves. I'm gifted to do that..." (Brian Flores, who filed a class action lawsuit against the NFL for racial discrimination.)

♦ "I feel like the best version of myself when I have a crush on someone, or when I'm hanging out with a bunch of people who have never been to LA before. I'm like..." (Phoebe Bridgers.)

♦ "I've been brought up to never take anything for granted and to always be the best Simone—the best version of myself." (Simone Biles, speaking to *Glamour*.)

contempo-speak: affix

self (true self and true selves)

true self

- Shangela reflects on embracing your ~ (drag queen)
- Chan's own journey with coming out and embracing his ~
- your ability to participate as your ~ online (queers)
- welcome to a place that lets you be your ~ (Miami Beach)
- I am so in love right now with my ~ (PornHub)
- "Busty bride convinced to show her ~" (XNXX.COM)

true selves

- they can't bring their ~ to their careers (Brown people)
- marriage inequality and people not living their ~ (the past)

true, authentic self

- never be afraid or ashamed or have any fear to be your ~

true authentic selves

- spaces where we can flourish and be our ~ (a Black teen)

happy and authentic and our true selves

- we transition to be ~ (a trans woman athlete)

bring their true selves to their careers

- they feel like they can't ~

♦ "Hill's commitment was to presenting the truest version of herself, not appealing to commercial interests." (The singer Lauryn Hill. The article quotes her as saying, "Fantasy is what people want, but reality is what they need." From "Screenland" by Jenn Pelly, *The New York Times Magazine*, 5.14.23.)

♦ "I was my true self but I couldn't be my most vulnerable self." (Female soccer legend Carli Lloyd looking back on her career.)

♦ "I've talked to people in the conservative party, brown people, who say that, you know, they feel like they can't bring their true selves to their careers." (Sathnam Sanghera, author of *Empireland*.)

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inclusion & exclusion: affirmation / epistemology

self-care (and self care)

self-care

- ~ can be really hard (girlfriend of FTM trans)

Real Self-Care

- ~: *Bubble Baths, Cleanses and Crystals Not Included*

practice self-care

- how do you ~ as an activist...

♦ "A conversation I think we've had recently but also a lot is like self-care." (A young woman in a relationship with a FTM trans.)

♦ Self-care is often the obverse of self-harm. Self-harming is a problem afflicting a small but perhaps growing minority in the US, and self-harming is being exported from the US to the rest of the world via the internet.

♦ “A ‘fierce queen’ named ‘128 Grazer’ has been crowned the fattest bear of all Katmai National Park in Alaska.” (“This is how a mama bear won Fat Bear Week, Katmai National Park officials say” by Julia Jacobo, ABC News, October 12, 2023. “Since releasing her cubs, Grazer was able to focus on self-care and getting fat.”)

♦ see also *mental wellbeing* (and mental well-being), *mental health* (noun), *mental wellness* (noun), *welfare* (mental, etc.), *wellbeing* (noun), *wellness* (noun)

mental health: euphemism / health & medicine

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

self-destructive (adjective)

self-destructive behaviour

he is known for his ~ (celebrity)

self-destructive tendencies

his ~ have resurfaced

self-destructive habit

most addicts want to kick their ~

behavior / character & personality: explosion / ruins

destruction: explosion / ruins

sell (promote)

sell his (immigration) bill to the public

a trip to ~ (President Bush)

sells women an ideal

the fashion industry also ~ of beauty (thinness)

sell yourself

you have to ~ (job interviewing)

selling himself as a dealmaker

he's ~ who can take on President Trump (Joe Biden)

♦ “This ‘active shooter’ BS is something that Mr. Binger is trying to sell you people.” (The Kyle Rittenhouse case.)

♦ “If you believe that, I’ve got a bridge to sell you.” (Con men, gullible people and even New York monuments like the Brooklyn Bridge. *Caveat emptor!* Merriam-Webster dates that phrase to 1523 and defines it as, “Let the buyer beware.”)

♦ Pssst! Hey, buddy. I can sell you a three-legged racehorse. Cheap!

message: money / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: money / verb

sell out (verb)

selling out to big energy

environmentalists say federal officials are ~ (drilling)

sold out for the money

he was a great actor, but he ~ (films)

sold out his (progressive) ideals

he has ~

sold out its members

some say the union has ~ (contract)

sell out Black people

did he ~ (coach Deion Sanders / HBCU to PWI)

allegiance, support & betrayal: money / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: money / verb

seminal (adjective)

seminal album

her ~ “Back to Black” (Amy Winehouse)

seminal (Silicon Valley) companies

other ~ (Google, Hewlett-Packard, Apple, etc.)

seminal moment

the bikini’s ~ came in the Bond film, *Dr No*

~s in TV history and Black history (Bill Cosby)

seminal one

it wasn’t just a striking effect, but a ~ (prosthetic makeup)

seminal (animal rights) tract

he read *Animal Liberation*, the ~ (by Peter Singer)

seminal works

~ to go on show (sculptures by Henry Moore, etc.)

creation & transformation / importance & significance:

birth

send (emotion or effect)

sent her into a tailspin

the news ~ (light sentence for her stalker)

sent a chill through the academic world

the sentences ~ (arrests)

send a shiver through Congress

the news will likely ~ (Senators sick from coronavirus)

sent a jolt of anxiety around the city

the murder ~

sent (racial) tensions to a boiling point

his death ~ (Amadou Diallo, shot by police)

sent shock waves through French politics

the poll ~ (strength of right)

sent shock waves through the American psyche

Tet ~ (Vietnam War)

feeling, emotion & effect: movement / verb

send (transport)

send the Americans to the dustbin

the Afghans will ~ of history

sent the game to penalties

his 94th-minute scissor kick ~ (soccer)

fictive transportation: verb

send (transmit)

send (mixed) messages

schools ~ about cheating

sent mixed signals

his lawyer has ~ (about what his client might do)

send the wrong message to kids

the ads ~ (that thin is good)

send messages through their body language
people ~

transmission: verb

send (cause to move)

sent up a plume of dust
a rockslide ~

sent up (huge) plumes of smoke
the military air strikes ~

send up toxic plumes
bombing chemical sites could ~

sent streams of lava down the mountain
the volcano ~

sent sand and litter (high) into the air
a monster dust devil ~

sent a wall of water downstream
the dam failure ~

fictive transportation: verb

sensitive (feelings)

so sensitive
don't be ~

♦ "Viewer discretion is advised, especially for young children and sensitive viewers." (Carlos Nieves, Assistant Commissioner, Public Information Division, New York City Police Department, about video of a suicide by cop in the 52nd Precinct.)

♦ "Warning. Please be aware that this video contains sensitive material that might be offensive or disturbing to certain viewers." (A porn video.)

character & personality: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sensitive (adjective)

sensitive to their concerns
we must be ~ (diplomacy)

sensitive issue
this is a ~ in Israel

inclusion & exclusion: mental health

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sensitivity (noun)

sensitivities of our country
his social-media posts contradict the ~ (Turkey)

sensitivity readers
"~" steer the author away from stereotypes and cliches

"sensitivity" training
maybe we all need some ~

heightened racial sensitivity
at a time of ~ (BlackLivesMatter, etc.)

regime of sensitivity
the birth of the modern ~

***** analysis**

♦ "That was the birth of the modern regime of sensitivity, the age of 'Can't we all just get along?'" (From "Maybe We All Need Some 'Sensitivity' Training" by Geoff Nunberg, Opinion, NPR, Fresh Air, September 7, 2010. Nunberg is *always* interesting.)

inclusion & exclusion: mental health

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sentence (life sentence)

permanent life sentence
there can't be a ~ on someone who does something wrong

judgment / punishment & recrimination: justice

sentinel (noun)

sentinels of environmental quality
birds are ~

sentinel disease
she calls it a "~" in the era of climate change (CKDu)

warning: military / person

sequel (prequel, etc.)

fivequel
there is some gonzo humour to this ~ (*Scream* 2022)

prequel
"Sopranos" ~ gives Tony a backstory

requel
a "~", a reboot-slash-sequel... (the film *Scream* 2022)

"side-quel"
director Angus MacLane called the film a ~ to the franchise (Buzz Lightyear)

three-quel
what's your favorite "~," and which ones bombed (2007)

♦ Merriam-Webster lists 1958 for the use of *prequel*. *Sequel* is much older.

♦ "In an era of sequels, prequels, reboots, and franchises-within-franchises..." (Aisha Harris, Pop Culture Happy Hour.)

♦ "Sequels are also sort of doomed." (A novelist talking about his "sophomore" effort, or second book. "Never as good as the first.")

sequence: affix

Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)

Serengeti of the North
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, often referred to as the ~

♦ "The Atchafalaya Basin is a swampy wilderness that is to crawfish what the Serengeti is to lions." (Calvin Trillin.)

**biodiversity, nature & life: epithet / place
comparison & contrast / geography: epithet**

sermon (message)

subject of his sermon
the sinister power of TV is the ~ (the film *Network*)

message: Bible / religion / speech

servant (help)

servant

fear is my ~ (Jost Kobusch, Everest West Ridge in winter)

servants

hold the church accountable for the actions of its ~

servants to us

fossil fuels are enormous ~

civil servants

54% of ~ come to work late (Saudi Arabia)

public servant

he is a ~ in the Russian Forestry Service

help & assistance / work & duty: person

servant (dominated)

servants of foreigners

he made Mexicans the ~ (Porfirio Diaz / revolution)

servant of the Kremlin

he is a ~ and not the Ukrainian people (politics)

servant of private power, wealth, and the corporations

he's a very loyal ~ (politics)

servant to anyone

we are sovereign and independent and won't be a ~

obedient servant

his intelligence was now merely the ~ of his emotions

♦ "We will be your friend, not your slave." (Imran Khan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, to the United States.)

dominance & submission / superiority & inferiority: person

serve up (verb)

served up another helping

she ~ of her trademark word salad (U.S. Vice President)

serve up red meat

politicians ~ to true believers (a convention)

serves up anti-Obama rhetoric

he ~ every night (a news host)

consumption / supplying: food & drink / verb

set (skill set)

skill set (was perfect) for that show

his ~ (S.N.L.)

bring a skillset

women ~ (CIA)

group, set & collection: tools & technology

set back (verb)

set back women by more than 100 years

the ruling has ~ (abortion)

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement /
journeys & trips / verb

setback (progress)

setback

a ~ in their frustrating hunt for the sniper (D.C. area)

setbacks

he has had some ~

she knows her ~ will soon be in the rear-view mirror

handed (its first major) setback

the terrorist group was ~ when...

crises and setbacks

the heartbreak of constant medical ~

♦ Turning setback to comeback...

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement /
journeys & trips

set off (initiate)

set off a domino effect

this ~ (economic collapse)

set off a (political) storm

her decision has ~ in the Netherlands

set off a firestorm

he ~ of opposition when he...

set off a shoot-out

the request ~ between the two camps

set off a storm

calls for an investigation ~ between the two countries

set off a (trade) war

economic sanctions could ~

set off shock waves

he ~ with his statement

initiation: explosion / verb

set off (feeling and emotion)

set him off

little things would ~ (a violent man)

it sounds like that really ~ (anger)

set the president off

that was the thing that ~ (upset him)

set off a wave of emotions

the resignations ~ from sadness to relief

set off a wave of fury

the nominee list ~

set off a wave of pride

his success has ~ (Japanese ballplayer)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb

set off (and set out)

set off on a wild rampage

dozens of teenage boys ~ (Central Park)

set out on this path

he ~ in 1997 by writing... (rehabilitated his career)

set out to build

he saw the future and he ~ it (Jeff Bezos, Amazon)

set out to film

they ~ the city's prostitutes (documentary / Calcutta)

set out to find

when he ~ his biological father, he never imagined...

set out to master

I ~ fence-building and brush-clearing

set out to take

Mr. Marwa ~ revenge (on murderers of his relative)

set out to terrorize

extremists rejected these terms and ~... (Rwanda)

set out to take revenge

Mr. Marwa ~ (on murderers of his relative)

♦ see also *embark* (*embark on something*).

♦ "I left Tangier, my birthplace, on Thursday, 2nd Rajab 725 [June 14, 1325], being at that time twenty-two years of age [22 lunar years; 21 and 4 months by solar reckoning], with the intention of making the Pilgrimage to the Holy House [at Makkah] and the Tomb of the Prophet [at Madinah]. (The great traveler Ibn Battuta.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb

set piece (noun)

regular weekly media set-pieces

the ~ are no longer the must-watch sideshows (soccer club)

performance: theater

set sail (verb)

set sail on the seas

he ~ of his exciting career as a microbe hunter

♦ "We traveled very pleasantly all day; in fact nothing can be more beautiful than the views of this immense river; sometimes as smooth as a mirror, at other times ruffled with a gentle breeze, but at all times sweeping us along at the rate of six or seven miles per hour." (Mungo Park on the Niger River.)

♦ "Beginning is easy, continuing is hard." (A Japanese saying.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / verb

settle down (verb)

settle down

nobody knows when things will ~ again (shaken)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: equilibrium & stability / verb

sever (verb)

severed it from the world

the Suez Canal ~ (Mauritius)

division & connection: ax / blade / knife / verb

sewer (noun)

sewers of intolerance and bigotry

colleges are ~ (antisemitism)

♦ "Sadly, college campuses have descended from coveted citadels of intellectual freedom to illiberal sewers of intolerance and bigotry. Diversity and inclusion are a George Orwell 1984 implementation as we see in excluding conservative thought." (Congressman Joe Wilson of South Carolina. At the hearing, "Holding Campus Leaders Accountable and Confronting Antisemitism," the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, December 5, 2023.)

♦ "You cannot catch rats without going into the sewers." (A spy for Britain.)

environment: hygiene

corruption: smell

sewn up

already sewn up

Scotland go into the game with a playoff spot ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: cloth

sew together (verb)

sewn together a (Frankenstein's) monster

Ducournau has ~ from so many disparate ideas

creation & transformation: cloth / verb

sew up (verb)

sewn up the nomination

he has effectively ~ (a politician)

sewn up the support

she has ~ she needs (politics)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: cloth / verb

sexy (as noun)

bring sexy back

Al Yankovic wants to 'sew' to the accordion (Terry Gross)

bringing his "sexy" to the Super Bowl

Usher is ~

brings his sexy back

Justin Timberlake ~ (new music)

attraction & repulsion: part of speech

sexy (adjective)

sexy

the hypothesis was ~ (psychology)

pipes are underground, they're not ~ (infrastructure)

as sexy as

Chelsea is ~ a brand can get (football)

smart, sexy, slang-studded

Tayi Tibble's ~ verse (a *New Yorker* book blurb)

described as sexy

the iPhone was ~ (the early days of technology vs. now)

♦ "In pop culture, *hot* is sexy. *Hot* is cool. *Hot* is new."

♦ "It's not a sexy job per se, right? It's not a job that is chill..." (Jessica Malaty Riveria's breezy contempo-speak assessment of the legacy of "the elderly" Dr. Anthony Fauci, on NPR. It would be odd for one man to say to another, "Wow, that body armor you're wearing is sexy.")

♦ "Of course some of these are masculine or feminine clichés: the ladies, particularly the younger ones, use the 'exquisite, gorgeous and darling' group to indicate approval of anything from a new dress to a sunset, and few men would dare to follow suit." ("Ten Overworked Words" in the newspaper *The Day*, New London, CONN., Thursday Afternoon, April 1, 1937. Some things never change.)

attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / sex

shackle (noun)

break the shackles

we must ~ of an oppressed people's chains

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / crime

oppression: animal

shade (verb)

shades (TikTok rival) Breckie Hill

Olivia Dunne seemingly ~ in new video

accusation & criticism: light & dark / verb

shade (noun)

speck of shade

this is not throwing a ~ at LeBron James... (sports talk)

threw some shade at the channel

he congratulated his rival but also ~ (PewDiePie)

throw shade at Florida

people ~ (Florida Man meme)

throw shade at the biggest name

he seemed to ~ in hip-hop

♦ "Let's spill some shade, throw some tea..." (The transgender Natalie Wynn, reversing the collocating verbs. Noticed! Appreciated!)

accusation & criticism: light & dark

shadow (concealment)

shadow ban

it's called a ~ (restricted from non-followers / Instagram)

in the shadows

killing, interrogating and bribing are done ~ (terrorism)

NSO was created ~ in 2010

in the city's shadows

an underground rock scene ~ (the Leningrad Rock Club)

from the shadows to the spotlight

survivors have moved ~ (sex abuse)

created in the shadows

NSO was ~ in 2010

drive them (further) into the shadows

the law will only ~ (illegal migrants)

draw the undocumented out of the shadows

we need to ~ and into the sunlight of legal status

live in the shadows

many homeless men and women avoid shelters and ~

live life in the shadows

they ~ (CIA agents)

lurking in the shadows

syphilis is a major scourge ~ (public health)

operate in the shadows

spammers ~, relying on botnets (Russia)

returned from the shadows

the hactivist group Anonymous has ~

stepping out of the shadows

she is ~ to use her voice to fight hate (victim of crime)

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark / shadow

shadow (cast a shadow)

cast a shadow

his flaws ~ (Sinatra)

casting a shadow over the campus

the failure to identify a suspect is ~ (quadruple murder)

cast a shadow over the Oscars

the war ~ this year (Iraq)

cast a shadow over the (New York) Police

the case ~

casts a shadow (of suspicion) over all priests

it ~ (sexual misconduct)

cast a shadow over our (foreign-policy) record

Rwanda ~

cast a (dark) shadow

the tragic accident ~ over US-Korean relations

cast a (long) shadow

the conflict has ~ (Algerian War affects to this day)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / shadow

oppression: light & dark / shadow

shadow (in / under the shadow)

in the shadow of the gun

they live ~ (Kashmiris)

in the shadow of terrorism

many are revitalizing family ties ~ (US)

under the shadow of a boycott

Algeria voted ~

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / shadow

oppression: light & dark / shadow

shadow (dark shadow, etc.)

dark shadow

the ~ of the tyranny has been lifted (Obama / Libya)

deadly shadow

the mystique of pole vaulting includes a ~ (fatalities)

horrible shadow

there has been this ~ over his legacy (child abuse)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / shadow

oppression: light & dark / shadow

shadow (attention)

shadow of the (previous) coach

he will never escape the ~ (basketball)

brother's shadow

he was desperate to emerge from his ~ (Mike Quarry)

in Moscow's shadow

a city that has always labored ~ (St. Petersburg)

in his shadow

anything I do is completely eclipsed, I'm ~ (jealousy)

in the shadow of (such a) legend

was it hard growing up ~ (grandson of famous woman)

break out of his dad's shadow

he is trying to ~ Conor Benn, boxer)

escape the shadow

he will never ~ of the previous coach (basketball)

emerge from his brother's shadow

he was desperate to ~ (boxer Mike Quarry)

labored in (Moscow's) shadow

a city that has always ~

step out of the long shadow

Sarajevo is attempting to ~ of war

stepping out of Fifa's shadow

the company is ~ (rebrands from Fifa to EA)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / competition / superiority

& inferiority: light & dark / shadow

shadow (proximity)

shadow

I'm supposed to be your ~ (follow you and watch you)

in the shadow of Mount Snowdon

she works as a hill farmer ~

in the shadow of the Ural Mountains

Magnitogorsk was constructed ~ (1930s)

lives in its shadow

the volcano shapes the lives of everyone who ~

proximity: light & dark / shadow

shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)

beyond any shadow of a doubt

I will convince you ~ (trial)

without a shadow of a doubt

they knew, ~, that he was guilty

certainty & uncertainty: light & dark / shadow

shadow (devitalized)

shadow of himself

he's a ~, of his best times (a chess grandmaster)

shadow of his former self

Rashford is a ~ (2022 Manchester United soccer)

shadow of its former self

the company will be a ~

the group is a ~ (terrorists)

the once proud newspaper is a ~ (cuts, etc.)

shadow of what it used to be

in reality the Royal Navy is already a ~

pale shadow

it was a ~ of their mighty clashes (soccer tie)

he has looked a very ~ of his former self (a soccer player)

attenuation: light & dark / shadow

substance & lack of substance: light & dark / shadow

shadow (follow)

shadow the politician

she asked to ~ on a 15-hour "ride-a-long" (reporter)

proximity: light & dark / shadow / verb

shadow (shadow government, etc.)

shadow governors

the rebels have named ~

shadow foreign secretary

Labour's ~ Emily Thornberry

shadow attorney general

the ~

shadow foreign policy

they view what he did as a kind of ~ (politics)

Labour shadow

his ~ questioned why...

repetition: light & dark / shadow

shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)

shadow boxing

jumping rope, ~, hitting the heavy bag (boxers)

substance & lack of substance: light & dark / shadow

shadow (rain shadow, etc.)

rain shadow

the uplands leave the valley in a ~

configuration: light & dark / shadow

shadowy

shadowy figure

he is a ~ whose intentions remain shrouded in mystery

shadowy (extremist) groups

~ have burned Internet cafes

shadowy (Internet) organization

the documents were released by a ~

shadowy world

his arrest provides a lens onto the ~ of computer hackers

shadowy Baluchistan Liberation Army

the ~, born in the 1970's (Pakistan)

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark / shadow

shady (adjective)

shady behavior

they are guilty of some really ~ (a hospital)

shady dealings

~ made him a rich man

there were some ~ going on in the Ukraine (US politics)

shady economics

'stealerships,' the ~ of car buying...

shady (furniture-and-appliance-rental) service

Rent-T-Own, just another ~ (its real product is debt)

♦ "It's like an orphanage that also has a gruel business on the side."
(Employer self-dealing with 401(k) options.)

corruption / subterfuge: light & dark / shadow

shake (disrupt)

shakes people from their slumber

I hope this film ~ (Spike Lee)

shook Hollywood and the country to its foundation

the murders ~ (Charles Manson)

shook basketball

his death ~ but the reverberation went further (Len Bias)

shaken our community

this incident has ~ (2022 University of Idaho killings)

shaken the university

the allegations have ~

disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb

shake (shake something off)

shake it off

she's now struggling to ~ (label of calculating)

it's a step back, but we need to ~ and go again (soccer)

resiliency: gesture / verb

shake (remove)

shake her demons

she couldn't ~ (singer dies of drug overdose)

shake my depression

I couldn't ~

shake off the mantle

they want to ~ of tradition (artists)

shake off the sense

I couldn't ~ of pessimism and failure I felt

dismissal, removal & resignation: movement / verb

shaken (feeling)

shaken to my core

I was ~ (by a perceived injustice)

visibly shaken

~, he admitted mistakes had been made (school shooting)

drained and shaken

I left feeling ~ (tour of Auschwitz)

left him shaken

the violence ~

leave the movie shaken

you ~ (a film review)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

shaken (disruption)

shaken but not broken

the country's will to fight was ~ (Russia / 1812)

disruption: equilibrium & stability

Shakespeare ("hillbilly Shakespeare," etc.)

"hillbilly Shakespeare"

the man who was called the ~ (Hank Williams)

superlative: books & reading / epithet

allusion: books & reading

Shakespearean (adjective)

Shakespearean in scope and grandeur

the Olympics will be ~ (drama, tragedy, comedy)

Shakespearean proportions

this is a tragedy of ~ (family murder)

♦ "Makes Fury's meandering rambling seem positively Shakespearean."
(A snarky comment about Anthony Joshua's bizarre post-fight antics and rant after his second loss to Oleksandr Usyk.)

superlative: books & reading / epithet

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

shake up (verb)

shook up the (immigration) debate
the president ~ (President Trump)

shook me up
his story ~ (a suicide)

disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb

shake-up (noun)

shakeup in leadership
what do you think the ~ indicates

shakeup at the Department of Homeland Security
what do you think the ~ indicates

sudden shake-up
the ~ could signal instability in the regime

disruption: equilibrium & stability

shaky (condition)

shaky bank
~, volatile markets...

shaky ground
their relationship is on ~

shaky relationship
they have a ~

shaky science
the company's claims rest on ~

shaky start
the spacewalk got off to a ~

shaky truce
they have reached a ~ in their trade dispute

condition & status / flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability

shallow (person)

uneducated & shallow
her detractors are ~

♦ "Still waters run deep."

character & personality: depth / water

person: depth / water

shallow (adjective)

shallow analysis
this is a ~ of a complex problem

shallow book
it is a ~ from a shallow man

shallow goal
looking beautiful is a ~

shallow roots
she has ~ in the state (a politician)

shallow questions
they are asking very ~

extent & scope: depth / water

substance & lack of substance: depth / water

shame (period shame, etc.)

parenting shame
that sense of ~ that you feel and which I certainly feel...

period shame
to fight "~," women in China demand trains sell tampons

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

shame (body-shame / verb, etc.)

body-shamed
charges filed against model who ~ woman at gym

kink-shame
this documentary does not set out to ~ the Falwells

meal-shame
"Don't ~ me: a table for 1 at a restaurant" (*The Guardian*)

slut-shame
Alta Vista was trying to ~ Christine

victim-shame
he has tried to ~ women who've come forward

♦ "This documentary does not set out to kink-shame the Falwells. Spend your money, go party, have consensual safe sex—that's great. The issue is the hypocrisy." (Bill Corben, director of *God Forbid: The Sex Scandal That Brought Down a Dynasty*. From "A new documentary follows an affair that felled evangelist Jerry Falwell Jr.'s career," NPR, *Weekend Edition Sunday*, October 30, 2022.)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine / verb

shamed (groups)

shamed for being
she was ~ a Black woman who made pop-centric music

shamed and fired
officials who are ~

body-shamed
Sports Illustrated swim model recalls being ~
charges filed against model who ~ woman at gym

job shamed
he was "~" (the actor Geoffrey Owens)

mom shamed
I got ~ for taking my 6-year-old to the Burning Man festival

slut-shamed
at school, they are ~ and given a nickname
I have been ~, harassed, maligned (Rose McGowan)

slut shamed
the modern term is ~ (defense of sexual assault)

victim-shamed
we've been ~ online (gymnast Aly Raisman)

weight-shamed

vivid memories of being ~ by their families (old women)

Publicly Shamed

So You've Been ~ (book by Jon Ronson)

named and shamed

companies '~' for bad behavior

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

shaming (slut shaming, etc.)

body shaming

the ad has prompted cries of sexism and ~

body-shaming

she's faced ~ and over-sexualization (Sydney Sweeney)

a toxic culture of ~ and bullying (ballet schools)

carbon-shaming

is ~ the answer (mega-rich and their planes, yachts, etc.)

fat shaming

fighting ~ and racist trolls

'~' can fuel depression and increase obesity

fat-shaming

critics have called out Darren Aronofsky for ~ (*The Whale*)

hamburger shaming

James Harden not happy with ESPN's ~ (the NBA player)

job-shaming

~ and the dignity of work (former celebs in menial jobs)

lunch shaming

"~" in public schools (cold sandwich / overdue lunch fees)

mask shaming

"~" might be caused by wearing or not wearing a mask

mom shaming

the "~" against her... (miscarriage)

name-shaming

she worries about ~ (parent of non-binary school kid)

parent-shaming

our ~ culture (see Wikipedia entry "Harambe" (gorilla))

prayer shaming

it was a new term to me, ~ (platitudes for mass shootings)

slut shaming

her book takes on ~ (*Unslut: A Diary and a Memoir*)

victim shaming

Biden's ~ of Afghan troops (U.S. flees Afghanistan)

online shaming

the ~ of rally participants ("Yes, You're Racist")

public shaming

some judges prefer ~ to prison (the U.S.)

the Taliban have revived ~ (Afghanistan)

debate over ~ of political contributions...

we condemn the ~ of Amber Heard (130 feminists)

sexual shaming

~ in the evangelical purity movement

sick shaming

'~' is a reaction to the fear of COVID

being judged for coughing or sneezing is ~

♦ "In a chorus ringing, 'Hands on my knees, shakin' a**', on my thot s***,' the Houston rapper reappropriated words from a slut-shaming culture that are often used to demonize Black women." ("Megan Thee Stallion, 'Thot S***' by Gabrielle Pierre, NPR Music, June 11, 2021.)

♦ "Taylor Swift tackles slut shamers with 1989 remake."

♦ "Shame. You know, shame is a silencer. Shame is a killer. Shame is a murderer... I had nothing but shame in my entire life." (The actor Billy Porter.)

♦ "Stop the circadian-rhythm shaming." (Sleeping late. Matthew Cantor.)

♦ Stocks, pillories; amputation of body parts like hands, noses, ears, etc.; branding flesh to identify thieves; the Scarlet Letter... (Shaming in the old days. Nowadays it is all done online.)

♦ As late as the 1960s, judges in the Jackson County Courthouse in Sylva, Jackson County, western North Carolina, might shame a chronic drunk or wife-beater by making him repeatedly run up and down the 100 steps between the courthouse and town, in full view of the public on main street.

♦ "I watched an open lorry drive past, to the accompaniment of boos and catcalls from the French populace, with a dozen miserable women in the back, every hair on their heads shaved off. They were in tears, hanging their heads in shame. While disgusted by this cruelty, I reflected that we British had known no invasion or occupation for some 900 years. So we were not the best judges." (Jock Colville, Churchill's private secretary, in Bayeux, witnessing the humiliation of les tondues (shorn women, also referred to as horizontal collaborators) in the aftermath of World War II. From "An ugly carnival," by Antony Beevor, *The Guardian*, Thursday 4 June 2009.)

♦ "Norway's Prime Minister Erna Solberg has issued an official government apology to Norwegian women who were mistreated over World War Two-era relationships with German soldiers. ("Norway apologises to its World War Two 'German Girls,'" BBC, 17 October 2018.)

♦ "Shame has never worked in public-health interventions."

♦ "Shame and blame don't work." (Student behavior and university campuses.)

♦ "A lot of black people today are wringing their hands and pointing accusing fingers at white doctors from the public health service." (Janie Taylor, "Origins of the Infamous Tuskegee Syphilis Study," NPR, August 7, 1972. It's a seven-part series available in its entirety at NPR. Type "Janie Taylor" in search at NPR, and all seven of her reports should be available. Should access change, try searching at NPR for "The digital preservation of this audio has been made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities" and then search through the at present 112 results for the seven episodes: "Was The Tuskegee Syphilis Study Unethical?" / "Why Weren't Tuskegee Syphilis Study Patients Given Penicillin As Treatment?" / "Were Participants Informed Of The Purpose Of Tuskegee Study?" / "Tuskegee Syphilis Study Patient Believed He Was Being Treated" / "Nurse Who Worked 39 Years For the Tuskegee Syphilis Study" / "Former Director For Tuskegee Syphilis Study Believes Work Was 'Completely Ethical'" / "Origins Of The Infamous Tuskegee Syphilis Study." See also "Stop Blaming Tuskegee, Critics Say. It's Not An 'Excuse' For Current Medical Racism" by April Dembosky, NPR, March 23, 2021.)

♦ Where there is no shame, there is no honor. (An Ethiopian proverb.)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

Shangri-la

my own Shangri-la

I wanted to stay here, ~ among the hills, for always...

crypto Shangri-La

Bhutan has been quietly transformed into a ~ (*Forbes*)

mythical Shangri-la

progressive visions of a ~ (Green New Deal, etc.)

vision of Shangri-la

the monastery appeared as the archetypal ~ (Bulgaria)

♦ The novel *Lost Horizon* by James Hilton was set in Tibet and published in 1933. Shangri-la was a fictional place in the Kunlun Mountains.

♦ "The name Kyirong means 'the village of happiness' and it really deserves the name. I shall never cease thinking of this place with yearning, and if I can choose where to pass the evening of my life, it will be Kyirong. There I would build myself a house of red cedarwood and have one of the rushing mountain streams running through my garden, in which every kind of fruit would grow..." (From Heinrich Harrer's *Seven Years in Tibet*, published in 1953. Though Harrer doesn't explicitly mention Shangri-la, for him it seemed to be Kyirong.)

♦ "The scene was unforgettably dramatic. In the background was the immense massif, scoured by three mighty glaciers... She had long pigtailed, and her hair was decorated with amulets made of yellowed amber; on her arms she wore bracelets of braided silver. I thought then I had never seen anything quite so beautiful. There was distant birdsong...and some of the yaks wore bells, which pealed slightly... Tiny puffs of cloud lazed in the summer sunshine, their shadows briefly darkening the grassland. I wanted to stay here, my own Shangri-la among the hills, for always. / But we had to cross the Chola hills..." (*The River at the Center of the World: A Journey Up the Yangtze, and Back in Chinese Time*, by Simon Winchester, published in 1996. The last two chapters are set in western China.)

♦ "[T]he monastery appeared as the archetypal vision of Shangri-la: a rhapsody of warm and sensuous colors, topped by domes, roofs, and a medieval tower, clashing perfectly with the austere, sylvan tones of the landscape. The sunlight shone through dark and towering pine trees as Nadia [whom he later describes as an attractive, intelligent woman] led me up the hillside. Bands of mist, which made me think of high ideals, floated between the peaks. Everywhere I heard the sound of mountain torrents." (From *Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History* by the great travel writer, journalist and political analyst Robert D. Kaplan. He experienced his vision of Shangri-la at the Rila Monastery in Bulgaria.)

♦ see also *heaven* (environment, food, etc.), *paradise* (noun)

allusion: books & reading

superlative: epithet

shape (in fighting shape, etc.)

stay in fighting shape

the report styles STEM as a shot of anabolics to ~

♦ CEO Margaret Low of WBUR, in a staff memo announcing "a significant reorganization" to include layoffs, wrote that that it was necessary to be "in fighting shape to deliver on big ambitions."

ability & lack of ability / condition & status: boxing

shape (form)

shape of her life

what people want from her has defined the ~ (Britney)

very different shape

harassment takes a ~, this can look like ...

identity & nature: animal

creation & transformation: hand / manufacturing

shape (condition)

financial shape

airlines aren't in ~ to back a new industry (biofuels)

fiscal shape

we are in better ~ now (politics)

in good shape

baseball is ~

condition & status: health & medicine

shape (verb)

shaped Joe Biden

the political mistakes and personal scars that ~

shape a (desired) behavior

teachers can ~

shaped its course

the First Fleet weighed anchor and ~ for Tenerife

shaped a course

the two ships ~ across the Indian Ocean to Cape Guardafui

shape the future

a battle that could ~ of home cinema (standard)

shaped my life

it was incredible, it ~ (a Norwegian boarding school)

shape our lives

the unseen influences that ~

shapes the lives

the volcano ~ of everyone who lives in its shadow

shape the narrative

TikTok has helped ~ of the election (2020)

shape public perception

he wants his surrogates to ~ (politics)

shaping prices

it's ECON 101, not the white House, that's ~ (gas)

shaped our world

firsthand accounts of events that ~ (BBC witness history)

shaping our world

the events ~, delivered daily (a New York Times ad)

shape and manipulate

algorithms ~ (filter bubbles)

♦ "We shape our buildings and afterwards our buildings shape us." (Winston Churchill, urging MPs to re-create the House of Commons—which had been bombed in the war—as an exact replica.)

creation & transformation: hand / manufacturing / verb

shaped (shaped by coal, etc.)

shaped by coal

the 19th century was ~

shaped by oil

the 20th century was ~

shaped by natural gas

the 21st century may well be ~ (energy)

creation & transformation: hand / manufacturing

shaped (anvil-shaped, etc.)

anvil-shaped

the Geneva Spur is an ~ rib of black rock (Everest)

doughnut-shaped

a tokamak, the large ~ machine

H-shaped

an ~ piece of medical tape

comparison & contrast: affix / object / shape

shaped (H-shaped, etc.)

H-shaped

an ~ piece of medical tape

shape: letters & characters

shard (The Shard, etc.)

the Shard

~ was designed by Renzo Piano (London building)

proper name: materials & substances / shape

shark (thrown to the sharks)

thrown to the sharks

Alberto has been ~ (unproven allegations of doping)

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / shark / verb

shark (predation)

loan shark

see *loan shark*

financial shark

he is a ~ who downsizes companies

full of sharks

elite summer basketball is ~ (AAU coaches)

attracts sharks

whenever money is being made illegally, it ~ (drugs)

♦ "Back home I was a big fish in a small pond, but in Miami I'm just a minnow surrounded by sharks." (A model.)

♦ "The [BBC], once a shark in the media pond, is now a mere sardine in a media ocean." (Clever writing from BBC Six O'Clock News, 26/05/2022.)

♦ "What I have realised in the past two years, the tour and everything that comes with it, it's not a very nice, trusting and safe space. You have to be on guard because there are a lot of sharks out there. I think people in the industry, especially with me because I was 19, now 20, they see me as a piggybank. It has been difficult to navigate. I have been burned a few times. I have learned, keep your circle as small as possible." (The tennis player Emma Raducanu.)

♦ A FUNNY JOKE. Question: Why didn't the shark eat the lawyer?
Answer: Professional courtesy!

behavior / person: animal / predation / shark

character & personality: animal / predation / shark

affliction: animal / predation / shark / sign, signal, symbol

sharp (skills, etc.)

sharp

his skills are still ~

condition & status / functioning: blade / knife

sharp (speech)

sharp words

the officer exchanges ~ with a man

speech: blade / knife

sharpen (verb)

sharpen her concentration

the extreme pressure only seemed to ~ (Wimbledon)

sharpen our instincts

we must ~ for empathy

sharpen their knives

Madrid's media ~ (a soccer controversy)

sharpen his skills

he took a kayaking clinic to ~

sharpen wit

the prospect of death can ~

amelioration & renewal: blade / knife / verb

increase & decrease: blade / knife / verb

sharp-tongued

sharp-tongued

she's a ~ woman

speech: blade / knife / tongue

shatter (emotions)

shattered (people's) hopes

they ~ of seeing their country become a democracy

shatter (the enemy's) nerve

the objective is to ~ (shock and violence)

shatter her self-esteem

it will ~

feeling, emotion and effect / mental health: destruction /

materials & substances / verb

shatter (destroy)

shattered the (fragile) calm

the attack ~ that had descended on Tel Aviv

shatter our image

it does kind of ~ of Taos (crimes)

shattered stability

the country's first-ever coup in 1999 ~

shatter stereotypes

Tunisia's liberal social policies ~ of the Arab world

shattered the family's life

her daughter's rape and death ~

shatter everyday life

drugs and crime ~

destruction: materials & substances / verb

shattered (mentally, etc.)

mentally shattered

he returned from the war ~

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: destruction / materials & substances

shattered (destroyed)

shattered by the (Sept. 11) attacks
that illusion was ~

confidence (in United) is shattered
his ~ (airline delays)

illusion was shattered
that ~ by the Sept. 11 attacks

destruction: materials & substances

shattering (emotions)

confidence-shattering
trying to overcome a ~ rookie year (basketball)

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: destruction / materials & substances

shattering (ear-shattering, etc.)

ear-shattering
he heard an ~ noise

earth-shattering
the potential is ~

destruction: materials & substances

shave (removal)

shave billions off their taxes
companies know how to ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / hair / verb

shed (verb)

shed (36,000) jobs
the economy ~ last month

shed the pounds
those who are trying to ~ (dieting)

sheds selves
who ~, and invents selves, faster than a pop star

see also *slough (and sluff / verb)*

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / hair / horn / snake / verb

sheep (consciousness)

sheep
most people are ~

sheep followers
she just wants to sell a book to her few ~ (politics)

♦ She: And a lot of people had this question, Wait, are other people going? / He: And the families have that kind of fear, what if I'm, you know, if I look around, no one else came with me... So it's a collective-action problem, we all have to step forward at the same time... They would be able to act as a collective." (The angst some parents suffer trying to select the best public grade-school for their kids in New York

City and its environs. High schools have open houses to sign-up such parents.)

♦ "What to know about mouth taping, the viral wellness trend that has people taping their mouths shut at night" by Katie Kindelan, ABC, Nov. 7, 2022.)

♦ "There's joy, relief and safety in conformity." (Virtue signalling, MTF / m2f trans people are women, rap music is art, tributes to murdered Black rappers, Blacks are overpoliced, etc.)

♦ "Kevin Durant latest sport star to own pickleball franchise."

♦ "Sheep" + "People" = "sheeple"

consciousness & awareness / behavior / unanimity & consensus / society: animal / sheep

sheep (predation)

sheep
we won't be ~, we're going to be lions (self-defense)

prey on the sheep
there are a lot of wolves in here who will ~ prison)

♦ "Death devours lambs as well as sheep." (Infant mortality.)

♦ "He instantly sized her up as a lamb." (A predatory direct salesman. Versus a bull, owl, or tiger. With a bull, the salesman must meet force with force, stand his ground and redirect. Owls are tough sells. Tigers must be reassured they are getting the very latest technology or features. From "The Hard Sell: A door-to-door salesman's quest to rebrand his profession" by Tad Friend, *The New Yorker*, August 8, 2022. Products direct salesmen sell door to door nowadays are roofing, pest control, and solar panels.)

strength & weakness: animal / sheep / predation

destruction: animal / sheep / predation

sheep (sequence, series)

count sheep
some people ~ to get to sleep

♦ "Five times over I have drawn a man with a spade, 'Un Becheur,' in different positions, twice a sower, twice a girl with a broom Then a woman with a white cap who is peeling potatoes, and a shepherd leaning on his staff, and finally an old sick farmer sitting on a chair near the hearth, with his head in his hands and his elbows on his knees. And of course I shall not stop at that; when a few sheep have crossed the bridge the whole flock follows." (*Dear Theo: The Autobiography of Vincent Van Gogh*, Edited by Irving and Jean Stone.)

sequence: animal / sheep

shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.)

Sahul Shelf
the ~, that shallow ledge of ocean floor

Sunda Shelf
the islands of the ~

proper name: house / shape
geography: proper name / shape

shelf (ice shelf, etc.)

ice shelf
they anchored to the floating ~

continental shelf
the ~ dives down...

shape: house

shelf life (and sell-by date)

shelf life on coaches

the ~ has never been shorter (winning and losing)

short shelf life

rappers seem to have a ~ (murdered)

has shelf life

he ~, he will last (a philosopher)

rushing past its sell-by date

he's twenty-eight, and his boyish appeal is ~

♦ "Rappers seem to have a short shelf life for some odd reason." (Message-board snark.)

♦ "Everyone has a shelf life and serves a purpose with this couple. They are always on the lookout for the bigger better deal." (An online commenter about a celebrity couple and their alliances.)

♦ "They are equally past their sell-by date." (Binyamin Netanyahu and Mahmoud Abbas.)

♦ "There is nothing more difficult than to be a stepson of the time; there is no heavier fate than to live in an age that is not your own..." (Krymov, from *Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman, Part I, 12, translated by Robert Chandler, New York Review Books.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / food & drink

shell (mental health)

shell

he came back a ~, like a ghost (soldier)

mental health: container

shell (substance)

shell company

~s for the tax evader and money launderer

substance & lack of substance: sea

shell (shell of his former self, etc.)

shell of that fighter

now he's just a ~ he once was (Anthony Joshua)

shell of his former self

Green returned to the ring, but he was a ~ (boxing)

attenuation / substance & lack of substance: sea

shell (protection)

thick shell

you do have to have a very ~ as a boxer because...

underneath the (granite) shell

~ there was a sometimes unbearable sensitivity

come out of his shell

she encouraged him to ~ during his teenage years

come out of my shell

I was a shy person who needed to ~ (got into boxing)

came out of my shell

that's when my life began and I ~ (gay leaves home)

stayed inside my shell

I ~ for the first two or three weeks (summer camp)

protection & lack of protection: animal / sea / water

isolation & remoteness: animal / sea / water

shellshocked (and shell-shocked)

shellshocked

I was so ~, I left the building by the wrong exit (interview)

shellshocked by the moment

I'm not someone who's going to be ~ (reserve QB starts)

shell-shocked ranks

there is no sign of any divisions within the DUP's ~

shell-shocked Barca side

a ~ was unable to fashion any serious response

looked shellshocked

he ~ in court (a celebrity who was arrested for rape)

Liverpool players ~ after that loss (to Newcastle United)

♦ "This man took part in the Mons retreat, battle of the Marne, battle of the Aisne, and the first and second battles of Ypres. He also fought at Hill 60, Neuve Chapelle, Loos and Armentieres... When I saw him nine months later he was mute. Many attempts had been made to cure him. He had been strapped down in a chair for twenty minutes at a time, when strong electricity was applied to his neck and throat; lighted cigarette ends had been applied to the tip of his tongue and 'hot plates' had been placed at the back of his mouth. Hypnotism had been tried. But all these methods proved to be unsuccessful in restoring his voice." ("DISORDERS OF SPEECH / Case A1—MUTISM / PRIVATE, 24 YEARS OF AGE. From *Hysterical Disorders of Warfare* by Lewis Ralph Yealland, M.D.)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / military

shelter (verb)

sheltered the terrorist

Pakistan denied that it had ~

protection & lack of protection: place / verb

shelve (verb)

shelved its mascot

the university has ~

shelved the plan

Beijing officials have ~ to redevelop the neighborhood

♦ Abandon; ax; call off; cancel; mothball; scrap; shelve; withhold... ("Warner Bros. shelved 'Coyote vs. Acme.' Here's why some finished films are mothballed" by Joe Hernandez, NPR, March 7, 2024. Films that cost \$70 million and even \$90 million to make have suffered this fate!)

dismissal, removal & resignation: books & reading / verb

shepherd (verb)

shepherding the (main) bill through the Senate

he is ~ (US)

shepherded me through the medina

he ~ (Fez guide)

directing: animal / journeys & trips / sheep / verb

sheriff (new sheriff in town)

new sheriff in town

this is more of a Biden thing, there's a ~ (diplomacy)

control & lack of control: film & TV

Sherlock Holmes

Sherlock Holmes

I used to call her ~ (journalist Lyra McKee)

SHERLOC

~ will hunt for clues in Martian rocks

~ will work in tandem with WATSON, a camera (Mars)

♦ SHERLOC = Scanning Habitable Environments with Raman & Luminescence for Organics & Chemicals. WATSON = Wide Angle Topographic Sensor for Operations and eNginering.

♦ "How are you? You have been in Afghanistan, I perceive." Sherlock Holmes' first words to Dr Watson in "A Study in Scarlet" are among the most famous introductory lines in literature... ("The REAL Dr Watson: The Victorian army medic who was the inspiration for Sherlock's trusty sidekick" by Annabel Venning, *Daily Mail*, Feb 1st 2012.)

searching & discovery: allusion

allusion: books & reading

Sherpa (verb)

"sherpa" John Kelly through the nomination process
he was selected to ~ for DHS secretary (Kirstjen Nielsen)

♦ The quote "sherpa' John Kelly through the nomination process" comes from "We Need to Take Away Children" by Caitlin Dickerson, *The Atlantic*, September, 2022. The Design Director, Oliver Munday, touts the article as "the longest feature *The Atlantic* has published in a single issue in decades" (as if it were comparable to "Hiroshima" by John Hersey in the *New Yorker*) and writes, "The art for this article employs the aesthetics of bureaucracy..." In the same issue you can read "The Case for Bodice Ripping" by Sophie Gilbert. "Sherpa." "Aesthetic." "Bodice Ripping."

ability & lack of ability / help & assistance: mountains & hills / person / verb

Sherpa (noun)

'Sherpa' for a Supreme Court nominee
what it's like to be a ~ (NPR)

G20 "Sherpas"

~, officials who do the donkey work on summits...

sobriety Sherpa

he was my ~ (rehab)

Twitter sherpa

his ~ looked nervous (*Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson)

Michael Pack and his Sherpa

she boasted that she was "very close to ~"

serves as Trump's G7 "Sherpa"

Larry Kudlow, who also ~ (NPR's Bobby Allyn)

♦ Wealthy Bobos expect to be catered to by Sherpas, concierges, elementary schools, universities, etc.

♦ "They have often been rendered invisible by the global lens and have seldom received their due." ("How Climbers Reached the Summit of K2 in Winter for the First Time" by Adam Skolnick and Bhadra Sharma, *The New York Times*, Jan. 19, 2021. The writers' claims are ludicrous but good contempo-speak.)

♦ "Malay accused of 'erasing' Sherpa's act of courage." (On Mount Everest. See "Expedition company refutes Sherpa's account of heroic Everest rescue" by Maroosha Muzaffar, *Independent.co.uk*. The case of Gelje Sherpa.)

♦ For the fight on Mount Everest between Sherpas and Westerners, see the Wikipedia entry "Mount Everest in 2013."

*** analysis

♦ The writer and compiler of this work detests the figurative usage of this word, except when it must be used to disparage people who use it.

♦ See "'Adjusting Appropriately' To Words That Hurt" by Jeanine Santucci, Opinion, NPR, Language, August 8, 2018. Written by an intern. Words mentioned include "scalp," "Sherpa," "spook," and "guru."

♦ "It's all bullshit on Everest these days." (Sir Edmund Hillary in an interview with *The Guardian* in 2003. And it just gets deeper every year.)

ability & lack of ability / help & assistance: mountains & hills / person

shibboleth (noun)

shibboleths

these are not official regulations, they're more ~

shibboleth of political correctness

"everyone has rights" is a ~

shibboleth of old thinking

heavy tanks are seen as a ~ (the military)

shibboleth in American politics

it's hard to think of any greater ~ (middle class)

educational shibboleth

"learning styles" has become an ~

political shibboleth

the "right of return" has remained a ~ (Palestinians)

liberal and conservative shibboleths

empirical evidence vs ~ (voting patterns)

shibboleths and cliches

the ~ of conventional Washington punditry

shibboleth—a rule—

there is a ~ in the movie business, that...

myths and the shibboleths

the project breaks down the ~ surrounding the Irish famine

abandon another (long held republican) shibboleth

he was ready to ~ (Northern Ireland)

cling to the shibboleths

they ~ that have spelled disaster (South Africa)

jab at the shibboleths

he took a populist line to ~

took root as a shibboleth

this early finding ~

♦ "The contrast between the enormous popularity of the learning-styles approach within education and the lack of credible evidence for its utility is, in our opinion, striking and disturbing." (Quoted in "Forget What You Know About Good Study Habits," by Benedict Carey, *The New York Times*, September 6, 2010.)

♦ "There's no evidence to support the conventional wisdom that kids can be auditory or visual learners." ("Think You're An Auditory or Visual Learner? Scientists Say It's Unlikely," by Patti Neighmond, NPR, Morning Edition, August 29, 2011.)

♦ "One of the biggest surprises from Dr. LeDoux's work is that there may be no such thing as the limbic system—a hypothetical construct of pathways in the forebrain, which contains the hippocampus, amygdala

and a few other tiny structures that has been supposed to underlie emotion and motivation." ("Using Rats to Trace Anatomy of Fear, Biology of Emotion," by Sandra Blakeslee, *The New York Times*, November 5, 1996.)

♦ "If you pay attention to education trends, you know that a lot of talk these days is about grit. This idea that passion and persistence are really important traits in kids, rather than IQ or natural talent. And, the thinking goes, helping kids to be more gritty makes them more likely to succeed. Now, a new study says, we should care less about grit. To talk about this, we are joined by Anya Kamenetz..." ("MacArthur 'Genius' Angela Duckworth Responds To A New Critique Of Grit" by Anya Kamenetz, NPR, All Things Considered, May 25, 2016.)

♦ "The brain loves peppermint!" (A North Carolina teacher-trainer and devotee of "brain-based, evidence-based" educational research, encouraging teacher-trainees to hand out peppermint in class to promote learning.)

idea: religion

sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: allusion / religion

shield (on one's shield)

go-out-on-his-shield kind of guy
he's a ~ (the boxer Deontay Wilder)

go out on my shield
I just wish my corner had let me ~ (a boxer / towel)

went out on his shield like a man
Amir Khan ~ (in his fight against "Canelo" Alvarez)

♦ "He got all of our respect... He went out on his shield on this one." (Beterbiev's cut man Russ Amber about Yarde.)

♦ "In Aristophanes' comic play, *Lysistrata*, the women go on sex strike as a way of ending the Peloponnesian War. Do you think we would be as warlike if women were in charge?" [Delighted laughter and clapping from the audience.] / "It's such a good question. My brief answer is no. [Nervous laughter from audience.] You know, the Peloponnesian war, it was the Spartan mothers who said, 'Come back bearing your shield or on it...!' I'm not sure that women are by nature kinder or gentler." (Margaret MacMillan, "War and Humanity," the Reith Lectures, BBC.)

commitment & determination: allusion / history / military

shield (verb)

shielded your fellow citizens from danger
you have ~ (the military)

protection & lack of protection: military / verb / weapon

shield (noun)

shield from the (sun's harmful) rays
ozone provides a protective ~

shield over what
the law provides tech companies a ~ their users post online

Europe's shield
EU chief says Greece is ~ in migrant crisis

missile shield
the first step in deploying a ~
a global ~ won't work

missile defense shield
U.S. testing of a ~

Desert Shield
the ~ buildup before the Persian Gulf War

global (missile) shield

a ~ won't work

human shield

rebels used men, women and children as ~s
Saddam's loyalists are using Iraqi civilians as ~
his supporters have offered themselves up as ~s

legal shield

Section 230 is a key ~ that protects tech platforms

protective shield

ozone provides a ~ from the sun's harmful rays

human and religious shields

the Iraqis have used ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

sword and shield

the "~" version of WWII (de Gaulle and Petain)

testing of a (missile defense) shield

U.S. ~

♦ "Anonymity is often necessary as a shield for victims but opposing counsel has used it as a sword to publicly humiliate our client." (Statement from a lawyer.)

protection & lack of protection: military / weapon

shift (change)

political shift
there has been a big ~

position, policy & negotiation: position / movement

shifting (adjective)

shifting narrative
growing frustration over the ~ about the mass shooting

certainty & uncertainty: movement / position

shifty (adjective)

shifty character
she's a ~, watch out

behavior / character & personality / subterfuge: direction

shine (noun)

a little of the shine
~ had now been taken off his halo (a politician)

flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark

shining (superlative)

shining examples
these men stand as ~ of bravery

shining paragons
~ of American boyhood (scouts)

superlative: light & dark

ship (ship of state, etc.)

ship of state
the protesters wish to sink the ~

ship of state (itself) founders
the ~ when those commanded to speak remain silent

sink the ship of state
the protesters wish to ~

steer and stabilize the ship
a government that can ~ through the economic crisis

♦ Longfellow's "The Building of the Ship" is a terrific poem. Franklin Delano Roosevelt wrote out by hand the following lines from it in a message he sent to Winston Churchill, and Churchill used those same lines in a speech broadcast to the English people: "Thou, too, sail on, O Ship of State! / Sail on, O Union, strong and great! / Humanity with all its fears, / With all the hopes of future years, / Is hanging breathless on thy fate!"

bases: boat / epithet / sign, signal, symbol

government: boat

ship (ship of the desert)

"ships of the desert"
many Australian farmers keep the country's prolific ~

transportation: boat / epithet

ship (tight ship, etc.)

ship of their research
they caulked up every seam in the ~

run a (very) tight ship
we ~ (a company with many rules)

steering the ship
some believe he was actually ~ (a vice-president)

♦ "Well, I would know. I'm the executive sales manager... We run a pretty tight ship here." (The character Jerry Lundegaard from the 1996 film *Fargo*. See YouTube- *Fargo* - car dealership scene.)

control & lack of control: boat

ship (abandon ship / jump ship)

abandon ship
it's time to ~ (a failing company)

jump ship
Serge Gnabry is another key player who could ~ (soccer)

jumping ship
a lot of investors are ~

jumped her party's ship
she ~ (went from Democrat side to Republican side)

♦ "A North Carolina Democrat reportedly jumped her party's ship Tuesday, cementing the Republican supermajority in the state House of Representatives." (Democrats condemned her as "a traitor," "a spy," and "turncoat Tricia" and her action as "a betrayal" and "deceit of the highest order." She said she switched sides because the Democrats were "close-minded bullies.")

♦ "You must remember he believed, as any other man would have done in his place, that the ship would go down at any moment..." (*Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad. The *Patna*, of course, did not go down.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: boat / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: boat / verb

ship (sink the ship)

sink the ship

the protesters wish to ~ of state

destruction: boat / verb

ship (a sinking ship)

Vietnam ship
Thomas Hughes was on board when the ~ went down...

leave a sinking ship
what a fool, he had a chance to ~ (sour soccer fan)

♦ "Indian unity by British rule will swiftly perish... The great ship is sinking in the calm sea. Those who should have devoted their utmost efforts to keep her afloat have instead opened the sea-cocks." (Winston Churchill in a speech in 1946.)

decline: boat / sea

failure, accident & impedance: boat / sea

ship (right the ship, etc.)

right the ship
we'll see if the company can ~ (financial problems)
I hope they give him a lot of time to ~ (new coach)

righted the ship
he ~ (a troubled government agency)
his polls were shaky, he was sagging, but he has ~

right our (fiscal) ship
we must ~ (budget)

steady the ship
even Messi was unable to ~ (loss to Liverpool)

steadied the ship
his performance more than ~ (politician at debate)

♦ "How do you manage risk through both chaos and calm?" (A half-page advertisement for CME Group in *The Economist*, May 1st 2021. It shows a ship, tossing on stormy seas, in the black. It then shows the ship in the blue, on a calm sea. The text goes on to say, "You can't control the changing tide of the markets, but we can help you navigate it... We deliver nearly one billion data points daily, informing the insight you need...")

amelioration & renewal: boat / verb

equilibrium & stability: boat / verb

ship (turn the ship, etc.)

turn the ship around
he is struggling to ~ (a soccer manager)

reversal: boat / verb

ship (ship has sailed, etc.)

boat has sailed
I think that ~ (that the US can dominate the Pacific)

boat sailed long ago
AJ v Tyson, surely that ~ (a boxing commenter)

ship has sailed
that ~ (no regrets now)
that ~, we've missed the window (to stop global warming)

ship has (long since) sailed
the civility ~ in American politics (2019)
that ~ (that college sports are amateur)

♦ "Your dad loved her very much. If there was one other cat in this world that could have loved her and treated her as well as your dad, then it was me. But, unfortunately, for yours truly, that train has sailed." (Austin Powers to Vanessa Kensington from the film *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery*.)

♦ Golden_Nuggets: Joshua, please retire before you embarrass our nation anymore. / Spinoza (to Golden_Nuggets): That ship has failed unfortunately. (Boxing snark on a BBC HYS about the second fight between Oleksandr Usyk and Anthony Joshua.)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: boat / movement / verb

ship (launched a thousand ships)

engender a thousand conversations
this acutely argued book will ~ (a blurb)

launched a thousand academic careers
his book ~ and plenty of opaque jargon... (*Orientalism*)

launched a thousand copies
the Chanel jacket that ~...

launched a thousand (magazine) covers
the clean-cut matinee idol who ~ (Dirk Bogarde)

launched a thousand think pieces
it was the song that ~ ("I Kissed A Girl")

launched a thousand takes
the leak ~ (of a cache of nude celebrity photos)

launches 1,000 conspiracy theories
it will be a snafu that ~ (2020 Iowa caucus results)

launched a thousand jokes and memes
this bipartisan hope that has ~ (infrastructure)

sparked a thousand arguments
The Wing: how an exclusive women's club ~

♦ "This is the face and bod that launched a plus-sized bra-haha." (A picture of model Ashley Graham in an article by Jennifer Bain in *The New York Post*.)

initiation: allusion / boat / Iliad & Odyssey

ship (allyship, etc.)

allyship
see *allyship (groups)*

co-conspiratorship
allyship & ~ as a verb

kinship
see *kinship (noun)*

ownership
see *ownership (noun)*

inclusion & exclusion: affix

ship out (remove)

ship him out
they wanted to ~, and this was their opportunity (dismissal)

dismissal, removal & resignation: boat / verb

shipwreck (noun)

shipwreck of my conscience
I would not make a ~ (Paulet, 1587)

destruction: boat / crashes & collisions

failure, accident & impairment: boat / crashes & collisions

shirt (lose one's shirt)

lost their shirts
they ~ when the market crashed

failure, accident & impairment: clothing & accessories

shit (and bullshit / verb)

bullshit
we don't play games, we don't ~ (windsurfer Poles)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / worth & lack of worth: speech / waste

shit (and bullshit / noun)

bullshit on Everest
it's all ~ these days (Sir Edmund Hillary / 2003)

talking shit
people ~

♦ "a lot of casuals have been coming here lately just talking shit I can't wait for them to fuck off" (A boxing fan on reddit's "post fight thread Anthony Joshua vs Oleksandr Usyk." The opposite of "casual" fans would be hardcore, knowledgeable fans.)

♦ "Boolschid! This whole thing was scripted." (Politics.)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / worth & lack of worth: speech / waste

shiver (noun)

send a shiver through Congress
the news will likely ~ (Congressmen get coronavirus)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

shoal (noun)

shoals of theology and cosmology
Lyell had tried to avoid the ~ (*Principles of Geology*)

foundering on the shoals
he finds himself ~ of issues around race (a politician)

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

failure, accident & impairment: boat / sea

danger / destruction / obstacles & impedance: boat / sea

shock (verb)

shocked the world
Ireland ~ by announcing... (dispute with Vatican)

shocks and terrifies
violence ~ even the best-trained troops (combat)

offend, shock or disturb
those that ~ the majority (freedom of expression)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force / verb

shock (in shock)

still in shock
he was ~ but relieved... (survivor of porch collapse)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force / health & medicine

shock (feeling)

shock
9/11 was a ~ that should not have come as a surprise

shock of combat
training can lessen the surprise and ~

shock of losing
the ~ his dad, there was so much anger (a young man)

shock of prison
after the ~ wears off

shock for me
it was a ~ and everyone else

shock for the (previously unbeaten) team
it was a ~

shock radio
for those who enjoy ~

shock resignation
the reverberations of his ~ are being felt widely and deeply

shock and delight
the winners' ~ (MacArthur Award)

shock or horror or outrage or indignation
I could not show ~ (journalist witness to ethnic strife)

family's shock
she recalls the ~ when her mother was arrested

culture shock
reverse culture shock can worse than the classic ~

sticker shock
bracing themselves for ~ (laptop-computer prices)

absolute shock
this is an ~ (death of a young athlete)

quite a shock
it was ~ (mine disaster)

look of shock
I saw the ~ in his face

state of shock
we were all in a complete ~ (athlete's sudden death)

anger and shock
the ~ (to yet another terrorist bombing)

surprise and shock
training can lessen the ~ of combat

shock (of prison) wears off
after the ~

lessen the (surprise and) shock
training can ~ of combat

come as a shock
I know this may ~ to you...
it may ~ to people...

reeling from the shock
the staff is still ~ of the shootings

♦ "Cameroon 1-0 Argentina in 1990 was a shock. Saudi Arabia 2-1 Argentina is an electrocution. Incredible. Congratulations, Saudi Arabia!"
BBC commentators on Saudi Arabia 2-Argentina 1 at the FIFA World Cup in Qatar. Mashallah! "Raise Our Green Flag.")

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force

shocked (adjective)

shocked
not one of the students in the group looked ~

shocked that
people are ~ this is so close to home
they're kind of ~ her parents are white, and she's not
he said that he is ~ a killing could take place there

shocked to see
he was ~ so many dead or wounded (combat)

shocked at her appearance
they were ~ (eating disorder)

shocked at the prices
they may be ~ (rent for assisted living)

shocked at what
they are ~ is now happening

shocked when
Iraqi commanders were ~ they discovered...

shocked by the attacks
Australians were ~ (bombing on Bali)

shocked by the decision
he was ~ not to renew his contract (job)

shocked by the (gorilla) killings
conservationists were ~ (DR Congo / Virunga)

shocked by the news
they were ~ (favorite restaurant closed)

shocked by the number
she was ~ of Muslims having surgery to...

shocked by these revelations
I was ~ (in the press)

shocked by the (death) toll
people were ~ (climbing disaster)

shocked by the verdict

I'm ~ (jury lets businessman off)

shocked by the viciousness
police were ~ of the attack (hate crime)

shocked silence
through it all she sat in ~

shocked and appalled
we are ~ by this news (plans to shoot tigers)

shocked and baffled
the rap word was ~ by the murder (Jam Master Jay)

shocked and bewildered (m)
the ~ passengers (train crash)

shocked, embarrassed and disgusted
residents are ~ (town government)

shocked and grief-stricken
~ relatives of the victims gathered (bus-truck crash)

shocked and outraged
I was ~

shocked, upset, fearful and angry
the community is ~ (hate crime)

completely shocked
I was just completely shocked

definitely shocked
when I found out, I was ~

genuinely shocked
I was ~

a little shocked
he looked ~ that I wasn't ready to go out

♦ "Talk about a bolt from the blue; I'm shocked by this; to say that I am in shock is an understatement; a true shock; a real shock; a big shock; devastated; gutted; stunned; heartbroken; really really surprised; wow; didn't expect this!; didn't see this coming; unexpected news; OMG; No way!; Noooooooooooooooooooooo!; holy **** ... (Online commenters about Jurgen Klopp stepping down from Liverpool.)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force

shocker (noun)

honeymoon shocker
couples who encounter the "~" (a snoring spouse)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

shocking (feeling, emotion and effect)

shocking
the mismanagement and incompetence is ~
the firing was surprising but not ~ (Notre Dame coach)

shocking crime
it was a ~ (a murder)

shocking defeat
they talked about his ~ of Lewis (boxing)

shocking news
the ~ is...

shocking scenes
~ of dead or terrified children (Chechen terrorism)

shocking story
he related a ~

shocking upset
at the conclusion of the ~ (football)

shocking and inflammatory (m)
desecration of the Koran is a ~ act

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force

shock wave (noun)

shockwave of trauma
this decision has caused a ~ across the church (Methodists)

send shock waves through the market
such a drastic step would ~

sent shock waves through French politics
the poll ~ (strength of right)

sent shock waves through the American psyche
Tet ~ (Vietnam War)

sent shockwaves through the skiing world
his death ~ (Doug Coombs)
the arrests have ~ (blood doping)

sent shockwaves through the sport
their bans ~ (sports doping)

sent shock waves around the globe
the dramatic plunge of the Web site ~

sent shock waves rippling
the discovery of sperm whales ~ through Nantucket

set off shock waves with his statement
he ~

♦ "There is no dearth of prose describing the mass of humanity that made its way to the feet of the Great Emancipator that day; no metaphor that has slipped through the cracks waiting to be discovered, dusted off, and injected into the discourse a half century on. The March on Washington has been compared to a tsunami, a shock wave, a wall, a living monument, a human mosaic, an outright miracle. / It was all of those things..." (*Behind the Dream: The Making of the Speech that Transformed a Nation* by the fine writer Clarence B. Jones.)

♦ "In some sectors the Russians captured pillboxes that appeared to have sustained only moderate structural damage, only to find the entire Finnish garrison stone dead inside, without visible wounds of any kind except for rivulets of frozen blood from their nostrils, ears, and eye sockets. These men had died from the cumulative effects of sheer concussion." (*Frozen Hell: The Russo-Finnish Winter War Of 1939-40* by William R. Trotter.)

♦ "And as we got up, we were slapping each other on the back and thanking God that we made it, and whatever hit us didn't destroy us... And only then, because of the screams from the building 75 yards away, and also the screams from the marines outside yelling for us to come help, we realized we had only suffered the shock wave, the shock blast..." (A Navy chaplain about the 1983 Beirut barracks bombings that left over 200 dead. The chaplain had initially thought his barracks had been hit by a shell. It was the greatest daily toll of marines since Iwo Jima, and, like Pearl Harbor, the attack happened on a Sunday morning. Some consider the bombing the start on the "war on terror." See also the Wikipedia entry for "1985 Beirut car bombings.")

feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake / explosion

effect: earthquake / explosion

shoe (a shoe can drop or fall)

next shoe

what's the ~ to drop, what happens next

the other shoe

people wait for the other ~ to drop (occupation)

a horrifying shoe

there's a sense ~ is just waiting to drop (Mara Liasson)

shoe has fallen

now that the ~, where will he go (fired)

expect another shoe to drop

the scandal is not going away, after the New Year, ~

waited for the other shoe to drop

his colleagues ~ (investigation)

♦ "I think there's a next shoe to drop, I just don't know what, where, when or how." (Sports talk.)

fate, fortune & chance: clothing & accessories / verb

shoe (in somebody's shoes)

in her shoes

I'm gay, I've been ~

in their shoes

I should be clear that as a journalist I was not ~

put yourself in his shoes

~ (see it from that person's point of view)

put yourself in the other person's shoes

~, you might be more sympathetic

walking in somebody else's shoes

I can't say I'm ~, but I'm not oblivious to it (race)

♦ "I'd like people to put themselves in my shoes and think what it's like to get threats to my family." (Spain striker Alvaro Morata about fan abuse during Euro 2020.)

♦ "You'll never understand what it's like until you've walked a mile in our brain." (A person commenting on an article about a successful, beautiful young woman and ex-athlete who committed suicide.)

empathy & lack of empathy: clothing & accessories

perception, perspective & point of view: clothing & accessories

shoe (big shoes)

big shoes

those were definitely some ~ that I had to fill...

superiority & inferiority: clothing & accessories / size

shoe (shoe fits)

shoe fits

if the ~, wear it...

♦ "I never worry about hurting the feelings of the good officers when I draw officer cartoons. I build a shoe, and if somebody wants to put it on and loudly announce that it fits, that's his own affair. / A few of them have done it, to the subsequent enjoyment of the guys who read the letters to the editor in the Mail Call section of *Stars and Stripes*. One poor lieutenant... (Up Front by Bill Mauldin, World War II.)

characterization: clothing & accessories

shoe (the shoe is on the other foot)

shoe's on the other foot

what might happen to you if the ~

reversal: clothing & accessories

shoe (a stone in the shoe)

stone in our shoe

Ecuador's president has described him as a ~ (Assange)

stone in Nato's shoe

Turkey is fast becoming a ~ (over Libya)

affliction: clothing & accessories / sensation

feeling, emotion & effect: clothing & accessories / sensation

shoestring (noun)

shoestring budget

NASA supports the ~ to find NEOs

shoestring (\$1 million) budget

its ~ (a film)

money / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: clothing & accessories

shoot (plant)

shoots of ballet activity

she helped the new ~ that developed (Karsavina)

♦ The term "green shoots" has become trendy lately. See *green shoots*.

creation & transformation: plant

growth & development: plant

shoot (speech)

shoot first

he tends to ~ and aim second (a politician)

shoot from the hip

people who ~, who tell it like it is...

speech: weapon / verb

shoot (shoot back)

shot back

he ~, "Of course it's easier..." (to criticism)

speech: weapon / verb

shoot (shoot first)

shoot first and ask questions later

investors are likely to ~ (stocks fall on fears)

action, inaction & delay / initiation: verb / weapon

shoot (shoot oneself in the foot)

shot himself in the foot

he has ~ again (Colin Kaepernick)

shot themselves in both feet

CNN ~ with this crazy rule and enforcement (a scandal)

shoot our own foot

we would ~ (to antagonize Russia / Republic of Georgia)

♦ "She knew she was shooting herself in the foot politically." (A never-Trump Republican.)

♦ "His tell-all is literary self-harm." (Prince Harry.)

♦ "The internet is a new form of self-inflicted injury."

♦ "So by imposing sanctions, we would never manage to hurt Russian economy, but we would manage to do is to shoot uh our own foot. I mean, what's the point? If you cannot harm Russia, then why should you harm yourself?" (A government official in the Republic of Georgia, where relations with Russians are remarkably cordial, in spite of the conflict over Abkhazia and South Ossetia.)

♦ "...the constant danger of attack from Bolshevik forces caused a number of soldiers to intentionally wound themselves for the purpose of evading service at the front; these men were court-martialed, as was a soldier guilty of 'misconduct before the enemy.' Apparently, self-inflicted gunshot wounds were not the only method used to avoid combat: Pvt. Charles F. Kingan was convicted of contracting 'a venereal disease through neglect thereby unfitting himself for active military duty against the enemy.' Some seventy men were convicted of this last offense; almost all received three months confinement at hard labor to discourage such behavior in the future." ("Bolsheviks, Polar Bears, and Military Law: The Experiences of Army Lawyers in North Russia and Siberia in World War I," by Fred L. Borch III.)

♦ "A bloke in the Munsters once wanted a cushy, so he waves his hand above the parapet to catch Fritz's attention. Nothing doing. He waves his arms about for a couple of minutes. Nothing doing, not a shot. He puts his elbows on the fire-step, hoists his body upside-down and waves his legs about till he gets blood to the head. Not a shot did old Fritz fire. 'Oh,' says the Munster men, 'I don't believe there's a damned square-head there. Where's the German Army to?' He has a peek over the top—crack! he gets it in the head. Finnee.'" (*Good-Bye To All That* by Robert Graves. World War I.)

failure, accident & impairment: foot / verb / weapon

shoot down (verb)

shoot me down

I do feel like, ~ here if you think it's necessary (argument)

destruction: plane / speech / verb / weapon

shoot-out (noun)

shoot-out between the two camps

the request set off a ~ (privacy vs. right to know)

conflict: weapon

shoot up (verb)

shot up

the price of gas has ~

the price of food has ~

the price of helium has ~

after that, his stock in the village ~ (with Balinese people)

increase & decrease: direction / number / verb / weapon

shore (far shore)

left stranded on the far shore

his system of critical judgment was ~

society: ground, terrain & land / island / sea

division & connection: ground, terrain & land / island / sea

shore (resemblance)

shore

Sahel is the Arabic word for "~"

shore of the Sahara Desert

the Sahel is the ~

shore of the salt pan

after reaching the further ~ (Ntsetwe in Botswana)

Sahara's southern shore

the Sahel is a band of dry grassland, the ~

resemblance: sea

shored up

shored up by dubious data

her books are ~ (Naomi Wolf)

amelioration & renewal / strength & weakness:

infrastructure / mining

shore up (verb)

shore up their (criminal) case

the police are working to ~

shore up her confidence

a victory would ~ (athlete)

shore up feelings

a woman's group to ~ of low self-esteem

amelioration & renewal / strength & weakness:

infrastructure / mining / verb

short (a short time, etc.)

short time later

he arrived a ~

time: distance

short-circuit (verb)

short-circuit our expectations

she knows how to ~ (a writer)

short-circuited the process

he ~

short-circuited the (traditional campaign) route

he has ~ (billionaire politician and advertising)

failure, accident & impairment: electricity / verb

disruption: electricity / verb

shortcut (verb)

shortcut it

it's a long process, and we can never ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: distance / movement /

journeys & trips / verb

shortcut (noun)

shortcut to success
athletes who take a ~ (doping)

safety shortcut
~s led to the oil spill

magical shortcut
joining the military should not be a ~ to hero status

**difficulty, easiness & effort: distance / movement /
journeys & trips**

shorthand (noun)

shorthand for a person
calling someone a Karen has become ~ who...

shorthand term
the ~ 'illegals' is an insult

political shorthand
one word that pops up often in ~ is "reform"

take that shorthand away
I don't want to ~ from them (terms and memes)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: sign, signal, symbol /
writing & spelling**

shortsighted

shortsighted to treat
it is ~ addicts as criminals

shortsighted in the extreme
this policy is ~ (self-interest vs. collective good)

shortsighted and dangerous
it would be both ~ to allow...

criticized it as shortsighted
they ~ (a policy)

future / perception, perspective & point of view: eye

shot (nerves are shot, etc.)

shot
her nerves are ~, she has no confidence (Wimbledon)
his knees are ~, his back is sore...

♦ "After decades of abuse, the man's shoulders are toast. His knees are shot, his back is sore..." (Arnold Schwarzenegger, who *still* works out at Gold's Gym in Venice, California.)

**failure, accident & impairment / feeling, emotion & effect /
functioning: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

shot (shot in the arm, etc.)

shot of adrenaline
his writing is a ~ that awakens us from our apathy

shot in the arm
it's a ~ (the encouragement of a research prize)

shot in the arm for the local economy

this is a ~ (a basketball tournament)

shot in the arm for the MacBook lineup
its own chip has been a ~ (Apple Silicon)

real shot in the arm
this victory is a ~ (union victory)

gave the industry a shot in the arm
Disney's Matterhorn Bobsled Ride ~ in 1959

♦ *To inject new life / fresh blood can be similar.*

♦ "Citizens of vaccination nation, all those shots in the arm, gave a shot in the arm to the box office this weekend..." (Chris Connelly promoting filmgoing for ABC. The is a good example of recontextualization of an old cliché in the age of COVID.)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

shot (attempt, opportunity)

shot at advancement
his son has a better ~ than he faced as a young man

shot at the job
I thought I had a ~ (job interview)

shot at the peak
this was their last ~ (mountaineering)

shot at the summit
helping the other group cost the climbers a ~

shot at the title
a win would keep him on track for a ~ (boxer)

shot at the (world) championship
a ~ (boxing)

shot in Orlando
he knew he had a ~ (to win, at a championship)

title shot
give Tyson a ~ (boxing)

another shot
Tyson might get ~ (to fight for championship)

first shot
Tomaz got his ~ at the Himalayas in 1994
a student reporter will get the ~ (to ask a question)

good shot
I thought I had a ~ at the job (interview)

last shot
this was their ~ at the peak (mountaineering);
a ~ to right a historical wrong (reparations)

one more shot
at least give it ~ (try)

on track for a shot
a win would keep him ~ at the title (boxer)

give him a shot
hopefully somebody will ~ (an athlete)

got a shot

she finally ~ on the Tonight Show

taken a shot

at least 7 expeditions had ~ at Gasherbrum IV

cost the climbers a shot

helping the other group ~ at the summit

attempt: weapon

shot (chance)

one-in-a-million shot

400 times a day, a ~ will occur (probability)

fate, fortune & chance: target / weapon

shot (shot in the dark)

shot in the dark

deciding which MS drug is something of a ~

♦ "Sometimes a shot in the dark hits its mark." (A murder investigation.)

♦ A former California State prosecutor, speaking about a legal takedown, said, "This case was a huge *stab* in the right direction." (Step in the right direction? Stab or shot in the dark? Is this an "eggcorn"?)

fate, fortune & chance: target / weapon

shot (criticism)

fired shots

the two sides ~ at each other for months (corporate fight)

taking shots at him

everyone is ~ (criticism)

♦ "For almost two weeks, the controversy went back and forth on the letters-to-the-editor page, until the *News-Leader* called a halt by allowing Nelle to have the last word. She fired with both barrels." (The 1966 attempt by the Hanover County School in Richmond, Virginia, to ban the beloved book *To Kill a Mockingbird*. From *Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee* by Charles. J. Shields.)

♦ It is better to give than to receive.

accusation & criticism / speech: weapon

shot (shot across the bow, etc.)

shot over the bow

it was a ~ (penalty against Facebook)

shot across the bow for cruise lines

the incident was a ~ returning to sea (2 Covid cases)

shot across the bow

it was a threat, it was a ~ (the Dickey Amendment)

fired a shot across the bow

he also ~ (he praised, then criticized)

accusation & criticism / conflict / speech / warning: boat / military / weapon

shot (call the shots)

calls the shots

he ~ (boss)

calling its own shots

North Korea is ~ and not taking orders from anybody

♦ One who calls the shots might be referred to as a shot caller.

control & lack of control / directing: weapon / verb

shot (opening shot)

opening shot of his campaign

the speech was the ~ (politics)

conflict / development / sequence / speech: weapon

shot (parting shot)

parting shot

as a ~, he said...

parting shot of (barely masked) bitterness

they left with a ~ (royals leave family)

conflict / development / sequence / speech: weapon

shot (warning shot)

fired a warning shot

he ~ at his colleagues (about priorities)

conflict / development / warning / speech: military / weapon

shot (best shot)

best shot

the guys have given it their ~

I have given it my ~ (spots event)

gave it my best shot

I ~ (tried as hard as I could)

attempt / difficulty, easiness & effort: weapon

shot (shot heard round the world)

cough heard round the world

a ~ (the economic impact of the pandemic / *The Economist*)

hug heard round the world

the ~ (BBC / Revisionist History / Malcolm Gladwell)

"scream" heard around the world

Howard Dean's famous ~ (DEAN GOES NUTS)

shot heard around the world

the day he took the ~ (Paul Caligiuri / US soccer / 1989)

smack heard 'round the world

it was the ~ (Will Smith slaps Chris Rock at Oscars)

tweet heard around the world

the ~ (crash of Flight 1549 in the Hudson River on Twitter)

♦ "Her husband leapt to the stage and gave the comedian a slap that was heard around the world." (Will Smith v. Chris Rock.)

♦ "Ain't you learned nothing from the slap that was heard around the world?" (Christopher Darden calls out Chris Rock about the latter's 2022 joke that referenced Nicole Brown Simpson. According to Darden's Wikipedia entry, "Although rumors persisted of a sexual relationship between Marcia Clark and Darden, both have denied such a relationship existed. Both consider their relationship to be extremely close, a result of the intense pressures of the Simpson trial.")

♦ "It really was like the shot that was heard around the world in terms of hip-hop." (Reggie Rock Bythewood about the murder of the Notorious B.I.G.)

♦ "I know you had a tweet that was heard around the world." (Savannah Guthrie talking to Abby Wambach on the NBC show *Today*.)

♦ "It changed everything. Suddenly the world turned its attention because we were the source of news—and it wasn't us, it was this person in the boat using the service, which is even more amazing." (Jack Dorsey, about the crash of U.S. Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River on Jan. 15, 2009. That person was Janis Krums, who tweeted about the incident with a photo. His was the first report of what would become known as "The Miracle on the Hudson.")

♦ "By the rude bridge that arched the flood, / Their flag to April's breeze unfurled, / Here once the embattled farmers stood / And fired the shot heard round the world." ("The Concord Hymn" by Ralph Waldo Emerson.)

♦ On reaching Concord, the grenadiers executed the object in view by destroying the ordnance and stores... / The loss of the Provincials in this affair, which they pompously styled 'the battle of Lexington,' was only sixty men, two-thirds of whom were killed. / An officer who was engaged wrote thus:-- / 'The rebels fought like the savages of the country, and treated some who had the misfortune to fall like savages, for they scalped them and cut off their ears with the most unmanly brutality. This has irritated the troops to a very high degree...' / The return of the troops to Boston, though they had fully accomplished the duty on which they had been sent, was represented all over the continent as a defeat..." (*British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

allusion: books & reading

attention, scrutiny & promotion: allusion / military / sound / weapon

shot down (and shot down in flames)

shot down in flames

that theory was quickly ~

the approach was ~ at his conference

its strategy has been ~ (a political party)

shot down in flames by the focus group

their suggestions were ~

got shot down

the idea this was terrorism ~

got shot down in flames

they ~ for criticizing the president (Dixie Chicks)

destruction: flying & falling / military / plane / weapon

shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.)

shoulder the blame

he must ~ for the loss (sports)

shoulder the burden

locals must ~ after regime change (Rumsfeld)

shoulder the (financial) burden

the government should ~

shouldering a (heavy) burden

he has been ~ for Golden State all season (Stephen Curry)

shoulder the cost

BP must ~ of the cleanup (oil spill)

shoulder the load

the defense is not yet ready to ~ (sports)

shoulder the responsibility

he must ~ now

responsibility / work & duty: shoulder / verb / weight

shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone)

put your shoulder to the grindstone

you've got to ~ (work harder)

work & duty: shoulder / weight

shoulder (shrug one's shoulders)

see *shrug* (*shrug one's shoulders*)

shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)

standing shoulder to shoulder

we must make sure we are ~ (US and Britain)

allegiance, support & betrayal / unanimity & consensus: shoulder / standing, sitting & lying / verb

shoulder (a shoulder to cry on)

offered him a shoulder to cry on

she ~

empathy & lack of empathy: shoulder

shoulder (look over somebody's shoulder)

look over our shoulders

the government should not be allowed to ~

surveillance: shoulder

shoulder (tapped on the shoulder, etc.)

tapped on the shoulder

people were promoted by getting ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: shoulder

shoulder (weight on one's shoulder, etc.)

weight off my shoulders

it's definitely a ~

weight on your shoulder

it's a significant responsibility and ~ (position)

oppression: shoulder / weight

shoulder (rub shoulders)

rubbed shoulders with them

the magazine eagerly ~ (celebrities)

proximity: shoulder / verb

social interaction: proximity / shoulder / verb

shoulder (fall on the shoulders)

falls on the shoulders of regular Americans

the tax burden still ~ (politics)

falls on the shoulders of BP

that ~ (responsibility)

falls on the shoulders of those

the burden ~ least able to bear it (the poor)

responsibility: shoulder / weight

shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)

stand on the shoulders of other artists
artists ~

stand on the shoulders of giants
we ~ (achievement)

standing on the shoulders of giants
I really feel as though I was ~ (an author)

stand on the shoulders of those
we all ~ before us (tweakers of innovation)

stand on their shoulders
we are proud to ~

bases / superiority & inferiority: shoulder / verb

shoulder (mountain, etc.)

lower shoulder
its ~ gives great views of Everest (Kala Patthar / Pumori)

resemblance: shoulder

shout (verb)

shooting from the rooftops
he is ~, "Hey, Democrats, we have a problem"

♦ "[In the hill and mountain country of northern India]... inter-village communication is carried on by shouting. Standing on a commanding point, maybe a big rock or the roof of a house, a man cooees to attract the attention of the people in a neighboring village, and when the cooees is answered the message is shouted across in a high-pitched voice. From village to village the message is tossed, and is broadcast throughout large areas in an incredibly short space of time." (The cooees method of communication. From *Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett, Introduction by Sir Maurice Hallett, Preface by Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India 1936-1943.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / verb

speech / warning: sound / verb

shout (use all caps, etc.)

shout
don't ~ (use all caps)

♦ irtbxqck: SIMON STONE, WELL YOU DESERVE YOUR WACK OF THE LICENSE FEE MONEY I DON'T THINK. / Sunbirdm to irtbxqck: Stop shouting... / Turkeyforxmas to irtbxqck: You've commented like 3 times in all caps... Whatever you're taking I think it's time to stop and sleep (A BBC HYS about a soccer sports article.)

♦ "Until psychoanalysis came along, the accepted antidote to hysteria was rest."

fictive communication: speech / verb

shout-out (noun)

shout-out to southeast Ohio
his ~ has inspired more than donations

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

shove (noun)

shove in the back
the army delivered a very strong ~ when... (coup)

coercion & motivation / force: arm / gesture

show (the data show, etc.)

shows that
history ~...

data shows
new ~ that...
the city's own ~ that Minneapolis police...

evidence shows
~ that officers both knocked and announced their presence

evidence will show
the ~ that officers made 2 calls for emergency help

it shows
~ that they didn't care (women got smaller weight room)

pandemic shows
the ~ that you can't wait until the disaster hits to be ready

poll shows
~ that more than half of Americans...
a recent NPR / IPSOS ~ that 29% of parents polled...

report shows
the new ~ that an alarming number of...
the ProPublica ~ that morale among...

research shows
but ~ that number is dropping

shooting shows
the ~ that gun laws don't work

study shows
a new ~ that women in the U.S. military...

analysis, interpretation & explanation / evidence / fictive

communication: picture / verb

show (nature, etc.)

moving show
this ~, this shining and shifting spectacle (Bombay)

put on a show
at night the stars ~ for free (Carole King)
the meteor shower could ~ starting...

performance: theater

show (performance)

all (a) show
the meeting was ~, no substance

just for show
for the most part the confrontations is ~ (a talk show)

become a show
bring your popcorn, this has ~ (congressional hearing)

put on a show

she doesn't try to ~ (favorable reaction to a politician)
players ~ to get calls (soccer)

♦ A commentator talking about a senate hearing used the words *stunt*, *spectacle*, and *public show*.

performance / substance & lack of substance: theater

show (horror show)

defensive horror show

they were aided by a ~ by the Hornets (soccer)

produced a horror show

Onana ~ to undermine much of Unite's good work (soccer)

resemblance: film & TV

show (the show must go on)

show must go on

the ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

show (the show is over)

show "Russia" was over

the ~, everyone was hurrying to get his hat (1917)

♦ "The show "Russia" was over, everyone was hurrying to get his hat and coat." (Viktor Shklovsky, literary critic, on Russia in 1917.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

show (steal the show)

stole the show

Travis Pastrana ~ (X Games / motocross)

she ~ at the MLS match (girl belts out national anthem)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / verb

showboat (verb)

showboat

he likes to ~ (an athlete)

♦ A showboat was a river steamboat on which theatrical performances were given. *Show Boat* was a very popular novel and musical.

♦ "From 1919 to 1921. We used to play at the foot of Canal Street during the winter and then we go up the river, all the way up to Davenport, Iowa (EYE-oh-way). That's where I first met Bix Beiderbecke. He was a little kid, he was coming up with the horn, he's come on the boat... We used to sit around and blow a little, that's when I found out he could play that piano—"In the Mist"—a lovely kid." ("Louis Armstrong," BBC, Desert Island Discs, 1968, with Roy Plomley.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / behavior / character & personality: boat / theater / verb

show business (performance)

show business

it's just ~, it's sort of performance art (politics)

performance: theater

showcase (verb)

showcase your talents

a good resume can ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: container / verb

showcase (noun)

showcase of (twisted) psychology

the trial has been a ~ (murder)

showcase and a shop window

this is supposed to be a ~ for women's football (World Cup)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: container

shower (verb)

showered the two men with gifts

she ~

showered him with praise

they ~

amount & effect: rain / verb

throwing, putting & planting: rain / verb

shower (cold shower)

cold shower of power

then came the ~ (Obama faces problem of war)

cold shower for Silicon Valley

these lackluster prices are kind of a ~ (stock prices)

cold shower for them

the match was very much a ~ (Leicester City loses)

cold shower on Everton's ambition

Carlo Ancelotti's departure is a ~ of joining the elite

give them (a bit of) a cold shower

he has been forced to ~ (about investing in Iran)

♦ "She was plunged into a cold bath of Schadenfreude." (A government official who broke a rule.)

♦ "This must have been the coldest of showers for anyone at Old Trafford." (A thumping by Liverpool.)

eagerness & reluctance: temperature / water

enthusiasm: temperature / water

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / water

consciousness & awareness: temperature / water

showered

showered with honors

Wellington was ~

showered with (geographical) medals and awards

he was ~ (Amundsen)

amount & effect: rain

showman (person)

whip-smart showman

he was a ~ who loved the media attention (defense lawyer)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / person

show up (verb)

show up

the officials were supposed to testify but didn't ~

waves don't ~ for surfing contest

showed up to donate
residents ~ blood

showed up in Mozambique
TR4 ~ five years ago (banana fungus)

show up on weather radar
the swarm was big enough to ~ (grasshoppers)

show up for school
neighborhood crime makes it harder to ~

appearance & disappearance: prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

shrapnel (noun)

emotional shrapnel
the ~ scarred both children (divorce)

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: weapon

shred (verb)

shredding his (congressional) support
he is ~ (politics)

destruction: cloth / verb

shred (shred of hope, etc.)

shred of evidence
I was unable to find a ~ to show...

shred of kindness
is there a ~ inside her that...

shred of (true) remorse
we have never seen a ~ from him (family of victim)

shred of comfort or hope
the film offers hardly a ~ (*Network*)

amount: cloth

shriek (verb)

shrieked that
the *Montreal Star* ~ the race was...

♦ "The *Montreal Star* shrieked that the race was 'obviously beyond women's powers of endurance and can only be injurious to them.'" (The women's 800m race at the 1928 Summer Olympic Games.)

fictive communication: speech / verb

shrine (reverence)

shrine to the Backstreet Boys
her bedroom is a poster-filled ~ (teen girl)

shrines to (excess) capital
these ~ (megayachts)

shrine to NASCAR
the new museum is a ~ (auto racing)

banana shrine
Ann Lovell's house is a ~ (banana memorabilia)

poster shrine
he still had the ~ in his bedroom (of 3 actors)

poster-filled shrine
her bedroom is a ~ to the Backstreet Boys

polar shrine
there she is, a national monument and ~ (the *Fram*)

♦ "When Jeremy Strong was a teen-ager, in suburban Massachusetts, he had three posters thumbtacked to his bedroom wall: Daniel Day-Lewis in 'My Left Foot,' Al Pacino in 'Dog Day Afternoon,' and Dustin Hoffman in 'Rain Man...'" (The opening to the fascinating profile "The Straight Man" by Michael Schulman, *The New Yorker*, December 13, 2021.)

♦ When Ann Lovell was a child, her parents regularly referred to her as "Anna Banana," and perhaps that is why she currently has over 3,000 objects of "bananabilia" in her house, including banana toothbrushes, dolls, phones, bottle openers, refrigerator magnets, etc.... Her bedroom is a shrine to bananas. (A collector of banana memorabilia.)

enthusiasm / reverence: religion

shrink (downsize)

shrink its footprint
as the US military begins to ~ in Afghanistan

shrink our (leviathan) government
he wants to shrink our ~ (a politician)

shrink the military
he wants to ~ and reduce its footprint overseas

increase & decrease: size / verb

shrink (decline)

shrank
as Britain's global influence ~ (after WWII)

decline: size / verb

shrinking violet (person)

shrinking flower
Pasteur was no ~ (the great chemist)

shrinking violet
he is not a ~ who will wilt under pressure (a politician)

♦ Terms with similar meanings are *teacup* and *snowflake*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*; a *pansy*; a *wallflower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

character & personality: person / plant

person: plant

shrivel (verb)

shrivel (slowly) to irrelevance
the group could ~

decline: plant / size / verb

shroud (noun)

shroud of mystery
a ~ surrounds him

cover: cloth

shrouded (covered)

shrouded in clouds

the top of the mountain was ~ all day (Mount Hood)

exhaust-shrouded

we walked down ~ Fifth Avenue

fog-shrouded

the helicopter crashed in the ~ Balsam Gap area
a passenger jet overshot a ~ runway, killing 42

snow-shrouded

we walked through the ~ fields

remained shrouded

she ~ in a flowing black abaya (Doha)

configuration / cover: cloth

shrouded (concealment)

shrouded in mystery

the details are ~ (an ancient Swazi rite)
the course of infection in chimps is ~ (SIV)
he is a shadowy figure whose intentions remain ~
Lewis' death was ~ (Lewis and Clark expedition)
the exact origins of the film are ~ (controversy)
the whole Liston story is so ~ (death of the boxer)
its mission has been ~ (X-37B space plane)

shrouded in secrecy

its work is ~ (Saudi Dept. of General Statistics)
this left the review process ~ (virus research)

shrouded in myths and mystery

the origin of the Maasai is ~

shrouded from public view

inmates' lives are largely a mystery, since prison life is ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth

shrug (shrug one's shoulders)

shrugging its shoulders

even the Supreme Court is ~ and looking the other way

shrug your shoulders and go with it

you just have to ~ (speeding worms / *Dune: Part 2*)

action, inaction & delay: gesture / shoulder / verb

shrug (gesture)

shoulder shrug

he has kind of a ~ towards that (politician about spying)
it was a big ~ because it doesn't help us any (murder)

shrugs and eye rolls

the framework was largely met with ~ (virus research)

collective shrug

his lies were met, by many, with a ~ (false resume, etc.)

large shrug

people here reacted to the events with a ~ (Taiwan)

give an exhausted shrug

better to ~ at the noise of the Internet and move on

responded with shrugs

Wall Street luminaries have mostly ~ and dismissals

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bodily reaction / gesture / shoulder

shrug off (verb)

shrug off

it's nothing that you can just ~ (responsibility)

shrugs off the media's questions

he ~ with his good-natured grin (a politician)

shrugged off his reputation

he ~ as a daring space explorer (Neil Armstrong)

shrugged it off

he ~ (a setback)

Parton shrugged it (all) off

~ (criticism, accusations, memes, caricatures)

avoidance & separation: gesture / shoulder / verb

shudder (verb)

shudder at some of the echoes of the past

he will ~ (a world leader)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / courage & lack of courage: bodily reaction / verb

shun (verb)

shunned computers

he ~ for years (a journalist)

shunning mainstream press

a lot of Republicans are simply ~ on the campaign trail

shunned the spotlight

he ~ for the rest of his life (astronaut Neil Armstrong)

shunned violence

the group has ~

shun the 21st century

they ~ (Mennonite colony in Bolivia)

acceptance & rejection: society / verb

shunned

shunned (by executives) for being (openly) gay

he was ~

shunned by the world

he felt ~

acceptance & rejection: society

shut down (verb)

shut them down

we have to spot them and ~ (Nazi websites)

shut down the discussion
instead of debating, the left wants to ~ (“woke” colleges)

curtailment: mechanism / verb

shut off (verb)

shut off the comments
everyone has appealed to the *Harold Sun* to ~ (AFLW)

shut off the spigot
they are trying to ~ of Russian boar (invasive species)

shut off the (gushing federal) spigot
many voters don’t want to ~

curtailment: mechanism / verb

shut out (verb)

shut out Huawei
U.S. makes another move to ~

shut out poor kids
elite colleges ~

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds / verb

acceptance & rejection: doors & thresholds / verb

shut out (adjective)

shut out
many writers have been ~ (publishing)

shut out of the system
organizations like ours will be ~

shut out from education
the women are ~

shut out from the industry
both artists and fans are ~ (country music)

feel shut out
many Afghan women ~ of politics

keep them shut out
academic hurdles that ~ of higher education

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds

acceptance & rejection: doors & thresholds

shuttered (adjective)

shuttered
with 90% of the economy ~ (pandemic)

curtailment: window

shy (adjective)

shy of coming
others are ~ into Pakistan (versus China)

shy about criticizing
Trump has never been ~

eagerness & reluctance: love, courtship & marriage

shy (and shy away)

shy from daunting texts
the choreographer Pam Tanowitz doesn’t ~

shied away from focusing
he has not ~ on abuses in Russia (a Russian journalist)

shy away from making
the Republicans will not ~ tough proposals

shy away from speaking out
he did not ~ politically (a cleric)

shy away from (difficult) decisions
he does not ~ (a politician)

shy away from the fact
we cannot ~ that...

shied away from the issue
politicians have ~ (taxes)

shied away from it
for years I ~, now I’m leaning completely into it

shy away from these priorities
this is not the time to ~ (politics and the budget)

avoidance & separation: horse / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: horse / verb

Siamese twins

Siamese twins
medicine and botany had become ~, neither could advance without the other...

♦ The great Saudi pediatric surgeon Dr. Abdullah al-Rabeeah and his teams have successfully separated a number of *actual* conjoined twins. The world salutes him and his great patron, King Abdullah.

relationship: family / health & medicine

Siberia (exile)

Siberia for Irish dissidents
Australia was the official ~ (1790s onwards)

♦ Crimean Tatars (to Kazakhstan as well as to the Western and Far Eastern Arctic); Volga Germans (to Kazakhstan as well as to the Northwestern Urals and Eastern Siberia by the Aldan River); Kalmyks (to the Angara River west of Lake Baikal); Karachais (to Kazakhstan); Meskhetians (to Uzbekistan); Chechen-Ingush (to the Irtysh River and Kazakhstan)...(The Soviet deportation of nationalities 1941-1945, from the *Atlas of Russian History* by Martin Gilbert.)

♦ “The forest Evenk lived in bark-covered teepees, and rode reindeer with bridle and saddle.”

dismissal, removal & resignation: society

acceptance & rejection: society

isolation & remoteness / society: ground, terrain & land

sibling

hideous sibling
education’s ~, training...

older sibling
Philly soul was its ~ (to Motown)

rebellious and working class sibling

the “Oi!” sub-genre was mainstream punk’s more ~

Omicron variant, and its siblings
the super-contagious ~, are the threat

♦ “If Detroit’s Tamla (Records) was the sound of young America, Philly soul was its lush, richly orchestrated sophisticated older sibling.” (Berry Gordy Jr.’s Tamla Records became Motown Records. BBC Six O’clock News, 23/12/2022. A wonderful tribute by David Sillito, BBC Media and Arts Correspondent, to the songwriter, musician and producer Thom Bell. Well done!)

relationship: family

Sicily (Mexico’s Sicily, etc.)

Mexico’s Sicily
Sinaloa State is known as ~ (drug lords)

comparison & contrast: epithet

sick (condition)

sick
the bond market is ~

Sick Man
our country is the ~ of Europe

sick computers
she fixes ~ (tech worker)

sick (auto) industry
increased new-car sales would help our ~

sick institution
~s should be allowed to die (finance)

sick, failing or unsuccessful
we are not dealing with a ~ industry (oil leak)

condition & status: health & medicine

sick (disgusted)

sick of lawyers
America is ~ (terrorism)

sick of war
Ugandans are ~ (Lord’s Resistance Army)

sick of hearing
I’m ~ your complaints

sick of airports and plane
I am ~ (security, poor service, etc.)

sick and tired
see *sick and tired (feeling)*

♦ “Sick of the news? Come look at pictures of baby animals.” (The internet.)

mental health: health & medicine

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

sick (with anxiety, etc.)

sick with anxiety
I was almost ~ (teaching first class)

sick (to my stomach) with dread

I felt ~

sick with envy
one academic ~ over another

sick to my stomach
I felt ~ with dread (mother of 1 pound 15 oz baby)

felt sick
I ~ to my stomach when I learned that...

made me sick
her story ~ to my stomach (rape)

worried sick
both were ~ (parents of abducted young woman)

worry yourself sick
there is no need for you to ~

mental health: health & medicine

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

sick (mentally ill)

sick and a clown
people are saying to ignore him because he is ~

mental health: euphemism

sick (slang)

sick deal
if you want to get a ~ on a jersey... (NFL merch)

So sick
~!! Love this song (Stabby-Keqemusha)

♦ “[Most] of the sickest climbers in the Himalayas are Polish, Russian, Czech, or Slovenian. They’re hard-core. Everyone knows that. You can tell when you meet them.” (Mark Synnott.)

♦ “How sick was that?” / “Amazing...” (Inspired dialog from the film *Into the Blue*.)

superlative: health & medicine

sick and tired (feeling)

sick and tired of being
I am ~ sick and tired (DC police chief / gun violence)

sick and tired of it
frankly, I am ~

sick and tired of lean times
voters are ~

mental health: health & medicine / sleep

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sleep

sickle (shape)

sickle cell
he has ~ anemia

shape: blade / tools & technology

sickle (death)

put his sickle into this thicket
Death had ~...

♦ "The fire had swept every superficial foot of it, and at every step I sank into ashes to the ankle... Death had put his sickle into this thicket and fire had gleaned the field." ("What I Saw of Shiloh" by Ambrose Bierce, 1881. Both wounded and dead had been consumed by a fire.)

♦ Death traditionally has been associated with reaping, "cutting down," sickles, and scythes. The Grim Reaper, for example, is often shown carrying a scythe.

death & life: farming & agriculture / sign, signal, symbol

sickness (noun)

sickness in society
there is a ~ (gun violence)

affliction / corruption: health & medicine

sickness (enthusiasm)

disease
it's a bit of a ~ (Jay Leno on collecting cars)

sickness for flight
his wife accused him of having a ~ (Mark Stucky)

enthusiasm: health & medicine

side (food)

side of social commentary
They/Them is a slasher flick with a ~

consumption: food & drink

side (conflict)

two sides
the ~ were on the brink of major fighting

conflict / division & connection: direction

side (side with)

see *side with* (verb)

side (on one's side / time)

see *time* (time on one's side)

side (on one's side / person)

on your side
you need someone ~ (ad for lawyer)

on the side of the White House
the public is not really ~ (political issue)

allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / position

side (on the good side, etc.)

on America's good side
if they want to be ~

social interaction: position

side (on the wrong side, etc.)

get on the wrong side of
this was not a guy you wanted to ~ (a general)

get on the wrong side of him

you don't want to ~ (a workplace sociopath)

getting on the wrong side of people
she has spent a career ~ (Ani DiFranco)

social interaction: position

side (dark side)

dark side
this fantastic concept has a ~ (adult family home)
people soon realized he had a ~ (bad temper)

dark side of America's 'green gold rush'
the ~ (marijuana, Native Americans, and immigrants)

dark side of addiction and (emotional) abuse
he had a ~

dark side to America's drinking boom
there is a ~ (drinking during the pandemic)

dark side to him
he had a ~ (a serial killer)

has a dark side
although regarded as genteel, cricket ~ (match fixing)

♦ "[T]he human eye is constructed in such a way that we can never see any object entirely. If you look at a cube, you can only see three sides... / Everything you look at is only half of what is there... / [T]his sounds strange, as if I'm a philosopher pondering things over and over again..." (The remarkable writer Steven Millhauser talking about *Disruptions*, his latest collection of short stories.)

flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark / orientation

sideline (on the sideline)

on the sideline of history
I didn't not want to be ~ but rather a part of it (jihad)

met on the sidelines
they ~ of the wedding (secret business negotiations)

sitting on the sideline
hope is not ~ or shirking from a fight (a politician)

stand on the sidelines
Russia will not ~

involvement: center & periphery / sports & games
center & periphery: sports & games

sideline (involvement)

watches from the sidelines
he now ~ (Iraqi politician)

relegated to the sidelines
the ambassador was ~ (war)

involvement: center & periphery / sports & games
center & periphery: sports & games

sidelined (adjective)

coronavirus-sidelined
the ~ aircraft carrier

increasingly sidelined

she was ~ (a scientist)

fired, demoted, sidelined, or even prosecuted
whistleblowers risk being ~

curtailment: sports & games

dismissal, removal & resignation: sports & games

center & periphery: sports & games

sideshow (noun)

sideshow

the Russians didn't see information warfare as a ~ (vs US)

designated the operation as a sideshow

historians ~ (Dragoon / France / WWII)

♦ "[Elon Musk] called crypto a 'side show to the side show.'"

♦ "The 1870s and 1880s were the height of the controversial but enormously popular 'side shows' in America. Hucksters like P.T. Barnum attracted huge throngs by booking fire-eaters, sword swallows, and 'freaks' with assorted medical abnormalities, some bogus, others disturbingly real. There were the 'Wild Men of Borneo' (actually two mentally disabled dwarfs from Ohio), 'Jo-Jo the Dog-Faced Boy' (suffering from hypertrichosis, a profusion of body hair), 'General Tom Thumb' (the world's smallest human), eight-foot giants, bearded ladies, Siamese twins, and people with humongous body tumors attached to their back, face, and scrotum..." (*Bellevue: Three Centuries of Medicine and Mayhem at America's Most Storied Hospital* by David Oshinsky.)

importance & significance: center & periphery / circus

sidestep (verb)

sidestepped

he ~ when asked how he would... (a politician)

sidestepped Congress

the President ~ and issued an order

sidestep the issue

the academy is doing its best to ~ (controversy)

sidestepped the (major) issues

the Supreme Court ~ (gerrymandering)

sidestepped a question

she ~ about whether using the term...

sidestepped that question

she has ~ for months (politics)

sidestepped the question

he ~ entirely, instead discussing citizenship (a politician)

sidestepped questions

the State Department spokesman ~ about why...

the supreme court nominee ~ about abortion, the ACA

♦ "She sidestepped a question about whether using the term was going overboard." (Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. The term was "genocide.")

avoidance & separation / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

sidetracked

become sidetracked

it's easy to lose focus and ~ with all the nonsense

got sidetracked

he ~ and ended up talking about...

failure, accident & impairment / progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / train

sideways (go sideways)

go sideways

from there, things started to ~ (political fortunes)

goes sideways

if shit ~, who do you think Vought will go after

going sideways

the balloons aren't falling, everything is ~ (a convention)

started to go sideways

it was up and down, then things ~ (politician)

went sideways

and then the arrest ~...

went sideways (very) quickly

with all the gangs, it ~ (Wood Green)

♦ "DOWNSIDE OF SIDEWAYS Although the lander's sideways position is far from ideal..." (The 13-foot-tall "Odysseus" is not upright on the moon, but lies on its side. The IM-1 Nova-C lunar lander tipped over on landing.)

♦ "She was knocked sideways by the death of her husband..."

failure, accident & impairment / progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

side with (verb)

sided with Johnny Depp against Amber Heard

the jury ~ (a trial)

side with celebrities over victims

the public tends to ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

siege (under siege)

under siege

NBC news executives are ~ after release of the book

under siege from a population boom

the wilderness is ~

world under siege

videos depicting a Muslim ~

country under siege

this is a ~ (by crime / South Africa)

Prime Minister is under siege

and now to the U.K., where the ~ (Brexit)

wilderness is under siege

the ~ from a population boom

feel under siege

Asian Americans really ~ (safety, COVID, racism, etc.)

has (much of) the US under siege

dangerous weather ~

♦ “The fortress of Pondicherry being as strong as art and nature could make it, Colonel Coote was perfectly aware that it could only be reduced by famine... / Lally fell back on the fortress, disputing bravely every yard of ground, until in front of Pondicherry he formed those famous lines, which, with a skill and valour that were admirable, he defended for twelve weeks, thus giving sufficient time to have the town fully victualled, and also to conclude a treaty with the Rajah of Mysore, who pledged himself to continue a supply of provisions—a pledge he forgot to fulfil... / Failure of provisions now compelled Lally to expel from the town a vast number of native women and children; and as Coote sternly drove them back again, great numbers of these poor creatures were killed or wounded... / The scarcity within the guarded circle of Pondicherry increased daily, till at last the stock of provisions ran out, and the soldiers and citizens were compelled to devour the flesh of elephants, camels, horses, dogs, cats, and even rats.” (“Siege of Pondicherry, 1760-1,” from *British Battles On Land And Sea* by James Grant. A cenotaph on Clifton Downs is inscribed: “Sacred to the memory of those departed warriors of the 79th Regiment by whose valour, discipline, and perseverance the French land forces in Asia were first withstood and repulsed.”)

**amount & effect / conflict: fortification / military
resistance, opposition & defeat: fortification / military
siege (other)**

siege mentality

the ~ (Israel)

the government is showing signs of a ~ (Syria)

the generals are comfortable in their ~ (Myanmar)

siege tactics

traditional ~ used in Himalayan climbing

laid siege to NBC

Weinstein ~ (threats and enticements)

♦ “Right-wing extremists have laid siege to events where drag queens read to schoolchildren...” (“Pride Organizers Try to Keep Marches and Festivals Safe in a Year of Anti-LGBTQ Hate” by Tim Teeman, *Daily Beast*, June 18, 2022.)

♦ “A body of the 89th Highland Regiment, which had been raised among the Gordon clan in the preceding year at Badenoch, were landed from the *Sandwich*, East Indiaman, and behaved with their usual gallantry. Pressing onward, they burst from the rear, through Draper’s grenadiers, in their eagerness to get at the enemy. Tossing aside their muskets, they raised a wild cheer, and with their bonnets in one hand and claymores in the other, threw themselves upon the soldiers of Lally, and cut many to pieces. They were only fifty in number, and were commanded by Captain George Morrison. From that time the operations of Lally were confined to the ramparts of Pondicherry. Several of his cannon were taken by the brave little band of Highlanders. Seven of these were found to be eighteen-pounders, loaded to the muzzle with all sorts of projectiles—bars of iron, jagged metal, stones, and bottles.” (“Siege of Pondicherry, 1760-1,” from *British Battles On Land And Sea* by James Grant.)

**amount & effect: fortification / military
resistance, opposition & defeat: fortification / military
sieve (noun)**

come through the sieve

a lot of the personal Lenin was never allowed to ~ (archives)

searching & discovery: farming & agriculture

scientist (rocket scientist)

rocket scientist

you don’t need to be a ~ to explain this (criminal trial)

take a rocket scientist

it doesn’t ~ to understand what they did was illegal

♦ “He’s not a rocket surgeon.” (A comment about an athlete’s intelligence. Heard on the sports radio show the Sportsocracy. Conflates “rocket scientist” and “brain surgeon.” Funny!)

knowledge & intelligence: person

sift (searching)

sifted the sources

she has ~, examining their reliability (historian)

sift for youth

job requirements in the Valley ~ (Silicon Valley)

sifted the debate for clues

observers ~ about action on carbon legislation

sifted through the returns for lessons learned

both parties ~ (election)

sift through the debris

fans have been left to ~ of a failed season (sports)

sifted through evidence

investigators ~ and interviewed survivors (arson)

sift through the (classified) materials

it could take three months to ~ (investigation)

sift through names

the computer program will help officials to ~ (crime)

sifted through many submissions

she ~ (photo competition)

sift through the (political) rubble

both sides will be left to ~ (impeachment trial)

sift through the results

search engines make you ~ for an answer

sifted through the trash

they ~, looking for anything edible or saleable

sifted down to her

the terrible facts ~ when she heard...

♦ Sieves are found in most any kitchen. Archaeologists also employ them. Workers used sieves to search for human remains and objects from the World Trade Center collapse.

searching & discovery: tools & technology / verb

worth & lack of worth: tools & technology / verb

sifted

sifted for (fresh) clues

the new trove of material was being ~ (terrorism)

sifted for evidence

the report is ~ of subtle changes in policy (China)

sifted, correlated and analyzed

data can increasingly be ~ (online behavior)

wisely sifted

more information, ~, is usually better than less

searching & discovery: tools & technology

sigh (sigh of relief)

sigh of relief

there’s a collective ~ in Florida (hurricane track)

breathed a sigh of relief
Americans ~ and told themselves the system had worked

breathing a sigh of relief
companies are ~
leaders are ~
they are all ~ (health care)

breathing a sigh of relief over the verdict
we are all ~

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing
danger: bodily reaction / breathing

sight (in sight)

in sight
relief is ~
gains are nowhere ~ (progress of war)
there's no relief ~ (wildfires in California)
there is still no viable solution ~
there is no end ~ to this opioid litigation
the end is ~ (impeachment trial)

future / time: distance / eye

proximity: eye

sight (lose sight)

lose sight that
do not ~ we are at war (government)

lose sight of the big picture
don't ~ (advice to teachers)

consciousness & awareness: eye / verb

sight (in somebody's sights)

in the SEC's sights for fraud
the Wall Street firm is ~

had him in their sights
federal prosecutors ~ (criminal investigation)

have it in our sights
we ~ (merger)

have you in their sights
they are unspeakably mean and disingenuous once they ~

target: weapon

sight (in plain sight)

hide in plain sight
people had to ~ (Jews in Germany in W.W. II)
his wealth and fame allowed him to ~ (sex abuse)

hiding in plain sight
make people see what was ~ (sex abuse)
the structure was "~" (discovered by satellite / archeology)
edits are all around us, ~ (the media)

made in plain sight
the plans to storm the Capitol were ~ (on the Internet)

concealment & lack of concealment: eye

sights (weapon)

turned their sights on Joe
then they ~ (prosecutors in trial)

target: weapon

sights (lower one's sights)

lower their sights
boxers who lose a fight, lose self-belief, and ~

♦ "We look for songs that mean something. Higher ground. You know, everybody know where the higher ground is. It sure ain't here on earth. It's above us. So we all want to go to the higher ground." (Clarence Fountain of the Blind Boys of Alabama.)

♦ "I will lift mine eyes unto the hills..." (The Bible.)

attainment: direction / height / mountains & hills

wants, needs, hopes & goals: direction / height / mountains & hills

sign (sign of the times, etc.)

in a sign of the times
~, the retail chain has declared bankruptcy

evidence: sign, signal, symbol

sign (evidence)

sign of allyship
support for Depp is taken as a ~ with male victims of abuse

larger political signs
Denison could read the ~ (a government official)

no sign
there is still ~ of a plan to train new doctors
the firestorm over his allegations shows ~s of abating

signs point
all the ~ to her having a breakout year

♦ "Nothing is more formidable than a sign, especially if you ignore it or fail to recognize it in the first place. Signs are fate." (Gold Dust by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ "Tigers, lynxes, bears, wolverines, wapiti, deer, roe, pig, all are resident in this rich taiga. / Dersu strode on in silence, serenely seeing everything. I was reveling in the view, but he looked at a twig broken off at the height of a man's arm, and from the way it was hanging knew the direction in which the man had been going. From the freshness of the fracture he judged the time that had elapsed. Whenever I passed by a particularly obvious track, Dersu would chuckle, wag his head, and say: / 'H'm! Just like small boy. Go walk, wag head; have eyes, no-can look-see.' / As we went, I trod upon a thorn..." (Dersu Uzala by V. K. Arseniev.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / evidence: hunting / religion

sign (warning sign)

warning sign
~s include confusion, ashy skin (heatstroke)
~ that your child may be doing drugs

warning sign of problems
a ~ ahead

warning signs of psychosis
spotted the ~ in himself

warning signs of suicide
public education about the ~

warning signs of an (impending) eruption
scientists caught the ~

warning signs for stroke
people should learn the ~

warning signs for violent behavior
17 ~

warning signs and dangers
the ~ of huffing (sniffing glue, etc.)

stroke's warning signs
recognize ~

ample warning signs
there were ~ (psychotic breakdown)

education about the warning signs
public ~ of suicide

warning signs or red flags
there were no ~ (mass shooter)

display (any of) the warning signs
if they ~ of suicide...

know the warning signs
~ (depression)

missed the warning signs
they ~ (son's breakdown)

missed many warning signs
people ~ (bullied / struggling / isolated)

warning: sign, signal, symbol

sign (verb)

signed your work
bloody boot prints, just like a signature, you boys ~

evidence: verb / writing & spelling

signal (verb)

signal a change
I don't mean to ~ in policy (government official)

signals danger
stress is an external stimulus that ~

signals the onset
ejaculation ~ of puberty in boys

signal the presence
the green palm trees ~ of water (Egyptian desert)

signal a problem
the following 10 red flags may ~ (child development)

signal a shift
gifts can ~ in a relationship

signaled a willingness

the administration has ~ to be creative with...

signal diabetic coma
Kussmaul respirations ~ (nursing)

signaled a sucking chest wound
the bubbling blood ~ (ED)

gifts can signal
~ a shift in a relationship

palm trees signal
the green ~ the presence of water (Egyptian desert)

red flags may signal
the following 10 ~ a problem (child development)

evidence: sign, signal, symbol / verb

signal (mixed signals)

mixed signals about his plan
the President is sending ~ for the southern border

sent mixed signals
his lawyer has ~ (about what his client might do)

sends (multiple) signals
Iran's action ~ (military deployment)

♦ "I don't think we should be doing this, but, umm... I'm not sure..."
("Lesbian Reluctance: Mixed Signals," XNXX.)

message: tools & technology

signal (signal and noise)

see *signal and noise (noun)*

signal and noise (noun)

signal-noise clarity
I will wait for a bit more ~ (drug trials)

pick out the signal from the noise
trying to ~ (epidemiology)

separate the noise from what is sound and true
we have to ~ and rely on fact (election journalism)

separate the signal from the noise
~ (when considering President Trump)

separate signal from noise
if the volume is turned to 11, how do you ~ (culture wars)

tease apart signal from noise
powerful computing and statistical approaches ~

♦ The key is to be able to separate the signal from the noise.

message: sound / tools & technology

analysis, interpretation & explanation: sound / tools & technology

signature (evidence)

signature
if he is alive, he's not moving enough to create a ~

signatures of (past or present) life
organic molecules, possible ~ (Mars)

signature of our submarines
reducing the acoustic ~

signature of the vehicle
the smaller the width or track ~

signature of water
searching for the chemical ~

signatures of unmanned aerial vehicles
the small thermal ~

artillery's (firing) signature
the field ~ makes it vulnerable

chemical signature
searching for the ~ of water
researchers mine the elaborate ~s of breath

chemical "signature"
DEA labs are testing the heroin to find a ~

dust signatures
rapid movement causes dramatic ~ (military)

heat signature
stationary aircraft have a considerable ~
screen exhaust systems to reduce ~ (trucks)

lane signature
increase the ~ to aid passage of larger forces

return signature
a ~ that indicates a mine (mine detector)

sand (and dust) signatures
movement is detected by ~ (military)

track signature
the smaller the width or ~ of the vehicle

aircraft signature
ensure that the ~ will be minimized

firing signature
the field artillery's ~ makes it vulnerable

acoustic signature
reducing the ~ of our submarines

acoustical signature
the V-22 Osprey flies with a lower "~"

considerable (heat) signature
stationary aircraft have a ~

criminal signature
he left his ~ at each crime scene (serial killer)

dramatic (dust) signatures
rapid movement causes ~ (military)

electronic signature
it has no ~ (an air-defense weapon);
the Tactical Operations Center has little ~

infrared signature
reducing ~s is a passive anti-air consideration

metallic signature
locate mines by a slight ~ (AN/PSS-12)

operational signature
its ~ was aggressiveness (L.A. police)

slight (metallic) signature
locate mines by a ~ (AN/PSS-12)

small (thermal) signature
the ~s of unmanned aerial vehicles

thermal signature
the small ~s of unmanned aerial vehicles

track signature
the smaller the width or ~ of the vehicle

visual signature
markers provide commanders with a ~

thermal and optical signatures
friendly and enemy ~

footprint or signature
they don't have a ~ (terrorists)

detected by (sand and dust) signatures
movement is ~ (military)

evidence: writing & spelling

signature (signature issue, etc.)

signature affliction
every age has its ~ (burnout)

signature crusade
he made health-care reform the ~ of his career

signature issue
he has made immigration his ~

signature victory
this was a ~ by Eubank, the best of his career (boxer)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: writing & spelling

sign off (on something)

signed off on the plan
he ~ (government)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: writing & spelling / verb

signpost (as verb)

signposted her final moments
a data trail accurately ~ (smartwatch, phone, etc.)

evidence: infrastructure / journeys & trips / part of speech / sign, signal, symbol / verb

signpost (noun)

signpost as to how bad
his death was a ~ things were (Liston, boxing, the mob)

signposts of my childhood

I pass the ~

signposts of (rulers') authority

Baghdad's bridges are ~

signpost on a road

the Balfour Declaration was a ~ heading towards a cliff

evidence: infrastructure / journeys & trips / sign, signal, symbol

silence (deafening silence, etc.)

silence of the past 27 years

the ~ has spoken loudly in our community

Amazon's silence

~ on 'Rings of Power' audience size is deafening

♦ "The silence of the past 27 years surrounding this case has spoken loudly in our community." (Sekyiwa Shakur, about the arrest in 2023 of the only living suspect in the murder of her brother, the rapper Tupac Shakur.)

♦ "Absence is present in this film. The absence is definitely... it's kind of deafening in its absence and its presence. And I feel that even in this city—New York—that there is that feeling as well." (The film director Steve McQueen talking about his film *Occupied City*.)

♦ "At the Armistice, the sudden cessation of the artillery fire which had continued ceaselessly on the Western Front for more than four years had an almost frightening effect on the troops. It was as if the kitchen clock had stopped at eleven o'clock in the morning and the household was uncertain as to when the potatoes should be put on to boil, if at all. 'When the guns stop' had been a synonym for 'when the war is over.' Yet was it over?... [T]here were no scenes in the trenches even remotely resembling those that took place at home." (*Good-Bye To All That* by Robert Graves.)

♦ "There were no birds singing in the forest. No animals, no wolves or bears. There were not even mice. Nothing. There was nothing there. Perhaps the prisoners had eaten the birds, I don't know. But I never heard a sound." (The Polish schoolgirl Danuta Maczka, describing the Siberian logging camp she was deported to in early 1940. From "A Polish girl's journey across three continents" by Monica Whitlock, BBC, 16 September 2012.)

♦ "The men in the bunkers and command-posts of the 62nd Army felt very strange indeed; they wanted to touch their faces, feel their clothes, wiggle their toes in their boots. The Germans weren't shooting. It was quiet. / The silence made their heads whirl. They felt as though they had grown empty, as though their hearts had gone numb, as though their arms and legs moved in a different way from usual. It felt very odd, even inconceivable, to eat kasha in silence, to write a letter in silence, to wake up at night and hear silence. This silence then gave birth to many different sounds that seemed new and strange: the clink of a knife, the rustle of a page being turned in a book, the creak of a floorboard, the sound of bare feet, the scratching of a pen, the click of a safety-catch on a pistol, the ticking of the clock on the wall of the bunker... / Chuykov left the bunker and climbed slowly up to the top of the slope; the wooden steps creaked under his boots. It was dark. Both the east and the west were quiet. The silhouettes of factories, the ruined buildings, the trenches and dug-outs all merged into the calm, silent darkness of the earth, the sky and the Volga. / This was the true expression of the people's victory. Not the ceremonial marches and orchestras, not the fireworks and artillery salutes, but this quietness—the quietness of a damp night in the country... / Chuykov was very moved; he could hear his heart thumping in this breast. Then he realized the silence was not total. From Banniy Ovrage and the 'Red October' factory came the sound of men singing. Below, on the banks of the Volga, he could hear quiet voices and the sound of a guitar..." (*Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman, Part 3, 17, page 659-661.)

♦ "It's pretty obvious, right from the first moment that the soldiers deploy because... you have this eerie sort of quietness?" (Siobhan Fallon, military wife, speaking about her book, *You Know When the Men Are Gone* on NPR's All Things Considered in 2011.)

♦ Day is done / Gone the sun / From-the-lake / From-the hill / From-the-sky / Rest in peace / Sol jer brave / God is nigh And as the last note quivered to pridelful silence... (*From Here to Eternity* by James Jones.)

evidence: sound

silenced (groups)

silenced in my own history [and] experience

I just felt ~ (Cambodian immigrant)

silenced and misrepresented

we've been ~ (Katori Hall)

♦ "We've been silenced and misrepresented. And so, any time you get an opportunity to tell your truth, you are pushing back against so many lies and falsehoods... And being an artist and in demanding that the world just looks at you, you oddly are being an activist." (Katori Hall.)

♦ "I couldn't fight back when Jeffrey Epstein sexually abused me, because I hadn't yet found my voice. Well, I found my voice now, and while Jeffrey may no longer be here to hear it, I will not stop fighting and I will not be silenced anymore."

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

silent (fall silent)

fall silent

the factory will ~

♦ "When the mines were working, there was a rhythm to life by what the whistles told you, and what the sounds were. So there was a noise that went on constantly that you were aware of and yet not aware of. And when the mines were gone, there was a dead silence... And it was eerie." (From the PBS documentary, "Butte, America." The mines operated from 1890 to 1977, and in 1920 over 40,000 people lived in Butte, many of them miners.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sound

curtailment: sound

silent (silent epidemic, etc.)

silent epidemic

the ~ of America's problem with guns (suicide)

Silent Killer

carbon monoxide, the ~

silent killer

fentanyl has been a ~ in many OD deaths

silent transmission

the aim is to nip any ~ in the bud (PCR testing booths)

concealment & lack of concealment: sound

Silicon Valley (of China, etc.)

China's Silicon Valley

Shenzhen, known as ~ (tech startups)

comparison & contrast: epithet

computer: epithet

Silicon Valley, etc.

Silicon Valley for the new industry

this is the ~ (Mojave Desert / aerospace / 2007)

Silicon Valley of its day

entrepreneurs made the Midwest the ~ (auto industry)

Silicon Alley

the dot com companies of ~ (NYC)

Crypto Valley

the canton of Zug is now known as ~ (Switzerland)

Hillicon Valley

~, tech and cyber news from Capitol Hill to Silicon Valley

Lithium Valley

extraction can turn this area into the ~ (Salton Sea / CA)

Silicon Glen

the central belt of Scotland was called ~

Silicon Valley

she was the golden girl of ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

failure and reinvention are embraced in ~ (no ethics)

♦ "Whatever happened to Silicon Glen?" by Douglas Fraser, *Business / economy editor*, Scotland, BBC, 28 January 2016. FIHK.)

♦ "Entrepreneurs in the auto industry and other innovators made the Midwest the Silicon Valley of its day." ("Recovering The Heartland" by Hendrik Meijer, *National Review*, December 19, 2022.)

place: tools & technology

computer: place

Silk Road (maritime Silk Road, etc.)

Canada's (6,000-year-old) 'Silk Road'

~ (see quote below)

Maritime Silk Road

the UAE is a hub of the ~ of China

♦ "The Silk Road was not one route, but a series of routes."

♦ A BBC link "Canada's 6,000-year-old 'Silk Road' leads to an article entitled "The little-known hiking trail that built Canada" which turns out to be about the Nuxalk-Carrier Grease Trail in British Columbia, which is just 279 miles long!

proper name: journeys & trips

route: epithet

silo (verb)

silo information

hospital systems ~ (EHRs)

siloed the groups off from one another

she ~ and discouraged them from communicating

isolation & remoteness: farming & agriculture / verb

division & connection: farming & agriculture / verb

silo (academic silos, etc.)

siloes of information and misinformation

we are getting our news from different ~ (US dysfunction)

silo-busters

leaders should be ~

social-media silos

our filter bubbles and self-reinforcing ~

smaller, progressive silo

the audience is cramped into a ~ (at NPR, vs. in 2011)

so many different separate silos

people get info and entertainment from ~ (a divided U.S.)

academic silos

the school wants to break down ~

break down silos

common business challenges, like how to ~

cramped into a smaller, progressive silo

now the audience is ~ (at NPR in 2024, vs. 2011)

♦ This word is nicely written about in "The Vocabulary: How did 'silo' get to mean something else?" by The Vocabulary, BBC, 30 June 2015.

♦ "This is the problem of spying. You are always in one particular silo within that particular organization in a black hole of information like Afghanistan, so you are really focusing on one area but you are blind sometimes basically to other activities happening around." (Aimen Dean.)

isolation & remoteness: farming & agriculture

division & connection: farming & agriculture

siloed

siloed

Jobs had insisted that departments were ~ (secrecy)

the reality is the funding is ~ (restrictions on how to spend)

"siloed" (healthcare) system

the US has a ~ (public, private, fragmented)

siloed off

I'm kind of ~, our studios are in Brooklyn...

women are so ~ in this profession (TV directors)

siloed and insular

political journalists are even more ~ today (than in 2016)

siloed and stereotyped

native people have long been ~ in film (Reservation Dogs)

become (more) siloed

the population has ~ (paywalls, premium subscriptions)

get siloed

we do ~, NPR's a pretty big organization (Uri Berliner)

constraint & lack of constraint / division & connection /

isolation & remoteness: farming & agriculture

silver (noun)

silver bullet

see *silver bullet*

silver platter

see *platter (silver platter)*

silver (speech)

see *silver (speech)*

silver-tongued

see *silver-tongued*

speech: materials & substances

silver (speech)

silver

speech is ~, silence is gold

silver-tongued
see *silver-tongued*

♦ Speech is silver, silence is gold!

speech: materials & substances

silver bullet

silver bullet
the system was sold as a ~ but it never worked (E-Verify)
this problem will take time to fix and there is no ~

silver-bullet solution
building the dam is not a ~ to adapt to changing weather

no silver bullet
there's ~, one system to do everything (anti-drone warfare)

vaccine 'silver bullets'
COVID-19 advisor says there are no ~

proved to be a silver bullet
hydroxychloroquine has not ~ (COVID)

♦ "I think the risk here is that we are putting all of our eggs in one basket, we're only focusing on boosting with vaccines, I think the issue is people are looking for a silver bullet, and, boosters are not a silver bullet to COVID." (Ominous reporting heard on NPR on September 6, 2022.)

amelioration & renewal: bullet / magic / weapon

silver-tongued

silver-tongued
a ~ recruiting sergeant

speech: materials & substances / tongue

simmer (verb)

simmered with resentment
he ~

activity: heating water / temperature / verb / water
initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

simmering (activity)

simmering resentment
~ blossomed into warfare (two politicians)

simmering tensions
this explosion of violence follows weeks of ~ (Jerusalem)

simmering war
it is a ~ that sometimes boils over (Iran vs. world)

long-simmering debate
the ~ over whether dinosaurs...

long-simmering dispute
his ~ with...

long-simmering event
this ~ in our history

long-simmering tension
~ between the private university and the town

long-simmering (ethnic) tensions

~ have erupted into violence

long-simmering (racial) tensions
the altercation caused ~ to erupt

♦ "It is neither a cold nor hot war, in those terms' traditional sense. It is a simmering war that sometimes boils over and other times remains warm." (Alan Dershowitz and Andrew Stein. From "Enough with the Band-Aids, Biden—we need to stop Iran now," *The New York Post*, Jan. 17, 2024.)

activity: heating water / temperature / water
initiation: heating water / temperature / water

simulacrum (noun)

simulacrum of choice
gamification offers only a ~

simulacrum of sporting dominance
these niche sports offer a ~ (gravel racing, etc.)

♦ Often used in a pejorative sense.

representation: religion

sin (noun)

sins of slavery
she justified the looting as payback for the ~

mortal sin
I'd committed the ~ of voting for... (a politician)

original sin
see *original sin (groups)*

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

sinew (effort)

strain every sinew
the government needs to ~ to encourage... (industry)
I will ~ to deliver on my promises (PM Rishi Sunak)

difficulty, easiness & effort: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

Singapore (Singapore of the Middle East)

Singapore of the Middle East
Gaza could have been the ~

♦ "Gaza could have been—the phrase that's often used is—the Singapore of the Middle East... I interviewed the head of the Gaza Chamber of Commerce and he was quite optimistic." (NPR's Scott Simon, about 1993 and the Oslo Accords, versus Saturday, October 7, 2023.)

♦ "They took all the money and instead of making Gaza the Singapore of the Middle East, they made it into the biggest terrorist nest of the world." (A comment about Hamas by a member of the Israeli religious-Zionist party.)

♦ "Gaza could Have Been Singapore. Hamas Turned It Into ISIS / Opinion" by Bassem Eid, Palestinian Human Rights Activist, *Newsweek*, October 9, 2023.

comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

sink (destroy)

sank the (prosecution's) case
it was the torpedo that ~ (forensics)

destruction: boat / sea / verb

sink (disappearance)

sank without a trace
the poem ~ in England (by D'Arcy Wentworth)

appearance & disappearance: boat / sea / verb / water

sink (behavior)

sunk to a new low
she has ~

sink to the level
we cannot ~ of our oppressors

sinking lower and lower
broadcasters are ~ to get higher ratings

behavior: direction / verb

sink (put)

sink (a lot of) money into their kids' sports
adults ~

throwing, putting & planting: water / verb

sink (sink into a coma, etc.)

sank into a coma
he ~

consciousness & awareness: direction / water

sink (sink into debt, etc.)

sinking (deeper) into debt
I was ~ (now homeless)

swim or sink
we are going to ~ together (revitalizing Detroit / 2010)

survival, persistence & endurance: direction / water

sink (sink into despair, etc.)

sink into despair
she was starting to ~ (losing soccer game)

heart sank
my ~... (news of murder of boy)

spirits sank
my ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb / water

sink (sink into the mud, etc.)

sinking into the mud
the US is ~ of defeat (Iraqi spokesman on war)

sinking into the mud
the US is ~ of defeat (Iraqi spokesman on war)

**failure, accident & impairment / obstacles & impedance:
direction / ground, terrain & land / verb**

sink (sink into obscurity, etc.)

sank into obscurity
Petra ~ about 1000 AD

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / verb

sink (decline)

sinks into melodrama
the story ~

sank fast
United ~ after City went ahead (2019 soccer game)

stocks sank
blue-chip ~ Friday (stock market)

decline: direction / verb

increase & decrease: direction / verb

sinkhole (noun)

sinkhole of shame and self-hatred
stuttering leaves behind an ever-deepening ~

decline: ground, terrain & land

sink in (verb)

sink in
it took two days for it to ~
if you let that ~, that's an alarming statistic (police suicide)

sinks in
reality ~

sunk in
has it ~, John (a great boxing victory)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

comprehension & incomprehension: verb / water

sinking (sinking feeling, etc.)

sinking feeling
I had a ~ that...

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / water

sink or swim

sink or swim on whether
the LIV Tour will ~ they are able to... (golf)

sink or swim type
it was a ~ type of thing (new bandmember)

survival, persistence & endurance: water

siphon (verb)

siphon Republicans away
a "centrist" might ~ from Trump (elections)

siphoned funds to her own pockets
she ~

directing: verb / water

siren (siren call / siren song)

siren call of booze

they cannot resist the ~ (alcoholics)

siren call of fads

don't give in to the ~ (tattoos you can live with)

siren song of bargains

the ~ is too irresistible to avoid (outlet malls)

siren call to extremist groups

the tweet was the ~ such as... (President Trump)

heard the siren call

he ~ of his former club Real Madrid (Carlo Ancelotti)

heed the siren call

her book is for all who ~ of the water (swimming)

seduced by the siren song

they've been ~ "college for everyone"

♦ A Ulysses pact (contract) allows a mentally ill person to stipulate in advance that he be hospitalized during an episode, thus circumventing a legal requirement that he give permission.

♦ Dieter Klose, who made three attempts to climb the 6,700-foot Northwest Face of the Devils Thumb, on the border of Alaska and British Columbia, likened this climb to Sirens who attempted to lure Ulysses to his death.

♦ Delmer: Can't you see it, Everett? Them sirens did this to Pete. They loved him up and turned him into a ...horny toad." See YouTube O Brother, Where Art Thou? The sirens scene (HD CLIP)

attraction & repulsion: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

siren (other)

siren

this is the age of Viagra, and Mr. Trink was its ~

siren-voiced

a ~ singer

♦ "Today's sirens want to charm you with seductive and insistent messages that focus on easy gains, the false needs of consumerism, the cult of physical wellness, of entertainment at all costs. All these are like fireworks: they flare up for a moment, but then turn to smoke in the air." (Pope Francis on his trip to Greece in December, 2021.)

attraction & repulsion: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

sister (redneck sisters, etc.)

sisters in arms

the team has a '~' mantra (Australian netball team)

all my sisters

here's to ~ out there keepin' it country...

sweet sister

Hey my ~, let's please not... (see quote below)

Band of Sisters

~: *American Women at War in Iraq* (by Kirsten Holmstedt)

brothers and sisters

I love my Browns ~ but I'm done with the team (NFL fan)

♦ "Here's to all my sisters out there keepin' it country..." (Gretchin Wilson Redneck Woman YouTube. Hell yeah!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82dDnv9zeLs>

♦ "The Diamonds have a 'sisters in arms' mantra." (Australian netball team.)

♦ "Sisters are not always sisterly and nor are women somehow innately nice." ("Whatever the truth behind allegations against Lizzo, women can certainly be abusers, too" by Gaby Hinsliff, Opinion, *The Guardian*, 3 August 2023.)

♦ "Hey my sweet sister. Let's please not allow this business to erase our talent with giving grey areas and technicalities. Take a moment and know the history. DON'T BE A PART OF ERASING IT. I wish you the best. (Mo'Nique Worldwide responding to a tweet by Rebel Wilson.)

♦ "I still love my fellow long suffering Browns brothers and sisters but I am done with the team." (A disgruntled NFL fan.)

♦ "I could feel the unity of tens of millions of brothers and sisters, rising to join the fight, creating a living dam to block the invaders' path..." (Vasily Grossman, author of *Life and Fate*.)

♦ "Beside my brothers and my sisters, I will proudly make a stand." Toby Keith—American Solider (Radio Edit)

group, set & collection: family

division & connection / relationship: family

sister (big sister, etc.)

big sister

I was like a mother hen to them, I was like ~ (skateboarder)

big sister to young rockers

Judy Collins was a kind of ~ (place to crash, etc.)

help & assistance: family

sister (sister ship, etc.)

sister

our ~s the plants, our brothers the animals (a Navajo)

sister building

concerns about its ~ down the block (building collapse)

sister city

Asheville's ~, Saumur, France

China has terminated the ~ relationship with Prague

sister event

Bike Week and its ~, Biketoberfest (Daytona Beach)

sister organizations

he described them as "~" (terrorist groups)

sister publications

the *Los Angeles Times* and its ~

sister ship

HMS *Queen Elizabeth* and her ~, HMS *Prince of Wales* the *Zaandam* and its ~ the *Rotterdam*

the nuclear sub *San Francisco* and its ~, *Honolulu*

sister science

natural language processing and its ~, speech generation

sister technology

Smart Reply is a ~ of Smart Compose

sister virus

Marburg's ~: Ebola (African hemorrhagic fevers)

smaller sister

the Mediterranean and its ~, the Black Sea...

ugly sister

eugenics and its ~, eugenic euthanasia (Nazis)

three sisters

~ soup, built from beans, squash and corn

she and her sisters

~ were not very weatherly under sail (a class of 5 ships)

♦ After the nose of the nuclear submarine USS *San Francisco* was crushed in a collision with a seamount in 2005, the nose of its sister ship the USS *Honolulu*—which was due to be retired—was cut off and welded to the *San Francisco*, which continued to serve for another eight years. Now, that's a sister!

relationship: family

sister (the Seven Sisters, etc.)

Two Sisters

we sailed to the ~ (Saudi islands off of Jizan)

Three Sisters

we could see the ~ (mountains in KwaZulu-Natal)
a group of boulders called the ~ (Stawell, Victoria)

Seven Sisters

the Pleiades are often called the ~ (stars)
Assam is one of the ~ (states in India)
the ~ Waterfall has 7 separate streams (Norway)
~ schools were still all-female (early 1960s)
~ alumnae (Ali MacGraw, Jane Fonda, Gloria Steinem...)

Roaring Sister

the ~ is a rock on the Western Cape of South Africa

proper name: family

sisterhood (noun)

Sisterhood

~ *Is Forever* (an anthology edited by Robin Morgan)

sisterhood of widows

slain NYPD officer Jonathan Diller's wife joins ~

sisterhood, and self-empowerment

it's about ~ (2017 film *Girl's Trip*)

tragic sisterhood

it's a ~ (wives of cops slain in the line of duty)

member of this sisterhood

yet another ~ was Gerdy Troost (female architects)

♦ "The Diamonds have a 'sisters in arms' mantra." (Australian netball.)

♦ *Sisterhood Is Powerful* (1970); *Sisterhood Is Global* (1984); *Sisterhood Is Forever* (2003)... (Anthologies, all edited by Robin Morgan. Each one has its Wikipedia entry.)

♦ "Sisters are not always sisterly and nor are women somehow innately nice." ("Whatever the truth behind allegations against Lizzo, women can certainly be abusers, too" by Gaby Hinsliff, Opinion, *The Guardian*, 3 August 2023.)

♦ "She was singularly unsisterly." (The foreign correspondent Maggie Higgins, who wanted to be seen as a good newspaper man, not woman. She wanted equal opportunity for herself, not for her sex. And she got it, by earning and deserving it.)

♦ "Slain NYPD Officer Jonathan Diller's wife joins sisterhood of widows whose husbands were killed in the line of duty: 'It never goes away'" by Tina Moore, *The New York Post*, Marh 30, 2024.)

♦ see also *brotherhood* (noun)

group, set & collection: family

division & connection / relationship: family

Sisyphean (adjective)

Sisyphean attempt

they worked nonstop in a ~ to halt the inevitable (boat)

Sisyphean task

it is a ~ (creating a database)

the ~ of digging out the hut from snow (Antarctica)

♦ "We were basically always pushing Jell-O up a hill." (The Federal bureaucracy.)

♦ "It's like herding mice." (A teacher.)

difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.)

sat in a suburb

his house ~ called...

sits on the (northern) edge

the city ~ of the African continent (Melilla)

sits (comfortably) at the top of their group

Italy ~ (soccer)

sitting 2 points above the regulation zone

Manchester United ~ (English soccer)

sits behind a paywall

the *Stockton Record* ~ (a newspaper)

sat gleaming

his gold accessories, custom-made for him, ~

♦ A variant is "squat."

fictive position: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sit (sit on something)

sitting on the report

the government is ~

sits on his ideas

so he ~ (Darwin takes his time to publish)

action, inaction & delay / concealment & lack of

concealment: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sit (sit on one's hands)

see *hand* (*sit on one's hands*)

sit by (verb)

sit idly by

I couldn't ~ (need to take action against barking dogs)

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with &

ignoring things: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sit down (verb)

sit down with the opposition

we need to ~

sitting down with the Taliban
we shouldn't be ~

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / table / verb

sit-down (other)

sit-down with the child
have a serious ~ (a serious talk)

serious sit-down
have a ~ with the child (a serious talk)

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / table

sit out (verb)

sit out this year
he can't afford to ~ (working during pandemic)

sit it out
he could stay in Ulm and ~ until the Russians arrived

involvement: standing, sitting & lying / verb
action, inaction & delay: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sitting duck

sitting duck
my brother's a ~ (snitch in prison)
the convoys are ~s (Pakistan)
you're a ~, you have no way to defend yourself (sniper)

became a sitting duck
Usyk landed a 5-punch combination, and Joshua ~

danger: animal / bird / hunting
protection & lack of protection: animal / bird / hunting
sit up (sit up and take notice, etc.)

sit up and take notice
the score will no doubt have made their title rivals ~

♦ "The ruthless Gooners put six goals without reply past a stunned Hammers that led to many of the home fans departing at half-time, and will no doubt have made their title rivals sit up and take notice." ("West Ham 0-6 Arsenal: 'Massive' result puts Arsenal 'right in the race,'" BBC, February 2024.)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction

size (and sized / affix)

bus-sized
~ Tundra buggies haul tourists (Churchill / polar bears)

California-sized
Kiribati has declared a ~ marine reserve (Phoenix Islands)

rice-grain-size
a tiny ~ microchip (embedded in a pet)

queen-size
see *queen-size (and queen sized)*

softball-sized
~ spiders (Kandahar, Afghanistan)

♦ Marble / moth ball (.50); penny (.75); nickel (.88); quarter (1.00); half dollar (1.25); walnut / ping pong ball (1.50); golf ball (1.75); hen egg (2.00); tennis ball (2.50); baseball (2.75); tea cup (3.00); grapefruit (4.00); softball (4.50)... (Converting traditional hail size descriptions. Hail size (in.) / Object analog reported. From NOAA.)

♦ "It's got solar cells, batteries, two cameras... computer systems, navigation systems. All of this in a helicopter that's only the size of a chihuahua." (A drone on Mars.)

comparison & contrast: affix / object / size

size (one size fits all)

one-size-fits-all policy
can Twitter have a ~ for every country (India, Turkey)

one-size-fits-all strategy
it was a ~, and it didn't work (GOP politics)

cookie cutter, one-size-fits-all
I tried not to develop that ~ home run call (an announcer)

creation & transformation: clothing & accessories

sizzle (verb)

sizzles with withering wit
lacerating insults and dialogue that ~

cities sizzle
as ~... (hot weather)

Europe sizzles
people, pets seek shade and cool as ~ under a heat wave

no long sizzling
the plant-based meat industry is ~

♦ "How the economy went from sizzle to fizzle."

initiation: cooking / sound / verb

sizzle (noun)

sizzle reel
an Amazon Studios ~ included... (*Road House* remake)

♦ "How the economy went from sizzle to fizzle."

initiation: cooking / sound

sizzling (economy, etc.)

sizzling jobs market
what the country's ~ means for the economy

sizzling (summer) weather
~ is hitting people in their pocketbooks (cost of AC, etc.)

♦ "How the economy went from sizzle to fizzle."

initiation: cooking / sound

sizzling (sex)

sizzling romance
The Taste of Things is a ~ and feast (Justin Chang)

Sizzling-Hot
"~ Reads For Cold Winter Nights" (steamy, hot, sultry)

♦ "But also stuffed in my backpack was my assigned reading, *Wuthering Heights* and *Jane Eyre*. And the prose is very hot, but it's actually not explicit. And you know in that way it is actually still kind of sizzling... /

Well, he's the one she's really not that into (Lynton)... / The feelings are absolutely still as sizzling as one might feel today... / Obstacles are sexy and there's no greater obstacle than a war... ("Sizzling-Hot Reads For Those Cold Winter Nights" by Barre (female) Hardymon, NPR, All Things Considered, February 13, 2015.)

sex: temperature

skein (entanglement)

messy skein

he was already tangled in a ~ of indictments

complexity / involvement: cloth

skeletal (adjective)

skeletal

state services for victims are ~ (sex abuse / North Dakota)

skeletal force

the Alaska Defense Command, a ~ of 24,000 (W.W. II)

comparison & contrast: affix

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skeleton (secret)

skeleton

who knows what ~s he's got in his closet (troubled)

skeletons in our closet

I knew we had ~ (newspaper's lack of coverage of...)

skeletons in its (Communist) closet

Poland exhumes ~

skeletons in the closet

all the ~ are spilling out (Turkey)

he has a few ~ that he doesn't want you to know about

skeletons (in the closet) are spilling out

all the ~ (Turkey's past)

newly revealed skeletons

~ joined old ones in his closet (a politician)

closetful of skeletons

he lied because he had a ~ (Murdaugh murder trial)

exhumes skeletons

Poland ~ in its Communist closet

♦ "If you autopsy anybody's personal life deep enough, everybody's got skeletons." (A police chief under fire.)

♦ "I get that feeling too. It's like we've arrived in a small town and everybody knows everybody's dirty secrets, and we know there are skeletons in the closet, but we can't find the closets." (*The General's Daughter* by Nelson DeMille.)

concealment & lack of concealment: house / skeleton

skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)

skeleton crew

we are operating with a ~

we were able to open with a ~ (store after hurricane)

a ~ would remain aboard to maintain the vessel (ship)

skeleton staff

schools are operating with a ~ (pandemic)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skeleton (substance)

skeleton

this is just a ~, you need to flesh it out (essay)

substance & lack of substance: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skeleton (resemblance)

skeleton

she was skin and bones, a ~

charred skeleton

all that was left of the boat was a ~ (burned to waterline)

resemblance: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sketchy (adjective)

sketchy stuff

there is still some ~ taking place (banks)

a little bit sketchy

details remain ~ at the moment (a criminal assault)

certainty & uncertainty / flaws & lack of flaws: picture

skewer (verb)

skewered the powerful with his cartoons

he ~ (an editorial cartoonist)

skewered Mormonism

the Broadway show ~ (*The Book of Mormon* musical)

skewer (office) life and (business) norms

modern literary fiction often attempts to ~

♦ "These two women are such easy targets, a fingerless chef could skewer them." (A neat line from a book review by the critic Heller McAlpin.)

accusation & criticism / affliction / insult / speech: cooking / verb

skewered

skewered in an (attack) ad

he has been ~ for speaking French (a US politician)

accusation & criticism: cooking

affliction / insult / speech: cooking

ski (over one's skis, etc.)

got out (a little bit) over his skis

he probably ~ (a premature announcement)

got far out over their skis

critics of the new law ~ (sanctions, etc.)

♦ see also *far (too far)*

♦ "Critics of the Georgia elections law got far out over their skis." (Corporations sanctioned the state, and Major League baseball removed the All-Star Game from Atlanta.)

♦ For some reason this type of phrase gets tossed around a lot at my company. They'll say, "you don't want to get ahead of your skis" and I always have the urge to shout back "actually I don't want my skis to get ahead of me! Lol It's always distracting... (MissySki, Apr 19, 2021, on "The Ski Diva forum titled "Can you really get "out over your skis"? by SallyCat, Apr 18, 2021.)

♦ See "Where Did the Phrase 'Over His Skis' Come From?" by Noreen Malone, *New York Magazine*, May 31, 2012, and the comment.

♦ OLD: we are getting ahead of ourselves... / NEW: we are getting over our skis...

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: distance

failure, accident & impairment: distance

skin (feeling)

got under his skin
I knew I ~ (at a trial)

got under my skin
she really ~
this ~, because it touched something that mattered

gotten under his skin
this has clearly ~ (irritated)

gotten under (NPR's) skin
the allegation of bias has clearly ~

made my skin crawl
it ~ (disgust)

feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skin (jump out of one's skin)

jump out of my skin
loud noises make me ~

hyperbole: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

skin (save one's skin)

save their skins
executives sold their stock, hoping to ~ (Enron)

save your skin
it's lucky they're taking you to the boss, that may ~

euphemism / survival, persistence & endurance: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

skin (groups)

in her own skin
today Sullivan is comfortable ~ (autistic, agender)

strengthens your skin
just being here kinda ~ (autistic, agender)

♦ "There's something about having a place on the spectrum and feeling othered by the world but still just being here, no matter what, that really just like over the years kinda strengthens your skin." ("Transgender and non-binary people are up to six times more likely to also have autism" by Lesley McClurg, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, January 15, 2023.)

inclusion & exclusion: objectification

skin (outside)

skin
someone had tended to its guts, if not its ~ (a rifle)

mango skin
the ~ ripping away from the fruit's flesh...

orientation: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skin-deep

skin-deep
the reforms have only been ~

comparison & contrast / extent & scope / substance & lack of substance: breadth / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skinflint (person)

skinflint northerners
the scheme pits spendthrift southerners against ~ (Europe)

money: person

skinny (adjective)

skinny
department budgets are already ~ (state government)

skinny on results
diet books are fat on profits, ~

skinny (coronavirus) bill
the senate failed to pass even the ~

skinny budget
believe it or not, this is what they all the ~, Scott

substance & lack of substance: fatness & thinness / weight

skirmish (noun)

skirmishes
it's important to know which ~ to join and which to ignore

skirmishes with the (New York literary) establishment
one of his many ~ (Ishmael Reed)

budget skirmishes
the budget is subject to annual ~

♦ "In every bureaucracy it is important to know which skirmishes to join and which to ignore." (The great film *Citizen X* with Stephen Rea and Donald Sutherland.)

conflict: military

skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)

skirted the issue
he ~

skirt around (the Vision Pro's X-rated) guardrails
users seek to ~

avoidance & separation / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: clothing & accessories / verb

skirt (configuration)

skirt Xinjiang and Tibet
the Kunlun Mountains ~

configuration: clothing & accessories / verb

skirt (woman)

hire a “skirt”
Weinstein insisted his team ~ (a female attorney / rape trial)

person: clothing & accessories / sign, signal & symbol

skittish (adjective)

skittish
insurers are ~

skittish about crowds
audiences are ~ (pandemic)

skittish about Gulf seafood
consumers are still ~ (after oil spill)

skittish about talking
many people are ~ openly about race (cancel culture)

skittish bankers
easing the fears of ~ (marijuana business)

skittish investors
he could calm ~ and attract foreign capital (an economist)

felt skittish
she ~ about that (separate bank accounts / marriage)

left some investors skittish
the coup ~ (Myanmar)

grown skittish
many businesses have ~ in the face of weak demand

look skittish
it was important not to ~ (modern hooligans)

makes privacy experts skittish
the bill ~

remain skittish
investors ~

♦ “No sex please, we’re skittish,” is the title of a 2021 article in *The Economist* about the porn site OnlyFans. It plays on the title of the 1971 British play, *No Sex please, we’re British*.

♦ “Edison wired a whole district of lower Manhattan, around Wall Street, to be powered in two semi-derelict buildings on Pearl Street. Through the winter, spring and summer of 1881-2 Edison laid fifteen miles of cable and fanatically tested and retested his system. Not all went smoothly. Horses behaved skittishly in the vicinity until it was realized that leaking electricity was making their horseshoes tingle.” (*At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson.)

behavior / eagerness & reluctance: horse

sky (the sky can fall)

sky
the ~ is not falling (fears of attacks on Internet)

sky fell in on Ten Hag’s team

Gakpo scored and the ~ (Man Utd -7 Liverpool)

fate, fortune & chance: air / atmosphere / sky
sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)

a clear blue sky
the attack on the politician did not come out of ~

appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky
sky (blue sky thinking)

“blue-sky thinking”
~ is a way to tackle intractable issues (conflict)

blue-sky thinking
now is not the time for ~, new approaches (the Balkans)

constraint & lack of constraint / idea: sky

sky-high

sky-high
fans were ~ after the win
emotions were ~ (at a murder trial)

sky high
costs are ~

♦ “Hopes and expectations were understandably sky-high...”

comparison & contrast / extent & scope: atmosphere / sky
skyrocket (to attention, etc.)

skyrocketed onto the (national political) scene
he ~ in 2018

attention, scrutiny & promotion: direction / rocket / sky / verb

skyrocket (increase)

population has skyrocketed
in Europe’s prisons, where the Islamic ~

price (of helium) is skyrocketing
the ~

prices skyrocket
‘liquid gold’ ~ due to poor harvest (Greek olive oil)

profits skyrocket
corporate ~ even as the economy remains stalled

unemployment is skyrocketing
the economy is crashing, ~ (politics)

movement: rocket / speed

increase & decrease: direction / number / rocket / sky / verb

skyscraper (tall building)

earthquake-resistant skyscraper
architects design ~s

4,000 skyscrapers
a city that already has ~, double New York (Shanghai)

♦ "Shibam is one of the oldest examples of urban planning using vertical construction." (Yemen.)

size: atmosphere / sky

skyway

Cherohala Skyway

the ~ connects western North Carolina and Tennessee

tunnel and skyway

Montreal is known for its ~ network

Toronto and Minneapolis are known for their ~ networks

route: atmosphere / sky

slack (noun)

slack

she deserves a little ~

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: rope

slam (verb)

slammed the politician for his hatred and bigotry

he ~

accusation & criticism / speech: force / verb / violence

slam-dunk (and slam dunk)

slam dunk

this case is anything but a ~, and whatever the outcome...

in my mind it's a ~, based on the evidence (guilty)

slam dunk for Chelsea

it's a ~ (re-signing Lukaku is a good idea)

slam-dunk for him

this is no ~ (a tough boxing match)

slam-dunk for Republicans

this should have been a ~ (election)

slam-dunk (positive) drugs test

the case did not have a ~ to stand upon (sports doping)

slam-dunk variety

discoveries are unlikely to be of the ~ (Mars mission)

no slam dunk

there was ~, and the family knew it (a murder conviction)

certainty & uncertainty / difficulty, easiness & effort:

basketball / sports & games

slanted (news, etc.)

wanted it slanted

readers wanted the news, but they ~ (early newspapers)

perception, perspective & point of view: direction /

geometry

slap (awareness)

slaps you right in the face

this reality ~ (weekly death toll during pandemic)

consciousness & awareness: face / gesture / sensation / verb

slap (punish)

slapped them on the face

last night we ~ (Iranian attack on US)

slaps them on the wrist

the law just ~and lets them drive again (drunk driving)

punishment & recrimination: face / gesture / hand / verb

slap (slap in the face, etc.)

slap in the face

the offer was a ~ (to relatives of dead miners)

slap to the prosecutor

his words were a ~ (judge orders new trial)

slap in the face of the German Army

the misconduct of some soldiers is a ~ (wild hotel party)

slap in the face of (U.S.) politicians

a ~ (Saddam's view of nine-eleven)

slap in the face for players

the NBA's plans are a ~

slap in the face for the US

the attack was a ~ (by Iran)

slap in the face to Chicagoans

his actions were a ~ (false accusation of hate crime)

slap in the face to the female students

it was a ~ (who had been molested at USC)

slap in the face to his victims

this was a ~ (Markeith Loyd penalty decision)

slap on the wrist

see *wrist* (*slap on the wrist*)

insult: face / gesture

slash (verb)

slash (state) agencies

he wants to ~

slash (private and corporate) taxes

his budget blueprint would ~ (politician)

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / knife / verb

slash-and-burn (adjective)

slash-and-burn process

their approach to cutting costs is a ~ (politics)

conflict / destruction: fire / farming & agriculture

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / fire / farming &

agriculture

slate (a clean slate, etc.)

wiped my slate clean

I feel like God has ~ (executed for 6 murders)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: books & reading
slaughter (and slaughterhouse / military)

slaughterhouse for the Russians
Taipale was a ~ (the Russo-Finnish Winter War)

slaughterhouse mess
the ~ was being cleaned up (aid post hit by 8-inch shell)

become a slaughterhouse
the tiny bridehead become a ~ (the Neva Patch / WW II)

dispatched to the slaughter
further semi-trained levies were ~ (Hungarians / WW II)

military: meat
slaughtered

slaughtered
some sacred cows are ~ on the way (educational theory)

get slaughtered
Democrats are going to ~ in 2022 and 2024

destruction: animal / violence

slave (verb)

slaved over this
I really ~ (a project)

difficulty, easiness & effort: history / verb
hyperbole / work & duty: history / verb

slave (slave to fashion, etc.)

slaves to the clock
we aren't ~, like the Americans

slave to duty
he did not wish to go, but Scott was always a ~

slave to fashion
she is a ~

slave to laziness
don't become a ~

slave to the past
Turkey is not a ~

slave to the rules
I refuse to be a ~

slave to tobacco
to smoke is to be a ~ (public-health ad)

slave to trends
she is chic, but not a ~

slave to forms and etiquette
Scott was a ~ (Robert Falcon Scott)

debt slave
don't be a ~ to your mortgage

become a slave
don't ~ to laziness

- ♦ Do a favor for a beggar and you'll be his slave!
- ♦ Teach me one thing, and I am your slave.

dependency / dominance & submission: person
slave (dominated)

slave
we will be your friend, not your ~

- ♦ "We will be your friend, not your slave." (Imran Khan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, to the United States.)

- ♦ "Venice did not regain Cyprus... [I]n the following century, Crete was to go the same way." (The Battle of Lepanto, 1571. The great Christian naval victory against the Turks. "The last great naval engagement to be fought with oared galleys..." *Fifteen thousand* [italics mine] Christian galley slaves were set at liberty. "Among the Christian wounded was Miguel de Cervantes, aboard the *Marquesa*. He was struck twice in the chest, a third shot permanently maiming his left hand—to the greater glory," as he put it, 'of the right.' He was to describe Lepanto as 'the greatest occasion that past or present ages have witness or that the future can hope to witness', and to remain prouder of his part in it than of anything else in his life." The lives of Cervantes and Shakespeare were roughly contemporaneous; both died in the same year. (Quotes from *The Middle Sea: A History Of The Mediterranean* by the historian John Julius Norwich. To this day Turkey remains an important player in world history, particularly in the Middle East and Central Asia. Nagorno-Karabakh, with its 150,000 Armenian Christians, was sacrificed in 2023 as a Russian gift to the Turks for Turkish support in Russian's war with Ukraine.)

dominance & submission / superiority & inferiority: person
sledding (tough sledding)

tough sledding
it's been ~, but... (progress of war)

- ♦ "The Yukon lay at his feet, a sea of ice, disappearing around two great bends to the north and south, and stretching an honest two miles from bank to bank. Over its rough breast ran the sled-trail, a slender sunken line, eighteen inches wide and two thousand miles in length, with more courses distributed to the linear foot than any other road in or out of all Christendom." ("The Man With the Gash" by Jack London.)

difficulty, easiness & effort: snow & ice
sledgehammer (noun)

taken a sledgehammer to America's trustworthiness
he has ~ and credibility (politics)

taking a sledgehammer
is he ~ to crack a nut here (overreaction)

destruction / force: tools & technology

sleep (noun)

awakening from (its winter) sleep
nature is ~

resemblance: sleep

sleep (put something to sleep)

put *wake* to sleep
it's time to ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: burial / sleep / verb

sleeping (consciousness)

sleeping majority

I was one of the ~, but now I have woken up (Egypt)

consciousness & awareness: sleep

sleeping beauty

regarded as a sleeping beauty

the city was abandoned and ~ (Matanzas, Cuba, revived)

allusion / consciousness & awareness: books & reading

sleeping giant

see *giant (sleeping giant)*

sleepwalk (verb)

sleepwalk through life

two lonely souls who ~, doing dead-end jobs (film)

sleepwalking into a level of risk

it's ~ you don't realize you have (funds cut to Navy)

sleepwalking towards (greatly increased) risk

we are ~ (end of INF nuclear treaty)

consciousness & awareness: sleep / verb / walking, running & jumping

sleepy (activity)

sleepy backwater

oil transformed Khartoum from a ~ to a modern city

sleepy community

the ~ of...

sleepy oasis

Korla, once a ~, is undergoing an oil boom (Xinjiang)

sleepy (little farm) town

a ~

activity: sleep

sleeve (on one's sleeve)

with his heart on his sleeve

he always fights ~ (the great boxer Johnnie Tapia)

wears the (capitalist rebel) badge on his sleeve

he ~ (Domm Holland, technology)

wears his heart on his sleeve

he ~ when it comes to his dad (Ray Mancini / boxer)

wear my influences on my sleeve

I ~ (a writer)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

sleeve (up one's sleeve)

up his sleeve

he will have his own little tricks ~ (rugby coach)

♦ "I thought Pep had a trick up his sleeve? Turns out it was just his arm."
(An online commenter, about the football club Manchester City.)

concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: clothing & accessories

sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)

roll up the sleeves

time to ~ once again and just get the job done (soccer)

rolling up our sleeves

we are ~ for Canal Istanbul (Erdogan)

roll up their sleeves

everyone will have to ~ and work collaboratively

rolls up their sleeves

they want someone who ~, gets things done (politics)

difficulty, easiness & effort / work & duty: clothing & accessories / gesture

sleight of hand

linguistic sleights of hand

governments propagandize citizens with ~

subterfuge: magic

concealment & lack of concealment: magic

slender (adjective)

slender chance

there was a ~ she would recover (sick)

slender victory

Uruguay's ~ over Saudi Arabia ensured that...

size: fatness & thinness

sleuth (person)

sleuth

is not the biographer also a ~

internet sleuth

armchair detectives and ~s are sharing their own theories

social media sleuths

~ dug up an old clip that indicated (a twitter war)

♦ "When my family goes to sleep, I time travel and reframe stale evidence using twenty-first-century technology. I start clicking, scouring the Internet for digital clues authorities may have overlooked, combing digitized phone books, yearbooks, and Google Earth views of crime scenes: a bottomless pit of potential leads for the laptop investigator who now exists in the virtual world. I share my theories with the loyal regulars who read my blog." (*I'll Be Gone In The Dark* by Michelle McNamara.)

♦ "Armchair detectives and keyboard warriors piled on with conspiracies, speculation and fantasy." (The Nicola Bulley case.)

searching & discovery: person

person: justice

slice (piece)

slices of the market

in the ceaseless quest to stake out bigger ~

amount: blade / knife

slice (road slices, etc.)

slices through the land
where a creek ~ near the house

slice through the town
just north of the railroad tracks that ~

slices through the heart of the forest
the Cuiabá-Santarém road, which ~

road slices
the ~ through thick pine and spruce forest

resemblance: blade / knife / verb

fictive motion: blade / knife / verb

slick (adjective)

slick presentation
they put together a ~ (impeachment trial)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech

speech: materials & substances

slide (slide to perdition, etc.)

slide to perdition
give socialism a foothold, and nothing can arrest the ~

arrest the slide
the company is doing everything it can to ~ in its stock price

decline: direction / movement

slide (verb)

slid into a depression
she ~ of extraordinary depth and duration

decline: direction / movement / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / movement / verb

slim (small)

slim
he knows his odds (of success) are ~

slim chance
there's still a ~ that... (politics)

slim majority
Republicans have a ~ in the Senate

very slim
the chances (of success) are ~ (a cold murder case)

size: breadth / fatness & thinness

slimy (personality)

slimiest promoter
he's the ~ promoter to ever walk these shores (U.K. boxing)

character & personality: materials & substances / sensation

slink (slink in, etc.)

slunk in through a ship

the deadly flu ~

subterfuge: animal / movement / verb

transmission: animal / movement / verb

movement: animal / verb

slip (noun)

ethical slip
we all have the capacity for these ~s (cheating, lying)

failure, accident & impairment / flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability / walking, running & jumping

slip (fail)

slipping (further) into chaos
the country is ~ (the U.S.)

slips into recession
Italy unexpectedly ~

slipped in the rankings
the U.S. has ~ (corruption)

decline: direction / verb / walking, running & jumping

slip (sales have slipped, etc.)

slipping
gun sales have been ~ under Trump

slipped 7 percent
murders ~ last year

decline: direction / verb

increase & decrease: direction / number / verb

slip (permission slip)

permission slip
the US does not need a ~ to defend its security
the verdict is a ~ that extremists have long sought

complicit in the permission slip
they must disavow him or they are ~ (politics)

behavior / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: school & education

slip away (time)

slipping away
she writes to remember a past that is ~ (Nobel Prize)

time: movement / verb

slippery (words, etc.)

slippery
the word itself was ~ (the word *war* and Afghanistan)

slippery state
closure is a ~, not so easily defined

slippery word
that question was wrapped up in another ~: *culture*

slippery, vague
this language has a ~ quality (Silicon Valley hype)

speech: materials & substances

slippery (difficult)

slippery

the investigation will be ~ (difficult, problematic)

slippery process

the ~ of counting immigrant jobs (disagreements)

slippery, vexing

Promising Young Woman is a ~ film (not easy to describe)

prove slippery

predictions of 'peak oil' production ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: materials & substances

slippery (character)

“Slippery Jim”

James Blaine was widely known as ~ (bad reputation)

slippery morality

the ~ of those who cast the first stone...

character & personality: materials & substances

slipstream (in a slipstream)

in Tyson Fury's slipstream

Anthony Joshua is ~ now (boxing)

competition / superiority & inferiority: direction / movement / plane / position / wind

slip up (fail)

slip up or hit a plateau

if you ~, don't beat yourself up (weight loss)

♦ “Iran put a banana peel in front of the United States and President Trump put his foot right on it.” (Cali Nasir's analysis after an Iranian proxy militia in Iraq killed an American. The resultant US airstrike against the militia resulted in an outburst of Iraqi anti-Americanism, including an attack on the US Embassy in Baghdad.)

failure, accident & impairment: verb / walking, running & jumping

slip-up (failure)

verbal slip-ups

his ~ don't undermine his judgment (politician)

failure, accident & impairment: walking, running & jumping

sliver (piece)

sliver of the electorate

this impacts just a small ~

sliver of remorse

he express what seemed to be a grudging ~

sliver of solace

there may be a ~ in the fact that...

amount: blade / knife

slog (verb)

slogged a difficult road

the team ~ to qualify for the tournament

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping / verb

slog (long hard slog, etc.)

slog

the long running time is occasionally a ~ (a film)

in real life, politics is a ~ (victories a long time coming)

slog of lockdowns and death counts

before life turned into this ~ with no definite end (Covid)

easy slog

this is not going to be an ~

lifelong slog

learn a language, getting there needn't be a ~ (an ad)

long hard slog

the fight will be a ~ (war)

the candidates have a ~ to go (election)

the election campaign will be a ~

it may be a ~ to bring about regime change (in Venezuela)

tough slog

it was a ~ to get that done (legislation)

difficulty, easiness & effort / movement: journeys & trips / military / walking, running & jumping

slope (on a slippery slope)

on a slippery slope

she is ~ (celebrity bad behavior)

danger / fate, fortune & chance / starting, going,

continuing & ending: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

slope (slippery slope)

slope

the ~ is slippery in both directions (censorship)

slippery slope towards democracy

this was the start of the ~ (South Africa)

slippery-slope argument

the ~ (relating to precedents)

fear of a slippery slope

the ~ was pervasive (military intervention)

start of the slippery slope

this was the ~ towards democracy (South Africa)

push the state down a slippery slope

this will ~ of prosecuting thoughts (versus acts)

send our country down this slippery slope

nobody wants to ~ (impeachment trial / precedent)

♦ “The term 'slippery slope' can be misused.”

danger / fate, fortune & chance / starting, going, continuing & ending: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

sloppy (adjective)

sloppy display

it was a ~ from Wales (soccer)

sloppy pass

her ~ back almost gifted Cameroon a goal (World Cup)

flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene

slot (the Slot, etc.)

“the Slot”

the New Georgia Sound was known as ~ by the Allies
the Japanese from Rabaul regularly came down ~
they brought ships through ~ to attack the US (Guadalcanal)

Slot's (narrow siltstone) canyon

it's an easy walk through the ~ (Anza-Borrego park / CA)

slot of doom

“the ~” narrows to a foot at its base (Otago, NZ)

Steamer Lane-The Slot

~ is usually safe and works all year (reef break / surfing)

epithet / proper name: shape

geography: epithet

slot (shape)

slot canyons

the area is famous for its ~

shape: object

slough (and sluff / verb)

sloughed off

patients do the work doctors and hospitals have ~

slough off U.S. allegations

Russian ~ of spying

slough off complaints

Romney had been able to ~ that... (politics)

sloughed off convention

he ~ (an artist, in his art and personal life)

sloughed off such criticism

Orban ~ (of racism)

slough off the life

if you could ~ you'd built...

♦ Pronunciation: rhymes with “stuff.” It is less commonly spelled “sluff.”

♦ “California has relatively young mountains from a geology standpoint, meaning much of its steep terrain is still in motion and covered in loose rocks and soil that can be sloughed off easily, especially when the ground is wet...” (Flooding, landslides, rockslides, mudslides, etc.)

♦ Every year thousands of people stop at the Visitor Center on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Asheville, North Carolina. Few make the short walk across a gully-spanning bridge to the administration center. At one end of the bridge, if they examine the foliage carefully, they might see the sloughed off skin of a black snake on a branch. At the other end, in the

rocks along a stone wall, they might see the sloughed off skin of a copperhead. Such things are always wonderful to notice.

♦ “Their fur sloughs off and drifts.” (Camels. They also produce airborne balloons of saliva.)

♦ “From the stump of the arm, the amputated hand, / I undo the clotted lint, remove the slough, wash off the matter and blood; / Back on his pillow the soldier bends, with curv'd neck, and side-falling head; / His eyes are closed, his face is pale, he dares not look on the bloody stump, / And has not yet looked on it.” (“The Dresser” by Walt Whitman, 1865.)

♦ see also *shed* (verb)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / hair / snake / verb

slow (adjective)

slow to ground

the FAA was ~ the 737 MAX (after two crashes)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: movement

action, inaction & delay / speed / time: movement

slug (slug something out)

slugged it out

Obama and Clinton ~ in the primaries

conflict: boxing / verb

sluggish (adjective)

sluggish

growth has been ~

tourism is still ~

sales were ~ in July

hiring remains ~

economies range from ~ to staggering (downturn)

sluggish economy

everyone is feeling the effects of the ~

he found himself bedeviled by the ~ (president)

sluggish growth

the report shows ~ (economy)

sluggish pace

the economy is improving, but at a ~

sluggish response

the city will investigate the ~ to the storm

remain sluggish

economies in the US and Europe also ~

remains sluggish

hiring ~

movement: animal / speed

speed: animal / movement

condition & status: health & medicine / movement

slumber (noun)

shakes people from their slumber

I hope this film ~ (the great Spike Lee)

consciousness & awareness: sleep

slump (verb)

slumped

economic growth ~
ridership fell as tourism ~ (cabs)

slumping

manufacturing is ~ in recent months (employment)

slumping (back) into recession

Ireland is ~ (falling exports)

slumped to (its third) defeat

the team ~ of the season as...

slumped to a (record) low

the Syrian currency has ~

decline / increase & decrease: direction / verb

flaws & lack of flaws / strength & weakness: direction / materials & substances / verb

slump (in a slump)

in a (record) slump

the birthrate is ~ (USA)

remains in a (severe) slump

the economy ~

decline / increase & decrease: direction

slump (other)

the Slump

by 1933 ~ had spread like the plague (England)

slump in form

the club has seen an alarming ~

slump in home sales

furniture sales have been hit by the ~

“Trump Slump”

because of the ~, shops have more guns than buyers

team’s slump

he is adamant he can fix his ~ (a manager)

economic slump

Russia’s ~ has been good for London

great slump

the ~ could have turned into a Great Depression (2010)

ongoing slump

the decline in the U.S. birthrate is an ~

slump is dragging on

the ~

slump has hit

the economic ~ the nation’s truckers

slump is worsening

Miami’s housing ~

broke out of its slump

the team finally ~ (won)

bucked the retail slump

the company has ~

get out of their slump

the team won’t ~ until they start scoring and...

hit a slump

after years of blockbuster global sales, the iPhone has ~

reverse its (sales) slump

the company hopes to ~

decline / increase & decrease: direction

slurry (noun)

slurry of bad news

this year’s exceptional ~ (2020)

♦ “In this grim Welsh mining village of 5,000 there is turkey in plenty on the table, but the eyes of bereaved parents turn inevitably to empty chairs.” (“Turkey Is Plentiful But Holiday is Sad in Aberfan, Wales,” *The New York Times*, Dec. 25, 1966. One hundred and sixteen children between the ages of seven and ten, and 28 adults, died when a mountain of coal waste collapsed, hitting a school.)

amount: mixture

slut (enthusiasm)

photo slut

~, surfers going big on small waves for the money...

stats sluts

he abhors the “~” (a football analyst)

♦ “It’s this very unusual juxtaposition of veganism, which is often connected to what I’m *not allowed* to eat, with sluttiness, which is all the things that I’m *gonna do* even though I’m not allowed to.” (“Special Sauce: The Slutty Vegan burger chain puts the party in plant-based eating” by Charles Bethea, *The New Yorker*, April 17, 2023. “Slut,” “slutty,” “sluttiness,” and “sluttified” are mentioned 57 times in the article. See the excellent response to the article directly below.

*** analysis

♦ “Charles Bethea’s entertaining piece on Slutty Vegan shows the burger chain’s use of the word ‘slutty’ to be a savvy bit of branding, capable of capturing the paradoxical associations of cute promiscuity, chic vulgarity, and naughtily virtuous veganism (“Special Sauce,” April 17th). The history of the word ‘slut’ reinforces its good-bad connotations. The word might be connected to the Old English ‘slyt’ (sleet) and seems related to words meaning ‘muddy’ and ‘slushy.’ Since its earliest appearance, in the fifteenth century, ‘slut’ has often, but not always, had a negative meaning: a dirty or slatternly woman, a licentious woman or man, a scullery maid, or simply a girl. In the past half century, some speakers have reclaimed ‘slut’ and used it proudly, as in SlutWalks, marches against stigmatizing victims of sexual assault. Other modern uses trade jokingly on its implications of promiscuity, as in ‘I’m a TV slut. I’ll watch anything.’ Who knows how it will evolve in the future—perhaps into a common food term?” (PROMISCUOUS USAGE, by Judith Tschann, Redlands, Calif. From “The Mail,” *The New Yorker*, May 15, 2023.)

♦ For examples of words changing, see the two quotations below.

♦ “The situation was complicated by large numbers of ‘slut farmers’—men with sufficient private means not to worry about making their farms pay. They left their fields to get full of thistles and even thornbushes, which provided cover for game; and found rough shooting far more fun than uneconomic farmwork.” (*The Long Week-End: A Social History of Great Britain 1918-1939* by Robert Graves and Alan Hodge.)

♦ “No one liked Henry Clinton, especially Clinton himself, who was, by his own account, ‘a shy bitch.’” (*Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution* by Nathaniel Philbrick. Page 12.)

♦ see also *whore* (*attention whore, etc.*)

attraction & repulsion / behavior / eagerness & reluctance / enthusiasm: sex

small-minded

small-minded
she's ~

extent & scope / mind: size

smart (verb)

smarting from the last couple of weeks
people are still ~ (a bruising political battle)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / verb

smart (as noun)

putting smart to work
we're ~ (an ad for a corporation)

knowledge & intelligence: part of speech

smart (technology, etc.)

smart bomb

~s are less likely to go astray
~s used to be guided by a laser
~s hit the target, but rely on good intelligence
~s and stealth technology won Gulf War I
"brilliant" bombs are the ~s of the future
all-weather ~s are guided by satellites
JDAM ~s are guided by inertial guidance and GPS
JDAM ~s are unaffected by clouds, dust, smoke
the stock of satellite-guided ~s is depleted

smart cards

~ that store data have been routinely cracked

smart devices

—smart PCs, smart cell phones...

smart dust

"~"—tiny digital sensors, strewn around the globe
~ would monitor, measure and understand the world
~ remains a ways off
~ has proved impossible because sensors need power

smart fuse

a "~" for penetrating warheads uses an accelerometer

smart house

~s could monitor the elderly
~ could monitor those with chronic conditions

smart mine

dumb mines versus ~s (self-destruct / self-deactivate)

smart motorway

a grandmother died on a ~ which had the hard shoulder opened to traffic

smart munitions

targeting of assets for attack by ~ (UAVs)

smart power

~ includes diplomatic, economic tools

smart refrigerators

~ can alert you to when the refrigerator door is left open

smart tractors

farmers could use it to keep tabs on autonomous ~ (5G)

smart elevators and window shades

complaints about ~ (new office building)

"smart" licenses and visas

~ that incorporate anti-counterfeiting chips

smart crosswalks

~ flash overhead warnings when you step off the curb

smart ID card

soldiers will be issued with ~s

smart and scatterable (m)

~ mines and their delivery vehicles (military)

from dumb to smart to brilliant (m)

~ bombs (military)

♦ "We call it a smartie, and her name is Ripley." (SpaceX vice president Hans Koenigsmann, about the dummy named Ripley sent into space on March 2, 2019.)

♦ "Smart doorbells becoming more intelligent."

♦ "This message comes from NPR sponsor Smart Water. Smart Water is for the curious drinkers, the ones who are always looking for ways to make things a little bit better. That's why Smart Water created two new ways to hydrate... And now you can order Smart Water by saying, 'Alexa, order Smart Water.' Smart Water. That's pretty smart. (An advertisement on NPR.)

♦ News reader: South Yorkshire's police and crime commissioner has written to the government to say smart motorways should be abandoned. Dr. Alan Billings said they were unsafe. Earlier this week, a coroner at the inquest of two men who died on a smart motorway near Sheffield called for such roads to be reviewed... (From BBC's Six O'clock News, 24 / 01 / 2021, "SNP sets itself on collision course with Westminster.")

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. "The microwave is smart, but the refrigerator is woke." (A real-estate lady showing a kitchen to two potential customers. From *The New Yorker*, March 6, 2017. When a trendy cliché appears in a cartoon, it means that it no longer has any force of meaning. The same if it appears in a commercial. In other words, the term has become utterly conventionalized and lacks any meaning. Smart... anything you are selling to the gullible.)

♦ "Sen. Hillary Clinton said America must use 'smart power'—which includes diplomatic, economic, military, political, legal and cultural tools."

knowledge & intelligence: mechanism

ability & lack of ability: mechanism / tools & technology

smash (smash a record, etc.)

smash everything

the crossword girl, she's about to ~ (Anna Shectman)

smashed the (previous) record

he ~ (mountaineer Nirmal Purja)

destruction / disruption: ruins / verb

success & failure: fist / force

smear (verb)

smear my character

I will not let her ~ (politics)

smear my reputation

she tried to ~

smear (Chicago's) reputation
he has ~ (false hate-crime accusation)

smear somebody
information, disinformation, ~ (current state of politics)

smear at will
attack groups can ~ and do it anonymously (politics)

smear (people) casually
don't ~ on a podcast (politics)

reputation: mark / verb

flaws & lack of flaws / speech: mark / verb

smear (noun)

smear campaign
the allegations are part of a ~ by opponents
the ~ is based on unjustified and groundless allegations
there is no evidence of a ~ (against a film)

smear on conservatives
the Right condemned the report as a ~ (hate groups)

inflammatory and misleading smears
he described warnings over US farming practices as ~

reputation: mark

flaws & lack of flaws / speech: mark

smear (verb)

smear as a tool
the SAT has been ~ of white supremacy

reputation: mark

flaws & lack of flaws / speech: mark

smell (corruption)

smell of it
the public doesn't like the ~ (preferential treatment)

♦ This stinks!

corruption: smell

smell (suspicion)

smell right
something doesn't ~ (suspicion)

smells bad
something ~ (suspicion)

smelled funny
it ~ to him and he turned down the deal (music)

♦ "There's something dead up the branch." (A Southern Appalachians expression. A branch is a watercourse like a creek or a stream.)

♦ "Does it smell like an ambush to you?" (From the film *We Were Soldiers*, based on the book *We Were Soldiers Once...and Young* by Lt Gen (Ret.) Hal Moore and Joseph L. Galloway. Book and film are about the Battle of the Ia Drang in 1965.)

suspicion: smell

smell (evidence)

smell of disaster

it began to ~ (a public-relations offensive)

small a phony actor
he could ~ a mile away (the filmmaker John Ford)

smell an upset
they began to ~ (a team playing well)

looks and smells
it ~ like an important adaptation (to a virus)

evidence: smell

smile (verb)

smiled on him
Lady Luck has ~

smiled on Modi
but fortune ultimately ~ and his colleague

smiled on me
God has ~
fate ~ that day

smile on the Winter Olympics
Mother Nature is finally starting to ~

smiled on (affirmative action) programs
he has ~ from the bench (a judge)

smiled on us
I think today Mother Nature ~ (NASA launch)

judgment / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: face / gesture / sign, signal, symbol / verb

smitten (effect)

smitten by the song
I was ~

smitten by birding
he was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / weapon

smitten (afflicted)

smitten by polio
he was ~...

affliction: fist / health & medicine / weapon

smoke (evidence)

smoke
where there is ~, there is fire

♦ "Where there's smoke, there's fire. But when the fire has been disproved, the smoke remains." (Accusations, conspiracy theories, etc.)

evidence / substance & lack of substance: fire

smoke (smoke clears)

smoke has cleared
now that the ~, investigators... (stock-market plunges)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: fire

smoke and mirrors

smoke and mirrors

this is ~, nothing has changed (politics)
he has accused ministers of using “~” over its plan...
the industry is known for ~ (digital media / numbers)
it kinda sounded like ~ to me, but... (genealogical DNA)
Crypto was always ~

smoke and mirrors deal

the government has done ~ with the energy companies

♦ “He described the case as laced with marijuana smoke and mirrors.”
(Federal case against militia members collapses.)

subterfuge: magic / theater

smoke out (verb)

smoke out the opposition

he is trying to ~

smoke out the truth

he decided he would ~ (investigation)

pursuit, capture & escape: fire / verb

concealment & lack of concealment: fire / verb

smokescreen (concealment)

smokescreen

his aggressiveness is just a ~

smokescreen to divert attention

it was a ~ away from discontent (politics)

subterfuge: fire / military

concealment & lack of concealment: fire / military

smoking gun

smoking bat

they may never find a “~” (SARS-CoV-2)

smoking gun

the letter is a ~ that shows...
the document is the ~ (investigation of Boeing)

three smoking guns

they found ~ (forged data / academic paper withdrawn)

find a smoking gun

prosecutors could not ~

finds no smoking gun

he ~, no evidence that... (a historian)

provides the smoking gun

Madagascar ~ for... (impacts from asteroids or comets)

turn up a "smoking gun"

months of searching failed to ~ (UN / Iraq)

evidence: fire / weapon

smolder (verb)

smolders

the conspiracy theory still ~ today (spy issue)

tensions smolder

racial and gender ~ (hiring firefighters)

activity: fire / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: fire / verb

smoldering (adjective)

smoldering discontent

they couldn't dampen the ~

activity: fire

starting, going, continuing & ending: fire

smooth (verb)

smooth over their frictions

Britain and Pakistan hope to ~

smooth over its (rocky) relations

the Chinese military wants to ~ with the Pentagon

smooth (capitalism's) rough edges

her policies aim to ~ (a progressive)

smooth relations

officials hope to ~ with Beijing

amelioration & renewal: hardness & softness / sensation / verb

smooth (smooth the road, etc.)

smooth the road

there is no way to ~ to assimilation (forget racial past)

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / journeys & trips

smooth (speech)

smooth talker

he is a ~

speech: materials & substances / sensation / taste

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech

smooth (character)

smooth and self-assured

he is ~ (a politician)

character & personality: materials & substances / sensation

smooth (lack of flaws)

smooth ride

the team's season has not been a ~ (sports)

smooth transfer

he seeks to ensure a ~ of power to his son

smooth transition

the new administration has made a ~

smooth and speedy

we should encourage a ~ transition to democracy

flaws & lack of flaws: hardness & softness / materials & substances / sensation

smorgasbord (noun)

smorgasbord of sound
the musical festival offers a virtually limitless ~ (SXSW)

smorgasbord of meetings
the annual gathering is a ~ (UN general assembly)

biggest smorgasbord
it's the ~ on TV (Olympics coverage)

veritable smorgasbord
he admitted to a ~ of fraudulent conduct (politics)

alternatives & choices: food & drink
amount / group, set & collection: food & drink

smother (amount and effect)

smothered her (little) boy with love
she ~ and attention

smothered the trio in hugs and kisses
her grandmother ~

amount & effect: breathing / verb

smother (cover)

smothered the grenade with his body
he shouted a warning and ~ (combat)

smothered the ball
the goalkeeper ~ to prevent the own goal (soccer)

sand dunes smother
~ empty homes (desertification / northwest China)

cover: breathing / verb

smother (oppress)

smothered me with their rules
they ~ (angry teen about her parents)

campaign to smother
an unsuccessful ~ separatist ambitions

oppression: breathing / verb

snag (noun)

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

hit a snag
negotiations ~ over...

♦ "Fully to realize the marvelous precision required in laying the great steamer in her marks in that murky waste of water, one should know that not only must she pick her intricate way through snags and blind reefs, and then shave the head of the island so closely as to brush the overhanging foliage with her stern, but at one place she must pass almost within arm's reach of a sunken and invisible wreck that would snatch the hull timbers from under her if she should strike it, and destroy a quarter of a million dollars' worth of steam-boat and cargo in five minutes, and maybe a hundred and fifty human lives into the bargain." (*Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain.)

obstacles & impedance: river

snail (at a snail's pace)

at a snail's pace
moving ~ is the norm above 8,000 meters (climbing)

moving at a snail's pace
queues are ~ (Passports Department)

speed: animal

snail (snail's pace / other)

snail's pace of the investigation
the ~ (murder)

snail's pace of (scientific) publishing
the ~

speed: animal

snake (insult)

snake
the guy was a ~ (got her in trouble)
you don't play with ~s and not expect to get bit

snake and a traitor
Sanders loyalists called Warren a ~ (no endorsement)

♦ "Foreign Minister Erko was vilified as a crowing rooster, a writhing serpent, and a phobic rat." (*Frozen Hell: The Russo-Finnish Winter War of 1939-40* by William R. Trotter.)

♦ "There are no snakes in Vermont, but there are Vermonters."

character & personality: animal / person / snake

insult / person: animal / person / snake

snake (head of the snake)

head of the snake
he is the ~ (a terrorist leader)
Raqqa is the ~ (IS)

hit the head of the snake
I want to ~ of IS in Raqqa (David Cameron)

described as the head of the snake
he was ~ (a people-trafficking kingpin)

♦ "The jihadist threat in Africa has many heads and tentacles."

affliction: animal / snake

snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.)

cut off the snake's head
if you want to resolve a problem, you should ~ (war)
the Iraqi government has ~ (al-Zarqawi)

cut off the head of the snake
the King urged Washington to "~"

cut the head off the snake
they are urging the US to ~ (war)
you have to ~ if you want to kill it (cricket match-fixing)

cut the head off a snake
we're trying to ~, but the body is so damned long (crime)
it's better to ~ before it grows and reproduces (Taliban)

taken off the head of the snake

now we have ~ we're winning (against terrorism)

♦ There's a saying that if you cut the head off a snake, two more will grow.

♦ "They cut off the head of the snake, Gaddafi. But now there are hundreds of snakes replacing him. We are still fighting for the same thing—to find a just ruler for Libya." (Anwar Suwan of Libya.)

♦ "The Asheville School Board of Trustees is the root of the problem. Until the head of the snake goes, the rest is not going to get cleaned up." (An alumna of a high school supporting a sexual-abuse victim at her alma mater and calling for the resignations of two men.)

destruction: animal / head / snake

snake (a trail can snake, etc.)

snake downward

the trails ~ (public cave)

snakes (its way) down Pakistan

the Indus River ~

snaked (its way) eastward

the road ~

snaked down the streets

lines of voters ~ outside polling places (Lusaka)

snakes between Boston and Cambridge

the Charles River ~

snake through the city

miles of fencing ~ (Washington DC security)

snake through the wilderness

logging roads ~

snaked through the long hallways

lines of people ~ (congressional hearing)

snakes (more than) 300 miles

the Trans-Ecuadorean pipeline ~

snakes from Lago Agrio to the Pacific

the Trans-Ecuadorean pipeline ~

trails snake

the ~ downward (public cave)

pipeline snakes

the Trans-Ecuadorean ~ more than 300 miles

fictive motion / movement: animal / snake / verb

resemblance: animal / snake / verb

snake (snake-bit)

snake-bit

I'm ~ (Spike Lee on losing two Oscars to "driving" movies)

♦ This means having bad luck, bad fortune. There are many snakes, but few people get bitten.

fate, fortune & chance: animal / snake

snake oil (noun)

snake oil of climate-change denial

how Charles Koch sold the ~ (politics)

snake-oil merchants

~ who promise protection (bogus cures)

vulnerable to snake oil

people who are desperate are ~ (health)

got the reputation as snake oil

in the 1980s, AI ~ (things have changed!)

♦ In the U.S., everything having to do with mental health or wellness is essentially snake oil. Some things never change.

♦ "Her wellness company has been accused of trafficking in overpriced snake-oil-ish self-optimization remedies." (*The New Yorker's* Naomi Fry about Gwyneth Paltrow.)

subterfuge / worth & lack of worth: animal / health & medicine / snake

snake pit

snake-pit atmosphere

the news division is known for having a ~ (ABC)

snake-pit culture

she was brought in to clean up the ~ (ABC News)

media snake pit

jump into the ~

♦ Psychiatric hospitals were referred to as snake pits for their chaos, distress and horror.

environment: animal / hole / mental health / snake

conflict: animal / hole / snake

danger: animal / snake

snap (verb)

snapped

he had a short fuse and he just ~ (troubled veteran)

♦ "Gwin probably shouldn't have snapped, but everyone has a breaking point." (An honest merchant doused an aggressive, mentally ill homeless woman with a garden hose in an attempt to remove her from in front of his shop. His shop was subsequently vandalized by homeless-rights activists.)

mental health: materials & substances / verb

failure, accident & impairment / feeling, emotion & effect:

materials & substances / rope / verb

snapshot (picture)

snapshot of the epidemic

the studies were the first to provide a ~ in the US

snapshot of what

first, just give us a ~ you've been seeing... (NPR)

characterization: picture

snare (verb)

snared real people

his website had ~ (fake news)

involvement: hunting / verb

danger / pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

snare (noun)

caught in his snare

once they were ~, he pimped them (Sara Lawrence coeds)

danger / pursuit, capture & escape / subterfuge: hunting

snarl (verb)

snarled travel
the storm ~ (snow)

obstacles & impedance: rope / verb

snarl (impedance)

untangle the (supply) snarls
it could take a while to ~ (the economy)

obstacles & impedance: rope

snarl (speech)

snarled
"Shut up!" he ~

speech: animal / dog / sound / verb

sound: animal / verb

snatch (verb)

snatched defeat from victory
athletes who have ~

snatched victory
his late goal ~ (soccer)

taking & removing: hand / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

sneeze (verb)

sneeze
when the Met ~ we all get the cold (policing)

sneezes
if Wall Street ~, Europe gets a cold
when America ~, Europe catches a cold (identity politics)

♦ "The impact of Met failings are often felt nationally by other police forces and other staff and officers working in policing. As one senior officer said, 'when the Met sneeze we all get the cold.'" (Baroness Casey Review.)

relationship / transmission: bodily reaction / health & medicine / verb

sniff out (verb)

sniffed out a new avenue
he soon ~ for his marketing genius (Southern Poverty Law)

sniff out intelligence
spies ~

sniffed out the rot
Shevardnadze ~ in the system (Georgia)

searching & discovery: smell / verb

evidence: smell / verb

snipe (verb)

snipe from the sidelines

tradition dictates former presidents don't ~

accusation & criticism: weapon / verb

speech: weapon / verb

sniping (noun)

Gingrich's sniping
~ has left Romney better prepared for... (politics)

digital sniping
the comment produced more ~ (politics)

♦ "Scout Snipers The Grim Reaper Confirmed kills [number obscured by a soldier]" (The backdrop to a group photo in front of a tent, An Hoi, Vietnam. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is called the American War.)

♦ "Zaitsev began to tell the story of his battle of wits with a German sniper at the foot of Mamayev Kurgan. It had lasted for days. The German knew Zaitsev was watching him and he himself was keeping watch on Zaitsev. They seemed well-matched; neither could catch the other out..." (*Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman. The great 2001 film *Enemy at the Gates* starred Jude Law as Zaitsev and Ed Harris as the German. It also starred Joseph Fiennes and Rachel Weisz.)

♦ [A quiet card game in the rear was disturbed by the shots of a sniper in a tree. A soldier from the West, a crack shot, dealt with the problem.] "That gray squirrel is pretty frisky, and I must stop his fun to stop him spoiling ours." He drew a bead on the man in the tree and fired. As the Confederate sharpshooter came crashing through the branches to the ground, the Westerner sat down and asked: 'What's trumps?' He seemed as unconcerned as if he had killed a mosquito that had been annoying him. / ...[B]ehind all this was constantly present to our eyes and mind the scene of a great stream, a procession, so to speak of human souls on their way to eternity." (*Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby. The Civil War.)

♦ See the Homer Winslow picture "Sharpshooter (1863)." About snipers, Homer Winslow wrote that sniping was "as near murder as anything I ever could think of in connection with the army." Of course, he was not a soldier. See below.

♦ In *fact*, snipers operate at long range, as opposed to mid- and hand-grenade range, close range, edged-weapons range (bayonet, etc.), knife range, and hand-to-hand combat range, etc. The closer to the victim, the stronger the resistance to killing in combat, according to *On Killing* by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman. So, snipers (and pilots and members of the artillery) suffer psychologically relatively less from their killing.

♦ "Early on [Benedict Arnold] realized that an officer on a gray horse was playing a prominent role in maintaining the integrity of the British right. Arnold rode over to Colonel Morgan on the American left and requested that he order a sharpshooter to aim at the British officer. It took three shots, but eventually the Indian fighter Tim Murphy managed to put a rifle ball into the gut of General Simon Fraser, the Scotsman who was Burgoyne's intimate friend and the commander of the British right. The Americans had already begun to overwhelm the enemy, but the felling of Fraser by an American sniper appears to have precipitated the collapse of the British line..." (*Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution* by Nathaniel Philbrick.) See the quote below about the funeral of Fraser.

♦ "[T]he funeral of General Fraser took place under fire, and under circumstances extremely rare even in war. / The October evening was calm and clear, and the funeral procession, as it entered the great redoubt, with arms reversed and the mournful roll of the muffled drums, was followed by the eyes of hundreds of both armies; but some of the Americans, ignorant of its true nature, poured a constant cannonade upon the spot where the grave was dug. Unmoved by the danger, Mr. Brudenel, the chaplain, while the shot threw the sand and loose soil over his white surplice, read the touching burial service of the Church of England, while the sun sank down, and twilight added to the solemnity of the scene. / 'Suddenly,' says the Field-Book of the Revolution, 'the irregular firing ceased, and the solemn voice of a single cannon boomed at measured intervals along the valley, and awakened the responses of the hills. It was a minute gun fired by the Americans in honour of the gallant dead. The moment information was given that the gathering in the redoubt was a funeral company fulfilling the last wishes of the noble Fraser, orders were issued to withhold the cannonade with balls, and render military honours to the fallen brave.'" (*British Battles On Land And Sea* by James Grant, "The Funeral of Fraser." Arguably, Saratoga, 1777, was the battle that won the American Revolution. Benedict Arnold, the

"American Hannibal," would go on to betray his country in his role as Commandant of West Point. The revolution was, of course, also a bitter civil war between the Loyalists and the Patriots, or Americans.)

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: military / weapon

snooze (verb)

snooze beside walls and in museum courtyards
cannons ~ (Istanbul)

resemblance: sleep / verb

snout (orientation)

glacier's snout
a ~ can advance or retreat

♦ "Pigs can play video games with their snouts, Scientists find," BBC, Feb 1, 2021.)

orientation: animal / direction / nose

snow (marine snow, etc.)

plankton and "marine snow"
sea squirts feed on ~ (dead debris and faeces)

resemblance: snow & ice

snowball (verb)

snowball
their problems ~ (newly homeless)

snowballed across the internet
truth pages have ~ (racism in education / Great Britain)

snowballed into beatings
the abuse ~ (school)

snowball into panic
a false alarm can ~

snowball into something
this could ~ much worse (trade war)

snowball into trouble
these trends could ~ for the US (conduct of war)

snowballed from there
it ~ and the interest never died (windsurfing)

snowballed out of control
it was an accident that ~ (murder trial)

snowballed and avalanched
it quickly ~ (late August 2020 sports protest)

continued to snowball
the effects ~

started to snowball
the number of her Instagram followers ~

scandal has snowballed
the ~

increase & decrease: snow & ice / verb

relationship: snow & ice / verb

snowball (snowball effect)

snowball effect
entitlements like these always seem to have a ~

chain reaction, a snowball effect
this will create a ~ (falling in a crowd crush)

created a snowball effect
the media and public fascination with serial murder ~

increase & decrease: snow & ice

relationship: snow & ice

snowflake (person)

today's snowflakes
Pogba and ~ are an embarrassment (rabid soccer fan)

targets snowflakes
the ad campaign ~ (British Army)

♦ A similar term to *snowflake* is *teacup*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*; a *pansy*; a *wallflower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

character & personality / strength & weakness: hardness & softness / person / snow & ice

person: snow & ice

snuff (verb)

snuffed the rally with an interception
they ~ (football)

snuffed out the movement
a series of high-profile arrests soon ~ (in Syria)

curtailment / destruction: fire / verb

so (introductory)

So,
~ first thing, I think we have...

So basically
see *basically* (*contempo-speak*)

So, I mean
see *I mean* (*filler*)

so, like
see *like* (*filler*)

so yeah
see *yeah* (*and yah / introductory*)

right, so
~ I'm assuming...

Sure, so
~... (in answer to the question, "What's he done?")

Yeah. So
~ what we're seeing right now is...

Yeah, so
~ I think it's fuzzy, right...
~, uh, a teaching assistant, uh, you know... (NPR)
~, umm... (NPR's Bobby Allyn)

Yeah. So actually
see *actually* (*contempo-speak*)

Yeah, so I think
see *I think* (*filler*)

♦ "So, I was among the casualties today at *Sports Illustrated*..." (A text by Howard Beck, who was laid off.)

♦ Ari Shapiro: Why is [that] something to worry about? Allison Aubrey: Sure. So the WHO also... (Heard on NPR.)

♦ Ayesha Rascoe of NPR and Jessica Drun of the Atlantic Council's Global China Hub had a conversation on air that went like this: Ayesha: What...? Jessica: So... / Ayesha: Why...? Jessica: So... / Ayesha: How...? Jessica: So... / Ayesha: Why...? Jessica: So... / Ayesha: What...? Jessica: The narrative we are seeing... / Ayesha: How...? Jessica: So... / Ayesha: Do you...? Jessica: I think... ("Why China is reasserting its right of control over Taiwan," Weekend Edition Sunday, August 14, 2022.)

♦ Leila Fadel of NPR and Weihshueh Chiu, a Texas A&M professor, had a conversation on air that went like this: LF: So, what are you...? Is...? WC: So... So... / LF: So what does...? Are...? What does it...? WC: So... / LF: What would...? WC: So... / LF: So, if...? Should...? What should...? How long...? WC: Well, so... / LF: What should...? What is...? WC: So... / LF: How...? WC: I have confidence...("Scientists find high levels of hazardous chemicals in the air around Ohio town," NPR, Morning Edition, March 3, 2023.)

♦ Steve Inskeep of NPR and Michaela Doucleff of NPR had a conversation that went like this: SI: Question / MD: So...; SI: Question / MD: So...; SI: Question / MD: So...; SI: Question / MD: Yeah, so...; SI: Question / MD: Exactly; SI: Question / MD: Yes, of course...

♦ Rob Schmitz: How... / Dr. Dennis Whyte: Right, so... / Rob Schmitz: What... / Dr. Dennis Whyte: Right, so... / Rob Schmitz: So this experiment still took energy off the grid? / Dr. Dennis Whyte: That's correct... / Rob Schmitz: How long... / Dr. Dennis Whyte: Right, well... (A typical exchange on NPR.)

♦ Type "right, so" into search at NPR, and you get an incredible 10,317 hits and counting.

*** analysis

♦ "So, What's The Big Deal With Starting A Sentence With 'So'?" by Geoff Nunberg, Opinion, Fresh Air, September 3, 2015.

♦ It is interesting to compare Geoff Nunberg and Richard Mitchel (1929-2002). Or Nunberg, Mitchel and Orwell.

♦ see also *right* (*introductory*), *sure* (*introductory*), *yeah* (*and yah* / *introductory*)

contempo-speak: introductory

so (gushing)

so with us
he is ~ in spirit (Peter Coleman of Green Beer Sunday)

so back
we are ~ (a happy bitcoin investor)

so high school
I was ~, so totally into self-loathing (Diane Keaton)

sooo eccentric
I thought *Poor Things* was ~ (Stephen Thompson, NPR)

so guilty
I am ~ of that (style competition / young female)

soo missed
Omg I can't believe this you will be ~ (TikToker dies)

so unfunny
why Shane Gillis' swipes at disabled people were ~

so beyond

I'm ~ excited to... (a university coed)

so not
see *not* (*so not* / *sarcasm*)

so totally
see *totally* (*contempo-speak*)

actually so
this is ~ scary and disturbing and cringey

did so
I ~ hope that...

do so
I ~ wish we might, Polly...
I ~ wish I had some (daily routines or traditions)
you ~ want to believe...
we ~ want to believe the best for it (sport)
I ~ love the Grammys, particularly the part where...

just so
Crystal said she was ~ grateful for the love and support
it's ~ bittersweet... (celebrity not invited back to show)

just like so
I was ~ amazed...

just seems like so
the current situation ~ the obvious result of...

obviously so
visibility is ~ important (the actor Elliot Page)

Really So
"Is Aging ~ Bad" (by NPR/TED Staff, May 22, 2015)

really so
is cheating ~ terrible (adultery)
is breakfast ~ important (NPR's Allison Aubrey explains)
I'm ~ grateful that you bring that up because I think...
to find out why people are ~ angry and upset
we were ~ happy, we each read a poem (wedding)
but is it ~ bad?
that was just ~ heartbreaking because...
this happened ~ close to... (terrorist bombing)
in the big picture, it's not ~ different from now

totally so
he is so hot Oh my God he is ~ hot

♦ "I feel embarrassed because the current situation just seems like so the obvious result of all the choices I've made." (Caroline Ellison to Sam Bankman-Fried.)

♦ "Such" may also be used to gush. "It's really such an incredibly unique experience." Or, "This is such a thing right now."

*** analysis

♦ The Yale Grammatical Diversity Project English in North America has a discussion of what it calls the "Drama So." An example: "I am SO going to talk to him when he gets home!" The author notes it often occurs in the verb phrase, and the function might be, "whole-heartedness."

contempo-speak: adverb

soaked

sun-soaked
the highway runs along ~ Pacific beaches (Hawaii)

absorption & immersion: water

soak up (verb)

soaked up the sun
she ~

absorption & immersion: verb / water

soap opera (noun)

soap opera
it's the greatest ~ of the year (NBA Draft)
this continuing ~ surround his career (Ray Mancini)
~s keep millions of Ethiopians glued to their radios

soap opera with bad actors
I find it a ~ (group stage of Champions League soccer)

Bollywood soap operas
~ are not as steamy as Latin ones

perennial soap opera
Real Madrid is a ~ (conspiracy, intrigue, passion, etc.)

royal soap opera
this is a ~ about members of a royal family...

love a soap opera
we ~ in boxing (failure of 2 boxers to "get it on")

♦ "let's get back to old school boxing, flip this soap opera on its head." (A fight fan about the state of boxing today.)

♦ "The league is a soap opera that happens to play basketball." (An NBA executive about the latest drama surrounding Kyrie "the Earth is Flat" Irving.)

♦ "He was born into a plotline in a soap opera watched by the whole planet." (The comedian Laura Lexx about Prince Harry. Her comment ended up being quite sympathetic.)

♦ "We love a soap opera in boxing. It's on, it's off, did he, didn't he, did she, didn't she, well guess what..." (The great boxing commentator Steve Bunce about the postponement of Usyk-Fury and the announcement of a new date.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

soar (verb)

career was soaring
his ~ (an academic)

rents are soaring
~ (in France)

sales and profits soared
~ (a drug company)

toll soars
landslide death ~

increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / numbers / verb

soar (a heart can soar)

hearts soared
our ~ when we realized that...

heart: direction / flying & falling

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / flying & falling / heart

sober (verb)

sobered voters about the costs
Iraq has ~ of big wars

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol / verb

sober (adjective)

sober assessment
the panel has issued a ~ of National Defense Strategy

sober reminder
this report is a ~ of the expensive legacy costs of...

♦ "She decided to go 'boy sober' and said she has 'never been happier.'" (A 28-year-old Long Island law student, done with dating!)

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

sobering (adjective)

sobering end
Scotland's dream came to a ~ (Euro 2020)

sobering figures
these are ~

sobering realization
it was a ~ (owners find their cat is obese)

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

soft (soft on crime, etc.)

soft on Australia
he does not want to be painted as ~ (Indonesian politics)

soft on crime
he tarred his challenger as ~ (George HW Bush / Clinton)

soft on illegal immigration
he is ~

soft on sleaze
he has been accused of being ~ (Boris Johnson)

strength & weakness: hardness & softness

soft (soft opening, etc.)

soft deadline
a ~ can encourage without the negative effects

soft launch
NBC introduced the website with a ~ (NBCBLK)

soft opening
the ~ is a tried-and-true tactic (getting ready, etc.)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: hardness & softness

softball (noun)

softball questions
TV interviewers lobbed ~ at him
she's only fielded ~ from her own lawyer (a trial)
he asked mainly ~ (politics / an interview)

♦ "It was a softball, not a gotcha." (Laurence Tribe about the question, "Do calls for the killing of people violate policies at Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, and MIT?" For "context," see "Holding Campus Leaders Accountable and Confronting Antisemitism," the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, December 5, 2023.)

difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games

softball (softball-size)

see *size* (and *sized* / *affix*)

soften (verb)

soften the blow

the program intends to ~ of the economic downturn

soften their image

the rebels are on a mission to ~

soften the impact

the military is trying to ~ (families greet coffins)

soften the law

lawmakers have tried to ~ (marijuana)

softened her stance

she has ~ on the issue

attenuation: hardness & softness / verb

soften (speech)

soften his tone

the president appeared to ~ (tariffs)

softened their tone

the US and China have ~ (dispute)

speech: hardness & softness / verb

amelioration & renewal: hardness & softness / verb

softheaded (and soft-headed)

soft-headed son of a bitch

I'll reform you, you ~ (*O Brother, Where Art Thou?*)

character & personality: hardness & softness / head

insult: hardness & softness / head

softhearted (and soft-hearted)

soft-hearted woman

she's a ~

character & personality: heart

heart: hardness & softness

soil (fertile soil, etc.)

fertile soil for the cultivation

Pakistan has proved to be ~ of terrorist activity

perfect soil for a growing insurgency

that chaos was the ~ (Iraq)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

soil (on one's soil)

on its soil

the government will protect foreign diplomats ~

possession: ground, terrain & land

soldier (noun)

soldier in a team

I'm a ~, I do what I'm told (a jockey)

soldier in the (culture) wars

if you are a ~

foot soldier

see *foot soldier* (*duty*)

Street Soldiers

"~, " a violence prevention program (Richmond, California)

good soldier

the best way to rebuild her political capital was to be a ~

Laura is such a ~ and good person (her error cost game)

he decided to play the ~ and not make a fuss (a diplomat)

loyal soldier

he was more a ~ (vice-presidential debate)

good little soldier

I need you to be a soldier of God, a ~

***** what civilians think soldiers are**

♦ "I need you to be a soldier of God, a good little soldier." (Female victim testimony from the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (CICA) / Ryan Commission, which detailed Catholic Church abuse in Ireland. What the priest told a child in Catholic care prior to sexually abusing her.)

♦ "I've always said, 'I'm his soldier.' Jim's this director I'll do anything for, but he's in the trench right there next to me." (Hollywood actor Sam Worthington about *Avatar: The Way of Water* and its director, James Cameron.)

♦ "I mean, I've been in the Twitter war zone for a while, it takes a lot to phase me at this point. You can't take it personally, none of these people actually know you. It's like if you're fighting a war and there's some opposing soldier that shoots at you, it's not like they hate you. They don't even know you. So, just think of it like that. They're firing bullets, whatever, but they don't know you, so don't take it personally." (Elon Musk talking to Joe Rogan.)

♦ "Embracing collaborations...is critical to our shared success, and a *force multiplier* [italics mine] for delivering top-notch journalism across the country." (Senior Vice President of News and Editorial Director Nancy Barnes.)

♦ "We are here to provide you the approved short-term substitute training. I'm sorta the *captain* [italics mine] of today's shift, and I've got a wonderful crew..." (Chicago education.)

♦ Be a good soldier; be a loyal supporter; Don't upset the apple cart; fall in line; don't speak to anyone about this... (Government servants.)

♦ "Yeah, they have these belts on with like all these extra bullets and they're like dressed for war." (Leah talking to her Brit producer, Georgia, for their podcast about the militia movement.)

***** soldiers**

♦ "Nobody can soldier without coffee." (A Union cavalryman, writing in 1865. Not strictly true. You might meet an ex-soldier who, on religious grounds, eschews coffee.)

♦ Who won the war? / The MPs won it. / How'd they win it? / Why, their mothers and sisters laying for Liberty Bonds. (Infantry chant while marching past MPs. *From Here to Eternity* by James Jones.)

♦ "I weighed one hundred eighty going in, and I came out weighing one hundred fourteen..." (From *Once Upon a Town, the Miracle of the North Platte Canteen* by the brilliant *Chicago Tribune* writer Bob Greene.)

♦ "The French... were shocked by the attitude of some American soldiers, who seemed to think that when it came to young French women 'everything can be bought.' / In Pigalle, rapidly dubbed 'Pig Alley' by GIs,

French prostitutes were coping with more than 10,000 men a day. The French were also deeply shocked to see US soldiers lying drunk on the pavements of the Place Vendôme. The contrast with off-duty German troops, who had been forbidden even to smoke in the street, would hardly have been greater." ("An ugly carnival," by Antony Beevor, *The Guardian*, Thursday 4 June 2009.)

♦ "It don't mean a thang." (The Vietnam War. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is known as the American War.)

♦ "The Caravan is a hundred grenades, that missed / The Caravan is sand on your face / The Caravan, three toasts, a moment of silence / Someone's lost, someone's won / Caravan, caravan, caravan." (The haunting Soviet Afghan War Song. Video created by Irina Rakhsha. Translation: Irina Rakhsha. Read *Zinky Boys* by Svetlana Alexievich.)

♦ "The most ironic thing is that it became really quite serious and in the Falklands War the sailors sitting on the HMS *Sheffield* after they had been hit by an Exocet sang it for 3 hours while they were waiting to be rescued. And the RAF pilots would sing it in great jeopardy, when they were changing for their long, low-level bombing in the Bush Wars, Desert Storm. And so you know, it took on a kind of optimistic component to it..." (The "Bright Side" song by Monty Python, BBC, "Inheritance Tracks, Eric Idle." As late as 2016, Monty Python sketches were a favorite of civilian US Iraq and Afghanistan War combat veterans at Camp Vinnell in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, sitting around the pool at the Tiki Hut on the weekends. They knew the skits by heart. Or was it heartbreak?)

♦ "Your mother had a pair and your little brother and your girlfriend and you nail them to a wall in some bar in the Philippines and you've spread yourself so far and wide that there's no way you can die because your dog tags are out there pulsing around the globe." (The great writer Anthony Swofford, Marine, who served in the Gulf War, 1990.)

♦ "There's no beer, no prostitutes and people are shooting at us. It's more like Portsmouth." (A British soldier, on hearing that the British defense secretary Geoff Hoon had asserted that Umm Qasr, Iraq, was like Southampton.)

♦ "Camp Lejeune." (A US marine in Afghanistan, who had also served in Iraq, on being asked where he felt the threat was most dire. Camp Lejeune is in North Carolina in the United States.)

♦ "In combat, cleanliness for the infantryman was all but impossible. Our filth added to our general misery. Fear and filth went hand in hand..." (*With the Old Breed* by E.B. Sledge.)

♦ "With human corpses, human excrement, and rotting rations scattered across Peleliu's ridges, the blow flies or bluebottle flies underwent a population explosion. Those nasty insects were so large, so glutted, and so lazy that some could scarcely fly... It was revolting, to say the least, to watch big fat blowflies leave a corpse and swarm into our C rations... Each morning, just before sunrise, when things were fairly quiet, I could hear a steady humming sound like bees in a hive as the flies became active with the onset of daylight. They rose off the corpses, refuse, rocks, brush, and wherever else they had settled for the night like a swarm of bees. There numbers were incredible." (*With the Old Breed* by E.B. Sledge.)

♦ "The worst thing about Cassino [Town] was the smell. The stench was absolutely horrible because every time a mortar bomb went off, it raised a stench..." (The British para James "Jim" Knox, fighting with the New Zealanders. The stench was caused by the mortar's explosive exhumation of decomposing bodies and body parts from the rubble.)

♦ There was an all-pervasive stench of putrefaction and millions of fat blowflies filled the air. Even Junger, normally so cool, was shaken by what he saw. "The ploughed-up battlefield was a scene of horror. The dead lay there among the living defenders. When we dug bunkers we saw how the dead lay in layers one above the other. One company after another had been mown down as they made a stand shoulder to shoulder under the drum fire; then their corpses had been buried under the tons of earth hurled up by the projectiles and new men had taken the place of the fallen." (*The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter Englund.)

*** a soldier's fate

♦ "The duke did what he could for his wretched men. He sent urgent appeals to the towns and churches of northern Spain, begging for the immediate dispatch of beds, clothes...for the 4,000 sick survivors ashore. That total steadily increased as further ships limped home. Some were in a terrible state..." (*The Spanish Armada* by Colin Martin and Geoffrey Parker.)

♦ Years ago they had marched thousands of miles to legendary battlefields... they had once gone to the ends of the earth and seen beyond the farthest horizon... We looked at these men in blue, existing in

pensioned security, honored and respected by all... and we were in awe of them. Those terrible names out of the history books—Gettysburg, Shiloh, Stone's River, Cold Harbor—came alive through these men. They had been there... and to watch them was to be deeply moved." (*Waiting for the Morning Train: An American Boyhood* by Bruce Catton.)

♦ "Corday also comes across a representative of a new phenomenon, the soldier beggar. Of late it has become usual to see them at restaurants or cafes. They are often wearing medals on their chests, fine medals like the Croix de Guerre, awarded for heroism in the field. They sell picture postcards or sing patriotic songs to collect a little money. / The begging soldier Corday meets on the pavement has an arm missing. He is also drunk. He is meandering through the stream of people, asking one, then another, for a few coppers or for a cigarette at least. And he repeats the same word all the time: 'Peace... peace...'" (*The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter Englund. He is writing about World War I.)

♦ "Saratov greeted Lyudmila rudely and cruelly... / At the tram-stop some young women quietly shoved past anyone who happened to be old or weak. A blind man in a Red Army hat, obviously only recently released from hospital and still unable to cope alone, moved anxiously from one foot to the other, tapping his stick rapidly in front of him... / People were jostling each other as they climbed into the tram-car—while he stood there, weeping and shouting..." (*Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman.)

*** analysis

♦ "And the savage in you makes you adore it with its squalor and wastefulness and danger and strife and glorious noise. You feel that, after all, this is what men were intended for rather than to sit in easy chairs with a cigarette and whiskey, the evening paper or the best-seller, and to pretend that such a veneer means civilization and that there is no barbarian behind your starched and studded shirt front." (Harvey Cushing, a US surgeon during World War I. From *The Beauty and the Sorrow* by the brilliant Swedish historian and writer Peter Englund.)

♦ "How many men who listened to me have served their nation in the wars? How very many, are not here to listen? The war in Vietnam is not like those other wars. Yet, finally, war is always the same. It is young men dying in the fullness of their promise. It is trying to kill a man you do not even know well enough to hate. Therefore, to know war is to know that there is still madness in this world." (President Lyndon Baines Johnson, speaking about the Vietnam War. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is known as the American War.)

♦ see also *war (conflict)*

allegiance, support & betrayal / work & duty: military

soldier on (verb)

soldiered on

she and her mother ~ (in poverty, after divorce)

soldier on without him

his teammates had to ~ (red-carded)

soldiered on through (the last months of) 1964

as Joni ~ (poor, pregnant, unmarried)

♦ "Roll on, drive on, soldier on..."

♦ "Wiiiide River! / Wiiiide River! / River, of Saigon! / River, of Saigon! / Wiiiide River / Wiiiide River! / Oh! One more river to cross / Oh! One more river to cross." (Marching cadence, Vietnam War training at Fort Knox. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is called the American War.)

resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance / work & duty: military / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

solid (character)

solid

Joe's ~ (good character, can be counted on, not a flake)

♦ "Hey I'm solid, Hey I'm steady, Hey I'm true down to the core." Listen to: Toby Keith American Soldier (Radio Edition)

character & personality: materials & substances

solid (adjective)

solid evidence
there is no ~ that...

solid bet
investing in gold is not a ~

solid footing
the company is on ~ (profitable, etc.)

solid foundation
terrorism has weakened the ~ of our democracy

solid performance
she had a ~ (an athlete)

solid (backup) plan
the team has a ~

solid results
the bank has shown ~

rock solid
the case law is ~ (suit should fail)
he said the relationship with France was “~” (UK)

rock-solid
their ~ case began to crumble (murder)
she was a ~ witness (in murder case)

look solid
the economies of Southeast Asia ~

remain solid
the ties between our two countries ~

flaws & lack of flaws / strength & weakness / substance & lack of substance: equilibrium & stability / materials & substances

Solomonic (adjective)

Solomonic choice
firefighters had to make a ~ (choose which fire to fight)

Solomonic compromise
supporters of the decision regarded it as a ~ (politics)

Solomonic decision
the three-judge panel made a ~

Solomonic solution
she suggested a ~
they fear her ~ will flood both sides (raising sluice gates)

♦ In 1941, 10-11 May, during the blitz, London firefighters had to make a Solomonic choice: fight the fire in the chamber of the House of Commons or the fire on the roof of Westminster Hall. They chose to save Westminster Hall.

**judgment: allusion / Bible / religion
comparison & contrast: affix**

somebody (a somebody)

somebody
I went from being a ~ to being a nobody (immigrant)
everybody though I was ~ (a ruse)

♦ “To me, being a gangster was better than being President of the United States... To me, it meant being somebody in the neighborhood that was full of nobodies... They did whatever they wanted, they double-parked in front of a hydrant and nobody ever gave them a ticket.” (Ray Liotta’s opening voiceover for the film *Goodfellas*.)

♦ “Oh boy 2 nobodies hoping to be somebodies.” (A BBC HYS online commenter about the announcement of the Whyte-Joshua rematch, scheduled for August 12, 2023. The fight was ultimately cancelled when Whyte failed a drug test.)

**importance & significance / power / society: person
person: part of speech**

son (son of the South, etc.)

son of the city
Robert Louis Stevenson, also a ~ (Edinburgh)

son of the hills
like many a ~, he... (southern Appalachians)

son of the (October) Revolution
I am a ~ (an elderly Russian, born in 1917)

sons of the soil
we are the ~, we shouldn’t leave (Hamid Karzai)

proud son
he is a self-described ~ of North Carolina

identity & nature: family / person

son (son of Concorde, etc.)

son of Concorde
NASA, Lockheed Martin debut supersonic ‘~’ (X-59)

product: family

soothe (sensation)

soothe concerns
what he said did not ~

amelioration & renewal / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation / verb

soothsayer (person)

soothsayer
I’m not a ~, I don’t have a crystal ball
there were some ~s who were saying... (election results)

market soothsayers
TV allowed the ~ to reach a voracious audience

media soothsayers
all these ~ are crazy (sports)

stock market soothsayer
secrets of the ~ (David Schwartz)

**future / message / time: magic / person / religion
person: magic / religion**

sophomore (second)

sophomore album
Megan Thee Stallion gets vulnerable on ~ ‘Traumazine’

sophomore effort

the ~ is sort of doomed (a novelist)

sequence: school & education

sore (affliction)

running sore

Bloody Sunday became a ~ in the body politic (Ireland)

affliction: health & medicine

sore (sensation)

sore loser

he's just a ~ (boxer complains of decision)

sore spot

regional rivalries are a particular ~ (Central Asia)

sore subject

money can be a ~ in any relationship

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sorely

sorely missed

she was hugely loved, and she will be ~ by so very many

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sorrow (China's Sorrow, etc.)

China's Sorrow

the river is known as ~ (the Yellow River)

feeling, emotion & effect / geography: epithet

sort of (contempo-speak)

sorta wanted

I ~ more from our relationship (Caroline Ellison / SBF)

sort of wish

I ~ I would have been...

sort of basically

see *basically* (contempo-speak)

sort of definitely

see *definitely* (contempo-speak)

sort of even

see *even* (contempo-speak)

sort of exactly

see *exactly* (contempo-speak)

sort of just

see *just* (filler)

sort of like

see *sort of like* (filler)

sort of maybe

see *maybe* (contempo-speak)

sort of pretty

see *pretty* (contempo-speak)

sort of very

see *very* (contempo-speak)

basically sort of

it ~ gets washed out (numb to staggering statistics)

Aaron Neville ~ says he wants to...

it's ~ the industry standard...

definitely sort of

it's ~ slightly different...

he was ~ forgotten...

it was ~ a Twilight Zone moment

it was ~ right time, right place

we've ~ played a role (between digital sleuths / FBI)

did sort of

a version of that ~ end up coming true, right?

I ~ have these wonders about how am I going to tour...

I ~ recognize Blackness as who I as...

and it ~ work in places...

do sort of feel like

see *feel like* (*feels like, felt like*)

does really sort of

it ~ take over your life (elite-level sport)

extremely sort of

that poem I think was ~ reflective of modern anxieties

just sort of

we're ~ in a holding pattern right now (a relationship)

you ~ don't want to go there

just sort of very

see *very* (contempo-speak)

just really sort of

I was ~ eyebrow raised (disbelief / *Who? Weekly*)

kind of, sort of

then he admits, ~, that he got in trouble when...

~, not really...

kind of sort of

I found that compelling that these two worlds ~ coexist

kind-of sort-of

well, ~...

kinda sorta

Gourmet Magazine is ~ coming back

this might be a way to ~ eliminate them (drag performers)

really sort of

the rest of the team ~ wilted (poor performance)

I was just ~ eyebrow raised... ("Who? Weekly")

♦ "Well, so, he based it on an W.H. Auden poem of the same title, and that poem ["Age of Anxiety"] I think was extremely sort of reflective of modern anxieties, of just young people living in cities and..." (Classical music columnist Fran Hoepfner.)

♦ Are you sure?!

♦ see also *kind of* (contempo-speak)

contempo-speak: adverb

sort of like (filler)

sort of like

at some point it was ~, "Well, I can do that, too"

sort of like passing

it's ~ the torch to another generation

sort of like saying

it's ~ you're going to put the foxes in charge of...

sort of like an ice hockey goalie

I look at my job as being ~ trying to stop bad pucks...

sort of like a magician

it's ~ where they pull a trick off and it seems so natural

sort of like someone

she is ~ I could see myself, like, meeting at a party

sort of like a tomboy

I was ~ growing up

sort of like the wild, wild west

it's ~ (no rules)

sort of like (doubly) bad

it's ~

sort of, like, political

but also ~

felt sort of like

it ~ being on a race track

feels sort of like

it ~ the ultimate ticket (aspirational)

inside, it ~ a basement bomb shelter (exam room)

it ~ we're in a park, but it's really a roof (condo patio)

looks sort of like

it ~ a cross between a spaceship and a covered wagon or...

it ~ a hairdryer, but...

it ~ a cello but doesn't sound like it (viola da gamba)

sounds sort of like

the device ~ a drummer tapping out a beat landline phone)

actually sort of like

yeah, it is ~ I pictured...

basically sort of like

it ~ you know, it's a set of equations...

just sort of like

~ if they want to go softer or more intense...

I was ~, this feels like something that...

it was ~ a way for me to connect and communicate...

♦ "You know, HBO is sort of like, in my experience, they're sort of like a cool aunt that is just sort of like, 'As long as you're happy and you seem healthy,' they're like, 'I don't want to, I don't want to pry.'" ("Los Espookys' creator Julio Torres explains his fascination with Barbie dream houses," NPR, Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!, October 1, 2022.)

♦ see also *kind of like* (filler)

contempo-speak: filler

sort out (analyze)

sort it (all) out

joining us to ~ is our media correspondent...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: mechanism

soul (bare one's soul)

bare their souls to the authorities

it is not easy for women to ~ (rape, sex abuse)

♦ "Every soul's body is important, no matter what size it is. It is an absolute right for me to feel good in my body." (The plus-size model Emme.)

concealment & lack of concealment: religion

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: religion

soul (heart and soul)

see *heart and soul*

soul (identity)

soul

every place has its ~ (Solovetsky Islands)

soul of the dance

the hand is the ~ (Cambodia)

soul of this nation

there's an epidemic of violence that is sickening the ~

soul of the Democratic Party

she has won a critical battle for the ~ (anti-Semitic Somali)

soul of snowboarding

he was the ~ (Jake Burton Carpenter)

political soul

a window into the dark corners of our ~ (conspiracies)

♦ "Andreas Baumann believes firmly that the cowbells are an essential part of the Swiss soul." (He is protesting efforts from people who have moved from the large cities to villages to ban them as noise pollution, in spite of the fact the bells are no longer necessary for identifying where the herd is.)

♦ "I accepted my Gemini soul, in fact I adored it." (Lenny Kravitz.)

identity & nature: religion

soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)

sold its soul

English football has ~, to greed and corrupt owners...

sell my soul to the devil

I'd ~ for...

sold their souls to the woke mob

presidents who ~ (UPenn, Harvard, MIT)

♦ Michelangelo; Jimmie Hendrix; Stevie Ray Vaughan; Erling Haaland...

♦ see also *Faust* (noun), *Faustian* (adjective)

allusion: books & reading

hyperbole: money / verb

wants, needs, hopes & goals: money / verb

commitment & determination: money / verb

soul (life)

soul baggage

they brought these emotions, the ~ (Dr. Tarek El-Ariss)

soul wound

some call it a ‘~’ (Boarding School Syndrome)

like-minded soul

a place where women could find ~s (The Wing club)

lost souls

it’s an echo chamber where ~ amp up one another

fearless, generous souls

two small girl—“~...” (*The Miracle Season*)

tortured driven soul

Nansen, the ~, a second Faust

bread for the soul

science is ~

eaten your soul

and then you are lost, he has ~ (accommodating a boss)

protect your souls

chaplains who will nurture and help ~

uplift their soul

I am interested to inspire people to ~ (Philippe Petit / wire)

♦ “We also offer chaplains from many different faiths here at Dartmouth. Chaplains who will nurture and help protect your souls. Please take advantage.” (Professor Susannah Heschel, introducing a forum in the wake of the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, 2023. See the quote below by her close professional colleague.)

♦ “Some of them of course were upset, angry, scared, but they brought these emotions, the soul baggage also, and expressed it, but they expressed it in a thoughtful way, and things remained reasonable throughout.” (Dartmouth professor Tarek El-Ariss, about the forums he and Professor Susannah Heschel held for Dartmouth students in the wake of the Saturday, October 7, 2023 attack by Hamas from Gaza on Israel.)

♦ “This was bread, bread, black bread... Science is bread, bread for the soul.” (Viktor Shtrum’s physics breakthrough from *Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman, New York Review Books, translated by Robert Chandler.)

♦ “I am interested to inspire people to uplift their soul and to look at the sky and say ‘Wow, I can move mountains now, nothing is impossible’ so that’s why I love what I do... I never leave anything to chance and I have weaved this safety net in my head for the past 55 years. So I value life too much to risk my life and I do something I think much more inspiring and noble, I don’t risk my life, I carry my life across.” (The remarkable high-wire artist Philippe Petit.)

♦ “In the desert, the soul empties and clears and becomes free and brave in the process. And so it enables you to defy the endless open space, challenge the horizon, and explore the emptiness that leads beyond the horizon, beyond the desert void. It invites you to face the other world, the hereafter. It was here, only here, in the labyrinths of never-ending desert plains, that the extremes converge—open expanse, horizon, and desolation—to form a firmament that expands outward, toward eternity, toward the afterlife.” (*Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni. The desert plays a central role in the three Abrahamic religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.)

♦ see also *heart and soul*

identity & nature: religion

soul (death)

loving soul

the family says he was a ~... (shot and killed by police)

kind-hearted soul

he was a ~ (dead 14-year-old / GoFundMe)

beautiful soul

to lose a friend who was such a ~ (a young suicide)
we will mourn the loss of ~s (victims of campus shooting)
a final prayer for five ~s (Minneapolis car crash)
knowing and loving her ~ (mentally ill / found dead)
she was just a ~ and she’ll be missed (murdered in Chicago)
we’ll keep her and her ~ close to our hearts (YouTube star)
she will be remembered as “a ~” (16-year-old / boat crash)
she was a ~ (suicide)
she was a ~ (suicide)

gentle soul

he was remembered by family as a “~” (lost off cruise ship)

genuine soul

he was the most ~ (died balcony jumping on Spring Break)

kind soul

he was a ~, I had no idea about his lifestyle (murdered)
we pray the memory of her ~ lives on forever (GoFundMe)

old soul

he was just such an ~, like, you know (dead 11-year-old)
he had like an ~, like he was beyond his age...
this singular kid, an ~ (Jennifer Senior / Bobby McIlvaine)

open soul

Angus you were an ~ with the kindest heart (Angus Cloud)

special soul

you are a ~ that will live on forever (died on Spring Break)

wonderful soul

he was very vibrant, a ~ (young overdose death)

beautiful human soul

he was a ~ (murdered by his wife)

beautiful, eloquent, compassionate, courageous soul

she was a ~ (a 25-year-old suicide)

fun, kind, and adventurous soul

what a ~ he was (died on honeymoon / jet ski)

genuine, loving soul

you are one of the most ~s (died)

kind, beautiful and gentle soul

he was a ~ adored by everyone (lost off cruise ship)

wonderful and sweet soul

he always stayed in my mind as a ~ (died of drug OD)

young beautiful soul

you were such a ~, imma miss you girlie (a suicide)

lamp of my soul

he was the ~ (mother about young son who “suicided”)

♦ “We are gathered here to honor the eleven souls who were taken from us.” (A mass shooting.)

♦ “Oh, my god I cannot believe she is gone! Her soul was just too pure and beautiful.” (A fan’s tribute to porn star Sophia Leone.)

♦ "He had like an old soul, like he was beyond his age." (A 15-year-old who died subway surfing.)

♦ "You are one of the most vibrant, beautiful inside & out, genuine, loving souls." (A young influencer, about another young influencer who died.)

♦ "When Sinead O'Connor broke out on the music scene in 1987, she was just 20 years old and a brand-new mother. But the wisdom and depth in her voice immediately marked her as an old soul." (NPR's Anastasia Tsioulcas' appreciation of the great Irish singer Sinead O'Connor, dead at the age of 56.)

♦ "Angus you were an open soul, with the kindest heart, and you filled every room with laughter." (Sydney Sweeney's tribute to Angus Cloud, age 25, who consumed a lethal combination of fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine, benzodiazepine, and other drugs.)

♦ "May God bless all their souls." (Taraja Ramsess.)

♦ "Eric, I'm sure you've seen a lot of TV deaths, how do you think this show handled mourning and grief." ("Succession' gets one step closer to finding a successor," NPR, All Things Considered, April 10, 2023.)

♦ "Navigating this hideous grief that has absolutely destroyed & shattered my heart and my soul into nothing has swallowed me whole." (A public expression of grief.)

♦ "No possible good can come from incarcerating a 71-year-old soul..." (From a 3-page letter written by David Simon, co-creator of *The Wire*, seeking leniency for Carlos Macci for the role Macci played in the overdose death of actor Michael K. Williams, who played Omar Little in the HBO crime drama.)

♦ This usage of "soul" commonly occurs with the word "light."

♦ Requesting privacy while we "navigate our grief" has become a cliché. The language of mourning and grief is quite interesting, and it is changing rapidly, especially on social media. Read "ChatGPT use for wedding vows, eulogies stokes dispute over authenticity," ABC.)

♦ "Kubler-Ross once considered a belief in the afterlife a form of denial. But starting in the mid-1970s, she had a change of heart, compiling thousands of testimonies from those who'd had near-death experiences in order to show that our souls outlast us. / 'I looked at life-after-death books, but they were too faith-based,' Helen says. 'I wanted to believe what I was taught in my Catholic upbringing. But what I liked about Kubler-Ross is that she had a science background.' / It was precisely because she was a scientist, of course, that Kubler-Ross's fellow physicians were so dismayed by this strange turn in her interests. They thought it kooky and unrigorous, a stain on her legacy. I tell this to Helen. She laughs. 'Bet they didn't sell millions of books.'" ("Twenty Years Gone," also titled "What Bobby McIlvaine Left Behind" by Jennifer Senior. Her essay won a Pulitzer Prize. Senior then turned her essay into a book: *Grief: Love, Loss, Memory*.)

♦ [A quiet card game in the rear was disturbed by the shots of a sniper in a tree. A soldier from the West, a crack shot, dealt with the problem.] "That gray squirrel is pretty frisky, and I must stop his fun to stop him spoiling ours." He drew a bead on the man in the tree and fired. As the Confederate sharpshooter came crashing through the branches to the ground, the Westerner sat down and asked: 'What's trumps?' He seemed as unconcerned as if he had killed a mosquito that had been annoying him. / ...[B]ehind all this was constantly present to our eyes and mind the scene of a great stream, a procession, so to speak of human souls on their way to eternity." (*Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby. The Civil War. See the 1863 Winslow Homer painting, "Sharpshooter.")

death & life: cliché / euphemism

soul-searching

soul-searching

after much ~ we decided...

I did some ~, it was a wakeup call to me (athlete)

there will be ~ (boxing champ loses in shock defeat)

soul-searching in Australia

the judgment in the Chamberlain case caused much ~

career-oriented soul-searching

he did some ~

national soul-searching

the Holocaust memorial is the result of years of ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: religion

sound (perception)

sound of that

I don't like the ~

perception, perspective & point of view: sound

sound (measure)

sounds (dark comedic) depths

the play ~

measurement: depth / verb / water

extent & scope: depth / verb / water

sound (solid)

scientifically sound

their theory isn't ~ (about autism and the brain)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

strength & weakness: materials & substances

sound off (verb)

sound off

citizens phoned in to ~

sound off about Angel Reese's benching and absence
former LSU stars ~ (basketball)

♦ Sound off. / One-two. / Sound off! / Three-four! / Bring it on down. / One two three four one two...three-four! (Military cadence, close-order drill.)

speech: military / sound / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: speech / verb

soup (mixture)

soup of pollutants

the fish live in a ~ (tomcod in New York)

mixture: food & drink

sour (verb)

souring on the (administration's) handling

polls show the public is ~ of the catastrophe

soured many on service

a variety of things has ~ (military reservists)

soured investors

uncertainty over legislation has further ~ (Mexico)

soured relations

the incident ~ between the two countries

sour the relationship

raising the question of human rights could ~ (diplomacy)

soured some

her decision ~ in law enforcement (a district attorney)

relationship soured

but the ~ (between two politicians)

relationship has soured
the ~ between museums and archaeologists

corruption: food & drink / taste / verb
feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste / verb

sour (adjective)

sour taste
the whole experience left a ~ in my mouth

gone sour
her perfect marriage had ~

turn sour
when did the relationship ~
so soon had victory begun to ~ (Amundsen)

turned sour
his life in England ~

went sour
a series of business ventures ~

consumption / corruption: food & drink / taste

sour (personality)

sour person
she's a ~

character & personality: food & drink / taste

south (numbers)

went south
crop prices ~ (worries of trade war)

direction: numbers

south (go south, etc.)

heading south
the lifeless Gunners are ~ (failing Arsenal football team)

going south
she knew things were ~ when he locked the door (rape)

going south quick
things were ~ (California wildfire)

went south
that's when things ~ (runaway locomotive)
then, things ~
things ~ pretty quickly
crop prices ~ (worries of trade war)
the economy ~ and jobs dried up
something ~ in the prosecutor's case, perhaps a witness
there was hope of an agreement, but things ~

went (seriously) south
something ~ in the prosecution's case (charges dropped)

♦ Michele Kelemen: "... [B]ut, you know, these promises could be hard to keep if things go south quickly for this Afghan government. / Audi Cornish: Not just south, I mean, if there's a threat that the government could collapse, what are you, what are you as diplomats doing to try and head that off?" (A very interesting and very odd conversation. Interesting because Audi Cornish seems to react sharply to the use of the cliché "head south" and very correctly restates the meaning as, "if there's a threat that the government could collapse..." But odd because Michele Kelemen does not represent the State Department, she is NPR's

diplomatic correspondent. Were the two of them "acting out" a script? From "Biden To Meet With Afghanistan Leaders As Sept. 11 U.S. Troop Withdrawal Nears." All Things Considered, June 25, 2021.)

♦ See *direction (symbol)* for quotations about the cardinal directions as metaphors.

failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb
decline: direction / verb

sow (verb)

sowed farmlands and fields with mines
combatants ~ (Balkans)

sown grief here
they have ~, they are destroying us (warfare)

sowed violence across the region
extremists have ~ (Northern Caucasus)

sow chaos
Assad's fall could ~ in Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon

sowed (such) confusion
he and his legal advisers ~ that... (a general)

sowed discord
the act ~ that lasted for years

sow fear
they use terrorism to ~ and undermine security
snipers ~ (combat)

sowed fear
the killings have ~ and apprehension (sniper murders)

sow goodwill
you can ~ by referring them to competitors (business)

sow instability
the drug war has helped ~, particularly in Bolivia
the insurgents seek to ~ (Iraq)

sow malware
they ~ that cripples networks (criminals / ransomware)

sow the seeds
enforced potty sitting can ~ of rebellion (toddlers)

sowing the seeds
he could be ~ of a new disaster (price control)

sown the seeds
this successes may have ~ of his demise (business)

sow terror
shooting and carjacking rampage ~ through city (news)

sow doubt and defeatism
a psy-op to ~ (military)

sowed fear and apprehension
the killings have ~ around the area (sniper)

sow fear and distress and anger
terrorists know that headlines ~

♦ "The BBC's mission, Reith decided, was to 'inform, educate and entertain.' The verb 'to broadcast' should hew to its Biblical and agricultural origins: seeds of knowledge and culture were to be dispersed far and wide, on rocky places and on fertile soil. 'The Sower,' a

modernist stone sculpture, by Eric Gill stands in the lobby of the BBC's current headquarters, which was built in 1932." (From "London Calling: The power—and vulnerability—of the BBC" by Sam Knight, *The New Yorker*, April 18, 2022.)

♦ "He who sows the wind shall reap the whirlwind."

**creation & transformation / growth & development /
throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant /
verb**

sown (planted)

sown in (such) a field
antipersonnel mines should not be ~ until...

**throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant /
verb**

sown (mine-sown, etc.)

mine-sown
a ~ strip of earth (border)

**configuration: farming & agriculture / plant
space (mental)**

space where
anytime I'm in a ~ I'm scared (a teen debater)

headspace
see *headspace (frame of mind)*

some dark spaces
looking back at ~ in his life (cocaine addiction)

therapeutic spaces
he asked me to get into some ~ with him (talk therapy, etc.)

in the (mental health) space
most people ~ think it's a real issue (secondary trauma)

hold space
where I can ~ for grief and growth (Latesha Harris)
I simply can't '~' for it ("therapy speak")
I just can't ~ for you right now

♦ "I have said 'holding space' to my friends without even fully understanding what that means." (Rebecca Fishbein. From "Therapy speak' is everywhere, but it may make us less empathetic," NPR, *All Things Considered*, April 13, 2023.)

♦ "Even if the marriage wasn't working, there was still this level of friendship and deep connection between us, right?... It's like we're kinda assigned to each other if that makes any sense in regards to working through our traumas. It's like we really know how to hold space for that. And so..." (Jada Pinkett Smith talking to Tonya Mosley on NPR's *Fresh Air*.)

♦ see also *place (mental)*

**mental health: place
feeling, emotion & effect: container / place
space (in a space, etc.)**

in a space where
the assault happened at a time and ~ I was vulnerable

in spaces with people
in 2021, more robots will coexist ~

in spaces like that

I'm used to ~ fighting for air time (a Zoom meeting)

in this space
companies that play ~ are... (semiconductor fabrication)
she is a thought leader ~ (modifying boy's identities)

in these spaces
Black people are ~ (safe access to nature / Black birders)
so many people have to live ~ (basement apartments)

in the media space
tech giants collect the lion's share of revenue, profits ~

in those social-media spaces
followers ~ (on the internet)

in educational spaces
whiteness ~ (title of session at teachers' conference)

in a fragile space
the state of our relationship is ~, we're both at fault

in the same space
there are people ~ as me... (came out as gay)
they were just there ~ sharing life (students in school)

♦ "There are people out there in the same space as me that may not feel comfortable revealing their sexuality." (Jake Daniels.)

♦ "And you actually end your article talking about where Musk sits in the race to be the most powerful in the space of artificial intelligence. Where does he sit in this space now?" (Tonya Mosley, talking to Ronan Farrow about Elon Musk on *Fresh Air*. *Sitting in a race? Sitting in a space?*)

♦ OLD: situation... NEW: space...

situation: container / space

space (personal space)

their own space
you have to let people have ~ (bad behavior in ghetto)
you just look past it, because everyone deserves ~ (ghetto)

personal space
a threat to ~ is tragically palpable (police shootings)

space and privacy
as a family we ask to be given ~ to mourn...

ask for space
we appreciate all the love and support but ~ as we grieve

back down or give her space
French officials didn't ~, they threatened her (Naomi Osaka)

give her the space
it's important that we ~ and time she needs (troubled)

given yourself space
once you've ~, approach the person who harassed you...

give more space
native English speakers can talk less to ~ to non-native speakers

invading their space
women felt he was ~ and it was unwanted (a politician)

respect my space

please ~, you do not have a mask on (noncompliant Black woman to a policeman)

♦ "The first day I was there, everyone tried to do everything for me. But now they give me space. This is a place I can study and achieve my goals." (Mary Bailey, the only female in a welding course with 18 males students.)

♦ "Back off; get out of my face; get your hands off me; I don't need your help..." (Common reactions to those who violate a person's space.)

♦ "If approached by a bear, park officials recommend slowly backing away to put distance between yourself and the animal, creating space for it to pass." (Great Smoky Mountains National Park.)

♦ "When a large animal such as a bison is near, the National Park Service advises people to 'give it space.'" (Woman gored.)

constraint & lack of constraint: boundary

space (groups, etc.)

space where

we created a ~ it's okay to criticize Israel (BLM)
anytime I'm in a ~ I'm scared... (a teen debater)
social media is a ~ authors can... (an advertisement)
President Trump has opened a ~ people are emboldened

spaces where

when there are ~ we can flourish... (Black debaters)
the dearth of ~ you can hear people speak honestly

spaces of ignorance

Quinn tells how there are still "~" in women's soccer

space of their own

they made a ~ (opened a lesbian club)

space of the strange

she hardly the first musician to occupy the ~

space of remembrance and healing

the Gun Violence Memorial Project is a ~

spaces of employment and education

our ancestors fought to occupy ~ (a Dunghutti woman)

space of empathy, of love, of understanding, of safety

we always will work together to create ~ (Uni of Chicago)

space for (rebellious) artists

"Political Art" show provides a ~ (Poland)

spaces (in sport) for trans athletes

I want ~ to be their authentic selves (a trans athlete)

space for honest chats

it was a ~ (a podcast)

space for cooperation

we must confront, compete but also leave that ~ (China)

space for people

I want to contribute to creating a ~ to be heard

space for fiction to develop

I'm interested in thinking about families as a ~ (V.V. Geneshanathan)

spaces for them to make friends

there aren't a lot of ~ (young gays / exploited on Grindr)

spaces in the 1980s

lesbian and queer ~ (gay bars)

space racism

~ associates black neighborhoods, or spaces, with violence

spaces and actors

misinformation originates from ~ (on the internet)

spaces and institutions

those who live in and maneuver through ~ in a fat body

space and opportunity

our goal is ensuring ~ for potential protesters (a mayor)
Banned Books Week provides ~ to talk about censorship

spaces and opportunities

the demand for "proper" English can be used to shut people out of ~

space and place

freedom and slavery, ~ (social and cultural analysis)

space and time

it's important that we give her the ~ she needs (troubled)
ibogaine can give addicts the ~ they need to make changes

women's spaces

men's intrusion into ~
advocating the exclusion of trans women from ~ (group)

our spaces

women must not allow men into ~ (Women's Movement)

their own space

you have to let people have ~ (ignore behavior in ghetto)
you just look past it, because everyone deserves ~ (ghetto)

no space

there should be ~ for them (mushers who abuse dogs)

so little space

there is ~, there's such scarcity (a Korean America)

anti-hunger space

those of us who work in the ~ (director of food pantry)

arts space

the storied Lower East Side ~ (the Nuyorican Poets Café)

burial spaces

these cemeteries and ~ are precious black spaces (Burr Oak)

climate-change space

Good Energy supports movie and TV production in the ~

community space

for 50 years the store has been that ~ for Chinatown

crypto space

China has for some time been putting pressure on the ~

drug-treatment space

people who work in the ~ in Puerto Rico...

fan spaces

make all Harry Potter ~ safe and welcoming (Gayly)

femme space

I just thing that ~ has never been prioritized (lesbian bars)

information space
the ~ is full of noise (fakes, disinformation, theories)

lesbian spaces
we honor the history of ~ in the US (lesbian bars)

locker room spaces
ensure ~ and sports facilities are less homophobic

online space
TikTok has enabled a lot of people to jump into the ~

possibility space
climate modelers frame the future as a “~” (vs. apocalypse)

queer spaces
Desi ~ (South Asians)

white space
a ~ that expects her to perform whiteness (high school)

white spaces
my own upbringing in ~ (adopted Korean daughter)
what it means to occupy ~ while black (Uni of Chicago)

white-majority spaces
some blacks code-switch when entering ~

workspace
Black people in the ~
as people return to the ~ (vaccination requirements)

brave space
the term ~ was first popularized in 2013

civic spaces
traditional ~ like schools, colleges or workplaces (Gen Z)

commemorative spaces
less than 1% of our ~ tell Latinx, indigenous stories...

cool spaces
many are affected by the lack of access to ~ (heatwave)

digital spaces
~ where the far-right gather...

Digital Spaces
Performing Arts Education in ~

educational space
whiteness in ~s (title of session at teachers’ conference)
it also feels like an ~ (lesbian bar with older and younger)

elite spaces
these kind of microcosms, in these very ~ (a private school)

“free space”
the term ~ was first used by Harry C. Boyte

geopolitical space
the Arctic, a new ~ (Kathleen Hicks)

gracious spaces
~ in school (kids sit knee to knee, discuss concerns)

greenspace
it is a vital ~ for all New Yorkers (Central Park)

new spaces
Knight Lab wants to push journalism into ~ (Northwestern)

non-essential spaces
the mayor has threatened to close all ~ (pandemic)

bipartisan spaces
veterans’ health appears to be one of the few ~ (politics)

political space
being outrageous lets you occupy the ~

powerful spaces
policymakers and others in ~ (*The Root* online magazine)

public spaces
recontextualize the country’s current ~ and add new ones
protesters have taken over ~
attempts to bar Blacks from celebrating in ~ (Juneteenth)
he’s been stopped for skateboarding in ~ before
removing dangerous explosives from ~ (munitions depots)

sacred space
he had to reimagine what a ~ looks like (architect)

safe space
see *safe space (groups)*

same space
you have two national movements competing for the ~
(Israelis and Palestinians)

smaller space
to be female is to exist in a ~, to take up less room

social spaces
~ that offer a sense of safety or security

supportive space
for the most part women’s football is a ~ (“Quinn”)

virtual space
in a place called Clubhouse, a ~, an app that launched...
there will be ~a for black and Latino creators (Sundance)

important and fascinating space
women athletes have carved out an ~ in the podcast
landscape

large urban space
Paris is a city with the challenges of any ~

majority white spaces
misidentifying people of color in ~ (work, media, etc.)

perilous cultural space
a powerful treatise on the ~ occupied by Black women...

safe and supportive space
I provide a ~ and a gentle approach (inhabithealingarts)

positive, safe and empowering space
our goal is to create a ~ where... (Morphe cosmetics)

precious black spaces
these cemeteries and burial spaces are ~ (Burr Oak crime)

rhetorical and aesthetic space

reclaim and repurpose the ~ of country music (Mali Obomsawin)

tranquil, multi-generational female space
the ~ of Afsoon's beauty salon (Afghanistan)

virtual digital space
"inhabiting a black persona" in ~ (digital blackface)

welcome and safe spaces
~ to students of color (high schools)

2,500-acre space
20 more elephants are expected at the ~ (Yulee refuge)

representation in all the spaces
so that we have that ~ (black teen debaters)

dearth of space
given the ~ where you can hear people speak honestly (Clubhouse)

disappearance of lesbian spaces
the slow ~ (lesbian bars)

intrusion into (women's) spaces
men's ~

much space left
there isn't ~ to say you support Israel in the liberal camp

had the space
we ~ to better come into our queerness when we met...

holding space
I've said ~ without knowing what that means (relationships)

inhabit her own space
they have let her ~ (Kamala Harris does her own thing)

providing a space
it's about bringing people together, ~ (Chinatown store)

claiming and protecting space
~ has always been fundamental in anti-racist protest

places and spaces
an unapologetic focus on Black Folx in these ~

space is shrinking or (in many cases just) evaporating
their ~ (Blacks in Los Angeles versus Latinos)

access (queer) spaces
before the pandemic, I could ~ (gay bars)

allow men into our spaces
women must not ~ (Women's Movement)

arrived at this space
I wish that I would've ~ in my earlier years (contriteness?)

breach a space
trying to ~ (2021 riot at Capital)

build spaces
I wanted to ~ where women could be free and shine (an Afghan beauty parlour)

create a space

I wanted to ~ where everyone can feel safe (bookstore)

create a (safe) space
~ at home (kids and post-lockdown anxiety)

create spaces
~ for artists, especially LGTBQIA communities of color

disrupt space
how social media can be used to ~ (Chaedria LaBouvier)

dominates that space
the US ~, whether it's Instagram, Facebook

engaged in that space
the players, the media and all of those ~ (media / tennis)

gave ourselves the space
we never really ~ to ask that question (Muslim women)

get into spaces
DJing or trying to ~ to DJ, I felt very unwelcome (female)

give her the space
it's important that we ~ and time she needs (troubled)

give the Senate and Congress some space
he wants to ~ to have that conversation (Biden / guns)

given us space
the conversation has ~ to say, "I don't agree with..."

grant space
it's important to ~ to women (a male feminist)

had the space
we haven't ~ to politically organize (young Palestinian)

held the space
my dear friend Shameka ~ at Injustice Square for 120 days

learn your (garden) space
it takes 5 years to ~ (growing a garden)

leave some space
the ruling seemed to ~ for future lawsuits

make a space
there is not space for much in the South, so you just have to ~ (two Black women start a lesbian bar)

made spaces
these artists ~ where women could share thoughts, feelings

make space
women shrink to ~ (vs. men, who take space)

negotiate this space
how to ~ and develop a "cyberspace literacy" (internet)

occupies space
she unapologetically ~, literally & figuratively (Aidy Bryant)

occupy space
men spread, utilize and ~ (vs. women)

occupy the (political) space
being outrageous lets you ~

occupy that space

I had to research him before I could ~ (actor about a role)

occupy predominantly white spaces

what it means to ~ while black (University of Chicago)

opening up this space

her case is ~ to have these conversations where... (mental health and tennis)

preserve (white) spaces

the purpose of hair discrimination is to ~ (NAACP)

putting pressure on the (crypto) space

China has for some time been ~

reclaims the (genre) space

the creator ~ for people of color (a horror film)

reclaiming space

Ashley Minner, ~ for the Lumbee Indians of Baltimore

share a space

figuring out how to ~ with predatory people (artwork)

take (their own) space

black characters leisurely ~ (the artist Elizabeth Colomba)

take up space

seeing ourselves, it creates the momentum to ~ (blacks)

men are not ashamed to ~ in the world

white women have always been allowed to ~ in Black music

take up (less) space

women have been taught to ~ in a patriarchal world (be quiet, be small)

take up (more) space

I try to cry quietly so that I don't ~ (Robin DiAngelo)

take up (too much) space

they are supposed to be contained, docile and not ~ (girls)

shut people out of spaces

the demand for "proper English" can be used to ~ and opportunities

struggle for, occupy, craft, and mark space

~ in order to establish ownership and autonomy

♦ "the various indignities that being Black in traditionally white spaces exposes you to... / "racial incorporation"...brought [many Blacks] into previously white spaces... / In predominantly white professional spaces... / normalize the presence of Black people in professional and other historically white spaces... / the loaded interrogations, and the other awkward moments and indignities that people of color experience in white spaces..." ("Black Success, White Backlash" by Elijah Anderson, *The Atlantic*, September, 2023. "Elijah Anderson is the Sterling Professor of Sociology and of African American Studies at Yale, and a recent Stockholm Prize laureate. His most recent book is *Black in White Space: The Enduring Impact of Color in Everyday Life*.")

♦ "[H]ow you choose to cultivate and represent that space—whether real or imagined—matters." ("21 Hip-Hop Albums That Reflected The Politics Of Race, Space And Place in 2017" by Rodney Carmichael, Bobby Carter, Jenny Gathright, Sidney Madden, Mosi Reeves, and Steffanee Wang, NPR, Best Music Of 2017, December 28, 2017.)

♦ "That was a direct result of her uplifting our space during her conversation." (Fawn Pochel, who identifies as First Nations Ojibwe, about a speech by Cutcha Risling Baldy at Dominican University that resulted in \$200 in "unexpected" donations to the First Nations Garden.)

♦ "Space is a feminist issue."

♦ "Orchestras have traditionally been a pretty white space." (Diversity, equity and inclusion / DEI.)

♦ "I try to cry quietly so that I don't take up more space." (Robin DiAngelo. She coined the term "White fragility" which has been characterized as silence, defensiveness, argumentation, certitude, and pushback.)

♦ "For Anders, although his newly brown skin is a constant physical reminder that he's no longer who he used to be, the greatest change may be in his psyche. He's now acutely aware of otherness and being observed, how he moves in the world and how he takes up space. When he returns to work...he's both drawn to and repulsed by the only other dark-skinned employee, who, unlike him, has always known what it's like to be treated as both invisible and hypervisible." (Cady Lang's *Time* review of *The Last White Man* by Mohsin Hamid, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Exit West*. This paragraph deftly weaves together several tropes relating to inclusion and exclusion.)

♦ "I want spaces in sport for trans athletes to be their authentic selves and compete at the highest level, and know they are loved and that they belong there." (Chris Mosier, about transgender athletes at the Tokyo Olympics.)

♦ "The space of play, playing with dolls, the space of creating worlds with dolls is that space of dreaming. And now kids get to dream with a Laverne Cox Barbie, the first transgender Barbie—that is a beautiful space of dreaming and possibility." ("Laverne Cox honoured as first transgender Barbie, BBC, 26 May, 2022. That's a lot of space!")

♦ "Harrison announced that his would be a safe space and also a brave space where everybody could say things that were hard to say, without being judged." ("Guns Down: With the number of shooting deaths rising, Shaina Harrison is teaching kids to turn anger into advocacy," by Ian Frazier, *The New Yorker*, April 5, 2021. Harrison was addressing ninth graders.)

♦ "We've given them the flexibility to kind of determine what their spaces look like...you know, do they want to do rows...?" (Qynne Kelly, Associate Principal at Lincoln High School, Des Moines, about the guidelines teachers have for setting up their classrooms during the pandemic.)

♦ "We feel very proud to be Asian here, and we want to share kind of culture and space with each other but also with the rest of the city." (Joanne Kwong, President, Pearl River Mart.)

♦ "People have become accustomed to more car-free spaces during the pandemic." (Cities block streets so restaurant patrons can dine in the road, socially spaced. Ordinarily, this would be express as "car-free zones.")

♦ "It's so unfortunate that marginalized communities are in competition for the tiny allotment of space that society gives them." (Ani DiFranco.)

♦ "Watts (2001) has made the argument that to have a voice an agent must find a space where the voice can be concretized... The connection between voice and space becomes particularly critical when such a space is denied in the real world through marginalizing forces and a new space needs to be carved out." ("Voices of the Marginalized on the Internet" by Ananda Mitra.)

♦ "Black folk have always been aware that we've been excluded and othered. Even in spaces we've managed to create for ourselves, [non-Black] people violently infiltrate and occupy these spaces with no respect to the architects who built it." (Eric Louis, age 21, a Black TikTok "creator" who helped to organize the #BlackTikTokStrike, to protest cultural appropriation and preferential treatment.)

♦ "I think the superpower of a Black Woman is to occupy the space in the fullness of who she is." (The actress Aisha Hinds.)

♦ "The industry caught up to my ambitions and created space for me to have my voice." ("Faces of NPR HBCU Edition: Kia Miakka Natisse," Sommer Hill, NPR, February 16, 2022.)

♦ "It really is an unusual space in which we can come together and socialize and it doesn't feel anything like Zoom." (The 2021 virtual Sundance Film Festival.)

♦ "NPR arts editor Nina Gregory was an early adopter of Clubhouse— which she calls the 'third space' during the pandemic. The third space isn't home or work, she says, but rather acts as the coffee shops, bars, parks and other places where we connect with other people." ("What Is Clubhouse? The Popular Audio-Based Social Media App, Explained" by

Tonya Mosley and Allison Hagan, WBUR, Feb. 10, 2021. Clubhouse is based around voice communication.)

♦ “Yeah, you’re in a world, right, I mean, you’re in something like a fantasy or a dream, and we all have that interior space all the time, but to get to go into someone else’s interior space, how incredible is that?” (Miranda July.)

♦ Lulu Garcia-Navarro: Before we get to your new music, uh, I do want to talk to you about this meme about listening to *Girl in Red*. What does it feel like, sort of holding this space in LGBTQ and Gen Z culture? / Marie Ulven: Uh, I think it’s really dope because... (“Marie Ulven Talks TikTok Fame, Sexuality And Her New Album,” NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, May 2, 2021.)

♦ “I studied theater, but I was focused on being an actor, and I noted that people seemed to have a very narrow view of what kind of space my people could occupy on stage—and I found that really frustrating. I decided to write plays.” (The playwright Aleshea Harris.)

♦ “This girl in jean shorts standing in her house with eleven men. Like the female body in that space was what drew me to this for sure.” (Tina Satter, theater director, about *Is This a Room: Reality Winner Verbatim Transcription*.)

♦ “I wanted to create a safe space not in the sometimes trite sense we see the term used, but a true and sacred space for all our queer family to feel safe enough for freedom, fun, and cathartic self-expression. I wanted to build an antidote for the Trump era. I wanted to build all of us a home.” (Frankie Sharp, who is suing his former partners at The Q, one of New York City’s largest LGBTQ nightclubs. So much for “a true and sacred space for all our queer family.”)

♦ “I’m wondering how can [sic] a shared sense of space be created in places where Black and brown people are literally sharing the same physical space. I mean sharing being economically marginalized, overpoliced, unrepresented in big issues that affect both of them...” (“What the city council scandal reveals about LA’s racial divides—and Solidarity,” NPR, Morning Edition, Oct 14, 2022.)

♦ “When you’re in a position in which you are a distinct minority, then there is a sense in which within a majority white culture you do start to see other people of color as rivals rather than as allies. Because there is so little space for you, there’s such scarcity, and so you fight with other people who are of your same identity in order to get the spoils.” (Korean American author Julia Lee, author of *Biting the Hand: Growing Up Asian in Black and White America*. From “Biting the Hand”: Korean American author calls for weaponizing invisibility,” NPR, Morning Edition, April 19, 2023.)

♦ “The assertions are strident, and the vocabulary is esoteric (‘harm,’ ‘insurrection’) as if it were translated from a foreign language. In a sense, it is. The language is legalese, and it is designed to build a foundation upon which a company can be held liable under civil-rights law in an American court. This activist tactic has been widely misunderstood... The word ‘safe’ is carefully chosen. It gestures at certain specific kinds of negligence for which a university could pay dearly in a court of law.” (“The Inequality of ‘Equity,’” by Christopher Caldwell, *National Review*, May 17, 2021.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: “*Area*; the public *domain*; a safe and secure *environment*; the school is a safe *haven*; public *place* (Wikipedia entry); a gathering *place* (like a high-school cafeteria, bars, coffee houses); the *workplace*; a parking *place*; the public *realm*; give the bear plenty of *room*; I don’t have any *room* in my life for...; a *crawl space* under the house; office *space*; floor *space*; a tight *space* in a cave; a *space* (compartment) inside a ship; personal *space*; not enough *space* in the car or in the trunk of the car; a *space* of time; “He stole *space* in the penalty area”; “he controlled the ring *space* / boxing); outer *space*; public *sphere* (Wikipedia entry); a parking *spot*; he was in a bad *state* mentally; a car-free *zone*... (Conventional, ordinary uses of *area*, *domain*, *environment*, *haven*, *place*, *realm*, *room*, *space*, *sphere*, *spot*, *state*, *zone*, etc.)

♦ She’s spacey...; he’s a space cadet... (Denigration.)

♦ “Man’s happiness lies in open, empty spaces.” (A Mongolian proverb.)

inclusion & exclusion: possession

contempo-speak: language

space (space of time)

bittersweet space of time

she lived her dream if only for a ~ (Madalyn Davis)

amount: space

time: amount

spade (in spades)

provides them in spades

sport ~ (so-called culture-war controversies)

♦ Merriam-Webster says this relates to the suit of cards, NOT shovels, and Merriam-Webster is a dictionary you can trust! It means a large quantity or a high degree.

♦ “Morocco have brought back the beautiful game to the world in spade loads.” (An online commenter about the Qatar World Cup. An eggcorn?)

amount / amount & effect: cards

spaghetti (snarl)

“Spaghetti Junction”

the notorious ~ is a 4-level stack interchange (Atlanta)

spaghetti plots

these are the ~ (storm approaches coast / weather report)

bowl of spaghetti

it’s a ~, it’s difficult to untangle (competing interests)

complexity / configuration / resemblance: food & drink

span (lifespan, etc.)

life spans have declined

~ due to COVID

♦ The distance between the thumb and little finger.

measurement / time: distance

span (verb)

spanned five decades

his career ~

extent & scope / measurement: distance / hand

spar (verb)

sparred over education and immigration

the candidates ~ (politics)

Republicans and Democrats sparred

~ during the third day of impeachment hearings

conflict: boxing / verb

spare (a minute to spare, etc.)

see *time (a minute to spare, etc.)*

spark (verb)

sparked attention

the “frog vaccine” has ~ among foreign researchers

sparked a (land) boom

the lure of cheap homesteads and easy money ~

sparked a (wild) celebration

his winning penalty kick ~ (soccer)

spark conflicts

fences could ~ over access to water (nomads)

spark conversation
it will ~ and educate people (Aboriginal flag on bridge)

sparked a conversation
his death has ~ around the treatment of sumo wrestlers

spark conversations
the shootings should ~ about mental health, violence...

sparked his imagination
reading science fiction ~

spark (media) interest
parental kidnappings do not ~ (of kids)

sparked a (major) inquiry
her death ~

spark interest
these clouds continue to ~ (Noctilucent Clouds)

spark a new interest
sometimes learning will ~

sparked an outcry
his remarks ~ (racism)

spark outrage
"Drag marchers ~ with 'we're coming for your children'"

sparked outrage
the killing ~ around the world
the shooting was captured on video, and ~ across the city

sparking outrage
the Israeli raid is ~ around the world

sparked a recall
ignition problems ~ (automobile company)

sparked resentment
Chinese investment has ~ in Karachi (Sind)

sparked an (intense) search
her disappearance ~ that ended when...

sparked an uproar
his dismissal ~ on campus (popular coach Bobby Knight)
her transgender talk ~ (a Canadian feminist)

spark (widespread) violence
elections could ~ (Ivory Coast)

sparked a war
the border dispute ~ (Eritrea and Ethiopia)

sparked a wildfire
a single protest ~ (1848)

sparks the wildfire
Virginia will be the match that ~ of change (politics)

spark or reinforce
these stores can ~ the "Hillbilly" stereotype

initiation: fire / verb

spark (noun)

spark
the taunts were the ~, underlying resentment the fuel

spark for his comeback
the rivalry was the ~ (a rapper)

small spark
the clash showed how a ~ could ignite another war

signs of a spark
her campaign never caught fire or even showed ~

sparks erupted
those ~ into a bonfire of civic rage

sparks flew
they had different ideas about money, and ~ (a couple)
~ during the debate

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

put that spark in me
he ~ that made me want to be a scientist

created a (much-needed) spark
his visit ~ and drew the world's attention to the Bronx

♦ "My question was surely just a spark but the response was an earthquake." (The Italian journalist Riccardo Ehrman about his role in the fall of the Berlin Wall.)

initiation: fire

spark (spark of hope, etc.)

spark of hope
the ~ is getting smaller, but it hasn't gone out

amount: fire / light & dark

sparkling (superlative)

sparkling form
the Watford keeper was in absolutely ~ against West Ham

superlative: light & dark

spark plug

team's spark plug
he's the ~

initiation: electricity

sparring partner (role)

verbal sparring partner
she is his ~ and confidant

help & assistance: boxing / person

Sparta (Sparta of the North, etc.)

Sparta of the North
Prussia is often called the ~ (a militaristic society)

♦ "This small black Sparta..." (The Victorian traveller Richard Burton, about Dahomey, which he visited in 1863. From "War: How Conflict Shaped Us by the historian and Reith Lecturer Margaret MacMillan.)

military: epithet

Spartacus (the Black Spartacus, etc.)

Black Spartacus

the ~ died in the Swiss mountains (Toussaint Louverture)

military: epithet

Spartan (Spartans of Australasia, etc.)

Spartans of Australasia

by 1876 the ~ were extinct (Tasmanians / Mark Twain)

comparison & contrast / military: epithet

spartan (adjective)

spartan

my room was very ~

spartan way

the Marine Corps, true to its ~s...

Fox News reported it, very briefly, in a sort of very ~

spartan and claustrophobic

the Schwartz's flat was ~

♦ Dressed in rags; boots held together by medical tape; not enough food; not enough water; not enough rest or sleep; not enough ammunition; severely depleted ranks; outnumbered by enemy; outgunned by enemy; not enough space for them inside a firebase; too few medals awarded... (US marines defending the DMZ in 1967 during the Vietnam War. In Vietnam, the Vietnam war is called the American War.)

size: allusion

comparison & contrast: affix

spasm (noun)

spasms of bloodshed

~ continue (violent drug gangs)

convulsed in a spasm

for 3 minutes the casino ~ of violence (biker riot)

affliction: health & medicine / movement

activity: health & medicine / movement

spasmodic (adjective)

spasmodic (sectarian) slaughter

during the ~ of 2006-2007 (Iraq)

activity / affliction / starting, going, continuing & ending:

health & medicine / movement

spawn (verb)

spawned controversy

the agency has ~ (Darpa)

spawned a generation

tanning beds ~ of tanning addicts

spawned a series of memes

Kim Kardashian's look ~ on social media (Met Gala 2021)

spawned a (TV) miniseries

the book ~

spawned an (Oscar-winning) movie

her book ~ (*To Kill a Mockingbird*)

spawned (a great wave of) philanthropy

Carnegie, Rockefeller and Mellon ~

spawned QAnon

the site ~, the conspiracy theory (an internet website)

spawned terrorism

the Taliban's militancy has ~ inside Pakistan

spawned three tornadoes

severe weather ~

spawn (real-world) violence

hate speech and incitement can ~

spawned (monster) waves

the hurricane ~ that toppled beach houses

creation & transformation: animal / birth / fish / verb

spawned

spawned by the war

the terrorism ~ in Chechnya

creation & transformation: animal / birth / fish

speak (the people have spoken, etc.)

spoke

people in Massachusetts ~ (elections)

spoken

the people of this nation have ~ (election)

judgment: speech

speak (carry a message)

speaks truth to power

he ~

speaks to people

she ~ (Lizzo)

speak louder

actions ~ than words

internet has spoken

once again, the ~ and *Pretty Little Liars* is trending

let the bones speak

my job is to ~ (a forensic anthropologist)

message: speech / verb

speak (NASA-speak, etc.)

Congress-speak

in ~, it's a "motion to vacate the chair"

FAA-speak

nicknamed, in typical ~, "Flow Control" (planes aloft)

I.S.A.-speak

it is referred to in ~ as the Area (Intl. Seabed Authority)

NASA-speak
entry, descent and land, or EDL in ~

PR-speak
it sounds like ~ (reason for downsizing cereal)

PR speak
what we saw was the real AJ stripped of his ~ (boxing)

TESOL-speak
for a roasting of ~, read... (see below)

“chatspeak”
what Geoff Nunberg calls ~ (texting)

doublespeak
see *doublespeak* (noun)

TV executive speak
she acknowledged it in a torrent of ~ (media punditry)

feminist-speak
the new ~ (“her large dose of Woman Truth” / 1972)

influencer speak
the phenomenon of “~” (upspeak, vocal fry, etc.)
~ is a sort of prestige dialect on the internet

leetspeak
the title of PEN15, the Hulu series, is an example of ~

millennial-speak
~ straight out of the 2012 twee-internet era (“kind,” etc.)

newspeak
see *newspeak* (noun)

prosecutor-speak
usually “inspection” is ~ for a shakedown (Russia)

publisher-speak
romance novel ~ (“cinnamon rolls,” “golden retrievers”)

therapy speak
~ is everywhere, but it may make us less empathetic
this kind of clinical sounding ~ language...
is ~ making us selfish (Rebecca Fishbein / *Bustle*)
Jonah Hill ‘used ~ to control’ ex-girlfriend, claims therapist
how ‘~’ is being weaponized (Jonah Hill scandal)
the overuse of ‘~’ or ‘psychobabble’ (men against women)
‘~’ is infecting how everyone talks
the kids are all on TikTok or the internet and understand ~

waterspeak
Dressel is fluent in ~ (the swimmer Caeleb Dressel)

youthspeak
it’s easy to bash ~ (J-K-L-R speech)

bureaucratic-speak
turning obtuse ~ into plain language (journalism)

contempo-speak
the gentle interrogative is ~ (written in 2008)

corporate-speak
Kendall’s buzzword-laden ~ (TV series *Succession*)
the dispiriting ~ used to manipulate employees

corporate speak
a shift away from ~ (LinkedIn’s “new emotional tone”)

medical-speak
I’m not a doctor, I’m not going to try to speak ~ (briefing)

new speak
“abs” is ~ for buttocks, right? (see below)

political speak
turning ~ into plain language (journalism)

silly-speak
Nanz has caught modern ~ disease (sports broadcasting)

social speak
corporate ~ all sounds the same (culture wars)

upspeak
see *upspeak* (*contempo-speak*)

♦ For a first-rate roasting of “TESOL-speak,” read “Gobbledygook: The proliferation of jargon in English language teaching” by Joshua D. Bernstein, *tesol journal*, surprisingly not (yet) hidden behind the TESOL / WILEY paywall.)

♦ “Help ‘therapy speak’ is infecting how everyone talks and I simply can’t ‘hold space’ for it” by Mary Madigan, June 15, 2023.”

♦ “This kind of clinical sounding therapy speak language is all over the place in the U.S. these days, including personal relationships.” (“Therapy speak’ is everywhere, but it may make us less empathetic,” NPR, All Things Considered, April 13, 2023.)

♦ “So I interviewed a lot of people for this story, and some of the people that I interviewed said, you know, I’ve also done this, and it’s not even intentional it’s just when you’ve been saturated with some of the phrases—either you’re in therapy or you watch a lot of therapy TikTok—it can come out in your conversations with your friends. I have said “holding space” to my friends without even fully understanding what that means. But it’s not that people are intentionally being cruel to their friends or trying to sound like a therapist, it’s trending, it’s in the lexicon.” (Rebecca Fishbein. From “Therapy speak’ is everywhere, but it may make us less empathetic,” NPR, All Things Considered, April 13, 2023. Rebecca notes that therapy-speak might be picked up from a mental health professional, social media to include therapy TikTok, or from talking to one’s friends.)

♦ “The likes of Jonah Hill—who was accused of misusing psychology vocab to ‘control’ his ex this weekend—have faced criticism for the overuse of ‘therapy speak,’ or ‘psychobabble,’ as a tool of manipulation rather than an expression of emotional vulnerability.” (“How ‘therapy speak’ is being weaponized amid Jonah Hill ‘boundaries’ scandal” by Brooke Kato, *New York Post*, July 11, 2023.)

♦ “I certainly would not say that we won’t see another test article dramatically and excitingly disassemble.” (Space industry analyst and BryceTech CEO and founder Carissa Bryce Christensen, speaking to NPR’s “A” Martinez. From “Why SpaceX staff cheered when the Starship rocket exploded,” NPR, Morning Edition, April 21, 2023.)

♦ “PEN15, write out the title, you’ll get it, has begun its second season on Hulu...” (A well-briefed Scott Simon of NPR. This is an example of leetspeak.)

♦ A CURIOUS CASE. “Exploring how content creators speak on TikTok—it’s known as influencer speak,” NPR, January 31, 2024, now redirects to “Do you have ‘TikTok voice’? It’s OK if you don’t want to get rid of it” by Claire Murashima, Leila Fadel, and Steve Inskeep, NPR, Updated on Morning Edition, February 1, 2024. The transcript does not match the audio. Mmmm... The audio is funny and good I suspect that the original story was controversial at NPR.

♦ “I’m digging those abs. “Abs” is new speak for buttocks, right?” (A funny “What do you think?” comment by James on a picture of EmRata wearing a tiny giraffe-print string bikini. Cheeky!)

♦ “A tale of two pandemics’ (October 22nd) abbreviated life expectancy as LE. This is an example of today’s trend towards too much abbreviation (TMA). This makes it harder to read (HTR) than if you were to spell everything out (SEO). Please get off the TMA bandwagon and just SEO to make your writing ETR. TYVM.” (Richard Taylor, the

Woodlands, Texas. Printed in the Letters section of *The Economist*, November 19, 2022, under the title "Capital idea.")

♦ OLD: the spacecraft experienced a rapid unscheduled disassembly... / NEW: the spacecraft experienced a rapid unscheduled disassembly...

♦ see also *boilerplate* (noun), *buzzword* (noun), *ese* (legalese, etc.), *funny language*, *gobbledygook*, *language* (types), *lip service* (pay lip service, etc.), *supersizing* (linguistic supersizing), *talk* (mediator talk, etc.), *word salad*

speech: affix

language: speech

speaking (speak for itself, etc.)

speak for itself

we hope the evidence will ~
the crime scene appeared to ~ (murder-suicide)

speaks for itself

the subpoena ~
our work ~ (World Health Organization)
the video ~ (of an arrest by police)
the verdict ~ (no broader MeToo implications)
the video ~, the video's not going to change (a shooting)

speak for themselves

the test results ~
he expected his deeds to ~ (Roald Amundsen)
the evidence and the facts ~

spoke for themselves

his results ~ (the surgeon Harvey Cushing)

spoke for itself

his silence ~ (politician loses electoral vote)

♦ "Volcanoes like to speak in low-frequency sounds that humans can't perceive called infrasound. So we developed sensors that we can deploy to listen to the volcanos talk to us." (Dr. Jeffrey B. Johnson, Boise State volcanologist and National Geographic Explorer, about the Masaya Volcano in Nicaragua.)

evidence: speech / verb

fictive communication: speech / verb

speaking out (verb)

speak out against (perceived) injustices

she feels compelled to ~

spoke out with a (contrary) opinion

we ~

speak out and be heard

it is time for the Aboriginal community to ~ (*Koori Mail*)

♦ "People wrote about women speaking out with prayerful reverence, as if speech itself could bring women freedom." (Jia Tolentino.)

♦ For proverbs about the dangers of speech, see *tongue* (danger).

resistance, opposition & defeat: speech / verb

speaking to (speak to something)

speaks to our anxieties

the film ~ about AI (M3GAN)

speak to anyone

the film will ~ who ever wanted to board a train and escape

speak to the imagination

lighthouses ~

speak to this moment

the film doesn't ~ in history

speaks to us

what the painter saw, and why it still ~ (Winslow Homer)

speaks to the women

Emirates Woman is a magazine that ~ of today

speak to anyone, anywhere, at any time

the questions ~ (philosophy)

fictive communication: speech / verb

speaking up (verb)

speak up

they were too scared to ~ (a corporation)
a manager warned her not to ~

spoke up

he ~ and said, "This man is not qualified"
she was glad that she ~

speaks up and amplifies

the *Koori Mail* ~ Black voices (Australian newspaper)

courage to speak up

the importance of having the ~ (military)

♦ "Each and every one of us has to step up, speak up, stand up, do something." (Armitta Holliman, director of the Milwaukee Office of Violence and Prevention.)

♦ For proverbs about the dangers of speech, see *tongue* (danger).

resistance, opposition & defeat: speech / verb

spearing (tip of the spear)

"tip of the spear"

they will be the ~ if America invades Iraq

tip of the spear of the armored column

the ~ (7th Cavalry Regiment)

tip of the spear of fighting

these two agencies are supposed to be the ~ this pandemic

tip of Iran's spear

he was the ~ in the Middle East (Qasem Soleimani)

tip of the US military spear

special-operations forces are still the ~, but...

♦ "The EOD team is the sharp end of the spear to suppress roadside bombings."

♦ "The best way to keep the blade sharp is to use it."

driving force: military / weapon

spearheading (verb)

spearhead the Orange Revolution

Ms. Tymoshenko helped ~ (Yulia)

spearhead a campaign

he called on radiologists to ~ to reduce dosages

spearheading the drive

she is ~ to get him elected

spearheading the initiative

Brazil, France, Mexico and Norway are ~

spearhead the project

he helped ~ (downtown revitalization)

spearhead another City push

he is ready to ~ for a Treble (Erling "Ha Ha Ha" Haaland)

looking to spearhead

we are ~ a major shift...

driving force: weapon / verb

spearhead (noun)

spearhead of a (new) economy

energy is the ~

spearhead of globalization

the W.T.O. is the ~

spearhead of the (democratic) movement

Solidarity was the ~ in Eastern Europe

spearhead for (Islam's) advance

the Sufis were the ~ into South Asia

driving force: weapon

special (as noun)

special happens

when you take a chance, that's when ~

characterization: part of speech

species (type)

endangered species

see *species (endangered species)*

different species

these heavyweights these days are a ~ (size and weight)

birth of a new species

we're living through the ~ of skyscraper (supertalls)

♦ "These heavyweights these days are a different species." (Comment by a boxer about the new bridgerweight / Bridger-weight division.)

♦ "As a species, apps are hard to trust."

taxonomy & classification: animal

species (endangered species)

endangered species

the walk-in is an ~ (NYC restaurant bars / new rules)

Endangered Species

"Relics Of The Space Race, School Planetariums Are An ~"

♦ "What will happen to bar culture!" (A restaurant bar denizen in New York City about the end of the first-come first-served "survival of the fittest" restaurant-bar ethos. View Edvard Munch's "The Scream." Restaurant bars are now requiring reservations and only serving those with barstools. See the Wikipedia entry "*Fin de siècle*.")

♦ An animal might become extinct in a specific area, and then be reintroduced. Beavers—millions of which ended up as hats—were exterminated in Massachusetts, then reintroduced many decades later

and now have achieved nuisance status under protection laws. Many people would like to re-exterminate them...

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal

species (vanishing species)

vanishing species

he's a ~ (moderate Republican)

he doesn't feel he's documenting a ~ (public libraries)

Roman numerals are a ~ (but not for Super Bowls)

♦ "You know, I think people are familiar with the idea of vanishing species. But I'm not sure most people are familiar with the idea of vanishing languages..." (NPR host Michel Martin.)

♦ I love it when an animal comes back. Good for the animals! May they be fruitful and multiply and repopulate their historic ranges! It thrills me when a right whale—hunted to the brink of extinction by whalers for its oil and baleen—is spotted in the Azores, or when a cloud leopard—still wearing its beautiful hide and possessing its claws—is spotted in Bangladesh. It gives me mordant cheer to know that Korean tigers are thriving in the no-man's-land of the DMZ between North and South Korea, safe from people who would otherwise eat their meat and grind their bones into powder for medicines and aphrodisiacs.

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal

speck (amount)

speck of shade

this is not throwing a ~ at LeBron James... (sports talk)

amount: mark

speckled (configuration)

speckled with (syntactical) errors

my effort to write in German was everywhere ~

speckled with ships

the harbor of San Francisco was ~

speckled with copses and farmhouses

rolling fields ~

speckled trout

the ~ (brook trout)

♦ Animals might be banded, dappled, marbled, mottled, ringed, speckled, spotted, stippled, streaked, striped, and even spectacled!

configuration: mark

specter (noun)

specter of Sept. 11

he is haunted by the ~

specter of defeat

incumbents face the ~ (elections)

specter of war

the ~ is rising

ugly specter

the deal raises the ~ of conflict of interest

specter (of the past) lingers

the ~

specter (of eating disorder) haunts

the ~ many dancers

confront the specter
once again, Americans ~ of impeachment (politics)

confronts the specter
he ~ of mortality (aging)

facing the specter
he is ~ of death

raises the specter
rising crime ~ of the bad old days (Newark)
rising corn prices ~ of higher prices for beef and pork...

haunted by the specter
he is ~ of Hurricane Katrina

♦ "Before the *scepter* [italics mine] of climate change ever reared up..."
(Oops! Confusion of the two words *specter* and *scepter*? Misreading a text? An "eggcorn"? Who knows...)

affliction: creature

speed (up to speed)

up to speed on the details
I'm sorry, I'm not ~

up to speed on that
I'm not ~

time to get up to speed
new hires need ~

bring him up to speed
his advisors will ~ on the details (president)

get new workers up to speed
experienced employees can help ~ quickly

keep its algorithm up to speed
he has struggled to ~ (YouTube)

functioning / speed: mechanism / movement

condition & status: mechanism / movement

speed (full speed ahead)

full speed ahead
it will be ~ but not in a rushed way (vaccine rollout)
the hype train chugged ~

speed: boat

speed (supersonic speed, etc.)

Speed of Light
Life at the ~ (a book by Craig Venter)

lightning speed
Omicron is spreading at ~

supersonic speed
jetpack technology has been evolving at ~

speed: movement / plane

spell (spell disaster, etc.)

spells disaster
this ~ for urban peace (unemployment, guns, etc.)

spell disaster
unattended daily challenges could ~ (Velux 5 race)

spells doom
contact with outsiders often ~ for isolated tribes

spell trouble
four of these symptoms could ~ (panic disorder)

spells trouble
I think the whole thing ~ for the president (investigation)

spell (job-search) woes
bad credit can ~

♦ The writing is on the wall...

fate, fortune & chance: writing & spelling / verb
future / time: religion / writing & spelling / verb
spell (under a spell)

under her spell
she brought employees, investors and journalists ~ (fraud)

under the (nonconformist) spell of Thoreau
he fell ~ (Andrew Martinez)

falls under its spell
everyone ~ (a panda)

fell under its spell
I quickly ~ (a book)

fell under Kelly's spell
she ~ (sex abuse)

fell under Frederick's spell
other former students who ~ (Bennington College)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

attraction & repulsion: magic

spell (cast a spell)

cast a spell on a ball
he seemed to ~ (Juninho / soccer)

cast a spell over the (rapt) audience
he ~ (a pianist)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic / verb

spell (in a dry spell)

in a dry spell
I was ~, lacking imagination and incentive (an artist)

six-month dry spell
having been in a ~... (dating)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain
/ weather & climate

spell (into a dry spell)

fell into a (long) dry spell
he ~ (athlete)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain / weather & climate

spell (throughout a dry spell)

throughout that dry spell
~ he showed composure (golfer)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain / weather & climate

spell (dry spell / other)

dry spell ended
and then the long ~ (investments and buying)

ended his dry spell
the goal ~ (sports)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain / weather & climate

spellbinding (adjective)

spellbinding story
the play was the concluding chapter in a ~ (series)

spellbinding mug shot
we look at his ~ and wonder why he did it (murder)

attachment / feeling, emotion & effect: magic

spellbound (adjective)

spellbound
I watched her, ~
she listened ~ to his account

spellbound by (Old English) poetry
he was ~ (Auden)

stunned and spellbound
he confessed all he had done to a ~ courtroom

held us spellbound
she ~ (an actor's performance)

kept the crew spellbound
the aurora ~ for hours (the Far North)

attachment / feeling, emotion & effect: magic

spelled out

spelled out in the handbook
the policy is ~ distributed to every....

policy is spelled out
the ~ in the handbook distributed to every...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: writing & spelling / letters & characters

spelling (language)

brakes out
when a protest ~ (Hillcrest High School, Queens)

Calvary

they were marched to Oklahoma by the US ~ (BBC)

Caucuses
small communities remain in the ~ (in Azerbaijan)

Cheifs'
Patrick Mahomes throws during the ~ Super Bowl win

clamors
"Octopus ~ around submerged Buddha statue" (ABC)

course
we had some rather ~ and agitated people... (Bostonians)

dear
antlers shed by ~ near Humboldt, Kansas (ABC)

desert
the sweet, tart and mysterious ~ (bumbleberry pie / NPR)

do
with all ~ respect

griefing
he died in front of me said the ~ father (NYP)

jolt's
earthquake ~ California's Humboldt County (ABC)

marital
they open up about parents' ~ problems (marital)

steps
in the ~ of Kazakhstan (NPR transcript)

tale
Sanderson slipped that rope over the fish's ~ (NPR)

Trial
the Appalachian ~ (trail / an eggcorn?)

week
it was already ~ (his ankle / *New York Post*)

probably cause
the ~ affidavit sheds light on... (probable cause)

right of passage
it used to be a ~ (sex with an older woman / funny!)

tow the line
trying to ~ (toe the line)

♦ "Trying to tow the line." (See "Johnson Death nails and foul swoops," *The Economist*, July 17th, 2021. See also "Politics and the English Language" by George Orwell, 1946.)

♦ "It's Boston after all, so we had some rather course and agitated people who were willing to voice their displeasure in a colorful way." (Par for the coarsel)

♦ Archway (to Ryan). And the word you were looking for is spelled "you're," Cletus. / Ryan (to Archway). And *you're* still a weakling suburban white nerd who got shoved in lockers. (*Cletus* is a derogatory term for a yokel.)

♦ 'Officiaonado'??!! You're not very good at spelling, are you?" /// It's HYS, not the King James Bible. The meaning was obvious. (A BBC HYS.)

♦ Joe Slobotnick: I can tell from his slopping criminal forehead and beedy eyes that he is guilty. Fry the low life. /// George Hotchkiss (to Joe Slobotnick): Huh? (Two online commenters about Bryan Kohberger.)

♦ What do we want? *Spellcheck!* When do we want it? *Cow!*

♦ **DYSLEXICS OF THE WORLD UNTIE!**

♦ "Click here to report a spelling or grammar error. Please include the headline." (actionnews5.com in Memphis. If only ABC, NPR, the *New York Post*, etc. had such a link!)

♦ This sort of language has many possible explanations.

language: spelling

spell out (verb)

spells out what

nothing in the law ~ to do with a student like her

spell out fees

contracts that don't ~ or... (assisted living)

spell it out

do I have to ~ in every ugly detail

spells (all) this out

the contract ~...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: writing & spelling / letters & characters / verb

spend (time)

see *time* (*spend time*)

spend (spend energy, etc.)

spent a lot of energy

they ~ in the search

cost & benefit: money / verb

spendthrift (person)

spendthrift southerners

the scheme pits ~ against skinflint northerners (Europe)

money: person

spew (speech)

spewed venom

she ~ (neurotic woman)

hate-spewing

~ crazies rarely care about the facts

speech: bodily reaction / verb

throwing, putting & planting: bodily reaction / verb

sphere (cryptosphere, etc.)

blogosphere

see *blogosphere*

cryptosphere

institutions that act as gatekeepers for the ~

manosphere

navigating the ~ (incels)

REN joins with other figures in the "~"

the ~ versus feminism

mediasphere

the Chinese ~ has become more pro-Russian

picklesphere

Tom Dundon's takeover of the PPA rocked the ~ (sport)

relationship-sphere

scrolling through the ~ (#toxic, etc.)

scentsosphere

the ~, scentscapes, the "osmocism" (*New Yorker* article)

area / environment / language: affix

sphere (in the sphere)

in the economic sphere

~, things don't look good (pandemic)

in the informational sphere

we must clamp down on criminal activity ~ (ransomware)

♦ see also *space*, which seems increasingly more popular.

area / environment: earth & world

sphinx (noun)

sphinx of Washington

the silent ~ finally spoke at length (Robert Mueller)

Washington sphinx

for two years he was a ~, silent and mysterious (Mueller)

♦ His years as a senior member of the president's cabinet, facing down threats like the Soviet Union at the height of the Cold War, had made him a cipher..." (*Bad Blood* by John Carreyrou.)

♦ "Hurbinek was a nobody, a child of death, a child of Auschwitz... Henek...sat beside the little sphinx... / Hurbinek died in the first days of March 1945, free but not redeemed. Nothing remains of him: he bears witness through these words of mine." (*If This Is A Man* by Primo Levi.)

character & personality: creature / statue

spice up (verb)

spice up your sex life

10 ways to ~

amelioration & renewal: food & drink / verb

spicy (adjective)

spicy

Khan vs. Brook, it's going to be ~ (boxing)

spicy comedy

why do you choose that brand of ~ (Sommore)

spicy stuff

she didn't know a lot about sex, the "~" (pastor's daughter)

spicy trends

~ (Ad / internet clickbait)

consumption: food & drink / taste

spider (Eljif "the Spider" Elmas, etc.)

known as the Spider

he is ~ for his long legs (Eljif Elmas, North Macedonia)

epithet: spider

resemblance: epithet / spider

spider (Spider Rock, etc.)

Spider

they climbed “the ~,” the snow-filled cracks (the Eiger)
the “~” towers above Upper Pine Lake (Colorado peak)

Spider Cave

~ contains a pictograph of “Spiderman” (Michigan)

Spider Rock

~ is associated with Spider Woman (Canyon de Chelly)

spider web

see *web (spider web and cobweb, etc.)*

♦ Spider Rock is a spire in the Canyon de Chelly on the Navajo Nation in Arizona, near the town of Chinle. It is associated with the Spider Woman. In one legend, she eats misbehaving children and leaves their bones scattered about. If you visit, be sure and tell your children not to misbehave or litter, and why...

proper name: animal / insect / spider

geography: animal / insect / proper name / spider

spider hole (military)

spider holes

the ~ in which snipers may still be hiding (Vietnam)

tunnels, spider holes and (underground) bunkers

the maze of ~ known as the Gaza Metro (Israel-Hamas war)

♦ “No one was there. Strange. I had seen the firing. We would have noticed anyone leaving the thicket. / Beck found two spider holes close to the forward edge of the thicket, partially covered by debris. Each opening was smaller than a basketball rim, barely large enough for a man to squeeze out. A cool, earthy smell emanated from them. / ‘Are the VC at the bottom of these holes, or do these go back to some room or tunnel?’ I asked Bratcher as Wooley came up. / I sent men out to the front as security and looked back at the spider holes. Spencer stuck a long bamboo pole down one. It hit bottom after about five feet and then, when Spencer pushed, it went down another four feet. We shined a flashlight down the holes. Both holes curved out of sight to our front. / Yelling ‘Fire in the hole,’ we threw in grenades and ducked behind trees. The explosions were muffled and only a small amount of dust came out and blew away. We walked carefully back to the holes and looked down. I said, ‘Damn. We either send someone down or we leave and keep on toward our TAOR.’ / Wooley told me to send someone down. I called one of the Puerto Ricans, PFC Fernandez-Lopez, the smallest man in the platoon...” (*Last Man Out: A Personal Account Of the Vietnam War* by James E. Parker Jr. “Cu Chi was not friendly.”)

military: insect / place / hole

spigot (open / close, etc.)

cash spigots

his Iowa performance won’t open any ~ (election)

loan spigot

lenders opened the ~ (home loans and foreclosures)

gushing (federal) spigot

many voters don't want to shut off the ~ (deficit)

spending spigot

the ~ must close (government spending)

man at the spigot

Yamani was the ~ (Saudi oil / 1973)

open the (military-spending) spigot

the Cold War helped to ~

shut off the spigot

they are trying to ~ of Russian boar (invasive species)

♦ “We should put money into the economy. The question is how much. If your bathtub isn’t full, you should turn your faucet on. But that doesn’t mean you should turn it on as hard as you can and as long as you can.” (Lawrence Summers, speaking about economic stimulus during the COVID pandemic. Not for nothing is economics referred to as “the dismal science.”)

supplying: infrastructure / water

constraint & lack of constraint: water

spike (increase)

spiked last week

gun and ammunition sales ~

increase & decrease: shape / verb

spike (spike in business, etc.)

spike in business

dollar stores are seeing a ~

spike in demand

we can expect a ~ (housing market)

spike in its traffic

the new ~ began early Sunday in the US (a hashtag)

increase & decrease: number / shape

spill (and spill out, etc.)

spilled out

US special forces troops ~ of C-130s...

spilled out into their back yard

trash ~ (hoarders)

spilled into the streets

outrage ~ (protests)

spilled (out) into the streets

people ~ (earthquake)

spill across the border

problems from Somalia ~ (into Kenya)

spilled over the border into Chad

the Darfur conflict has ~

spill over into other countries

he believes this trend will ~, including...

spill over onto MSRs

take action to ensure refugees do not ~ (military)

spilled over the border

its forces opened fire when the fighting ~ (Thailand)

spilled into Virginia

none of the protests ~ (from D.C. / IMF / World Bank)

amount & effect: water / verb

leaking / movement: water / verb

spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)

spilled out

she pauses briefly before the words ~

spills out

her indignation ~, but soon she calms down and...

♦ "I heard myself say to him, 'Could you tell me something about your mother?...' And he said, 'It's funny that you should ask me that... I remember...'. Out of him spilled and tumbled the essence of what is now in the first chapter of the *Autobiography of Malcolm X*." (Alex Haley, speaking to Terry Gross about Malcolm X.)

speech: container / verb / water

feeling, emotion & effect: container / verb / water

spin (spin out of control)

spinning out of control

digital downloading and copying is ~

his personal life seemed to be ~

Nairobi is ~ (crime)

spun out of control

the argument ~

control & lack of control: movement / plane / verb

spin (message / verb)

spinning this in a way

they are ~ that looks good for them

spin the data

they are trying to ~ that plays to their narrative (politics)

message / subterfuge: movement / verb

spin (message / noun)

spin

where does the science end and the ~ begin (COVID)

political spin

all the ~ in the world won't change that...

put an alarmist spin on the story

the reporter ~, as though the company were in bad shape

seen through the spin

I think that people have ~ (of powerful sex abusers)

message / subterfuge: movement

spin (spin control)

international spin control

official attempts at ~

attempts at (international) spin control

official ~

message / subterfuge: movement

spine (courage)

America's spine

we have seen the steel in ~

integrity and spine

Bezos showed ~ (against pressure from White House)

steel in (America's) spine

we have seen the ~

grow a spine

~ and fight for our rights (the Welsh government)

have (enough) spine

some Republicans ~ to stand up to the president (politics)

show (a bit of) spine

politicians must ~ (to unsympathetic audiences)

stiffened his spine

he showed signs of going wobbly, but Pelosi ~ (politics)

courage & lack of courage: back

strength & weakness: back

spine (branching)

spine of South America

the Andes, the great ~

spine of the Roman Empire

the highway that formed the ~ (the Appian Way)

spine of the Pyrenes

behind us we have the ~ (on the French coast)

spine of the team

they are the ~ (the 3 Barrett brothers / All Blacks rugby)

agricultural spine

in the landlocked Central Valley, the state's ~ (California)

bases / branching system: back

spineless (courage)

whiny spineless

to hell with this ~ generation

courage & lack of courage: back

strength & weakness: back

spin-off (noun)

spin-offs from (space) experimentation

the medical and technological ~

medical and technological spin-offs

the ~ from space experimentation

creation & transformation / product: movement

spin up (verb)

spin up (late) at night

a lot of the protests we have seen ~... (street protests)

spun up an image

they've ~, it's just branding and optics (Silicon Valley)

creation & transformation / initiation / occurrence:

movement / verb

spiral (death spiral)

"death spiral"

~ is quite a dramatic phrase, but the post office lost...

in a death spiral

American newspapers are ~ (declining circulations)

on a death spiral

I would suggest that we are ~ (the Postmaster General)

part of the death spiral

going back to America was ~ (Marvin Gaye / Belgium)

condition & status / destruction: death & life / direction / flying & falling / movement / plane / shape

spiral (spiral out of control, etc.)

spiraled out of control

Rye's junior prom ~ (drunk teens)

events quickly ~ (Bosnian war)

spiraling out of control

in danger of ~

spiral out of control

medical expenses can often ~

his life seemed to ~ (drug addict)

spiraling out of control in the Caucasus

violence is ~

life spiraled out of control

his ~

prom spiraled out of control

Rye's junior ~ (drunk teens)

expenses can (often) spiral

medical ~ out of control

violence (in Iraq) spiraled

as ~ beginning in 2003

violence is spiraling

~ in Russia's North Caucasus

control & lack of control: movement / plane / verb

spiral (spiral downward, etc.)

spiraled downhill

at home, he ~ (troubled soldier back from Iraq)

spiraled downward

the economy of Detroit has ~

decline: direction / flying & falling / verb

spiral (downward or upward)

spiral upwards

the reported tanker attacks caused oil prices to ~

increase & decrease: direction / plane / verb

movement: shape / verb

spiral (in a spiral)

in a death spiral

American newspapers are ~ (declining circulations)

decline: direction / flying & falling

spiral (into a spiral)

plunged into a spiral of drug use

he ~ in his early teens

decline: direction / flying & falling

spiral (on a downward spiral)

on a downward spiral

the team is ~ (sports)

he has been ~ over the past 6 months (alcohol, etc.)

decline: direction / flying & falling

spiral (downward spiral, etc.)

downward spiral

sexual addiction is an ugly ~

her ~ began years ago when...

downward spiral of depression

the ~, which can lead to death

decline: direction / flying & falling

spiral (other)

anxiety spirals

these ~ are super common (NPR's Ailsa Chang / FOMO)

death spiral

the avalanche ~ is likely to continue (global warming)

♦ see also *circle (virtuous circle, etc.), loop (noun / other)*

decline: direction / flying & falling

relationship: shape

spiraling (increase)

spiraling costs

the ~ of a college education

spiraling (health care) costs

how to cover the uninsured and control ~

spiraling (suicide) rates

~ sound a warning bell

spiraling violence

~ in the Middle East

increase & decrease: number / direction

spirit (feeling)

spirit of the hajj

the ~, where all stand equal before God

spirit of adventure

wilderness education instills the ~ (high school)

safaris are antithetical to the ~ (luxury / Zambia)

spirit of camaraderie

developing a ~

spirit of the carnival

some say the true ~ is being lost (Rio / commercialism)

spirit of defiance
what I appreciate about Bonds is his ~ (baseball player)

spirit of the (American) military
the honorable and decent ~

spirit of the Olympics
taking controversial judging decisions in the ~

spirit of reconciliation
work together in a ~ (Vietnam, US)

spirit of religion
violence and terrorism are incompatible with the ~

spirit of the sport
what violates the ~ (doping, etc.)

spirit of wilderness
Windy Falls embodies the ~ to me

spirit of exploration and adventure
for centuries, the North Pole has inspired a ~

spirit of amateur competition
supposedly this violated the ~ (1920s)

spirit of sisterhood
encourage the true ~ (sorority)

spirit competition
the annual Cheerleading Worlds—the Super Bowl of ~s

spirit, courage and talent
a man of indomitable ~ (Mayor Giuliani)

NASA's spirits
the success lifted ~

city's spirit
Rocky Balboa has come to symbolize the ~ (Philly)

company's (fighting) spirit
no one questions the ~

festival's (innovative) spirit
the ~ (San Sebastian International Film Festival)

group's (enterprising) spirit
the ~, anti-drug message

people's spirits
the wet weather has dampened ~ (France)

state's (independent) spirit
the ~ (Nevada)

Christmas spirit
~—goodwill toward men

Ramadan spirit
local Muslims complain of a lack of ~ (Dubai)

St. Patrick's Day spirit
get in that ~

community spirit
unprecedented level of ~ (after tragedy)

holiday spirit
share some ~

pioneer spirit
the ~, the cowboy spirit

school spirit
bonfire, and the ~ it inspires...

team spirit
they hold hands in a show of ~ (high-school football)
that magic moment when you feel the ~ coming together

cowboy spirit
a latter-day extension of the ~
names that evoked the ~

start-up spirit
a corporate culture that maintains the ~

can-do spirit
its ~ has given way to a civil-service culture (NASA)
NASA's original sense of mission and ~

enterprising spirit
the group's ~, anti-drug message

fighting spirit
no one questions the company's ~
she attributes her ~ to her father (singer with pink hair)
his exemplary ~ in the face of... (military)

uplifting spirit
it retains its ~ (film into a musical)

American spirit
he is an outstanding example of the ~ (hero bus driver)

adventurous spirit
she's an ~
she has always had an ~

civic spirit
Buffalo residents met the blizzard with ~

competitive spirit
the ~ (Ping-Pong players)

entrepreneurial spirit
the ~ that built America lives on in Dubai
there is a deep ~ and a highly ambitious workforce
he spoke of their ~ and effort (Somali immigrants)
America's open frontier and ~... (bail bond companies)

free spirit
she was a ~ who played the flute

good spirits
she was in ~, but hungry and in pain (rescued POW)

independent spirit
the state's ~ (Nevada)

indomitable spirit
a man of ~, courage and talent (Mayor Giuliani)

innovative spirit
the festival's ~ (San Sebastian International Film Festival)

patriotic spirit
people show their ~ (Veterans Day)

true spirit
encourage the ~ of sisterhood (sorority)

level of (community) spirit
unprecedented ~ (after tragedy)

show of (team) spirit
they hold hands in a ~ (high-school football)

honorable and decent spirit
the ~ of the American military

band and spirit
the ~ squads (college football)

body and spirit
an ordeal of ~ (high Himalayan bivouac)

compassion, spirit, (even) gallantry
residents show ~ (nursing home)

courage, spirit and (selfless) devotion to duty
his ~

minds and spirits
a place to renew our ~ (creative retirement center)

name, spirit and tradition
the ~ of the school (Saint-Cyr)

Opportunity and Spirit
NASA's durable twin rovers, ~ (Mars)

spirit changed
her ~, she wasn't the same (after being beaten)

spirit dies
you only give up when that competitive ~ (a boxer)

spirits sank
my ~

boosted my spirits
it ~

break my spirit
no matter how long they keep me here, they can't ~ (jail)

dampened (people's) spirits
the wet weather has ~ (France)

embodies the spirit
he ~ of moderate Islam...

inspired a spirit
for centuries, the North Pole has ~ of exploration
for centuries, the North Pole has ~ of adventure

lift our spirits
the best thing to ~ is a sexy photo (man's magazine)

lifted (NASA's) spirits
the success ~

symbolize the (city's) spirit
Rocky Balboa has come to ~ (Philly)

violated the spirit
supposedly this ~ of amateur competition (1920s)

prop up her spirits
though her body sagged, her doctor helped ~

keep their spirits up
they sang and prayed to ~ (illegal migrants on boat)

get in that (St. Patrick's Day) spirit
it's not hard for her to ~

getting in the spirit
we are ~ (Halloween)

♦ "When Younghusband reached Lhasa, he was greeted by hordes of clapping Tibetans. He took it as a gesture of welcome, not realizing that clapping was a traditional way of warding off evil spirits..." (The 1904 British invasion of Tibet.)

♦ "When the drum is made, before you cut the tree down, there is a spirit in the tree. Then the skin that is put on the drum, the skin is never dead because you will never get a sound out of a dead skin. Then, with the spirit of the person playing it, it becomes what...three...three spirits. It becomes an irresistible force against any, any immovable object. (Babatunde Olatunji.)

♦ "This is where my daughter's spirit was last. I'm more drawn to this spot than I am even to the cemetery where we keep her remains." (A bereft mother, clearing trash away from the roadside memorial where her daughter had died in a car crash eight years earlier.)

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

spirited

spirited competition
a ~

free-spirited
the ~ girlfriend

mean-spirited
~ defenders of traditional values

character & personality: religion

spit (spit in the face / noun)

spit in the face of Turkey and the UN
the Ukraine denounced it as a ~

♦ I place a date in your lips, and you spit the pit in my face! (Ingratitude.)

insult: face / gesture

spit (spit down)

spat down rain
the sky ~

resemblance: bodily reaction / mouth / verb

spit (verb)

spit you out
the river will ~ like a pumpkin seed (enders / kayaking)

spit (tons of) lava
Mount Nyiragongo ~ onto this central African border...

resemblance: bodily reaction / mouth / verb

spit out (verb)

spit out

high-tech machinery can ~ 400,000 lobster traps

throwing, putting & planting: bodily reaction / verb

creation & transformation: bodily reaction / verb

splash (effect)

big splash

why did we make a ~ about it (arrest of a spy)

she made a ~ in her visit to the state (candidate)

major splash

he made a ~ early on (a writer)

felt the splash

when the Internet bubble popped, every Web site ~

made a splash

the book ~

he ~ when he accused...

make a (big) splash

why did we ~ about it (arrest of a spy)

♦ "Who looks upon a river in a meditative hour and is not reminded of the flux of all things? Throw a stone into the stream, and the circles that propagate themselves are the beautiful type of all influence..." (*Nature*, "Chapter 4 (Language)," by Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1836.)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: water / wave

attention, scrutiny & promotion: water / wave

splashy (effect)

splashy new name

Facebook is about to come out with a ~

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: water / wave

attention, scrutiny & promotion: water / wave

split (noun)

generational split

the contest represents a ~ within the Democratic party

cause splits

they seek to ~ between the citizens and the government

division & connection: materials & substances

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances

split (verb)

splitting the party

the issue is ~ (politics)

division & connection / failure, accident & impairment:

materials & substances / verb

split (split apart / up, etc.)

split families apart

our immigration policies ~

split up

Connie and Ivy ~ (marital problems)

division & connection: materials & substances / verb

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances / verb

spoil (verb)

spoil it for everyone else

one bad apple ~

spoil it for the rest of us

don't let a few bad apples ~

♦ "A name doesn't spoil a man, but a man can spoil a name." (A Finnish proverb.)

corruption: food & drink / verb

spoiled (spoiled child, etc.)

spoiled athlete

he's a poster child for the ~

spoiled child

Israel is the West's ~

behavior / character & personality / corruption: food & drink

spoils (of war, etc.)

spoils of victory

Usyk is being draped in the ~ (3 championship belts)

walk away with the spoils

Usyk would ~ (championship belts / boxing)

♦ "He practiced "jackal diplomacy" to the extent that he requested for his nation a share of the spoils won by the British lion in combat; had Britain or China opposed his request, he was powerless to do more." (Commodore Lawrence Kearny in China, from *Far China Station: The U.S. Navy in Asian Waters 1800-1898* by Robert Erwin Johnson.)

♦ The French found the Rosetta Stone in Egypt but had to give it up to the British as a spoil of war. The rock and its inscriptions, which provided the key to a writing system that had puzzled people for 2,000 years, has been in the British Museum ever since.

worth & lack of worth: animal / military

sponge (noun)

sponge

he's a ~ (a coachable tennis player)

he called her his ~ because she asked so many questions

he is a ~ when it comes to soaking up information

Emma is a ~, she learns so quickly (Emma Raducanu)

sponge of culture

it's a ~ (headquarters of an artists' collective)

sponge for ideas

she was a ~ (a cook with thousands of recipes)

sponge for (musical) ideas

he is a ~ from a great variety of sources (composer)

sponge for information

I'm a ~ (an arts organizer)

human sponge

he's a ~ (a comedy writer who collects words, ideas)

absorption & immersion: animal / water

spook (verb)

spooked the sailors
a rash of accidents and near-misses had ~ of the 7th fleet

spook them
horses know what to do if you don't ~

feeling, emotion & effect: creature / verb

spooked (feeling)

spooked
financial markets are ~
current bondholders would be ~

got spooked
he ~ (a suspect under police surveillance)

has people spooked
the new mutation ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

feeling, emotion & effect: creature

spool (spool back)

spool back
but let me ~ very quickly (to review the past)

past & present / reversal / time: film & TV

sport (team sport)

ultimate team sport
aviation safety is the ~ (regulators and manufacturers)

unanimity & consensus: sports & games

sportswash (verb)

sportswash their (deeply tarnished) image
they are trying to ~ (foreign investment in EPL)

sportswash its appalling (human rights) record
the country must not be allowed to ~

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb

appearance & reality: hygiene / verb

inclusion & exclusion: subterfuge / verb

sportswashing (noun)

sportswashing
~ is nothing new (in British colonies)
~ is a new word for an old business
~ allows tyrannical regimes to launder their reputation

sportswashing project
it's still just a ~ though...

sportswashing stain
the ~ is obvious

sportswashing in action
fans' defense of repressive policies is ~

sports washing, financial doping...
~ (soccer fan criticizes English Premier League)

oil sportswashing
the EPL is beginning to look a bit like ~

accused the country of sportswashing
Amnesty International has ~

♦ Commenter 1: It's still just a sportswashing project though. /
Commenter 2 (in response to commenter 1): Lather me up. (Inspired
soccer repartee on a BBC HYS.)

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene

appearance & reality: hygiene

inclusion & exclusion: subterfuge

spot (tight spot, etc.)

in a tight spot
we're ~ with very little wiggle room

in a (very) difficult spot
this outcome puts him ~ (failed negotiations)

wiggled out of tight spots
he's ~s before (terrorist)

♦ A "fat man's squeeze" is the name for a narrow spot in a cave.

♦ "Damn, we're in a tight spot." (*O Brother, Where Art Thou?* The film is
loosely based on the *Odyssey*.)

**constraint & lack of constraint / situation: container /
ground, terrain & land / movement / place**

spotlight (in / under the spotlight)

in the spotlight since high school
she has been ~ (college basketball player)

in the spotlight for the way
police are ~ they handled the case

in the national spotlight
the reporter put the case ~ (murder)

in the spotlight
how do you handle having your love life ~ (a celebrity)

under an (international) spotlight
its every move is ~ (a political group)

sport is in the spotlight
the ~ after the death of...

put the case in the (national) spotlight
the reporter ~ (murder)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark

spotlight (into the spotlight)

dragged into the spotlight
they had been ~ by...

thrust into the spotlight
I was ~ (Miss USA and the Haiti earthquake)

from the shadows to the spotlight
survivors have moved ~ (sex abuse)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark

spotlight (out of the spotlight)

out of the (public) spotlight
he is now ~

keep him out of the spotlight
we are trying to ~, under the radar (troubled athlete)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: spotlight / light & dark

spotlight (shine a spotlight)

shine a light on the abuse
what he did was ~ (prison guard)

shined a spotlight on (racial) tensions
an attack that has ~ here (Long Beach)

shines a spotlight on the practices
he ~ and beliefs of the Mormons

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark / verb

spotlight (steal the spotlight)

steal the spotlight
any team can ~ in the early stages of the Tour de France

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark / verb

spotlight (other)

spotlight moment
this was a ~ (attention for a niche sport)

additional spotlight
new revelations have put an ~ on the incident commander

international spotlight
the ~ is bringing the country down (social media)

grab the spotlight
this gives China a chance to ~

put an additional spotlight on the incident commander
new revelations have ~

shunned the spotlight
he ~ for the rest of his life (Neil Armstrong)

shift the spotlight to the president's handling
we need to ~ of the economy (politics)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark

spout (speech)

spouting all these cliches
pundits ~ (sports)

spout dialogue
they ~ from the playbook of sitcom cliches (bad review)

spouts (tin-eared political) lines
he still ~ (politics)

♦ "How much do these 'pundits' get paid for spouting all these cliches and stating the obvious?" (An online commenter about the Qatar World Cup.)

♦ Feed (it) / eat up, Hoover up, snatch up, vacuum up / gobble up, ingested (the book) / regurgitate (everything), spit out... (What AI does. From "The alleged theft at the heart of ChatGPT," Planet Money, November 10, 2023. Other articles use words like *devour*, *scrape up*, *suck up* (language and ideas) / *vomit up* (words), *spew* (false information), *spout* (misinformation), etc.)

speech: water

sprawl (noun)

sprawl into every corner
reality TV was just beginning its ~ of consciousness

extent & scope / size: standing, sitting & lying

configuration: standing, sitting & lying

sprawling (adjective)

sprawling city
Aleppo is a ~ of 3 million people

sprawling compound
he has retreated to his ~ (a dictator facing protests)

sprawling (criminal) investigation
Carson Block learned that he was a focal point of a ~

sprawling (intelligence) leviathan
9/11 helped to create a ~

sprawling (computer) networks
as we grow more dependent on ~, we grow vulnerable...

extent & scope / size: standing, sitting & lying

configuration: standing, sitting & lying

spring (Arab Spring, etc.)

Arab Spring
the series of revolts represent an ~

epithet / growth & development: season

amelioration & renewal: epithet

spring (spring into action, etc.)

sprang into action
scientists in Germany ~ to develop a test for the virus

spring into action
when a disaster hits, local responders ~

eagerness & reluctance: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping / verb

springboard (noun)

springboard to the sacred
she uses nature as a ~ (a poet)

initiation: mechanism / water

throwing, putting & planting: mechanism / water

Springsteen (epithet)

Bruce Springsteen of chat
Joe Rogan is the ~ (New Jersey, T-shirts, no BS, etc.)

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet

spring up (verb)

sprang up
many new housing developments ~

appearance & disappearance: plant / prep, adv, adj,
particle / verb

sprinkle (verb)

sprinkled (nonscientific) rulers throughout the agency
she ~ (C.D.C.)

configuration: rain / verb

sprinkled (configuration)

sprinkled with the names
Antarctica is ~ of explorers and scientists

sprinkled among the crowds
~ were far-right extremists

configuration: rain

sprint (noun)

final sprint
we are getting ready for this ~ (preparations for Olympics)

speed: walking, running & jumping

sprint (verb)

sprinted through seven hearings over five days
Republicans ~ (impeachment hearings)

speed: verb / walking, running & jumping

sprout (verb)

sprouting next to slum communities
you see high-rises ~ (Bangkok)

sprouting all around
condos and office buildings are ~

appearance & disappearance: plant / verb

spun up

spun up (very) quickly
both trauma teams were ~ (hospital after mass shooting)

creation & transformation / initiation / occurrence:
movement

spur (verb)

spurred the international community to threaten
the atrocity ~ the Serbs with Nato airstrikes (Bosnia)

spur growth
the government is trying to ~

coercion & motivation / initiation: horse / verb

spur (shape)

spur ridge
as we snowshoed up a ~

spur track
trains roll in and out on the network of ~s

bone spur
he removed a ~ that had developed (in elbow)

branching system / shape: horse

spur (Geneva Spur, etc.)

Geneva Spur
we slowly made our way up the ~ (Everest)

Mummery Spur
they were swept away high up on the ~ (Nanga Parbat)

Snake Spur
~ twisted before us (Queensland, Australia)

Sunrise Spur
~ is in Queensland, Australia

Half Moon Spur
we looked up ~ (New Zealand)

proper name: horse / shape

spur (spur of the moment)

spur-of-the-moment
the ~ brawl

on the spur of the moment
it was not uncommon for them to go stargazing ~

haste: horse

spur (earn one's spurs, etc.)

earned his spurs on the battlefield
he ~ (General "Mad Dog" Mattis)

♦ "Spur" exercises and ceremonies are still held in the US military. This is similar to "earn one's stripes."

achievement, recognition & praise: horse / military

experience: horse / military

spurn (verb)

spurned fizzy drinks
Coke's earnings down as global consumers ~

spurned calls
his rivals ~ to quit (politics)

spurned the chance
Real Madrid ~ to go back above Barcelona (lost game)

acceptance & rejection: love, courtship & marriage / verb

spurned

spurned by anyone
bamboo bows are ~ who can afford a compound bow

gift spurned

it was a ~ (soccer player misses easy goal)

acceptance & rejection: love, courtship & marriage

spurred

spurred to speak out

he has been ~ out (environmental activist)

spurred to action

he has been ~, to speak out (environmental activist)

initiation: horse

sputter (verb)

sputtering

the economy is ~

sound: engine

**condition & status / failure, accident & impairment /
functioning: engine / mechanism / sound / verb**

square (public square, etc.)

de facto town square

Twitter has become kind of the ~ (Elon Musk)

modern public square

Twitter is a ~ (lawsuit against Twitter)

modern town square

Twitter is not merely a website, it is a ~

♦ "Unfortunately with these public squares, these forums where people can speak, you're going to get rifferaff." (The owner of a Web-hosting service, about hosting a controversial website.)

society: infrastructure / sign, signal, symbol / speech

square off (verb)

square off in the general election on 6 November

the two men ~

conflict: boxing / verb

square one

at square one

after Pearlman's arrest, van der Wilt was ~ (career)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games

squash (verb)

squash it

Facebook is taking this new step, hoping to ~ (Q-Anon)

destruction: verb / weight

squeal (protest)

squealing

downstream industries are ~ (steel tariffs)

speech: animal / sound / verb

sound: animal / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / sound / verb

squeeze (fit)

squeeze (5,500) inmates into a space
prison officials, trying to ~ built...

squeeze the subject in

he cajoles teachers to ~ (civics)

squeeze their experiences onto one page

many try to ~ (resumes)

configuration: pressure / verb

squeeze (squeeze something from / out of something)

squeeze some good from his pain

he began talking about it, hoping to ~

squeeze out a living from this terrain

parents who ~ (mountains)

squeeze (so much) power out of engines

how it was able to ~ so small

squeeze sales out of (fewer) resources

helping businesses ~

creation & transformation: pressure / verb

squeeze (coerce)

squeeze apologies from corporations

~ (slavery)

squeeze settlements from corporations

~ (slavery)

squeezed Kosovo for concessions

he ~ (a US diplomat)

coercion & motivation / oppression: hand / pressure / verb

squeeze (put the squeeze on something)

put the squeeze on a rival gang

he ~ (Al Capone)

putting the squeeze on the economy

the pandemic is ~

coercion & motivation / oppression: hand / pressure / verb

squeeze (pressure / noun)

squeeze of 8.6% inflation

he is feeling the ~ (a businessman)

squeeze from the outbreak

hourly wage earners who are feeling the ~ (COVID)

financial squeeze

the city is feeling the ~

feeling the squeeze

the Florida orange industry is ~ (disease, weather, etc.)

affliction: hand / pressure

squeezed (oppressed)

squeezed

if the growers are ~, the banana workers feel the pain

coercion & motivation / oppression: hand / pressure

squeezed (fitted)

squeezed into a maze

families are now ~ of vertical slums (Kabul)

squeezed onto 550 acres

Dharavi is home to a million people ~ (Mumbai)

squeezed between Tajikistan, Pakistan and China

the Wakhan Corridor is ~

configuration: pressure

squirreled away

squirreled away at his house

he still had the gun ~ (a cold-case murderer)

behavior: animal

stab (stab somebody in the back)

stab each other in the back

how we like to ~ (blacks)

stabbed her in the back

he ~ (was unfaithful to his wife)

allegiance, support & betrayal: back / knife / verb

stab (stab of pain, etc.)

stab of love

she feels a ~ so fierce (mother for husband, kids)

stab of pain

I felt a ~ in my ribs

stab of shame

a nocturnal ~ at the thought of someone you once wronged

felt a stab of pain

overwhelmed, she ~ in her stomach (in trouble)

feeling, emotion & effect: knife / sensation

stab (stab in the dark)

stab in the dark

it was a ~, but...

take a stab in the dark

go ahead and ~ (make a prediction)

♦ This is like a shot in the dark. Any doubtful scenario can carry the equivalent idea, if the phrase is short and obvious and entails a target: "Go ahead, throw a dart at the dartboard with a blindfold on, and tell us what you think will happen..."

♦ A former California State prosecutor, speaking about a legal takedown, said, "This case was a huge *stab* in the right direction." (Step in the right direction? Stab or shot in the dark? Is this an "eggcorn"?)

fate, fortune & chance: blade / knife / weapon

stab (attempt)

stab at Everest

Chantal Mauduit was making her seventh ~

stab at boxing

many of my friends also took a ~

seventh stab

Chantal Mauduit, who was making her ~ at Everest

making her (seventh) stab at Everest

Chantal Mauduit, who was ~ without oxygen

took stabs at boxing

many of my friends also ~, some for the workout...

take a stab at TV

sometimes filmmakers ~ (Bruckheimer, Spielberg, etc.)

attempt: knife

stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.)

stabbing pain

I felt a ~ in my side

feeling, emotion & effect: knife / sensation

stability (noun)

restore stability

in the latest effort to ~ after a military coup...

functioning: equilibrium & stability

stabilize (verb)

stabilize the situation

US officials are trying to ~

amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / verb

stable (condition)

stable

prices are ~

the number of deer is ~

solid and stable

the NIH is in a very ~ place

condition & status / flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability

stable (group)

stables of (blockbuster) authors

the two publishers have impressive ~

stable of (young) fighters

he has a ~ at the James Shuler Memorial Gym (Philly)

stable of stars

M-G-M's ~ (Hollywood)

stable of wrestlers

he may run his own ~ in the future (Hakuho)

♦ "I've been a Pats fan for years. Okay, Okay! I like the Giants and Jets too. A girl's gotta have a stable to pick from ya know?" (An online commenter who goes by the name of Miss Demeanor. Drag queen?)

group, set & collection: animal / horse

stack (blow one's stack)

blew my stack

I finally got fed up and ~

feeling, emotion & effect: boat / explosion / verb

stage (verb)

staged the abduction

police do not believe the missing girl ~

staged an (impromptu) parade

a million people ~ (French World Cup victory)

staged protests

angry citizens ~ against the government

staged an (unauthorized protest) rally

they ~ near Red Square

staged tests

he ~ under simulated combat conditions

staged a (phony) kidnapping

he ~ to cover up his crime

directing / performance: theater / verb

stage (set the stage, etc.)

sets the stage for a confrontation

this ~

sets the stage for (further) violence

the incident ~

stage has been set

the ~ for another week of violence in Hong Kong

♦ "The stage was now set for the final battles..." (World War II.)

development: theater / verb

stage (center stage)

center stage

Clinton's next opportunity to take ~

take center stage

Clinton's next opportunity to ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

center & periphery: theater

stage (attention)

vegetable stage

asparagus is one of the most versatile actors on the ~

national stage

this was his debut on the ~ (a politician)

actors on the (vegetable) stage

asparagus is one of the most versatile ~

burst onto the stage

he was one of several poets who ~ in the 60s (Russia)

returning to the world stage

China is ~

have the stage

they ~ now, and are forcing people to listen and understand

has the stage all to himself

he ~ (a controversy others can't comment on)

held the stage

for three weeks, Amundsen ~ alone (success at S. Pole)

leave the stage

Boris Johnson is leaving office but won't ~

♦ "It's better to leave the stage a year early than a day late."

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

center & periphery: theater

stage (life is a stage)

stage

all the world's a stage (*As You Like It*)

♦ "All the world's a stage / And all the men and women merely players; / They have their exits and their entrances; / And one man in his time plays many parts..." (William Shakespeare, *As You Like It*.)

♦ "The stir is over. I step forth on the boards... / And yet, the order of the acts has been schemed and plotted, / And nothing can avert the final curtain's fall..." ("Hamlet" by Boris Pasternak, translated by Bernard Guilbert Guerney, from the great translation of *Doctor Zhivago* by Max Hayward and Manya Harari.)

death & life: theater

staged (directed)

staged

the famous photo was not ~

there was nothing faked, nothing planned, nothing ~

staged by the government

the confessions were ~ for domestic consumption

staged by an ethnic group

the blockade is part of a strike ~ (Nepal)

staged for the auditor's benefit

the lesson was clearly ~ (school)

staged appearance

his ~ was an official show for the media (a dissident)

staged reading

their ~ of the Constitution was cynical (politics)

organized or staged

the accident has not changed how the event is ~ (race)

directing / performance: theater

stage-manage (verb)

stage-managed visits

the military ~ to troops (Afghanistan in 2006)

directing / performance: theater / verb

stage-managed

stage-managed referendum

Russia had pulled off a hastily organized, ~ (Crimea)

directing / performance: theater

stagger (verb)

staggered the (scientific) community

he ~ (11-year-old William James Sidis)

disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb

stagnant (adjective)

stagnant

wages are ~, jobs scarce, and credit tight

stagnant economy

employers are reluctant to add jobs in a ~

Republicans are to blame for the ~ (NYT)

decline: movement / water

stagnate (verb)

stagnated under his rein

the office ~

decline: movement / water / verb

stain (verb)

stained everyone

he has ~ (cyclist denies doping, then confesses)

reputation: mark / verb

flaws & lack of flaws: mark / verb

stain (noun)

stain on our history

this is a ~ (lynching of blacks in the US)

stain on the honor

it is a ~ of the US military (anti-gay policy)

stain on (Illinois) politics

he is a ~ (jailed governor)

stain on the profession

he is a ~ (nurse who killed patients)

stain on his reputation

the ban lingered as a ~

the second ~ involves... (a US general)

great stain

the incident was a very ~ on the reputation of the Army

indelible stain

doping left an ~ on his record (sports)

reputational stain

the ~ is greater in these cases (sex abuse)

bore the stain

the city ~ of what had happened (Philadelphia, MS)

remove this stain

we must ~ from the laws of our nation (gays in military)

put a stain on her record

this could ~

flaws & lack of flaws / reputation: mark

staircase (Devil's Staircase, etc.)

Devil's Staircase

the ~ Wilderness is named after a waterfall (Oregon)

proper name: house / shape / stair

stairstep (noun)

stairstep progression

the percentage began an upward, ~

resemblance: stair

stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)

Stairway Falls

~ is in Queensland, Australia

Grand Staircase

the ~ rises from the Grand Canyon (geological layers)

proper name: house / shape / stair

stake (importance)

stakes

the ~ are high

raised the stakes

the pope's opponents have ~

♦ This word relates to potential for gain or loss.

importance & significance: gambling

stake (high stakes)

high-stakes test

teachers prepare students for ~s

importance & significance: gambling

stake (pull up stakes)

pulling up stakes

it isn't ~, just shifting gears (Conan O'Brien leaves show)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: surveying / verb

stake (stake through the heart, etc.)

see *heart* (*stake through the heart, etc.*)

stakeholder (interest)

stakeholders in education

there are many ~

♦ In the old days, stakeholders held the money of bettors.

wants, needs, hopes & goals: money

stake out (verb)

staking out their positions
the two sides are ~ on the issue (politics)

stake out (bigger) slices
in the ceaseless quest to ~ of the market

stake out (new) territory
as Microsoft tries to ~

possession: surveying / verb

stale (adjective)

stale
there's nothing ~ about the new retail concept

stale manager
he is a ~ in charge of a stale squad (soccer)

stale news
this is ~ being recycled by those with personal agendas

stale trope
the mixing of the mournful and the clownish is a ~

stale work
he battled against the ~s of the reigning academics

feel stale
he started to ~ and underachieving

grown stale
the company's offerings have ~ (mobile phones)

went stale
the relationship finally ~ (coach and team)

corruption / flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink

stalemate (noun)

political stalemate
infrastructure projects are at risk due to the ~

prickly stalemate
that debate has come to a ~ (in linguistics)

progress & lack of progress: chess

Stalingrad (non-military)

Stalingrad in China's war
Wuhan was ~ against the virus

♦ "Wuhan has been praised for its sacrifice in the service of the nation, turning it into a sort of Stalingrad in China's war against the virus, commemorated in books, documentaries, TV shows and florid panegyrics from officials including head of state and leader of the Communist Party Xi Jinping." ("Wuhan returns to normal as world still battling pandemic" by Emily Wang Fujiyama, AP, 22 Jan 2021.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

Stalingrad (Stalingrad of the East, etc.)

Stalingrad of the Adriatic
the Battle of Ortona, the ~ (WW II)

Stalingrad of the East

the campaign is often described as the ~ (Kohima / Imphal)

Stalingrad of Italy
Mussolini spoke of turning Milan into the "~" (Wikipedia)

Stalingrad on the Yangtze
Shanghai 1937: ~ (by Peter Harmsen)

Syria's Stalingrad
the once thriving city was now known as ~ (Homs)

dubbed the mission "Sangingrad"
some soldiers ~ (Sangin, Helmand, Afghanistan)

turn Sloviansk into a "Stalingrad"
he threatened to ~ (War in Donbass in 2014)

♦ "In 2008, the U.S. Marines deployed to Sangin, reinforcing American Special Forces and U.K. soldiers. Britain's forces were beleaguered—a third of its casualties in Afghanistan would occur in Sangin, leading some soldiers to dub the mission 'Sangingrad.'" ("The Other Afghan Women" by Anand Gopal, *The New Yorker*, September 13, 2021.)

♦ How was the Battle Of Shanghai like the Battle of Stalingrad? (1) Both battles were titanic "no quarter given" battles in wars that would shape and define the modern world (2) Both featured urban warfare, tanks in cities, soldiers fighting house-to-house in rubble (3) Rivers were important in both battles: in Russia, the Volga; in Shanghai, the Yangtze and the Whangpoo (Huangpu) Rivers. Of course, there were many differences. By definition, metaphor recognizes similarities and ignores differences.

♦ Hype? James Holland, author of *The Savage Storm: The Battle for Italy 1943*, talking with John Batchelor, referred to the Battle of Ortona as "the Stalingrad of the Adriatic." The Wikipedia entry for the battle states, "The battle was known to those who fought it as the 'Italian Stalingrad,' for the brutality of its close-quarters combat, which was only worsened by the chaotic rubble of the town and the many booby traps used by both sides." The Wikipedia article goes on to mention that the battle is still studied as an example of military operations in urban terrain (MOUT). One big difference between Stalingrad and Ortona (among all the obvious ones) is that the Germans were beaten at Stalingrad. At Ortona, the Germans withdraw to defensive lines further north. The great Canadian writer Farley Mowat fought near Ortona and mentions the city several times towards the end of his book, *And No Birds Sang*: "Second Brigade, Kennedy told them, had managed to claw its way into the outskirts of Ortona but the street fighting which had then erupted had bogged them down in a bloody stalemate with the [German] paratroopers. Therefore, First Brigade would go back into the line, and the Regiment would lead a sweeping left hook around Ortona in an attempt to force the Germans to abandon the town... / He did not tell his officers what the Brigade intelligence office had told me: 'Monty blew into Div. H.Q. last night and he was frothing at the mouth. Passed the word to get on with it at any cost. The General told him the Div is worn down to the nub and ought to be relieved, but there ain't no reserves, so no reliefs. It's carry on, boys, and do-or-die, and bring me Pescara on a bleeding silver plate!' At war's end, the Germans *still* occupied the north of Italy.

♦ "[A] long dismal wail from steamship hooters and factory sirens. This cry, prophesying death and disaster, hung in the air, as if conveying the anguish of all the city's inhabitants. It was the voice of the entire city—the voice not only of people but also of stone, of buildings, of cars, trucks and machines, of telegraph poles, of the grass and trees in the parks, of electric cables and tram rails; it was a cry let out not only by living beings but also by inanimate objects. All now sensed their coming destruction. Only a rusty iron throat could have engendered this sound, which expressed in equal measure animal horror and the anguish of a human heart. / It was followed by silence—Stalingrad's last silence. / Planes were coming from every direction... / Only people on the east bank of the Volga, ten or fifteen kilometres away...could see the fire as a whole and grasp the extent of the disaster..." (*Stalingrad* by Vasily Grossman, translated by Robert and Elizabeth Chandler.)

military: epithet

stalk (verb)

stalk the refugee camps

malnutrition and disease ~ (Darfur)

stalks their every move

death ~ (soldiers in Afghanistan / IEDs)

stalked the residents

tragedy ~ of Maple Street

stalked one another

migration and backlash have ~ for more than a century

♦ "Marinesko stalked his quarry for more than an hour." (The sinking of the MV *Wilhelm Gustloff* in the Baltic, 1945.)

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / movement / predation / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: animal / hunting / predation / verb / walking, running & jumping

stalker (person)

online stalker

the four signs of an ~

♦ "Fixated; obsessive; unwanted; repeated... (Four warning signs of an online stalker.)

♦ He followed her, then he requested that she follow him back, using an excuse. Now that he had access to her direct messages... (The M.O. of an online stalker.)

behavior / person: animal / predation

computer: person

stalking-horse (noun)

stalking horse

the company was the system's ~ (sued)

♦ Hunters discovered that if they hid behind a cutout of a horse, they would not frighten their prey.

♦ "Between 1868 and 1881 [the buffalo men] would kill thirty-one million buffalo, stripping the plains almost entirely of the huge, lumbering creatures... The first large-scale slaughter of buffalo by white men with high-powered rifles took place in the years 1871 and 1872. There was no real market for buffalo hides until 1870, when a new tanning technology allowed them to be turned into high-grade leather. That, combined with a new railroad in Dodge City, Kansas, meant that the skins could be shipped commercially. For hunters, the economics of the new business was miraculous, all the more so since the animals were so stupefyingly easy to kill. If a buffalo saw the animal next to it drop dead it would not flee unless it could see the source of the danger. Thus one shooter with a long-range rifle could drop an entire stand of the creatures without moving. A hunter named Tom Nixon once shot 120 animals in 40 minutes. In 1873 he killed 3,200 in 35 days... Surprisingly, only a few voices cried out against the slaughter of the buffalo, which had no precedent in human history." (*Empire of the Summer Moon: Quannah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History* by S.C. Gwynne. To explain further, if the hunter stood up and was noticed, the buffalo would stampede. But if the hunter was concealed behind a blind, the herd would continue grazing even as its members dropped around it, unperturbed even by the sound of gunshots.)

♦ Subterfuge is a thoroughly modern and cross-cultural topic of interest to all people, but not one that is likely to turn up in our teaching materials, which tend to focus on "topics" like "shopping," "going to the doctor," or functions like "apologizing," etc. Perhaps that should change, and there should be more lessons based on targets such as the ones used in the thesaurus of this work. Of course, should an expression relating to subterfuge ever come up, the teacher would explain it in context: teachers are good at that. But few teachers are prepared, off the top of their heads, to mention the set of expressions relating to a topic like subterfuge, much less categorize the set. The thesaurus of this dictionary will help.

subterfuge: horse / hunting

concealment & lack of concealment: horse / hunting stall (verb)

stalled

negotiations have ~

the economic recovery has ~

stalling over the Gulf Coast

the hurricane is ~, dropping dangerous amounts of rain

movement: engine / mechanism / verb

condition & status / failure accident & impairment / functioning / progress & lack of progress / starting, going continuing & ending: engine / mechanism / movement / verb

stalled (progress)

stalled talks

a breakthrough in ~ on a bill that... (lawmakers)

remains stalled

the economy ~ in a deep recession

the governor's controversial plan ~ (by opposition)

movement: engine / mechanism

condition & status / failure accident & impairment / functioning / progress & lack of progress / starting, going continuing & ending: engine / mechanism / movement

stalwart (noun)

stalwart of the club

he has been a ~ for 40 years (cricket supporter)

stalwart of the (country) club

he was well educated, a friend of the Bushes, a ~

stalwart of (modern) jazz

Joe Mudele, a ~, died this week aged 93

conservative stalwart

he faced ~ Ted Cruz (Beto O'Rourke)

Ireland stalwart

~ McCay set to win 300th Ireland cap (hockey)

strength & weakness: health & medicine / person

stamp (impression)

stamp of our experiences

our faces bear the ~

put a stamp on a great career

his performance ~ (athlete)

put its stamp on the national character

nature has ~ (Norway)

impression: mark / tools & technology

stamp (stamp of approval)

government stamp of approval

the label is the ~ for energy saving (EnergyStar)

privacy stamp of approval

the company gives a ~ to Web sites

societal stamp of approval

it is doubtful the practice will ever win a ~

gave his company a stamp of approval

the government ~ (regulators)

gave its stamp of approval to the plan

the board ~

put its stamp of approval on the negotiations

the Arab League has ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mark

stamped

stamped on the nation's conscience

the murders were ~ (Philadelphia, MS / civil rights)

impression: mark / tools & technology

stamp out (verb)

stamp out "criminal machismo"

he has vowed to ~ (abuse of women)

stamp out racism

we must ~ (in the sport of soccer)

stamp out superstition

Mao tried unsuccessfully to ~ (China / numbers, etc.)

stamp out many traditions

the ruling mullahs sought to ~ (Iran / Nowruz)

stamp out their way of life

Saddam drained the wetlands to ~ (marsh Arabs)

sought to stamp out

the ruling mullahs ~ many traditions (Iran / Nowruz)

vowed to stamp out

he has ~ "criminal machismo" (abuse of women)

destruction: foot / verb

stampede (noun)

crowd stampede

a thousand people drowned in a great ~ (Lagos)

behavior: animal / cows & cattle / horse

movement: animal / cows & cattle / horse

stance (take a stance)

take a stance on abortion

we would never ~ (editor of small paper)

take a (strong) stance against North Korea

China is under pressure to ~

took an assertive stance

he took an ~ (diplomacy)

take a strong stance

China is under pressure ~ against...

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (resist)

stand against Hollywood

it's futile to ~ when... (film dispute)

stand our ground

we must ~ on education and health care (budget cuts)

stood their ground

the mayor and the police chief both ~ (criticism)

stood firm

he ~ and got his way and it is good he did

stand fast

the US will ~ against violence at its diplomatic missions

stand together

we're going to ~ and take a stand on behalf... (a protest)

Uvalde must ~ (after school shooting)

"Still Standing"

his podcast is called, ~

futile to stand

it's ~ against Hollywood when... (film dispute)

♦ "I'm an American soldier, an American / Beside my brothers and my sisters / I will proudly make a stand..." (Toby Keith—American Soldier (Radio Edit))

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (position)

stand on the issue

where does he ~

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (stand as one, etc.)

stand as one

we ~ (on policy issue)

unanimity & consensus: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (stand firm)

stand firm for social justice

we will ~

commitment & determination: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (stand and fall / fate)

stand or fall by the expedition

I ~ (Robert Falcon Scott / Terra Nova expedition)

♦ This is like, "live and die."

fate, fortune & chance: death & life

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

stand (stand behind something, etc.)

stand behind their product

they ~ (satisfied J.C. Penney shopper)

stood by his decision

he ~ to fire her

stand tall

he will ~ for you (ad for politician)

allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

stand (stand in the way)

stand in the way

just a few contract details ~ (boxing)

never ~ of a person's dream

he has made it clear he will not ~ (investigation)

stand in their way

nothing is going to ~

obstacles & impedance: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (endure)

stood up for thirty-five years

the book has ~ (a success)

stand the test of time

see *test (test of time)*

stood or fell

the government ~ by its alliance with...

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / survival, persistence & endurance: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (last stand, etc.)

her last stand

her senate appearance may prove to have been ~ (Rousseff)

last stand for Ted Cruz

is Indiana the ~ (republican presidential primary)

last man standing

Donald Trump is the ~ on the Republican side (2016)

♦ "We are resetting, we are not retreating, and we are here, we have a vision, we are capable of fulfilling it. I mean, this is the hill on which I'm willing to die." (Ashley Judd of Time's Up, responding to criticism of that organization.)

♦ "It's quite obvious that Amber Heard is lying and it is making it harder for women who are victims of domestic abuse or sexual violence to be taken seriously; but apparently these Cretans are going to die on this hill with her! I can't say that I'm surprised." (Melissa Wiggins, who signed the "Fire Raven Smith From Vogue" petition at change.org.)

♦ The rearguard action of a group of British soldiers at the village of Khig, following the British disaster in the Battle of Maiwand (27 July 1880) during the Second Anglo-Afghan War, was one of the most courageous last stands in military history. It helped to allow the bulk of the British troops to safely withdraw to Kandahar. The only survivor of the last stand was Bobbie, a terrier attached to the Berkshires, who made it all the way back to England. Bobbie visited Queen Victoria, who awarded him with a medal.

♦ The Battle of the Alamo is well known to Americans, as is Custer's last stand. Less well known is the fact that there was one survivor at Custer's last stand, Comanche, the favorite mount of Captain Myles Keogh. The

horse was found wandering the battlefield, badly wounded. Comanche was transported by ship to Fort Lincoln, and then to Fort Riley, Kansas, to live out his life in peace, never ridden again, allowed to eat the flowers from the flower gardens, and called upon only to participate in "riderless horse" ceremonies.

♦ Another famous rear-guard action was the Battle of Thermopylae in Greece in 480 BC, against the invading Persians, who were eventually defeated. No evidence of the pass currently exists. It is now a plain, and the only bodies are those of trucks drivers who have pulled over and are sleeping under their trucks.

♦ "Marcus ['Get up, let's go'] Luttrell...was the lone survivor." (Operation Red Wings. The great American hero.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: flags & banners / military / standing, sitting & lying

stand (a tough stand, etc.)

stand on abortion

people want to know his ~

tough stand

his ~ could create instability (a world leader)

united stand

a ~ on African development

window-dressing public relations stand

he took a ~ on the coronavirus crisis (EU official)

stand reflects

his new ~ more politics than principles (politician)

take a stand

FIFA must ~ on fan racism

taken a stand

athletes have ~ by taking a knee (NFL)

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying

stand (a lamp can stand, etc.)

stands tall

the Palace of Westminster ~ on the left bank (Thames)

fictive position: standing, sitting & lying / verb

standard-bearer

standard bearers of (American) tennis

they are the ~ (Williams sisters)

standard-bearer for women's issues

she is a ~ nationwide

standard-bearer for his issues

he has been a consistent ~ for decades (Bernie Sanders)

Party's standard-bearer

he was anointed as the ~ (Hubert Humphrey)

less controversial standard bearer

some Democrats might vote for a ~ (primary election)

losing its standard-bearer

the company is ~ (Starbucks)

♦ "Romney's isolation in Washington didn't surprise me. In less than a decade, he'd gone from Republican standard-bearer and presidential nominee to party pariah thanks to a series of public clashes with Trump."

(“Is Kamala Harris Ready to Be President?” by Elaina Plott Calabro, *The Atlantic*, September 2023.)

♦ In the notes to his translation of Canto XXXII of Dante's *The Inferno*, John Ciardi writes, “At the battle of Montaperti [Bocca degli Abbat] hacked off the hand of the Florentine standard bearer. The cavalry, lacking a standard around which it could rally, was soon routed.” And so Bocca degli Abbat ended up in the 9th circle of hell, “The Treacherous to Country,” deserving completely his boot to his head.

representation: flags & banners / military / person

person: flags & banners / military

stand by (verb)

stand (idly) by

we cannot ~ while the dictator kills his people

action, inaction & delay: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand by (support)

stand by Israel

the U.S. will ~ in its darkest hour (2023)

stood by him

he thanked the fans that had ~ (scandal)

standing by me

I know he is ~

stood by his story

his bosses ~ (a reporter)

♦ Ben E. King-Stand By Me (1961)-YouTube

allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand down (verb)

stand down

planes were in the air when word came to ~

stood the military down

the operation was in the early stages when Trump ~

ordered them to stand down

news executives ~ (“catch and kill”)

make me stand down

threats, bullying and blackmail will not ~ (Ruby Rose)

♦ “You can't challenge another great player and expect him to stand down.” (The National Football League / NFL.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: military / standing, sitting & lying / verb

action, inaction & delay: military / standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand for (verb)

stand for

what does he ~ (a candidate)

stand for nothing

his politics ~ (a critic of a politician)

representation: standing, sitting & lying / verb

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand for (not stand for something)

won't stand for it

they are desperately trying to erase the past, and we ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb

standing (reputation)

standing with the US

they try to increase their ~ (some countries)

in good standing

he is a doctor ~

standing will fall

our ~ because of our performance (the US / pandemic)

reputation: height / standing, sitting & lying

standing (continuing)

standing order

the ~ was to take them out if... (combat)

she had a ~ for refills (birth control pills)

longstanding

see *longstanding* (adjective)

standoff (noun)

standoff

there's a ~ here and somebody has to blink (politics)

standoff between the US and Israel

the diplomatic ~

standoff between a tribal elder and a high schooler

viral ~ is more complicated than it first seemed

standoff over the North's (nuclear) activities

the ~ (Korea)

standoff distance

a 62-meter ~ from launcher to detonation point

hostage standoff

a ~ ended early yesterday

destabilizing standoff

US officials scrambled to defuse the ~ (in Iraq)

diplomatic standoff

the ~ between the US and Israel

75-minute standoff

after a ~

71-day standoff

the ~ (Wounded Knee II)

standoff is continuing

that ~ (Twitter vs. the Indian government)

♦ A group of Kentucky teenagers, a Native American, and black Hebrew Israelites all met by accident on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

Read "Viral standoff between a tribal elder and a high schooler is more complicated than it first seemed" by Michael E. Miller, *The Washing Post*, Jan 22, 2019. Or "January 2019 Lincoln Memorial confrontation" (Wikipedia).

conflict: standing, sitting & lying

stand on (verb)

stand on

my faith was all I had to ~ (mental health issues)

bases: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand out (attention)

stand out

two main courses ~ (restaurant review)

stands out

she really ~

stood out

some things ~ (murder investigation)

stand out from the crowd

a good cover letter will help you to ~

stands out from the crowd

one man ~

stood out among her (immediate) peers

she ~ (investment banker)

stands out as something special

the Ponzi scheme still ~

stand out in my mind

there are so many images that ~ from that time...

stand out in the (reality-show) cesspool

it's hard to ~ (TV)

stood out to me

the thing that ~ was... (a reporter about gifted athlete)

♦ "If it has a crew working aboard, it's a yacht. If it's more than ninety-eight feet, it's a superyacht. After that, definitions are debated, but people generally agree that anything more than two hundred and thirty feet is a megayacht, and more than two hundred and ninety-five is a gigayacht. The world contains about fifty-four hundred superyachts, and about a hundred gigayachts. / For the moment, a gigayacht is the most expensive item that our species has figured out how to own." ("The Floating World" by Evan Osnos, *The New Yorker*, July 25, 2022.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / superlative: standing, sitting & lying / verb

standout (noun)

standout on the (basketball) team

he is a ~ (high school)

standout in a regime

Ali Hassan al-Majid was a ~ of criminals (Iraq)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / superlative: standing, sitting & lying

standpoint (perspective)

standpoint of manufacturing

from the ~, America is a basket case

Monday morning quarterback standpoint

we're all looking at this from a ~ (officer-involved shooting)

historical standpoint

from a purely ~, there is no comparison between...

perception, perspective & point of view: position / standing, sitting & lying

stand still (time)

time can stand still

time can move and ~

time stands still

this is a place where ~ (Tibet)

time seems to have stood still

~ (Mocha Island)

time was not standing still

but ~...

past & present / time: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand still (progress)

standing still

his friends were moving ahead while he was ~

*** analysis

♦ "It is strange how we move forward in some things, and stand still in others, and go backwards in yet others." (Msimangu about progress, from *Cry, The Beloved Country* by Alan Paton.)

progress & lack of progress: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand still (development)

language doesn't stand still

~ (it constantly changes and evolves)

development: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb

standstill (noun)

standstill traffic

he spends 10 minutes on average in ~

at a standstill

with politics ~... (lack of government action)

his acting and singing careers appear to be ~ (disgraced)

tourism has been ~ during the last year (pandemic)

the investigation for most of 2011 was essentially ~ (cops)

brought Beijing to a standstill

the vacation exodus ~ (Autumn Festival)

came to a standstill

the main port in Chittagong ~ (Bangladesh)

come to a standstill

life as we know it has ~ (pandemic)

progress & lack of progress: movement / standing, sitting & lying

stand up (stand up for something)

stood up for

if Joe believed in something, that's what he ~

stand up for what

they are proud to ~ they believe in

stands up for what

he ~ is right (ad for a politician)

stand up for (other) people

she taught him to ~

stand up for students

teachers admitted that they did not always ~

stand up for themselves

children must learn to ~ (during abductions)

stand up for the students

and we've had straight teachers who ~ (gay)

stand up for (all the) women

I hope she will ~ in the world (father of abuse victim)

stand up for the little guy

he isn't afraid to ~

♦ "Each and every one of us has to step up, speak up, stand up, do something." (Arianna Holliman, director of the Milwaukee Office of Violence and Prevention.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand up (stand up to something)

stand up to aggression

we must ~

stood up to the (schoolyard) bully

he ~ (student vs. record-industry lawyers)

stand up to bullies

we are supposed to ~, not follow them (politics)

stand up to a bully

you have to ~ (political demagogues)

stand up to employers

employees must ~ (unions)

stand up to (religious) fundamentalists

he was brave enough to ~ (assassinated)

stand up to the government

it took a brave man to ~

stand up to (scientific) scrutiny

she has no figures which would ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand with (support)

stand with the victims

we ~ of injustice

allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / verb

star (shape)

star dune

~s have a high central column

~s have 3 or more arms radiating outwards (deserts)

starfish

the ~, or sea star...

star quilt

a traditional ~ (Sioux style)

five-pointed star

a Wiccan religious symbol, a ~ inside a circle

Wicca's symbol, the pentacle, is a ~ inside a circle

shape: astronomy / star

star (Silver Star, etc.)

gold star

she awards a ~ for good work (teacher)

Silver Star, Bronze Star

he won a ~, and Purple Heart (World War II)

achievement, recognition & praise: astronomy / proper name / sign, signal & symbol / star

proper noun: astronomy / star

star (rock star)

rock star of the culinary world

he was the original ~ (Bourdain)

rock star among advocates

he is a ~ for decriminalizing drugs (Dr. Carl L. Hart)

rockstar cinematographer

she was a ~ who will be missed (Halyna Hutchins)

rock-star mathematician

~ Cedric Villani

rock-star roster

this ~ of NPR women

Democratic rock star

he went from ~ to political rock bottom (Beto O'Rourke)

♦ "The pilots were the rock stars and he was definitely the best-looking of them all." (Cheryl Agin about the great pilot Mark Stucky. They married in 2011.)

person: astronomy / star

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: astronomy / person / star

star (person)

star of the climbing world

a 16-year-old ~ has died (Luce Douady)

star of the sitcom

the ~ (TV)

star of mixed martial arts

Tito Ortiz, a ~, trains in gyms at Big Bear Lake

stars in show business
some of the biggest ~ were there (a party)

stars in Major League Baseball
international ~

star on the (acoustic music) scene
she's a fast-rising ~

star at the academy
she has been an academic ~ (Naval Academy)

star's ego
massaging a ~ is a necessary indignity

star athlete
a top student, a ~, and a caring girlfriend

star performer
recognize our ~s (customer service)

star power
the film hardly lacks for ~

star professor
~s move from one university to the other

star quality
youth, ~ and idealism
the ~ that very few people have

star scorer
she was a ~ (basketball)

star turn
the case was full of dramatic ~s

star case agent
~s fabricated reports (CIA)

Harvard's (rising academic) stars
he had been one of ~

movie's star
the ~

child star
she is a Hollywood ~ gone bad

movie star
it was my first experience with celebrities and ~s

pop star
Youssou N'Dour, the Senegalese ~

rap star
one of the first female ~s

rock star
fans of the Croatian ~ Marko Perkovic (Thompson)

soccer star
a ~ at J.E.B. Stuart High School
David Beckham, the ~
one of the world's highest-paid and highest-profile ~s

television star

writers, politicians, ~s...

basketball star
Len Bias was a ~
the ~ Michael Jordan

country-music star
a guitar signed by various ~s

gangsta-rap star
he is better known as the ~ DMX

Hollywood star
a biography of a ~
his client list once included many ~s (PI)

martial arts star
he looked up to the ~ Bruce Lee as a role model

rising star
the 25-year-old ~ (film actor)
Sgt. Murad is a ~ in this effort (Arabic speakers)
Ocasio-Cortez is the ~ in the progressive ranks
Joe Neguse has been considered a ~ in Democratic politics
~ Poeti Norac has died (the French surfer)
he is regarded as a ~ in the Democratic Party
she was once Silicon Valley's fastest ~

rising (Hispanic) star
the GOP has a ~ in Texas (politics)

rising (academic) star
he had been one of Harvard's ~s

fast-rising star
she's a ~ on the acoustic music scene

widely known and highly paid stars
~ (network-news anchors)

academic star
she has been an ~ at the academy (Naval Academy)
he had been one of Harvard's rising ~s

international star
~s in Major League Baseball

political star
Pakistan's new ~ is bad news for the US

superstar
she evolved from star to ~ (an actor)
he is one of those ~ authors

nationally famous stars
from local acts to ~ (music)

25-year-old (rising) star
the ~ (films)

biography of a (Hollywood) star
the ~

star was born
a ~ (Tom Daley at Beijing Olympics)

make her a (Silicon Valley) star
Holmes' bold claims helped ~

♦ Listen to: YouTube Charles Mingus-The Clown 1957

person: astronomy / star

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: astronomy / person / star

star (achievement)

star

his ~ continued to rise

Napoleon now became the idol, his ~ in the ascendant

star in the (neoconservative) firmament

Bloom had become a ~

Obama's star

~ is still rising

shooting star

Gale Sayers was football's ~

star is growing brighter

his ~ with each effort (a boxer)

star is still rising

Obama's ~

star rose

he won his first contest and his ~ quickly

star never quite rose

his ~ (an actor)

star continued to rise

his ~

achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / superlative: astronomy / height / light & dark / person / star

star (decline)

falling star

it looks as if you boys have hitched your wagon to a ~

star was (clearly) dimming

his ~ (a baseball player)

star has dimmed

the trailblazing 87-year-old's ~ in recent years (politician)

star (of Lucy Lunsford) has dimmed

how the ~

star was fading

her ~ fast (head of corporation)

star will fall

if he doesn't make significant achievements, his ~

star has fallen

his ~ (a teen idol)

star had (already) set

his ~ long before his death

star would wane

it would not be long before their ~ (Japs / WWII)

star had wobbled out of the heavens

in the end, her ~ (Whitney Houston)

decline / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / light & dark / star

star (five stars, etc.)

five stars

he gave the restaurant ~

achievement, recognition & praise / judgment: astronomy / sign, signal, symbol / star

star (north star)

north star is the proper role

my ~ of a judge

north star is to build

my ~ a St. Louis where all can succeed (Tishaura Jones)

NPR's "North Star"

he has called diversity ~ (John Lansing / replaced)

company's new "North Star"

Zuckerberg has described the metaverse as the ~

our North Star

equity is ~ (Health Equity Task Force)

♦ A lodestar refers to the North Star, or to stars that help people to find the North Star. As such, it relates to direction and following.

♦ "In my career, I've been told I was to young... I've been told I was too old. Whether young or old, I've always know what endures, I've known our north star." (President Joe Biden's 2024 State of the Union address to Congress.)

♦ "If there's any fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that the government may not interfere with an 'uninhibited marketplace of ideas.'" (Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch, writing for the majority.)

♦ (1, 2) "He declared that diversity—on our staff and in our audience—was the overriding mission, the 'North Star' of the organization Phrases like 'that's part of the North Star' became part of meetings and more casual conversation." (3) "When I suggested we had a diversity problem with a score of 87 Democrats and zero Republicans, the response wasn't hostile. It was worse. It was met with profound indifference. I got a few messages from surprised, curious colleagues. But the messages were of the 'oh wow, that's weird' variety, as if the lopsided tally was a random anomaly rather than a critical failure of our diversity North Star." (4) "Even so, out of frustration, on November 6, 2022, I wrote to the captain of ship North Star—CEO John Lansing—about the lack of viewpoint diversity and asked if we could have a conversation about it." (5) Which is a shame. Because for all the emphasis on our North Star, NPR's news audience in recent years has become less diverse, not more so." (6) "It's a tough job. Her [Katherine Maher, who has replaced John Lansing] first rule could be simple enough: don't tell people how to think. It could even be the new North Star." ("I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust" by Uri Berliner, The Free Press, April 9, 2024. The author used "North Star" six times in his article.)

♦ see also *lodestar* (noun)

direction: astronomy / star

star (fate)

lucky stars

he needs to thank his ~, because...

stars align

sometimes the ~ and we're treated to an artist...

every song is a roll of the dice, but sometimes the ~ (a hit)

stars rarely align
the ~ to produce a winner (music)

stars are aligning
he feels ~ (timing)

stars aligned
the ~ when he was given a chance to direct his first film

stars have aligned
the ~ for Lopez Obrador (election)

stars are aligned
all the ~ in the wrong place (dire pandemic prediction)

stars aligning
it was just perfect timing with the ~ (boxing promotion)

stars lined up
the ~ (John Paul Stevens joins the Supreme Court)

stars have to align
a lot of ~ for those tax increased to pass (politics)

♦ "This was written in the stars, a million miles away. Before I was ever born I was destined to do what I did..." (The great boxer Tyson "The Gypsy King" Fury after his victory over Deontay Wilder.)

♦ "Oppenheimer, of course, knew Los Alamos well. Perro Caliente was a forty-mile horseback ride across the plateau. He and his brother had explored the Jemez Mountains on horseback over many summers. / Oppenheimer got what he wanted—a spectacular view of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains—and General Groves got a site so isolated there was only a winding gravel road and one phone line into the place..." (*American Prometheus: The Triumph And Tragedy Of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.)

♦ Nina Totenberg: [John Paul] Stevens' rise was, to some extent, a fluke... / Clifford Sloan: It was an accident of history, and the stars lined up in a way that could not have been possible before that precise moment and probably could not have been possible after that precise moment." (John Paul Stevens had no political ties and was known as a judge's judge. Gerald Ford, who only became president after Nixon resigned, and who was vice president only because Spiro Agnew had resigned, suddenly had the appointment to fill, at a time after Watergate when people were sick of politics. Ford appointed Stevens to the Supreme Court, and he was swiftly confirmed with bipartisan support, 98-0 in the Senate. The confirmation of Supreme Court judges has been quite different since.)

♦ "The result of collaborative efforts and compromises often leads to the proverbial committee-designed racehorse becoming a giraffe. This process is inherent in the motion-picture business and will never change. / Sometimes, however the moons, the planets, and the stars all line up... / My Hollywood experience may be atypical, and I may not be as lucky or fortunate on my next close encounter with Hollywood, but this time, the heavenly bodies did align." ("Author's Foreword: The General's Daughter, The Book & The Movie" by Nelson DeMille.)

♦ "You couldn't line up all the stars and moons the right way to get that scenario to play out." (A murder mystery.)

fate, fortune & chance: astronomy / star

star chamber (noun)

star chamber of (peculiarly) American character
in this ~ (the so-called Gray Board / April 1954)

Star Chamber prosecutions
this is a throwback to the ~ (a defense lawyer)

♦ "Strauss was relieved when the hearing board finally convened ...in Building T-3, a dilapidated two-story temporary structure built during the war on the Mall near the Washington Monument at 16th Street and Constitution... / The opposing teams of lawyers sat across from each other at two long tables positioned to form a 'T.' On one side sat the AEC's lawyers... Facing them were Oppenheimer's defense team... At

the bottom of the 'T' was placed a single wooden chair, where the defendant or other witnesses sat facing the judges. When Oppenheimer was not testifying, he sat on a leather couch against the wall, behind the witness chair." (*American Prometheus: The Triumph And Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.)

♦ "Such a wrong can never be righted; such a blot on our history never erased... We regret his great work for his country was repaid so shabbily." Henry DeWolf Smyth, about Robert Oppenheimer being stripped of his security clearance and having his reputation smeared in 1954.)

♦ The courtroom scenes in the great 1980 film *Breaker Morant* are quite affecting. The entire film can be seen as the contrast between the vibrant, vivid and complex scenes of life, love, duty, honor, and death outside the courtroom and the rigid formalism and predetermined verdict of the scenes inside.

oppression: allusion / history / violence

judgment: allusion / history / violence

star-crossed (adjective)

star-crossed affair
she had a ~ with the man of her dreams

star-crossed (Cuban) initiative
Grant reviewed the ~

fate, fortune & chance: astronomy / star

success & failure: astronomy / star

stare (stare at defeat, etc.)

staring at defeat
she was ~ at 4-1 in the second set (tennis)

fictive meeting & seeing: eye / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye / verb

stare down (verb)

stared down his (personal) demons
he ~

staring down Iran
the US is ~ (diplomacy)

stared down his opponents
he ~ (a politician)

staring down the regime
protesters are ~

stare down risk
skiers ~ (crashes, fatalities, etc.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / eye / verb

stare-down (noun)

stare-down over (budget) issues
they got into a ~ (ruling party and opposition)

stare-down with the police
some protesters stayed behind for a ~

stare-down contest
we had a ~, and he won (conflict)

stare-down game
in a kids' ~, you lose if you laugh or giggle

had a stare-down
he and the coyote ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / eye

start (running start)

running start
he's off to a ~ (politician runs for presidency)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games

startling (adjective)

startling announcement
it was a ~ (diplomacy)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

starvation (noun)

starvation budget
scientific agencies on ~s

♦ "Starvation budgets; skeleton staffs and crews; bare-bones care for seniors; the need for budgetary "belt-tightening"; "I'm famished, let's eat!"; "I could eat a horse!"...

♦ "Just as our hunger is not that feeling of missing a meal, so our way of being cold has need of a new word. We say 'hunger,' we say 'tiredness', 'fear', 'pain', we say 'winter' and they are different things. They are free words, created and used by free men who lived in comfort and suffering in their homes. If the Lagers had lasted longer a new, harsh language would have been born; and only this language could express what it means to toil the whole day in the wind, with the temperature below freezing, wearing only a shirt, underpants, cloth jacket and trousers, and in one's body nothing but weakness, hunger and knowledge of the end drawing nearer." (*If This Is A Man* by Primo Levi, Chapter 13, "October 1944.")

♦ "The fear of starvation is always hanging over the Indian peasant. For several centuries, at recurrent intervals, famine has thrown its withering shadow over India, but in recent years the pace has quickened. One of the severest crises, the great Bengal famine of 1943, is still frighteningly fresh in the minds of the peasants... In 1943 the roads and railroads served the Indian people even less than usual, because of the prior claims of the military. While the outside world was losing its hundreds of thousands of lives on the battlefield, India was losing them from starvation... When more than a million dead clogged the streets of Calcutta and other millions of bodies lay strewn over the fields of several provinces, censorship within India kept the world outside from appreciating the ghastly extent of the tragedy." (*Halfway to Freedom* by Margaret Bourke-White.)

♦ "Grit of Women" by Jack London is one of the greatest love stories in world literature.

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food

starvation wages (noun)

starvation wages
sweatshop workers endure ~, dangerous conditions

♦ The dictionary I use dates this phrase to 1898.

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food / work & duty

starved

starved for attention
he is ~ (a boy)

starved for cash
the army has been ~ since the cold war's end (Iraq)

starved for originality
audiences ~ in copycat Hollywood

starved for sex
Meagan complained she was ~ (on national TV)

cash-starved
~ budgets

love-starved
visits a ~ wife in her house

sex-starved
we find ~ girls (Internet porn site)

sports-starved
our ~ nation's hunger for baseball (during pandemic)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink

Star Wars (film)

Star Wars cantina
European Football is a ~ of leagues (2021 proposed EFL)

Star Wars bar scene
London was the ~ of jihad (1999)

♦ "I like that *Star Wars* reference there to describe the political landscape." (Political punditry by NPR's Leila Fadel.)

allusion: film & TV

fantasy & reality: allusion / film & TV

statement (statement victory, etc.)

Statement (1981) Thong Panty
Calvin Klein Women's ~

statement victory
England battled hard to earn the ~ (vs. Germany)

made a statement
Santana's debut album ~ about Latin music
John Carlos ~ at the 198 Olympics (raised his fist)

make a statement
he wanted to ~ (a 15-year-old school shooter)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / message: speech

statesman (elder statesman, etc.)

elder statesman
Jon Steward, the ~, has returned to television...
jazz ~ Anthony Braxton continues to defy expectations
hip-hop's ~ dies young (Guru)
Sonny Rollins, ~ of jazz

♦ "I'm the young guy with the elder statesmen. These old guys, they got arthritis, they can't stand in one spot for too long." (Michael Jordan talking good-natured trash about his older teammates on the Olympic Dream Team of 1992.)

achievement, recognition & praise: government / person

stateswoman (elder stateswoman, etc.)

elder stateswoman
Billy Eilish, the ~ of anti-pop

achievement, recognition & praise: government / person

static (noun)

static of statistics

a story can dart through the ~ into people's hearts and minds

oceans of static

locating kernels of truth within ~

chaos and static and negativity

his ~ (politics)

♦ This word is similar to *noise*.

activity / worth & lack of worth: sound

analysis, interpretation & explanation: sound

obstacles & impedance: sound

stature (noun)

true stature

Robert Reich, a man of ~ (physically under five feet tall)

♦ Ruth "Ask Dr. Ruth" Westheimer has been referred to as "America's sex therapist." She never called herself a feminist. Nor did she call herself a Holocaust survivor, rather, "an orphan of the Holocaust." She survived the Holocaust in Switzerland. After the war she went to Palestine and trained as a sniper with the Haganah. While she never had to snipe anyone, she said she was prepared to do so, and she was badly wounded in an explosion. She was 4 feet 7 inches tall. Truly, one's stature in life is unrelated to how tall one might be!

achievement, recognition & praise: height

stay (stay of execution)

stay of execution

an increase to the yearly budget meant a ~ (project)

"stay of execution" on tree removal

the petition called for a ~ in the city

stay of execution until 2035

plug-in hybrid vehicles will probably get a ~ (before ban)

year-long stay of execution

the new plan gives library services a ~ (budget cuts)

get a (vital) stay of execution

renters will ~ (a temporary eviction ban during pandemic)

given a stay of execution

the couple ordered to pull down their eco-house was ~

fate, fortune & chance: justice

punishment & recrimination: justice

action, inaction & delay: justice

stay (what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, etc.)

what happens in Europe doesn't stay in Europe

but ~ (oil and gas needs)

♦ "What you see here, what you do here, what you hear here, when you leave here, let it stay here." (World War II. The Manhattan Project.)

transmission: movement / verb

stay around (verb)

stay around

we don't know how long it will ~ (coronavirus)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: verb

stay away (verb)

stay away from being arbiters

they deliberately ~ of the truth (social media)

avoidance & separation: verb

stay out (verb)

stay out of the drama

the US should ~ unfolding in Egypt (protests)

stay out of it

we don't want controversy, we try to ~ (Hallmark)

avoidance & separation: container / verb

situation: container / verb

steady (character)

steady

Hey I'm solid, Hey I'm ~, Hey I'm true down to the core

♦ "Hey I'm solid, Hey I'm steady, Hey I'm true down to the core." Listen to: Toby Keith American Soldier (Radio Edition)

character & personality: equilibrium & stability

steal (steal the show, etc.)

stole the show

Travis Pastrana ~ (X Games / motocross)

she ~ at the MLS match (girl belts out national anthem)

steal headlines

we aren't here to ~ (cold-case detectives)

steal the spotlight

you can ~ in the early stages (Tour de France)

♦ Mike Metzger, a pioneer of freestyle motocross, in which participants launch motorcycles off ramps and pull tricks while soaring through the air, once sustained 4 concussions in two months, has broken his back 3 times, has broken his arms and legs, and lost a testicle after crashing. He has won 5 X Games medals. He set a Guinness record in 2006 when he launched 125 feet over the fountains at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, pulling a back flip. "People love to see people crash," he has said.

attention, scrutiny & promotion: crime / verb

taking & removing: crime / verb

steal (steal customers, etc.)

steal customers from convenience stores

Kmart hopes to ~ like 7-Eleven

stole a (close) decision

Trinidad ~ (against De La Hoya / boxing)

stole the round

he ~ at the end (a boxer)

steal the vote from Gbagbo

he was toppled when he tried to ~

taking & removing: crime / verb

steal (steal dreams, etc.)

stolen my dreams and my childhood
you have ~ (Greta Thunberg)

♦ "He stole my body, virginity and power over my body." (She got drunk and passed out at a Baylor frat party.)

taking & removing: crime / verb

steal (groups)

stealing the entire goddamn time
they are ~ (Chaedria LaBouvier)

♦ "I am SO tired of these unoriginal ass White people writing about Basquiat, curating Basquiat and they are stealing the entire goddamn time." (Chaedria LaBouvier. From "The Scapegoat" by Helen Lewis, *The Atlantic*, November 2022. "Had the museum looked more closely at LaBouvier's feed, its board might have seen her complaints as part of a longstanding pattern of excoriating others who were interested in *Defacement* or Basquiat, even when they sought out her opinion.")

inclusion & exclusion: possession

steal (steal a life)

steal a life
see *life* (*steal a life*)

stealth (stealth ad, etc.)

stealth ad
~s are ads that don't look like ads

stealth corrections
the *Times* has taken head for adding ~ (1619 Project)

stealth-gay
a ~ aesthetic

stealth wealth
2023 was the year of "quiet luxury" and "~"

♦ "I was just living by the rules of the day. Going through the journey in stealth. I was too busy trying to protect myself. Did I live large and fully, one hundred percent? No, and I would love to have some of those years back living fully." (Sandra Caldwell, actress, she / her, a trans woman.)

♦ "Affluence should whisper, not shout." (According to some random pop-culture writer, 2023 was the year of "quiet luxury" and "stealth wealth." Of course, this relates to social status.)

subterfuge: animal / crime

stealth (stealth bomber, etc.)

stealth bomber
the B-2 ~ first saw combat in the air war over Kosovo

stealth fighter
an American F-117A ~

stealth technology
smart bombs and ~ won Gulf War I

♦ "Another resident of the Isle of Skye, Ross McKerlich, told the BBC that he was surprised to see the submarine outside his home when he awoke this morning." (The HMS *Astute*, stuck in the mud just yards off the coast of Scotland. The new submarine has been described as Britain's 'stealthiest' because its 39,000 acoustic panels rendered it invisible to enemy warships and submarines. The Navy used old-fashioned ropes and tugboats to tow it back out to deeper water.)

♦ "Sorry, we didn't know you were invisible." (The mocking Serbian apology offered in 1999 after its military shot down an American F-117A stealth fighter during NATO's bombing campaign.)

military: animal

stealthily

stealthily erased
the *Times* later ~ it from the digital version (NYT)

subterfuge: animal / crime

steam (verb)

steaming
they said, "let's go," they were just ~ (angry)

steaming over this
I'm ~ and ready to explode (angry)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / pressure / temperature / verb

steam (blow / let off steam)

blew off steam
he ~ in the Kamnik Alps (troubled climber)

blow off (a little) steam
on Fridays after work I like to ~

let off steam
if your child is high-spirited, let her go outside to ~

let out steam
I've been running since law school, just to ~

♦ "[S]he and her nephew walked the mile and a half home, just to let the steam out their bodies. She had a drink for the first time in year." ("There's No Forgiveness for That. Ever!" by Jazmine Hughes, *The New York Times Magazine*, May 14, 2023.)

amelioration & renewal: pressure / verb
feeling, emotion & effect: pressure / verb

steam (pick up steam, etc.)

gathering steam
job growth is ~
it looked like PMS as a defense was ~

pick up steam
it looks like it's starting to ~ (firefighter on wildfire)

picking up steam
the US job market is ~

♦ "They seem almost like beasts, don't they? You stand close to one, and it gives off heat. The compressors pant. When it's going up a steep grade, the rods are going back and forth in a cyclic motion and the thing strains and grunts. To my mind, there is nothing more romantic. You can hear them from afar, and they speak to us of the ability to travel to different places and feel mystical things." (Gary Hunter, about the steam locomotives on the Jitong railway.)

♦ In late December 2009 modern electric rail service was disrupted in England by cold and snow which even shut down the Channel Tunnel. A steam locomotive offering "Christmas meal" trips was unaffected, however. On its final trip of the season, it picked up 100 stranded passengers at Victoria Station and carried them to cities in the south for free. (Old technology rescues new.)

force: train / verb

steam (full steam, etc.)

head of steam

Biden needs a ~ heading into Super Tuesday (election)

full steam ahead

prosecutors are moving ~

♦ "Steam under high pressure is dangerous, of course. People were killed (140 in a gigantic boiler explosion in Charleston in 1838, for instance). Cassandras denounced what they saw as a troubling new American tendency to recklessness and blind ambition: 'Go Ahead!' seemed to one diarist of the time to be the watchword of the age, 'regardless of the consequences and indifferent to the value of human life.'" (*The Men Who United The States* by Simon Winchester.)

♦ "Most of the new passengers were Union soldiers, chiefly from Ohio and just released from Confederate prison camps such as Cahawba and Andersonville. The US government had contracted with the Sultana to transport these former prisoners of war back to their homes." (From the Wikipedia entry for the SS Sultana, a Mississippi River steamboat paddlewheeler that blew up on April 27, 1865, killing an estimated 1,800 of 2,400 aboard. Three of the ship's four boilers exploded, and the ship sank near Memphis.)

force: train

steam (lose steam)

losing steam

the campaign was ~

ran out of steam

she ~ in the home straight (800-meter race)

force: train / verb

steam (take the steam out, etc.)

take the steam out of the protests

the president is trying to ~ (France)

force: train / verb

amelioration & renewal: pressure / verb

steamroll (verb)

steamrolled his way to titles

he ~ in 2014 and 2015 (a wrestler)

steamrolling her way through the division

she is ~ (UK boxer Caroline Dubois)

steamrolled to victory

the Americans ~ (sports)

steamrolled into Iraq and Syria

the group ~ in 2014 (Isis)

steamrolled through the playoffs

the Detroit Pistons ~ (basketball)

steamrolled (rival) Bernie Sanders

Joe Biden has ~ in primary elections

steamroll the (traditional studio) system

streaming companies are going to ~

steamroll Siberia and the Far East

if the economy doesn't improve, China will ~

destruction / force: tools & technology / verb

steamrolled (and steamrollered)

steamrolled by a (billionaire) bully

I will not allow our food community to be ~

steamrolled by Ovechkin

Luongo is fine after being ~ (hockey collision)

steamrolled (here) by the pandemic

we were ~ but now infection rates are low (NYC)

get steamrollered

people will get hurt, people are going to get ~ (migration)

♦ "The people who come to California are brave, this is a high-risk, high-reward state. There is going to be a lot of road kill, people are going to get hurt, people are going to get steamrollered, but in the end you have some people who are going to succeed..." ("The California Century: From Hollywood to Silicon Valley," BBC, Sounds, 17 June 2020, wonderfully narrated by Stanley Tucci.)

destruction / force: tools & technology

steamroller (noun)

fearless steamroller

his well-cultivated image as a ~

force: tools & technology

steamy (sex)

steamy

Bollywood soap operas are not as ~ as Latin ones

steamy (sex) movie

I watched this ~

steamy (Australian) videos

tourists will want to buy ~

steamy, sordid

the ~ vibe (*Euphoria*'s party scenes)

got steamy

our phone conversation ~ (sex talk)

sex: temperature

steel (strength)

steel

you have been baptized in fire and come out ~ (combat)

ring of steel

Times Square will be a ~ (New Year's security)

strength & weakness: materials & substances

steely (adjective)

steely look

Djokovic has been solid, he has that ~ in his eyes (tennis)

steely-minded

Miss Marple is a ~ detective

strength & weakness: materials & substances

comparison & contrast: affix

steep (verb)

steeped myself in classics
at Oxford, I ~

steep myself in the (subject) matter
I try to ~ (a famous film editor)

steeped himself in the theories
at Oxford, he ~ of Richard Dawkins (scientist)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

steeped

steeped in blood
he is so ~ as to be beyond redemption (a Rwandan)

steeped in the (French Revolutionary) heritage
he was ~ (Napoleon)

steeped in history
this rivalry is ~ (Man U vs. Liverpool / soccer)
Lebanon is ~ (the Lebanon Mountain Trail / LMT)

steeped in suspense
the film is ~ about what will happen... (2024 *Femme*)

steeped in turmoil
the team is ~ (sports)

absorption & immersion: water

steer (verb)

steered contracts to cronies
he ~ (political corruption)

steered money to his mistress' husband
he ~ (a politician)

steer money to a program
the tried to ~ that... (controversy)

steer patients towards abortion
counselors may ~ (genetic diseases)

steer them in the right direction
you have to ~ (training elite athletes)

steer mothers in the right direction
we need to ~ (breastfeeding)

steered people into returning
the recession has ~ to school

steer him from bad influences
some who worried did try to ~ (troubled football player)

steered away from describing
he ~ his injury (an athlete)

steer people away from generics
drug companies may hype expensive products to ~

steers the talk away from gay issues
she ~ (marriage)

steer the author away from stereotypes and cliches

the goal is to ~ ("sensitivity readers")

steers us off course
sometimes life ~

steers the conversation
he ~ (group therapy)

steered a middle course
he ~ (Abraham Lincoln)

directing: boat / mechanism / verb

direction: boat / mechanism / verb

steer (steer clear of something)

steered clear of controversy
he has ~ (an ex-politician)

steer clear of drugs
programs to help students ~

steers clear of (clothing) styles
he ~ favored by Hispanic gangs

avoidance & separation: boat / mechanism / verb

steering wheel (control)

steering wheel of the Republican Party
there is a fight to grab control of the ~

at the wheel
the deputy attorney general will be ~ for the final weeks...
new bus driver ~ of Man Utd coach, same result (soccer)

put his hand on the wheel at the Justice Department
Trump tried to ~ and control the investigation

grab hold of the industry's steering wheel
Washington can no longer just ~ (auto making)

have two hands firmly on the steering wheel
I'll ~ (PM Netanyahu's latest coalition)

♦ "There was this little girl who had the steering wheel that I didn't even see." (A celebrity female talking about her developmental, behavioral and relationship issues.)

control & lack of control: mechanism

stellar (adjective)

stellar (boxing) ability
Mayweather is honing De La Hoya's already ~

stellar (young) boxer
Dmitriy Salita is a ~ and an Orthodox Jew

stellar (job) candidate
she seems like a ~

stellar (employment) record
he was denied partnership despite a ~ with the firm

stellar (performance) reviews
he had ~ (a policeman)

stellar views
the house has across the Anacostia to the Capitol

stellar year
the company had a ~ (profits)

stellar body of work
she has a ~ (a biologist)

superlative: astronomy / star

stem (from stem to stern)

from stem to stern
the book is anti-religious ~

extent & scope: boat

stench (noun)

stench of corruption
he has begun to remove the ~ (brave Newark mayor)

survive the stench
will this institution ~ that this creates (US court decision)

♦ "Authorities in Cape Town launched an investigation Monday after a foul stench swept over the South African city... [T]he source of the smell was discovered: a ship docked in the harbor carrying 19,000 live cattle from Brazil to Iraq."

♦ "The worst thing about Cassino [Town] was the smell. The stench was absolutely horrible because every time a mortar bomb went off, it raised a stench..." (The British para James "Jim" Knox, fighting with the New Zealanders. The stench, of course, was caused by the mortar's explosive exhumation of decomposing bodies and body parts from under the rubble.)

evidence: smell

step (shape)

step pyramid
Djoser's ~ at Saqqara (Egypt)

step waterfall
a cascade or ~ isn't steep, doesn't plunge

shape: stair

step (first step, etc.)

good first step
the repeal is a ~ (politics)

first step toward stability
housing is only the ~ (homeless)

first step towards keeping
the measure is a ~ a campaign promise

first step in limiting
EPA takes ~ aircraft emission

first step to repeal
this is the ~ Obamacare (politics)

sequence: walking, running & jumping

starting, going, continuing & ending: walking, running & jumping

step (step ahead / pursuit)

one step ahead of him
I'm trying to stay ~ (woman being stalked)

one step ahead of them
but every time he was ~ and he got away (hunt for KSM)

one step ahead of us
he was ~ (a criminal)

pursuit, capture & escape: walking, running & jumping step (a step ahead / competition)

one step ahead of her daughter
she tries to stay ~ (a 13-year-old / dating, etc.)

one step ahead of their teachers
it's easy for students to stay at least ~ (cheating)

one step ahead of our kids
we've got to stay ~

at least one step ahead
cheaters are always going to be ~ of the testers

remained a step ahead
AOL has ~, first with chat and email...

stay one step ahead
she tries to ~ of her daughter (a 13-year-old / dating)

competition: walking, running & jumping

step (a step away)

step away
he's just a ~ from success (a singer)

proximity: walking, running & jumping

step (a step closer)

one step closer to Orwell's 1984
and just like that, we are ~, wow...

one step closer to a second term
he is ~ (Hawaiian politics)

one step closer to being
he is ~ back in the NFL (Kaepernick)

proximity: walking, running & jumping

step (every step of the way)

every step of the way
he was there ~ (supporting us)

allegiance, support & betrayal: walking, running & jumping

step (a step in the right direction)

step in the right direction
from what I hear, it's a ~
the decision is a small ~
this is a ~, but there is still a long way to go

♦ "Rev Al Sharpton, the civil rights activist, said the decision was 'a step in the right direction but not the end of the walk.'" (President elect Biden nominates Lloyd Austin as his Secretary of Defense.)

♦ A former California State prosecutor, speaking about a legal takedown, said, "This case was a huge *stab* in the right direction." (Step in the right direction? Stab or shot in the dark? Is this an "eggcorn"?)

progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping

step (a step in the wrong direction)

step in the wrong direction
this is a ~

failure, accident & impairment: direction / journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping

step (a step forward)

step forward
they are trying to take things a ~

one step forward
it's been ~, one step back (USMNT / soccer)

big step forward
this is an opportunity to take a ~

bold step forward
the commission has taken a ~

tremendous step forward
we think this is a ~ (a conference)

step forward from the ideological dark ages
this is a ~ (education issue)

taken a (giant) step forward
our nation has ~ on the issue of race

progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping

step (a step back / backwards)

a step back
the team has taken ~ (regressed)

a step back for us
it's ~ today, but we need to shake it off and go again

a step backwards
this is a ~ to the bad old days (homeless policy)
the game was ~ (disappointed soccer coach)

a step backwards to the bad old days
this is ~ of the 1980s (policy)

a (massive) step backward for the state of Iowa
this bill is ~ (a Trans issue)

two steps back
it's been one step forward, ~ (USMNT / soccer)

progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping

step (not one step back)

not one step back
the time has come to finish retreating, ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / walking, running & jumping

step (in step)

in step with New Yorkers
her views are more ~ (politician)

in step with the times
he is not ~

in step with voters
she is ~ (a politician)

more in step
his conservatism is ~ with Republicans (politics)

marched in step
his career has ~ with the growth of the field

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity / unanimity & consensus: military / walking, running & jumping

step (out of step)

out of step with his colleagues
he is ~ (a politician)

out of step with the consumers
the company seems ~ (autos)

out of step with the (prevailing) ethos
how does it feel to be ~ (at NPR)

out of step with the nation's
his priorities are ~ (president)

out of the step with the times
he may be ~, but... (songwriter)

out of step with their times
they were men ~ (against abolition of slavery)

out of step with the values
he is ~ of the modern Democratic Party (Joe Biden 2019)

out of step with the voters
his views are ~ (politics)

out of step with the (state's) values
his views are ~ (politician)

out-of-step, against-the-grain, different-drummer
~ types

stay out of step
politicians can only ~ with their political base for so long

♦ "It's never a fun thing to feel like you're out of step with the people around you."

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity / unanimity & consensus: military / walking, running & jumping

step (baby steps, etc.)

baby step in a complex number of steps
this is one ~ (a web site concerning COVID vaccines)

toddler steps towards equality
we have made some ~, and then we fall back

take baby steps

on the ridge leading to the Hillary Step I could only ~
let's ~ without rushing (post-COVID concerts, etc.)

progress & lack of progress: baby / walking, running & jumping

step (step by step, etc.)

step by (careful) step
~, news organization excavated the basic facts (politics)

progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running & jumping

step (watch one's step)

watch their step
foreigners must ~ (Egyptian nationalism)

danger: walking, running & jumping

step aside (verb)

step aside for a younger man
it is better that he ~ (boss)

♦ "[We] saw Chris Harrison, the host, step in that controversy, then step aside, now he has stepped down." (Clever scripting on ABC.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: walking, running & jumping / verb

step away (verb)

stepped away from boxing
he ~ because of the politics of the sport (Quartey)

step away from our devices
it's harder than ever to ~ (smart phones, computers, etc.)

step away from them
I didn't want to ~ (a film directors speaks of themes)

dismissal, removal & resignation: walking, running & jumping / verb

step back (perspective)

step back
it's a good time to ~ and think about the future (NASA)
it's important to ~ and see the big picture

step back ten feet
if you ~ and ask...

step back and look
~ at US interest more broadly, how would you define...

♦ "Some of us must say, 'Let's step back for a moment...and think through the implications of our actions today so that this does not spiral out of control...'" (Congresswoman Barbara Lee, the only person to vote against the congressional mandate for the war in Afghanistan following 9/11.)

♦ "But if you step back out [from the recent photogenic eruption and earthquake that caught the media's attention] and looked at it over the course of a year or a year and a half [there has been no change in the frequency of earthquakes and eruptions around the globe]. ("Chuck" Bailey, President of the Geological Society of America.)

♦ see also *zoom out (noun)*, *zoom out (verb)*

context: picture / position / verb

perception, perspective & point of view: picture / position / verb

step back (sequence)

step back
we are going to ~ now to explore another issue

sequence: walking, running & jumping / verb

step back (step back from something)

step back
they plan to ~ as senior members of the Royal Family

step back from the brink
they must ~ (rioters battle soldiers)

avoidance & separation: walking, running & jumping

stepchild (and stepson, etc.)

stepchild position
the ~ of intelligence officers...

her stepson
he was now Fortune's pet, instead of ~ (change to good)

bad stepchild
he portrays Sony management as the ~ (activist investor)

♦ "He was now Fortune's pet instead of her stepson." (Change in fortune to good fortune from awful fortune.)

♦ "The menstrual cycle is like the stepsister that gets ignored. It's considered unimportant in the grand scheme of things, but it actually really is important to people day-to-day." (Dr. Alison Edelman, quoted in "COVID vaccines may briefly change your menstrual cycle, but you should still get one" by Geoff Brumfiel, NPR, Morning Edition, January 6, 2022.)

♦ "There is nothing more difficult than to be a stepson of the time; there is no heavier fate than to live in an age that is not your own..." (Krymov, from *Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman, Part I, 12, translated by Robert Chandler, New York Review Books.)

relationship / person: family

worth & lack of worth: family / person

step down (verb)

step down
protesters are calling on the King to ~

stepping down as the chief executive officer
she is ~

steps down as the coach
Klinsmann ~ of Germany (World Cup soccer)

steps down as (Cuban) leader
Castro ~ (headline)

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dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb / walking, running & jumping

step forward (verb)

step forward
victims are reluctant to ~ in these cases (harassment)

resistance, opposition & defeat: walking, running & jumping
step in (verb)

step in

the grownups must ~ and clean up the mess (finance)
the president could ~ to fire people (politics)

step up and step in

I am begging parents to ~ (school shootings)

♦ "[We] saw Chris Harrison, the host, step in that controversy, then step aside, now he has stepped down." (Clever scripting on ABC.)

involvement: verb / walking, running & jumping

step into (verb)

stepped into the breach

ordinary citizens have ~ (disaster relief)

stepping into his truth

he is rebooting his life and ~ (gay who had wife, kids)

♦ "he is a man who is basically rebooting his life and stepping into his truth and embracing the fact that he's a gay black man in the South." (Katori Hall.)

♦ Step in / lean in and embrace it...

commitment & determination: gesture / verb / walking, running & jumping

stepmother (cruelty)

heartless stepmother

the EU is a ~ trying to drive Greece out of the family

relationship: family

stepping stone

stepping stone

she characterized the deal as a "~" (to peace)

stepping stone to get

migrants see Italy as a ~ them to France

stepping stone to the EU

they are here to use Belarus as a ~ (refugees)

stepping stone on (South Sudan's) path

the polls are an important ~ to nationhood (2010)

stepping stone event

this is seen as a ~ ahead of next year's event (COP25)

important stepping stone

the negotiations are an ~ on the road to peace

using college basketball as a stepping stone

he went prep to pro, rather than ~ (LeBron James)

saw the job as a stepping stone

she ~ (modeling)

saw it as a stepping stone

Shackleton ~ (job with RSGS)

use Belarus as a stepping stone

they are here to ~ to the EU (refugees)

help & assistance: bridge / journeys & trips / river division & connection: bridge / journeys & trips / river
step up (increase)

stepped up their courtship

both India and China have ~ of Africa

stepped up their drills

the marines have ~, a Pentagon adviser said

stepping up enforcement

officials are ~ of anti-discrimination laws in education

stepped up our game

we've ~ since 2016 (protecting US elections)

stepped up (naval) patrols

Italy and Libya have ~ to reduce the flow of migrants

stepped up the punishments

he ~ for food theft, which were already draconic

step up the tempo

NASA believes it can ~ of launchings (shuttle)

♦ "She needs to step up her wardrobe game, looks frumpy all the time." (Online celebrity snark.)

increase & decrease: electricity / verb

step up (rise to the occasion)

step up

great leaders ~ and take responsibility

be a patriot, ~, do the right thing (Covid mask wearing)

stepped up to help

his colleagues ~ him (sick wife)

step up to their challenge

who among you will ~

step up to the plate

parents have to ~ (having "sex talk" with teen kids)

step up and step in

I am begging parents to ~ (school shootings)

step up and deal with it

we saw law enforcement ~ (Austin serial bomber)

step up or let down

you can ~ your colleagues

♦ "Each and every one of us has to step up, speak up, stand up, do something." (Amita Holliman, director of the Milwaukee Office of Violence and Prevention.)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / responsibility: walking, running & jumping / verb

sterile (sterile security zone, etc.)

sterile security areas

the creation of "~" around Israeli settlements

♦ Wiktionary defines that as "Free from dangerous objects, as a zone in an airport that can only be entered via a security checkpoint."

violence: euphemism / hygiene / verb

military: hygiene

sterilize (verb)

“sterilize” a number of small villages
First Brigade was ordered to ~ (artillery observation posts)

♦ Clean out...

violence: euphemism / hygiene / verb

military: hygiene

steroids (on steroids)

AI on steroids

Amazon can deliver in two days because of ~

Amsterdam on steroids

welcome to ~ (Tom “Mr. Weed” Kruesopon / Bangkok)

hang-glider on steroids

they are a ~ (hypersonic weapons)

Pizzagate on steroids

the theory is kind of a ~ (conspiracy)

Reaganomics on steroids

Trump’s policy is ~

put it on steroids

racism didn’t start with him, but he ~ (politics)

♦ “The report styles STEM as a shot of anabolics our workforce needs to stay in fighting shape.” (Education. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.)

♦ “There’s a lot of different factors that contribute to absenteeism in a normal year and they’re all put on steroids with the pandemic.” (FutureEd Associate Director Phyllis Jordan in 2023.)

♦ “Over the past few decades, new combinations of materials like microsilica and fly ash...have made concrete steroidally strong...and steel has gotten sturdier too...” (“Can A Building Be Too Tall?” by Bianca Bosker, *The Atlantic*, January / February 2023.)

♦ “Then, of course, there’s the famous ‘release the Kraken!’ scene, as the giant multi-limbed beast (a kind of Creature from the Black Lagoon on performance enhancing supplements) is freed from the depths of the sea...” (The 1981 film *Clash of the Titans*.)

force / increase & decrease / power / strength &

weakness: health & medicine

stew (mixture)

stew of chemicals

workers breathed a ~ (9/11)

stew of (caustic political) commentary

the documentary film is a ~

stew of (energizing) contradictions

it is a ~ (Game of Thrones)

stew of (inhaled) particles

the burning ~ was composed of many things (9/11)

stew of religion, politics and (anti-immigrant) feeling

the case involved a ~ (attempt to build mosque)

stew of (disappointed) separatists and Islamists

the country is a seething ~

chemical stew

sewers are ~s

toxic stew

the broken well produced a ~ of gas and chemicals

♦ *Roumeli* is a stew in which the ingredients, delicious as many are, never quite blend.” (“The End of the Road” by Daniel Mendelsohn.)

mixture: food & drink

steward (role)

stewards of the Earth

we are ~

stewards of the environment

native people as ~

stewards of the land

native residents are better ~ than newcomers

help & assistance: boat / person / plane / train

stick (stick by / stick with somebody)

stick by him

we will ~

attachment: materials & substances / verb

allegiance, support & betrayal: materials & substances / verb

stick (adhere to, follow)

stick to the evidence

people in traditional medicine said he did not ~

stick to our plan

let’s ~...

stuck to that principle

and he ~ (Abraham Lincoln)

stick to the rules

leaders tell citizens to ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

stuck to my story

and I ~ (interviewed by FBI)

sticking to a (proven) strategy

he was ~ (Tour de France)

stick to its (newly aggressive) strategy

how long the US can ~ (in Iraq)

stick to Islamic values and traditions

she urged women to ~ (Saudi royal)

stick with their given names

many immigrants ~ (Takeru, Quirino, etc.)

stick with the rules

he must ~ of the game

attachment: materials & substances / verb

stick (persist)

stick

the allegations of child abuse didn’t ~ (messy divorce)

there is uncertainty whether the recovery will ~

the deal might not ~ (diplomacy)

stuck

he threw policies at the wall and saw what ~ (FDR)

stuck at it

he ~ (medical experiments)

stuck with me

it has ~ ever since

it was something that has ~ (bad memories from prison)

sticks to you

it is stunning, and it ~ (the movie *A face in the Crowd*)

sticks in your mind

it ~ forever (a combat memory)

throw something at a wall and see what sticks

see *wall (throw something at a wall)*

attachment: materials & substances / verb

survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances / verb

stick (noun)

stick to hit Kennedy with

this is an easy ~ (Chappaquiddick / Mary Jo Kopechne)

♦ "And certainly, if you're a Republican, this is an easy, you know, stick to hit Kennedy with, and he deserves it." (Jon Ward, on Ted Kennedy, Chappaquiddick, and Mary Jo Kopechne.)

coercion & motivation: speech / violence / weapon

oppression: speech / violence / weapon

stick it to (stick it to somebody, etc.)

stick it to her

~, that's what she was trying to do to you (lawsuit)

♦ "You should stick a pig," said Ralph fiercely. "They always talk about sticking a pig." (*Lord Of The Flies* by William Golding.)

punishment & recrimination: violence / verb

stick together (verb)

stick together

we women should ~

attachment: materials & substances / verb

allegiance, support & betrayal: materials & substances / verb

sticky (a sticky situation, etc.)

sticky situation

even the most independent women face ~s

get sticky

getting involved in the rumor mill at work can ~

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

situation: materials & substances

stifle (verb)

stifled her mother

his father ~

stifle speech

big tech companies continue to ~ (de-platforming, etc.)

oppression: breathing / verb

stifling (adjective)

stifling

the byzantine regulations are ~

oppression: breathing

stigma (noun)

stigma of adoption

we must break down the ~

stigma of AIDS

the ~ is still a heavy burden

stigma against furies

break down the ~ (cosplay / fetish group)

stigma, marginalization and discrimination

~ against the communities hit hardest (monkeypox)

period stigma

breaking ~ to end period poverty (WMC FBomb)

rape stigma

TV appearance of teen victims suggests the ~ is fading

STI stigma

we need to fight ~ (formerly known as STD)

weight stigma

the pain of ~ experienced in childhood

~ poses direct and significant consequences

severe social stigma

there is a ~ attached to depression

discrimination and stigma

the ~ they could face (coronavirus patients)

prejudice and stigma

why do heroin addicts face so much ~

shame and stigma

he wants to remove ~ around hoarding

stigma is fading

the TV appearance of teen victims suggests the rape ~

break down the stigma

we must ~ of adoption

erase the stigma

they seek to ~ of "so gay" (So Gay Rosé wine)

reduce the stigma

the changes are intended to ~ of being in jail (language)

♦ "New York has amended several state laws to remove 'inmate' and replace it with 'incarcerated person' to refer to people serving prison time. / The changes...are intended to reduce the stigma of being in jail. Prison reform advocates have said the term 'inmate' has a dehumanizing effect. Prisoners say it can feel degrading..." ("New York scraps word 'inmate' in state law" by Maysoon Khan, AP, August 12, 2022.)

♦ "Do you know the stigmatism of Alabama education?" (Kayvon Thibodaux, a football player.)

♦ "This is my truth. I am not a stigma. I'm a person that walks their life." (Selena Gomez, quoted in *People* magazine, and again on a GMA feature story, touting Gomez's new mental-health platform WonderMind.)

♦ "STIGMA: literally a brand. While a stigma with us is an unpleasant mark of disgrace it used to be a lot more painful than that. When the officials stigmatized a petty criminal in 17th-century England, they actually branded him with a red-hot iron...The word stigma in Greek meant a brand made by a pointed instrument." (*Word Origins And Their Romantic Stories* by Wilfred Funk, Litt.D.)

characterization: fire / mark

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

stigmatization (oppression)

stigmatization of ethnic minorities

the ~ (Wiktionary)

weight-related stigmatisation

~ and bullying

kind of stigmatisation

this ~ is common (BBC Worklife)

avoid stigmatization

many wore face masks to ~ (Pride Parade)

♦ "There is a risk of stigmatization, and then, that community already has some other overlapping stigmatizations and perceptions, and that just kinda adds on to it." (Carlton Poindexter, Howard University, about testing schools' wastewater for drugs like cocaine and fentanyl. The results are published.)

♦ No Wikipedia entry yet. Redirects to "social stigma." No Merriam-Webster entry yet, redirects to "stigmatize." Recognized by Wiktionary, as both countable and uncountable, as it is used in the above quotation.

characterization: fire / mark

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

stigmatize (groups)

stigmatize the mentally ill

people still ~

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♦ see also *normalize (groups)*

characterization: fire / mark / verb

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection / verb

stigmatized

fetishized and stigmatized

Atlanta's most ~ commodity (trap music / Traplanta)

glamorized, fetishized, or it was stigmatized

it was ~ (suicidal depression / negative attitude)

♦ Outsiders; outside; misfits; don't belong; not such a great childhood; not well loved; crappy, challenging upbringings in childhood; feeling like the weird one of the bunch; stigmatized; going through bad times... ("Vulnerable" Harry Potter fans, including gay teenagers.)

♦ In the 1600s in England, a thief would be stigmatized, or branded, with the letter T.

characterization: fire / mark

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

stigmatizing

less stigmatizing

"infection" is more accurate and ~ than "disease" (STD / SIT)

characterization: fire / mark

inclusion & exclusion: division & connection

stillborn (adjective)

stillborn

his only ever band was ~ (he refocused as solo artist)

stillborn effort

he documents a ~ to develop new antiviral agents

growth & development: baby / birth / death & life

survival, persistence & endurance: baby / birth / death & life

sting (noun)

take the sting out of giving and getting

five tips to ~ advice

feeling, emotion & effect: insect / sensation

stinging (adjective)

stinging accusations

his ~ about EU institutions ring true

stinging article

she wrote a ~ criticizing...

stinging blow

the jury's decision was a ~

stinging criticism

officials unleashed ~ at the Fed

stinging defeat

it was a ~ for the Democrats (elections)

stinging rebuke

the elections were a ~ to the Democrats

the Vatican delivered a ~ to American nuns

his comments are a ~ of Obama (diplomacy)

feeling, emotion & effect: insect / sensation

stink (verb)

stinks

this situation ~

stank

their football team ~ (an NFL team)

stink to high heaven

this thing's gonna ~ (political impeachment)

stinks a mile away

the prejudice ~ (partisanship)

corruption / flaws & lack of flaws: smell / verb

stink (noun)

stink

how big of a ~ does he make (a NFL quarterback)

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: smell
attention, scrutiny & promotion: smell

stink (raise a stink)

raising a huge big stink

I'm ~ because it's wrong

raising a stink about the article

no one is ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: smell / verb
conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: smell / verb

stir (effect)

stir in the (national news) media

it created a ~

stir among the (general) public

the issue has caused little ~

huge stir

a gay student who ran for homecoming queen caused a ~

caused a stir

the antiwar statements of a few Oscar winners ~

causing such a stir

why Beto O'Rourke is ~ in 2020 race

created a stir

it ~ in the national news media

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: cooking

stir (verb)

stirred passions across North Africa

the unrest in Tunisia has ~ (2011)

stirs the drink

he's the straw that ~ in Congress

stirred fears

the attacks ~ that...

stirred the (public) imagination

the killer's ability to avoid capture has ~

stir the pot

see *pot* (*stir the pot*)

♦ "The haters may hate the stirrers may stir but these memories will live with us forever." (A Manchester City fan after MC won the Treble. CTID.)

initiation: cooking / verb

stir up (resemblance)

stirred up a (great) dust

all of the activity ~ above the village (powwow)

resemblance: cooking / verb

stir up (verb)

stir up controversy

he tries to ~ (college Republican)

stirred up a critical storm

the novel ~ (Thani Al-Suwaidi)

stir up gossip

this will ~

stir up (racial) hatred

she likes to ~ (a critic of MSNBC's Joy Reid)

stir up indignation

we hope to ~ and stimulate action (MSF)

stir up (Democratic) turnout

they sent leaders across the country to ~

creation & transformation / initiation: cooking / verb

stitched together

stitched together

it's a plethora of individual mini-storylines ~ (a film)

♦ "Her videos were subsequently stitched by people who were shocked that a prisoner..." (See the Wikipedia entry "image stitching.")

creation & transformation: cloth

stitch together (verb)

stitched the dispatches together into a story

he ~ (a journalist)

stitched together a community

we have ~ of nations

♦ "When American public schools macramé'd together the words *language*, *arts*, and *English*, starting in the 1970s, they created a tangle: ELA."

creation & transformation: cloth / verb

stock (worth)

stock

his ~ is surely set to soar (boxer after fight)

his ~ was high in the early weeks of the season (a coach)

his ~ has fallen so much (boxer loses championship)

stock has risen

his ~ steadily in the West Wing (vice-president)

his ~ even though he lost tonight (a boxer)

stock (in Ubud) shot up

after that, his ~ (*East of Home* by Santha Rama Rau)

worth & lack of worth: money

stoic (adjective)

stoic about the lockdown

she was ~ (a boutique manager in Italy)

stoic (Norwegian immigrant) farmers

he grew up in a family descended from ~

stoic, tough, and American

the pressure to be ~ (an athlete with CTE)

remained stoic

he ~ as the verdict was announced

feeling, emotion & effect: allusion

character & personality: allusion

stoke (verb)

stoke (racial) animosity

the flag issue has helped to ~

stoke a debate

the incident seemed likely to ~ about...

stoked (furious) discussion

the issue has ~ at the Website

stoking fears

the government blames the media for ~ (Sri Lanka)

stoke the fire

increasing his punishment will only ~

stoking the (racial) fires

he is ~ (a politician)

stoked the fires

the issue has ~ of sectarian violence

stoked hysteria

the media have ~ (public health)

stoked (local) outrage

the company's policies have ~ (mining)

stoked protests

the acquittal of the soldiers ~

stoke (racial) resentment

the right is trying to ~

stokes resentment

she ~ of elites (a politician)

stoking their wrath

the state media have been ~

initiation: fire / verb

increase & decrease: fire / verb

stoked (increased)

stoked, fueled, and manipulated

hatred can be ~ (Bosnia)

increase & decrease / initiation: fire

stolen (taken)

stolen

their lives were ~ (school shooting)

stolen from you

you can have the election ~ (Hillary Clinton about 2016)

taking & removing: crime

stolen (stolen generation, etc.)

'stolen generation'

her father was part of the ~ (Australian aborigines)

had their childhoods stolen

these young women ~ (abuse of gymnasts)

♦ "The property was stolen from us because it was bringing Black and white people together to preserve democracy. The land should be repatriated, back to the Highlander Folk School, which is now the Highlander Research and Education Center." (Ash-Lee Woodard Henderson. From "Fight over future of library that sparked civil rights ideas" by Travis Loller, AP, September 3, 2022. A very interesting article.)

♦ "Melina Abdullah, a friend of Patrisse Cullors and co-founder of Black Lives Matter Los Angeles, described the focus on narcotics as an 'assassination of Keenan's character after they've already stolen his body.'" ("A cousin of a prominent Black Lives Matter founder died after being tased by police" by Emily Olsen, NPR, January 14, 2023.)

inclusion & exclusion: possession

stomach (accept)

stomach being

I can no longer ~ a part of this (computer engineer quits)

stomach injustice

she could not ~ (Madeleine Albright / Kosovo)

hard to stomach

it's ~ (sudden death of young athlete)

consumption: food & drink / stomach / verb

acceptance & rejection: food & drink / stomach / verb

stomach (food)

stomach

an army marches on its ~

wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink

stomach (eagerness)

stomach to plunge into endless war

the American people don't have the ~

stomach for battle

an Iraqi Army unit showed little ~

stomach for the (entitlement) fight

the president clearly has no ~

stomach for what's ahead

it's not clear that the American people have the ~ (war)

stomach for boxing

his heart and ~ are no longer there

stomach for fighting

he has no ~

stomach for tackling

politicians have no ~ the issue (immigration)

heart and stomach

his ~ for boxing are no longer there

have the stomach

do the American people ~ for what's ahead (war)

eagerness & reluctance: food & drink / stomach

stomach (turn one's stomach)

turned my stomach

I saw some stuff that ~ (combat in Iraq)

feeling, emotion & effect: stomach / verb

acceptance & rejection: stomach / verb

stomach (the pit of one's stomach)

pit-of-the-stomach

fear, dread, that ~ feeling when the news broke...

in the pit of my stomach

it was pretty much dread ~ (pandemic)

I had a bad feeling ~ in the ninth inning (baseball)

in the pit of her stomach

she woke with a bad feeling ~ (wildfires)

♦ "I feel that same pit in my stomach as so many of you today do." (Governor Jared Polis of Colorado, expressing grief at a mass shooting at a gay bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. An eggcorn?)

♦ "From Carlin he headed south in a zigzag on rough dirt roads, avoiding cops and people, feeling the pit in his gut grow." ("The Machine Breaker: Inside the mind of an 'ecoterrorist'" by Christopher Ketcham, *Harper's Magazine*, November, 2023. Another eggcorn?)

♦ "If you have a *feeling* [italics mine] in the pit of your stomach, you have a tight or sick feeling in your stomach, usually because you are afraid or anxious."

feeling, emotion & effect: stomach

stomping grounds (and stamping grounds)

stomping ground of icons

Chicago is the formative ~ (Michael Jordan, the Obamas)

stomping ground of South Boston

the FBI brought him back to his old ~ to be tried (mobster)

Whitey Bulger's old stomping ground

South Boston, ~

her dependable stomping ground

the dance floor was ~

his old stomping ground

he returned to Seattle, ~

his old stamping grounds

this was ~ (a red-light district)

♦ "It's his stomping ground. I mean, he grew up here. He knows the area really well. He's capable of hiding for a long time if he doesn't want to be caught." (A longtime neighbor about the mass shooting suspect Robert Card.)

area: animal

stone (throw stones, etc.)

stone throwing

it's time to call a halt to all the ~

casting stones

if all you're doing is ~, you probably won't get that far

throw stones

people in glass houses should not ~

accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land

stone (turn over every stone, etc.)

no stone

~ has been left unturned (a criminal investigation)

♦ "No stone must be left unturned to getting to the bottom of what happened."

difficulty, easiness & effort / pursuit, capture & escape /

searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / verb

Stone Age

Stone Age

the very early days of the internet, Web 1.0, AKA the ~

olithic in outlook

The Times leaders on 'motor-cars' were ~

take society back to the Stone Age

they want to ~ (suppression of media)

growth & development: history

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

past & present / time: history

stone-faced (adjective)

stone-faced

he was relatively ~ at the hearing (charged with murder)

stone-faced villagers

~ stared at us (Vietnam War)

appearance: face / materials & substances

concealment & lack of concealment / feeling, emotion &

effect: face / materials & substances

stone-hearted

stone-hearted world

this ~

heart: materials & substances

empathy & lack of empathy: heart

Stonehenge (America's Stonehenge, etc.)

America's Stonehenge

it was known as ~ (Georgia Guidestones, Elberton, GA)

♦ Manhattanhenge; Chicagohenge; Baltimorehenge; Torontohenge... (Setting sun lights up urban canyons.)

comparison & contrast: epithet

stone's throw

stone's throw from the JFK airport

a ~ is a Portuguese neighborhood

proximity: arm

stonewall (Operation Stonewall, etc.)

Operation Stonewall

~ interdicted Axis blockage runners from the Far East

proper name: materials & substances / wall

stonewall (verb)

stonewalled the Swiss

the CIA ~ (investigation)

stonewalling

he was ~ very successfully (expert witness at trial)

the White House is ~ so aggressively

obstacles & impedance: infrastructure / wall / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: infrastructure / wall / verb

stoop (behavior)

stooped to

this is something no self-respecting senator has ever ~

stoop to that

why would you ~ (behavior)

I won't call him names, I won't ~ (politics)

stoop to his level

don't ~

stoop to that level

it is not necessary to ~ (racial insults)

stoop so low

who would have thought people could ~ (discrimination)

behavior: direction / height / verb

stop (stop at nothing)

stop at nothing

he will ~ to silence the truth

they are so desperate to win they will ~

they will ~ to destroy the president (politics)

stops at nothing

Candi Station ~ to create

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: distance / verb

stop (pull out all the stops)

pull out all the stops

we're going to ~ to get our arms around this (vaccination roll-out)

pulled out all the stops

we ~ (investigation of child abduction)

♦ This idiom relates to a pipe organ.

commitment & determination: music / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: music / verb

restraint & lack of restraint: music / verb

stopped up

stopped up

the flow of convicts to North America was ~

♦ "As soon as the American outlet was stopped up, English prisons began to overflow." (*The Fatal Shore: The Epic of Australia's Founding* by Robert Hughes.)

obstacles & impedance: infrastructure / movement / pressure / water

storm (verb)

stormed the (park) gates

the kids ~

stormed back to win

the team ~ (sports)

stormed the barricades

he ~s (to hold church accountable)

amount & effect / force: storm / verb

storm (by storm)

took Hollywood by storm

she ~

taken the web by storm

what started as a joke has ~

taken the world by storm

her *Table Manners* podcast seems to have ~ (Jessie Ware)

taken the (music) world by storm

she has ~ (Lizzo)

took the world by storm

last year ChatGPT ~, this year... (Rabbit RI, etc.)

took the (whole music) world by storm

he ~ (Marvin Gaye's "Sexual Healing")

♦ "The fire from the walls never checked the soldiers of the 3rd division for a moment—they reached them in perfect order, and, rearing their ladders, began to escalate; but for that the foe were fully prepared. Enormous beams of timber, huge stones, loaded shell, cold shot launched from the hand, grenades, and missiles of every kind, were rained upon their devoted heads, crushing to death all who planted foot on the foremost ladders; while a murderous discharge of musketry dealt destruction on the centre and rear of the columns...[O]ur intrepid soldiers still strove to reach the walls. By one ladder at last they were won." (Badajoz, 1812, from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

amount & effect / force: storm

storm (Desert Storm, etc.)

Storm King

the USS ~ was commissioned in 1943 (a ship)

Storm King

14 firefighters died on ~ Mountain (Colorado)

Desert Storm

he participated in direct-action missions during ~

Winter Storm

Operation ~ (Battle of Garfagnana)

proper name: storm

military: storm

storm (weather the storm)

weather the storm

it remains to be seen if he can ~ (a politician)

weather this (economic) storm

cities need help to ~

♦ Restaurant Owner: I am really scared of the future. I thought that we'd weathered the storm [COVID] for the last two and a half three years. I felt I'd never experience something like that again, but this is very very frightening [ongoing inflation getting worse with no end in sight]. / Presenter: With more storm clouds gathering on the horizon, small businesses and families will be hoping for a swift downpour, rather than the extended rainy season. (BBC Six O'clock News, August 17, 2022.)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / storm / verb

storm (in the storm)

in the gathering storm

the hospital is rudderless ~ (deficits)

conflict: storm

storm (eye / center of the storm)

in the eye of the storm

the man ~ is its cofounder, Julian Assange (Wikileaks)
Solskjaer is now the man ~ (Man U / criticism)

at the center of the storm

~ is Ayaan Hirsi Ali (Holland)

at the center of a (diplomatic and political) storm

he was ~

century & periphery / conflict: storm

storm (perfect storm)

perfect storm

it's really a ~ (shortage / online rental-car scams)

perfect storm of challenges

the team is trying to weather a ~ (sports)

perfect storm of events

a ~ caused the die-off (of dolphins in the Gulf)

perfect storm of risks

the world economy faces a ~

perfect storm of screwups

he called the death a ~ (Jeffrey Epstein's suicide in jail)

perfect storm of depression, concussion, overtraining

her father described a ~ (daughter commits suicide)

fiscal perfect storm

states have sailed into a ~ (debt)

created a perfect storm

the pandemic has ~ for eating disorders (children)

looking at the perfect storm

we are ~ (allergies and allergy season)

amount & effect: storm

storm (amount and effect)

storm of accusations

a ~ of sexual abuse (Catholic Church)

storm of controversy

the ~ that has blown up around him over...

storm of criticism

the ~ helped prompt NASCAR to...

the president returned home to a ~

after a ~, Labour withdraws support for Ashar Ali (U.K.)

storm of controversy

his solo ascent of Delicate Arch caused a ~ (Dean Potter)

storm of protest

the decision produced a ~ (government)

storm in a teacup

see *teacup (storm in a teacup)*

tweet storm

President Trump's latest ~ on immigration (NPR)

Kristof's column was slammed in a ~

Hilary Clinton unleashed a ~ Saturday

Twitter storm

I was right in the middle of the ~ (a writer)

Twitter Storm

~ What did Gary Lineker tweet (*The US Sun*)

social media storm

he caused a ~ (the Spanish TikTok star Naim Darrechi)

Slack or Twitter storms

those caught up in ~ (at the New York Times)

literary, legal and cultural storm

she is causing a ~ in France (tell-all book)

unleashed a storm

congressmen ~ of patriotic rage

♦ A **tweetstorm** is a great number of tweets in a short period of time.

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

storm (conflict)

Gathering Storm

"Rising above the ~" decries our loss of competitiveness

passing storm

this may be just a ~ (politics)

diplomatic storm

the Prime Minister's stance triggered a ~

economic storm

cities need help to weather this ~

political storm

her decision has set off a ~ in the Netherlands

the report has caused a ~ in Rwanda (genocide)

they are waiting for the ~ to pass over (NRA / shootings)

worst of the storm

the ~ is over (employment rises from historic lows)

storm was brewing
outside, the ~ (protests against the government)

storm is gathering
a ~ (US lack of innovation, competitiveness)

provoked a storm
the article ~

quiet the storm
the league issued a statement to ~ (controversy)

rode out the storm
the punch hurt him, but he ~ (boxing)

set off a (political) storm
her decision has ~ in the Netherlands

weathered (all sorts of) storms
the Catholic Church has ~ across the centuries

conflict: storm

storm (calm before the storm)

calm before the storm
this is likely to be the ~ (lull in computer hacking)
this is still the ~ (pandemic cases)

activity / development: storm

storm (immune-system storm, etc.)

cytokine storm
the virus can ignite a ~ (cytokine release syndrome)

immune-system storm
an ~, anaphylactic shock, which can be fatal

resemblance: storm

stormy (adjective)

stormy marriage
his ~ to...

stormy relations
the Shinnecoeks have long had ~ with local authorities

stormy relationship
she divorced and began a ~ with...
he has had a ~ with management (network host)

♦ *The hardy sailor comes from stormy seas.*

flaws & lack of flaws: storm

story (horror story)

horror story
we've all heard ~s (bad landlords)

"horror stories" about methamphetamine
the press is full of ~

horror stories about family breakdown
all the ~

restaurant horror story

~s are on the rise

health-care horror story
a ~

managed-care horror story
another ~

resemblance: books & reading

flaws & lack of flaws: books & reading

story (war story)

their war stories
their podcast focuses on ~ (two heroin junkies)

recounts his war stories
as he ~ (about the film industry)

dating war stories
my brother's still single, he tells me all of his ~

experience: books & reading / military

story (Just-so story)

just-so story
he reaches for a kind of ~ that... (origin of patriarchy)

'just-so stories' about the present
it appropriates the past to support their ~ (1619 Project)

♦ *Wikipedia has two entries. The first entry is "Just So Stories," which describes the *Just So Stories for Little Children* written by Rudyard Kipling and published in 1902. The stories explain animal characteristics, such as how the leopard got its spots, or how the rhino got its skin, or how the camel got its hump. Those are the actual "Just So Stories." The second Wikipedia entry is the figurative "Just-so story," which discusses something called the "anthropological sense."*

allusion: books & reading

story (success story)

success story
the business had grown into a ~ (a winery)

success & failure: books & reading

story (groups)

story
the ~ knits together many threads of Muslim grievances

stories
marginalised voices are telling ~ that need to be heard
women whose ~ we didn't get to hear (the past)

story of a young girl
Fierce Little Thing is the ~

stories and voices
discover and elevate nonwhite ~

Black Stories
~, Black Truths Search NPR wherever you get podcasts

Black stories
white people controlled how and when ~ have been told

neglected origin stories

the ~ of Black America (Annette Gordon-Reed)

propaganda story
the ~ feeds into the white manifest destiny thing

'just-so stories'
their ~ about the present (1619 Project)

remarkable story
every queer person has a ~ (Meta VR advertisement)

appetite for stories
the ~ about Black trauma

voices and stories
the antiquated mentality that our ~ aren't profitable enough

stories have been passed down
their ~ (vicarious "race-based trauma")

stories (passed down) prime us
the ~ for traumatization (Blacks)

share stories
~ that will move people to take action (Lisa Sherman)

speak my story
I tried to ~ (Gabby Hanna, aka "the Trauma Queen")

tell their stories
they have waited years to find their voice and ~ (abuse)

tell these stories
it's important to ~ now (Antoine Fuqua / *Emancipation*)

tell (historic civil rights site) story
who gets to ~ (Highlander Folk School Library)

tell people my story
I feel like I'm ready to ~ (Jake Daniels comes out as gay)

write their own stories
a website for players to ~ with ghost editors (sports)

- ◆ "You have to be authentic, I want you to be authentic, your story matters." (Maimouna Youssef to young artists about social-justice music and the new Grammy merit award for "Best Song for Social Change.")
- ◆ "Dirks lives in Oakland and believes all stories are stories about power." (Sandhya Dirks, Lead Producer of *On Our Watch*, NPR.)
- ◆ "At a moment in American culture when seemingly every issue is polarized, it's more important than ever to share stories that will move people to take action." ("How the Power of Collaborative Storytelling Inspires Action" by Lisa Sherman, Ad Council, August 22 2022.)
- ◆ "I think it had a lot to do with me being a Black woman, period. And having seen how historically, you know, if our stories, you know, have been presented to the world, oftentimes they're misrepresented or they're not represented in their fullness or there's just like a sliver of us being presented. And so, I just felt like this is huge responsibility to not only show, like her—I would say ginormous levels of strength and resilience—but also to provide an audience like a window into the vulnerability." (Katori Hall speaking about the great American-born Tina Turner, birth name Anna Mae Bullock, a Swiss citizen since 2013.)
- ◆ "Politics is story-telling, and politics hopefully is about persuasion, about winning people's hearts and minds." (Senator Ted Cruz.)
- ◆ *Stories Are What Save Us: A Survivor's Guide to Writing About Trauma*. (By David Chrisinger, Johns Hopkins University Press.)
- ◆ "We were left out of these stories." (Carrell Augustus about his photography book *Black Hollywood: Reimagining Iconic Movie Moments*, which replaces white actors and actresses with Black ones or, alternatively, "puts black actors and actresses at the center of some of Hollywood's most iconic movie images.")

- ◆ "It also does matter who is telling the story, because that can be directly tied to how the story is platformed and received." (From "Queer villains, erotic noir, 90s pulp. 'Basic Instinct' and the backlash, rewind," NPR, Pop Culture Happy Hour, Nov. 13, 2022.)
- ◆ "There are no sides of a story," Marco says. "There are just different stories. People either believe yours or the other one. Usually the other one." ("My Apology" by Sam Lipsyte, *The New Yorker*, July 5, 2021.)
- ◆ "And if we've learned anything from Joe Biden, it's that you make your own story and live your own truth." ("Happy Warrior: The Fabulous Hero" by David Harsanyi, *National Review*, May 17, 2021. Sarcasm.)
- ◆ "The Gender Cool Project, a youth-led organization surfacing positive trans stories..."
- ◆ "Bakhtiari said that too often stories like theirs will come out 'in a scandal.' / 'But we're openly showing it and proud of it,' Bakhtiari, 34, said during a video interview, as Brown and Al-Khayyal sat on either side. 'It should be destigmatized. It's a very valid familial structure that people should embrace.'" ("Georgia lawmaker comes out as nonmonogamous: 'I'm in love with two wonderful people'" by Jo Yurcaba, NBC, Sept. 28, 2022. Yurcaba's story reads like fiction and is the urtext for these sorts of things.)
- ◆ "This was the story of my childhood, and it was primarily authored by my father, who penned it with his absence." (Fine writing by Adam F. Coleman about growing up in a single-parent household.)
- ◆ "For some, this is where their Keytruda® story begins. (An advertisement targeting cancer patients.)
- ◆ "Let us listen together to unique stories told by water."
- ◆ "Share Every Story, Celebrate Every Voice." (Scholastic's collection of 60 or so titles with LGBTQ+ themes and discussions of race and racism. Elementary schools and public libraries now have the choice to opt in or out of the collection at Scholastic book fairs.)
- ◆ "Cis stories, white stories, male stories, I really wanted to disrupt that." (From the advertisement for "It's your world: LGBTQ+ VR Museum for Meta.")
- ◆ "The Rollo books, in fourteen volumes, were popular tales of moral instruction, playful and severe, by a prolific children's author, Jacob Abbot." (Anthony Lane.)
- ◆ In "Bookshop Memories," George Orwell wrote, "Modern books for children are rather horrible things, especially when you see them in the mass. Personally I would sooner give a child a copy of Petronius Arbiter than Peter Pan, but even Barrie seems manly and wholesome compared with some of his later imitators."
- ◆ Michele: Hey, can I ask you a question. How come you don't have any stories? I've got lots of 'em and you don't have any..." (The 1999 film *American Pie*. Funny!)
- ◆ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "That's my story, and I'm sticking to it!"

*** analysis

- ◆ STORY, n. A narrative, commonly untrue. The truth of the stories here following has, however, not been successfully impeached. (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

inclusion & exclusion: messaging

storybook (storybook romance, etc.)

storybook career

he delivered the biggest throws of his ~ (college football)

story-book ending

Oates simply had to have a ~ (*The Last Place on Earth*)

storybook moment

it was a ~ (glass-carriage royal wedding)

storybook romance

baby, won't you be my sweetheart, we could share a ~

storybook season

it's been a ~ for us (a basketball coach)

Baylor ended Gonzaga's ~ (NCAA basketball)

storybook tale

he came back to win in a ~ (Tiger Woods)

storybook victory

the validity of the ~ was questioned (sports)

♦ "T.M. Landry school has become a viral Cinderella story, a small school...whose predominantly black, working-class students have escaped the rural South for the nation's most elite colleges. A video of a 16-year-old student opening his Harvard acceptance letter last year has been viewed more than eight million times." ("Louisiana School Made Headlines for Sending Black Kids to Elite Colleges. Here's the Reality" by Erica L. Green and Katie Benner, *The New York Times*, Nov. 30, 2018.)

resemblance: books & reading

flaws & lack of flaws / superlative: books & reading

storytelling (groups)

Storytelling Unit

NPR's Enterprise ~ (products and launches)

data, audio and documentary storytelling

she has an interest in ~ (Tirzah Christopher)

Collaborative Storytelling

"How the Power of ~ Inspires Action" (Lisa Sherman)

communal story-telling

conspiracy theories are a form of ~ (social media)

original storytelling

millennials with a passion and talent for ~

power of storytelling

the healing ~ can change patients' lives (medicine)

the healing ~ (the film *News Of The World*)

♦ "After receiving a multiple sclerosis diagnosis, Dr. Anne Brewster found that writing about her story put her back into control of her narrative and her healing." ("How 'The Healing Power of Storytelling' can change patients' lives," *wbur, Here & Now*, June 01, 2022.)

♦ "How do I become something I don't see?" From this simple question, The Delta Project was born. The Delta Project exists to break the generational cycle of incarceration by reconnecting youth of color and their families to community relationships through mentorship, coaching and storytelling. Help young men see what they can become. Take action. thedeltaproject.co/action. (A full-page advertisement for The Delta Project in *The Atlantic*.)

♦ "Storytelling can be a powerful tool to convey information, even in the world of science. It can also shift stereotypes about who scientists are. We talked to someone who knows all about his—Liz Neeley, the Executive Director of Story Collider, a nonprofit focused on telling 'true, personal stories about science.'" ("The Science Behind Storytelling" NPR, *Short Wave*, August 19, 2020.)

♦ "A lot of Jewish anarchists have been bringing these storytelling practices as rituals into spaces that aren't just Jewish. We've been creating a lot of our own spaces..." (Cindy Milstein, a diasporic queer Jewish anarchist, activist, and writer, in an interview at Oberlinreview.org.)

♦ Tirzah Christopher Roy W. Howard Fellow, Investigations Unit... She has an interest in data, audio and documentary storytelling.

♦ "In the age of social media, conspiracy theories are a form of communal storytelling, so you tend to have a lot of cooks in the kitchen." (NPR's Lisa Hagen.)

♦ OLD: journalism, reporting... / NEW: storytelling, digital storytelling...

inclusion & exclusion: messaging

straddle (connect)

straddles the line between news and entertainment

he ~ (TV personality)

straddled the worlds

he ~ of mainstream and alternative medicine

division & connection: leg / line / standing, sitting & lying / verb

straddle (configuration)

straddles the border

the community library ~ (between US and Canada)

straddles the road

Hsenwi, which ~ to China (Burma)

straddles the border of China and Pakistan

the gleaming, glacial monolith ~ (K2)

straddles West Texas and Southeast New Mexico

the vast Permian that ~ (oil)

configuration / fictive position: horse / leg / line / standing, sitting & lying / verb

straight (honest)

straight story

give us the ~ on how common they are...

morally straight

I want somebody physically fit, culturally astute, ~ (SOF)

set some people straight

he ~

set the record straight

I wish to ~

character & personality: direction

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: direction

straight (the straight and narrow)

walked the straight and narrow

he has ~ for 14 years (defense asks for bail at trial)

behavior / character & personality: direction

straight arrow (person)

straight arrow

she didn't drink or do drugs, she was a ~

♦ A straight arrow is a person who is proper and conventional.

behavior / character & personality: direction / person

straighten out (verb)

straighten out the (financial) mess

the act appointed a trustee to ~

amelioration & renewal: direction / rope / verb

straightforward

straightforward approach

her ~ startles many (on pediatric safety)

Carroll's rah-rah style and Stoop's more ~ vary sharply

we take a ~ to business (honesty, integrity)

straightforward style

others liked his ~ (a coach)

honest, truthful, straightforward, ethical

you can't always expect ~ behavior from recruiters

character & personality: direction

straight shooter (speech)

straight shooter

I'm a ~, very candid

speech: direction / person / weapon

sincerity, insincerity & honesty: direction / person / speech

straight-talking

straight-talking outsider

he was a ~

speech: direction

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: direction / speech

straightwash (groups)

Straightwashed Queer Lives and AIDS Activism

"How Rent ~" (the article)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence / verb

strain (type)

strain of Islam

Wahhabism, the rigid and puritanical ~

strains of Islam

with radical ~ percolating through Europe (prisons)

strain of (Sunni) Islam

the mainstream, Turkish-influenced ~ (Balkans)

radical strain

with ~s of Islam percolating through Europe (prisons)

rigid and puritanical strain

Wahhabism, the ~ of Islam

taxonomy & classification: health & medicine

strain (verb)

strained power grids

the heat wave ~

failure, accident & impairment / work & duty: burden /

skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

strain (pressure)

strains of (military) life

the unique ~ (problems)

strain on our relationship

it put a ~ (husband into motorcycle club)

strains among the (Western) allies

intervention could create ~

under strain

I was ~ at work

feeling, emotion & effect / flaws & lack of flaws: rope / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

strained

strained

his relationship with his parents was ~

the supply chain is ~ (Clorox wipes / pandemic)

strained by demand

logistical elements can be ~ for ammo, etc.

strained relations

the ~ between our two nations (US / France)

strained relationship

he wanted to improve his ~ with his father

strained social compact

an already ~ will grow yet more frayed

badly strained

relations were ~ in March (between 2 countries)

relations are (more) strained

~ than ever (between talent and the studios)

feeling, emotion & effect / flaws & lack of flaws: rope / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

strait (dire straits, etc.)

dire financial straits

contrary to the report, the company was not in ~

♦ "These are the straits that *Ulysses* asks us to navigate." (Desire and love, control and submission. From a review of a biography of James Joyce.)

♦ The Bab el Mandeb, the Gate of Tears...

♦ According to Wikipedia, *The Aeneid* links Scylla and Charybdis to the Strait of Messina. That strait, with its natural whirlpool and view of Mount Etna and Fata Morgana, and its location between the Tyrrhenian Sea and the Ionian Sea on a great flyway for migratory birds, would be a wonderful place visit!

♦ "It was in 1888, when in command of a ship loading in Sydney a mixed cargo for Mauritius, that one day, all of a sudden, all the deep-lying historic sense of the exploring adventures in the Pacific surged up to the surface of my being. / I sat down and wrote a letter to my owners, suggesting that, instead of the usual southern route, I should take the ship to Mauritius by way of Torres Strait... / I passed out of Torres Strait before the dusk settled on its waters. Just as a clear sun sank ahead of my ship I took a bearing of a little island..., an insignificant crumb of dark earth, lonely... But to me it was a hallowed spot, for I knew that the *Endeavour* had been hove to off it in the year 1762 for her captain, whose name was James Cook, to go ashore for half an hour. What he could possibly want to do I cannot imagine. Perhaps only to be alone with his thoughts for a moment... It may be that on this dry crumb of the earth's crust... he had tasted a moment of perfect peace." ("Geography and Some Explorers" by Joseph Conrad.)

♦ A strait, like a river, can divide, but it also can connect. The land equivalent is an isthmus.

situation: boat / breadth / container / sea

danger: boat / breadth / container / sea

straitjacket (noun)

straitjacket of stress

a ~ shut me down (stuttering)

policy straitjacket

they put themselves in a ~ (euro zone)

chemical straitjacket

psychotropic drugs are a ~ (the mentally ill)

intellectual straitjacket

I began to realize my faith was an ~

absolutist and dogmatic straitjacket

they are confined in an ~ (Supreme Court justices)

escape the straitjacket

he could never ~ of the church

free the museum of the straitjacket

the museum is trying to ~ of ethnicity (MoMA)

puts nations into a straitjacket

targets ~

broken free from a straitjacket

he has ~ of his own making (a leader)

constraint & lack of constraint: mental health

strand (noun)

strands of Christianity

the focus of the day differs within the ~ (Epiphany)

strands of thought

these comments represent two ~

taxonomy & classification: cloth

strand (connection)

strand

the crisis ruined every ~ that knitted the country together

four strands

there are ~ to the novel

division & connection: cloth

strand (strand of hair, etc.)

strand of hair

needles that are smaller than the diameter of a ~

strands of hair

she collects ~ (of famous people)

strands of lights

people decorate their houses with ~ (holidays)

strands of razor ribbon

there are five ~ on the inner fence

miles-long strand

longlines—~s with hundreds of baited hooks

resemblance: cloth / line

stranded (separated)

left stranded

his system of critical judgment was ~ on the far shore

society: ground, terrain & land / island / sea

division & connection: ground, terrain & land / island / sea

stranger (and no stranger)

stranger to fear

Joan was a ~

no stranger to death

like most climbers, Anker was ~

no stranger to (difficult legal) disputes

the judge was ~

no stranger to flooding

the Queen of the Adriatic is ~ (Venice)

no stranger to (verbal) miscues

he is ~ (a politician)

no stranger to snowfall

the city is ~ (Boston)

no stranger to (catastrophic) storms

the state is ~ (Louisiana and hurricanes, etc.)

no stranger to conspiracy theories

America is ~

no stranger to war

Jaffna is ~ (Sri Lanka)

no stranger to wealth

her family was ~

experience: person

stranger (other)

Strangers in Their Own Land

~: *Anger and Mourning on the American Right* (book)

♦ "We miss a lot by being afraid of strangers."

♦ "Don't be a stranger!" (Hospitality, camaraderie.)

society: person

person: society

acceptance & rejection: person / society

strangle (verb)

strangling Iraq

the embargo is ~

strangle companies

I've seen government bureaucracy ~ (a politician)

strangle the experiment in its cradle

if nobody watches, it will ~ (TV show)

destruction / oppression: air / breathing / verb

survival, persistence & endurance: air / breathing / verb

strangled

strangled in its cradle

Bolshevism must be ~ (Winston Churchill / USSR)

strangled by poverty
they are ~ (Gazans)

destruction / oppression: breathing

stranglehold (noun)

stranglehold on America
the monopolies had a ~

stranglehold on her social circle
drugs and alcohol had a ~ (Las Vegas)

stranglehold on the transport
Iraq has a ~ of oil from Iraqi Kurdistan

stranglehold over the app stores
Apple and Google have a ~ (apps and data collection)

virtual stranglehold
a ~ on...

break their stranglehold
he set out to ~ (a ruler versus elites)

had a stranglehold
the monopolies ~ on America

oppression: breathing

strangulation

strangulation of Iraq
the ~ (embargo, etc.)

destruction / oppression: breathing

strap yourself in

strap yourself in
get ready, ~ (intro to eventful boxing podcast)

♦ It looks like we're in for a wild ride, so hang on. (A Wall Street bear market.)

♦ The Drachen Fire, the Great American Scream Machine, Shockwave, the Mind Bender, the Mind Eraser, the Traumatizer... (Roller coasters.)

readiness & preparedness: rocket

stratosphere

put his career into the stratosphere
the song ~ (Michael Jackson's Thriller)

extent & scope: atmosphere

stratospheric (adjective)

stratospheric
such profits are ~, over the average (academic publishers)

stratospheric reaches
the ~ of the entertainment world

stratospheric rise
her ~ was brought low by personal tragedies (actor)

stratospheric success
despite her ~, she continues to express her fears (B. Eilish)

stratospheric trajectory

how long can he keep Apple on its ~ (Tim Cook)

went stratospheric
she ~ in America (Miriam Makeba)

♦ "As [US Secretary of the Treasury Janet] Yellen noted, a lot of those goods prices have since come back to earth." (High inflation.)

extent & scope: atmosphere / direction / height

increase & decrease: atmosphere / direction / height

straw (last straw / final straw)

straw that breaks the camel's back
see *camel* (*break the camel's back*)

final straws
he posted two tweets that the company cited as the ~

last straw
the ~ was the hike in the price of electricity (riots)

last straw scenario
all these things have created this ~ (vote to censure)

♦ An inconsequential event, after a series of indignities, causes an extreme reaction.

♦ "This for me was like the one drop that made the bucket overflow." (Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp, after receiving a red card for berating a referee's assistant.)

♦ The following online comment seems to conflate "the straw that broke the camel's back" and the related "the last / final straw": "It appears that the threat of taking her child using child protective services was the last sanity straw that was broken."

♦ see also *camel* (*break the camel's back*)

development: weight

straw man (noun)

"straw man" issues
Ryan assails Obama for ~ (politics)

speech / subterfuge: farming & agriculture

stray (behavior)

strayed
women whose husbands have ~ (been unfaithful)

stray (so far) from the limits
kids will disobey, but they won't ~ you set

behavior: animal / direction / verb

failure, accident & impairment: animal / direction / verb

stray (direction)

strayed into the (restricted) airspace
the small aircraft inadvertently ~

stray out of sector
navigation problems can cause units to ~ (military)

strayed from its (intended) mission
Wall Street has ~ (to raise money, versus betting)

stray from the path
a good Muslim must not ~

stray (too far) from (Saudi Arabia's) path
but Qatar does not ~

strays from its route
we can disable a truck by remote control if it ~

stray from tradition
the younger generation has begun to ~

stray from the tenets and the values
black magic encourages people to ~ of Islam

strayed off course
it appeared the sub had not ~ (hit seamount)

stray even the slightest
his refusal to ~ from the Code of Conduct

stray too far
but Qatar does not ~ from Saudi Arabia's path

refusal to stray
his ~ even the slightest from the Code of Conduct

direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb
failure, accident & impairment: animal / direction / verb

streak (series)

streak of success
her latest achievement continues a ~ (ballet)

streak of severe weather
a ~ has swept the South and the Midwest

winning streak
Republicans have been on a real ~

occurrence: mark

streak (violent streak, etc.)

streak of intolerance
he had a ~ toward his political foes (a politician)

streak of violence
someone who has a ~ (homeless veterans, etc.)

alpha-dog streak
he retained a bit of that ~ (high-school athlete in college)

evil streak
he has an ~ to him (arrested)
she has an ~ through her

mean streak
he's got a ~ an acre wide
you could call it a ~, he'd consider it tough love (a father)

violent streak
he showed a ~ early (murderer)

authoritarian, mean, dark streak
he could show an ~ (a tech entrepreneur)

♦ **Animals might be banded, dappled, marbled, mottled, ringed, speckled, spotted, stippled, streaked, striped, and even spectacled!**

character & personality / identity & nature: mark

stream (tears stream, etc.)

streamed down her face

tears ~

streamed down his face
blood ~ (a boxer)

resemblance: water / verb

stream (direct)

stream video
what hardware is recommended to ~ on broadband

stream, burn, beam, buy or subscribe
should you ~ (Internet)

transmission: water / verb

stream (move)

streamed to the polls
Iraqis ~ (election)

streamed into Sydney
sex workers who have ~ (for the Olympics)

streamed into the Good Shepherd Chapel
people of all walks of life ~ (to honor Mychal Judge)

stream through town
about 15,000 tourists ~ hoping... (Churchill / bears)

stream (in) through the windows
light would ~ as she...

stream in
light would ~ through the windows as she...

streams in
another picture ~, this one of a Chinese teen (Internet)

movement: water / verb

stream (amount & effect)

stream of casualties
the attacks are causing a steady ~

stream of contributions
fundraisers and a steady ~

stream of customers
a steady ~ (an electronics-repair shop)

stream of pilgrims
a ~ jammed the Via della Conciliazione (Vatican)

stream of preachers
the issue brought a ~ to the mike

stream of reports
a steady ~ that Israel has been providing

stream of residents
a ~ headed out of town (huge Colorado wildfire)

stream of text
one long, continuous ~ (e-book)

stream of tips
police are following up on the steady ~

stream of traffic
a constant ~ (city / vehicles)

steady stream
police are following up on the ~ of tips
the attacks are causing a ~ of casualties
a ~ of customers (an electronics-repair shop)

stream (of jihadists into the country) has been cut
the ~ to a trickle

endless stream
he saw an ~ of wounded and dead (Vietnam War)

♦ "Many different streams of migrants were to make their confluence in the future United States. But the British stream flowed first and remained foremost. From the beginning its leaders were out of sympathy with the Government at home. The creation of towns and settlements from the wilderness, warfare with the Indians, and the remoteness and novelty of the scene widened the breach with the Old World. During the critical years of settlement and consolidation in New England the Mother Country was paralysed by civil war. When the English State again achieved stability it was confronted with self-supporting, self-reliant communities which had evolved traditions and ideas of their own." (*A History of the English-Speaking Peoples*, Volume 2, "The New World," by Winston S. Churchill.)

♦ The trailhead for the Noland Creek Trail in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is almost at the end of The Road to Nowhere out of Bryson City, western North Carolina. In a little over a mile you will cross four wooden bridges. On the first, look to your left, and the current is going away. On the second, coming towards you. On the third, going away. On the fourth, coming towards you. Now that's twisty! It's a wonderful walk, in every season.

amount & effect / movement: water

stream (resemblance)

streams of excrement
the route to her hut is a path stinking with ~ (Kabul)

stream of fire
he continued his deadly ~ until... (battle)

streams of lava
the volcano sent ~ down the mountain

stream of urine
stopping the ~ is hard for many people (specimen)

urinary stream
difficulty initiating the ~ (medical)

jet stream
the Everest peak is in the ~
the ~, a speeding river of high-altitude air
that river of wind, called the ~
the ~ veered far south
the ~ blows at around 30-36,000 feet
the ~ wanders between 30° and 60° in both hemispheres
commercial airlines often hitch a ride in the ~ (eastward)
the Germans first discovered the ~ in the 1930s
high-altitude winds of the ~ (climate, weather)

resemblance: water

stream (bloodstream, etc.)

arrival stream
a new runway will allow O'Hare three independent ~s

bloodstream
a blood clot can break loose and travel through the ~

funding stream
you've got to put together all of these ~s

mail stream
introduce new technology into the ~ (post office)
the Postal Service is adjusting to a new type of ~
the anthrax letters entered the ~ from a mailbox

revenue stream
another ~ is needed for public schools (state lottery)
ecommerce is tomorrow's ~
online advertising is yesterday's ~
cable TV's dual ~s: subscribers plus advertisers

wastestream
the elimination of mercury from hospital ~s

waste stream
food waste in the residential ~ (recycling)

reporting streams
the quantity of intelligence from multiple ~ (terrorism)

independent (arrival) streams
a new runway will allow O'Hare three ~

multiple (reporting) streams
the quantity of intelligence from ~ (terrorism)

♦ "A great Indian river, at low water, suggests the familiar anatomical picture of a skinned human body, the intricate mesh of interwoven muscles and tendons to stand for water-channels, and the archipelagoes of fat and flesh inclosed by them to stand for the sandbars. Somewhere on this journey we passed such a river, and on a later journey we saw in the Suttlej the duplicate of that river. Curious rivers they are; low shores a dizzy distance apart, with nothing between but an enormous acreage of sand-flats with sluggish like veins of water dribbling around amongst them; Saharas of sand, smallpox pitted with footprints..." (*Following the Equator: A Journey Around the World* by Mark Twain. Of course, he is talking about a braided river.)

branching system / route: river / water

streamed (digital)

streamed into the kiosks
the music is ~ via the Internet

transmission: water

streaming (digital)

streaming technology
as ~ improves

download or streaming
Walk Away Renee .mp3 is available for ~

transmission: water

streaming (streaming media)

streaming media
~ delivers audio & video over the Internet

streaming media for video conferences & meetings
use ~

streaming media advertisement
a ~ plays before the video

streaming-media division
the Microsoft Corp. ~ division

streaming-media player
ever improving ~s

streaming-media traffic
~ is of growing concern

transmission: water

streamline (speed up)

streamline the (permitting and approval) process
we must also ~ (for building infrastructure)

speed / timeliness & lack of timeliness: shape / verb

street (society)

street
the ~ is not afraid of governments any more (protests)

Arab street
the ~ reacts to rumors
the ~ has risen up (Egyptian protests)
Iran's leaders play to the ~
the ~ sympathizes with the Palestinians

mood on the street
the ~ should be watched (protests in Egypt)

society: infrastructure / sign, signal, symbol

street (cloud street, etc.)

cloud street
~s can indicate thermals (hang gliding)
~s are rows of cumulous clouds

resemblance: infrastructure

street (two-way street)

two-way street
trust is a ~

social interaction: direction / infrastructure

Streisand (Streisand effect)

Streisand Effect
The ~: When censorship backfires (BBC News)

reckoned without the Streisand Effect
they ~, which saw the photo ban make headline news

♦ **The Streisand Effect is an attempt to censor that results in greater publicity.**

♦ **"Nice Streisand effect going on here." (An online commenter about Aaron Sorkin's criticism of Michael Jared Schulman's profile in *The New Yorker* of the great actor Jeremy Strong.)**

attention, scrutiny & promotion / concealment & lack of concealment: allusion

stretch (verb)

stretch (limited) resources
the costs will ~ (defense budget)

failure, accident & impairment / flaws & lack of flaws: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

stretch (extent)

stretches from Hollywood to the halls of academe
the scandal ~ (admissions scandal)

stretched away
the immense plain ~ into dim distances

extent & scope: materials & substances / verb

fictive motion: materials & substances / verb

stretched (stretched thin, etc.)

stretched thin in Louisiana
health-care workers are ~ (COVID)

failure, accident & impairment / flaws & lack of flaws: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

stride (in stride)

take it in my stride
it's no pressure, I just ~ (darts championship)

taking things in stride
most people are ~ (terrorism fears and alerts)

took the high water in stride
residents ~ (a flood)

equilibrium & stability: walking, running & jumping

stride (progress)

great stride forward
the bill is a ~

made giant strides
the city has made ~ in the last decade

made great strides
Blacks have made ~ in all areas (desegregation)

made (giant) strides in the last decade
the city has ~ in the last decade

made (great) strides in all areas
Blacks have ~ (desegregation)

progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping

stride (hit one's stride)

hit its stride
it has ~ and keeps on gaining momentum (movie series)

hit his stride
he seemed to ~ when he talked about... (politics)

movement / starting, going, continuing & ending: verb / walking, running & jumping

stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)

knock them off stride

dealing with something just before kickoff didn't ~ (team)

disruption / failure, accident & impairment: equilibrium & stability / horse / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

strike (preemptive strike, etc.)

called the mandate a "preemptive strike"

the mayor ~ (COVID restrictions)

made a preemptive strike

she ~ (threatens to sue paper before they publish story)

destruction: military / weapon

strike (his hour had struck, etc.)

his hour had struck

when the job was announced, he knew that ~

my time will come

~ (a defeated boxer, looking to his future)

♦ Zhivago goes on a house call to treat a sick woman. Her husband tells Zhivago that a broken clock had suddenly rung just before his wife collapsed. She was convinced that her last hour had struck, and her husband thinks she is suffering from nervous shock. Zhivago diagnoses typhus. Zhivago returns home, and Tonia tells him a broken clock had suddenly chimed. "My hour for typhus has struck," Zhivago laughs. Four paragraphs later, he is delirious with typhus... (*Dr. Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.)

♦ see also *time (the time can arrive or come, etc.)*

fate, fortune & chance: day

strike (affect)

strikes some collaborators as impressive

his dedication ~ (an actor)

strike them

Musk did not ~ as an easy guy to dance with (business)

strike you

so how did the two events ~ (politics)

feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation / verb

effect: force / sensation / verb

strike (strike a deal, etc.)

struck a deal

in 1994, we ~

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb

strike (forces of nature)

strike Mexico

the hurricane was expected to ~ early Tuesday (Yucatán)

struck with a (13.9-foot) storm tide

Hurricane Audrey ~ (1957)

struck Monday

the storm ~ with little warning... (tornado)

struck at 1:34 p.m.

the quake ~ local time (Greece)

struck a church

a tornado ~ just as the minister said, "Be prepared..."

struck an (oil storage) tank

lightning ~ and set it on fire

struck (two of the) trees

lightning ~

earthquake struck

a powerful ~ off the Solomon Islands, causing a tsunami

a powerful ~ here Monday night (Afghanistan)

lightning struck

~ two of the trees

they were under a tree when ~, killing them...

monsoon (in 1942) struck

the ~ on the 13th of May (Burma)

quake struck

the ~ at 1:34 p.m. local time (Greece)

storm struck

the ~ Monday with little warning (tornado)

tornado struck

a ~ without any warning siren being sounded

warnings were delivered 11.5 minutes before a ~

tsunamis strike

catastrophic ~ less often (than major earthquakes)

typhoon struck

the ~ the coast at 3:50 p.m. in Fujian Province

landslide struck

the ~ late Saturday in Olongapo city

rainstorm struck

a freak desert ~ (Moltsog Els / Mongolia)

force: fist / storm / verb

occurrence: fist / storm / verb

strike (tragedy, etc.)

adversity strikes

when ~, Mormons roll up their sleeves

catastrophe struck

then, ~ (accident)

disaster strikes

his parents have told him what to do if a ~

disaster struck

~ and the men found themselves drifting... (fishermen)

tragedy struck

~ motor racing hard in 1999

occurrence: fist / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / verb

strike (a road can strike a river, etc.)

struck the Ohio River at Louisville
the road ~ (the Wilderness Road)

fictive motion: verb

strike (three strikes, etc.)

three strikes policy
he violated YouTube's longstanding ~

judgment: baseball / sports & games

strike down (verb)

struck down the law
a judge ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb

strike out (verb)

strike out
if you ~ at the source, work the edges (an investigation)

struck out
I ~ (failed to accomplish something)

struck out
law enforcement had ~ (child murder)

failure, accident & impairment / success & failure: baseball / sports & games / verb

strike out (start)

striking out on her own
she is ~ with a solo album

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb

striking (adjective)

find it striking
I ~ that...

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation

string (pull strings)

pull strings
I can't ~ and make them perform (a teacher)

pull the strings
politicians ~ and make the policies
he believes insiders ~ (the so-called deep state)
many believe malevolent powers ~ (conspiracy theories)

pull strings to get
he had his father ~ him out of the draft

pull strings from behind the scenes
they will ~ (politicians)

pulled strings in high places
she ~ to get her access to...

tried to pull strings
he ~ to secure an officer's commission

♦ "The Americans are the ones pulling the strings, and Moreno their puppet dancing to the tune of money." (Kristinn Hrafnsson of Wikileaks.)

control & lack of control: puppet / verb

string (sequence)

string of murders
he was guilty of a ~

sequence: line / rope

string (attachment)

with strings attached
"free" credit reports often come ~

with no strings attached
there are few "free" deals ~

no-strings-attached
we were both looking for ~ sex
~ handouts sap incentive (welfare)

attachment / involvement: rope

strip (verb)

stripped him of his security clearance
the government ~

stripped him of command
the Navy ~ of the aircraft carrier

strip unions of their (bargaining) rights
he wants to ~ (politics)

taking & removing: clothing & accessories / verb

dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories / verb

strip (strip something down)

strip it down to its core
if we ~ (music)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories / verb

stripe (earn one's stripes, etc.)

earn your stripes
you've got to ~ (stock-car racing)

achievement, recognition & praise: military

experience: military

stripe (of all stripes)

politicians of all stripes
~ say they want to lower prescription-drug costs

taxonomy & classification: animal / cloth

strip-mine (verb)

strip-mine public assets
they ~ for their private interests (politicians)

♦ "People at my age don't like to move to a new place. But we have no choice. We have no water. The earth is sinking. The air is poisoned. And there's that big man-made mountain." (An elderly Shanxi Province villager in Shangma Huangtou, which is surrounded now on three sides by the An Tai Bao open-pit coal mine. From "The Not So Good Earth," by David Barboza, *The New York Times*, June 23, 2006.)

taking & removing: crime / mining / verb

stripped

stripped of her rights
she was and wants them back (a conservatorship)

stripped of his titles
he was ~ (for doping)

dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories

stroke (stroke of midnight, etc.)

stroke of half-time
he cut the lead to one on the ~ (soccer)

time: clock

stroll (stroll to success, etc.)

stroll to victory
Manchester City looked like they would ~ when...

♦ "Argentina could hardly have asked for an easier evening. After a nervy opening half an hour it has been a stroll." (80 mins: Netherland 0-2 Argentina at the World Cup in Qatar. The rest is history.)

attainment / difficulty, easiness & effort: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

strong (language, etc.)

strong language
there might also be ~ in the videos you are about to see

strong words
these are ~ (appalling, makes me physically sick, etc.)

♦ "Human rights are where law and politics meet. It can be an unfriendly meeting. A few years ago the then Prime Minister, speaking to the House of Commons, described a recent Supreme Court judgment about human rights as appalling. The same Prime Minister, on a later occasion, said about another human rights decision, that it made him physically sick. These are strong words." (Jonathan Sumption, *Human Rights and Wrongs*, *The Reith Lectures*.)

strength & weakness: speech

speech: force

strong (after tragedy, etc.)

Buffalo Strong
~ (a sign after mass shooting)

Kentucky Strong
#~, #PrayforKentucky (flooding)

Vandal Strong
we will remain ~ (2022 University of Idaho killings)

♦ "We don't need 'Buffalo Strong.' We need for this to never happen again." (A member of the Buffalo community after a mass shooting, on the inadequacy of the "Buffalo Strong" slogan.)

♦ "She takes issue with the social media hashtag #BuffaloStrong, because it could trick people into thinking that survival is the goal, when they really deserve to exist and thrive without the fear of being hunted

down in a grocery store." ("Buffalo's poet laureate calls for change" by Raquel Maria Dillon, NPR, *Race*, May 17, 2022.)

mental health: materials & substances

resiliency / strength & weakness: materials & substances

strong-arm (verb)

strong-armed subjects
he ~ to get them to lie (a prosecutor)

strong-arm him into joining
his strict father tried to ~ the family's business

strong-armed members into voting
the leadership ~ with the president

strong-armed rather than cajoled
he ~, he intimidated rather than seduced to get his way

♦ "Cuomo strong-armed rather than cajoled; he used intimidation rather than seduction to get his way." ("New York After Cuomo" by Michael Greenberg, *The New York Review*, October 7, 2021.)

♦ Cajole, compel, force, make, mandate, make mandatory, mandate, nudge, persuade, require... (Language used by vaccine advocates about the vaccine reluctant. Words with like meaning include: "intimidate," "strong-arm," and "seduce.")

♦ "Sen. Hillary Clinton said America must use 'smart power'—which includes diplomatic, economic, military, political, legal and cultural tools."

♦ "Get them by their balls and their hearts and minds will follow." (A saying popular among combat soldiers during the Vietnam War who were cynical about US government campaigns to "win the hearts and minds" of the Vietnamese people. In Vietnam the Vietnam War is known as the American War.)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry for "Applied behavior analysis."

coercion & motivation: arm / crime / verb / violence

stronghold (noun)

stronghold of apartheid sympathy
the Limpopo Province is a ~

stronghold in (eastern) Saudi Arabia
Qatif, a Shiite ~

stronghold for tigers
India is the world's greatest ~

Ibo stronghold
Nigeria with its Yoruba heartland, ~s and Hausa north

Shiite stronghold
Qatif, a ~ in eastern Saudi Arabia

salmon stronghold
Kamchatka, one of the last ~s on earth

Democratic stronghold
Philadelphia is a ~ (politics)

lost control of (some of) its former strongholds
the party ~ (Mexico)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

strongman (power)

"strongman" image
his ~ many not win him votes (Narendra Modi)

strongman leader
he is a ~ in the mold of Erdogan and Putin (Narendra Modi)

military strongman
Khalifa Haftar is Libya's ~

character & personality: military / person

government: person

struck (affected)

struck by how long
I was ~ it took him...

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation

struck down

struck down by the lower courts
the travel ban was ~ but upheld by the Supreme Court

struck down or neutered
the Supreme Court has ~ the Voting Rights Act (NPR)

dismissal, removal & resignation: direction

stubborn (non-human)

higher and more stubborn
inflation has been ~ than forecasters expected

survival, persistence & endurance: force

stuck (adjective)

stuck
without any other job prospects, he is ~

stuck with (obsolete) equipment
they are ~ (Philippine military)

stuck in a (forgotten) corner
Siberians no longer feel ~ of the globe

stuck in a (vicious) cycle
she's ~ (eating to relieve depression)

stuck in the doldrums
the economy is ~

stuck in the middle
we're ~, so we hide indoors (Afghan civilians)

stuck in the past
we can't be ~, we have to move forward (Middle East)

stuck in place
animals can move, but trees are ~

stuck in the same place
we're all ~, going nowhere (futility)

stuck in the trailers
the refugees may be ~ for years (Katrina)

stuck in the (Vienna) airport
most of his gear got ~ (climber)

stuck in a civil war
the Central African Republic has been ~ (2009)

stuck between adolescence and adulthood
he is ~ (a young snowboarder)

stuck between its past and its future
Haiti is ~

stuck between a rock and a hard place
I'm ~ (too poor to improve situation)

stuck between the underground and the mainstream
he is ~ (a young snowboarder)

stuck between his unit and the enemy
he was ~ (a moral issue)

stuck in aging schools
children ~ without air conditioning

feel stuck
Siberians no longer ~ in a forgotten corner of the globe

get stuck
we all ~ in bad beauty habits (cosmetics)
you don't have to ~ in that cycle (a gang)

got stuck
most of his gear ~ in the Vienna airport (climber)

obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress:

ground, terrain & land / movement

situation: container / movement

stud (male)

stud
he thinks he's a real ~ with the women

♦ "You blow me out of the water, and I'm a cerebral stud." (Silly dialogue from the film *21* with Kevin Spacey. "Cerebral stud" is like "mathlete," which combines *math* and *athlete*.)

person: animal / horse

behavior / character & personality / sex: animal / horse / person

study (noun)

study in contrasts
he is, in many ways, a ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: school & education

study (quick study)

quick study
he's a ~, but he has a lot to learn

ability & lack of ability: school & education

stuff (content)

stuff of headlines
he was the ~ (Nansen returns safe)

stuff of legends
to the outside world, India's riches were always the ~

content: object

stuff (like vampires and stuff, etc.)

and stuff

people told me that I should get into it ~
I started modeling and booking gigs ~
bats are associated with like vampires ~
so he was there like in his wheelchair ~ (a writer)

talk about this stuff

it is traumatic for her to ~ (Ronan Farrow)

♦ Type in "and stuff" into search at NPR, and you get 3,567 results and counting... Not every usage represents this marker of inarticulacy, but many do.

♦ "My big thing is to do more stuff like this..." (Kyle Gordon about his song "Planet of the Bass" and his upcoming album.)

♦ MR: Getting into sort of X Y or Z newest wellness fad can for some folks kind of put them on this track, kind of filter them or funnel them closer and closer to anti-vax stuff, closer and closer to QAnon stuff, and QAnon itself is like closer and closer to organized white supremacy. AG: Yes. ("The Wellness to QAnon Pipeline," Maintenance Phase podcast.)

♦ "This shit, it doesn't faze me too much, only because like I've seen like, like... I'll just say human life to me, the way I look at it if I don't know you if I don't know you is meaningless it's meaningless I'm just keeping it straight up but... Yeah, he's dead what can we do now?" (Alex Bodger aka GoraPakora on TikTok. He stood by and filmed the murder of Paul Stanley Schmidt on his cellphone.)

♦ "He has an unfortunate tic, when speaking about grave topics, of trailing off his sentences and adding filler words like *blah blah blah* and *all that stuff*." ("Arnold's Last Act" by Mark Leibovich, *The Atlantic*, April 2023.)

*** analysis

♦ Linguist John McWhorter's analysis of "and stuff" is interesting, as always. He notes that "and stuff" is similar to "that sort / kind of thing." "The assumption [is] that that the things not being specified are known already, such that one need not take the time to elaborate." McWhorter also points out that "and stuff" can be expressed as "n' shit" "in today's robust vernacular." In his FACE typology of MPMs (modal pragmatic markers), he considers it to represent "Acknowledgment: I Hear You." (*Words on the Move* by the linguist John McWhorter, Chapter 1, "The Faces of English: Words Get Personal." Listen also to "The shifting Meanings Of Our Evolving Modern Language," wbur, on point, December 26, 2016.)

contempo-speak: filler

stumble (verb)

stumbled offensively
they have ~ (sports team)

stumbled out of the gate
her campaign ~ but has since found its footing

economy is stumbling
the ~

strategy stumbled
that ~ when the group rejected...

talks have stumbled
~ repeatedly over efforts to... (climate change)

**failure, accident & impairment / flaws & lack of flaws:
equilibrium & stability / verb / walking, running & jumping**

stumble (noun)

stumbles on the road
there have been some ~ to reform

verbal stumbles
he has made a series of gaffes and (a politician)

string of stumbles
her ~ changed that calculus (that she could win easily)

suffered a stumble
his campaign ~ before it began, when he... (politics)

**disruption / failure, accident & impairment / flaws & lack of
flaws: equilibrium & stability / walking, running & jumping**

stumble (stumble across / on / upon)

stumbled across (skeletal) remains
a game agent ~ (human)

stumbled across (an amazing) break
we ~ (surfers)

stumbled across something
but then she ~ that would change her life (chat rooms)

stumbled on a (major meth) lab
authorities ~

stumbled on her story
he ~ when he... (a journalist)

stumbled on a (new) way
he ~ to do it

stumbled upon a (major) cache
police ~ of weapons

stumbled upon the newly posted article
I ~... (*The New York Times* online)

**fictive meeting & seeing / searching & discovery: walking,
running & jumping / verb**

stumble (stumble into a situation)

stumbled into a civil war
Tajikistan quickly ~

involvement: walking, running & jumping / verb

stumble (stumble over one's words)

stumbling over my words
I tried to explain, but I was ~

**speech: verb / walking, running & jumping
flaws & lack of flaws: speech / verb / walking, running &
jumping**

stumbling block

stumbling block in the negotiations
the issue proved to be a major ~

major stumbling block
the issue proved to be a ~ in the negotiations

proved a stumbling block
immune-enhanced disease ~ in developing a vaccine

obstacles & impedance: walking, running & jumping

progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping
stun (verb)

stunned the (Cardiff City) Stadium into silence
Azerbaijan's goal ~ (soccer)

stunned authorities
some of the incidents have ~ (youth violence)

stunned the nation
the crime ~ (Central Park "wilding")

stunned visitors
the death ~ of the community (animal attack)

stunned (U.S.) delegates
the vote ~

stunned France
when Senegal ~, 1-0 (soccer)

stunned Norfolk
the killings ~

stunned many Russians
the death toll ~ (military crash)

feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation / verb
stung (feeling)

stung by their breakup
he was ~ (relationship)

remains stung
she ~ by how she is being portrayed in the press

feeling, emotion & effect: insect / sensation / verb
stunned (feeling)

stunned
the mountaineering world was ~ (by Tomaz Humar)
I stood there, ~ (kayaker after near-death experience)
doctors were ~ (new epidemic disease)

stunned to discover
he was not the only one ~ they were drug traffickers

stunned to hear
he was ~ that...
she was ~ him say... (pedophile)

stunned to learn
he was ~ about the Air Force's use of amphetamines

stunned at the number
they were ~ of jihadists heading overseas

stunned by Cameroon
Argentina was ~ 1-0 (soccer)

stunned by the ferocity
commanders were ~ of the ambush (Afghanistan)

stunned by the hostility
she was ~ (gender discrimination)

stunned by the (general's) murder

he is still ~

stunned by what I saw
I was ~ (effects of windstorm)

stunned bystanders
entire houses floated by ~ (flash flood)

stunned mourners
~ gathered (after Kurt Cobain's suicide)

stunned reporter
the ~ kept repeating, "Oh, my goodness..."

stunned silence
there was a brief, ~ (birders see rare bird)

stunned survivors
he gathered the ~ into a defensive perimeter (combat)

stunned travelers
the airport was thronged by ~ (after Bali bombing)

stunned courtroom
no one in the ~ seemed prepared for...

stunned and helpless
they watched in ~ awe (flash flood)

stunned and hurt
her teammates were ~ (racist chants at sports event)

truly stunned
I was ~ (UN decision to allow genocide to continue)

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation
stunning (adjective)

stunning news
his arrest was ~ in the NHL (hockey)
he summoned his staff and delivered the ~

stunning performance
his ~ in the Alps and the Pyrenees (Tour de France)

stunning twist
it was a ~

stunning victory
he won a ~ Monday night (elections)

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation
stunt (noun)

political stunt
the mayor called it a ~ (action by federal government)

PR stunt
critics say it is an unnecessary ~ (politics)

♦ In 2020, the illusionist David Blaine soared four miles above the Arizona desert while holding on to 52 helium-filled balloons.

performance: theater

stunted

stunted as a force
we must not let the Internet be ~ for invention

corruption / growth & development: size

stupendous (adjective)

stupendous victory
it was a ~ (sports)

amount & effect: size

stupid (as noun)

fix stupid
you can't ~, but you can laugh at it
photos proving you can't ~ (clickbait)
photos proving you can't ~ (Promoted: Upbeat news)

pay a price for stupid
sometimes you ~

pay for your dumb
did you ~, you seem to have an abundance (snark)

♦ "Did You Have A Big Fat Bowl Of Stupid For Breakfast This Morning?" (R. Lee Ermey meme.)

♦ "Why does stupid both persist and even grow?" (Phil Mushnick, sports columnist.)

♦ "We live on Planet Stupid." (An online commenter about something or other.)

knowledge & intelligence: part of speech

stutter (verb)

stuttered a bit
Liverpool has ~ in terms of scoring goals recently

economy stutters
meanwhile, the pandemic accelerates, while the ~

markets stutter
as global ~ over the trade war between...

failure, accident & impairment: sound / verb

progress & lack of progress: sound / verb

stuttering (adjective)

stuttering career
she has since endured a ~ (MMA)

failure, accident & impairment: sound

progress & lack of progress: sound

succumb (die / actual)

succumbed to his injuries
he was taken to Montefiore Medical Center where he ~

succumbed to life-threatening injuries
he ~ (set himself on fire in protest)

succumbed to the injury
he was given the best care possible but he however ~

♦ This has the sense of lying down to a superior force.

death & life: euphemism / position / standing, sitting & lying / verb

succumb (verb)

succumbed to neglect and disrepair
the city ~ (Matanzas, Cuba, now revived and vibrant)

♦ This has the sense of lying down to a superior force.

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sucked in / into (involved)

get sucked in
do we want to ~ here even further (Middle East)

get sucked into the (Libyan) quagmire
Egypt might ~

get sucked into the (Fortnite) vortex
kids who ~

get sucked into trends and challenges
children who ~ (girl dies doing TikTok pass out challenge)

involvement: verb / water

suffer (groups)

suffer the most
low income and marginalized students will ~ academically

*** various groups

♦ "*Blonde* focuses so narrowly on Monroe's pain and trauma, that it feels less like a biographical drama than a *Passion Play*. The film turns her into an avatar of suffering..." (The movie critic Justin Chang's negative review of *Blonde*.)

*** sports

♦ "We can control our heartbeat, which in cold, drawn-out bivouacs is preferably as slow as possible. It is necessary to disconnect the arms and the legs and draw most of one's blood into the core of the body and the head. We switch to other dimensions. We become insensitive to pain, cold, wind, homesickness, thirst, hunger. Instead of having dinner we separate from the physical world. But the further you go into the world where there are no reasons or consequences, points of the compass, time points like yesterday or today, where you only are—the harder it is to return. The reentry into the body is usually accompanied by pain." (*No Impossible Ways* by the great Slovenian climber Tomaz Humar.)

*** war, conflict, etc.

♦ "John J. Hardin, an Indiana volunteer, found it 'dreadful...to see the poor soldier just thrown in a ditch and covered over without any box.' / Burials like these dehumanized the dead and appalled many of the living. A Union chaplain observed that in pit burials bodies were 'covered over much the same as farmers cover potatoes and roots to preserve them from the frost of winter; with this exception, however: the vegetables really get more tender care...' Frequently, corpses were quite literally naked... Soldiers desperate for clothing robbed the dead... and thieves and scavengers appeared on battlefields immediately after the end of hostilities... / Soldiers worried that the piles of dead might include those still living, unable to speak..." (*The Republic of Suffering, Death And the American Civil War* by the great American historian Drew Gilpin Faust.)

*** analysis

♦ "Every culture possesses what Edward Shorter, a medical historian at the University of Toronto, calls a 'symptom repertoire'—a range of physical symptoms available to the unconscious mind for the physical expression of psychological conflict.' In parts of India, patients are said to suffer from *dhat* syndrome: they complain of impotence and have the delusion that they are losing their semen. In Nigeria, students who can't retain information and report feeling a burning sensation in their heads are sometimes given a diagnosis of 'brain fag.' The illnesses are reinforced by a local belief that the symptoms are a sign of authentic suffering, worthy of expert attention and care." ("The Apathetic: Why are refugee children falling unconscious?" by Rachel Aviv, *The New Yorker*, April 3, 2017.)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine / verb

suck up (verb)

suck up information

the F-35 can ~ and pass it to other aircraft

sucking up all of the political oxygen

impeachment going forward is ~ in Congress

♦ **Feed (it) / eat up, Hoover up, snatch up, vacuum up / gobble up, ingested (the book) / regurgitate (everything), spit out...** (What AI does. From "The alleged theft at the heart of ChatGPT," Planet Money, November 10, 2023. Other articles use words like *devour*, *scrape up*, *suck up* (language and ideas) / *vomit up* (words and sentences), *spew* (false information), *spout* (misinformation), etc.)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

suffocate (verb)

suffocate

the economy will ~ without new-jobs creation

suffocate every (natural) instinct

her parents tried to ~ in her (sex)

oppression: breathing / verb

suffocated

suffocated by this deluge

the coral reefs are slowly ~ of refuse (trash, nets, plastic)

destruction: breathing

suffocating

suffocating

the feeling of isolation is ~ (an island off of Chile)

♦ **WARNING: to avoid danger of suffocation, keep this plastic bag away from babies and children. Do not use this bag in cribs, beds, carriages or play pens. This bag is not a toy.** (Wantdo.)

feeling, emotion & effect / oppression: breathing

sugarcoat (and candy-coat)

sugarcoat

he would give a sober assessment, he would not ~

sugarcoat what was being said

there wasn't much of an effort to ~ (diplomacy)

sugarcoat his feelings

he didn't ~ about the coach (criticized her)

sugarcoat history

lawmakers should not ~ or try to rewrite it (Armenians)

candy-coat it

I ain't gonna ~, I deserve to be executed (death row)

sugarcoat that

what she did was a crime, there is no way to ~

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / subterfuge: materials & substances / taste / verb

sugarcoated

non-sugarcoated assessment

the president asked for a ~ assessment of the situation

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / subterfuge: taste

sugarcoating (noun)

sugarcoating

no ~, no cheerleading, just the truth (a sports report)

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / subterfuge: taste

suggest (indicate)

suggest

what it does ~ is that...

suggest that

we don't have any evidence to ~... (investigation)

suggest about how

what does this ~ this position is viewed by the president

suggest one bacterium over another

the character of the sputum may ~

suggest (overt political) bias

these cases ~ at the Department of Justice

suggest another diagnosis

these symptoms are uncharacteristic and should ~

suggests fracture

gingival bleeding at base of tooth ~

suggest the possibility

certain clues ~ of a struggle

suggest violence

pattern injuries ~

suggest abuse or battering

contusions that are circular or linear ~

suggested poisoning

his symptoms ~

advisory suggested

the ~ climbers descend... (bad weather)

analysis has suggested

matched cohort ~ a lower mortality rate in...

analyses suggest

similar ~ that whales evolved from land animals

data suggest

the ~ that mothers who smoke... (study)

new census ~ that there are far more...

~ that insignificant contact with bats may...

recent ~ that captopril may play a unique role in...

documents suggest

the ~ that the U.S. was eavesdropping on...

edema (also) suggests
the peripheral ~ deep vein thrombosis

estimates suggest
government ~ the strike has cost over...

evidence suggests
that idea is not quite right, ~
anecdotal ~ that most users are males under 40
a growing body of ~ that even brief bedrest is...
but some new ~ this one might be different
the overwhelming ~ that we eat too much salt

experience suggests
his own ~ that a typical corporate network suffers...

findings suggest
the following physical ~ a focal infection
the ~ that...

forecasts suggest
the administration's own economic ~ that... (jobs)

history (of vaginal discharge) suggests
a ~ that... (ED)

injuries suggest
pattern ~ violence (ED)

models (of ARDS) suggest
adult and infant animal ~ that...

profile had suggested
an FBI ~ the kidnapper is a predator, and possibly...

profile (also) suggested
the ~ that the killer... (FBI-created profile)

recommendations suggest
recent ~ treatment for 60 days with... (anthrax)

reconstruction (of this crash) suggests
as a ~, some accidents may be "normal" (plane crash)

reports suggested
preliminary ~ rough seas overwhelmed the boat

research suggests
but new ~ that even...

researchers suggested
some ~ that the study might have understated...

scores suggested
and test ~ that 70% of Fremont's students didn't...

signs suggest
nearly all ~ Armstrong is ready (Tour de France)

statistics suggested
that risk was, ~, far higher than... (shuttle)

studies suggest
some ~ that prolonged bedrest...
although ~ a greater prevalence in developed nations
current ~ that four or five times a week is best;
molecular ~ that SIV entered chimpanzees long after...
other ~ that 3-10% of elders are abused or neglected

surveys suggest
recent ~ that 36% of under-29-year-olds in Britain...
national ~ that 94% of parents acknowledge...

symptoms suggest
contraindicated in children whose ~ Reye syndrome

theory suggests
this ~ that elder abuse is caused by...

common sense suggests
~ that at some point...

vital signs may suggest
the ~ sepsis even if fever is absent

testing suggested
shuttle ~ that the wings were vulnerable...

evidence to suggest
there is no ~ that he informed school officials...

nothing to suggest
there was ~ the action was in any way related to...

reasons to suggest
there are plenty of ~ that...

fair to suggest
it isn't ~ that the Central Asians are...

strongly suggests
the evidence ~ that...

strongly suggest
pink frothy sputum and dyspnea ~ pulmonary edema
♦ How many English as a Foreign or Second Language teachers teach this sense? We generally teach this as a grammar lesson focused on the modals "should" and "ought to" (advice) as opposed to necessity ("must" and "have to." "You should / ought to brush your teeth every day," etc.

**evidence / fictive communication: speech / verb
analysis, interpretation & explanation: speech / verb
suggestion (evidence)**

suggestion of foul play
there was no ~

**evidence / fictive communication: speech
suicide (career suicide, etc.)**

suicide by a thousand cuts
the company is committing ~ (failing)

suicide mission
the prosecutors are on a ~ (taking case in trial)

suicide pact
the 2nd Amendment is becoming a ~ (Gov. Gavin Newsome)

career suicide
they have decided to risk ~
he's committing ~ (prosecutor refused to drop case)

commercial suicide
not to use the engine would have been ~ (Boeing)

political suicide

investigating our own agency would be ~
it's ~ for the Democrats... (politics)
it would be ~ to return to combat operations (Afghanistan)

social suicide

you can't join mathletes, it's ~ (2004 film *Mean Girls*)

committed (political) suicide

he ~ by announcing that...

♦ "I just watched the clip of her barreling down the street. Seems like she may be...trying to hurt herself in a permanent way (since I can't use the S word thanks to Yahoo censorship)." (An online commenter about the death of Hollywood celebrity Anne Heche. The S word is *suicide*.)

♦ "Top of mind to many who care about this topic is getting rid of the phrase 'committed suicide,' says Dese'Rae Stage, a suicide awareness activist who holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and is trained in crisis intervention." ("The words to say—and not say—about suicide" by Jessica Ravitz, CNN, June 11, 2018.)

♦ "Newsweek avoids saying a person 'committed' suicide—a dated phrase from a time when suicide was a crime. Instead, people 'die by suicide.'" (*Newsweek's* policies and standards.)

♦ "Around noon, family members called police to report that the father was talking about *dying by suicide* [italics mine] in the woods behind his house." (2022.)

♦ "Unfortunately, [she] lost her long battle with depression and passed away." (A suicide.)

♦ "A top Bed Bath & Beyond executive has died after falling from an NYC building" by Joe Hernandez, NPR, Business, September 4, 2022. Within the article, it clearly states, "The New York City Medical Examiner's Office told NPR on Sunday that it had determined the death was a suicide."

♦ "Images released by investigators show him lying on a blood-stained classroom floor after he *turned one of his weapons on himself* [italics mine]." (Artyom Kazantsev, school shooter at school number 88 in Izhevsk, central Russia.)

♦ "The subject is deceased due to a self-inflicted gunshot wound."

♦ "Officials say he *completed* [italics mine] suicide Tuesday. (A WYMT report about Lance Preston Storz, Kentucky.)

♦ "Yet another case of a Black man committing suicide by police." (An online commenter.) // "suicide by cop is suddenly reaching down towards a gun..." (An online commenter about the death of Chase Allan in Farmington, Utah.)

♦ "The pain doesn't go away. It's just transferred to someone else." (A random commenter on an article about a successful, beautiful young woman, a former athlete, who "inexplicably" committed suicide. Another commenter wrote, "You'll never understand what it's like until you've walked a mile in our brain." A common "pop psychology" response to suicide nowadays is that it is "a permanent solution to a temporary problem." Consider the case of mental health blogger and sailor Beth Matthews of England.)

♦ "Just a few of these fallen artists, all modern, make up a sad but scintillant roll call: Hart Crane, Vincent van Gogh, Virginia Woolf, Arshile Gorky, Cesare Pavese, Romain Gary, Vachel Lindsay, Sylvia Plath, Henry de Montherlant, Mark Rothko, John Berryman, Jack London, Ernest Hemingway, William Inge, Diane Arbus, Tadeusz Borowski, Paul Celan, Anne Sexton, Sergei Esenin, Vladimir Mayakovsky—the list goes on..." (Artistic types who committed suicide, mentioned in *Darkness Visible: Memoir of Madness* by William Styron.)

♦ The Yangtze River Bridge (Nanjing); the Golden Gate Bridge (San Francisco); the Pancevo Bridge (Belgrade); two main bridges over the Han River (Seoul); the Aurora Bridge (Seattle); the Aokigahara Forest (on the northwestern flank of Mount Fuji); the Hussain Sagar Lake in Hyderabad; The Gap (Sydney); the Vessel (Hudson Yards, New York City)... (Suicide magnets.)

♦ In Dante's *The Inferno*, the souls of suicides are encased within trees and vegetation in the Forest of the Suicides. "[The violent spirit] falls into the wood, and landing there, / wherever fortune flings it, it strikes root, / and there it sprouts..." (From the great translation by John Ciardi.)

♦ "A warning. This episode contains discussion of suicide and domestic violence." (NPR's Pop Culture *Happy Hour*.)

♦ "Warning: Post contains mention of contemplated suicide." (BuzzFeed Community.)

♦ "Duncan Gordon Boyes, Royal Navy, Midshipman of Her Majesty's Ship *Euryalus*... He carried a Colour with the leading company, kept it in advance of all, in the face of the thickest fire, his colour-sergeants having fallen, one mortally, the other dangerously wounded...The Colour he carried was six times pierced by musket balls." (From the citation, in the *London Gazette*, for Boyes' Victoria Cross, for his actions at Shimonoseki, Japan, in 1864. Born in Cheltenham, Glos., England, Boyes joined the Royal Navy at the age of 14. He received his VC at the age of 17. Later, he was kicked out of the navy for ill-discipline and went to New Zealand. Suffering from depression and alcoholism, he committed suicide at the age of 22.)

♦ "At last my watch ended with the first signs of dawn. I passed the word along the line for the company to stand-to arms. The N.C.O's whispered hoarsely into the dug-outs: 'Stand-to, stand-to,' and out the men tumbled with their rifles in their hands. Going towards Company Headquarters to wake the officers I saw a man lying on his face in a machine-gun shelter. I stopped and said: 'Stand-to, there!' I flashed my torch on him and saw that one of his feet was bare. / "The machine-gunner beside him said: 'No good talking to him, Sir.' / I asked: 'What's wrong? Why has he taken his boot and sock off?' / 'Look for yourself, Sir!' / I shook the sleeper by the arm and noticed suddenly the hole in the back of his head. He had taken off the boot and sock to pull the trigger of his rifle with one toe; the muzzle was in his mouth. 'Why did he do it?' I asked. / 'He went through the last push, Sir, and that sent him a bit queer; on top of that he got bad news from Limerick about his girl and another chap.' / ...Two Irish officers came up. 'We've had several of these lately,' one of them told me. Then he said to the other: 'While I remember, Callaghan, don't forget to write to his next-of-kin. Usual sort of letter; tell them he died a soldier's death, anything you like. I'm not going to report it as suicide.'" (*Good-Bye To All That* by Robert Graves.)

destruction: death & life

suit (person)

suits and decision-makers

we walked into the room with all the ~ (two actors)

♦ "Yeah, let's get real emotional and pass laws based on emotion rather than common sense. Trey Gowdy is an empty suit. He got rich in Congress while doing nothing." (Criticism of the politician at Breitbart.)

power: person / sign, signal, symbol

suit (follow suit)

follow suit

states feel pressure to ~ (gambling policy)

uniformity & consensus: cards / verb

suitcase (lived in a suitcase, etc.)

lived in a suitcase

I've ~ for two years (a chess player chasing the dream)

travel: sign, signal, symbol

suite (suite of tools, etc.)

suite of (terrorism) statutes

there are a ~ in the federal criminal code

suite of tools

the rover has a ~ (Mars Science Lab)

robust suite

the MQ-9 has a ~ of visual sensors for targeting

amount / group, set & collection: infrastructure

suitor (noun)

suitors for Lehman Brothers
the ~ weren't really serious

a lot of suitors
but there are ~... (Sri Lanka and geopolitics, diplomacy)

suitors have been lining up
following his demand for a trade, potential ~ (an NBA star)

attract suitors
they will inevitably ~ in the summer (2 soccer players)

seeking suitors
the E.W. Scrips Co. is ~ for the *Rocky Mountain News*

♦ "Liverpool's Brazilian forward Roberto Firmino is not short of suitors..."
(Soccer teams who want to sign him.)

person: love, courtship & marriage

pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / person

sully (verb)

sullied their relationship
the loan might have ~ (two naval officers)

sullied my reputation
the incident ~

♦ Dirtied...

accusation & criticism / flaws & lack of flaws: verb

summit (at the summit)

at the summit of her achievement
the work stands ~ as an artist

at the summit of his fame
he turned his back on Hollywood ~

at the summit of his power
he died ~

♦ "Higher than the top of the mountain one cannot climb."

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height / mountains & hills

sun (currency and obsolescence)

moment in the sun
he had his ~ (rock star)
I think they have had their ~ (team in World Cup)

new day in the sun
the research is having a ~ (on attention)

sun was (rapidly) going down
the ~ for the Empire of Japan (a W.W. II documentary)

sun has set
the ~ on the Kennedy era

sun is setting
the ~ on the dirty energy of the past

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day / sun

sunk in

sunk in
it's over, and that hasn't ~ yet

**comprehension & incomprehension: water
absorption & immersion: water**

sunlight (concealment)

sunlight
behind closed doors, without any ~ whatsoever (hearings)

sunlight of (open) debate
he exposed them to the disinfecting ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / sun
concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark / sun**

sunny (adjective)

sunny side
look on the ~ (advice to parent of toddler with problem)

sunny smile
a ~ seemed the antidote to adversity

danceable, sunny
the group wrote ~ lyrics

♦ SAD stands for seasonal affective disorder. It goes away in the spring.

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / sun

sunset (ride into the sunset)

riding into the sunset
after tomorrow, I'm going to be ~ (vote)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: day / film & TV / horse / sun

sunset (sunset years, etc.)

sunset years
the ~ of tranquil retirement... (before death)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

super (superlawyer, etc.)

supercharge
see supercharge (verb)

supersize
see supersize (verb)

supercharged
see supercharged

supersized
see supersized (adjective)

supersizing
see supersizing (linguistic supersizing)

Super Bowl
see Super Bowl

superfan

Giants ~ Joe “License Plate Guy” Ruback (NFL)

superfog
a “~” of smoke and fog caused multiple car crashes

superhero
see *superhero (contempo-speak)*

superhighway
see *superhighway*

superintelligence
~, or artificial general intelligence (AGI)

supernova
see *supernova (achievement), supernova (attention)*

superpower
see *superpower (groups)*

super-spreader
see *super-spreader*

superyacht
if it’s more than ninety-eight feet, it’s a ~

super adaptive
their brains are ~ (babies / neuroplasticity / language)

super awesome
I just think it’s (said by female basketball player)

super bold
I thought it was ~, I mean I could not believe... (NPR)

super creepy
he’s a ~ dude (Bryan Kohberger)

super early
I had this job that I had to get up ~ for

super effective
Ukraine has targeted Russian troops in a ~

super elegant
a ~ beautiful, very classy, very classic, very Chanel

super-energetic
Kevin Hart’s comedy is ~ (Mark Twain Prize winner)

super-fascinating
the two legal cases are ~

super hard
it’s been ~ going to work... (Generation Z teacher)

super-hard
it’s ~ to explain this topic in just a few minutes (apology)

super important
it’s ~ that you...

super personal
therapy is ~ (an advertisement for... wait for it... therapy)

super sad
I always get like ~, it’s all because I’m Trans...

super-scary

it was a definite boundary violation and a ~ event

supersecret
he had access to ~ intelligence programs (J. Edgar Hoover)

superrich
New York’s supertalls are homes for the ~ (skyscrapers)

super-stressful
the situation was already ~

supertalls
New York’s ~ are homes for the superrich (skyscrapers)

super true
it’s hard to find the time, that’s ~ (to meditate)

super uncommon
and actually, you know, this is not ~

super viral
her tweet went ~

super-hyper-mega-uber
this ~ French entry (Barbara Pravi / Eurovision Contest)

super hyper-friendly
the Mormon vibe is often ~ (according to Alyssa Grenfell)

obviously super
see *obviously (contempo-speak)*

♦ “We’ve never witnessed buildings rise so much, so quickly. From high-rises, we’ve stretched to supertalls and even megatalls (double the height of a supertall), and engineers are already discussing ‘ultratalls’ that would take us higher still.” (“Can A Building Be Too Tall?” by Bianca Bosker, *The Atlantic*, January / February 2023.)

♦ “If it has a crew working aboard, it’s a yacht. If it’s more than ninety-eight feet, it’s a superyacht. After that, definitions are debated, but people generally agree that anything more than two hundred and thirty feet is a megayacht, and more than two hundred and ninety-five is a gigayacht. The world contains about fifty-four hundred superyachts, and about a hundred gigayachts. / For the moment, a gigayacht is the most expensive item that our species has figured out how to own.” (“The Floating World” by Evan Osnos, *The New Yorker*, July 25, 2022.)

♦ “Everyone is super involved and engaged and supportive of each other, but not in a networky feeling way, in a way that’s just really like uhh...” (Jac Jemc—pronounced Jack Jams—about her fellow Chicago writers.)

♦ “It’s super, it’s heavy, it’s superheavy.” (An ecstatic commentator about the booster of a SpaceX Starship.)

*** analysis

♦ Much in U.S. society is and always has been and always will be commercial, promotional, and self-promotional. And our language reflects it: *big, super-, trendy, performative, curated, boutique*, “throw it all on the wall and see what sticks,” *artisanal, craft, custom, heirloom, designer, bespoke, bedazzled* (or is it *bejazzled?*), *uber, meta, hyper, upcycled, -forward, -informed, -driven, -ized, reinvented, pop-up, verb-up, kinetic, fluid, deep, massive, generational, transactional, intersectional, insanely cool*, “try this genius hack to...” In warfare, bombs and missiles have gone from *dumb* to *smart* to *brilliant*. As Michael Goldhaber said, “The value of true modesty or humility is hard to sustain in the attention economy.”

♦ see also *supersizing (linguistic supersizing)*

language / superlative: affix

Super Bowl

Super Bowl of spirit competitions
the annual Cheerleading Worlds—the ~

Super Bowl of the canines
the ~ (Westminster Dog Show)

Superbowl of church suppers
the ~ (Wild Game Supper in Bradford, Vt.)

akin to the Super Bowl
in the mountainous nations, the *Hahnenkamm* is ~ (skiing)

gearing up for their Super Bowl
florists have been ~ (Valentine's Day)

♦ "This is our Super Bowl, absolutely, for entomologists, we've been looking forward to this." (An excited Michael J. Raupp, professor emeritus at the University of Maryland, about an emergence of periodical cicadas, Brood X. He is also known as "the Bug Guy.")

superlative: epithet / football / sports & games

supercharge (verb)

supercharged each other
the two communities ~ with their online conflict

supercharge productivity
~ with the Copilot app (Microsoft)

supercharges the storm
climate change ~ (hurricanes)

**increase & decrease / power / speed / strength &
weakness: engine / mechanism / verb**

supercharged

supercharged identity
his background in law enforcement gave him a bit of a ~

**increase & decrease / power / speed / strength &
weakness: engine / mechanism**

superhero (groups)

superhero
~s are people, too...
~s are everywhere... (US VP Kamala Harris)

superhero adaptations
the shifting gender dynamics of ~

superhero movie
a ~ for dads with brainworms (*Sound of Freedom*)
audiences are sick of boring ~ 'universes'

queer Latina superhero
America Chavez, Marvel's first ~

dietary superhero
it's a ~ (fiber)

modern superhero
O'Connor turns ancient gods and goddesses into ~s

peak superhero
have we reached ~

Team of superheroes
"A ~ is making the future bright" (Harvard dorm)

avatars and superheroes

athletes are seen as ~

becomes a superhero
he ~, helping save his neighborhood

♦ *Superheroes Are Everywhere* by Vice-President Kamala Harris is a children's book that celebrates ordinary people.

♦ "I felt it was so important for someone like that to be given a voice and then to be shown that she is actually a superheroine..." (Actor Michelle Yeoh about her character in *Everything Everywhere All At Once*. From "Actor Michelle Yeoh wants to change the way we think of superheroes," NPR, Fresh Air, April 25, 2022.)

♦ "The shifting gender dynamics of superhero adaptations." (Female heroes.)

♦ "Zero is the nickname of Omar, the lead character, a young Black Italian delivery worker who is more or less ignored by the white society around him. But his metaphorical invisibility turns into a magical power when he discovers he can actually make himself invisible. He becomes a superhero, helping save his neighborhood..." ("In New Italian Netflix Series 'Zero,' A Black Hero Makes Invisibility His Superpower" by Sylvia Poggioli, NPR, May 27, 2021.)

♦ "To every Batgirl fan—THANK YOU for the love and belief, allowing me to take on the cape and become, as Babs said best, 'my own damn hero!' #Batgirl for life!" (Afro-Latina actress Leslie Grace, posting on Instagram, after Warner Bros. Discovery shocked Hollywood by shelving her Batgirl film after having spent \$90 million on it. The Batgirl character is from DC Comics.)

♦ "They hate, we ball... This is what you want... That's the way we roll." (Harvard Housing Day 2023, Currier House, Currier vs the World, YouTube. "A Team of superheroes are [sic] making the future bright.")

♦ "He's not a dignified old greybeard, like you know he's not Sir Laurence Olivier or Liam Neeson, he'd be like you know this 21-year-old surfer dude from California with like sick abs." (The 48-year-old George O'Connor thinking about the Greek God Zeus. From "Graphic novelist O'Connor turns ancient gods and goddesses into modern superheroes," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, April 16, 2022.)

♦ "What if these beloved comic book characters fucked? And also solved murders? And had super powers? ("Riverdale' Will Finally Come to an End After Seven Absolutely Unhinged Seasons" by Jordan Julian, *Daily Beast*, May 19, 2022.)

♦ "Not all heroes wear capes. Some of them have white paws..." (Therapy dogs.)

♦ "Heroes don't always wear capes. Carton of cigarettes to that man." (A snarky online commenter. "That man" poured scalding water on the face of the reviled Frank Abrokwa at Rikers Island, where both were inmates.)

♦ "Not all heroes wear capes, and Chris definitely was a hero to this community. He just didn't have a cape." (The cousin of a police officer killed in the line of duty.)

♦ "Rodri showed the world that gunslingers don't always wear cowboy hats." (The online commenter Amin Yashed about Man City 3-1 Red Star. Smart use of language. It echoes the cliché, "Heroes don't always wear capes.")

♦ "Rolling Stone called it 'a superhero movie for dads with brainworms.'" (The 2023 film *Sound of Freedom*.)

♦ "Have we reached peak Superhero?" (Marvel fatigue.)

♦ "Audiences are sick of boring superhero movie 'universes'" by Johnny Oleksinski, *New York Post*, August 23, 2023.

♦ "I sometimes think of fiber as the Peter Parker of food—a seemingly boring, nerdy nutrient that's actually secretly a dietary superhero." (NPR.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

superhighway

superhighway
the road to stardom hasn't been a ~ for her (actor)

shipping superhighway
the Strait of Malacca is a ~

information superhighway

popular culture now rides on the ~
he mines the ~
the railroad was the original ~

♦ "Social media is quickly becoming pay to play... It's no longer an information highway that connects people...it's starting to become a toll road."

route: infrastructure

supernova (achievement)

tech supernova

she was a ~ who said she had an amazing invention

pitching supernova

Dwight Gooden was a ~

achievement, recognition & praise / growth & development / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / superlative: astronomy / light & dark / star

supernova (attention)

went supernova

the conflict ~ in the pages of *The New York Times*

attention, scrutiny & promotion: astronomy / light & dark / star

superpower (groups)

superpower of a Black Woman

I think the ~ is to...

one of the superpowers

this steeliness may have been ~ that produced his successes

race, queerness and superpowers

~ (NPR / Code Switch)

discovers her superpower

a Black feminist ~

♦ *Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower* by Brittney Cooper.

♦ "I think the superpower of a Black Woman is to occupy the space in the fullness of who she is." (The actress Aisha Hinds.)

♦ "Living a life of mental illness, they call it—I like to say mental superpowers—you know, basketball was always my escape." (Former NBA player Delonte West, bipolar disorder.)

♦ "Zero is the nickname of Omar, the lead character, a young Black Italian delivery worker who is more or less ignored by the white society around him. But his metaphorical invisibility turns into a magical power when he discovers he can actually make himself invisible. He becomes a superhero, helping save his neighborhood..." ("In New Italian Netflix Series 'Zero,' A Black Hero Makes Invisibility His Superpower" by Sylvia Poggioli, NPR, May 27, 2021.)

♦ "By far and away I think Charlie is the most heroic man I have ever played. His superpower is to see the good in others and bring that out of them." (Brendon Fraser about his role in the film *The Whale*, in which he plays Charlie, a 600-pound-man who rarely leaves his couch. The article goes on to read, "Hunter, who also wrote the screenplay, said his play is personal. He started it 12 years ago when he was teaching a mandatory expository writing course at Rutgers University that no one wanted to take and everyone resented. He also pulled from his own background, setting the play in his hometown of Moscow, Idaho, and weaving in his history of being depressed, self-medicating with food and going to a fundamentalist religious high school as a gay teenager." (From "Brendon Fraser celebrated for a comeback role in 'The Whale'" by Lindsey Bahr, AP Film writer, Sept 4, 2022.)

♦ "How 'Poor Things' actor Emma Stone turns her anxiety into a 'superpower,'" NPR, Fresh Air (with Terry Gross), January 31, 2024.

♦ "We really wanted to make sure that the show didn't veer towards being too saccharine or, you know, like, 'Oh, autism is my superpower!' she said. That's not the point of our show. It's about showing that, yes, there is struggle, but also there is community and also there is hope and there is joy. And honestly, there is autistic culture to learn about and to respect and to celebrate." (Librettist Rebekah Greer Melocik. From "How to Dance in Ohio" is a Broadway musical starring 7 autistic actors," Jeff Lunden, NPR, Morning Edition, December 5, 2023.)

♦ "Wonder Woman Comics Celebrate 40 Years" by Leslie Breeding, NPR, March 13, 1982. "This story originally aired on All Things Considered on March 13, 1982. The digital preservation of this audio has been made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities."

♦ "It's something I never started doing and now it feels a bit of a superpower..." (The film director Christopher Nolan chatting with Terry Gross about NOT having a cellphone.)

♦ "Users can feel like they have superpowers." (Monkey dust / zombie dust.)

♦ "Self-examination is not his superpower."

♦ "Psychobiotics are a new class of products with a unique superpower." (A YouTube advertisement: Justthrivehealth.com. "Probiotics." "Prebiotics." "Psychobiotics." You get it.)

♦ "This cute mammal's poop has superpowers." (NPR, Manoush Zomorodi.)

♦ see also *power (power to the people, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

supersize (verb)

supersize itself

everything seemed to just ~ (criticism of Harry Potter)

supersized all those policies

the president ~ (border control)

supersizes the truth

the story often ~ (history)

♦ "As we crossed over into the year 2000, suddenly everything seemed to just supersize itself." (Criticism that the Harry Potter books promoted satanism and witchcraft to children, etc.)

♦ "The story often supersizes the truth and comes with a side order of fibs." ("American History's Biggest Fibs," BBC Select, with historian Lucy Worsley.)

♦ According to Wikipedia, "the phrase was particularly used by McDonald's restaurants to upsize their French fries and soft drinks."

increase & decrease: food & drink / size / verb

supersized (adjective)

supersized (personal) mandate

Boris Johnson's premiership rests on a ~

size: food & drink

supersizing (linguistic supersizing)

linguistic supersizing

~ is everywhere (hyperbole / wretched excess / promotion)

♦ Afraid (terrified); agreement (landmark agreement); bad (hideous); all-too-believable (unbelievable); clever (genius); first (first ever); flavour (flavour bomb); hero (superhero); hot (sweltering); hungry (starving); newly reported information (a shocking reveal); nice (awesome); sad (tragic); storm (Frankenstorm); tired (shattered); tragedy (terrible / horrific tragedy); weather (weather bomb); uber; ova-; mega... ("The extreme language of extroverts," BBC Reel, 13 May 2021, an excellent script and narration by Susie Dent.)

◆ Absolutely anything; absolutely horrific; absolutely huge; absolutely incredible; absolutely perfect; absolutely palpable; absolutely terrified; all kinds of brave (a female politician); astonishingly realistic; completely awe-struck; crazy delicious; endlessly refreshed; endlessly shocked; enormously touched; extraordinarily brave; fabulously wonderful; fundamentally horrific; hugely useful; incredibly brave; incredibly fierce; lushly illustrated (a blurb for some book), mad funny; magnificently researched (a blurb for some book); particularly heinous; preposterously talented; profoundly saddened; REEEE-ly, REEEE-ly contagious (NPR); savagely denounced; stratospherically difficult; super-important; terribly rotten; tremendously excited ("I am tremendously excited to join NPR / Kathleen Maher); truly believe; truly dire; unfathomably brutal; utterly horrific... (Linguistic supersizing.)

◆ absolutely completely (destroyed); completely totally (different); extremely carefully; extremely seriously; incredibly highly (regarded), totally completely...

◆ Absolute pleasure; cataclysmic loss (a death); enormous challenges; ferocious achievements (a woman); great honor; heroic efforts; highest (academic) standards (a woman); huge bravery (a woman); invaluable contribution (a blurb for some book); rare achievement (a blurb for some book); remarkable stories; searing analysis (a woman); sincere sadness (eulogy); tragic passing; unfathomable impact; unimaginable horror; unspeakable tragedy... (Linguistic supersizing.)

◆ "She signed off 'Big huge love.'" (The Irish actor Jessie Buckley to the writer Jordan Kisner. Kisner characterized the signoff as a "spirit of abundance." From "Monster Talent: In role after indelible role, Jessie Buckley is exploring the darkest corners of human nature" by Jordan Kisner, photograph by Jennifer Cheng, *The New York Times Magazine*, December 4, 2022. "Big." "Huge." "Abundance." "Monster." "Role after indelible role." "The darkest corners...")

◆ "We need you to do something extraordinary: donate... Can you help? [Heart symbol] Yes, I'll donate." (NPR.)

◆ Horrid (adjective); horrible (adjective); horrific (adjective); horrifically; horrified; horrifying (adjective)... (A group of Black lady golfers was kicked off a golf course for playing too slowly. One of them described it as a "horrific" experience.)

◆ "He has admitted to a huge, horrible mistake." (Watched porn on cellphone.)

◆ "Unimaginable horror has somehow even gotten worse." (A millennial war correspondent reporting from a café for NPR.)

◆ "[The] horrific horror of the attack..." (President Biden.)

◆ "The crucible of anxiety..." (College admissions.)

◆ "So this number of tables is very very extremely limited..." (A Fresh Air interview with a prissy maître d'.)

◆ The twindemic (flu + COVID) is now a "triple-demic" (flu + COVID-19 + RSV), according to NPR. A "quadruple-demic" is next!

◆ "The Omicron virus is REEEE-lee, REEEE-lee contagious." (Selena Simmons-Duffin of NPR. Type "really really" in the search box at NPR and you get 6,794 hits and counting...)

◆ "Crushing pressure, brutal cold and utter darkness; an epic journey into the unknown; alien worlds; bizarre creatures; extraordinary new behaviours; unendurable pressures; savage hordes of Humboldt squid..." (BBC enters the hype realm for *Blue Planet II*, *The Deep*.)

◆ "...dialogue that sounds unpremeditated but has a neutron-star density of drama and emotion." ("Sally Rooney Addresses Her Critics" by Caleb Crain, *The Atlantic*, September 2021.)

◆ "In the time it took me to type two words into my resume, I was a newly proclaimed Data Scientist, ready to plunge into the Internet economy. I landed a job at a New York start-up called Intent Media." (*Weapons Of Math Destruction* by Cathy O'Neil.)

*** numbers

◆ "Our life was running at 150,000 miles an hour." (The husband about his marriage to a pop celebrity, which ended badly.)

◆ "We as a society refuse to address the 9,000 pound gorilla in the room." (Guns. That gorilla has been supersized up from 800 pounds.)

◆ "He's a trillion percent right." (The sports commentator Mike Greenberg about something having to do with the NFL player Deion Sanders.)

◆ "Yuh know, on the one hand, this is kind of nutty (huh-huh), on the other hand, hey, ya know what, uh, [Reagan's] got a point, maybe you have to look at things from uh 20 billion miles up to get this kind of

perspective." (Fred Kaplan (journalist). From "The 'Secret History' Of Nuclear War," NPR, Fresh Air, September 28, 2020.)

◆ "On March 25, about 2,400 miles away [from Portland, Oregon] in a Tennessee courtroom..." (Just barely. Portland to Nashville is 2,349 miles *driving* and 1,970 miles *as the crow flies*. The United States is approximately 3,000 miles across.)

◆ "Police tracked him thousands of miles." (From Pullman, Washington, to Albrightsville, Pennsylvania. About 2,500 miles if driving. The United States is approximately 3,000 miles across. A more reputable source said, "more than 2,000 miles.")

◆ "The new Guinness World Record-holding marshmallow weighs over 1,400 pounds."

*** weather, climate

◆ Hot weather = a "heat apocalypse."

◆ "These forest fires are really really real."

◆ Climatic change or climate change or global warming has morphed to "the climate crisis" or the "climate emergency." ("Word of the Week: 'Emergency'" by Nicholas Clairmont, *Washington Examiner*, December 7, 2021.)

◆ "WOW! Why do they always call these nor'easters "Dangerous"! Have they never had one before?" (TiredProgrammer.)

*** astronomy, science

◆ "How to see the 'Super Flower Blood Moon'..." (BBC. Uh, look up?)

◆ "Can we please just go back to the days when it was just a 'full moon?'" An online commenter about an ABC article about a "Super Flower Blood Moon.")

◆ "And astronomers tomorrow will witness a clash [dramatic orchestral music]. After creeping towards each other, Venus and Jupiter will seem to touch as they glow in the pre-dawn light... To us on earth, they will align in what is called a planetary conjunction." (BBC "Science Reporter" Regina Reinhard.)

◆ "The Milky Way devours its neighbors, cannibalizing dwarf galaxies."

◆ "Scientists think they've found a big, weird moon in a far-off star system." ("Stellar" space reporting from NPR.)

◆ "Astronomers at Britain's Durham University have found an ultramassive black hole." ("Stellar" "space" reporting from NPR.)

◆ "New telescope catches dead suns smashing together." (BBC 2022.)

◆ "Space telescope records baby star's first screams" by Jonathan Amos, science correspondent, BBC, November 3, 2023. Amos's article is excellent, as usual. The clickbait headline is just wretched, though.

◆ "Some of our instruments literally look at the atoms that make up the crystals inside these rock, and when you're working at that scale, a single stone is an infinite landscape to explore. We'll be working on these materials for decades and decades into the future." (Dante Lauretta, principal investigator, about the OSIRIS-Rex Sample Return. Or, as the BBC reader translated, "Every single grain will be carefully analysed.")

*** sports

◆ "It's the biggest myth in the history of myths." (John Madden, the bombastic sports broadcaster, reacting to comments about something or other that he had allegedly said or done. Sports broadcasters are often bombastic, flamboyant, and known for hyperbole. A perfect example is the great Stephen A. Smith.)

◆ "Arnie's Army; Who Dat Nation; Chiefs Kingdom..." (Sports fandoms. Names of sports teams include "Galaxy" and "Cosmos.")

◆ "It takes huge bravery to say what she's saying." (Simon Biles withdraws from Tokyo Olympics event to prioritize her wellbeing.)

◆ "Swagger; arguably their greatest ever performance; fierce Australian opposition; sensational growth under manager Sarina Wiegman; her status as the world's best is unquestionable; led England to Euro 2022 glory; relentless winners; a crunching tackle; a masterclass in killing momentum; feverish excitement; a flourishing partnership; caused havoc; terrifying the hosts' defence; deafening roars; fierce pressure; burst into life; pouncing; a sublime long-range goal; unwavering belief; I just wanted to be fearless; the biggest stage; go all the way; England were creating more history; steeliness and experience; a mission..." ("How England crashed Australia's party to reach a World Cup final" by Emma Sanders, BBC Sport at Stadium Australia, 16 August 2023. Her article, "England beaten by Spain in Women's World Cup final" was rather more subdued.)

♦ "Pretty much every other word out of their mouths is a superlative. If everything is 'brilliant', 'tremendous', 'world class', etc., then nothing really is, as the words lose all meaning. They need to talk a bit less and let the football speak for itself." (A commenter about coverage of the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)

♦ "I always have to watch the women's England games with the commentary muted because it's just terrible" (A commenter about coverage of the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)

♦ "So, according to the BBC news reporter, this is 'devastating'. I would suggest what happened at the Countess of Chester hospital was 'devastating'—this is just 'slightly disappointing'. (Spain beats England in the final of the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)

♦ "I stopped watching, reading and listening to the media hype when I heard the players being called 'heroes' after the Germany game. Get a grip BBC." (Grommy on the BBC HYS on the eve of England vs. Ukraine, Euro 2020.)

*** analysis

♦ "There's a level of exaggeration that we've come to expect..." (An NPR report about a congressional hearing.)

♦ "The extreme language of extroverts," BBC Reel, 13 May 2021, an excellent script and narration by Susie Dent.

♦ In Italy, "*americanata*" refers to something big and flashy, over the top, like an oversized American car trying to force its way up a small, narrow Italian street. The term can be disparaging or admiring.

♦ "Ah, the word genius is passed around rather generously, isn't it... Russians assign the thinner term TAL•ant, talent... It is a bizarre example of semantic discrepancy, the same word [genius] being more substantial in one language [Russian] than in another [English]. Although my Russian and my English are practically coeval, I still feel appalled and puzzled at seeing genius applied to any important storyteller... Genius still means to me in my Russian fastidiousness and pride of phrase a unique, dazzling gift, the gift of James Joyce, not the talent of Henry James." (Vladimir Nabokov, BBC Author Archive Collection, "James Mossman talks to Russian writer Vladimir Nabokov in this 1970 interview.")

♦ **MAGNIFICIENCE**, adj. Having a grandeur or splendor superior to that which the spectator is accustomed, as the ears of an ass, to a rabbit, or the glory of a glowworm, to a maggot. (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ Much in U.S. society is and always has been commercial, promotional, and self-promotional. And our language reflects it: *big, super-, trendy, performative, curated, boutique*, "throw it all on the wall and see what sticks," *artisanal, craft, custom, heirloom, designer, bespoke, bedazzled* (or is it *bejazzled?*), *uber, meta, hyper, upcycled, -forward, -informed, -driven, -ized, reinvented, pop-up, verb-up, kinetic, fluid, deep, massive, generational, transactional, intersectional, insanely cool*, "try this genius hack to..." In warfare, bombs and missiles have gone from *dumb* to *smart* or *brilliant*. As Michael Goldhaber said, "The value of true modesty or humility is hard to sustain in the attention economy."

♦ see also *buzzword* (noun), *boilerplate* (noun), *doublespeak* (noun), *ese* (*legalese, etc.*), *funny language, gobbledygook, language (types), lip service* (*pay lip service, etc.*), *newspeak* (noun), *speak* (*NASA-speak, etc.*), *talk* (*mediator talk, etc.*), *word salad*

hyperbole: food & drink / size

language: speech

super-spreader

super spreaders

"~" perpetuate conspiracy theories on social media

super-spreader of disinformation / hate

social media has been a ~

transmission: health & medicine

supine (adjective)

supine relationship

he embodies his party's rather ~ to this president (politics)

supine and silent

Congress has been ~

remains supine

the press ~ (the mainstream media / politics)

♦ "Don't expect me to take this lying down!"

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying

supinely

accepted supinely

physicians ~ this crucial flaw in Galen's material (anatomy)

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying

supple (adjective)

supple

artificial intelligence can be as ~ as a human's

supple intelligence

her ~ distinguished her (a political advisor)

supple sensitivity

he performs the songs with ~ (Sinatra)

supple voice

her ~ can caress and shock (a singer)

his ~ constantly transforms itself

supple (pop-jazz) voice

she has a ~

supple and durable

radio is a ~ technology

ability & lack of ability / constraint & lack of constraint: materials & substances / movement

Supreme Court

Supreme Court of (Facebook) enforcement

the Oversight Board is sort of a ~

French language's Supreme Court

the Académie Française, the ~

judgment / punishment & recrimination: justice

judgment: epithet

supremacist (white supremacist, etc.)

white supremacist

the ~ origins of exercise...

♦ "The White Supremacist Origins of Exercise, and 6 Other Surprising Facts About the History of U.S. Physical Fitness" by Olivia B. Waxman, *Time Magazine*, Dec. 28, 2022. (The author may or may not have written the title.)

inclusion & exclusion: objectification

supremacy (white supremacy, etc.)

white supremacy

the term "~" is a rhetorical weapon

white-supremacy

quality is a ~ structure (DEI materials)

language of white supremacy

Southern elected leaders spoke the ~ (after reconstruction)

flames of white supremacy

he has fanned the ~ in this nation (politics)

tool of white supremacy

I never heard before that math was a ~
the SAT has been smeared as a ~

racism / white supremacy

I remember a time before the left cried ~ over every issue

reject white supremacy

~, anti-immigrant and anti-blackness ideologies (USC)

♦ "To weaponize a panel of Black bodies of color to do your filth is insane. This is insane And this is how institutional white supremacy works." (Chaedria LaBouvier, calling out a Guggenheim Museum panel during a Q&A. From "The Scapegoat" by Helen Lewis, *The Atlantic*, November 2022. "Weaponize." "Black bodies." "Of color." "Institutional white supremacy.")

♦ "Our goal is not just to change language but to honor and acknowledge inclusion and reject white supremacy, anti-immigrant and anti-blackness ideologies." (A memo from the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, announcing that the school had changed the Office of Field Education to the Office of Practicum Education. See "Anti-racist" language change causes confusion" by Tomoki Chien, *Daily Trojan*, January 11, 2023.)

♦ "And what I want people to make the connection to is actually white privilege is a part of white supremacy and it upholds white supremacy." (Layla Saad, author of *Me and White Supremacy*.)

♦ MR: Getting into sort of X Y or Z newest wellness fad can for some folks kind of put them on this track, kind of filter them or funnel them closer and closer to anti-vax stuff, closer and closer to QAnon stuff, and QAnon itself is like closer and closer to organized white supremacy. AG: Yes. ("The Wellness to QAnon Pipeline," *Maintenance Phase* podcast.)

♦ "We have 100+ statues and portraits in the Capitol. Almost all of them are of white men. The erasure of women & BIPOC from American history is a feature of white supremacy." (A tweet attributed to Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez by The New York Post.)

♦ "White Supremacy is banning Sha'Carri Richardson for smoking weed while Megan Rapinoe gets praised for her use of CBD."

♦ "The thin ideal is definitely a white ideal... So celebrating a thin white body as the ideal body is a way to 'other' and demonize Black and brown bodies, bigger bodies, anyone who doesn't fit into that norm. So this is really about maintaining systems of white supremacy and patriarchy..." (Journalist Virginia Sole-Smith. Interview highlights. From "Diet culture can hurt kids. This author advises parents to reclaim the word 'fat,'" NPR, Fresh Air (Tonya Mosley), April 25, 2023.)

♦ "What is white supremacy? It's a viral phrase that quickly infected our political lexicon while allowing each host to change the definition as he she sees fit—but a definition that applies to everything ultimately means nothing." ("Democrats' latest attempt to use a 'white supremacy' scare to crush their opposition" by Adam G. Coleman, *New York Post*, 2023.)

♦ "Why is white supremacy bad and black supremacy good? (Adam B. Coleman.)

♦ "I never heard before that math was a tool of white supremacy. I just can't keep up!" (An "exhausted" online commenter.)

inclusion & exclusion: objectification

sure (introductory)

Sure

~, what I mean by that is...

Sure, so

see so (introductory)

Sure, well...

see well (filler)

♦ This is often pronounced "shore" nowadays, like the shore of a body of water.

♦ To hear a lot of introductory "Sure's," listen to "A new book explains how QAnon took hold of the GOP—and why it's not going away," NPR, Fresh Air, March 2, 2023. Terry Gross asks. Journalist Will Sommer answers, "Sure, (so) (well)..."

♦ see also *right (introductory)*, *so (introductory)*, *yeah (and yah / introductory)*

contempo-speak: introductory

surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)

surefire investment

I thought it was a ~

surefire recipe

this is a ~ to ruin the economy (politics)

surefire replacement

the team has no ~ for either player (sports)

surefire solution

there is no ~ for this

surefire technique

another ~ is to...

surefire way

it's a ~ to make money

no one has yet found a ~ to do that

showing some flesh is a ~ to get talked about (naked dress)

seems surefire

a scene that ~ in rehearsal can fall flat

flaws & lack of flaws: weapon

certainty & uncertainty: weapon

sure-footed (adjective)

sure-footed

he came off as defensive, not so ~ (a politician)

♦ "No one knows how many mountain goats fall to their deaths."

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability / walking, running & jumping

surf (computers)

surf the Internet

she likes to ~

♦ Hitting a log the size of a telephone pole (Teahupoo); broken femur, neck, nose, burst eardrum, knee dislocation, getting your thigh ripped open by a surfboard fin; being stripped of your flotation vest, rash guard and trunks in the whitewater and left naked... (Just a few of the many surfing hazards.)

♦ "For the storm to be right here, it should be a lot better." (A disappointed surfer in North Carolina, remarking on the smallish waves generated by Hurricane Earl.)

♦ "They provide themselves with a thin board, on these they swim off shore to meet the Surf... [They] manage so as to get just before it or rather on the Slant or declivity of the Surf & thus they lie...laying hold of the fore part of the board which receives the force of the water on its under side, & by that means keeps before the wave which drives it along

with an incredible Swiftness to the shore... We saw with astonishment young boys & Girls about 9 or ten playing amid such tempestuous Waves that the hardest of our seamen would have trembled to face..." (David Samwell describing the scene at Kealakekua Bay, January 22, 1779.)

♦ "Eddie Aikau, Shane Dorian, Andy Irons, Bruce Irons, Kelly Slater, Sunny Garcia... (The great Makua Rothman listing just some of his influences. "Eddy would go!")

♦ 2009, 2004, 1998, 1983, 1974, and the Big One in 1969... (Years for legendary surf on the North Shore of Oahu.)

computers: sports & games / verb

surface (intransitive)

surface

the truth may never ~ (rumors in the news)

surfaced on (several) gossip blogs

the video clip ~ last week

surfaced in Canada

they disappeared and then ~

surfaced in the Hollywood Reporter

allegations of sexual assault ~

eventually surface

the truth will ~ (disappearance of college coed)

evidence has surfaced

no new ~ in the case

name surfaced

his ~ during the investigation (terrorist)

appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: verb / water

surface (as transitive verb)

surfaced (upsetting) footage

he ~ of catastrophe and corruption (Spike Lee / *Epicenters*)

surface the basic, fundamental ideas

they did ~ (a discussion of abortion rights)

surfacing that for them

how are we ~ (good articles on cellphone / NYT editor)

surfaces content

TikTok ~ based on a variety of factors (search)

♦ "The Gender Cool Project, a youth-led organization surfacing positive trans stories..."

contempo-speak: part of speech

surface (on the surface)

on the surface

~, it looks bad

appearance & reality: water

surface (under the surface)

under the surface

but ~, the sectarian divisions remain (Lebanon)

there is anger ~ ready to erupt at any time

bubbling (just) under the surface

conflict is ~

appearance & reality: water

concealment & lack of concealment: water

surface (scratch the surface)

scratch the surface

these findings just ~

scratches the surface

even this huge number barely ~ (microbes in gut)

extent & scope: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

surface (bring to the surface)

brought the (bitter) rift to the surface

the incident ~ (between military and government)

appearance & disappearance: verb / water

concealment & lack of concealment: verb / water

surge (noun)

surge in violence

there has been a ~ (Chicago gang violence)

amount & effect / movement: tide / water

surge (surge of anger, etc.)

surge of anger

he felt a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: force / water

surge (intransitive verb / increase)

membership surged

gang ~

numbers surging

why are the ~ (for testing accommodations)

increase & decrease: direction / movement / tide / water / verb

surge (intransitive verb / effect)

surged across the Americas

the disease ~ (dengue fever / 2019)

surging across the southern border

migrants are ~

amount & effect: tide / verb / water

movement: tide / verb / water

surge (transitive verb)

surging (more than) 500 officers

the mayor is ~ to fight subway crime (NYC)

surged their (national) resources

the ATF ~ (serial bombings in Austin, Texas)

directing: tide / verb / water

surgeon (doesn't take a brain surgeon, etc.)

take a brain surgeon

it doesn't ~ to understand that...

♦ "When people say, 'It doesn't take a brain surgeon,' they refer to the assumption that we are the smartest ones around." (A brain surgeon.)

language: sarcasm

analysis, interpretation & explanation / knowledge &

intelligence: health & medicine

surgery (noun)

botched surgery

the ~ they've carried out (Puffin Books / Roald Dahl)

drastic surgery

~ seems the only answer (to cure ills of soccer team)

radical surgery

France is resisting such ~ (austerity)

♦ "You don't even need glasses to see and analyse where the problems are. It's not enough to do some minor amendments—cosmetic things. In medicine you would say this is an operation of the open heart." The problem for Rangnick was that no everyone at United agreed such surgery had to happen." (Manchester United: The problems facing Erik ten Hag at Old Trafford" by Simon Stone, BBC Sport, 30 October 2023.)

♦ "Drastic surgery seems the only answer, amputate before infection spreads." (An unhappy Manchester United fan.)

♦ "The editors at Puffin (Books) should be ashamed of the botched surgery they've carried out on some of the finest children's literature in Britain." (Laura Hackett, deputy literary editor of London's *Sunday Times* newspaper, about revision made to the works of Roald Dahl. The revisions relate to such things as weight, mental health, gender, and race.)

♦ "There is not a surgery that comes without risks."

♦ "Surgeons kill more people than we know about."

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

surgical (adjective)

surgical approach

for a century, the Supreme Court has used a more ~

surgical clarity

he tells his story with a ~ (short story collection)

surgical fashion

we are fighting this in very ~ (Israel vs. Hamas)

the assassination was carried out in a ~ (M. Fakhrizadeh)

surgical precision

lawmakers wrote the election law with ~ to exclude Blacks

surgical strike

the killing was a ~ (an assassination)

a ~ on a car carrying the commander of...

a brilliantly executed ~ by Israeli jets (in Syria)

surgical way

we are prosecuting this war in the most ~

♦ "Drone strikes are supposed to be precise, *surgical* is the word most often used..." ("U.S. air strikes have killed thousands of civilians, NYT Magazine investigation finds," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, December 25, 2021.)

♦ BBC "Austria: Doctor fined for amputating wrong leg of patient," Europe, 1 December 2021.

flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine

surprise (sarcasm)

surprise, surprise

we don't actually know that, Ari, ~...

♦ "We don't actually know that, Ari, surprise, surprise..." (NPR's Nina Totenberg.)

language: sarcasm

surreal (adjective)

surreal

what's happening on reality TV is ~

'surreal' dream

Welsh teenager Lewy Williams living his ~ (darts)

surreal (televised) interview

he was forced to confess in a ~

'surreal' (January) wildfire

~ shuts California highway (unseasonable)

♦ Meriam-Webster cites first usage as 1937. It comes from the name of the post-WWI 1924 Surrealism movement, associated with Rene Magritte and the melting clocks of Salvador Dali.

*** **analysis**

♦ "Geoff Nunberg deconstructs this word in "Horrific' And 'Surreal': The Words We Use To Bear Witness," NPR, Fresh Air, April 26, 2013.

fantasy & reality: allusion

surrender (verb)

surrender their seats to (pregnant) women

some refuse to ~ (New Yorkers)

surrendered his (medical) license

he has ~ and can no longer practice

surrender (unlicensed) firearms

the Interior Ministry appealed to citizens to ~

surrendered its artistic freedom

criticism the opera house had ~

♦ "Surrendering during battle is difficult." (Actual close-quarters combat.)

possession: military / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

survivor (groups)

survivor

he's a ~ who always gets back up (a politician)

survivor of (childhood) trauma

as a ~... (unspecified)

Survivor Corps

Diana Berrent, Founder, ~ (Long COVID)

survivor credibility

questions surrounding ~ (Megan Thee Stallion trial)

COVID-19 survivors

what survivor's guilt looks like for three ~ (NPR)

rape survivor
activist and ~ Brenda Tracy (vs MSU coach Mel Tucker)

Hurricane Laura survivor
~ among hundreds of thousands without power

heroic survivor
a ~ of brutal abuse (Amber Heard vs. Johnny Depp)

sexual assault survivor
NPR's Ailsa Chang talks with ex-football player and ~

police shooting survivor
the family of a ~ is speaking out...

black survivors
the lack of services for many ~ (crime)

cancer survivor
~ Hayley will be the youngest American to visit space
the 63-year-old ~ leaves the foundation with a...

stroke survivor
she give voice to ~ in debut novel

trauma survivors
her mural explores themes of healing for ~

boarding school survivor
my mother was a ~ (native American)
the ~s, and the spirits of the children... (Denise Lajimodiere)

political survivor
she is a shrewd ~ (German Chancellor)

21 million (male) survivors
the estimated ~ (abuse by Catholic Church, Boy Scouts)

millions of survivors
~ have been living with the impacts (domestic abuse)

♦ see also *victim (groups)*

♦ "Survivor" has almost completely replaced "victim" in the context of medical illnesses like cancer. A cancer "survivor" might also be referred to as a cancer "conqueror. A 2-page advertisement in the April 2017 *Vanity Fair* uses the word "defier": "JESSICA QUELLER / Author and Cancer Defier / For Women who defy the odds / White House Black Market / Women To Women."

♦ *Surviving the White Gaze*. (A memoir by Rebecca Carroll.)

♦ *American Teenager: How Trans Kids are Surviving Hate and Finding Joy in a Turbulent Era*. (By Nico Lang.)

♦ "The director, a Katrina baby himself, and his subjects, other Black survivors of both the storm and the government's opportunistic response to the storm..." ("Lost Youth: Two new documentaries on HBO Max and Netflix" by Doreen St. Felix, *The New Yorker*, September 12, 2022.)

♦ "*The New Yorker's* article on Long COVID, in which I was a central subject, was a profound affront to everyone suffering the long-term sequelae of even mild and asymptomatic cases of COVID-19." (Diana Berrent.)

♦ "Nassar abuse survivors reach \$380 million deal with USA Gymnastics, Olympic committee" by Joe Hernandez, NPR, updated December 13, 2021.

♦ "FBI opens settlement talks with gymnasts who survived abuse by Larry Nassar," Carrie Johnson, NPR Law, July 28, 2022.

♦ "For Centenarian Survivor Of 1918 Flu Pandemic, Coronavirus Is Just Another 'Problem,'" NPR, All Things Considered, April 15, 2020. The "survivor," who was five years old in 1918, did not actually get the flu during that pandemic.

♦ "She is a third-generation Holocaust Survivor."

♦ "She said for years...she didn't identify as a survivor because she had not personally witnessed the carnage that occurred..." (A school-shooting survivor who "sees herself" as a survivor now.)

♦ "She is a *survivor* [italics mine] of Amache." (From "A rosebush, which hasn't bloomed in decades, adds color to a dim chapter in history" by Ryan Warner, NPR, Morning Edition, May 30, 2022. Cheesy, overproduced, historically inaccurate, and divisive. See the next quotation.)

♦ "You know, they had a roof over their head, and they were getting meals, and that was not something they had any assurance of on the outside. And so, paradoxically, the War Relocation Authority really had to sort of *put the screws to the community to get them to leave* [italics mine]. They had to start shutting operations down, they had to start shutting down mess halls, they had to start eliminating employment..." (APM Reports, "Order 9066, Chapter 7: Leaving Camp," June 25, 2018.)

♦ "One thing we need to better understand is intergenerational trauma and history. All the research shows the survivors have no parenting skills. Now, there's something called Boarding School Syndrome—it's basically post-traumatic stress disorder. They have intrusive memories, flashbacks, nightmares, attachment disorder, personal shame—they're ashamed of being Indian—trouble sleeping, poor anger management, deficient parenting skills and the tendency to abuse alcohol. It's also called 'disenfranchised grief' because it can't be publicly mourned. Some call it a 'soul wound.'" (Denise Lajimodiere. From "Q & A with Denise Lajimodiere," National Catholic Reporter, July 22-August 4, 2022.)

♦ "Miller's attorneys called him the 'only living execution survivor in the United States.'" ("Alabama 'execution survivor' reaches settlement with state" by Kim Chandler, Nov. 29, 2022. Officials were not able to establish an intravenous line to the 351-pound inmate. The "settlement" is that Miller will be executed by another means, to be determined. Update: he is to be executed by nitrogen gas January 25-26, 2024.)

♦ "[W]e take a look at why *Survivor* has been a staple of TV conversation for 20 years." ("Idols, Islands, Snakes & Rats: 20 Years Of 'Survivor' by Linda Holmes and Stephen Thompson, NPR, Review, Pop Culture Happy Hour, April 15, 2020.)

♦ NPR's Michel Martin: Thank you so much for talking with us. I imagine this just has to be exhausting. / Aly Raisman: Thank you for having me on. You know, this is one of the moments where right now I'm definitely, I'm definitely feeling it, I'm definitely exhausted, but that's that's what surviving and healing looks like. You know, there are some moments where I feel okay and then other moments....."

♦ The Brandeis University Prevention Advocacy Resource recommends that people not use the term "survivor" for cancer victims, earthquake victims, etc. That's because the term implies the trauma is over, when in fact the trauma might linger for years. And so, they recommend you say somebody has experienced something. Google "rape experiencer" and you only get four results.

♦ "We told you that this would be a performance, the role of her lifetime as a heroic survivor of brutal abuse." (Camille Vasquez, in her closing arguments in the Amber Heard-Johnny Depp trial.)

♦ "How are we expected to survive without this!" (A bearded millennial man at an airport holds up a cellphone in a T-Mobile advertisement. "Travel with T-Mobile. Whether it's across the country or across the globe, your phone just works.")

♦ "Another Los Angeles-based Ben survivor named Raven..." (#TheBenStage.)

♦ OLD: a victim... / NEW: a survivor, a conqueror, a defier, one who has experienced something...

♦ "The first Russian patrol came in sight of the camp about midday on 27 January 1945. Charles and I were the first to see them: we were carrying Somogyi's body to the common grave, the first of our room mates to die. We tipped the stretcher on to the defiled snow, as the pit was now full, and no other grave was at hand: Charles took off his beret as a salute to both the living and the dead. / They were four young soldiers on horseback, who advanced along the road that marked the limits of the camp, cautiously holding their sten-guns. When they reached the barbed wire, they stopped to look, exchanging a few timid words, and throwing strangely embarrassed glances at the sprawling bodies, at the battered huts and at us few still alive..." (*The Truce* by Primo Levi.)

Inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

suspended

suspended between modernity and the Middle Ages
Casablanca is ~

configuration: pendulum

division & connection: pendulum

suspended animation

entered suspended animation
the Democratic primary season ~ (pandemic)

stuck in suspended animation
his campaign is ~ (shut down by pandemic)

activity: death & life

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life

sustenance (noun)

kind of sustenance
words were a ~ (NBA speech)

consumption: food & drink

Svengali (allusion)

Svengali effect
he's got this ~ on people (suicide bombers)

Svengali-like
Vicky Page seemed to be the victim of the ~ Lermontov

Holmes's Svengali
Balwani was ~...

♦ "One school of thought is that she became captive to Balwani's nefarious influence. Under this theory, Balwani was Holmes's Svengali and molded her—the innocent ingenue with big dreams—into the precocious young female startup founder that the Valley craved and that he was too old and too male to play himself... But to place all the blame on his shoulders is not only too convenient, it's inaccurate." (*Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup* by John Carreyrou.)

character & personality / subterfuge: allusion

allusion: books & reading

swagger (noun)

swagger and hustle
~ are expected (in Silicon Valley / Fake it till you make it)

swagger and (unexpected) sensitivity
Rivera brought ~ to the character (*Glee*'s Santana)

99% swagger
after *Iron Man* he's ~ (Jill Lepore about Elon Musk)

plenty of swagger
she plays with ~ (Iowa basketball player Caitlin Clark)

economic swagger
gone is the ~ (Australia)

tradition and swagger
the team oozes ~ (Alabama football / Roll Tide!)

put the "swagger" back in the department
he wants to ~ (US government)

♦ "Now, let's show them some good old-fashioned American swagger." (Tommy Lee Jones in the role of General Douglas MacArthur, biting down with an audible click on his long-stemmed corncob pipe, from the 2012 film *Emperor*.)

character & personality: walking, running & jumping

swagger (verb)

swagger
this culture rewards people who ~, until it doesn't...

character & personality: verb / walking, running & jumping

swallow (accept)

swallow
take as much sovereignty as you can ~ (Yeltsin)
a "conflict" is easier to ~ than a war (terminology)

swallowed his story hook, line and sinker
I ~ (army recruiter)

swallow such absurdities
one needs not ~ as this... (ideas)

hard to swallow
the results of such a study are ~

tough (one) to swallow
I'm gutted, it's a ~ (Conor McGregor loses to Poirier)

pill to swallow
getting advice can be a bitter ~
it was a hard ~ having medalled in the past (track loss)

♦ "If it means swallowing some humble pie, and it means eating some of your words, I can't think of a more excellent diet." (Prime Minister David Cameron, on his coalition government formed with the Liberal Democrats.)

♦ "I can get it out of my craw, it's stuck in it." (Skip Bayless, about a point of disagreement with Shannon Sharpe, on their wonderful sports show "Skip and Shannon: Undisputed.")

consumption: food & drink / stomach / throat / verb
acceptance & rejection: food & drink / stomach / throat / verb

swallow (disappearance)

swallowed him up
the streets ~ real quick (Detroit crime)
the sea just ~, queer... (*Moby Dick*)

swallowed (two unoccupied) cars
a sinkhole ~ in Seattle (broken main)

swallow huts
sand dunes threatened to ~ (desertification in Niger)

swallowed her life
the cult quickly ~ (a sex cult)

swallowed them
always the jungle rose and ~ (villages, civilizations)

sinkhole swallowed
a ~ a sewer-repair truck (Portland)
a ~ two unoccupied cars in Seattle (broken water main)

appearance & disappearance: bodily reaction / verb

consumption / resemblance: bodily reaction / verb

swallowed

swallowed whole

the company's promises were ~ by the tech press (fraud)

acceptance & rejection: stomach / throat

consumption: food & drink

swamp (verb)

swamp Tibet with (Chinese) migrants

our main concern is that the railway will ~ (Qinghai-Tibet)

swamped the (entire) industry

the economic downturn ~ (journalism and newspapers)

amount & effect: boat / verb / water / wave

movement: boat / verb / water / wave

swamp (fever swamp)

fever swamp of the alt-right

this is sort of the ~ (books of a conspiracy theorist)

fever swamps of identity politics

the broadcaster's descent into the ~ (NPR)

online fever swamps

they dredge up wild beliefs from ~ (a podcast)

environment: ground, terrain & land / swamp / water

corruption: ground, terrain & land / swamp / water

fantasy & reality: health & medicine

swamp (drain the swamp)

drain the swamp

he promised to ~ of Congress

Twitter tries to ~

“drain the swamp” strategy

the Trump's campaign ~

amelioration & renewal / corruption: ground, terrain & land

/ swamp / verb / water

swamp (swamp of cliches, etc.)

swamp of cliches

sadly, he is trapped in a ~ (Will Smith in film *Emancipation*)

♦ “This game has all the qualities of a neglected pond, turgid, stagnant and honking.” (A disgruntled fan, about a Champions League final.)

environment: ground, terrain & land / swamp / water

corruption: ground, terrain & land / swamp / water

swamped

swamped by criticism

BP has been ~ as the oil leak gushes (in Gulf of Mexico)

swamped with patients

the VA is ~ with hearing problems

get swamped

you can ~ on every single issue (government)

amount & effect: boat / water

swan (verb)

swanned around the room

two camera-people ~, shooting footage (a celebrity)

movement: animal / bird / verb

swan (black swan)

see *black swan* (rarity)

swan song

swan song

it was the restaurant's ~ (celebration of bankruptcy)

swansong as James Bond

Daniel Craig's ~ (the film *No Time To Die*)

starting, going, continuing & ending: allusion / theater

swarm (verb)

swarming

lawyers are ~

swarm around foreigners

children and grown men ~ (Cox's Bazar)

swarms with pilgrims

during the week before Christmas Lalibela ~ (Ethiopia)

swarming the city

security guards are ~ (Olympics)

swarmed the playground

the children ~ (opening ceremony)

♦ In a delightful “Talk of the Town” article in *The New Yorker*, Michael Schulman points out that New Yorkers “swarm” for things like “flash mobs, Occupy Wall Street, the cronut line.” His article, however, is about *actual* swarms and how New York City's finest deal with them. (“Law and Order: Bee Cops,” September 17, 2018.)

activity / behavior: animal / insect / verb

amount & effect / movement: animal / insect / verb

swarm (noun)

swarm of (citizen) complaints

the noise has prompted a ~

swarm of earthquakes

authorities recorded a ~ (Taal Volcano erupts)

swarms of particles

the comet sheds ~ as it nears the sun (Leonids)

swarms of protesters

the meetings of the World Bank have drawn ~

swarms of shoppers

the nation's malls opened to ~ (holiday season)

swarm of tornadoes

a ~ and powerful thunderstorms belted the area

a devastating ~ left four people dead (Texas)

“swarm” of tremors

a ~ were felt last year (earthquakes in Surrey)

"swarm tactics"

~ will be used to overrun the enemy (Iraqi Freedom)

swarm technique

the ~ is where multiple officers use their body weight to...

earthquake swarm

in 1989, an ~ began west of Fugen-dake (Unzen eruption)

♦ The wonderful science writer Carol Kaesuk Yoon has reported that in 1875 a swarm of Rocky Mountain locusts formed the largest recorded locust swarm in recorded history, 1,800 miles long and 110 miles wide... Just twenty-eight years later, the Rocky Mountain locust was extinct. The last live locust was collected in 1902, and today the only way scientists can study them is to examine the carcasses of those locusts blown off course and preserved in glaciers.

activity / behavior / amount & effect: animal / insect

sweat (feeling)

made to sweat

the US side was ~ by the French (close US soccer victory)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction

sweat (work)

blood, sweat and tears

he gave the franchise 20 years of his ~ (Kobe Bryant)

breaking a sweat

nobody is ~ over this work (progress bars on devices)

work & duty: bodily reaction / sign, signal, symbol

difficulty, easiness & effort: bodily reaction / sign, signal, symbol

sweeping

sweeping change

the report called for ~ (shuttle safety)

there is not yet a groundswell of support for ~

sweeping curve

the ~ directly upstream of the falls (river)

sweeping impact

the ~ of fire on the sagebrush plains

sweeping (U.N.) resolution

a ~ against terrorist financing

extent & scope: movement / pendulum

sweepstakes (win the sweepstakes)

temperamental sweepstakes

if you are impervious to self-doubt, you have won the ~

won the (temperamental) sweepstakes

if you are impervious to self-doubt, you have ~

success & failure: gambling

sweet (personality)

sweet personality

her ~ has made her a lot of friends (exchange student)

sweet-charactered

a suitable and ~ girl

sweet-faced

a TV show filled with ~ young men

sweet-tempered

a ~ boy

cute, sophisticated and sweet

fashion to make her feel ~ (adolescents)

character & personality: taste

sweet (sweet dreams, etc.)

sweet dreams

you hug her and kiss her and wish her ~

consumption: food & drink / taste

sweet (exclamation)

how sweet

Ohhh, ~ (Foxy Cleopatra to Mini-Me)

♦ "And I was like, "sweet." (Ironic. A bikini barista in Seattle, Washington, telling a videographer about serving a customer who was masturbating.)

feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation / food & drink / taste

sweetheart (vocative)

sweetheart

hey, ~

vocative: heart / taste

sweetheart (other)

sweetheart

baby, won't you be my ~

sweetheart couple

they were the media's ~ before they split in 2002

sweetheart deal

China for so many years has had a ~ (politics)

America's sweetheart

see *America (America's sweetheart, etc.)*

high school sweetheart

she wed ~ Bobby

high-school sweetheart

they had been ~s

kiss of my sweetheart

the tender ~ on my cheek

attraction & repulsion / heart: person / taste

person: heart

sweet spot

sweet spot on sleep

so how do we hit the ~ (too much, little, etc.)

hit the sweet spot

he ~ with two hits (a writer-director)

hits the sweet spot
Pennsylvania maple ~ (best wood for baseball bats)

looking for a sweet spot
a happy medium, something in between, they are ~

flaw & lack of flaws: taste

swell (verb)

swollen in South Carolina
welfare rolls have ~

swelled enrollment from 1,500 to 2,100
a marketing push that has ~ (school)

swelled to (nearly) 8,000
by the 1940s, the number of fire lookouts had ~

swelled to (more than) 1 million
the population ~ (Everglades alligators)

swelled by (another) 1 million
the capital of 1.3 million had ~ (Kabul)

swelled beyond (official) estimates
struggling to help a group that has ~ (immigrants)

numbers swelled
as their ~ to 437,000 (adjuncts)

numbers have swollen
police ~ in Sydney's west and southwest (pandemic)

population swelled
the ~ to more than 1 million (Everglades alligators)

ranks swell
their ~ out of sympathy (radicals)

staff swells
its ~ to 400 with the approach of summer

♦ "Inflation is swelling like a pustule."

increase & decrease: health & medicine / size / verb

swept away (emotion)

swept away
he's ~ (drummer on a giant elk-skin drum)

feeling, emotion & effect: river / sea / water / wave

swept away (removal)

swept away
the old order was ~ (Russian revolution)

swept away by regression and mediocrity
significant progress is in danger of being ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: river / sea / water

destruction: river / sea / water

swim (verb)

swim or sink
we are going to ~ together (revitalizing Detroit / 2010)

survival, persistence & endurance: water / verb

swine (behavior)

absolute swine
he was an ~ to him (a film director to an actor)

just swine
these pundits are ~, gorging themselves at the trough

♦ "These pundits are just swine, gorging themselves at the trough of greed." (Commenter about BBC coverage of Qatar World Cup.)

♦ You can take a swine to the Rhine, but he'll still be a swine. (Higher education, junior year abroad programs, etc.)

behavior / insult: animal

swing (take a swing)

took a swing at BP
the President ~ (oil slick)

got in one more swing
the Sander's campaign ~ against his opponent (politics)

conflict: boxing / verb

swing (in full swing)

in full swing
the economic recovery is ~
the fire season is ~
the coronavirus crisis is ~

activity / extent & scope: movement / pendulum

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / pendulum

swing (swing around)

swung around
this thing has ~ (losing boxer wins round)

reversal: movement / pendulum

development: direction / movement

swing (development)

swing state
Iowa is a ~

development: movement / pendulum

swing (swing and a miss)

swing and a miss
intelligence reports were a "~" (Afghanistan)

swing and a miss for the Democrats
the hearings were a ~

♦ "SNL is taking a big swing in the cold open and it looks like it's going to be a miss..." (An online commenter.)

success & failure: baseball / sports & games

swirl (verb)

swirl
new questions ~ over the downing of the plane

swirling
questions are ~, "What happened" (murder of woman)

swirled around his death
conspiracy theories ~ (Adrian Lamo)

swirl around him
allegations continue to ~ (cheating, etc.)

swirled around Mulholland
those scandals ~, he ducked and dived... (Los Angeles)

swirling for two years
these allegations have been ~ (politics)

swirled for decades
rumors have ~ (assassination)

continue to swirl
questions ~ around Boeing after two deadly air crashes

continues to swirl
the mystery ~ about exactly what happened (crime)

activity / initiation: movement / verb / water

Swiss cheese (noun)

Swiss cheese model
something known as the ~ (epidemiology)

♦ "No single intervention is typically enough to stop an epidemic. And the way I like to think about this and the way many epidemiologists think about this is something known as the Swiss cheese model. So imagine you have pieces of Swiss cheese that you're stacking up, and each of them have some holes in it, and they're random pieces of Swiss cheese, like you're making a sandwich, and you're piling up pieces of Swiss cheese, if each piece of Swiss cheese represents a defense, a layer of defense, for example, one piece is wearing masks, and another piece is closing schools, and another piece is banning gatherings, and another piece is washing your hands, and another piece is you know restricting travel or something, if each of those pieces represents some intervention, and each of the holes is sort of randomly positioned in each slice, by the time you've stacked up two or three or four slices, none of the holes overlap, and so a virus can't get through. It can't penetrate all the layers of defenses..." (Nicholas Christakis, "Denial And Lies Are 'Almost An Intrinsic Part Of An Epidemic,' Doctor Says," NPR, Fresh Air, Oct. 29, 2020.)

flaws & lack of flaws: hole

switch (kill switch)

kill switch
is there a ~, a way to shut the whole thing down (GPT-4)

guardrails and kill switches
so what ~ can we put on AI systems (AGI)

curtailment: mechanism

switch (emotions)

flip a switch
I've seen him ~ and suddenly be... (emotions)

♦ "Elon can be so much hell and brimstone in meetings and just unpredictable as all get out. But I've also seen him flip a switch and suddenly be this incredibly effective, charismatic, high-emotional-intelligence business person, when he has to do it." (JB Straubel about Elon Musk. From *Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson.)

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: mechanism

swoon (verb)

swooning over the (new) products

retailers are ~ (trade fair)

swoon over the (artistic) renderings
architects still ~ (an eco-city)

swoon for him
Romney will never get voters to ~ (election)

caused critics to swoon
the band has ~

attraction & repulsion / feeling, emotion & effect: love, courtship & marriage / verb

swoop (verb)

swooped on the men
the R.O.S. ~ in Rome on Tuesday evening (spying)

movement: animal / bird / flying & falling / predation / verb

sword (Sayf Allah, etc.)

bestowed on him the title *Sayf Allah*
Muhammad (PBUH) ~

judgment: epithet

sword (swordfish, etc.)

swordfish
tuna, ~, and marlin are almost gone (overfishing)

resemblance: sword

sword (violence)

sword
the pen is mightier than the ~
he who lives by the ~, dies by the sword

sword and shield
the "~-~" version of WWII (de Gaulle and Petain)

used it as a sword
opposing counsel has ~ (statement from a lawyer)

♦ "Anonymity is often necessary as a shield for victims but opposing counsel has used it as a sword to publicly humiliate our client." (Statement from a lawyer.)

♦ "I never see a pen but I think of a snake." (Nathan Bedford Forrest, quoted by the great Civil War historian Shelby Foote. According to Foote, Forrest was "A true, native-born genius... All his gifts were natural.")

♦ "Live by the sword, die by the sword." (Trap music, drill music, gangsta rap, etc.)

♦ Live by the tweet, die by the tweet. (WAPO infighting leads to suspension, firing.)

♦ The ink of the scholar is more precious than the blood of the martyr.

violence: sword

sword (cross swords)

crossed swords with the (US) administration on Iraq
he ~ (an Egyptian leader)

crossed swords with rights campaigners
he ~ (a country's leader)

cross swords over this

did you ever ~ (become antagonistic)

conflict: sword / verb

sword (at swords' points)

at swords' points
they are ~

conflict: sword

sword (fall on one's sword)

fell on his sword
he ~ right away (admitted guilt)

fall on our swords
we don't need to ~ for this principle (practicality)

fall on my sword for expressing
if I have to ~ an opinion, so be it (Piers Morgan / ITV)

judgment / responsibility: sword / verb

sword (double-edged sword)

double-edged sword
but early fame proved to be a ~ (Boris Becker / behavior)

double-edged sword of biotechnology
the ~ (germ warfare)

double-edged-sword
this is symbolic of the ~ nature to AI (Fei Fei Li)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: blade / sword

sword (two-edged sword)

two-edged sword
it's a ~ (injuries during football practices)
freedom of choice can be a ~ (too many choices)

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / sword

sword (fate)

sword
the whole agency has a ~ hanging over it (INS)

fate, fortune & chance: blade / sword

sword (put someone to the sword, etc.)

put them to the sword
after Saliba headed in Arsenal ~ (West Ham 0-Gooners 6)

destruction: blade / death & life / sword

Sword of Damocles

Sword of Damocles
it's a ~, and it's hanging over our head
there's a ~ hanging over lawmakers (reform)

♦ "As he raised his glass, he almost had faith in what he was peddling, and it was only out of the corner of his eye that he caught a flash of the sword that swung above him." ("Shelter" by Nicole Krauss, *The New Yorker*, October 3, 2022.)

♦ "It's like a sword of Damocles, you don't know when it's going to drop, you don't know what's going to happen..."

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / blade / sword

symphony (resemblance)

symphony of frogs
the sound of thunder competes with a ~ (Yucatán)

symphony of croaking, grunting, barking, chirping
we listened to a spectacular ~, and squeaking (rain forest)

sound: music

resemblance: music / sound

symphony (identity)

symphony of brotherhood
transform the jangling discords into a beautiful ~ (MLK)

♦ "With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood." (Martin Luther King, Jr., from the "I Have a Dream" speech.)

mixture / identity & nature: music

symptom (noun)

symptom of changing times
another ~

symptom of a (much wider) pathology
he is a ~ infecting the entire system (politics)

evidence: health & medicine / sign, signal, symbol

synch (in synch)

in synch with the president's
his hawkish ideas are ~

unanimity & consensus: tools & technology

syndrome (noun)

'Avatar' Syndrome
~, or Post-Pandoran Depression...

Boarding School Syndrome
there's something called ~, it's basically PTSD...

crab bucket syndrome
when others hold you back is the ~

empty nest syndrome
how to cope with ~ (kids go away to college)

"grass-is-greener syndrome
it's not *exactly* ~... (addicted to possibility)

imposter syndrome
an administration plagued by insecurity and ~ (politics)
she is not one to suffer from ~ (matchmaker Taparria)

Imposter Syndrome
"Racial ~: Here Are Your Stories" (by Leah Donnell)

leaking bucket syndrome
aid to Africa leaks out in debt repayments, the "~"

lost move syndrome
the ~, the twisties, the Yips... (performance)

main character syndrome

- ~ on full display right there (guest upstages bride)
- in the ~, you are the protagonist
- in the ~, the people around you are supporting characters...

Missing White Woman Syndrome

- ~ (coined by the journalist Gwen Ifill)

Peter Pan syndrome

- the ~, these men never grow up (NYC men)

post-abortion syndrome

- the unproved malady of “~” (pro-life activism)

Truman Show Syndrome

- the “~” was coined in 2008 by psychiatrist Joel Gold

Trump derangement syndrome

- he accused Democrats of suffering from ~ (TDS)

velvet-rope syndrome

- he exploited the ~ (“hard to get in” fraud Bernie Madoff)

Vietnam syndrome

- “By God, we’ve kicked the ~” (George H. W. Bush)

♦ “One thing we need to better understand is intergeneration trauma and history. All the research shows the survivors have no parenting skills. Now, there’s something called Boarding School Syndrome—it’s basically post-traumatic stress disorder. They have intrusive memories, flashbacks, nightmares, attachment disorder, personal shame—they’re ashamed of being Indian—trouble sleeping, poor anger management, deficient parenting skills and the tendency to abuse alcohol. It’s also called ‘disenfranchised grief’ because it can’t be publicly mourned. Some call it a ‘soul wound.’” (Denise Lajimodiere. From “Q & A with Denise Lajimodiere,” *National Catholic Reporter*, July 22-August 4, 2022.)

♦ “The condition went by different names: ‘Avatar’ Syndrome, Post-Pandora Depression, or PADS (Post-‘Avatar’ Depression Syndrome). It was marked by despair and suicidal ideation, brought on by the insurmountable gap between real life and Cameron’s C.G.I.” (“Into the Blue” by Jamie Lauren Keiles, *The New York Times Magazine*, December 4, 2022.)

♦ “Dickson and other concertgoers described having ‘post-concert amnesia.’ Dr. Soha Salman, a psychiatrist, said she experienced ‘post-Eras Tour amnesia.’” (“Taylor Swift fans who experienced ‘post-concert amnesia’ may have better luck at her movie, experts say” by Dr. Jade Cobern, GMA, October 12, 2023. “Dr. Jade A. Cobern, M.D., MPH, licensed and practicing physician, is a member of the ABC News Medical Unit.”)

♦ “Psychologists have come up with a term—solastalgia—for the feeling that occurs with the disappearance of what’s perceived as the normal, stable, healthy, natural world. The Australian philosopher Glenn Albrecht, who coined the term, identifies it as a suffering at the loss of solace, ‘a deep emotional response to the desolation of a loved home environment.’ The condition of solastalgia, then, is primarily one of grief, environmental grief, mourning for the death of home, which is the place of solace. (‘Stephen McRae seems to be a man who refused to ignore such emotion,’ Albrecht told me.)” (“The Machine Breaker: Inside the mind of an ‘ecoterrorist’” by Christopher Ketcham, *Harper’s Magazine*, November, 2023. There is a Wikipedia entry, “Solastalgia.”)

♦ “In terms of being analytical, many students are suffering from this syndrome of the internet generation of skimming everything on the surface, horizontal reading it’s called, and not going into depth...” (Niklas aka “The Social Media Professor” Myhr—pronounced Mear, rhymes with “beer,” a Swede—at Chapman University, southern California.)

♦ Complex regional pain syndrome; Stiff-person syndrome; Alpha-gal syndrome; Fish odor syndrome; ‘demon face’ syndrome (protopometamorphopsia / PMO...) (Relatively recently noticed “syndromes” that all have Wikipedia entries and sometimes afflict celebrities. Are they real? You be the judge: “Her lawyers told reporters her Complex Regional Pain Syndrome had flared.”)

♦ “NIH scientists, studying Havana syndrome patients, find no physical trace of harm” by Jon Hamilton, NPR, Morning Edition, March 19, 2023. The syndrome is associated with U.S. State Department employees.

♦ “Internet gaming disorder is its official name.” (Type that into Wikipedia, and you are redirected to “Video game addiction.” In that article, “controversy” is mentioned five times. “No medication is FDA approved for gambling.”)

♦ Odd syndromes listed in Wikipedia include the Stendhal syndrome and the Jerusalem syndrome.

♦ Dr. Hiroaki coined the term Paris Syndrome in the 1980s. Hopefully this will not affect all those attending the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris!

♦ “I think I suffer with pareidolia, I think it’s called, where I see faces in everything.” (Chris Judge, Dubliner, who takes pictures of clouds, adds a few lines to make them look like bears and cats, etc., and posts at “Daily Cloud.” See the Wikipedia entry, “Pareidolia.”)

♦ “Our primary conclusion...is that without fresh real data in each generation of an autophagous loop, future generative models are doomed to have their quality (precision) or diversity (recall) progressively decrease. We term this condition Model Autophagy Disorder (MAD), making analogy to mad cow disease.” (“Self-Consuming Generative Models Go MAD,” arXiv.org.)

♦ SAD, seasonal affective disorder, was identified in the 1980s and always related to the diminishing hours of sunlight in the winter. Now there is “summer SAD,” which supposedly relates to anxiety about heat waves, smoke from Canadian wildfires, etc., which nicely ties into anxiety about global warming.

♦ “Do you search compulsively for health information online? You might have ‘cyberchondria’” by Melissa Rudy, Fox News (on the *New York Post*), December 14, 2023. (“Cyberchondria is a subset of health anxiety.”)

♦ To paraphrase Elizabeth Barrett Browning’s Sonnet 43, “How am I anxious? Let me count the ways. / I am anxious to the depth and breadth and height / my soul can reach...” (Funny!)

♦ Read “Lesser-known Postpartum Mood Disorders” by Jena Friedman, *The New Yorker*, June 5, 2023. It’s in the Shouts & Murmurs humor section, and lists and describes such made up disorders as postpartum-anxiety anxiety, not-getting-paid-leave personality disorder; postpartum amazon amnesia, post-postpartum depression, and unspecified postpartum post-roe rage, etc. Funny!

♦ “I decided to call it Ataxic Neurodegenerative Satiety Deficiency Syndrome. So ataxic, meaning you don’t walk that well. And neurodegenerative means your brain stops working so you degenerate neurologically. Satiety is the sense that you’re full and that’s not working, so it’s deficient. (Dr. Steven Schlozman of the Harvard Medical School, a lover of zombie movies.)

affliction: health & medicine

mental health: health & medicine

system (circulatory system)

circulatory system of the global economy

companies like Maersk underpin the ~ (NotPetya worm)

branching system: blood

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table (on the table)

on the table

is the offer still ~ (employment)

all options are going to be ~ (diplomatic and military)

all of this needs to be ~ and part of the discussion

what kind of deal might be ~ (litigation)

everything is ~ (response to virus)

position, policy & negotiation: table

table (under the table)

pay employees under the table
some employers ~ to escape taxes

subterfuge: direction / table

table (head of the table)

at the head of the table
she has earned her place ~ (daughter controls business)

superiority & inferiority: position / table

hierarchy: position / table

table (bring something to the table)

brings a lot to the table
she ~ (employee)

worth & lack of worth: table / verb

table (bring everything to the table)

brought everything to the table
I ~ (the boxer Bobby Czyz)

commitment & determination: table / verb

table (come back to the table)

back at the table
Biden say 'America is ~' as he wraps up G-7 summit

come back to the table
so is your company ready to ~ (negotiate)

position, policy & negotiation: table / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: table / verb

table (loudest seat at the table)

loudest seat at the table
science and data did not have the ~ (pandemic)
we have to give science the ~ (pandemic response)

♦ "Having a seat at the table matters, but also having a voice at the table matters." (Management women in tech.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / table

position, policy & negotiation: sound / table

table (off the table)

off the table
freedom of speech is ~

take it off the table
there are good reasons not to ~ (to not use a chemical)

dismissal, removal & resignation: table

position, policy & negotiation: table

table (set the table)

set the table for you
I'll be with you for 3 hours to ~ (MMA pre-show)

"set the table" episode
this is the ~ (Mike Tyson Part 1 *Crime in Sports*)

development / sequence: food & drink / table

table (turn the tables)

turned the tables
China ~ and expressed its own complaints (diplomacy)

turn the tables
the book is her way to ~ and have the final word (tell-all)
they used the press to ~ on her (accusations)

turned the tables on her tutor
she ~

disruption / reversal: table / verb

position, policy & negotiation: table / verb

table (groups)

seat at the table
by the '80s, the drive was on to claim a ~ (minority poets)
the defense industry should have a ~, but not own the table

table has been extended
the ~ but is still within establishment walls (poetry)

♦ "The screen flashes to five faces. Those invited. All white faces. But the criticism around who got a seat at the table goes a lot deeper than just a lack of diversity." ("Biden's meeting with historians over threats to democracy draws criticism" by Sandhya Dirks, NPR, All Things Considered, Sept. 1, 2022.)

♦ "We must also ensure everyone from all underrepresented communities gets a seat at our table and we are going to make that happen." (Meher Tatna, about the 2021 Golden Globes.)

♦ "Birmingham was begging for our place at the white man's table." (A Black militant.)

♦ "Young people deserve a seat at the table and if you don't kind of give it to us we're just going to take it anyway." (The wonderfully named Poppy, 17, a "youth climate ambassador" at COP26.)

♦ "The facts are clear, our community is growing, and we will take our seat at the table." (A comment about a poll showing that 21% of Gen Z is LGBTQ.)

♦ "Having a seat at the table matters, but also having a voice at the table matters." (Management women in tech.)

♦ "When you are historically excluded from the table, now we're being key players." (Governor Stephen Row Lewis of the Gila River Indian Community, about the tribe's decision to exchange its water rights for government benefits.)

♦ "So we're going to keep shaking the table, shifting the culture, and bringing you the best long-form hip-hop journalism possible." ("Beauty is in the eye of the male gaze: DreamDoll, DoeChii and Baby Tate," NPR, Louder Than A Riot, Season 2, Episode 3, March 30, 2023.)

♦ "Invite a beggar into your home and he will put his feet up on your table!"

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

acceptance & rejection: society / table

table (Table Mountain, etc.)

Table Bay
~ was named after Table Mountain (Cape Town)

Table Island
~ has a flat top

Table Mountain
~ overlooks Cape Town (South Africa)

proper name: shape / table

table (shape)

table

a ~ might not be flat at all (landforms)

table mountains

two ~ can be seen to the north

shape: table

taboo (noun)

taboos

he was irreverent and unshocked by ~ (actor Dirk Bogarde)

taboo of his era

he married a white woman, the ultimate ~ (black boxer)

taboos against homosexuality

the ~

taboo against use

a longstanding ~ of nuclear weapons except...

taboo in India

public displays of affection remain largely ~

taboo in Turkey

the subject is still ~ (Armenian genocide)

taboos about (sexual) behavior

strong ~... (in conservative Muslim areas)

taboo practice

~s tend to grow in popularity

taboo site

block access to ~s (Internet)

taboo subject

he found humor in ~s (comedian Richard Pryor)

he addressed such ~s as race and sexuality (Pryor)

why is menstruation still a ~ (Eilish McColgan)

taboo topic

raising taxes is a ~ (Republicans)

taboo and mysterious

people are attracted because it's so ~ (a sex act)

longstanding taboo

a ~ against use of nuclear weapons except...

cultural taboo

~s and scientific advancement (autopsies)

rape is a ~ in Sudan

few carry it out because of strong ~s (suicide / Korea)

moral taboos

the ~ associated with germ weapons

social taboo

homosexuality is considered a ~... (US high schools)

she challenged a ~ (Egyptian refused abortion)

strong taboos

~ about sexual behavior (in conservative Muslim areas)

ultimate taboo

he married a white woman, the ~ of his era (black boxer)

for many people, anal sex is the ~

a bit of a taboo

asking somebody what they earn is ~ (in US)

once strictly taboo

an intimacy ~ (see quote below)

breaker of taboos

she is a self-styled disruptor and ~ (Labor MP Dawn Butler)

breaking taboos

she is known for ~ (cringe comedian Sarah Silverman)

carries a taboo

voodoo still ~ (New Orleans)

challenged a (social) taboo

she ~ (refused an abortion and filed a paternity suit)

considered taboo

women work, often alongside men, once ~ (Algeria)

violating (cultural) taboos

joyfully ~, Lil Nas X... (who else?)

♦ Eilish McColgan wrote a column entitled, "Why is menstruation still a taboo subject?" Is it *really* a taboo subject? And is it *really* a topic that might be brought up in any context? Say, at the dinner table?

♦ "Tourists are strongly advised to consult an etiquette guide before visiting one of Thailand's revered temples. The lists of taboos is very long, and the country's ruling junta is strict. / Do not turn your back on a Buddha statue, the *Bangkok Post* cautions. Do not wear sleeveless tops to the temples, or show your knees. Even President Barack Obama had to remove his shoes when he toured the Wat Pho Royal Monastery a few years ago, lest he give offense." ("Two American Instagram stars bared their buttocks at a Thai temple. Now they're under arrest." by Avi Selk, *The Washington Post*, November 30, 2017.)

♦ "The fear of starvation is always hanging over the Indian peasant... / To an American it seems strange that under such distress these villagers never used their cows for food when it was inevitable that the animals would perish from lack of fodder. Only once on our trip did we hear—and then only in scandalized whispers—of a village that was actually 'eating its cows.' For a Hindu farmer to do away with a starving cow, even to put that beloved beast out of its misery, is as unthinkable as for him to slaughter it to feed his starving and equally beloved children. / Such prohibitions as these—too fantastic to seem credible to a Westerner—appear to separate the Indian from the American farmer by a distance greater than the curve of the world that divides them. And yet the problem of getting food out of the land has similarities which reach around the globe..." (*Halfway to Freedom* by Margaret Bourke-White.)

♦ "Incidentally, it is noticed that the Weissmuller haircut, or rather lack of cut, is quite the bang among the heart flutterers. A sort of long bob. Between tunes, the musicians now join the ladies at their tables, an intimacy once strictly taboo." ("New York Day by Day" by O.O. McIntyre, from the newspaper *The Day*, New London, CONN., Thursday Afternoon, April 1, 1937.)

♦ Captain James Cook may have introduced this word to the English language following his visit to Tonga. The Tongan word *tabu* or *tapu* means not allowed, forbidden.

♦ The Turkana have few food taboos and will even eat fish.

♦ "Taboos can be useful."

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

tack (verb)

tacked to the center

he has charted a new course and ~ (politician)

change tack

he decided to reverse these strikes, to ~ (military decision)

direction: boat / verb

tack (noun)

backward tack

I am embarrassed by the ~ of this administration

different tack

she took a ~ for her next project

one last tack

Boies tried ~ (*Bad Blood* by John Carreyrou)

took that tack

the tabloids ~ (that Hollywood is sordid)

direction: boat

tackle (verb)

tackle its (drug) gangs

Mexico needs to ~

tackle that issue

the administration will ~

tackle it

soccer must face up to this problem and ~ (fan racism)

tackle our problems

we need to ~ in a practical way (Obama)

tackle (big-ticket) problems

scientists and engineers used to ~

tackle other projects

it sat in a drawer while I went on to ~ (a piece of writing)

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: football / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

tail (chase one's tail)

chasing our tails

we're just ~

progress & lack of progress: animal / dog / direction / verb

tail (turn tail)

turned tail on the issue

he has ~ (a politician)

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat / reversal: animal / dog / verb

tail (tail between one's legs)

with his tail between his legs

he left the company ~

he will come home ~

have their tails between their legs

the Supersymmetrarians ~ (physics)

♦ "This is a total tail between the legs kind of getting out of town and leave the field to others." (A pundit talking about US withdrawal from parts of Syria.)

♦ "If a dog can't bark, it licks." (An insult.)

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat / reversal / superiority & inferiority: animal / dog

tail (orientation)

logistical tail

a ~ stretching hundreds of miles (war)

long tail

the journal *Nature*'s impact factor carries a ~ (a graph)

orientation: animal / direction

resemblance: animal

tail end (the finish of something)

tail end of my career

I'm at the ~ but... (boxer touting next fight)

tail end of summer

restrictions are being lifted in time for the ~ (COVID)

tail end of the week

temperatures should start to dip by the ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: animal

tailor (verb)

tailors its coverage to support

it ~ Hamas (TV network)

tailor drills to fit

~ the situation and terrain you will encounter (military)

tailor METT-TC to fit

creative leaders ~ each situation (military)

amelioration & renewal / creation & transformation: clothing & accessories / verb

tailored

culturally tailored

menthol cigarette sellers use ~ advertising (to Blacks)

creation & transformation: clothing & accessories

tailor-made (adjective)

tailor-made for toxic groups

Facebook is ~

creation & transformation: clothing & accessories

tailspin (into a tailspin)

sent her into a tailspin

the news ~ (light sentence for her stalker)

throws the project into a tailspin

the vote ~

decline: movement / plane

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: movement / plane

tailspin (in a tailspin)

CNN is in a tailspin
~ (losing viewers)

decline: movement / plane

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: movement / plane

tailwind (noun)

economic tailwind
the president is riding an ~

national tailwinds
the ~ blowing in their favor (Republicans / politics)

♦ "The president is riding an economic tailwind. The president is riding that tailwind very well... Any president as a pilot would be riding this tailwind, but for some reason this president can't seem to stay long enough [chuckling] in the jet stream to ride the tailwind that he has in the economy. He goes off on tangent after tangent and doesn't seem able to ride the economic boom that he's sitting under because he just can't maintain the discipline to do that. He does not ride the tailwind that he has." (ABC News Chief Political Analyst Matthew Dowd, Sunday, May 5, 2018.)

force / help & assistance: plane / wind
progress & lack of progress: plane / wind

taint (noun)

taint of a bankruptcy
the ~ can be poisonous

taint of (any serious) crime
the ~ can blight a family (Japan)

corruption / evidence: materials & substances

taint (verb)

tainted his data
his drug company financing ~ (doctor)

taint (a doctor's or researcher's) judgment
drug company ties can ~

taint his legacy
the revelations ~ (informant for FBI)

corruption: materials & substances / verb

tainted

tainted
the election was ~ (missing absentee ballots)

tainted by faulty methodology
scientists say his studies are ~ (autism)

tainted by (government lawyers') misconduct
the verdict was ~

tainted by partisanship
the process was ~ from start to finish (impeachment trial)

tainted by torture

he though evidence was ~ (military lawyer)

evidence was tainted
he thought ~ by torture (military lawyer)

corruption: materials & substances

take (refuse to take)

take it
I'm not going to ~ (abuse from boss)

take it any more
I can't ~

take this lying down
don't think I'll ~
we weren't going to ~ (Tiger Bay)

take the allegations lying down
he was not about to ~

acceptance & rejection / resistance, opposition & defeat: verb

take (take something / endurance)

took it on the chin
he ~ (arrested criminal refuses to snitch)

took a lot of shit from those bastards
I ~ but I warriored through

survival, persistence & endurance: verb

take (take us back / time)

takes me back
that ~ (a song / memories)

take us back to 1965
we pulled on this thread to ~ (old tapes of trial)

take us back to the dark ages
the fundamentalists would ~

transported audiences back in time
he ~ (a singer)

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

past & present / fictive transportation / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

take (take somebody somewhere)

takes us
the question is where that then ~ (boxing)

take us where
the investigation will ~ it takes us

take us through
~ what the response has been so far (radio interview)

takes us through
the road ~ a dusty, reddish Martian landscape (Chile)

took me to new heights
he ~ (sex)

take you to intriguing and frightening places
his collection of stories will ~ (Stephen King)

directing: journeys & trips / verb

fictional transportation: journeys & trips / verb

**analysis, interpretation & explanation / development:
journeys & trips / verb**

take (and hot take)

their take
~ of what happened was more sympathetic than mine

hot take (for the tournament) is Turkey
my ~ (Euro 2020 / a spectacularly bad prediction)

rise of the (unreported) hot take
the ~, that maligned instant spin on the news of the day

hype and hot takes
the show was unworthy of all the ~ (an SNL episode)

♦ See the online Merriam-Webster explanation of "hot take" at "Where Do Hot Takes' Come From?" The dictionary entered the word in 2018. Since then its connotation seems to have changed from negative to neutral.

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: giving, receiving,
bringing & returning**

take (destroy)

took the whole crop
in recent times a cyclone ~, as you may say (Mauritius)

destruction: taking & removing

takeaway (noun)

takeaways of this study
one of the biggest ~ is that...

takeaway thoughts
are you left with any preliminary big ~ about what this means

big takeaway
so give me the ~, what did you find (a new poll)

big top-line takeaway
the ~ is what we already know (NPR political pundit)

biggest and most important takeaway
what was the ~ from the report

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: giving, receiving,
bringing & returning**

take away (a message, etc.)

take away
the message I hope people ~ is...

took that away
I ~, and it stayed with me for a long time (an insight)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: giving, receiving,
bringing & returning / verb**

take back (take back one's life, etc.)

take back his life
whether to try to ~ or fade away

take back my life
I will ~ (Ruby Rose vs. Warner Bros TV)
this is my fight song, ~ song (Rachel Platten)

take back her narrative
she tries to ~ (Monica Lewinsky)

take back her story
she is fighting to ~ (Amanda Knox)

♦ "Mama's boy' is a flex, not an insult." (According to NPR's Neda Ulaby.)

♦ see also appropriate (groups), appropriation (groups), coopt (and co-opt), misappropriate (groups), misappropriated, misappropriation (groups, etc.), reappropriate (groups), reappropriation (groups), reclaim (groups), reclaimed (groups)

inclusion & exclusion: possession / verb

take down (kill)

take down the shooter
officers on patrol managed to ~ (killed him)
I was shocked it took so long to ~ (Uvalde school shooter)

death & life: euphemism / verb

take down (verb)

took down a predator
we ~ and put him behind bars (Hollywood mogul)

taken down a who's who
the fallout has ~ of the rich and connected (universities)

take them down
videos are shared before Facebook and YouTube can ~

takes us all down
time is undefeated and ~ (boxing)

dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb

takedown (noun)

takedown of the marketplace
300 have been arrested following the ~ (dark-web porn)

Thoreau takedown
this is the ~ I have been waiting for my entire life

literary takedown
I love a good ~ (failed fact-checking, plagiarism, etc.)

♦ "Why there are no winners after the BBC's two-footed tackle on Gary Lineker."

curtailment / destruction: direction

**accusation & criticism: direction / sports & games /
wrestling**

take in (comprehend)

take it (all) in

he seemed to ~ (understand what I was saying)

comprehension & incomprehension: container / giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

taken (through death)

taken away

he was ~ far too soon (drug overdose)

taken from us

our beloved daughter was ~ (selfie accident)

she has been ~ too soon (selfie accident)

death & life: euphemism / possession / taking & removing

take off (verb)

take off

I think it's going to ~ great (a new directory)

taken off

none of these websites have ~ and caught fire (filtering)

'Air rage' has really ~ this year (Celia Rivenbark)

took off

for some reason it ~, it exploded (Plague of Justinian)

take off all over the country

his business is starting to ~ (Novosibirsk)

took off in a big way

his business ~

sales (of luxury cars) have taken off

~ (in China)

make e-reading take off

a Windows-compatible system will ~

♦ "That's something that has really taken off, this idea of sleep equity." (Lauren Whitehouse, an assistant professor of psychology and cognitive neuroscience at the University of Kentucky.)

growth & development / increase & decrease / initiation:

flying & falling / plane / verb

take on (verb)

take on the big banks

she has pledged to ~ (a candidate)

took on the powerful politicians

she was a political gadfly who ~ (Molly Ivins)

take on President Trump

a growing list of Democrats hope to ~ (election)

resistance, opposition & defeat: verb

take out (kill)

took out a (top Hamas) leader

the Israeli military says it ~ (in Gaza)

take you out

if you are a terrorist, the US will find you and ~

death & life: euphemism / verb

talent scout (and spotter, etc.)

talent spotter for Iranian intelligence

she began working with a so-called ~ (American)

searching & discovery: person / theater

Tale of Two Cities

tale of 2 cities narrative

the curfew reinforces the ~ (Sydney lockdown / a tweet)

♦ "In an interview on 'GMA 3' Friday, Xavier Becerra, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said there is a 'tale of two cities in America: one where you have rights, another where you don't, 15 miles apart. And it's a totally different world.'" ("HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra calls post-Roe US 'a tale of two cities'" by Allie Weintraub, ABC News, June 23, 2023. He was referring to Fairview Heights, Illinois, where abortion is legal and St. Louis, Missouri, where it is almost completely banned.)

♦ "Please, Liberals: Stop Abusing 'A Tale of Two Cities'" by Reid Cherlin, *The New Republic*, Jan 2, 2014.

allusion: books & reading

talisman (noun)

Arsenal's talisman

~ Aubameyang worked his Wembley magic once again

England's talisman

Raheem Stirling, ~ in this tournament (Euro 2020)

Holland's talisman

Memphis Depay was ~ (Euro championship / Holland)

Portugal and their talisman

~ Cristiano Ronaldo (Euro 2020)

♦ This word seems to be very popular with BBC sportswriters!

amelioration & renewal: magic

talismanic (adjective)

talismanic boss

AstraZeneca and its ~ Pascal Soriot

talismanic captain

Brazil's Neymar, the ~ (Rio 2016 football)

talismanic (young) defender

their ~ (Matthijs de Ligt)

amelioration & renewal: magic

comparison & contrast: affix

talk (as transitive verb)

talks fatherhood

country music artist Russell Dickerson ~

talk New Mexico

let's ~ (KUNM podcast)

Let's Talk Kids

the ~ parenting podcast honors the expertise parents have...

let's talk Bush, Bannon, Gold Star Families and Trump
~ (NPR's Lakshmi Singh with Mary, Sarah, and Danielle)

♦ The preposition has been dropped. Why?

♦ “Bustles, Butlers, Baranski. Let’s talk ‘The Gilded Age.’” (Pop Culture Happy Hour with Glen Weldon, et. al.)

gossip: part of speech

talk (talk about something / groups, etc.)

talk about equality

we’re still in a place where we have to ~ (female sports)

talk about it

it’s a lot of things that went on, no one wants to ~ (racism)

talk about that narrative

Yah, I want to ~ (NPR’s Sarah McCammon)

talk about this

should we ~, that’s an easy yes for me (racism)

need to talk about

one of the things that we ~ is... (race)

♦ “Mental illness & substance abuse is a real issue that we can’t be afraid to talk about.” (Master P.)

♦ Let’s just say Nicki Minaj has taken to social media to talk about it. Maybe do a little more than talk...” (Ayesha Rascoe of NPR, chuckling with her guest.)

♦ see also *conversation (groups, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: society / verb

talk (mediator talk, etc.)

AA talk

Jake, who is seasoned in ~... (Alcoholics Anonymous)

baby talk

parents often slip into ~ (parentese)

sports talk

Stephen A. Smith, the OG of ~

trash talk

see *trash talk (verb)* and *trash talk (noun)*

water talk

~ is an internet subculture (#WATERTOK, etc.)

‘Girl Talk’ vs. ‘Boy Talk’

~ (NPR, Tell Me More, July 23, 2007)

♦ “When most adults, even older children, see an infant, they shamelessly slip into baby talk: Whoose a prettee baabee? Such a cutiee. Their speech gets smoother, slower, higher pitched and sing-songy. Researchers call this altered form of speech ‘parentese,’ but almost everybody does it—an uncle, a neighbor or the nice lady at the grocery store...” (“Scholars confirm what itsy bitsy babies around the world already know” by Susan Brink, NPR, Goats And Soda, August 4, 2022.)

♦ “The study calls it co-ruminating.” (Girls sharing their problems, i.e. “girl talk.” From “‘Girl Talk’ vs. ‘Boy Talk’ with Michel Martin, NPR, Tell Me More, July 23, 2007. It’s a wonderful segment by a great host from the good old days of NPR.)

♦ About the word “parentese.” Wikipedia redirects “parentese” to “Baby talk.” Merriam-Webster does not recognize the word. Neither does Wiktionary. Search for -ese at Wiktionary, however, and you get a wonderful list of words that incorporate that suffix, including “motherese,” which is the same thing.

♦ Baby talk (which dog owners often use to address their pets) is not the same thing as “sexy baby voice.” See the Wikipedia entry, “Sexy baby voice.” That entry has an excellent audio clip of the phenomenon. You can hear “sexy baby voice” used by hosts and guests at NPR.

♦ see also *boilerplate (noun)*, *buzzword (noun)*, *doublespeak (noun)*, *ese (legalese, etc.)*, *funny language*, *gobbledygook*, *language (types)*, *lip service (pay lip service, etc.)*, *newspeak (noun)*, *speak (NASA-speak, etc.)*, *supersizing (linguistic supersizing)*, *word salad*

speech: affix

language: speech

talk (money talks, etc.)

talk to us

we developed sensors to listen to the volcano ~

money talks

whether we like it or not, ~

numbers talk

~ (internet journalism and “eyeballs”)

♦ “This time he let his tennis do the talking...” (Nick Kyrgios vs. Rafael Nadal.)

♦ “I will just let my legs do the talking.” (A female runner about a Nike kerfuffle.)

♦ “I let my fists do the talking.” (The boxer Conor Benn.)

♦ “Many people talk, but for me, when I talk, my numbers don’t lie.” (Deontay Wilder, being interviewed in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, prior to his fight with Joseh Parker on the Day of Reckoning fight card. Of course, he was talking about his incredible knockout ratio.)

♦ “Money talks.”

♦ Commenter 1 about sports teams, budgets, and winning: “Money talks” / Commenter 2: “Money talks, dignity walks.” / Commenter 3: “And you talk XXXX.” (A BBC HYS.)

fictional communication: speech / verb

talk (the talk / groups)

The Talk

the existential danger is what necessitates ‘~’

♦ “Having to pay a ‘Black tax’ as they move through white areas deepens this demoralization. This tax is levied on people of color in nice restaurants and other public places, or simply while driving, when the fear of a lethal encounter with the police must always be in mind. The existential danger this kind of encounter poses is what necessitates ‘The Talk’ that Black parents—fearful every time their kids go out the door that they might not come back alive—give to their children. The psychological effects of all of this accumulate gradually, sapping the spirit and engendering cynicism.” (“Black Success, White Backlash” by Elijah Anderson, *The Atlantic*, September 2023.)

inclusion & exclusion: messaging

talk (talk the talk)

talks the talk

he can ~ but he can’t walk the walk

talking the talk

he was better at ~ than of walking the walk (delegation)

talking the talk on democracy

we’re ~, I’m not sure we’re walking the walk (diplomacy)

♦ This often occurs with “walk the walk.”

♦ Trey Gowdy is all talk, no hat; all hat and no cattle; all clouds and wind, never any rain; all talk, no walk; bark bark bark, no bite; all show and no results; great at talking while saying nothing; just like, I say, just like Foghorn Leghorn; talks a good game but is full of hot air; talkin loud and sayin nuthin; a blowhard; he should put up or shut up; talks like Big Tuff Guy, then does zero... (Opprobrium heaped upon the ex-politician and Fox bloviator from the Breitbart website. Foghorn Leghorn is a beloved cartoon Warner Bros. animated rooster.)

- ♦ "He was someone who could talk the talk—and then screw the country." (A British columnist about the billionaire inventor Sir James Dyson. The columnist pointed out the Dyson had touted the economic advantages of Brexit, but then moved his company's global head office to Singapore. Dyson said the article was vicious, and sued. Dyson lost.)
- ♦ "It's easy to talk the talk, but how far are you willing to walk the walk?"
- ♦ "Money talks in this business and bullshit walks." (Congressman Michael Myers caught on an FBI sting video accepting a bribe. Abscam.)

commitment & determination: speech / verb
sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech / verb
talk (sweet talk)

sweet talk
 just don't believe the ~ (from bar girls)

speech: taste
talk (trash talk)

see *trash talk (verb)* and *trash talk (noun)*
talk (talk somebody through something)

talk us through this
 ~, why... (explain)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: speech / verb
talk (talk over somebody)

talked over each other and the moderators
 the candidates often ~ (electoral debate)

dominance & submission: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / speech

talk down to (somebody)

talk down to kids
 these graphic novels don't ~

talk down to someone
 if you ~, show disrespect, I will fire you (Joe Biden)

talk down to them
 Eric didn't ~ (an adult to kids)

admiration & contempt: direction / height / verb
speech: direction / height / verb

talker (slick talker)

slick talker
 he is a ~

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech
speech: materials & substances / person

tame (verb)

tame your social anxiety
 tips and techniques to ~

tame a (schoolyard) bully
 how to ~

tame the deficit
 we need to ~

tame inflation
 she said her plans would help ~ (UK's Liz Truss)

tame a (rabies) outbreak
 the authorities are trying to ~

tame a (great) river
 it's impossible to ~ (floods)

tame traffic
 efforts to ~ in our towns and cities (rising bollards, etc.)

tame her urge
 she can't ~ to go shopping

tamed the Wild West
 Google has ~ of copyright infringement

♦ **Metaphorically, of course, anything that can be tamed is like a wild animal.**

amelioration & renewal / behavior / control & lack of control: animal / verb

tame (adjective)

renders the munition tame
 high heat ~ (mustard agent)

seemed tame
 by today's standards, the editorial ~ (caused a riot)

attenuation: animal

tangent (on a tangent)

went off on a tangent
 he ~ (conversation)

speech: geometry

tangle (noun)

tangle of alliances
 the US stepped into this minefield, this ~ (northern Syria)

complexity / involvement: cloth / rope

tangled

tangled in lawsuits
 she and the company are ~

complexity / involvement: cloth / rope

tango (verb)

takes two to tango
 it ~, and he is a cheater (judgment)

relationship: music / verb

tank (empty the tank, etc.)

energy tank
 his ~ looked close to empty (Jones v. Tyson match)

tank was (well) empty
 in the 11th round his ~ (a boxer who lost)

tank ran dry

the ~ for Okolie as he held on (vs. Cieslak)

empty the tank

he must ~ now and go for it (a boxing match)

use every last drop of fuel that was still in the tank

he knew he had to ~ (Larry Bird, May 5, 1991 vs. Pacers)

commitment & determination / power: engine / mechanism

tantrum (noun)

tantrum

like a child, throwing a ~

childish tantrum

cue ~ because he didn't get his own way

♦ A globally broadcast tantrum; made yourself look silly with the tantrum; he brought a whole new meaning to the phrase, 'Throwing the toys out of the pram'; threw his toys out of the pram eh?; his comments came back to haunt him BLM chucking toys out of pram; AJ the spoilt brat revealed; the display of an entitled, petulant child; AJ exhibited the mentality of a spoiled child, selfish in Usyk's moment of glory; petulant and embarrassing; a selfish, childish, very sore loser, that's Joshua; grow up, do us a favour, and disappear... (Comments about Anthony Joshua's bizarre post-fight antics after his second loss to Oleksandr Usyk.)

behavior: baby

tap (verb)

tapped into the well

he ~ of grievance and skepticism (politics)

tap this anger

he wants to ~, feed it and nurture it (politics)

tap your creativity

we want to ~

tap the talent

the agency wants to ~s of people who...

tapped the vein

he has ~ of popular outrage over... (politician)

tap, feed and nurture

he wants to ~ this anger (politician appeals to base)

access & lack of access: water / verb

tap (noun)

taps turned off

the ~ (money for refinancing loans)

control & lack of control: infrastructure / water

increase & decrease: infrastructure / water

tap (on tap)

on tap

is there currently any legislation ~ that addresses this

on tap for tomorrow

heavy rain is ~ (weather forecast)

on tap for the South

more heavy rain ~

on tap from central Kansas and Oklahoma to...

stifling heat is ~

future: container / water

tapestry (noun)

tapestry of laws

the new law is the latest thread in a ~ stigmatizing...

tapestry of incident and inference

her book is a ~ (no documentary record)

racial tapestry

the loosely woven seams of America's ~

wonderful tapestry

this will add to the ~ we call Minneapolis (Adhan)

thread in a tapestry

the new law is the latest ~ of laws stigmatizing...

melting pot, a (beautiful) tapestry, or a salad bowl

is the United States a ~

♦ "This points to a unique understanding of plurality of Indian society—it is more like a thali (an Indian meal comprising a selection of separate dishes served on a platter), rather than a melting pot." (Neha Sahgal, a lead author of a Pew study that found Indians support religious tolerance and religious segregation. It is exactly the same in the United States.)

mixture / identity & nature: carpets & rugs / cloth

tap into (verb)

tapped into people's distrust

his ideas ~ of government (vaccinations)

tap into funding

the president will ~ from other government agencies

tap into (new) markets

we are seeking to ~

tap into the reservoir

the militants can ~ of submerged hatred towards the West

tapped into a (long-standing millenarianism) tradition

he ~ (Hong Xiuquan of the Taiping Rebellion)

access & lack of access: water / verb

tap out (verb)

tap out

I'm not ready to ~ yet, I'll hang in there (COVID teacher)

tapped out

if I can't train, I can't compete, so I ~ (injured cyclist)

resistance, opposition & defeat: sports & games / verb

tar (tar and feather, etc.)

tar all liberals

they used her essay to ~ (culture wars)

tar people's reputations

reporters ~ based on past poor decisions (cancel culture)

tar Trump as an anti-Semite

many liberal American Jews have tried to ~

tarred his challenger as soft
he ~ on crime (George HW Bush)

tarring Trump with the same brush
she is ~ that Trump used to tar Obama

**accusation & criticism / punishment & recrimination /
oppression / speech: history / verb / violence**

target (verb)

target them towards children
the government will stockpile flu shots and ~

target the behaviors
rewards should ~ you would like to encourage

target: weapon / verb

target (noun)

target
every policeman is a ~

targets of anger
family, friends and the health team are often ~ (the dying)

target of a bully
being the ~ is not pleasant

target of (barracks) humor
his innocence makes him the ~ (soldiers)

target of an investigation
he was the ~ by the commission (corruption)

targets of jealousy
Native American athletes risk becoming the ~

targets of a (domestic-terrorism) probe
~ by the FBI

targets of revenge
judges sometimes become ~

target of the (war's) supporters
the interview made Arnett a ~ (Iraq War)

target of prejudice or (physical) harm
fear of becoming a ~ (gays in sports)

target of (would-be) illegal immigrants
Melilla is a major ~ (Morocco)

targets of bullying
students who are ~ (grade 6-10)

targets of (last week's) rioting
the ~ included...

target of kidnappings and killings
the family has been the ~ (Colombia)

target on his back
he's going to have a ~ (political debate)
he had a ~, and his opponents took dead aim (politics)

target on your back
when you're leading the pack, everyone can see the ~

targets for (violent) individuals
government agencies are often ~

target for (future human) exploration
asteroids are a tempting ~

targets for (violent) perpetrators
the elderly are easy ~

targets for poachers
panhandler bears become easy ~

targets for (negative) stereotypes
they are easy ~ (Irish Travelers)

targets for (reparations) lawsuits
companies that are potential ~ (US)

target audience
the ~

target date
fund the project to completion by the ~ of 2030

target demographic
its ~ of Jews in their twenties

target disease
tetanus is one of the ~s of the WHO (neonatal)

target genes
he's focusing on ~ for schizophrenia

target populations
~ such as school-age children (public health)

target pressure
pop-off valves set to the ~ (hyperbaric chamber)

tempting target
~s for future human exploration (asteroids)

earnings target
the company announced it would miss its ~

enlistment target
the Navy fell short of its ~

takeover target
smaller companies are easy ~

main target
their ~s were...(looters following eruption)

numerical target
we are not setting ~s for what they should buy

potential targets
companies that are ~ for reparations lawsuits (US)

visible target
he made himself a ~ (arrested)

become targets
judges sometimes ~ of revenge

indicated the target
a yellow arrow ~ (BASE jump / landing zone)

put a target on his back
soliciting pieces from conservatives had ~ (at NYT)

puts a target on your back
standing up for principle ~ (at *The New York Times*)

zoom in on targets
the cameras can ~ 3 miles away (Newark / police)

target: weapon

target (moving target)

moving target
it's a ~ (trying to calculate loss due to plane groundings)
authenticity is a ~ (cultural identity)

difficulty, easiness & effort / success & failure: target

target (hit the target)

hit all its targets
the company has ~

success & failure: target / verb / weapon

target (miss the target, etc.)

fell short of its (enlistment) target
the Navy fell short of its ~

miss its (earnings) target
the company announced it would ~

missing its teacher recruitment targets
the government is ~

success & failure: target / verb / weapon

target (hard target, etc.)

hard target to satirise
it's not exactly a ~ (the rarefied world of haute cuisine)

♦ "It was known as the Dragon's Jaw." (The Hanh Hoa railway bridge, a US air target during the Vietnam War. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is called the American War. "Even in a single-seat jet, nobody flies alone.")

difficulty, easiness & effort: target / weapon

protection & lack of protection: target / weapon

target (easy target, soft target, etc.)

easy (takeover) targets
smaller companies are ~

easy target
the elderly are ~ for violent perpetrators
panhandler bears become ~s for poachers
they look at you as an ~ (young men in prison)

difficulty, easiness & effort: target / weapon

protection & lack of protection: target / weapon

target date

target date of 2030
fund the project to completion by the ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: target / weapon

targeted

targeted on social media
they were ~ after the game (Rashford, Sancho, Saka)

targeted in social-media callouts, draggings, pile-ons
some Y.A. books are ~

targeted killing
fears about the repercussions of a ~ persisted

targeted (radiation) treatment
a ~ (for breast cancer)

target: weapon

tarnish (verb)

tarnishes the badge
this ~ we all wear proudly on our chests (bad cop)

tarnished the image
many lawyers believed that he ~ of the profession

tarnished the country's image
the government has ~ abroad

tarnished the (Hernandez) name
they felt she had ~

tarnished his reputation
his massive accumulation of wealth ~ (politician)

tarnishes his reputation
admitting to drug use ~ (an athlete)

tarnished his victory
allegations of fraud ~ (elections)

**attenuation / corruption / failure, accident & impairment /
flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark / verb**

tarnished

tarnished by allegations
his legacy is ~ he... (a boxer)

tarnished by (doping) scandals
it is the latest black mark on a sport that has been ~

tarnished honor
a plan to repair Syria's ~ (1973 Yom Kippur War)

tarnished image
they are trying to sportswash their deeply ~ (EPL)

tarnished reputation
this little film cleans the ~ of romantic comedies

burnished and tarnished
reputations were ~ (2021 Trump impeachment trial)

jury pool had been tarnished
his lawyer argued the ~ by the extensive press coverage

reputation is (forever) tarnished
now his ~ (a professional athlete)

looking tarnished

that reputation is ~ (Kenyan runners / doping)

**attenuation / corruption / failure, accident & impairment /
flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark**

tarred

unfairly tarred

progressives acknowledge some have been ~ (canceled)

**accusation & criticism / punishment & recrimination /
oppression / speech: history / verb / violence**

taste (taste freedom, etc.)

taste abuse

she may also ~ (women who work abroad)

taste defeat

it's seven and a half years since he had to ~ (a boxer)

tasted defeat

he has ~ before (a boxer)

taste a freedom

a woman may ~ from familial duties (abroad)

♦ "Are there not other alternatives than sending our armies to chew barbed wire in Flanders?" (Winston Churchill, in a letter of advice to Prime Minister Herbert Henry Asquith. The alternative turned out to be Gallipoli.)

♦ "No, they will fight more actively with empty bellies, and, besides, it would be a bad omen. You remember what a dessert they got to their dinner at Falkirk." (The Duke of Cumberland on whether to allow his army its noontime meal prior to the Battle of Culloden. From *British Battles On Land and Sea* by James Grant. Culloden, 1746. "Such is the story of Culloden, happily the last battle fought on the soil of Great Britain.")

♦ *Revenge tastes sweet. / Revenge is a dish best served cold.*

consumption / experience: food & drink / taste / verb

taste (taste of freedom, etc.)

taste of what

get a ~ Native Americans went through... (smallpox)

taste of (hostile) fire

they were getting their first ~ (marines)

taste of freedom

I wanted a ~

taste of home

the meal provided a ~ (Thanksgiving overseas)

taste of (cowboy) life

Americans seeking a ~

taste of regret

the bitter ~ (bad decisions)

taste of (business) success

a ~

taste of winter

western North Carolina gets ~ (snow showers, cold)

taste of acting

he got his first ~ when he was twelve years old

taste of (local) Fijian culture

we got our ~

bitter taste

the ~ of regret (bad decisions)

first taste

he got his ~ of acting when he was twelve years old

their ~ of America was the kindness of strangers

got our (first) taste

we ~ of local Fijian culture

seeking a taste

Americans ~ of cowboy life

wanted a taste

I ~ of freedom

♦ "But despite the tragic aura, the most striking thing about the hospital [on Ellis Island] is today how humane it was. The state-of-the-art facility, based on a design by Florence Nightingale, offered free health care to every third-class immigrant, many of whom were peasants who had never seen a doctor in their life or eaten such nutritious food. Of the million or so patients who stayed there, only 3,500 died; the vast majority were granted entry. / "Their first taste of America was the kindness of strangers." ("Wet and Wild" by Tony Perrottet, photographs by Gina LeVay, *Smithsonian*, May 2017. The map is superb.)

amount / consumption / experience: food & drink / taste

taste (taste for violence, etc.)

taste for it

you have to have a real ~ (a culinary occupation)

taste for violence

women have developed a ~ (books, films)

taste for flashy cars

he displayed a ~ and elaborate mansions

taste for rice beer

elephants have developed a ~ (Guwahati)

taste for fighting

I've always had a ~ (a gang member)

consumer tastes

a new trend in ~

movie tastes

software to track ~ (Blockbuster)

higher-priced tastes

they seemed to have more money and ~ (Tulane)

acquiring a taste

nomads are ~ for the settled life (Saudi Arabia)

displayed a taste

he ~ for flashy cars and big mansions

developed a taste

elephants have ~ for rice beer (Guwahati);

he ~ for akpeteshie, palm-wine moonshine (Ghana)

had a taste

I've always ~ for fighting (a gang member)

lost its taste

England has not ~ for the fight (boxing)

lose her taste

she seemed to ~ for the game (injured athlete)

cater to all tastes

Sydney can ~ (sex)

consumption / enthusiasm: food & drink / taste
wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink / taste
taste (in good taste, etc.)

in good taste

I think it is ~ (athletes' fashions)

judgment: food & drink / taste

taste (judgment)

taste in décor

weight, wardrobe and ~ (hot-button issues for women)

taste in music

if you're unsure about his ~... (dating advice)

taste in popular culture

African-American girlfriends influenced Mankiller's ~

tastemaker

her authority as a ~

expensive taste

she was style conscious and had ~

personal taste

placement is a matter of ~ and preference (piercing)

events for every taste

there are ~... (concerts, contests / Sturgis biker rally)

judgment and taste

he revealed questionable ~

cultivate a (less conformist) taste

give her the courage to ~ (teens)

shown much taste

nor has McKenzie ~ in new repertory (A.B.T.)

♦ "The language of aesthetic judgment is gustatory—one has good taste or feels something in one's gut..." ("Black-And-White Thinking" by Anna Shechtman, *The New Yorker*, December 27, 2021.)

judgment: food & drink / taste

taste (a bad taste, etc.)

bitter taste

the ~ of regret (bad decisions)

sour taste

this has left a ~ (bad sportsmanship)

erased the (sour-milk) taste

helped by a bullpen that ~ of Friday's loss...

leaves a bad taste in one's mouth

but this ~ especially if...

consumption / corruption / feeling, emotion & effect /
flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink / taste

tasty (adjective)

tasty new TV

~ from Alan Ball and HBO

consumption: food & drink / taste

attraction & repulsion: food & drink / taste

tatters (in tatters)

left in tatters

the party has been ~

he risked seeing his career ~

left his career in tatters

the knockout has ~ (a defeated boxer)

leave his plans (for the Championships) in tatters

the injury could ~ (manager / player hurt)

condition & status / failure, accident & impairment / flaws
& lack of flaws: cloth / clothing & accessories

taut (nerves, etc.)

taut

nerves were ~, imagination on edge

feeling, emotion & effect: rope / skin, muscle, nerves &
bone

taxing (adjective)

taxing

the job was extremely ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: money

T-bone (verb)

T-boned me

a semi-truck ran through a stop sign and ~

T-boned my mother's car

the teen ran a stop sign and ~

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions /
letters & characters / shape

T-boned

T-boned by a drunk

I was ~ on Christmas (in a car)

T-boned by a dump truck

five years ago, I was ~

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions /
letters & characters / shape

tea (gossip)

family tea

she spills '~' in her new documentary (Caitlyn Jenner)

spill the tea

towards the end, he began to ~, to talk about...

spills some tea

Garcelle Beauvais ~ in her new memoir

spill the tea about her

her friends devotedly refused to ~ (Greta Garbo)

♦ "Spill the tea" is Black-, Gay-, and drag queen-adjacent. (See "Let's Talk 'Tea': Spill it, sip it: just make it hot," Words We're Watching, Merriam-Webster.)

♦ "Let's spill some shade, throw some tea..." (The transgender Natalie Wynn, reversing the collocating verbs. Noticed!)

gossip: food & drink

tea (weak tea)

weak tea

he called it "~" and "too little, too late" (politics)

he called the plan "~" ("not good enough" / politics)

substance & lack of substance: food & drink

tea (cup of tea)

cup of mescal

its plotless drift won't be everyone's ~ (*Bardo* film)

attraction & repulsion: food & drink

teacher (experience is the best teacher, etc.)

best teacher

you know the name of a Bolshevik's ~ (experience)

greatest and most powerful teacher

the land itself is the ~ (beauty, power of Bryce Canyon)

♦ "Study from new books but from old teachers." (Turkey.)

♦ "Time teaches more than books." (Po but siklos bersentar sar lilentar / Roma.)

♦ "Clearly Marovo fishers possess a great deal of practical knowledge concerning the fishes of their waters that is unknown to science, putting them in the same league with Palauan fishers (Johannes 1981) and, for that matter, the nearby fishers of Roviana (Hamilton 1999)." ("Traditional Knowledge Possessed by the Fishers of Marovo Lagoon, Solomon Islands, Concerning Fish Aggregating Behaviour," by Robert E. Johannes and Edvard Hviding. TEK: traditional ecological knowledge.)

♦ Reality is a harsh teacher. (An online commenter about the death of Louisiana State University student Madison Brooks.)

knowledge & intelligence: person / school & education

teacher (teacher's teacher, etc.)

actor's actor

she was an ~ and the core of the show...

he would never be an ~ (Paul Newman / too bourgeois)

comic's comic

a ~, Roman was a... (Freddy Roman / the Friars Club)

cop's cop

he was a ~ and mourned by hundreds

dancer's dancer

Ohan-san, who is a geisha, is really a ~ (*East of Home*)

d.j.'s d.j.

Danny Tenaglia is a ~

explorer's explorer

he was the ~ (Roald Amundsen)

fighters' fighter

Marvin Hagler, the ~, had a great impact on boxing (BBC)

guitarist's guitarist

Jeff Beck, known as a '~,' dies at 78

guy's guy

his dad was a ~ (snakeskin boots, Harley, muscle truck)

journalist's journalist

she is a ~ (a controversial assertion / arguable)

Lou Cannon is a ~, and a classic American

judge's judges

they are ~, they have the highest integrity (Supreme Court)

linguist's linguist

Chuck Fillmore is a ~ (the teacher's teacher Martin Hilpert)

man's man

he was a ~ (Edmund "Sir Ed" Hillary)

Marine's Marine

he was a ~ (a Marine Staff Sergeant)

pastor's pastor

mourners remember '~' and WWII veteran...

soldier's soldier

he was popular, a ~

he was a ~, a warrior (Alwyn Cashe d. 2005)

teacher's teacher

she was considered a ~ by her colleagues...

veteran's veteran

he has developed into a ~ (boxer Saul "Canelo" Alvarez)

woman's woman

more than Joni and Carole, Carly is a ~ (*Girls Like Us*)

♦ "The idea you could hold your liquor and type a new lead on a breaking story was a badge of honor." (The "journalist's journalist" Pete Hamill, about journalists back in the day.)

♦ "Court-martial him one day and sober him up the next and put him back in because he is a Marine's Marine." (A Marine Staff Sergeant.)

♦ "It's the mountaineer's mountain." (K2.)

achievement, recognition & praise / identity & nature / superlative: epithet

teacup (person)

teacup

he's a ~ (emotionally fragile student)

♦ A similar term to *teacup* is *snowflake*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*; a *pansy*; a *wallflower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

strength & weakness: hardness & softness / person character & personality: hardness & softness / person

teacup (storm in a teacup)

storm in a teacup

this might sound like a ~ but... (Oxford prof harassed)
oh, dear, another twitter ~...
this small-town saga might seem like a ~
he described the rumors as a ~

♦ "Storm in a teacup. If the ref says it was low on the night then it was low, there's really nothing more to it..." (An online commenter about Olexander Usyk's victory over Daniel Dubois. DD hit OU with a low blow, stopping the fight for almost four minutes.)

importance & significance: size

teak (wood)

teak-tough

Baranchyk, a ~ operator, didn't fall (the boxer)

strength & weakness: materials & substances / tree

tea leaves

political tea leaves

the governor is going to read the ~ and make a decision

♦ "In some way, it's fair for us to say, okay, the court is giving us an indication of what it thinks about executive power and how far that power can reach, at least in the field of public health. On the other hand, I do think, although it's so tempting, I do think we need to be careful about reading tea leaves and saying, okay, this is what the court thinks about Biden's power, because, obviously, as we've already talked about..." (Jessica Levinson, law professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. From "Supreme Court to hear cases that will bear on Biden's workplace vaccine orders," NPR, Morning Edition, Dec. 24, 2021. Actual tea leaves might be clearer!)

fate, fortune & chance / future: magic

team (A-team, A team)

A Team

Hamas has never been the ~

C-team

it was time to bring in the ~ (denigration / politics)

♦ "Hamas has never been the A-team..." (As opposed to Hezbollah. A US analyst speaking about Israel's intelligence failure leading up to the Israel-Hamas war.)

♦ "[A]gencies don't necessarily get to send their first-string players when a crisis breaks. Whoever is on duty shows up with whatever tools they have available (mass shootings are 'come as you are,' he told me), and hopes that the A-team arrives soon after to take control." If the A-players aren't nearby..." ("American Cowardice" by Jamie Thompson, *The Atlantic*, March 2024.)

♦ "When Christie left, so did many establishment Republicans he'd lined up. It was time to bring in the C-team." (Anti-Trump snark by Caitlin Dickerson in *The Atlantic*.)

superlative: epithet / sports & games

ability & lack of ability / group, set & collection: sports & games

team (dream team)

dream team of civic leaders

he has put together a ~ (a promoter)

dream team of lawyers

he had resources to throw at a ~ (Jeffrey Epstein)

known as the Dream Team

they were members of the Simpson legal defence, ~ (trial)

superlative: epithet / sports & games

ability & lack of ability / group, set & collection: sports & games

team (side)

Team Democracy

it's trying to get everyone to join ~, so to speak... (NPR)

Team Hamas

Bill Maher declares Harvard, UPenn '~'

opposing team

Henry James is the captain of the ~ (a *literary* issue)

red or blue team

this issue has nothing to do with being on a ~ (politics)

captain of the opposing team

Henry James is the ~... (a *literary* issue)

bats for the other team

I don't care that he ~ (a comment about a gay wrestler)

♦ "A writer who belongs at the center of this story is Henry James... James is the captain of the opposing team, the non-meanderers. That is the debate, really..." ("National Treasure: Rediscovering Alessandro Manzoni's 'The Betrothed'" by Joan Acocella, *The New Yorker*, October 17, 2022.)

***** diplomacy**

♦ "You mentioned that there was a time in your career when it was thought that Russia and China were so to speak coming onto our team." (NPR's Steve Inskeep speaking with retired diplomat Victoria Nuland.)

♦ "Well, I think it's [US diplomacy] capitalizing on the networks that are being made among these countries and it's trying to get everyone to join Team Democracy, so to speak..." ("How can the U.S. counter China's expanding influence in Asia? Court its neighbors" by Michel Martin, Anthony Kuhn, NPR, Morning Edition, April 11, 2024.)

***** politics**

♦ "This issue has nothing to do with being on a red or blue team, this is an American issue in terms of what we're facing on our campuses and shouldn't [be] a partisan issue." (New Jersey Congressman Donald Norcross. "Holding Campus Leaders Accountable and Confronting Antisemitism," House Committee on Education and the Workforce, Dec. 5, 2023. Red mean Republican, blue means Democrat.)

♦ "I mean it's like firing the coach when your team isn't doing well, it kind of feels good, it's a response to a demand, it doesn't solve the problem." (Harvard Professor Steven Pinker about calls to replace Harvard President Dr. Claudine Gay following her testimony at "Holding Campus Leaders Accountable and Confronting Antisemitism," House Committee on Education and the Workforce, Dec. 5, 2023.)

♦ *Middle-school* students asked a teacher, "Which team are you on," about the Israel-Hamas war. In American English, an issue can become a political "football."

♦ "There was Team Natural Origin... And on the other side, Team Lab Leak... We became fervent members of Team Natural Origin..." ("I've Been at NR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust" by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.)

***** gender identity**

♦ "Yes, I am transitioning. I have joined the other team." (Luc Sante, who is now Lucy Sante, having changed from a man to a woman. She is the author of *I Heard Her Call My Name: A Memoir of Transition*. A strange context indeed to be talking about "teams.")

♦ "I don't care that he bats for the other team." (A comment about a gay wrestler.)

♦ "I understand that this is a polarizing film...but I'm very much on the team with people who think this movie is just a hoot and a half from start to finish." (Stephen Thompson about the film *Poor Things*. From "2024 Oscars Preview: Who will win and who should win, NPR, Pop Culture Hour, March 8, 2024. "A hoot and a half.")

♦ "Pick a side and stay there!" (Charlotte from *Sex and the City* about a bisexual character.)

*** other groups

♦ "I know I will never fully understand the experiences of a deaf person because I am hearing, but by going to Gallaudet, I'm joining *their* team, I'm joining *their* culture, and that is something I'm really excited about." (Camryn Lexow, getting a Master's degree in counseling the deaf. She also happens to be the only hearing woman on their basketball team.)

*** analysis

♦ "Here's the thing. When you talk about LeBron and Mike, the people who are on Mike's side are solidly on Mike's side, the people who are on LeBron's side are solidly on LeBron's side, so, you really can't move the needle..." (Justin Tinsley, senior sports and culture reporter at ESPN's *The Undeclared*, about who the greater player is.)

♦ It's disturbing to think that U.S. *middle-school* students would ask their teacher which *team* she was on, about the Israel-Hamas war.

allegiance, support & betrayal / division & connection / group, set & collection: sports & games

team up (verb)

team up

fans ~ to bully and harass people online

unanimity & consensus: sports & games / verb

teapot (internet teapot, etc.)

internet teapots

the tempest of these controversies remains confined to ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: food & drink / heating water / sound

tear apart (verb)

tore apart her (tidy) life

war ~ (a Serb in Kosovo)

tear the social fabric apart

the stress of collapsing economies can ~

tearing United apart

Liverpool were ~ (Liverpool 5, Man U 0)

destruction: verb

tear down (verb)

tear down the system

they want to ~ ("No justice, no peace," defund, etc.)

♦ "This whole criminal system needs to be torn down and rebuilt." (Philonise Floyd, George Floyd's brother.)

destruction / disruption: infrastructure / verb

tears (crocodile tears)

accused her of crocodile tears

a bereft family member ~ (Nicola Sturgeon / Covid)

cry crocodile tears

the Democrats whine, scream and ~ for the child victims

dismissed the concerns as "crocodile tears"

Iran has ~ (about sick schoolgirls, by Germans and U.S.)

♦ "Maybe amber will cry real tears now" (Snark about the Johnny Depp-Amber Heard trial and verdict.)

♦ "Too many lies, wrecking her own credibility, crocodile tearing over spilled milk." (Snark about the Johnny Depp-Amber Heard trial and verdict.)

♦ People in antiquity believed crocodiles cried before and after eating humans. Christians talked about "fake repentance." Shakespeare used the phrase. Some thought it might be a tactic to disarm a victim. The Wikipedia entry is excellent, and it includes a section, "Actual crocodile behaviour."

♦ Superficial sympathy; fake; fake repentance; false; a hypocrite; insincere...

♦ "When [Isaac] had reached the middle of the river, a crocodile rose close to him, and instantly seizing him by the left thigh, pulled him under water. With wonderful presence of mind he felt the head of the animal, and thrust his finger into its eye; on which it quitted its hold... The wound on the left thigh was four inches in length... Drew the lips of the wounds together with slips of adhesive plaster secured with a roller..." (Mungo Park, searching for the source of the Niger River.)

feeling, emotion & effect / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: animal

tears (crying)

a lot of tears

that conversation with them, there were ~ (about race)

there have been ~, a lot of questions (upset teens)

people are very moved, there are ~ (a movie)

a lot of pain, a lot of tears, a lot of grief

that's ~ (Cuomo speech about the pandemic)

blood, sweat and tears

he gave the franchise 20 years of his ~ (Kobe Bryant)

blood and tears

enough of ~, enough (Palestinian-Israeli conflict)

trail of tears

see *trail of tears* (*suffering*)

vale of tears

life is a ~ (Christianity)

end in tears

it was always going to ~ (Ronaldo leaves Man U)

ends in tears

when managers try to be too clever it usually ~ (soccer)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / sign, signal, symbol

tears (trail of tears, etc. / migration)

Bridge of Tears

here was the separation, the ~ (Falcarragh, Ireland)

convoy of tears

the flight of panicked Vietnamese became known as the ~

Harbor of Tears

the ~ (Cobh Harbor / the Irish diaspora)

Island of Tears

Ellis Island earned the nickname "The ~"

trail of tears

see *trail of tears* (*suffering*)

♦ "By March 16, the flight of panicked Vietnamese becomes known as the convoy of tears." (1975. From the north and Hue to Da Nang. "The roads were just clogged with people, carrying anything they could.")

♦ "But despite the tragic aura, the most striking thing about the hospital [on Ellis Island] is today how humane it was. The state-of-the-art facility,

based on a design by Florence Nightingale, offered free health care to every third-class immigrant, many of whom were peasants who had never seen a doctor in their life or eaten such nutritious food. Of the million or so patients who stayed there, only 3,500 died; the vast majority were granted entry. / 'Their first taste of America was the kindness of strangers.'" ("Wet and Wild" by Tony Perrotet, photographs by Gina LeVay, *Smithsonian*, May 2017. The map is superb.)

♦ The Harbor of Tears (Irish), the Trail of Tears (Cherokee), the Gate of Sorrows (China), the Door of No Return (Ouidah)...

migration: epithet

tears (grief)

Gate of Tears
the *Bab-el-Mandeb*, the ~ (the strait)

Highway of Tears
murders and disappearances on the ~ (MMIWG)

Palace of Tears
the *Tranenpalast*, the “~” (divided Berlin)

Spring of Tears
Te Puna Roimata Peak, the ~ (Mt Erebus, Ross Island)

Valley of Tears
it became known as the ~ (Golan 1973 battleground)

feeling, emotion & effect: epithet

tear through (verb)

tearing through (unvaccinated) communities
COVID is ~

movement: force / verb

force: movement / verb

tear up (verb)

tear up the treaty
the president wants to ~

destruction: verb

tease out (verb)

tease that out
let's ~ (talk radio)

tease out what
well, let's try to ~ that might mean (talk radio)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / verb

tectonic (adjective)

tectonic restructuring
the ~ capped a week of turmoil at *The New York Times*

tectonic plates
the ~ of French politics have shifted (Marine Le Pen)

tectonic (paradigm) shift
this is an enormous, ~

amount & effect / bases / extent & scope: earth & world / earthquake / ground, terrain & land

teddy bear

teddy bear
he's a ~

♦ On a hunting trip in Mississippi, Theodore Roosevelt turned down an opportunity to shoot a captive bear cub. An editorial cartoon of the scene sparked the craze for “teddy” bears.

character & personality: hardness & softness

tee off (start)

teed off an advertising boycott
the tapes have ~ (politics)

initiation: sports & games / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games / verb

tee off on (verb)

tee off on him
it was another chance for his rivals to ~ (politics)

teed off on senators
he ~ who walked out of his testimony

accusation & criticism / speech: sports & games

teeter (verb)

teetering on the brink
the factory is ~ of insolvency
the country is ~ of default (Greece / economy)
the world was ~ of war

teeters on the edge
the air travel network ~ of collapse

teetered on the edge
his campaign ~ of electoral abyss, but it is scrambling back

fate, fortune & chance: equilibrium & stability / verb

teetertotter (verb)

teetertottering
they are ~, they are not sure...

♦ “A lot of them are teetertottering, am I gonna do it, am I not going to do it...” (The drummer Travis Barker about kids committing to their passion versus getting a safe job.)

certainty & uncertainty: movement / verb

teeth (in / into the teeth of)

in the teeth of the (financial) crisis
~, Ireland decided to...

in the teeth of Syrian fire
they crossed 800 meters of open ground ~ (Golan / 1973)

in the teeth of the (current) recession
~, companies have been forced to cut staff and...

in the teeth of these (challenging) times
but ~ (politics, economy)

ran (right) into the teeth of the defense
he ~ (football game)

sailed into the teeth of a storm
the ship ~ they knew was coming (*Viking Sky*)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / danger: animal / teeth

teeth (danger)

showed his teeth
when criticized, he ~

♦ "Buried secrets have teeth." (Ad for *Truth Be Told* TV series.)

♦ "Just because you can see the teeth of the lion, don't think that he is smiling at you!"

conflict / destruction: animal / predation / teeth

teeth (force)

teeth
the regulations must have enough ~ (enforcement)

lack teeth
the so-called reforms ~ and will do little

♦ "Russian people! Brave descendants of brave Slavs! You have broken the teeth of lions and tigers who have attacked you more than once. Unite! With the cross in your hearts and weapons in your hands, no human power can defeat you." (Tsar Alexander I, 1812.)

force / strength & weakness: animal / teeth

teeth (take the teeth out)

taken the teeth out of the law
they have ~ (no mechanism for enforcement)

attenuation / force / strength & weakness: animal / teeth / verb

teeth (to the teeth)

armed to the teeth
they are ~

arming Taiwan to the teeth
the United States is ~

extent & scope: teeth

teeth (kick in the teeth)

kick in the teeth
it's been a real ~

real kick in the teeth
it's a ~ because we conceded late (Porto 1-0 Arsenal)

feeling, emotion & effect: foot / sensation / teeth

teeth (gnash one's teeth)

gnashing their teeth
Democrats are ~ (over third-party candidacy)

♦ "If you are just now gnashing your teeth about what has happened to *Sports Illustrated*, you are getting on this bus very, very late." ("Opinion: What the Sports Illustrated AI debacle is telling us" by Will Leite, CNN, November 29, 2023.)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / teeth / verb

teeth (cut one's teeth)

cut her teeth (in politics in the 1980s) interning
she ~ for Wilma Mankiller

cut my teeth in patrol
this is where I ~ (L.A. / "Fort Apache")

cut our (reporting) teeth
we ~ in Edinburgh and worked on big stories

growth & development: baby / teeth

teeth (sink one's teeth into something)

sink my teeth into
I wanted a role that I could really ~ (actor)

sinks her teeth into a case
she's a pit bull, she ~ and doesn't let go

sink my teeth into something
I'm a pit bull, I ~ and don't let go (crime investigator)

attachment: animal / dog / teeth

teething

teething issues
there are always new ~ (very young airplanes)
there have been some ~ as businesses get used to... (Brexit)

teething problems
the COVID-19 detecting apps face ~
he described the difficulties as ~ (post Brexit fishing)
disruptions in the fish trade are ~ (Brexit)

teething troubles
the novices were over their ~ (dog driving)
there are reasons to hope that these are ~ only (TV show)

growth & development: baby / teeth

Teflon

Teflon figure
Boris Johnson is a ~, nothing sticks to him until now

teflon politician
he has all along been a ~, but this may stick (Partygate)

attachment / protection & lack of protection / pursuit, capture & escape: materials & substances

telegraph (Daily Telegraph, etc.)

Daily Telegraph
she was the United States Editor for the ~ (a newspaper)

♦ "[*The Alpena Evening Echo in Michigan*] could not tell why the telegraph company caused it to be sent a full account of a flood in Shanghai, a massacre in Calcutta, a sailor fight in Bombay, hard frosts in Siberia, a missionary banquet in Madagascar, the price of kangaroo leather from Borneo and a lot of nice cheerful news from the Archipelagos—and not a line about the Muskegon fire." (Information overload. Quoted in *Krakatoa* by Simon Winchester. From *The Victorian Internet* by Tom Standage, 1998.)

♦ "The great events which are now transpiring in Europe are, in themselves and in their relation to the rest of the world, without a parallel in the history of the human race. We seem, as it were, to be present at the enactment of a sublime and terrible drama, with the Crimea for its

stage, and all Europe and America gazing, as in a theatre, with agonized interest at what is passing, as incident after incident brings us gradually, through one tragic scene after another, to the approach of the last awful catastrophe. For, although in other periods of the world's history, events of equal magnitude and interest may have occurred, still they never before happened under circumstances of the same publicity, so to speak, as now, when the celerity with which information is propagated the Press, the Telegraph and by steam, and the general dissemination of intelligence, have the effect of placing every incident almost before the eyes simultaneously of all mankind..." ("The Crimean Drama," the *New York Times*, 24 April 1855.)

proper name: tools & technology

telegraph (verb)

telegraph (to the audience) that
expressions of racism are used to ~ a character is terrible

telegraphs his punches
he ~ (boxer)

telegraph our punches
the US is not going to ~ one way or another (Yemen)

telegraph or preview
I'm not going to ~ anything (possible military action)

fictive communication: tools & technology / verb

telegraphed

telegraphed
every character beat, plot point and narrative turn is ~ (film)

♦ "While the Korean expedition must naturally dominate any account of John Rodger's command of the Asiatic Squadron, one other development was to attain greater significance with the passage of time. The extension of a telegraph line from Vladivostok via Nagasaki to Shanghai in 1871 made possible rapid communication between the Navy Department and the most remote of the distant stations. The dispatch reporting that the Koreans had fired on the squadron's surveying boats, which the Palos delivered to a Shanghai-bound steamer off Chefoo on 5 June 1871, seems to have been the first to be telegraphed from the station by the U.S. commander in chief." (*Far China Station: The U.S. Navy in Asian Waters, 1800-1898* by Robert Erwin Johnson.)

fictive communication: tools & technology

telescope (noun)

end of the telescope
you can look at this from either ~ (worker vs. CEO)

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

tell (data can tell us something, etc.)

tell
a skin test is the only way to ~ if you have TB infection

tells everyone
a tie ~, "I respect you, my job, and myself" (an opinion)

told me
my conscience ~...
my experience has ~ that...
my body ~, 'dude, you are not sleeping enough' (Grant Wahl)

told the story
their faces ~ of that fight (Beterbiev vs. Yarde)

tell a very different story

the facts ~ (a murder investigation)

telling a totally different story
but the autopsy is ~

tell us
what did the data ~ at the time (investigation)

tell us everything
the next couple of weeks will probably ~ we need to know

tell you something
trust and act when your instincts ~ (I've got a bad feeling)

tell the rest of the story
history will judge this and the future will ~ (Afghan War)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / evidence / fictive communication: speech / verb

tell-all (book)

tell-all
his book is not a ~ (military figure)

concealment & lack of concealment / gossip / restraint & lack of restraint: books & reading / part of speech

telling (revealing)

telling
the terms used were ~ (G-20 negotiations)

telling sign
that's a ~ (beaten boxer clinches)

very telling
the double standard is ~ (male / female)

evidence / fictive communication: speech

temperature (raise / lower the temperature)

bring down the temperature
the way you bring order is to ~ (protests)

lower the temperature
I want to ~ in America, not raise it (politics)
he is trying to project calm and ~ (contested election)

raise the temperature of (public) debate
questions over rights ~ (gay students)

raise the temperature of the debate
this will ~ (impeachment)

turn down the temperature in the Gulf
the US wants to ~

lower the temperature in the region
a ceasefire would ~ (Israel-Hamas war)

raised the temperature by threatening
organizers ~ her with expulsion (Naomi Osaka)

♦ "Could you feel this temperature change in the room when there are these moments of conflict or verbal denial?" (A question about the mood in a Clubhouse chatroom.)

♦ "It will further erode the political temperature in the country and that's not good for Pakistan given how volatile the political situation is." (A Pakistani politician, speaking impeccable British English. "Erode" for "temperature" strikes a wrong note. Why is it wrong? Can you think of a more appropriate verb?)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb

temperature (the political temperature, etc.)

political temperature

I've spent the last few days taking the ~ (a reporter)

♦ "I know the temperature of the water now and I'm ready to take over." (The boxer Francis Ngannou after his split decision loss to Tyson Fury. He knocked Fury down, and many fight fans believe he won the match.)

condition & status / measurement: health & medicine / temperature

tempest (noun)

tempest

this ~ has already swept away governments (economy)

tempest of these controversies

the ~ remains confined to a handful of internet teapots

storm in a teacup

this might sound like a ~ but... (Oxford prof harassed)

international tempest

the report caused an ~

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

tempestuous (adjective)

mutually tempestuous

their relationship was ~

flaws & lack of flaws: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

template (noun)

template for success

my state I believe is a ~ in our climate policies

meme templates

trending ~, curated for you

revenge template

the film conforms to Hollywood's standard ~

served as a template

the move has ~ for Missouri leaders (politics)

set the template

the Arbuckle affair ~ for the celebrity scandal

script: manufacturing

temple (noun)

temple of (American) Democracy

the Capitol, our ~ (U.S.)

temple of glamour

the Festival is a ~ (Cannes film festival)

temple of my profession

that job took me into the ~ (journalist / *New York Times*)

'temple of speed'

Red Bull has struggled at the so-called ~ (Monza / F1)

enthusiasm / reverence: religion

tendrils (resemblance)

tendrils of mist

~ were wrapping across the top of Lhotse (Everest)

dark little tendrils

gray-green clouds dropped virga in ~ (mountains)

resemblance: plant

tendrils (growth)

tendrils of (international) terror

efforts to find the ~ in the US

branching system / extent & scope: plant

growth & development: plant

tenor (noun)

tenor of this conversation

I am distressed and disappointed with the ~

political tenor

there's an undeniable ~ to the debate

evidence / perception, perspective & point of view: sound

tension (noun)

tension (between Russia and the U.S.) builds

~ (over Ukraine)

feeling, emotion & effect: rope

tent (pitch one's tent)

pitch their tents with the Americans or the Russians

Romanian and Bulgarian elites are deciding whether to ~

♦ "Romanian and Bulgarian elites are deciding whether to pitch their tents with the Americans or the Russians, depending on which one seems to have more staying power in the region." (*Balkan Ghosts* by Robert D. Kaplan.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: tent / verb

tent (fold one's tent)

folded her tent

she did what any prudent prosecutor would do, she ~

fold its tents

many think the football program should quietly ~

fold our tents

we don't ~ and run... (prosecutors vs. appeals)

allegiance, support & betrayal: tent / verb

commitment & determination: tent / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: tent / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: tent / verb

tent (inclusivity)

big tent

Mr Sanders said his campaign was a ‘a ~’

bigger tent

a narrow definition of bluegrass versus a ~ (inclusion)
fighting for the Methodist Church to become a ~ (gays)

big-tent philosophy

we no long want to espouse a ~ philosophy (politics)

big-tent-theology

the Methodist Church has always been a ~ church

racial and cultural tent

feminism broadened its ~

inside the tent

they were glad to be back “~” (consulted by government)

outside the tent

better to observe him there than have him ~ (government)

inside or outside the tent

does she want him ~ (government)

drawn into the tent

we want people to get ~ of conservation (Joel Sartore)

expand that tent

let’s all make an effort to ~ (Golden Globes)

expand-the-tent

he maintains his base strategy versus an ~ strategy (politics)

open the tent

the Hillel was unable to “~” to include the “Open Hillel”

♦ “Bring everyone in and shut no one out, take no one for granted, write nobody off. So I’m for everyone.” (The politician Beto O’Rourke.)

♦ “We must also ensure everyone from all underrepresented communities gets a seat at our table and we are going to make that happen.” (Meher Tatna, about the 2021 Golden Globes.)

♦ Summer Lee: “You can’t say that the Democratic Party is a big tent and then in the same breath say that that tent is big enough for Joe Manchin, but that tent is not big enough for a Black progressive woman.” / Susan David: “Exactly who is welcome in that tent is one of the many questions to be answered in this year’s elections.” (“Some Democratic House members face opposition because of their criticism of Israel,” NPR, All Things Considered, April 4, 2024.)

♦ “Thank you to all of you for everything.”

♦ A friend to all is a friend to no one.

♦ Obsequious...

♦ “The best way to neutralize people is to bring them inside the tent.” (An AIDS activist giving grudging respect to how Anthony Fauci handled their protests in the 1980s. Fauci *literally* invited them into his home.)

♦ “Better to have him inside the tent pissing out, than outside pissing in.” (President Lyndon Baines Johnson about J. Edgar Hoover.)

♦ Suppliants lay on the sand in the tent-mouth, or beyond, waiting their turn.” (*Seven Pillars of Wisdom* by T.E. Lawrence.)

♦ Auda’s tent, a huge hall seven poles long and three wide... / Afterwards we sat by the wall of Nuri’s manor, and saw the women take down the great tent, greater than Auda’s, eight-bayed of twenty-four poles in all...” (*Seven Pillars of Wisdom* by T.E. Lawrence.)

♦ “Beyond us the black tents of the Beni Sakhr were like a herd of goats spotting the valley.” (*Seven Pillars of Wisdom* by T.E. Lawrence.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

tentacle (noun)

tentacles (all) through Central America

he had ~ (a drug kingpin)

tentacles in California, Arizona, Chicago

he had ~ (“El Chapo” Guzman)

network’s tentacles

the ~ reached far (human-organ trafficking)

long tentacles

a history that has ~ into the present (race)

tentacles are dug deeply

their ~ into our culture (leftists at universities)

extend its tentacles

Indians helped imperialism ~ (East Africa)

♦ “The jihadist threat in Africa has many heads and tentacles.”

**pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / predation
affliction / extent & scope: animal / arm / sign, signal,
symbol**

tentpole (movies, etc.)

Tentpole Age

we are in the ~ (movies)

tentpole events

~ are cultural, trending and popular (Super Bowl, etc.)

tent pole movies

adult dramatic fare performs less well than branded ~

tent-pole movies

~ can run to \$300 million or more in total costs

tentpoles and their multiple offshoots

superhero ~ have a corporate stranglehold on film culture

two-hour-plus tentpoles

the film is short compared to today’s ~

summer tentpole

what more could you want from a ~

typical tentpole

the daily cost for filming was on par with a ~

make only tent poles

a climate of fear pushes studios to ~ (G. Clooney)

♦ “Phoenix and Phillips are satisfied that they’ve slipped something that feels like auteur cinema under a tentpole usually reserved for blow-up teenage fare...” (The *Vanity Fair* article about Joaquin Phoenix by Joe Hagan.)

♦ “These kind of tent-poles, those blockbusters... You just can’t bounce from tentpole to tentpole, you need middle of the road product.” (A film-industry pundit.)

♦ “Everyone on the Slate Culture gabfest has suddenly started using [the word *tentpole*] this month, and now the NYTimes too.” (Liz Schenck Phillips in the “What made you look this word up?” section for the word on the Merriam-Webster website.)

basis / branching system / taxonomy & classification: tent

tepid (adjective)

tepid

support for the proposed center is ~
reaction to the president's speech was ~ at best
public support for it is decidedly ~ (impeachment)

tepid about her candidacy

many members of Congress were ~

tepid response

performers who get a ~ say they died on stage

tepid support

the proposed change won his ~

strangely tepid

he was ~ when asked for a recommendation

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

terminated (killed)

terminated

he should have been ~ long ago (a terrorist)

death & life: euphemism

termite (noun)

termites

he has referred to them as ~ who need to be wiped out

“termites”

he described illegal immigrants as ~ (government official)

insult / violence: animal / insect

terrain (area)

terrain

they have shown themselves adept at navigating the ~

native terrain

his ~ is modern Britain (a filmmaker)

changing terrain

the deal highlights the ~ as investors adjust

master much terrain

a contemporary musician must ~

area / environment: ground, terrain & land

terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)

dangerous terrain

management is stepping into ~ (NPR fires Juan Williams)

difficult terrain

the Midwest, with its job losses, is ~ for Democrats
she explores ~, including her husband's death (a writer)

rocky terrain

she adeptly negotiated the ~ of the NYC publishing world

danger / flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land

terrain (known and unknown terrain)

familiar terrain

the farther you travel from the ~ of the legacy world

new terrain

the Emmys have entered ~ (backstage Webcasts)

area / certainty & uncertainty: direction / ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map

territory (known and unknown territory)

familiar territory

they are heading into ~, an important division game (sport)

uncharted territory

we're in ~ in terms of predicting his recovery... (coma)
sending public opinion into ~
legally, this is a bit of ~

unfamiliar territory

he tells stories that follow familiar conversations into ~

unknown territory

he was at 62, ~ for a man who'd never won (golf)

in uncharted territory

we're ~ in terms of predicting his recovery... (coma)
it's very hard to know right now, I think we are ~

heading into familiar territory

they are ~, an important division game (sports)

sent public opinion into uncharted territory

this has ~

♦ NPR's Leila Fadel: *Can this be de-escalated at this point or has a line been crossed with these attacks?* / Danny Citrinowicz: *Well, it's very hard to know right now. I think that we are in uncharted territory. (Iran's attack on Israel with drones and missiles.)*

area / certainty & uncertainty: direction / ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map

territory (come with the territory, etc.)

come with its territory

his book avoids the pitfalls that ~ (a biography)
these things ~ (internet abuse of diplomat)

comes with the territory

getting blamed ~ (a basketball coach)
this ~ when you work in a hospital (long hours)

goes with the territory

some people are skeptical, but that ~ (diplomacy)

presence & absence: ground, terrain & land

fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land

territory (assigned area)

home territory

cell-phone users outside their ~s

outside their (home) territories

cell-phone users ~

area: ground, terrain & land

territory (stake out territory)

stake out new territory
as Microsoft tries to ~

possession: ground, terrain & land / surveying

territory (area)

fringe territory
their most recent article veered into ~ (UFOs / NYT)

vast territory
the ~ between the extremes has been bridged (book retailing)

seized the territory
when cancer stories were brought up as story lines, she ~

area / environment: ground, terrain & land

test (test of time)

stands the test of time
what ~ (our favorite books)

stood the test of time
standards of honor that have ~
their marriage has ~ (arranged)

withstood the test of time
Saudi-US relations are longstanding and have ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / survival,
persistence & endurance: school & education**

test (pressure test)

federal "pressure tests"
a system for ~ of major systems (for AI)

♦ A "pressure test" might involve "red teaming."

condition & status: pressure

test (stress test)

stress test
banks must take a ~ (check finances in case of crisis)

stress test of our ideals
this is a ~ (a contentious national election)

♦ "Stress tests are (inaudible) general health checkups. They check your heart, they check your liver, they check your kidneys, because any of them can bring down a bank. It was a mistake to take them away, we've gotta put them back." (Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, about the failure of the Silicon Valley Bank in early 2023. "Stress tests" for banks were put in place after the global financial crisis of 2007 but lifted in 2018.)

condition & status: health & medicine

test (smell test)

go by the smell test
jurors tend to ~ (versus instructions from the judge)

pass the smell test
this is problematic, it doesn't ~ (Catholic misconduct)

it doesn't ~ (a *New York Times* article about UFOs)
doesn't ~ to me (commenter about an attack)

pass an ethics smell test
it doesn't ~ (jumping the vaccination line)

♦ "Those instructions [from the judge], I'm a lawyer and I couldn't understand them... They've gotten to be too much. They're legalese. And jurors tend to go by the smell test. Does it seem right? Does it seem wrong. And that's what we wanted the jury to do." (Mark Richards, Kyle Rittenhouse's attorney, speaking to Ailsa Chang. From "Kyle Rittenhouse's defense attorney discusses the trial and acquittal," NPR, All Things Considered, Nov. 19, 2021.)

♦ "My antenna is up. I have a strong 'Jussie Smollett' feeling. This isn't passing the smell test." (An online commenter. See the Wikipedia article "Carlee Russell disappearance hoax.")

♦ "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark." (Marcellus, from *Hamlet*. The meaning is that something is wrong.)

♦ "There's something dead up the branch." (A Southern Appalachians expression. A branch is a watercourse like a creek or a stream.)

♦ Something is fishy.

♦ Something stinks!

evidence / suspicion: smell

test-drive (verb)

test drive what
he will ~ his life could be like if he lived in Helsinki

test-drive Helsinki
a practical way to ~ (temporary relocation package)

test-drive life
he and 15 others were selected to ~ in the Finnish capital

analysis, interpretation & explanation: engine / verb

testimony (noun)

testimony that
the ruins are ~ in antiquity this was a thriving city (Trieste)

testimony of our own eyes
do you believe lies over the ~ (politics)

evidence / fictive communication: speech

tethered

tethered to their computers
doctors and nurses are ~ (criticism of healthcare)

tethered to the pandemic
the economy is still ~

attachment: rope

textbook (noun)

textbook
everything they did subsequently was ~ (survival)

textbook case
they are a ~ of radicalization (two brothers)
this is a nearly ~ of discrimination
this is a ~ of racist, dog-whistle politics
it's the ~ to declare an emergency (US monkeypox)

♦ "Jungle warfare is a new kind of warfare. It tears up text books and confounds the experts." (Narration to the short war documentary "Kokoda Front Line 1942." Papua New Guinea, World War Two.)

♦ "Up until that point, the Marines had been fighting with smaller arms in the jungle and in rice paddies. So in his final hours before joining the battle, Cheatham sought out a large trunk that the battalion carried around. It contained field manuals—and Cheatham found the ones on fighting in urban settings and attacking heavily fortified positions. / And he spent the night reading them and realizing that what he was going to need were heavier weapons than what he had,' Bowden says. 'He went to the battalion armory, and there were these heavy-duty bazookas, which were World War II-era rocket launchers which fired a big, fat, 3 ½ pound rocket, which made a big hole in things.' / Cheatham and his weapons officer rounded up as many of these unused bazookas, anti-tank rifles and tear gas canisters as they could find. / And then they headed into Hue. / By the time Cheatham arrived, the Marines in Hue had suffered about 100 total casualties and gained just a block and a half. They'd have to go about another 10 blocks to take the southern part of the city. / Cheatham began putting what he'd read into practice. Instead of sending men charging into the street, he'd start by using the heavier weapons. / 'To essentially hammer the target building, fill it full of holes and then pump tear gas into it,' Bowden explains. 'This would clear out most of the enemy before he actually sent men running across the street. And instead of going through doors, you blew holes in the walls and sent men in through those holes because the enemy would likely have set up their guns to cover the entrances.'" ("How An NFL Lineman Changed The Course Of The Battle Of Hue" by Martin Kessler, Only A Game, NPR / wbur, September 16, 2017.)

knowledge & intelligence / script: books & reading / school & education

thanks (thanks to something)

thanks to (two) headers

the Dutch reached the semis ~ in the second half (soccer)

thanks to his seatbelt

he survived the crash, ~

thanks to TikTok

the song's massive blowup is partially ~

partially thanks

the song's massive blowup is ~ to TikTok

♦ "The earth shook thanks to the tunneling action of mammoths, who expired on contact with sunlight." (Anna Reid, *The Shaman's Coat, A Native History of Siberia*.)

♦ This seems to mean "because of" and as such it is one of those two-word prepositions.

help & assistance / relationship: speech

thanks (and thank you / sarcasm)

Thanks Nostradamus

~, we are all proud of you (about your prediction)

thanks (a lot) for the (totally bone headed) decisions

Wow, ~ (college football players arrested / sarcasm)

thanks for clearing that up

~ ("mindfulness cultivates intimacy with awareness")

♦ Thanks Nostradamus. We are all proud of you." (A sarcastic commenter, responding to a commenter who posted, "I called it 2 years ago," about some political tempest in a teapot.)

♦ "Thanks pride crowd." (A sarcastic / disgusted comment about monkeypox.)

♦ "Thanks for nothing!"

language: sarcasm

thank you (and thanks)

thank you to Justice Ginzburg, for giving us a life

~ so worthy of celebration (a tribute after her death)

thank you to the movies for saving him

it's one man's ~ (*The Fabelmans*)

♦ "Thanks to the water, and thanks to the moon. The water provides many things. The water gives us life." (Kay Kimsong, on the meaning of Cambodia's annual Water Festival.)

♦ "We talk to the trees. We say, 'OK, we need some of your bark to help us; we'll make something beautiful,'" Fran James said. "You have to talk to it and thank it for giving you the bark. You have to go with a good heart. You can't be cranky and fussy." (A Lummi speaking of gathering bark from the cedar tree.)

♦ "Her father would have tenderly poured a little fresh water in the seal's mouth, ready for the next life; held its claws and said 'hello again' and 'Kuana' (thank you) before dividing the meat." (An Inuit elder in Paulatuk, Canada.)

***** the sad death in the U.S. of "you're welcome," NPR**

♦ It is rare to hear an NPR reporter, analyst, pundit, etc. respond to an NPR's host's "Thank you" or "Thanks" with "You're welcome." The script is almost always, "Thank you," "Thank you!" Either speaker will often use a first name: "Thank you so much, Jane," "Thank you, Andrea," "Thanks, Leila," "Thanks, Mary Lou," "Thank you so much, Rodney," etc. The effect on the listener is to enforce the notion that NPR is a clubby, self-congratulatory place where the employees all share the same ideas and spend a lot of time thanking one another. See the following two quotes.

♦ "The way that the place operates is really congenial, but in that congeniality what you lose is the friction of differing opinions and people saying 'no, I don't agree with that, you know, I don't agree with that policy, where's the evidence' or the things that people do when they have really intellectually honest disagreements, I think we lose a lot of that." (Uri Berliner talking about NPR with Bari Weiss. From "NPR Editor Speaks Out: How National Public Radio Lost Americans' Trust," *Honestly with Bari Weiss*.)

♦ "Throughout these exchanges, no one has ever trashed me. That's not the NPR way. People are polite. But nothing changes. So I've become a visible wrong-thinker at a place I love. It's uncomfortable, sometimes heartbreaking." ("I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust" by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024. NPR CEO Katherine Maher called Berliner's criticism "profoundly disrespectful, hurtful, and demeaning.")

♦ "It was the hardest thing to shake when I spent time in Australia, and somebody would say, 'thank you,' and I would say, 'Yep! Oh—uh, I mean, 'you're welcome!' Because to me, it's kind of rude—like, it's not rude, but saying 'yep' and 'sure' is the equivalent of saying 'no problem,' and that is more polite in America than saying 'you're welcome.'" (Some random person named Millie on TikTok.)

♦ "Thanks Elissa." "You bet, Ari."

achievement, recognition & praise: speech

thaw (verb)

thaw

the freeze began to ~ when... (relations)

amelioration & renewal: snow & ice / temperature / verb

thaw (noun)

thaw in relations

the border will reopen after a ~ (Burma and Thailand)

the 2 leaders promised a ~ (Saudi / Iran)

geopolitical thaw

would there be any sign at all of a ~ (international relations)

♦ "How delighted I was when, for the first time, I saw the breaking up of the ice in the Dwina! Sometimes the immense blocks seemed to assume the shape of a lion, a dog, a swan, and every kind of figure, beautiful or

grotesque, according to the fancy of the spectator... [T]he flocks of wild swans; the solitary sea-mew, skimming with snowy pinions the liberated waves—formed a scene altogether strange and beautiful." (*The Englishwoman in Russia; Impressions of the Society and Manners of the Russians At Home by a Lady, Ten Years Resident in That Country*, 1856.)

♦ "While Yurii Andreievich slept his fill, the spring was heating and melting the masses of snow... / Ancient pine trees perched on dizzy heights drank the moisture almost from the clouds, and it foamed and dried a rusty white at their roots like beer foam on a mustache. / Yurii Andreievich woke up, stretched, raised himself on one elbow, and looked and began to listen." (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.)

♦ Weather helped cause the famine (drought), and weather helped delay the relief (thaw), and a return to cold weather helped the relief (hard ground). (The Great Famine of 1921-22 in Russia. See "America's Gift to Famine Stricken Russia," PBS, American Experience.)

♦ "In the meantime, the thaw we had been fearing for so many days had started, and as the snow slowly disappeared, the camp began to change into a squalid bog. The bodies and the filth made the misty, muggy air impossible to breathe." (*The Truce: A Survivor's Journey Home From Auschwitz* by Primo Levi.)

♦ "No thaw is forever."

amelioration & renewal: snow & ice / temperature

theater (performance)

theater

hearings are in part fact-finding, but in part ~ (Congress)

negotiation theater

it looks serious, but it might just be ~ (trade talks)

diplomatic theater

it provided ~ of the most electrifying kind (UN)

political theater

get out your popcorn, get ready for ~ today (hearing)

the vote was a bit of ~

the candidate debate reprised a piece of ~

♦ "All the world's a stage, / And all the men and women merely players; / They have their exits and their entrances..." (Shakespeare, *As You Like It*.)

performance: theater

theater (appearance)

theater and hot air

many thought him all ~ (national leader)

♦ Bore-fest; carnival; circus; (set of) clowns; con; fake; (corrupt) fakery; farce; FARSE!!!; farcical (WBA, IBF, IBU, WBC, WBO, IBA, WBU, WBF, IBC, IBO, Ring); faux; greed; joke; (absolute) joke; marketing; media show; money; pantomime; phoney; politics; promotion; rubbish; Schtick!; (clown) show; (comedy) show; sideshow; (nonsense) titles; for promoters and fools to watch; one fight a year nowadays... (Disappointed boxing fans who follow the heavyweight division. They might just as well be people who pay attention to politics.)

appearance & reality: theater

theater of the absurd

theater of the absurd

call this what this is, which is a ~ (politics)

fantasy & reality / feeling, emotion & effect: theater

theatrics (noun)

cheap "theatrics"

the ~ (politics)

performance: theater

theology (noun)

theology of globalization

the ~ in the 1980s (US moves manufacturing overseas)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

there (there is no there there, etc.)

there's no there there

~ (articles of impeachment)

~ (claims of election fraud)

I have no regrets, ~ (a political scandal)

there's no 'there' there

it's impossible to have a relationship with a junkie, ~

there was no there there

they had all looked into the allegations and found ~

there is there there or not

there hasn't been any inquiry into whether ~

♦ For an excellent article about this, see "Why Gertrude Stein's 'No There There' Is Everywhere" by Ben Zimmer, *Wall Street Journal*, Feb 2, 2018.

♦ Let's not go there (discuss it). / Why not? / Because there is no there there.

♦ "There is a hell of a lot of there there..." (A political scandal.)

♦ see also *nothing-burger*

♦ see also the entry in this dictionary for *funny language*

substance & lack of substance: place

presence & absence: place

language: cliché

there (there for me, etc.)

there for me

the community was ~ (in time of grief)

allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle

there (destination)

not there yet

we're ~ (resolution of trauma)

♦ "I don't think the American public is there yet." (To accept the idea that... / A Biden political message.)

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

there (let's not go there)

go there

let's not ~ (topic of conversation)

I just can't ~ (think about it)

they don't want to discuss that, they don't want to ~

he's comfortable enough to ~ publicly (say it)

he said don't ~ and pulled them off the case (coverup)

I don't want to ~ and create backlash (make excuses)

♦ Let's not go there (discuss it). / Why not? / Because there is no there there!

♦ "The first place that they go is his age." (Critics of President Biden.)

language: cliché

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / eagerness & reluctance: journeys & trips / movement / place

there (out there, etc.)

out there

we focused on her story because his story is ~ (publicized)
there's a lot of information ~ (murder investigation leaks)
there's another world ~, you just can't see it
there is a whole world of gossip and innuendo ~ to explore
there are a lot of loose cannons ~ (crazy people)
it's a jungle ~ (survival of the fittest)
Man, there's a whole Who Dat Nation ~
the noise and confusion that is ~ (getting COVID vaccine)
he didn't want any of this information ~ (an exposé)
we're studying some theories that are ~ (the military)
there are outliers ~ that are preaching nonsense (COVID)
we need help from anybody ~ to bring Kiera home

out there on their own

nobody wanted to go first, to be ~ (me too movement)

out there for all to see

what happened behind closed doors may soon be ~

out there in public

today's world is today's world and everything is ~ (online)

evil out there

there was ~ (unsolved child murders terrorize city)

get out there

pull your big-girl pants up, ~ and show them what you got

get our information out there

we want to ~ (to media, reporters)

put the theory out there

our strategy has been to ~

♦ The story is out there, in the open...

presence & absence: ground, terrain & land

concealment & lack of concealment: ground, terrain & land

there (been there, etc.)

been there

I understood where he was mentally because I'd ~
I haven't ~ myself but I know women who have (abuse)
many of us have ~ before (Irish and overserved at a bar)
he felt he understood better than most, he had ~ (accused)

♦ "I just don't need to prove myself anymore, I've done that, I've been there, I just let it go..." (Hilaree O'Neill, Hkakabo Razi, Myanmar.)

experience: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / place

there (not all there)

clearly not all there

he's ~, he's all over the place emotionally (troubled)

incompetent and "not all there"

he was cast as ~ (President Donald Trump / politics)

incompetent, over the hill and not all there

they have tried to paint Biden as ~ (politics)

♦ "When I lived in LA, I knew a lot of actresses. Most of them are not all there, from drugs, alcohol, or living in a dream world. If you want anything bordering on normality stay away from actors."

mental health: euphemism

thermometer (noun)

thermometer

a ~, a temperature reading of what is happening (a poll)

feeling thermometer

how do people feel, a ~, we call it (polling)

measurement: temperature / tools & technology

Thermopylae (Britain's Thermopylae, etc.)

Britain's Thermopylae

it has been described as ~ (Battle of Kohima / W.W. II)

♦ "Three months before Needham traveled toward the front, the Japanese advance westward had been halted, decisively, at the famous battle of Kohima in the Indian state of Assam, described variously as the 'Stalingrad of the East,' 'Britain's Thermopylae,' and 'one of the greatest battles in history.' Between April and June 1944 a small British contingent held off thousands of Japanese, the climax coming in the legendary 'Battle of the Tennis Court,' hand-to-hand fighting in the gardens of the deputy commissioner's bungalow, ending on the tennis court's center line. Kohima was the most westerly point the Japanese ever attained: after June they were being relentlessly pressed back toward Tokyo, and fought like tigers as they went..." (*The Man Who Loved China* by Simon Winchester.)

♦ "Nobody else ran, and there's the glory of the field of nettles. Six hundred fifty men of the Tryon County militia make their own Thermopylae there in the woods of the western Mohawk Valley... / Gardiner was knocked down...; both of his thighs were pinned to the ground with bayonets... / The Bayonet Tree got its name when one of Herkimer's men was crucified on it." (*The Mohawk* by Codman Hislop. His book is about the Mohawk River.)

♦ The pass where the great battle of Thermopylae between the Spartans and Persians took place is gone. The landscape has become flat, but not in the imagination...

military: epithet

Thermopylae (figurative)

series of Thermopylaes

white blood cells rush to an endless ~ to man the pass

allusion: military

resistance, opposition & defeat: allusion / military

thick (in the thick of things)

in the thick of things

she was right ~ (government response to Katrina)

involvement: ground, terrain & land

thick (adjective)

thick

the tension between them was ~ (two film actors)

♦ The opposite of *thick* is *thin*...sometimes!

amount: breadth

thicket (noun)

thicket of bureaucracy

they have created a ~ (a government agency)

thicket of challenges

Netflix is trying to navigate a dense ~

bureaucratic thickets

he knew how best to cut his way through the ~

dense thicket

Netflix is trying to navigate a ~ of challenges

regulatory thicket

the government wants to set up a ~

obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land

thick-skinned (adjective)

thick-skinned

I'm ~ so it doesn't bother me

tough and thick-skinned

New Yorkers are thought to be ~

tough, thick-skinned

he is known as a ~ leader

become thick-skinned

making fun of someone helps them build character and ~

♦ "Thick-skinned, sharp-elbowed, ball-busting New Yorkers..." (With hearts of gold...)

character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect:

sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

thief (thief of joy, etc.)

thief of joy

comparison is the ~ (athletic achievement, etc.)

den of thieves

see *den* (*den of thieves, etc.*)

♦ "Friends are thieves of time."

♦ "Set a thief to catch a thief."

taking & removing: crime / person

thin (size)

razor-thin

the election was decided by a ~ margin

size: breadth / fatness & thinness

thin (substance)

thin

the add-on could work, but the evidence is ~ (IVF)

thin on whether

the evidence has been ~ convalescent plasma can help

thin case

this was a very ~, very little evidence (acquitted)

astonishingly thin

the evidence was ~ (a murder conviction)

pretty thin

that argument is ~ right now (that schools are overpoliced)

so thin

the evidence was ~ the judge set a low bail

extent & scope: breadth

substance & lack of substance: breadth

thin (thin on the ground, etc.)

thin on the ground

British artists were ~ (awards show)

police officers are ~ (looting in Minneapolis)

the tourists are ~ (in Mallorca, due to pandemic)

amount / presence & absence: breadth

thing (prior reference)

Reagan-Gorbachev thing

the ~ ultimately fell apart (relationship)

generational thing

we rarely see this ~ (*Good Luck To You, Leo Grande*)

importance & significance: object

thing (a matter, issue)

a thing

we didn't even know that was ~ (trench coats / shootings)

a thing for me

I was black, which wasn't ~ when I was little (immigrant)

a thing for us

work-life balance wasn't really ~ (consumed by work)

a thing for years

hang on, hasn't "post viral fatigue" been ~

a thing all these decades later

sagging might still be ~ because... (the fashion statement)

a thing, after all

polysemy is ~ (Merriam-Webster website)

win-it-for-coach thing

he still sounds worried about the whole ~ (Coach K)

a YOLO thing

is this ~ (spontaneous, not premeditated)

a f***ing thing

we'll talk about this, this car turns into ~, man (podcast)

a superstition thing

it's not really a ~... (tennis player Coco Gauff)

a big thing

it's a ~ in Hull (East Side vs. West Side / Beverley Rd.)

an entire thing

her nomination became ~ (an Oscars controversy)

a huge thing

Donald Trump is off Twitter and that is a ~

a real thing

is "porn addiction" ~

and that's ~ and there's nothing you can do about it
this is an issue, it's ~, we don't want problems (elections)
the environment is ~ (punditry heard on NPR)

a constant, (almost) around-the-clock thing
it's ~ (farm chores)

deny that it's a thing
so many people ~ (racist fan abuse)

♦ "Hair was always a thing. People would ask, 'Can I touch your hair? How does it stand up like that?' I had to deal with things like that my entire life." (Gymnast Nia Dennis on training with white people in Ohio.)

♦ "I think the dance between those two things will always be a thing." (Tiana Kaye Blair, an artist-in-residence at the Dallas Theater Center.)

♦ "I started wearing earplugs, and they've now become a thing, I can't go to sleep without them." (BBC, Fortunately...with Fi and Jane, #168.)

♦ "It's not really a superstition thing, I'd say I'm not a superstition person." (The tennis player Coco Gauff about listening to hype music before her matches.)

♦ "Oh, it's not a problem, it's not a thing, stop talking about it... (Racist fan abuse in soccer.)

♦ "I even had some people would be like, 'What is that?' They were like, 'I didn't even know this was a thing.'" (A homosexual US man with monkeypox in 2022.)

♦ "Memes has [sic] to be a thing, TikTok has to be a thing..." (The Democrat influencer Stuart Max Perelmutter, founder and CEO of the firm atAdvocacy.)

♦ "But the thing with measles is that it's really really contagious." (NPR's Pien Huang. Versus, "Measles is very contagious.")

importance & significance: object

contempo-speak: language

thing (fad, etc.)

thing
today is bubble wrap appreciation day, yes, it's a ~ (ABC)
I didn't know that was a ~
is that really a ~

still a thing
is steampunk ~ (Google ask and answer)

'in thing'
not long ago Osaka was the latest ~ to blow in (vs. Gauff)

next thing
Dennis was always looking for the ~ (music)

such a thing
this is ~ right now (heard on NPR)

Chubby Bunny was a thing
I started doing it back when that game ~

became (quite) a thing
that haircut then ~ people wanted after that film

♦ This echoes the old cliché, "The next big thing..."

♦ If something is "having a moment," then it is a "thing." "X" is having a moment. "Really? I didn't know that was a thing."

♦ "Whatever Happened To... That Guy Who wanted to Make Quinoa A 'Thing' in Rwanda?" by Malaka Gharib, GOATS AND SODA, NPR, August 27, 2018.

♦ Rachel Martin: "All right, I don't know about you, Noel, but I got a Christmas card in the mail at the end of January, and my son's Valentine card from his grandmother still hasn't shown up." Noel King: "This is such a thing right now." Rachel Martin: "It is such a thing, the mail is very slow, and yesterday Congress..." (NPR, Morning Edition, Feb 25, 2021.)

♦ "So, I had no idea that this was a thing that was actually happening." (Hear on NPR.)

♦ "Do you remember that moment, when amazeballs was a thing?"

attention, scrutiny & promotion: object

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: object

contempo-speak: language

thing (the next big thing)

the next big thing
he is tipped to be ~ in basketball (Zion Williamson)
apparently, it's the ~ (the metaverse)

Next Big Thing
the suckers who want to get in on the ~ (stocks)

maybe the next big thing
Silicon Valley sees it as ~ (BeReal v. Instagram)

seen as the next big thing
he was ~ in finance (SBF / sentence to 25 years)

♦ see also *new (orange is the new black, etc.)*

attention, scrutiny & promotion: object

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: object

thing (one's thing)

my thing
hockey is ~

enthusiasm: object

think (groupthink, etc.)

doublethink
see *doublethink (noun)*

groupthink
see *groupthink (and herdthink, etc.)*

thin-skinned (adjective)

thin-skinned
he is ~, prone to ill-advised eruptions
he was abnormally ~ when it came to criticism
writers can be ~

thin-skinned about criticism
he is ~

**character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect:
sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

thirst (quench one's thirst, etc.)

quench America's thirst
Canada helps ~ for energy (oil exports)

♦ "He quenched the thirst of Los Angeles." (William Mulholland. Los Angeles had a need. That need happened to be, literally, water.)

amelioration & renewal: food & drink / verb / water

thirst (noun)

thirst for energy
Canada helps quench America's ~ (oil exports)

thirst for knowledge
his collection hinted at his ~

thirst for revenge
the suicide bombers are driven by a ~
a ~, religious zeal and dreams of glory (suicide bombers)

thirst for wealth
the human ~ is unquenchable

thirst for oil and gas
China has a bottomless ~

thirst for the vulgar and obscene
our ~ seems unquenchable (US)

America's thirst
Canada helps quench ~ for energy (oil exports)

ever-increasing thirst
the world's ~ for oil

bottomless thirst
China has a ~ for oil and gas

quench (America's) thirst
Canada helps ~ for energy (oil exports)

♦ A thirst trap is an online picture that makes you look sexy.
♦ "Gannett hired a Taylor Swift newsman to quench an undeniable thirst for all things Taylor." (The pop star Taylor Swift.)

consumption / wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink / water

thirsty (adjective)

thirsty for change
people are ~ (politics)

thirsty for knowledge
they're really ~ and to pull themselves ahead (education)

thirsty for glowy, healthy skin
everyone is ~

thirsty for yield
investors are ~ (municipal bonds)

thirsty for parties and social gatherings
people were very ~ (Seoul Halloween crowd crush)

♦ "I can be thirsty over a guy." (Deaf activist Raven Sutton.)

consumption / wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink / water

thorn (noun)

thorn of terrorism
the ~ has been removed today (killing of al-Zarqawi)

thorn in (Polish-Soviet) relations
the massacre has been a ~ for decades (Katyn Forests)

thorn in our side
Samarra has been a little bit of a ~ (military)

thorn in Mr. Bush's side
he is a ~ (Al Gore)

thorn in Austria's side
Bavaria was particularly to prove a ~

constant thorn
she has been a ~ in the side of the Biden administration

♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (Arab proverb.)

affliction: plant / sensation

thorny (adjective)

thorny issue
~s remain a source of tension (diplomacy)

thorny problem
curbing online hatred is a ~ (in the US)

thorny topic
the president tackled the ~ of immigration

affliction: plant / sensation

flaws & lack of flaws: plant / sensation

thoroughbred (noun)

performance of (true) thoroughbreds
this was a ~ (5 Liverpool – 0 Manchester United)

♦ "England carthorses roundly beaten by Spanish racehorses." (An online commenter, about Spain's victory in the final of the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)

worth & lack of worth / superlative: horse

thrall (noun)

in (a strange) thrall
Machhapuchhare's pinnacle held me ~

in thrall to enterprise technologies
newsrooms are already ~...

in the thrall of autocracy
the party is very much ~ (politics)

held me in (a strange) thrall
Machhapuchhare's pinnacle ~

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

thrash (Nicole is thrashing the Bahamas, etc.)

thrashing the Bahamas
Nicole is ~ (the named hurricane)

storm: force

thrash (verb)

thrashed Saudi Arabia
Russia ~ (World Cup soccer)

conflict: verb / violence / whip

thrashed

thrashed
they waved their flags in defiance as their team was ~

conflict: violence / whip

thrashing

handed out a thrashing

Liverpool ~ (Liverpool 5, Manchester United 0)

conflict: violence / whip

thread (connection)

thread

the ~ connecting doctrine and tactics is training

thread in a tapestry

the new law is the latest ~ of laws stigmatizing...

common thread

we found a ~ between the two accidents

in some places, suicides seem to have root causes or ~s

narrative thread

the ~ can get lost (procedure and Congressional hearings)

vivid threads

several ~ run through their narratives (stories of grief)

knits together many threads

the story ~ of Muslim grievances (suicide bomber)

unravel the threads

we can't let them ~ of our democracy (Mazie Hirono)

division & connection: cloth

thread (investigation)

thread

so now there was a ~, and we started pulling on it (murder)

threads to this thing

there are so many ~ (Kent State killings)

dangling thread

the tapes were a ~ to connect us back to 1965 (murder)

followed the thread

we ~ and began to unravel the case (tapes of old trial)

we ~ and unraveled a strange and illuminating story

pulled on this thread

we ~ to take us back to 1965 (old tapes of trial)

pulled on the thread

we ~ and realized it was woven into the fabric of life then

searching & discovery: cloth

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth

thread (verb)

threaded itself into the fabric

the gang has ~ of the village

division & connection: cloth / verb

thread (a trail can thread, etc.)

thread the Alpine mountains and valleys

hiking trails ~ (Switzerland)

fictive motion: cloth / verb

thread (by a thread)

hanging on by a thread

we were ~ (money problems and bills)

hanging on to my job by a thread

I'm ~

hang by a thread

their hopes of advancing ~ (tournament)

Medvedev's title hopes ~, if that (lost to Djokovic)

hanging by a thread

his career is ~

♦ Atropos was the Greek goddess of fate and destiny who cut the thread of people's lives, thus ending them. In Dante's *Inferno*, Friar Alberigo explains that "So privileged is this rim / of Ptolomea, that often souls fall to it / before dark Atropos has cut their thread." (Translated by John Ciardi.)

♦ In 1970 the German born Karl Wallenda walked across the Tallulah Gorge in northern Georgia (the US state, not the country) on a high wire. He performed 2 handstands—one in honor of the US troops in Vietnam—as 30,000 men, women and children looked on. When he reached the end of the walk, his wife handed the 65-year-old Wallenda a martini.

♦ "I am interested to inspire people to uplift their soul and to look at the sky and say 'Wow, I can move mountains now, nothing is impossible' so that's why I love what I do... I never leave anything to chance and I have weaved this safety net in my head for the past 55 years. So I value life too much to risk my life and I do something I think much more inspiring and noble, I don't risk my life, I carry my life across." (The remarkable high-wire artist Philippe Petit.)

fate, fortune & chance: cloth

thread (lose the thread)

lost the thread

I've ~ of your argument...

failure, accident & impairment: cloth / verb

threadbare (adjective)

almost threadbare

his campaign is ~ (presidential election)

money / condition & status / sufficiency, insufficiency &

excess: cloth / clothing & accessories

threaten (verb)

threaten to erode

divisions ~ France's tradition of equality (Muslims)

threatens South with (severe) thunderstorms

Christmas week storm ~

threaten the (economic and cultural) health

problems that ~ (reindeer people)

fictive communication: speech / verb

threshold (cross the threshold)

crossed the threshold into a new dimension

Sputnik ~

crossed a threshold to extinction

lizards have already ~ (global warming)

portal: doors & thresholds / verb

threshold (below the threshold)

live below the (poverty) threshold
75 percent of adults ~ of \$1 a day (World Bank)

measurement: doors & thresholds

threshold (on the threshold)

on the threshold of their futures
they were literally ~ (guy kills his girlfriend)

proximity: doors & thresholds

threshold (portal)

threshold to the grave
nursing homes are viewed as the ~

portal: doors & thresholds

threshold (measurement)

threshold for lead poisoning
lead levels in their blood were four times the ~

threshold of old age
typically 60 or 65 years is considered the ~

threshold of \$1 a day
75 percent live below the World Bank's poverty ~

epidemic threshold
the number of weekly cases exceeded the ~ of 237

panic threshold
their ~ is higher... (solo sailors don't panic easily)

poverty threshold
75 percent live below the World Bank's ~ of \$1 a day

below the threshold
help keep tensions between nations ~ of conflict

low (pain) threshold
if you have a ~, don't get a tattoo at the base of your spine

lower threshold
a ~ for admission should be considered (the elderly)

four times the threshold
lead levels in their blood were ~ for lead poisoning

threshold is reached
salt added to water will dissolve until a ~

exceeds a threshold
if the level ~ set by the system...

lower the (seizure) threshold
the drugs ~ and should be used cautiously

measurement: doors & thresholds

thrive (verb)

thrived at the company
he ~

thrive under (enormous) pressure
some people are able to ~ (jobs)

thrives on sensationalism
the media ~

growth & development: plant / verb

throat (Devil's Throat, etc.)

Devil's Throat
~ is a must (Iguazu Falls)

proper name: throat

throat (resemblance)

shredder throat
insert paper into the ~ (paper shredder)

insert paper into the (shredder) throat
~ (paper shredder)

resemblance / shape: throat

throat (stick in one's throat, etc.)

sticks in my throat
apologizing to you just ~

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON (from 1803). Napoleon is trying to stuff a globe of the world into his mouth. The part of the globe he is unable to get into his mouth shows and is labeled Great Britain. John Bull is watching, and saying, "I'll tell you what, Mr. Boneypartee, when you come to a little spot I have in my eye, it will stick in your throat and choke you!" ("An attempt to swallow the world!!!" April 6, 1803 by W Holland, Cockspur Street. The same cartoon might have appeared in 1939, with France's Napoleon replaced by Germany's Hitler.)

obstacles & impedance: throat

throat (ram something down the throat)

ladled down my throat by schoolmasters
before I was ten years old I was having Dickens ~

ram the reform down our throats
the government tried to ~

ramming Utd down everyone's throat
the BBC really are ~ again, totally impartial (sarcasm)

♦ "Thank you Spain, you have just saved us from 4 years of how great women's football is, rammed down our throats everyday." (An online commenter on the BBC HYS about Spain's victory against England in the final of the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup.)

♦ like force-feed (and force feed)

consumption / oppression: throat / verb

throat (predation)

been at each other's throats
they had just ten days previously ~

going for your throat
this isn't a joke, she's ~

grabbed it by the throat

she ~ (Iowa's Caitlin Clark takes control of game)

♦ "I know of another guy—a former racketeer's bodyguard—who once found two Germans sleeping together to keep warm, remembered an old Ghomou trick, and slit the throat of one, leaving the other alive so he would wake up and see his bunkmate the next morning. Most of the doggies thought it was a good stunt, and it kept the Germans in his sector in a state of uproar and terror for several days." (*Up Front* by Bill Mauldin, World War II.)

conflict: animal / predation / throat

throat (jump down someone's throat)

jumped down my throat

she ~ when I told her...

jump down my throat for this

the tranny activists are going to ~, but... (Dan Savage)

♦ "I would probably dump Twitter tomorrow if it weren't a situation where people I work for are just so down-your-throat about social media as a means of promoting your product." (Alec Baldwin.)

accusation & criticism / speech: throat / verb

throes (death throes)

in its death throes

the once-mighty iceberg A68a looks to be ~ (splitting up)

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine

throne (Blondie's Throne, etc.)

Blondie's Throne

~ is a flowstone (Marvel Cave, Missouri)

Devils Throne

~ is a summit in Idaho

Vulcans Throne

~ is a summit in Mohave County, Arizona

Vulcan's Throne

~ is a cinder cone volcano (Grand Canyon)

Great White Throne

the ~ is in Zion National park, Utah

proper name: royalty

throne (power)

contenders to the throne

there are many ~ (to replace sick leader)

power behind the (home-video) throne

he is a ~ (DVD producer)

power: royalty

throne (in line for the throne)

in line for the throne

she is ~ (a fashion designer)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

throne (pretender to the throne)

pretender to the throne of (champion) Jack Dempsey

he is the French heavyweight ~

chief pretender to the throne

he reigns as king, or at least ~ (sportswriter of a horse)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty throne (primacy)

challenger to their throne

the Celtics rebuffed a ~ (sports)

contender for Nadal's throne

he has established himself as a ~ (tennis)

perch atop the throne

he may soon lose his ~ (a baseball pitcher)

regained his throne

Humpty Dumpty has ~ (the egg as a healthy product)

yielded the throne

the old guard has ~ (world soccer)

knocked off the throne

he has been ~ (a tennis player)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty throttle (full throttle, etc.)

full-throttle defense

he has launched a ~ against charges that...

full-throttle dissent

such ~ is unparalleled (Japan and Olympics)

full-throttle style

he had a ~ (Liverpool's Jurgen Klopp)

at full throttle

he starts every day ~, slowing only for naps (toddler)

in full throttle

when he's in front of a crowd, he's ~ mode (musician)
the presidential campaigns are ~

campaign full-throttle

candidates ~ before election day

functioning: engine / mechanism

commitment & determination: engine / mechanism

throughout (time)

throughout the day

~ of 24 June 1807...

throughout this time

we will do that as long as is necessary ~ (investigation)

♦ In every place...

time: place / prep, adv, adj, particle

throw (throw oneself into something)

threw herself into piano lessons

she ~

threw herself into renovating

she ~ the space (art gallery)

absorption & immersion / commitment & determination / involvement: throwing, putting & planting / verb / water

throw (throw it all, etc.)

throw it all at the wall

see *wall* (*throw something at a wall*)

throw everything at it

we ~, search teams, dogs, aerial units, the whole nine (cops)

throwing everything at it

Shapovalov is still ~ (a tennis match)

commitment & determination: throwing, putting & planting / verb

throw (accusations, etc.)

throw more darts

he logged back in to ~

throw accusations at each other

they ~

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

throwback (noun)

throwback to the past

when he talks about crime, it can sound like a ~

throwback to the Star Chamber prosecutions

this is a ~ (a defense lawyer)

throwback to an earlier time

the carousel is a ~ (Mansfield, Ohio)

he is a ~

throwback to the 1890s

Dawson City is a ~

throwback boxer

Usyk is a proper ~ (praise after victory)

vaudeville throwback

a U.S.O. tour is a raunchy ~ (US military)

past & present / time: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

thrown out (dismissed)

thrown out of court

he is seeing to get the criminal case ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: arm

throwing, putting & planting: arm

thrown out (cast)

thrown out in the heat of passion

threats are often ~

throwing, putting & planting: arm

throw out (verb)

throw out the (rape) conviction

the court ~ of...

throw him out

her father ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: arm / verb

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

throw up

see *retch* (*and puke, vomit, throw up*)

thrum (verb)

thrummed with the promise

Shanghai ~ of glamorous, fast-paced living

activity: movement / sound / verb

thrust (verb)

thrust him into the (national) spotlight

his heroics ~

throwing, putting and planting: mechanism / verb

thrust

thrust into the spotlight

I was ~ (Miss USA and the Haiti earthquake)

throwing, putting and planting: mechanism

thumb (Devils Thumb, etc.)

Thumb Point

looking south toward ~ (USCG Station, Ft. Pierce, FL)

Devils Thumb

the ~ is a striking summit on the Alaska-BC border

the NW face of the ~ has never been climbed

the NW face of the ~ rises from the Witches Cauldron

the NW face of the ~ is 6,700 feet

Devil's Thumb

are pets allowed at ~ Ranch Resort & Spa (Colorado)

Broken Thumb

the ~ is a vanadium and uranium mine in Colorado

♦ "Devils Thumb is a monolith of ice and granite." (The Stikine Icecap, the Alaska Panhandle, Southeast Alaska.)

♦ Dieter Klose, who made three attempts to climb the 6,700-foot Northwest Face of the Devils Thumb, on the border of Alaska and British Columbia, likened this climb to Sirens who attempted to lure Ulysses to his death.

proper name: hand / thumb

thumb (under the thumb)

under the thumb of a Stalinist regime

the people of Basra are ~

under her father's thumb

back ~

oppression: hand / thumb

thumb (put a thumb on the scale, etc.)

see *scale (put one's finger on the scale, etc.)*

thumbs-down

thumbs-down on the proposal
stockholders turned ~

judgment: direction / gesture / hand / sign, signal, symbol / thumb

thumbs-up

thumbs-up
the spectacle gets a ~

thumbs-up from a podcast host
he got a ~ with 7 million subscribers (a politician)

thumbs-up reviews
the technology is getting largely ~ (computers)

achievement, recognition & praise / judgment: gesture / hand / sign, signal, symbol / thumb

thunder (sound)

thunder of ice
the ~ going out (spring ice-out)

muffled thunder
the ~ of their horses' hooves

drowned out by the thunder
informed voices were ~ of the partisan lynch mob

♦ Child: Why does it do that? Adult: Well, the lightning says something to the thunder, and the thunder answers back. Child: The lightning must be nasty. Adult: Not really. Child: Then why does the thunder get so angry? It makes me want to cry. Adult: Well, when anything bothers me and I'm feeling unhappy, I just try and think of nice things..." (The beloved 1965 film *The Sound of Music*. This bit of dialogue leads into the song, "My Favorite Things.")

♦ "Thunder, that is Agdy. When the devil stays too long in one place, then the God Enduli sends thunder, and Agdy drives the devil away. That is to say, at the spot where the storm burst out the devil was sitting. When the devil had been chased away, that is after the storm, there was peace around. Animals, birds, fishes, insects, and the grass, all knew that the devil had gone, and were happy and cheerful again. / As the thunder and snow together, [Dersu] said that previously they used to have thunder and lightning only in summer, and that it was the Russians who brought winter thunder with them. This was the third winter thunderstorm that he could remember in his lifetime." (Dersu speaking to V.K. Arseniev on the lower Kusun after a rare thundersnow. Just previous to the storm, a native Solon with the group had determined the presence of a devil on a large rock, which had caused them to move their camp. During the storm, a small landslide occurred from the rock. From *Dersu the Trapper*, by V.K. Arseniev.)

♦ "Thunder and lightning, once rare, have become commonplace. An eerie warm wind now blows in from the south. Hunters who prided themselves on their ability to read the sky say they no longer can predict the sudden blizzards. 'The Earth,' one hunter concluded, 'is turning faster.'" (Yanrakynnot, Russia.)

♦ In Saudi Arabia, I once experienced thunder, lightning and rain during a dust storm. To my knowledge, there is no name in English for such a storm, as there is for "thundersnow."

resemblance / sound: lightning / storm

thunder (steal thunder, etc.)

steal our thunder

it will ~ (a double wedding)

steal much thunder
it was a tough weekend for a tennis player to ~

stolen so much of baseball's thunder
the NFL has ~ (viewership and interest)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / storm

thunder (speech)

thundered that
he ~ God was the answer (a rally)

♦ "It wasn't long ago when a Republican President Ronald Reagan thundered, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall." (President Joe Biden's 2024 State of the Union address to Congress.)

resemblance / speech: sound / storm / verb

thunderbolt (noun)

hurled thunderbolts
he ~ at his own party (a politician)

accusation & criticism: lightning / storm

thunderclap (noun)

thunderclap
when a 16-year-old was killed, it was a ~ (gangs)

thunderclap surprise
we shall seize the bridges with ~ (*A Bridge Too Far*)

legal thunderclap
a ~

served as a thunderclap
the new analysis ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / storm

thunderstruck (adjective)

thunderstruck
we were ~ (by Arctic fox's epic trek)

thunderstruck with surprise
I'm sure the Germans will be ~ (Market Garden / WWII)

thunderstruck by what
he was ~ he heard

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / lightning / sound / storm

thunderous (adjective)

thunderous explosion
~s shook buildings (war)

♦ "Your silence is thunderous."

**resemblance / sound: storm
comparison & contrast: affix**

ticket (and punch one's ticket, etc.)

ticket to doing everything
pursuing nursing was my ~ that I want to do

ticket to a new life
their Jewish heritage offers a ~ (in Israel / NPR)

ticket to obscurity
historically the vice presidency has been a ~

ticket to success
the Internet can be your ~ (online degrees)

ticket to the top
it's your ~ (a job offer)

ticket to transition
trainers are the ~ (military trainers to Afghans)

ticket out of the pandemic
the vaccine is their ~, why do they reject it

ticket out of poverty
it was her ~ (new career as technical writer)

ticket home
that pain is your ~, you should be grateful (combat injury)

get our tickets punched
we all hoped to ~ for Germany (instead of Vietnam / war)

handed Tampa a ticket
the penalty ~ to the Super Bowl (NFL)

punched her ticket
she recently ~ to Tokyo (qualified)

punched their ticket
The Avalanche have already ~ to the final by beating...

see boxing as a ticket
many Indian girls ~ to a middle-class life (India)

seized the (golden) ticket
they have ~ (viruses that hop to humans)

♦ "Now me, I graduated high school in 1988, got my college degree in 1993, and that college degree in '93 did not mean as much, it was not a ticket, it was not a voucher, it was not a free pass go to anything, so I ask the question, what does your college degree mean?" (The great actor Mathew McConaughey from his terrific University of Houston speech, Jan 7, 2016.)

♦ "Together they bought that ticket; now together they can ride that ride." (A law enforcement officer. A young woman murdered a man, but two others with her were also charged with murder.)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ticket
cost & benefit: ticket

tick on (and tick by)

minutes ticked by
as the ~...

time ticks on
Brazil are starting to lose hope as the ~ (World Cup)

**starting, going, continuing & ending / time: clock /
movement / sound / verb**

tick-tock (noun)

tick-tock of events
tell us how this all happened, what the ~ was

minute-to-minute tick tock
I don't have the ~ (press briefing on a SOF raid)

tick tick tick
~, the escalation of this crisis continues

♦ "Is there any info about how this all happened, what the tick-tock of events was?" (Heard on NPR / National Public Radio.)

♦ "So tick-tock, the clock is on..." (NPR's A Martinez, discussing politics with some pundit. An election, legal trials, politics...)

♦ "Tick-Tock! Time for an affordable PC update at Dell Outlet. Everything you need to know about refurbished computers. Extending the lifecycle. Reducing the cost."

**starting, going, continuing & ending / time: clock /
movement / sound**

tidal wave (in a tidal wave)

in a tidal wave of (voter) discontent
Democrats lost control of Congress ~

drown in a tidal wave
he has been trying not to ~ of evictions (lawyer for poor)

swept away in a tidal wave
their aboriginal rights were ~ of development

amount & effect: sea / wave

tidal wave (other)

tidal wave of calls
a ~ to 911 (due to prevalence of cellphones)

tidal wave of (criminal) charges
the ~ and civil lawsuits (priest abuse)

tidal wave of (Muslim) immigrants
the ~ arrive from India (Karachi)

tidal wave of data and information
computers are creating a ~

human tidal wave
the city has been hit by a ~ (Phoenix / immigrants)

propaganda tidal wave
the shameless ~ of the mainstream media (culture wars)

face a tidal wave
parents ~ of pressure (from kids for sexualized products)

amount & effect: sea / wave

tide (on a tide)

on a tide of discontent
he was swept into office ~

on a tide of (anti-Washington) sentiment
state lawmakers are capitalizing ~

on a tide of (military) success
he was elected ~

on a tide of goodwill and emotion
the team is riding ~ (Iraqi national soccer team)

amount & effect: sea / tide

tide (turn the tide, etc.)

tide is turning

the ~ in the war

the ~ against insurgents in the province

tide turning

is the ~ towards impeachment for President Trump

turned the tide

in 1943, the Allies ~ (war in Europe)

turn this tide back

we must do whatever we can to ~ (CIA and communism)

turned the tide in the fight

countries that have successfully ~ against HIV

turned the tide of battle

Capt. Rubio's singularly heroic act ~

turned the tide of the war

the Russians had ~ (Kursk, 1943)

trucks and tanks and airplanes ~ (Russian industrialization)

by the end of 1943, the Allies had ~ in North Africa

successfully turned the tide

countries that have ~ in the fight against HIV

development / reversal: sea / tide / verb

tide (buck the tide)

buck the tide

he was an iconoclast, willing to ~ (doctor)

swimming against a (mighty) tide

I am ~ in my profession (an objective journalist / NYT)

resistance, opposition & defeat: sea / tide / verb

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sea / tide / verb

tide (rising tide)

rising tide

he claims free trade is a ~ that will lift all boats

rising tide of (Arab and Islam) bashing

the ~ in America

rising tide of gentrification

the ~ (Miami Beach and sea-level rise)

rising tide of intolerance

the ~ among the reporters at the *New York Times*

rising tide of Internet retail mania

the ~

rising tide of problems

prescription drugs are being linked to a ~

rising tide lifts many boats

on Wall Street, though, a ~

amount & effect / increase & decrease: sea / tide / water / wave

tide (stem the tide, etc.)

slow the tide

what needs to be done to ~ of immigration

resist the tide

few politicians have done more to ~ of progress

stem the tide of junk mail

we must ~

stem the tide of divorce

measures to ~

stem the tide of foreclosures

little can be done to ~

stem the tide of questions

he had struggled to ~ (minister forced to resign)

stem the tide of suicide

how can we ~ (doctors)

stem the tide of scandals

the NCAA wants to ~ (sports)

amelioration & renewal: sea / tide / verb

tide (other)

tide of anticommunism

as the ~ rose in postwar America (W.W.II)

tide of filth

publication of the letters drenched him in a ~ (a writer)

tide of immigration

what needs to be done to slow the ~

tide of loss

the great ~ sweeping across Ukraine (war)

tide of migrants

a swelling ~ is moving into South Africa (Zimbabweans)

tide of optimism

a new ~ was already sweeping across our land

tide of tourism

the ~ cannot be stemmed (the Arctic)

tide of (Arab and Islam) bashing

the rising ~ in America

changing tide

both countries are worried about the ~ of politics (Gulf)

rising (democratic) tide

there is a ~ in the region (for reform)

swelling tide

a ~ of migrants is moving into South Africa

democratic tide

there is a rising ~ in the region (for reform)

great tide

the ~ of loss (Ukrainian losses in combat)

populist tide
the ~ is not ebbing (2020 US election)

viral tide
the book got swept up in a ~ (The Atlas Six)

tide is not ebbing
the populist ~ (2020 US election)

tide (of anticommunism) rose
as the ~ in postwar America (World War II)

tide is running against him
the political ~

swelled the (pilgrim) tide
a growing population ~ (the Middle Ages)

swept up by the tide
they have been ~ of domestic technology

swept away on a tide
agrarian England was ~ of industrialization

♦ "The yellow and blue of Ukrainian flags whip above each grave in the gentle breeze—there are hundreds of them. Each is a marker in the great tide of loss that sweeps daily across eastern and southern battlefields, filling cemeteries in towns and villages the length and breadth of Ukraine." ("Dying by the dozens every day"—Ukraine losses climb" by Quentin Sommerville, BBC, August 28, 2023.)

♦ [B]ehind all this was constantly present to our eyes and mind the scene of a great stream, a procession, so to speak of human souls on their way to eternity." (*Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby. The Civil War.)

♦ "One becomes aware, at times of tides, onrushing and receding, mountainous and terrible, and all the water motions in between, down to the shallows' ripple, moving not only through oceans but through nations..." (The preface to *The Mohawk* by Codman Hislop. The book is about the river, and it is just one of the series "Rivers of America.")

♦ At low tide, the 33-island nation of Kiribati can be three times larger than at high tide! Believe it or not...

amount & effect / force / movement: sea / tide / water

tie (verb)

tied him to the gang
police ~

division & connection: rope / verb

tied (constraint)

tied to his job
he is ~

closely tied
Moldova is ~ to Moscow

attachment / constraint & lack of constraint / division & connection: rope

tier (hierarchy)

top tier
he is in the ~ of Hollywood directors

top tier candidate
this looked like the rally of a ~ (presidential candidate)

third-tier cities
writers are popping up in ~ (China)

third- or fourth-tier
the ~ cities of China are no longer cultural wastelands

hierarchy: direction / position

tie together (verb)

tie the two crashes together
the FAA was waiting to ~

division & connection: rope / verb

tiger (tiger mother, etc.)

tiger on the campaign trail
he was a real ~, you couldn't stop him (a politician)

tiger mother
and you thought the ~ was tough (Amy Chua / strict)

epithet: animal / tiger

character & personality / behavior: epithet

tiger (Arkan's Tigers, etc.)

El Tigre
Azcarra was nicknamed ~ (Emilio Azcarra)

Tiger of Malaya
Tomoyuki Yamshita, the ~ (World War II)

Tiger of Mysore
Tipu Sultan, also known as the ~

Arkan's Tigers
~ fought in Croatia and Bosnia (Yugoslav Wars)

Flying Tigers
the ~ of Claire Lee Chennault (US / WW II)

Tamil Tigers
the ~ of Jaffna (LTTE)

♦ "Everywhere within and about the palace, evidence met the eye or ear of [Tippoo's] depraved and sanguinary tastes. His name meant tiger; he called his soldiers his tigers of war; and the tigers of the Indian jungles were his pets, and often his executioners—for the attendant that offended him, or the prisoner that was brought into his presence, was not unfrequently turned into a barred room, or large cage, where the savage animals were let loose upon him. Near the door of his treasury an enormous tiger had been found chained. There were other tigers in the edifice, and so numerous as to give some trouble to Colonel Wellesley. / They became the subject of a postscript to the first letter written by Colonel Wellesley to his commander-in-chief after succeeding Baird in the command within the town and fort. / 'There are some tigers here,' says the colonel, 'which I wish Meer Alum would send for; or else I must give orders to have them shot, as there is no food for them, and nobody to attend them, and they are getting violent.'" (*History of India* by Charles Macfarlane. "Tippoo's Cruelties." The Battle of Seringapatam, 1799. Colonel Wellesley would go on to use the military skills he developed in India to force the French out of the Iberian Peninsula in the Peninsular War and ultimately defeat Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815.)

military: animal / epithet

epithet: animal

tiger (noun)

tiger
Pakistan couldn't get down from the ~ it rode
the street is a ~, you must be careful (children)

paper tiger

see *paper tiger*

dangerous tiger

religion is a very ~ to ride in international politics

tribal tiger

it takes temerity to want to ride the ~ in Yemen

♦ "Well, we're really just getting the first paw swipes of Ida here on St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans. Light rain, blustery wind, a big slate-grey sky..." (NPR reports on a hurricane.)

♦ "I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter, dancing through the fire, 'cause I am a champion, and you're gonna hear me roar." (Lyrics of the song "Roar" sung by Katy Perry. According to *Time Magazine*, "I lay on my back one night and looked down at my feet, and I prayed to God. I said 'God, will you please let me have boobs so big that I can't see my feet when I'm lying down?' At age 11, 'God answered my prayers,' she say, glancing south. 'I had no clue they would fall into my armpits eventually.'")

♦ "He found himself with a tiger by the tail." (Al Pacino with the actress Tuesday Weld.)

♦ "Anthony Joshua has never had the eye of the tiger." (Boxing snark.)

♦ "The street is a tiger, you must be careful of it." (Educational materials of the Little Teacher Movement, circa 1947, in Shanghai. Mentioned by Santha Rama Rau in her wonderful book *East of Home*.)

♦ "The majority of tigers are bagged with the aid of elephants... / The call of a tigress in search of a mate cannot be described in words." (*Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett, Introduction by Sir Maurice Hallett, Preface by Lord Linlithgow (Viceroy of India 1936-1943). It is a wonderful account of hunting actual man-eating tigers. The Jim Corbett National Park is in Uttarakhand. Tigers live there.)

♦ In the Sundarbans, some who go into the jungle wear the mask of a human face on the back of their heads, to deter a tiger attack from behind.

♦ Vladivostok celebrates Amur Tiger Day in late September. Children enjoy dressing up as tigers. However, tigers have been known to venture into the suburbs of the city.

♦ "Tigers are gods, who protect ginseng from men." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "To the Lord Tiger who dwelleth in the Forest and the Mountains. In ancient days, in the time of the Khan dynasty, He saved the state. Today his Spirit brings happiness to man." (An inscription at a shrine in the Sihoté Alin mountains, noticed by Dersu Uzala and V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "There are always a few tigers roaming about Singapore, and they kill on an average a Chinaman every day, principally those who work in the gambir plantations, which are always made in newly-cleared jungle..." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace.)

♦ According to a BBC article, a tiger is able to leap 33 feet forward from a seated position.

♦ Tiger Leaping Gorge is 82 feet wide at its narrowest, with a rock in the middle of the river. Legend has it the gorge got its name from a hunted tiger, who leapt across the river, using the rock, to escape hunters. It is a lovely legend for a spectacular place.

♦ "I wish to bring to your attention that you're upsetting a goddamn tiger." (A quote attributed to Roy of Sigfried & Roy. Roy, of course, was famously mauled by the white tiger that he and Sigfried called Mantecore.)

♦ "He who rides the tiger can never dismount."

♦ "Dictators ride to and fro upon tigers which they dare not dismount. And the tigers are getting hungry." (Winston Churchill.)

♦ "To have a tiger by the tail" or to "ride a tiger" is similar in meaning to "hold a wolf by the ears."

control & lack of control / danger: animal / tiger

tight (money)

tight

things are rather ~ (lack of money to pay bills)

wages are stagnant, jobs scarce, and credit ~

♦ "One dollar and eighty-seven cents. That was all. And sixty cents of it was in pennies. Pennies saved one and two at a time by bulldozing the grocer and the vegetable man and the butcher until one's cheeks burned with the silent imputation of parsimony that such close dealing implied." (The beginning of "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry. One of the greatest love stories ever written. To this day people put pennies on the grave of its author in Riverside Cemetery, Asheville, North Carolina, USA.)

money: sensation

amount: money

tight (relationship)

tight with her family

even friends who were ~ began to shun her

division & connection / feeling, emotion & effect / relationship / social interaction: distance / proximity

tight (constraint)

tighter

space is ~ in ships and submarines (pandemic)

security is tight

~ in Washington, DC (for an inauguration)

constraint & lack of constraint: pressure

tighten (tighten control, etc.)

tightening its control

China is ~ of vital minerals

tightened controls

Germany ~ over livestock feed (dioxin scare)

tighten (immigration) laws

many campaigned to ~ (elections)

tighten oversight

we must ~ of the industry

tighten lending

banks continue to ~

increase & decrease: pressure / verb

tight-knit

tight-knit community

the ~

tight-knit network

a ~ of family and clan protected him (Saddam)

♦ "The Perth football community is tight-knitted (BBC.)

division & connection / relationship: cloth

tight-lipped (adjective)

tight-lipped about any leads

police have been ~

tight-lipped about the plan

they remained ~

speech: mouth

concealment & lack of concealment: gesture / speech

tightrope (fate)

tightropes in politics

it's one of the hardest ~ to walk now (abortion issue)

diplomatic tightrope

the US is walking a ~

rhetorical tightrope

no one walks a ~ as deftly as Dave Chappelle (comedian)

treads diplomatic tightrope

Biden ~ on Israel-Iran

walk this tightrope

they have to ~ of how much change they can change

walked his nation across an incredibly narrow tightrope

he ~ in 1944 (Carl Gustav Mannerheim of Finland)

♦ see also *high wire* (fate)

♦ In 1970 the German-born Karl Wallenda walked across the Tallulah Gorge in northern Georgia (the US state, not the country) on a high wire. He performed 2 handstands—one in honor of the US troops in Vietnam—as 30,000 men, women and children looked on. When he reached the end of the walk, his wife handed the 65-year-old Wallenda a martini.

♦ "I am interested to inspire people to uplift their soul and to look at the sky and say 'Wow, I can move mountains now, nothing is impossible' so that's why I love what I do... I never leave anything to chance and I have weaved this safety net in my head for the past 55 years. So I value life too much to risk my life and I do something I think much more inspiring and noble, I don't risk my life, I carry my life across." (The remarkable high-wire artist Philippe Petit.)

fate, fortune & chance: circus

difficulty, easiness & effort: circus

tilt (world-title tilt, etc.)

tilt at greatness

he will attempt one last ~ (aging Tour de France rider)

world-title tilt

Benn is a handful of fights away from a ~ (boxing)

♦ see also *Quixote* (*Don Quixote*), *windmill* (*tilt at windmills, etc.*)

competition / conflict: history / Middle Ages

tilt (tilt towards, etc.)

tilting towards the West

once in Moscow's orbit, Moldova has been ~ recently

attraction & repulsion: astronomy

Timbuktu (remoteness)

Asia's Timbuktu

~, Ulan Bator

FSB TIMBUKTU

WELCOME TO ~, HOME OF THE 12TH CAVALRY

from here to Timbuktu

it's a question that has been asked ~ (about women)

♦ "From Here To Timbuktu: Myth And Reality At The World's Edge" by Scott Neuman (NPR, World, January 29, 2013) is a very nice report on a place that is "still a byword for the end of the earth."

♦ "In crossing the desert, I perceived, at a distance, immense tracts, which had the appearance of rivers or lakes, with islands of sand rising in the midst of them; they presented themselves to the eye, in the horizon of the desert, as places where one might quench one's thirst... This illusion only rendered my situation more dreadful, when I was consumed with thirst, and saw the sea receding before me as by enchantment. It is impossible to form any correct idea of a *mirage* without have seen one." (*Travels Through Central Africa To Timbuctoo; and Across The Great Desert, to Morocco; Performed in the Years 1824-1828* by Rene Caillie.)

♦ "60 feet in depth; the water brackish, unwholesome, abundant." "1 foot; water brackish." "3 or 4 feet; water brackish and abundant." "Wells sometimes dry." "7 or 8 feet; water very salt and bad." "7 or 8 feet; water muddy, salt, but not bad." "4 feet; water sweet, but in small quantity." "Excellent water." "Shallow." "Tolerably good water." "4 or 5 feet; water very salt and bad." "7 or 8 feet; water clear and delicious." "From 20 to 25 feet; water good." "The water is taken up by hand; it is abundant and good." ("Depth of the wells, and quality of the water, *Geographical Remarks and Inquiries Concerning the Travels of M. Caillie in Central Africa*, by M. Jomard, Third part of the Travels. These are wells M. Caillie used on his trip from Timbuctoo to Morocco.)

isolation & remoteness: epithet / ground, terrain & land

time (buy time, etc.)

bought us time

the lockdown ~ (pandemic)

bought us (some) time

it ~ but we didn't use it wisely (travel ban / pandemic)

buying time

so basically we were ~ (astronauts face death)

buy some time

the Strategic National Stockpile can ~ (pandemic supplies)

buy as much time as we can

we want to ~ (protecting Mississippi River from salt water)

time: money / verb

time (spend time)

spent the night on cots

about 20 people ~ (tornado survivors)

spent a day in combat

the academic professional who has never ~

spent weeks in the hospital

she ~ recuperating

spent 19 days in jail

she ~

spent the night in the (dining hall) lodge

they ~ (climbers)

spent years in exile

they ~ in Iran (Hakims / Iraq)

spent 29 years in the Navy

Ms. Evans ~

spent years in school

I ~ studying a foreign language

spent less time at high altitude

I'd ~ (Everest)

spent a few hours with Hani Shukrallah

I ~

spent eight months (in jail) awaiting
he ~ until...

spent three years building
I just ~ this (an inn destroyed in flood)

spent (most of) his (adult) life climbing
he has ~

spent about two hours digging
the group ~ the cave by hand (climbers)

spent about 15 minutes examining
the trauma team ~ the boy

spend several weeks feeling
I ~ incredibly guilty about the situation

spent the afternoon hiking
we ~

spent the afternoon and early evening paddling
we ~ (sea-kayaking)

spent endless hours practicing
she ~ basketball (SuAnne Big Crow)

spent three hours removing
surgeons ~ the arrow (hunting accident)

spent a week searching
police ~ the area

spent their 77-hour ordeal standing
the miners ~, wet (trapped)

spent three months studying
he ~ English in Santa Monica

spend the last four years studying
he has ~ oceanography

spent the evening talking
they ~

spent his career training
he ~ young men and women for war

spent a lot of time trying
I ~ to fix it

spend days waiting
they can ~ in line (Chinese truck drivers / coal)

spent the morning watching
I ~ TV

spent his life working
having ~ in hospitals...

spent six hours working
he ~ on the framework (space-station spacewalk)

spent several years working
he ~ at a restaurant

spent most of my time rock climbing

At 20 I ~ (Reinhold Messner)

spent the day sightseeing
he ~ on the Las Vegas Strip

spent her (two) pregnancies nauseated and vomiting
she ~

spend (Monday) night
I'll ~ someplace outside of Washington (trip)

♦ "Spend the night, not a fortune." (A sign for the Scenic View Motel, Bryson City, North Carolina.)

time: money / verb

time (cost time, etc.)

cost drivers 15 minutes
construction delays on I-15 ~

time: money

time (have time)

have (much) time
we don't ~ (facing a deadline)

time: money / possession / verb

time (time on one's side)

on their side
time is ~ (negotiation and diplomacy)
the responders acted as if they had time ~ (Uvalde)

allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / position

time: direction / position

time (steal time, etc.)

steal time
I had to ~ away from the daily grind (to go climbing)

♦ "Friends are thieves of time."

time: consumption / money / verb

possession: crime / verb

time (give time)

give her the (space and) time she needs
it's important we ~ (a troubled woman)

time: consumption / money / possession / verb

possession: verb

time (a minute to spare, etc.)

ten minutes to spare
he called the attack off with ~ (President Trump)

time: money / verb

time (time has passed)

time has passed
it's a tradition whose ~
the person remains, yet his ~ (*Life and Fate*)

time may have (already) passed
it's a gimmick whose ~ (augmented reality phone app)

future / past & present / time: direction / movement / verb
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / movement / verb
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement / verb

time (passage of time)

passage of time

the curve relates forgetting to the ~
the ~ has been on her mind lately (an aging actor)

time: journeys & trips / movement

time (borrowed time)

borrowed time

he was living on ~
the building had been on ~ (collapsed)
Morocco might be on ~ (World Cup / Qatar)
he could be living on ~ (Yevgeny Prigozhin)

time: consumption / money

time (take your time, etc.)

take your time

don't hurry, ~

time: consumption / speed

time (take time, etc.)

take time

this will ~

time: amount / consumption

time (long time / short time)

long time

Biden has been around a ~ and has a lot of baggage
I've been on the Doncic bandwagon for a ~ (basketball)

short time

he arrived a ~ later

♦ see also long (a long time, etc.)

time: amount / distance

time (run out of time)

running out of time

we're ~ (press conference)
in the new academic world, she's ~ (adjunct)
my greatest fear is ~ (a filmmaker)

time is running out

~ (negotiations)

♦ "Time was now Scott's most precious commodity, and time was running out." (*The Last Place on Earth* by Roland Huntford. It tells the story of Scott and Amundsen in Antarctica.)

time: consumption / verb

timeliness & lack of timeliness: consumption / verb

time (time left)

sixty-four seconds left

there were ~ on the clock (a football game)

time: consumption

timeliness & lack of timeliness: consumption

time (time where)

see where (time where)

time (make time)

making time to be here

thank you for ~

time: money / verb

time (find time)

find time for this

you can make time, you can ~... (a doctor)

time: money / verb

time (waste time)

wasting (too much) time

we are ~

wasted (precious) time

first responders ~ (Uvalde school shooting)

run the clock down

all the Giants had to do now was ~ (NFL game)

♦ TWOT = Total waste of time

time: consumption / money / verb

timeliness & lack of timeliness: consumption / verb

action, inaction & delay: verb

time (lose time, etc.)

losing time

come on, we're ~

we're ~ (slow response to cholera epidemic in Angola)

lost (precious) years

these young men ~ (released from prison)

gain or lose

the atomic clock won't ~ a second in 20 million years

♦ "Space we can recover, time never... I may lose a battle, but I shall never lose a minute." (Attributed to Napoleon.)

time: money / possession / verb

time (lost time)

make up lost time

they needed to ~

♦ "You can't make up for lost time." (Oil, refining, and gasoline prices.)

time: possession

time (use time)

use that last minute

he wanted to ~ to score again (NFL football)

use their time

candidates must decide how best to ~

he studies how people ~ (a sociologist)

use their time on the job
the surprising ways Americans ~

use it (very) wisely
it bought us some time but we didn't ~ (mandate / COVID)

use their time wisely
prosecutor want to make sure they ~

time: consumption / verb

time (the time can arrive or come, etc.)

the time has arrived
~ to take a stand

the time has come
~ to finish retreating, not one step back

my time will come
~ (a defeated boxer, looking to his future)

new day has come
a ~ (political optimism)

come and go
see *come and go (time)*

♦ see also *strike (his hour had struck, etc.)*

**future / past & present / time: direction / movement / verb
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / timeliness &
lack of timeliness: direction / movement / verb**

time (it's time, etc.)

time
if you have things to do, now is the ~ (hurricane)

it's (about) time
~ we started tackling this

it's time to pay
~ student athletes (universities)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: prep, adv, adj, particle

time (time flies)

time flies
~ when you're having fun
~ and the days pass quickly
it's so crazy how ~, my boys are so tall now

time: movement / speed

time (space of time)

space of time
how had Napoleon in so short a ~ been able to...

time: place

time (time will tell)

time will tell
whatever happens in the future, who knows, I guess ~

only time will tell

that old journalist canard, ~ (what will happen in the future)

fictive communication / future: speech

fate, fortune & chance: speech

time (in time / future)

in time
we will recover, ~ (politics)

realize that in time
he will come to ~

future / time: container

time (past time)

past time for Americans to set aside myths
it's ~ about the Civil War and its aftermath

past time to stop them
coaches are killing kids and it's ~ (heat stroke, etc.)

past time to confront the realities
it's ~ (Civil War)

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

time (at the time, etc.)

at the time
this was normal ~

♦ *At that place...*

time: place / prep, adv, adj, particle

time (over time)

over the last few decades
~, Ketchikan has moved from timber to tourism

over time
memories dim ~ (criminal cases)
~, the trail went cold (murder investigation)

♦ *Over the last few miles...*

time: distance / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

time (course of time)

in course of time
~ I came to know his sons

time: distance / movement

time (time off)

took some time off
I ~ when I got sick

time: consumption

time (dead time)

dead time
being aware of waiting is the most painful kind of ~

time: death & life / movement

time (down time / activity)

down time

I don't usually do well with ~ (stays busy)

activity / time: direction

time (window of time)

narrow window of time

the ship had a ~ to take out a ballistic missile

small window of time

we only have a ~ (to prosecute rape cases)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: window

time (ahead of his time, etc.)

one step ahead

he was also kind of a visionary and ~ (Gregor Mendel)

ahead of his times

he was ~ (a comedian)

Gregor Mendel was ~ in the way he used math

ahead of her time

Betty Davis was ~ (the Funk and R&B singer)

she in many ways was so far ~ (Carson McCullers)

ahead of its time

the environmentalism was ~ (in an author's writings)

the anti-consumerism was ~ (Travis McGee character)

it was a horror ~ (the Bath bombing in Michigan)

centuries ahead of its time

the notion was ~ (fiction and the *Tale of Genji*)

♦ "Ahead of his time" and "before his time" have the same meaning, different conceptions of time. The former seems to represent the time queue, the latter the idea that "the future is forward" and moving towards us.

♦ "When we speak of artists as being 'ahead of their time,' we often mean that they were operating in a time, place or space that was not prepared for them, and wouldn't be prepared for years or decades to come. A very specific ache in the Connie Converse story is that she was ahead of her time, but by only minutes." ("Fugitive Desires" by Hanif Abdurraqib, *The New York Times Magazine*, August 14, 2022. Finely conceptualized and written.)

♦ "Johnson certainly sounds wise, ahead of the curve." (A comment about Samuel Johnson, the British lexicographer, about Johnson's acknowledgement of language change.)

future / time: prep, adv, adj, particle / position

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj, particle / position

time (before her time, etc.)

before his time

it makes you feel that Kaufman was slightly ~ (a 1980s TV pilot that was turned down)

♦ "Ahead of his time" and "before his time" have the same meaning,

♦ "Fore" means forward and "aft" is to the rear.

past & present / time: prep, adv, adj, particle / position

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj, particle / position

time (behind the times)

behind the times

they said I was ~, a dinosaur (early critic of opioids)

past & present / time: prep, adv, adj, particle / position

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj, particle / position

time (with the times, etc.)

in step with the times

he is not ~

out of step with the times

he may be ~, but... (songwriter)

move with the times

times change, you either remain a dinosaur or ~ (boxing)

♦ "It never gets old this sport, does it, no matter how long you've been doing it... You just have to keep evolving, and moving with the times, just checking the pulse of the sport, he's done that for decades and he's not stopping now." (A commentator about Frank Warren, prior to the Day of Reckoning fight card in Riyadh Saudi Arabia.)

past & present / time: prep, adv, adj, particle / position

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj, particle / position

time (a man of his time, etc.)

man of his time

he definitely was a ~ (a writer who objectified women)

of course, he was a ~, slavery was a fact of life...

he was very much a ~ (supported eugenics)

his misogyny and racism were hardly unusual for a ~

product of a particular time

the Jerry Springer show is a ~...

women of that time

black ~ just knew they would have to forge on...

♦ Glyn Williams, naval historian: "There is the Cook, which is you say, is one of the great, supreme navigators, and that part of his reputation remains. But there are worries, there is an uneasiness among many I think today, particularly among the Pacific peoples, about the legacy of Cook. I think most white Australians, most white New Zealanders, would still see Cook as a kind of founding father, a hero, almost an iconic figure, but the Maori, Aborigines, Hawaiians, many of those see a very different Cook, a despoiler, a destructive force." / Greg Dyke: "You have to place him in context, you have to place him in time, and what he did at the time was amazing." (Captain James Cook, BBC, Sounds, Great Lives, December 2002.)

♦ "I used to be in punk bands when I was a kid and I just kind of suddenly thought, 'I killed Captain Cook' sounded like a really good name for a Hawaiian punk band to have made..."

♦ "That's the way I think history should be written. As if you were living in that time. It's totally unfair to look at it from 150-odd years later and pass judgment on what those people did without knowing what their values were and what the laws were, even. It's what causes an awful lot of misunderstanding, trying to apply a different set of standards to a different nation, really." (The great Civil War writer Shelby Foote.)

♦ "It is unfair, of course, to judge someone by the standards of later times. 'Civil War surgeons had to work without knowledge of the nature of infection and without drugs to treat it,' wrote one student of the field. 'To criticize them for this lack of knowledge is equivalent to criticizing Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee for not calling in air strikes.'" (*Bellevue: Three Centuries of Medicine and Mayhem at America's Most Storied Hospital* by David Oshinsky.)

♦ "You will remember I was not a Sweet Girl Graduate of a Library School. I was a Scholar and Frontiersman and a Two-fisted He-Person and that I went to the roots of that Sissy Library and made it, within two years, an Institution of Character, a He-Library, of which we were all proud." (Charles Lummis, the head librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library, quoted in the wonderful *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean, author of *The Orchid Thief*, who correctly and rightly gives full credit to Lummis in the evolution of the library, in spite of attitudes that seem a bit old-fashioned nowadays.)

♦ "As appears from his name, Oppenheimer is a Jew, but entirely without the usual qualifications of his race. He is a tall, well set-up young man, with a rather engaging diffidence of manner, and I think you need have no hesitation whatever for any reason of this sort in considering his application." (Percy Bridgman's letter of recommendation to Rutherford's lab at Cambridge for J. Robert Oppenheimer. As the authors correctly and rightly note, Bridgman's words were "not unusual for that time and place." From *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.)

♦ "Despite the peril in judging action (or inaction) from twenty-five years ago through the lens of society's current views regarding the crime of sexual assault and our service's significant efforts to eliminate it, a few things are clear..." ("Fouled Anchor" Investigation—Final Report. The United States Coast Guard.)

*** analysis

♦ "I don't get it. (Dumfounded.) Yes, I do get it. (Exasperated.) Part of social justice under this idea of being offended is that you prove you're a good person by sticking your middle finger up at very dead people in order to show that you disagree with their views." (The linguist John McWhorter about the renaming of campus buildings. "John McWhorter: Pitfalls in the Policing of Language—YouTube." Watch and listen: [youtube.com/watch?v=Fer2yb5qgWE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fer2yb5qgWE))

♦ "We are told that Columbus was no worse than the men of his race and generation—that his vices were 'those of his time.' No vices are peculiar to any time; this world has been vicious from the dawn of history, and every race has reeked with sin. To say of a man that he is like his contemporaries is to say that he is a scoundrel without excuse. The virtues are accessible to all. Athens was vicious, yet Socrates was virtuous. Rome was corrupt, but Marcus Aurelius was not corrupt. To offset Nero the gods gave Seneca. When literary France groveled at the feet of the third Napoleon Hugo stood erect." ("COLUMBUS" by Ambrose Bierce, 1892.)

identity & nature / time: history

time (a man out of time, etc.)

man out of time

the umpire can already seem a ~

stuck out of time

ghostly voices, ~ (old recording devices, etc.)

♦ "The umpire can already seem a man out of time, like a milkman or a doctor who makes house calls." (Balls and strikes are now determined by technology.)

♦ This suggests time travel: *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's court*, "Rip Van Winkle (1819)," the 1998 film *Pleasantville*, *Back to the Future*, *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery*, etc. *Groundhog Day* was about getting stuck in time, and having to repeat the same day.

past & present / time: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

time (in our time, etc.)

in our time

~ the printed best seller speedily reaches across space

time: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

past & present: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

time (travel in / through time, etc.)

time machine

see *time machine*

time traveller

see *time traveller (person)*

time: journeys & trips

time bomb (person)

time bomb of rage

he was a ticking ~ (member of a hate group)

ticking time bombs

they are ~ (Wendy's employee murders customer)

character & personality: explosion / weapon

mental health: explosion / weapon

person: explosion

time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)

time bomb

the company's debt load is a ~ waiting to go off

time bomb inside your body

you could have a ticking ~ (pancreatic cancer)

time bombs all over the West

wildfire suppression and global warming have created ~

privacy time bomb

it's a ticking ~ (compiling lists of Web searches)

ticking time bomb

Hillary Clinton called Sudan a ~

it's a ~ (San Onofre nuclear-power plant waste)

these dogs are all ~s waiting to go off (pit bulls)

there are a lot of ~s out there with pent up rage (murder)

ticking timebomb

these aging oil platforms are all just a ~ (leak)

environmental time bomb

Central and Eastern Europe our littered with ~s

latent time bomb

a computer command set off the ~ (Mars glitch)

little time bombs

her tweets were ~ she'd unwittingly armed (as a teen)

political timebomb

COVID is a bigger ~ in the short run than anything else

psychological time bomb

reflex-quick killing can be a ~ (the Army)

viral time bombs

hundreds could be ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

zoonotic time bombs

wet markets are ~ (avian flu, SARS, COVID-19, etc.)

made his writings a time bomb

the printing press ~ (Lorenzo Valla)

binding ourselves to a time-bomb

we are ~ (one-year timeline to bring referendum into law)

♦ "You never really want to have any situation described as a ticking time bomb."

danger / initiation / situation: explosion / weapon

time capsule (noun)

time capsule

it's a ~ (a historic building)

his film was a ~ in case he didn't make it back (war)

each box was a ~ (old evidence relating to a cold case)

time capsule of the Chicago of the 1920s

it's a ~ (The Green Mill Jazz Club)

time capsule of the era

the TV show is a ~

time-capsule of manners

the book is a ~

time capsule to archaeologists

the site offers a ~

time capsule to another era

the stories offer a ~

time capsules from 4½ billion years ago

they are ~ (comets)

time capsules for the solar system

asteroids are ~ (OSIRIS-Rex Sample Return)

time-capsule details

there's a poignancy in those ~ (Walkman, camcorder / film)

time-capsule charm

the building has ~

time capsule and a witness

it serves like a ~ (the Finnish film *Fallen Leaves* / Ukraine)

cinematic time capsule

the film is a ~

extraordinary time capsule

they were an ~ of the 60s (Richard Goodwin papers)

Soviet time capsule

the state is a ~ (Abkhazia)

get out of the time capsule

wake up, ~

serve as time capsules

primitive asteroids like Bennu ~

unearth a time capsule

to read the book today is to ~, to recall an era when...

♦ see also *frozen* (*frozen in time*)

♦ "This is a freezer, not a time capsule." (A cute ad for Progressive Home Insurance that makes fun of young homebuyers turning into their parents.)

♦ "He also said it would have been impossible to make a movie without having the war present. It serves like a time capsule and a witness so that whenever someone sees the movie in the future they will know that this was going on." (Alma Poysti speaking to NPR's Scott Simon about the Finnish film *Fallen Leaves*. Throughout the film, the radio broadcasts news and information about the war in Ukraine.)

♦ Pompeii and the nearby town of Herculaneum were buried by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. The excavated Pompeii is today a Unesco World Heritage Site and a time capsule for life in the Roman era, right down to its graffiti.

past & present / time: container

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: container

time machine

time machine

you're in a ~ as you go up the bay (an ecologist)

jump in the time machine

~, go back a few years... (a talk about legacy programming)

♦ "This is more like a guidebook, has a lot of pictures from the wartime and maps and so-on. It gives you really street by street, and neighborhood by neighborhood. Umm. What happened. Yeah. In that sense also kind of time machine on paper." (Historian Bianca Stigter about her book, *Atlas of An Occupied City*, Amsterdam 1940-1945.)

♦ "The Wayback Machine is a digital archive of the World Wide Web." (Wikipedia.)

future / past & present / time: mechanism

times (times 1,000, etc.)

time 1,000

this is ISIS ~ (atrocities)

♦ "This is ISIS times 1,000." (Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R-Wis), a former Navy Seal, about Hamas atrocities in Israel, October 7, 2023.)

force / increase & decrease / power: number

time traveller (person)

time traveller

was Ludwig Bemelmans a ~

♦ The film *Back to the Future* was extremely popular. That's the one with Marty McFly, played by Michael J. Fox, and a crazy scientist, and a DeLorean car.)

time: person

time warp

Soviet time warp

Abkhazia is living in a ~ (frozen in time)

paradisiacal time warp

the forests of Bucovina seemed to exist in a ~

past & present / time: movement

tinderbox (resemblance)

tinderbox

the whole forest is a ~ (wildfires)

turned (much of) the state into a tinderbox

California's severe drought and extreme weather have ~

resemblance: fire

tinderbox (violence, etc.)

tinderbox

the city is a ~ (trouble in Jerusalem)

the country is a ~ just waiting for a match (Bulgaria)

tinderbox forests

crews go into ~ with shovels and axes (wildfires)

volatile tinderbox

in that ~ of a time, Kennedy led with a steady hand

leaving behind a tinderbox

he is ~ in the Middle East for his successor (election)

initiation: fire

tin ear (noun)

showed her tin ear

she again showed her ~ (politics)

flaws & lack of flaws: ear / music / speech

tin-eared (adjective)

tin-eared (political) lines

he still spouts ~ (politics)

flaws & lack of flaws: ear / music / speech

tinker (verb)

tinkering with the rules

they are ~

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

tip (tip one's hand)

tips his hand

under pressure from his audience, the candidate ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cards / gambling / sports & games

tire (kick the tires)

kick the tires of who's gonna be the nominee

they get to kinda ~ (the election primaries)

kicking the tires, and looking under the hood

Microsoft is ~ of Tik-Tok (possible merger)

♦ And perhaps test-driving...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: gesture / mechanism

tired (groups)

so tired

I am ~ of journalists attempting to depict me

♦ "This need to constantly perform respectability for white people is a psychological drain, leaving Black people spent and demoralized." ("Black Success, White Backlash" by Elijah Anderson, *The Atlantic*, September 2023.)

♦ "I am so tired of scavenging journalists attempting to speak for me, or depict me... Should you fuck this up—which you will—I will be on your ass like white on rice on a paper plate in a snowstorm at a KKK rally." (Chaedria LaBouvier. Lovely!)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

tired (condition)

tired categories

we must break out of these ~ (John Searle)

tired narrative

the same ~ gets thrown out there (disgust)

condition & status: health & medicine

tired (feeling)

tired of America being

I'm ~ a babysitter for the world (illegal immigration)

tired of people calling

she's ~ health care workers heroes (a doctor)

tired of being

farmers are ~ collateral damage in trade wars

tired of the finger-pointing

parents are ~ (school issues)

tired of the nonsense and the noise

if you are ~ in our politics... (Amy Klobuchar)

so tired

I'm ~ of this (Ailsa Chang / life's milestones)

sick and tired

see *sick and tired (feeling)*

♦ "Tired of stumbling off curbs or bumping into other pedestrians while consulting a map on your smartphone? When you wear **Lechal Insoles**, a gentle vibration in one shoe or the other will tell you when and in which direction to turn. (\$150, amazon.com.)

feeling, emotion & effect: sleep

mental health: sleep

tit-for-tat (adjective)

tit-for-tat relation

this ~ is deteriorating (China-US conflict)

♦ This seems to relate to "a blow for a tap," in other words, reciprocity for getting hit by hitting back.

♦ "Simple tic for tac, these women knew who he was..." (An unsympathetic commenter about an allegation of sex abuse in Hollywood. Is such a usage an eggcorn? Faulty spell check? Inarticulacy?)

conflict / revenge / social interaction: fist

Titan (Tennessee Titans, etc.)

Titans

the ~ brushed aside their hosts (NFL football)

proper name: creature

titan (noun)

titan

in an age of romantic giants he was a ~ (Goethe)

titan of Soviet cinema

tributes to a ~ (Andrey Myagkov, *The Irony of Fate*)

titan of Hollywood

once a ~, the actor and producer now faces charges...

titan of the Surrealist movement

this ~ strode on stage (Salvador Dali on Dick Cavett show)

two titans

~ of Silicon valley are in a bitter fight (Facebook v. Apple)

Hollywood titan

the ~ forced his way into her apartment and raped her

corporate titans

~ like the Walton family

economic titans

Asia's ~, China and Japan...

global titans

the Quakers had become ~ of the whaling industry

“Battle of the Titans”

Lennox Lewis vs. Vitali Klitschko, billed as ~

size: allusion / creature

achievement, recognition & praise / importance &

significance: allusion / creature / size

Titanic (the ship)

Titanic of publishing disasters

Messenger shuts down in “the ~” (media startup)

this will be remembered as the ~ (The Messenger)

like the *Titanic*

imagine a powerful man as a ship, ~

on the *Titanic*

we feel we’re ~ (declining enrollments / English)

moving the deck chairs on the *Titanic*

essentially they’re ~ (political criticism of a bill)

rearranging deck chairs on the *Titanic*

it’s the same as ~ (a poor solution)

♦ Camille Vasquez: You also wrote, quote, “Imagine a powerful man as a ship, like the *Titanic*. That ship is a huge enterprise. When it strikes an iceberg, there are a lot of people on board desperate to patch up holes—not because they believe in or care about the ship, but because their own fates depend on the enterprise.” (Taps microphone to illustrate the point.) In this op-ed, you’re saying Mr. Depp is a ship, right? / Amber Heard: I’m making an analogy to a powerful man as a ship. / CV: The powerful man you’re referring to in this analogy is Mr. Depp, right? / AH: Uh, I was talking about a bigger issue actually than just Johnny... / CV: The iceberg is you in this analogy, right, Miss Heard? / AH: (Obviously surprised) Um, I would not say that, I hadn’t, I had not... (exhales) That was not what I intended, no. (The Amber Heard-Johnny Depp trial.)

♦ “She is rearranging the deckchairs on the *Titanic* and trying to run up new flags on it as it’s hurtling right into an iceberg, and that iceberg is the energy crisis...” (Ben Judah about Liz Truss. From “The United Kingdom’s next prime minister could be a foreign policy hardliner,” NPR, All Things Considered, September 2, 2022.)

♦ “And to the Chinese, if you jump on the Putin train now, you’re dumber than dirt. It would be like buying a ticket on the *Titanic* after you saw the movie. Don’t do this.” (A vile and stupid threat from a U.S. Republican Senator.)

♦ “I was so excited for the maiden voyage and launch of Cynisca. One press release, a brief pause, and they’ve become the *Titanic*.” (Inga Thompson, Olympian, removed as Director for Cynisca Cycling. Inga opposes transgender athletes in women’s sports. The company claimed she “affected Cynisca’s brand and reputation.” Cynisca was a Spartan princess.)

♦ “We’re not going to keep doing incremental changes on a contract that no longer honors what is happening right now with this business model that was foisted upon us. What are we doing? Moving around furniture on the *Titanic*? It’s crazy.” (Fran Drescher, President of SAG-AFTRA, announcing a strike. Drescher’s speech is SUPER: “Watch: Fran

Drescher delivers fiery speech on SAG-AFTRA strike” Live CBS News. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4SAPOX7R5M>)

♦ “At that point I realized that his film is like the *Titanic*, but it’s not about Jack and Rose, it’s about the people who decided to stay back on the *Titanic* and go out playing their violins.” (Vinay Shukla, about his documentary *While We Watched*, out on PBS.)

♦ “Shut up, shut up! I am busy; I am working Cape Race!” (First Operator John George Phillips to wireless operator Cyril F. Evans of the *Californian*, just 10 miles away from the *Titanic*, and just 40 minutes before the *Titanic* glanced the iceberg with a grinding jar. Evans had contacted Phillips to warn him of icebergs but never got a chance to give the message. Evans went off duty a bit later and the *Californian*, the closest ship to the *Titanic*, never went to its aid.)

♦ “All the boats together could carry 1178 people. On this Sunday night there were 2207 people on board the *Titanic*.” (*A Night to Remember* by Walter Lord. There were 675 survivors. Not all the lifeboats were full. In cases where the women requested that lifeboats return to pick up survivors, the sailors at the oars advised against doing so. In cases where the sailors spoke up about returning, the women advised against it.)

♦ “Into the halls they poured, gently prodded along by the crew [of the *Titanic*]... / Up the stairs they trooped—a hushed crowd in jumbled array... / Automobiling, as practiced in 1912, affected the attire of many ladies—Mrs. C. E. Henry Stengel wore a veil tightly pinned down over her floral hat, Madame de Villiers a long woolen motoring coat over her nightgown and evening slippers.” (*A Night to Remember* by Walter Lord.)

♦ “Lord had access to many survivors... Jack Thayer, a teen-age passenger from Philadelphia’s Main Line, who was one of only a handful of people picked out of the water by lifeboats, later recalled that the sound made by the many hundreds of people flailing in the twenty-eight-degree water, drowning or freezing to death, was like the noise of locusts buzzing in the Pennsylvania countryside on a summer night.” (“Unsinkable, Why we can’t let go of the *Titanic*,” by Daniel Mendelsohn, *The New Yorker*, April 16, 2012.)

♦ “It was not the only sound that drifted over the water. All the time while Collapsibles A and B were filling up and painfully struggling away from the scene, hundreds of swimmers were crying for help. Individual voices were lost in a steady, overwhelming clamor. To Fireman George Kemish, tugging at his oar in Boat 9, it sounded like a hundred thousand fans at a British football cup final. To Jack Thayer, lying on the keel of Boat B, it seemed like the high-pitched hum of locusts on a midsummer night in the woods back home in Pennsylvania.” (*A Night to Remember* by Walter Lord.)

♦ “Another survivor, a boy of nine at the time, realized long after settling with his family in the Midwest that he couldn’t bring himself to go to the Detroit Tigers games because the noise that greeted home runs reminded him of the cries of the dying.” (“Unsinkable, Why We Can’t Let Go of the *Titanic*” by Daniel Mendelsohn, *The New Yorker*, April 16, 2012.)

♦ “What troubled people especially was not just the tragedy—or even its needlessness—but the element of fate in it all. If the *Titanic* had heeded any of the six ice messages on Sunday...if ice conditions had been normal...if the night had been rough or moonlit...if she had seen the berg 15 seconds sooner—or 15 seconds later...if she had hit the ice any other way...if her watertight bulkheads had been one deck higher...if she had carried enough boats...if the *Californian* had only come. Had any one of these ‘ifs’ turned out right, every life might have been saved. But they all went against her—a classic Greek tragedy.” (*A Night to Remember* by Walter Lord.)

destruction / fate, fortune & chance: allusion / boat / history

title (love, live, eat, etc.)

Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat

~ (Samin Nosrat’s cookbook)

Live, Love, Eat!

~: *The Best of Wolfgang Puck* (the chef)

Sweetbitter

~ (by Stephanie Danler / restaurant-worker life)

language: cliché

toast (finished)

toast

if you are trying to please them, you're ~ (auditions)

could be toast

wheat farmers ~ if the dams are removed (title of article)

♦ "After decades of abuse, the man's shoulders are toast. His knees are shot, his back is sore..." (Arnold Schwarzenegger, who *still* works out at Gold's Gym in Venice, California.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: cooking

toast (verb)

toast to Robert Burns' birthday
people around the world ~

toasts a record wine grape harvest
California ~

achievement, recognition & praise: alcohol / gesture / verb

toast (acknowledgment)

Toast To The Montreal International Jazz Festival
A ~ at 40: Jazz, Blues & Much More (title of article)

achievement, recognition & praise: alcohol / gesture

today (the present)

today

he is as committed ~ as he was yesterday & the day before

today's crime

~ is the foundation of tomorrow's virtue (a Nazi)

today's economy

it's tough to stay alive in ~ (a business)

today's potatoes

they are the ancestors of ~ (Peruvian wild potatoes)

today's tech world

~ worships at the altar of disruption

today, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow

we are well prepared ~ (German response to pandemic)

♦ "I hope that young people today will listen to his song. His lyrics are still as relevant as they were yesterday as I think they will be tomorrow." (Bianca Jagger about Bob Dylan's "Blowing in the Wind." "Inheritance Tracks Bianca Jagger." Super!)

past & present / time: day

toe (on one's toes)

on their toes

at this point, everybody is ~

on your toes

you've got to be ~ (a paramedic)

keep them on their toes

he will ~ (the debate moderator)

readiness & preparedness: foot / toe / standing, sitting & lying

toe (step on toes)

stepped on a lot of toes

he ~ with his stories (murdered journalist)

stepping on a few toes

we'll be ~, that's for sure (*Millennium* magazine)

stepped on the toes of old theories and beliefs

his discoveries ~ (Pasteur)

♦ "It was ticklish business. Powerful economic toes in the shoes of pseudo-science had to be stamped on." (*Men Against Death* by Paul De Kruijff. From the chapter "Death in Milk" about Alice Evans and her work on undulant fever.)

♦ [The exile of Stephen Crane's *Red Badge of Courage* from the high-school curriculum] is hard to explain, given that it crosses no pieties, offends no taboos, and steps on no obviously inflamed corn." ("American Stoic: What Stephen Crane left behind" by Adam Gopnik, *The New Yorker*, October 25, 2021.)

♦ "Dude should have looked into living there a little better before stepping on locals' toes like that, especially if he took his family—he owed it to them to look out for their welfare..." (A commenter on the article "2 Hawaiian men found guilty of hate crime for attacking white homeowner" by Michelle De Pacina, Yahoo / NextShark, November 21, 2022.)

character & personality / disruption / feeling, emotion & effect: foot / sensation / toe / verb / walking, running & jumping

toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)

dipping its toes into digital apps

Mattel is ~

dipping a toe into public life

they are ~ (two sons of celebrity start YouTube channel)

dipping his toe in the (church-as-business) waters

perhaps Kanye West is ~

dipped his toe in the world of punditry

he has already ~ (an athlete)

♦ "For the NRL, this was a dip of the toes into American waters." (Four teams from the National Australian Rugby League play in Las Vegas. Super!)

♦ "When you want to test the depths of a stream, don't use both feet." (Chinese.)

experimentation / involvement: foot / toe / verb / water

toehold (noun)

toehold within the city

Grbavica gave the Serbs a ~ (war in Bosnia)

toe-hold on the opposite bank

these units managed to secure a ~ (World War II)

toehold on a computer

automated tools get hackers a ~

political toehold

women have been unable to gain a ~ (Massachusetts)

♦ "Julius Caesar had been expanding into Gaul and even putting a toe into Britain."

presence & absence: foot / mountains & hills / toe
survival, persistence & endurance: foot / mountains & hills / toe

toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.)

go toe to toe
the two warriors ~ (*Deadliest Warrior* TV show)
to ~, to fight for that truth (convict claims innocence)

going toe to toe
it's two up-and-coming greats ~ (NFL quarterbacks)

go toe-to-toe with the US military
they certainly can't ~, but...

conflict: boxing / toe / verb

together (as noun)

together awaits
your ~ (ad for Vrbo / holiday bookings / family fun)

division & connection: part of speech

toilet (in the toilet, etc.)

down the toilet
two years of his life ~ (see quote below)

in the toilet
morale is ~ (military)

♦ "Two years of his life down the toilet, the lost opportunities, the stress of being falsely accused as a violent rapist: How does he rewind the clock." (An online commenter about a former MLB pitcher accused of assault. See the Wikipedia entry for "Trevor Bauer.")

♦ "Lookin all googly eyed at her while his life is in the toilet." (An online commenter about celebrity infidelity, race, etc.)

failure, accident & impairment / decline: direction / infrastructure

tokenize (groups)

tokenize for political benefit
they just looked for transgender people to ~ (White House)

♦ In the old days, you put a subway token into a turnstile, or you gave somebody something as a token of your appreciation or affection...

inclusion & exclusion: society / verb

toll (take a toll, etc.)

exact a (terrible emotional) toll
stuttering can ~

takes its toll
not getting enough sleep day after day ~

taking its toll
the buildup to war, too, was ~

took its toll
the heat and humidity ~ (heat-related deaths)

took their toll
years of graffiti "missions" ~ (arrests, etc.)

cost & benefit: money / verb

toll (other)

toll of the war
he wrote a report on the psychological ~ (on soldiers)

toll on my faith
it has taken a ~ (lack of "critical thinking" in Christianity)

toll on the (entire) family
their condition can take a ~ (autistic kids)

toll on musicians' bodies
hours of practice take their ~

toll on lives and places
war's ~ (Cambodia)

war's toll
the ~ on lives and places (Cambodia)

actual (annual) toll
the ~ might be 10,000 (vs. reported) (mine deaths)

emotional toll
stuttering can exact a terrible ~

heavy toll
rebel resistance was taking a ~
the US raid, while brief, inflicted a ~

huge toll
my job took a ~ (presidential advisor)

human toll
the ~ was high

psychological toll
he wrote a report on the ~ of the war
the ordeal had taken a profound ~ (climbing accident)

unseen toll
researchers confront the ~ of their work (extremism)

cost & benefit: money

tomahawk (Tomahawk cruise missile, etc.)

Tomahawk cruise missiles
the submarine is armed with ~

proper name: weapon

tomorrow (future)

tomorrow
~ is already here
dominant industries today give way to new industries ~

tomorrows
"I'd trade all my ~, for that one single yesterday"

tomorrow's revenue stream
ecommerce is ~

tomorrow's virtue
today's crime is the foundation of ~ (a Nazi)

better tomorrow
dreams of a ~ for our kids

today, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow
we are well prepared ~ (German response to pandemic)

building a (better) tomorrow
we are ~

♦ "I hope that young people today will listen to his song. His lyrics are still as relevant as they were yesterday as I think they will be tomorrow." (Bianca Jagger about Bob Dylan's "Blowing in the Wind." "Inheritance Tracks Bianca Jagger." Super!)

♦ "Own Your Tomorrow." (A Charles Schwab advertisement.)

future / time: day

ton (amount)

ton of attention
Charlottesville did bring a ~ to these groups (protest)

ton of confusion
the briefings have led to a ~ about what is really going on

ton of football
we've got a ~ for you (TV)

ton of detail
we've heard vague reports, but there's not a ~

amount: weight

tone-deaf (adjective)

tone-deaf
his response to the accusation was ~

tone deaf to the problems
she is ~ that average women face (an executive)

tone-deaf response
his ~ sparked widespread outrage in Germany

tone deaf or blinded
many online accused her of being by privilege (celebrity)

tone deaf and cringe-worthy
the video was criticised as being ~ (the pandemic)

tone deaf and ignorant
she was accused of being ~ to racial sensitivities

tone deaf, insensitive, and insane
it was ~ (2017 Pepsi ad with Kendall Jenner)

♦ "What I would say is that there were any number of meetings that I had with Tom, and I witnessed, where he was a participant in the meetings and he was—I don't want to say tone-deaf, because that overstates it—but he wasn't as sensitive to what was going on in the room as he might have been." (Tom had to resign under pressure. Was ruining the brand.)

♦ "Now, someone said in the *Boston Globe* that I'm tone deaf. Okay, maybe I am..." (A man whose job offer in education was rescinded because he addressed members of a committee as "ladies.")

flaws & lack of flaws: ear / music / speech

consciousness & awareness: ear / music / speech

tone down (verb)

toning down his rhetoric
he is ~

attenuation: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / sound / speech / verb

tongue (resemblance)

glacier's tongue
a ~ can extend hundreds of miles

resemblance: tongue

tongue (danger)

tongue
your ~ is your horse, protect it and it will protect you
keep the ~ in your mouth a prisoner

punishment of his tongue
what a man suffers in life is the ~ (Turkey)

bridle for the tongue
a ~ is a necessity...

♦ "I don't know what his end game is." (Shannon Sharpe to Skip Bayless on *Undisputed* about the NBA player Kyrie "I'm a free thinker" Irving.)

♦ "A bridle for the tongue is a necessity"

♦ "You can trap an ox by his horns and a man by his words." (Madagascar.)

♦ "The tongue is but three inches long, yet it can kill a man six feet tall." (Japanese.)

♦ "Eat when the meal is ready, speak when the time is right." (Ethiopia.)

♦ "The walls have ears."

♦ "Who gossips to you, will gossip of you." (Turkish.)

♦ "Gossiping and lying go together."

♦ "A knife wound heals; a wound caused by words does not." (Turkish.)

♦ "Speech is silver, silence is gold."

♦ "Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt."

danger: speech / tongue

speech: tongue

tongue (language)

mother tongue
see mother tongue

foreign tongue
he was speaking in a ~

native tongue
as a boy he was flogged for speaking his ~
children must be taught in their ~ (Nigeria)

language / speech: tongue

tongue (hold one's tongue)

hold your tongue
I would advise you to ~

held his tongue
he has largely ~, but on Friday he let loose (politics)

held his tongue about the actions
Obama has largely ~ of his successor but...

unable to hold her tongue
she is ~

speech: tongue / verb

control & lack of control: speech / tongue

tongue (bite one's tongue)

bitten my tongue

I have ~ despite feeling I should say something

speech: tongue / verb

tongue (lose one's tongue)

lost your tongue

have you ~

functioning: possession / speech / tongue

speech: possession / tongue / verb

tongue (stick one's tongue out, etc.)

stick their tongues out at the pieties

writers who ~

insult: gesture / tongue

tongue (slip of the tongue)

slips of the tongue

~ are entirely normal in kids

failure, accident & impairment: speech / tongue

tongue-lashing

tongue lashing

the older player gave her a ~ (teen golfer)

tongue-lashings from the coach

~ (basketball)

tongue-lashing from Kathy

I took a ~ (wife)

speech: tongue / violence / whip

accusation & criticism: tongue / violence / whip

tongue twister

tongue twister

do you know a ~

♦ She sells sea shells by the sea shore.

♦ The sixth sick sheik's sheep's sick.

difficulty, easiness & effort: speech / tongue

tongue-twisting

tongue-twisting name

the ~ eosinophilic esophagitis

difficulty, easiness & effort: speech / tongue

tonic (effect)

tonic

military victory is anticipated as the ~ that will...

tonic for the country

the team's revival has been a ~ that needs it (World Cup)

tonic for the sport

her arrival proved a ~ (Danica Patrick)

♦ "On June 14, 1909, Shackleton returned to London and to a tumultuous welcome, painfully unlike Scott's own muted homecoming from *Discovery*... / While Britain still appeared the greatest power on earth, unease was gnawing just beneath the surface... Into this atmosphere laden with uncertainty and doubt, burst Shackleton, genial, swaggering, breezy, the precise figure of reassurance for a troubled country. / King Edward VII, a shrewd monarch, understood this when he knighted Shackleton, while Scott had to make do with a C.V.O. Scott, with his neurotic worries and suspicion, was too much a mirror of the times for comfort; Shackleton was a tonic." (*The Last Place on Earth* by Roland Huntford.)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

tool (help)

tool

the military is not a ~ well suited for remaking a society

tool to combat

it remains the principal ~ street homelessness

tool to educate

Senior Step is a ~ older amputees (magazine)

tool to save

it's the best ~ lives in avalanches (air bags)

tool of genetic genealogy

he was identified through the investigative ~ (murderer)

tool of repression

the Iraqi military was a ~ (Kurds)

tool in the toolbox

antibody tests are a ~ that will have some value

tools in our toolbox

I'd like to see more ~ (interrogations of terrorists)

tool for (AIDS) prevention

the classroom as a ~

tool for law enforcement

the antiterrorism law is an essential ~

tools for (consumer) advertising

magazines are ~

tool for analyzing

Microstran, an advanced ~ structures (software)

tools for evaluating

their arsenal of ~ applicants (colleges)

tool for measuring

the CATCS, a new ~ student cynicism (college)

tools menu

on the ~, click mail merge (computers)

assessment tool

the CATCS, a new ~ for measuring student cynicism

communications tool

e-mail is a ~, not an information tool (hoaxes)

hacker tools
 Web sites specializing in ~

information tool
 e-mail is a communications tool, not an ~ (hoaxes)

management tool
 wilderness bonding as a ~

research tool
 the M.R.I. and PET are crucial ~s (brain)

cancer-research tool
 the virus became a widely used ~

performance evaluation tool
 the job description may also be a ~

high tech tool
 ~s that could help in the war on terrorism

learning tool
 computers are kid's toys and ~s

marketing tool
 a subtle ~ to get out the message
 wine has become a ~ as well (restaurants)

recruiting tool
 the parachutists are deployed as a ~

screening tool
 there is a need for better ~s for depression

teaching tool
 adopted as a standard ~; as a ~ he had a chart made

depression screening tool
 a nine question ~ (public health)

fire-fighting tools
 a growing arsenal of ~ (wildfires)

advanced tool
 Microstran, an ~ for analyzing structures (software)

widely used (cancer-research) tool
 the virus became a ~

additional tools
 ~ to augment deadly force (nonlethal means)

basic tool
 education is the most ~ for helping you with diabetes

biometric tools
 ~ (fingerprinting, facial recognition, iris scans)

diagnostic tool
 the CAT scan, a ~ used in hospitals worldwide

essential tool
 the antiterrorism law is an ~ for law enforcement

indispensable tool
 the typewriter was once an ~ in the writer's life

political tool
 forswore the use of violence as a ~

powerful tool
 password systems give merchants ~s
 the technology can be a ~ to help doctors (MRI)

principal tool
 it remains the ~ to combat street homelessness

psychiatric tool
 brain imaging has been oversold as a ~ (psychiatry)

standard (teaching) tool
 adopted as a ~

subtle (marketing) tool
 a ~ to get out the message

arsenal of tools
 their ~ for evaluating applicants (colleges)

arsenal of (fire-fighting) tools
 a growing ~

creator of a (Web publishing) tool
 Dave Winer, ~ called... (computers)

repository of (Sybase) tools
 a non-commercial ~

access to ("cracking") tools
 al Qaeda has ~ (cyberwarfare)

bonding as a (management) tool
 wilderness ~

violence as a (political) tool
 forswore the use of ~

develop tools
 ~ for addressing stereotypes when you hear them

oversold as a (psychiatric) tool
 brain imaging has been ~
 ♦ "That's not to say it can do everything, but it is a tool with profound benefits, a great tool." (Dr. James A. Brink, on the importance of CAT scanners.)
 ♦ "You're realizing your medical tools are inadequate to help." (Ex-NIH head Francis Collins. He was not particularly religious until a dying patient asked him about what he believed in. From "Next chapter: Ex-NIH head Francis Collins works to bridge the country's divides," NPR, Morning Edition, January 24, 2022.)

help & assistance: tools & technology
toolbox (noun)

management toolbox
 there are a whole host of tools that are in that ~ (wildfires)

diplomatic toolbox
 what are the tools left in the West's ~ (Russia)

tool in the toolbox
 antibody tests are a ~ that will have some value

tools in our toolbox
 I'd like to see more ~ (interrogations of terrorists)

vaccine in our toolboxes
 we have another ~ (COVID)

alternatives & choices: tools & technology
amount / group, set & collection: tools & technology
toolkit (noun)

teacher's toolkit
the techniques and strategies in a ~

alternatives & choices: tools & technology
amount / group, set & collection: tools & technology
toolshed (noun)

in the toolshed
this is another tool ~ to fight that fight (a political app)

alternatives & choices: tools & technology
amount / group, set & collection: tools & technology
tooth (The Tooth, etc.)

The Tooth
the ~ is an Alpine rite of passage just 2 hours from Seattle

Tooth Island
~ is off the coast of Australia in the Coral Sea

♦ The Antarctic iceberg D28 has come to be known as "Molar Berg." It is adjacent to an area that was nicknamed "Loose Tooth." See "How a colossal block of ice became an obsession" by Jonathan Amos, BBC, 15 Jan 2022.)

♦ Address all correspondence to: Tooth Island, Great Sandy Strait, Coral Sea, Southwestern Pacific Ocean, Pacific Ocean. (Sean Connery, formerly of McLeods Publick House Pub, 5540 W Main St #9, Dothan, Alabama.)

proper name: teeth

tooth (a tooth for a tooth)

tooth for a tooth
an eye for an eye, a ~

revenge: Bible / religion / teeth

tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.)

tooth and nail
she fought him, ~
they fought ~ to keep the evidence out (trial)

fighting (the effort) tooth and nail
the industry is ~ (regulation)

fight tooth and nail for her power
she has to ~ (the opera character Carmen)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / predation
conflict: animal / predation**

toothless (adjective)

toothless resolution
this is yet another ~ from the Security Council (UN)

timid and toothless
Ten Hag's team were ~ (Man U vs. Bayern Munich)

scorned as toothless
the regulatory agency is widely ~

attenuation / force / strength & weakness / substance &
lack of substance: animal / teeth

toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)

put (all) that toothpaste back in the tube
it's very hard to ~ (morality)

putting that toothpaste back in the tube
there's no ~ (history of disputes between athletes on team)

♦ "The toothpaste is out of the genie." ("Football and its insufferable broadcast coverage are back" by Phil Mushnick, *New York Post*, August 26, 2023. An extraordinary conflation of "you can't put the toothpaste back in the tube" and "the genie is out of the bottle." Phil Mushnick truly deserves the epithet, "the conscience of sport.")

♦ see also genie (initiation)

concealment & lack of concealment / pursuit, capture & escape: container

top (blow one's top)

blew his top
he ~ in front of a group of colleagues

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb / volcano

top (hierarchy)

top Republican
~ backpedals on tax pledge

top (tech) companies
the company has catapulted into the ranks of ~

top four
Manchester United is lurking on the margins of the ~

top of the food chain
women at the very ~ at the studios (executives)

top of the (root server) hierarchy
at the ~ is the "A" root server

top of the (corporate) ladder
arrogance and ego at the ~

top of the pyramid
the people at the ~ know exactly what they are doing

top-down chain of command
older workers are used to a ~ (business)

top priority
his ~ is to improve team chemistry (sports)

At The Top
the opinion piece was entitled, "The Rot ~" (corruption)

on top
the people are ~ nowadays (*Doctor Zhivago*)
society is like a layer cake, with the upper class ~

to the top
it's your ticket ~ (a job offer)

finished on top

San Jose ~ last season (soccer)

go out on top

like any other boxer, he wants to ~

motivated to be on top

he was ~ (Jeremy Lusk)

take him to the top

he hoped his right hand would ~ (a boxer)

made it (back) to the top

he ~ (a troubled boxer)

hierarchy: direction / position

top (dominance / winning)

on top

Bucs defence ~ (Super Bowl)

came out on top

it was a crappy situation, but we ~ (Rangers)

superiority & inferiority: animal / direction / position

dominance & submission: animal / direction / position

top (on top / control)

on top of this

we are ~ (an emergency)

get on top of this

we need to ~ (pandemic)

getting on top of this virus

we are nowhere near ~ (pandemic)

stay on top of a project

he will ~ until it is done

stay on top of things

the aim of the game is to ~ (COVID)

control & lack of control: direction / position

top (excellence)

top (talent) incubator

the art gallery has emerged as a ~ (Damascus)

top student

a ~, a star athlete, and a caring girlfriend

top talent

ENA is an incubator for France's ~

top tier

he is in the ~ of Hollywood directors

this looked like the rally of a ~ candidate (for president)

he is vaulting into the ~ of TV interviewers

top-grade

this is ~ political dirt

at the top of his game

he is ~

he was ~ when he was shot and killed (a comic)

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / position

top (on top of / at the same time)

on top of the (ongoing) battle

the 500-year flood comes ~ with the coronavirus pandemic

time: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

sequence: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

top (over the top)

over the top

are school proms ~ (US / Yes)

some of the criticism has been ~ (Scottish soccer)

55% of people thought the response was ~ (swine flu)

only 12% thought the response to Covid-19 was ~

over the top and ridiculous

that's just so ~ (tennis penalizes Naomi Osaka)

entreatingly over the top

some fine actors have gone ~ (playing the Joker, Cruella)

♦ The meaning is *excessive and exaggerated*, like hyperbole. Merriam-Webster gives first use of this meaning to 1984. Many websites claim the phrase somehow relates to World War I soldiers going over the top of trenches.

♦ "This has been the most dizzying, jaw-dropping, eyeball-popping, head-spinning news conference I have ever attended. And I was at Bill Clinton's news conference in 1998 when he faced the press for the first time over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky." (John Sopel for the BBC, following a press conference with President Trump on Monday, April 13, 2020.)

♦ "It's the biggest myth in the history of myths." (John Madden, the bombastic sports broadcaster, reacting to comments about something that he had allegedly done. Sports broadcasters are well known for being bombastic, flamboyant, and for their hyperbole. A great example is the wonderful *Steven A. Smith*, who is always worth listening to.)

♦ "Basketball can be the greatest game in the world. But when you lose it's like somebody reaches in and grabs your heart and shakes it right in front of you, and just sort of taunts you a little bit." (A crying coach Roy Williams about North Carolina's loss to Wisconsin in the 2021 NCAA tournament. Some were disturbed by his behavior and language. A short time later, the storied coach retired.)

♦ The politician Howard Dean screamed or shrieked (some characterized it as a battle cry) while running for president in 2004, which only helped to ruin his chances. Wikipedia has an entry, "Dean scream." The scream went "viral" in the early days of the internet, and some claim it was the very first political meme.

behavior / performance / restraint & lack of restraint /

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: direction

top dog (hierarchy)

top dog

there was no doubt he was the ~ (young Federal lawyer)

top dogs

they are ~ in the history of the sport (college basketball)

♦ A funny video! "Dingo bites tourist sunbathing in Australia BBC."

hierarchy / superiority & inferiority: animal / direction / dog / person / position

topography (noun)

favorable political topography

this is a ~ for us (the Republican senate)

area: ground, terrain & land

topple (verb)

topple the government

he was charged with attempting to ~ by force and conspiracy

toppled the government

his self-immolation started the riots that ~ (Tunisia)

toppled the (Taliban) government

US troops ~

toppled (entrenched) leaders

the protests have ~ in Egypt and Tunisia

topple the regime

they wish to ~ (rebels)

destruction / dismissal, removal & resignation / disruption / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / equilibrium & stability / ruins / verb

topsy-turvy (upside down)

turned (centuries of medical) dogma topsy-turvy

he ~

disruption: direction / equilibrium & stability

torch (carry a torch)

carry the torch for the political allies

judges should not ~

representation: fire / verb

torch (pass the torch)

pass the torch to Andre

now I'll ~ (second speaker at lecture)

passing of the torch

a real ~ (Alcaraz defeats Djokovic at 2023 Wimbledon)

♦ "We are an intergenerational torch that is going to burn brighter and we're going to pass it on until the need for Time's Up becomes obsolete." (Ashley Judd, reacting to criticism of that group.)

♦ Changing of the guard; passing of the torch... (Both phrases were used by online commenters after the youthful Alcaraz defeated the older Djokovic at 2023 Wimbledon.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: fire / verb

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / transmission: fire / verb

torch (other)

torch

the ~ has been passed (from the Kennedys to O'Rourke)

torch of (Syrian contemporary art)

for a long time the ~ was carried by Mustafa Ali

political torch

he passed the ~ to his vice president (Clinton to Gore)

carry on the (family's singular political) torch

there is no one to ~ (Kennedys)

pick up that torch

she died helping people and we have to ~

representation: fire / sign, signal, symbol

transmission: fire / sign, signal, symbol

torchbearer (person)

last torchbearer

her generation is perhaps its ~s (Anglo-Indians in India)

representation: fire / person

torn (divided)

torn between past and present

Turkey, ~

torn between modernity and traditionalism

Turkey, ~

torn between the statements and the lack of evidence

both juries were ~

torn between two career directions

are you ~

torn between admiration and annoyance

he was ~

torn over whether

I'm ~ I should...

conflict-torn

~ areas such as Kosovo and the Palestinian territories

violence-torn

~ East Timor

war-torn (m)

drilling for oil in this ~ area (Colombia)

this poor, hungry, ~ backwater

division & connection: destruction

tornado (Tartan Tornado, etc.)

Tartan Tornado

the win went to the ~ (Scot boxer Josh Taylor)

force: epithet / weather & climate

epithet: weather & climate

tornado (force)

tornado

he was a ~ made of chiffon (William Ivey Long, designer)

beautiful tornado

Girl Power was the most ~ that ever hit your town (Lizzo)

economic tornado

people are stuck in the middle of a ~ (a Scot / tax rise)

force: wind / weather & climate

torn up

torn up about it

I was kind of ~

feeling, emotion & effect: destruction

torpedo (verb)

torpedo (congressional) approval
he made an unsuccessful attempt to ~ of the agreement

torpedoed the (entire) company
the Newton nearly ~ (Apple in 1993)

torpedoed a (main EU) initiative
the tariffs have ~ (Kosovo / Serbia)

torpedoing morale
the overhaul of the system is ~ (education)

torpedoes her plea
that ~ for self-defense

torpedoed their season
the loss ~ (football)

torpedo her career and family life
her alcoholism threatened to ~ (Aretha Franklin)

♦ Captain R. L. McClintock invented the Bangalore torpedo in 1912 in India. The weapon was used successfully in World War I to cut paths through trenches six feet deep and 30 feet across filled with coils of barbed wire. Militaries use versions of it to the present day.

♦ An international investigation came to the conclusion that North Korea torpedoed the South Korean warship *Cheonan*, killing 46 sailors. During the Falklands War, the submarine HMS *Conqueror* torpedoed and sank the ARA *General Belgrano*.

♦ "Robert watched people jump from the rails. / The ship continued to move; its stern rose higher. His [heavily pregnant] mother held him close. And then the sea seemed to leap forward, and his mother was gone...The ship disappeared. / Later, a passenger reported seeing a woman giving birth in the water. The idea that this might have been his mother would haunt the boy for the rest of his life." (*Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson. Robert was seven years old when the ship was torpedoed by Captain Walther Schwieger in the U-20.)

destruction: boat / sea / verb

torpedo (noun)

torpedo
it was the ~ than sank the prosecution's case (forensics)

fired a torpedo
he has ~ that has blown a hole in the White House

destruction: boat / sea

torpor (noun)

torpor and schlock
he came back from years of ~ (Elvis Presley)

activity: health & medicine

torrent (noun)

torrent of abuse
his remarks unleashed a ~

torrent of criticism
the decision provoked a ~
in the aftermath of the shooting, a ~ (Alec Baldwin)

torrent of data
genomics has released a ~

torrent of (irate and obscene) e-mails
he awoke to a ~

torrent of fury
in the play's scorching final scene, she unleashes a ~ at...

torrent of information
filtering, organizing, and customizing this ~ (Web)

amount & effect / movement: water

tortoise (tortoise and hare, etc.)

tortoise-versus-hare
the history of AI has been a ~ contest between...

competition: allusion / animal

torture (afflict)

tortured me for months
my daughter ~ (potty training)

torturing Alabama
at least 17 reported tornados are ~ (ABC News)

tortured him
the rumors ~
cancer ~
the weeks ~, as he knew people were dying

torturing us
hunger was now ~ (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev)

affliction: violence / verb

torture (affliction)

torture of waiting
all this ~ (for an arrest in murder case)

legal torture
the way we feel is that we are going through ~ (family)

mental torture
it was a form of ~ (soldiers talking about great meals)

became torture
her work life ~ (Me Too movement)

puts his body through the torture
he ~ required to prepare... (a boxer)

♦ "Traveling is a form of torture." (Arabic.)

affliction / mental health: violence

tortured

tortured about his sexuality
a man ~ (closeted gay Republican politician)

tortured by bad weather
this is an area that has been ~ (spring tornadoes)

tortured emotions
such ~ (towards sex)

tortured path
it's been a long ~ for the project (space)

tortured childhood

he cries when he recalls his ~ (homosexual)

tortured, difficult and painful

relations are often ~ (politics)

♦ "Thirty-five-year-old Messi has been tortured for much of his stellar career by not winning a world cup title for his country. The stage is perfectly set..." (Tom Goldman, NPR sports correspondent.)

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: violence

mental health: violence

torturous

slow, torturous

a ~ death by drowning, hypothermia suffocation (sub)

feeling, emotion & effect: violence

comparison & contrast: affix

toss back (verb)

tossed political gerrymandering back to the states

the Supreme Court has ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ball / verb

toss out (verb)

tossed his suit out of court

a judge ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: arm / verb

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

totally (contempo-speak)

totally binge-worthy

the series is ~ if you want it to be (Victoria Whitley-Berry)

totally, like

see *like* (filler)

totally so

see *so* (gushing)

just totally

and I ~ disagree with it

many students here are ~ floored when I tell them that...

it was ~ arbitrary and random

public school felt ~ wild to me

I think they're ~ going overboard there

it is ~ false

I felt ~ hopeless

kind of like totally

so this is ~ new for me

like totally

'Clueless' ~ changed '90s fashion and vernacular (NPR)

it's ~ bittersweet to step away...

like, totally

OMG, retailers are, ~ giving me free stuff (NPR staff)

Paris Hilton: ~ ready to lead (NPR / Evie Stone)

The Mall...~, as....Art? (NPR / Sarah Handel)

obviously totally

it's ~ real (lioness roaming outside Berlin / false alarm)

really totally

they're just ~ cool people

they are ~ driven in a very passionate and spiritual way

if I were a vegan, I'd be ~ skeeved out (NPR Eyder Peralta)

she was ~ disabled (NPR's Nina Totenberg)

so totally

I was ~ into self-loathing (Diane Keaton)

Kristen Stewart is ~ thrilled to be here

this record was ~ different

this is ~ true

as he plays, he gets ~, totally lost in the music

that is ~ the answer I wanted (Peter Sagal, host)

♦ "That feeling when your kid laughs or when your kid says something that's so totally, like, amazingly weird, or insightful, or sensitive..." (NPR Staff.)

♦ "Completely" also fits the bill. "It was like completely on purpose, I was shocked..." "I completely loved this story, especially..."

♦ Type "like totally" into search at NPR and you get 120 hits and counting.

*** analysis

♦ Linguist John McWhorter's analysis of "totally" is interesting, as always. "It refers to feelings between you and the person you are talking to." It says that "the naysayers are wrong." "Totally tracks and nods to the opinions of others with an air of warm fellow feeling." "Totally is about shared sentiment." In his FACE typology of MPMs (modal pragmatic markers), he considers it to represent "Acknowledgment: I Hear You." (*Words on the Move* by the linguist John McWhorter, Chapter 1, "The Faces of English: Words Get Personal.")

contempo-speak: adverb

totem (noun)

totem of survival

the gun, not the plough, was the ~ (Tasmania)

totem for (a certain kind of American) bravado

Sinatra was a ~ ("My Way")

familiar totem

the Christmas tree is a ~ of the holiday season

outdated and environmentally irresponsible totems

big dams are seen as ~, wasteful symbols of national pride...

tearing down French totems

by ~ Zemmour is showing.... (about WWII)

used Sinatra as a totem

Anka ~ for a certain kind of American bravado (My Way)

♦ Anthem; emblematic; metaphor; represent; (cultural) figurehead; trademark; influence... ("A Toast to 'My Way,' America's Anthem of Self-Determination" by Sonari Glington, All Things Considered, Nov 19, 2019.)

representation: picture / religion / sign, signal, symbol

totem pole

low on the totem pole

Flint was apparently ~ (in a company)

hierarchy: direction / position

touch (nobody will touch this, etc.)

touch this

nobody in the mainstream media will ~

attainment: finger / verb

touch (verb / emotion)

touched everyone

the loss ~ (children die in house fire)

touched many lives

throughout his life, he ~

touches so many others

each person's life ~ (the film *It's a Wonderful Life*)

feeling, emotion & effect: finger / verb

touch (lose touch)

lost touch with her

officials said they had ~

loses touch with reality

he ~ (a schizophrenic)

lost touch with firefighters

fire officials ~ trying to... (poor communications)

lost touch with their father

they ~ and Native heritage (Laguna Pueblo)

division & connection: finger / verb

touch (connection)

touch with reality

he loses ~ (a schizophrenic)

human touch

the ~ comes naturally (a lawyer)

division & connection: finger

touchdown (success)

touchdown after touchdown

her book scores ~ (a sports romance)

total touchdown

forming an authentic connection is a ~ (Ad Council)

♦ "Forming an authentic connection with your intended audience is a total touchdown." (The Ad Council.)

♦ Touch Down / Field Goal / First Down / Fumble ("What's your take on this story?" The rating system for *New York Post* sports stories.)

♦ "They're in the last 20 yards, and you can't let them cross that goal line. You can't let them score a touchdown." (Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about Iran's nuclear-weapon program. He was speaking on NBC's Meet the Press.)

success & failure: football / sports & games

touching (adjective)

touching story

this was the most ~ I've ever heard

feeling, emotion & effect: finger

touchstone

touchstone of a generation

it was the ~ (Woodstock Music Festival / US)

touchstones of (medical) progress

vaccines and antibiotics are seen as ~ (vs. diagnostic test)

touchstone in (American) culture

her case became a ~ (Terri Schiavo)

touchstone in German Holocaust studies

the book became a ~ (by H. G. Adler)

touchstone for a set

the painting is a ~ of ideals ("Kindred Spirits")

"touchstone" (1960) book

Harper Lee's ~ ("To Kill a Mockingbird")

holiday touchstone

"It's a Wonderful Life" is now a ~ (film)

cultural touchstone

"American Psycho" has become a ~ (US / a book)

it is a ~ (dominoes / Latinos / NYC)

her fourth book is a ~ (*Eat, Pray, Love*)

emotional touchstone

Jerusalem is an ~ for many people in the Middle East

♦ A touchstone was a dark stone such as slate used to determine, or assay, the purity of a precious metal, like gold. It is similar in meaning nowadays to *litmus test*. The word seems to relate to authenticity, genuineness, or shared experience.

representation: mark

touchy (adjective)

touchy subject

abortion is a ~ for some radio programmers

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

touchy (personality)

touchy about his baldness

he's ~

character & personality: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

tough-minded

tough-minded

he is ~ and not afraid to take risks (commander)

nimble, tough-minded and effective

we need government that is ~

mind: materials & substances

tourism (slum tourism, etc.)

tourism ambassador

Messi has a role as a ~ for Saudi Arabia (soccer player)

agritourism

~ is growing rapidly in rural communities

battlefield tourism

~ flourished... (Waterloo)

civil rights tourism

~ may protect Mississippi history
some think ~ could help lift these little towns (Mississippi)

elephant tourism

~ may not recover from the pandemic (Thailand)
Saengduean Chailert is a pioneer in ethical ~ (Thailand)

event tourism

Singapore promotes ~ (Taylor Swift's Eras Tour, etc.)

Gay Tourism

"The answer to Puerto Rico's Debt Crisis Might Be ~"

gay tourism

~ is booming... (NPR's Lulu Garcia-Navarro)
Shai Doitsh, 30, promotes ~ in Tel Aviv (NPR)
~ destinations (NPR's Greg Allen)

medical tourism

~ will boost the economy

sex tourism

~ flourishes...

slum tourism

~ is like poverty porn (2009)

space tourism

~ is in the not-so-distant future

war tourism

he engaged in what was basically ~ (Bill Donovan / OSS)

investment in (civil rights) tourism

some think ~ could help lift these little towns (Mississippi)

♦ "Byron visited; so did the Wordsworths—twice—and the architect and collector John Soane and thousands of others. They carried away skulls—Sir Walter Scott had one—and fingers and teeth and bullets and cannon balls... A century later such battlefield tourism would flourish even if its more gruesome collecting tastes were suppressed." (The site of the Battle of Waterloo, in Belgium. From *The Work of the Dead: A Cultural History of Mortal Remains* by Thomas W. Laqueur.)

♦ "We the oldest community in the county, and we look like the oldest community in the county. We've been left behind. We have not benefiting as we should with this history." (Mayor Johnny Thomas of Glendora, Mississippi, about efforts to create an Emmett Till National Historic District. The mayor is referring to civil-rights tourism.)

♦ "Some "farmers" say they need agritourism to make extra money. These "farmers," however, are often Millennial and Zoomer "blow-ins" from urban areas, and, as a result, they have poor or no relations with their neighbors. Agritourism includes such things as providing event spaces for weddings and corporate retreats, cooking classes, pie classes (on a small blueberry farm), farm dinners, or using the farmhouse as an Airbnb. Naturally, nobody attending a wedding in the country wants dust or bad smells, no matter when in the agricultural season. Farmers say fertile land should be used for farming. In the Skagit Valley in Washington State, the locals are considering new zoning codes to reduce agritourism, and they are snitching on their new neighbors, resulting in stricter enforcement. It's very much an old story. Locals versus outsiders, newcomers, immigrants. It mirrors gentrification in the cities. It mirrors the surf line-up in Hawaii, which favors locals, of course. There's the culture clash of "urban refugees" versus fifth-generation farmers. Money is involved. Law enforcement and lawyers are getting involved. Where do *you* stand on the issue?

language: affix

tour of duty

tour of duty as James Bond

the film concludes Daniel Craig's ~ (*No Time To Die*)

work & duty: military

tout (person)

tout for the educational-technology industry
he is a ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion / message: person

speech: person / sex

tout (verb)

tout the wonders
Mexican officials ~ of Mexico (tourism)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / message: verb

touted

touted as an anxiety-relieving panacea
digital detoxes are ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion / message: speech

tow (in tow)

moral in tow
there is no ~ (criticism of book)

attachment: boat / river

towel (throw in the towel)

thrown in the towel
she would be disappointed that he has ~ so quickly

threw in the towel on adding
he ~ a citizenship question (on the census)

ready to throw in the towel
she's not ~
Croatia aren't ~ yet (versus Brazil in Qatar)

♦ "A lot of people say he quit... But you don't know the pain what he was experiencing. I dunno, I've not been in that position. His eye socket was smashed up... It's things like that when it's through injury, I don't think people got a place to call people quitters..." (The great boxer Josh Taylor on BBC's 5 Live Boxing with Costello & Bunce.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: boxing / sign, signal, symbol / verb

towering (towering figure, etc.)

towering figure
Jacky Robinson was a ~ in American sports
he was a ~ who rose above party politics (McCain)
Ike was one of the ~s of the 20th century (Eisenhower)

importance & significance: size / height / infrastructure

town (Chinatown, etc.)

Chinatown
San Francisco's ~

♦ See the Wikipedia article "Chinatown" for a list of Chinatowns around the world. Wikipedians are wonderful.

♦ "There's Chinatown, Little Italy and Little Ethiopia. But in Philadelphia, a downtown section of the city officially has a new name and people are

talking." ("Welcome to the 'Gayborhood?," NPR, Tell Me More, May 1, 2007.)

♦ see also *little* (*Little Moscow, etc.*)

geography: epithet

toxic (adjective)

toxic

rap culture is ~ (Swedish rapper Einar murdered)

toxic atmosphere

political leaders have contributed to a ~ (politics)

toxic doctrine

the ~ of racial superiority (Nazis)

toxic environment

it has been a ~ for 8 years (actor on a TV show)

toxic (political) environment

incumbent politicians are at risk in the ~

toxic (online) environment

Facebook creates a ~ by doing nothing (fake news)

toxic (work) environment

employees complained that he created a ~ (a boss)

toxic masculinity

~ in *The Power of the Dog* (the film)

toxic myths

the ~ around creativity (writing rooms, etc.)

toxic person

she is a ~

toxic relationship

their ~ ended in murder

toxic political warfare

this will pour fuel on the fire of ~

politically toxic

the subject of climate change is ~

become toxic

the modern culture of the prom has ~ (critics)

growing toxic

the marriage was ~ (husband murders wife)

♦ Your girlfriend is toxic; how to deal with toxic friends; 7 ways to cut a toxic friend out of your life; tips for eliminating toxic people from your life; cutting off people who are toxic for you; how to identify a "toxic person"; #toxic posts are popular; one of the easiest explanations for the 'toxic' trend is that young people are misanthropes... (Collocations for "toxic" from "That's It. You're Dead To Me. Suddenly everyone is 'toxic'" by Kaitlyn Tiffany, *The Atlantic*, September, 2022.)

♦ "The word has gone into hyperinflation, often used to dramatically label situations that aren't actually 'poisonous', but rather negative experiences with a lousy manager. 'Toxic' is so overused that I don't react when I see it now." (Thomas Erikson, author of *Surrounded By Bad Bosses*.)

♦ "When 'toxicity' in the workplace has grown to mean so much, it's also come to mean so little." ("How every workplace became 'toxic'" by Alex Christian, BBC Worklife, 16 October 2023. It's a superb article that includes a very nice history of the word. Bravo!)

♦ OLD: My new job is irritating, disappointing, frustrating... / NEW: my new job is toxic...

♦ "He ain't (toxic), he's my brother." (A paraphrase of the old song lyric.)

destruction / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / materials & substances

track (on track)

on track to jump

the number of Wi-Fi cards sold is ~ 75 percent

on track to meet

the services are ~ reserve manpower goals (military)

on track for a shot

a win would keep him ~ at the title (boxer)

on an academic track

he is ~ (vs. vocational program) (high school)

on the right track

we are ~ (making progress towards our goal)

back on track

we are ~ (making progress)

they will get ~ today with a new bill (politics)

still on track

US policy there is ~ (Central Asia)

organized and on track

keep your job search ~

stay on track

your script should help you ~ (job interviews)

keep your job search (organized and) on track

how to ~

get back on track

treatment options to help you ~ (depression)

it is possible to ~ (debt in economy)

get us (back) on track

I've got a solution that will ~

get our economy (back) on track

to help ~

direction / progress & lack of progress: train

track (fast track)

on a fast track to a vote

the resolution is ~ on the floor of the senate

♦ "Academic queer theory is being mainlined into America's public schools."

haste / speed: train

track (across the tracks, etc.)

lives across the tracks

the horror genre ~ in the literary community

division & connection: train

track (cover one's tracks, etc.)

cover your tracks

you didn't ~ very well, you were easy to find

cover his tracks

people wondered if he disappeared to ~ (crime suspect)
his aides were trying to ~ (a politician)

cover his (digital) tracks

he failed to ~ (an Internet hacker)

covered their tracks

whoever did it was very careful and ~ (unsolved murder)

covered his tracks well

he had assimilated into the upper class and ~ (England)

hide their tracks

they used Iranian access hoping it would ~ (hackers)

throw people off the track

this story was a false narrative to ~

♦ "TOR drags branches behind your digital footsteps so people can't tell where you're going or where you've been."

subterfuge: hunting / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

concealment & lack of concealment: hunting / verb

track (stop something in its tracks)

stopped the (FBI) investigation in its tracks

the plea agreement ~

stopped his meteoric rise in its tracks

a racial slur has ~ (a country singer)

curtailment: journeys & trips / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

track (stopped in one's tracks, etc.)

halted in its tracks

the tournament was ~ (Coronavirus)

got stopped in its tracks

the idea ~ (opening a liaison office)

starting, going, continuing & ending: walking, running & jumping

track (off the beaten track)

off the beaten track

the whirlpools are ~

go off the beaten track

he doesn't hesitate to ~

isolation & remoteness: journeys & trips

track (direction)

career track

I didn't take the traditional ~

traditional (career) track

I didn't take the ~

take the (traditional career) track

I didn't ~

direction: train

track down (verb)

track down John Sergeant

I decided I would ~ and ask him what...

track down a (caller's) location

in order to ~... (police)

track down his (work) phone

it took some effort to ~

tracked down the relatives

Moroccan officials ~ of the man (terrorist)

tracked down the (first) vehicle

authorities ~, a Subaru Outback...

track down victims

early efforts to ~ turned up... (identity theft)

track down water

how hard it can be to ~ in the Mojave

track down (dog-friendly) cafes and hotels

~ (a Web site)

track down (high-school) girlfriends

they ~... (NFL background checks)

track down the financing

our efforts to ~ of al Qaeda

tracked down this sickness

Evans ~ lurking in the milk supply (undulant fever)

tracked him down at a (corner) dice game

she ~

effort to track down

it took some ~ his work phone

searching & discovery: hunting / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

tracked (followed)

tracked all over campus

students are ~ (security systems)

tracked at factories, office parks, stadiums

people are ~ (security systems)

tracked through the system

parts must be ~ (military logistics)

information should be tracked

this ~ in the TOC and the CTCP (military)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

tracker (person)

tracker app

check out our ~ to see the progress of your delivery

♦ "He read the signs like a map." (A "Shadow Wolves" tracker, Tohono O'odham.)

♦ "Bedouin have a remarkable ability to find their way across the desert. There is an Arab saying that a Murra (Al Murrah) tribesman can be taken on a 3-day journey across trackless country, blindfolded, and then told to

bury a coin in the sand at night. A decade later he will be able to return and locate his coin." (George B. Cressey.)

♦ "Tigers, lynxes, bears, wolverines, wapiti, deer, roe, pig, all are resident in this rich taiga. / Dersu strode on in silence, serenely seeing everything. I was reveling in the view, but he looked at a twig broken off at the height of a man's arm, and from the way it was hanging knew the direction in which the man had been going. From the freshness of the fracture he judged the time that had elapsed. Whenever I passed by a particularly obvious track, Dersu would chuckle, wag his head, and say: / 'H'm! Just like small boy. Go walk, wag head; have eyes, no-can look-see.' / As we went, I trod upon a thorn..." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "The reconstruction of jungle events from signs on the ground has always held great interest for me." (*Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett, Introduction by Sir Maurice Hallett, Preface by Lord Linlithgow (Viceroy of India 1936-1943). It is a wonderful account of hunting actual man-eating tigers. The Jim Corbet National Park is in Uttarakhand. Tigers live there.)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / person

person: hunting

tracking

tracking of immigrants

the need for the government to improve its ~

tracking information

for ~, visit us at... (post office)

tracking number

~ 844553785371 (Federal Express)

eye-tracking

usability experts may use ~ software

missile-tracking

Russia has constructed a large, ~ radar

period tracking

the USWNT and NWSL used ~ as a strategy (menstruation)

radio tracking

animals fitted with ~ collars

acquisition and tracking

frequencies of enemy ~ systems

♦ "Backtracking, doglegging or other countertracking methods..." (The military.)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

track record (good)

track record of accomplishments

years of experience and a ~ (resume)

track record in improving

he has a ~ schools (election)

track record for success

he's got a ~

skills, achievements and track record

your ~ (job hunting)

♦ This usage refers to a runner's time.

achievement, recognition & praise: sports & games

history: sports & games

track record (bad)

track record of these methods

given the ~... (poor)

track record of getting the big issues wrong

he has a ~, time after time (Federal Reserve candidate)

flaws & lack of flaws: sports & games

history: sports & games

traction (gain / build / get traction)

traction with customers

none of their products have gained significant ~

traction on social media

his comments about the movie gained ~

build traction

her campaign is starting to ~ (politics)

gain traction

rumors ~ in an atmosphere of uncertainty

gaining traction

an effort to establish industrywide safety standards is ~

getting traction

the economic recovery was finally ~

struggled to gain traction

her campaign has ~ (elections)

force: movement / verb

progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing &

ending: movement / verb

trade (verb)

traded some ideas

we ~ on how we could work collectively (diplomacy)

possession: money / verb

trademark (noun)

trademark word salad

she served up another helping of her ~ (Vice President)

characterization / evidence: mark

tragedy (noun)

act of the tragedy

the first ~ has been enacted (war)

farce and tragedy

man walks a narrow line in nature between ~ (Antarctic)

ended in tragedy

the hostage drama ~ when...

follow tragedy with farce

this will undermine them, you will ~ (politics)

look at the tragedy from a new angle

these conclusions help us ~

♦ "City authorities called his death a 'tragedy.'" (An "unsheltered community member" entered a lake and drowned while swimming away from the police, who had been called to the scene after an altercation between the drowned man and his partner.)

♦ When Marx wrote that history repeats itself, "the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce," he was specifically comparing Napoleon Bonaparte to his nephew, Napoleon III, the ruler Victor Hugo disparaged as Napoleon the Little. Winston Churchill had a somewhat more judicious view of Napoleon III: "For more than twenty years this amiable, dreamy figure was to play a striking and not always ineffective part upon the European scene."

♦ War; violence; catastrophe; sacrifice; betrayal; justice; retribution; horror; suffering; wrath; madness; power; fallen kings; family curses; destiny; fate; cycles of carnage; hidden reasons; invisible gods pulling strings; dark patterns and connections; secret flaws; "the sins of the fathers and the sufferings of the children"; the devastating relationship of the present to the past; public rites; mourning; "the reassertion of order and ritual," dark solace..." (Elements of Greek drama and tragedy mentioned in "JFK, Tragedy, Myth" in *Ecstasy and Terror: From the Greeks to Game of Thrones* by Daniel Mendelsohn.)

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

traffic light (or traffic signal)

"traffic light" regime

operators should observe a ~ (fracking / England)

traffic light system

there is now a ~ in place (pandemic travel to countries)

a ~ sets out rules for entering the UK

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol

trail (follow)

trailed him

the accusations have ~ for years (of sexual misconduct)

the allegations that ~ finally caught up to him

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

trail (competition and progress)

trails so many countries

the U.S. ~ in health-care

trailed the Celtics by 20 points

the Warriors ~ in the fourth quarter

competition / growth & development / progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

trail (blaze a trail)

blazed

thank you, Penny Marshall, for the trails you ~

blazed the trail for many young film makers

he ~ (Samuel L. Jackson on death of John Singleton)

blazed a trail between Greeks and Turks

they have ~ with their music

blazed a trail into the workplace

women like her ~

blazed his own trail

he ~

♦ "Questioned about her art, Lydia launches into an impassioned riff on the nature of musical time; asked about gender, she names various trailblazers who took to the podium before her but seems otherwise unconcerned with couching her achievement in strictly feminist terms. Her trail is her own." ("Baton Charge: 'Tar' by Anthony Lane, *The New Yorker*, October 10, 2022.)

importance & significance / searching & discovery: history / journeys & trips / mark / verb

trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.)

trail went cold

over time, the ~ (murder investigation)

throw the police off their trail

their effort to ~ failed (runaway mom)

subterfuge: hunting / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

trail (digital trail, etc.)

trail of blood

officers followed a ~ to a vacant house

trail of breadcrumbs

see *breadcrumb* (evidence)

trail of clues

the murderer left a ~ (arrested)

trail of deceit

this industry has left a ~ (tobacco)

trail of devastation

deadly tornadoes leave a ~ in Florida (newspaper)

trail of (blood) drops

a ~ led away from the bodies

trail of (secret) settlements

there is a paper ~ (NBC and sex abuse)

accelerant trail

the ~ led into her bedroom (arson)

blood trails

the guides have been following ~ (hunting)

data trail

they followed the ~ to his computer (criminal)

digital trail

investigators are going through a ~ of text messages

meteor trail

the ~ persisted for over a minute before disappearing

money trail

they are following the ~

paper trail

officials follow extensive ~s

there is a ~ that exonerates him (State Department)

scent trail

bloodhounds found no ~ (an abduction)

evidence / pursuit, capture & escape / searching & discovery: hunting

trail (campaign trail, etc.)

campaign trail

the 2000 presidential ~

comeback trail

they are on the ~ after serious injuries (skiers)

the genre is on the ~ (hard rock music)

route: journeys & trips

trail (canoe trail, etc.)

Canoe Trail

the 740-mile Northern Forest ~ (New York to Maine)

Civil Rights Trail

the U.S. ~ has over 130 stops across 14 states

civil rights trails

~ across the South have proven to be an economic driver

Fly Fishing Trail

the Western North Carolina ~, created in 2009

Heritage Trail

the Coal ~ (US 52 and Route 16 in West Virginia)

Historic Trail

adding routes to the existing Trail of Tears National ~

menu trail

a “~” guided visitors to seven restaurants... (see below)

Mural Trail

the Appalachian ~ is bringing new energy to small towns

Water Trail

the Hudson River Greenway ~ has a landing every 10 miles

♦ “In her native Orange County [Virginia], a recent ‘menu trail’ guided visitors to seven restaurants serving meals based on Lewis’ recipes. Offerings included smothered braised rabbit at Vintage Restaurant, roast quail stuffed with wild rice and white grapes at Spoon and Spindle and a classic apple brown Betty at both Gordonsville Ice House and ClearWater Fire Grill.” (“Food: The Grande Dame of Southern Cooking” by Taryn White, Smithsonian, June 2023. The article is about Edna Regina Lewis, who led a remarkable life.)

♦ “Ale Trail Pass. (Jackson County). Program rewards craft beer fans for visiting local breweries... After visiting at least four breweries, participants can pick up a Jackson County pint glass and stickers at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.”

♦ “You know what’s good? Instant mashed potatoes mixed with ramen noodles. Now, that’s good.” (A hiker at the “Fontana Hilton” trail hut on the Appalachian Trail in Graham County, North Carolina, poised to enter the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Hikers generally eat only what they can carry.)

♦ “The Sinai Trail began as a 220km (137 mile), 12-day hiking route run by three Bedouin tribes. It opened in 2015, running from the Gulf Of Aqaba to the top of Egypt’s highest mountain, Jebel Katherina. / This year the trail was extended to 550km, taking 42 days to finish. The expansion brought in five additional Bedouin tribes. / The extended trail shows the most beautiful parts of the Sinai to the world... / Tribesmen of the Muzeina and Alegat tribes sit in a cave, sheltering from the midday sun. Today, around 50 Bedouin from the eight tribes work regularly on the Sinai Trail as cooks, guides, hosts and traders. / More than 500 hikers from Egypt and other countries have hiked the Sinai Trail since it opened three years ago. Here a group passes a small chapel hidden amongst the hills. / The Bedouin form a special bond with their camels,

walking with them, feeding them and caring for them when they are sick.” (“In pictures: Hiking the Sinai Trail,” BBC, 3 August 2018. Magnificent photos by Wael Hussein Al Sayed and Nour El Din Sherif.)

♦ “The Yukon lay at his feet, a sea of ice, disappearing around two great bends to the north and south, and stretching an honest two miles from bank to bank. Over its rough breast ran the sled-trail, a slender sunken line, eighteen inches wide and two thousand miles in length, with more curses distributed to the linear foot than any other road in or out of all Christendom.” (“The Man With the Gash” by Jack London.)

route: journeys & trips

trailblazer (person)

trailblazer

she was a ~

trailblazer for (African-American) directors

Singleton was considered a ~ in the 1990s

rebel or trailblazer

he was asked if he regarded himself as a ~ (LIV Golf)

importance & significance: journeys & trips / person

person: journeys & trips

trailblazing

trailblazing research

~ in capital punishment

importance & significance: journeys & trips

trail of tears (suffering)

trail of tears

the training can be a ~ (PJs / military)

sort of a trail of tears

it’s a ~, it goes on (photos of DC murder victims)

two-mile trail of tears

our walk is a ~ (hot in Austin for SXSW music festival)

♦ “Trail of Tears” has come to refer to the removal of the Cherokee Indians from the Southeast to Oklahoma, and to the removal and resettlement of other Indian groups.

♦ “The ‘Arduous March...’ (An official term used by Kim Jong-il in the 1990s for the famine years.)

♦ Many died during the “Great Leap Forward.” (China.)

♦ “Right here in the barn there he was beaten and then taken on what we called the tear trail of terror.” (Mayor Johnny Thomas of Glendora, Mississippi, about Emmett Till’s murder in 1955.)

destruction: military

difficulty, easiness & effort / feeling, emotion & effect / survival, persistence & endurance: history / journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping

trail of tears (migration)

made a trail of tears to some other reach of the state

a quarter million people have ~ and country (post-Katrina)

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♦ In a 2013 playoff game in Alabama, the McAdory High School football team played the Pinson Valley High School “Indians.” The McAdory cheerleaders prepared a “bust thru” banner which read, “Hey Indians. Get ready to leave in a Trail of Tears. Round 2.” Following criticism, school officials later apologized for the banner and sought to deflect

responsibility: "The person who would normally be responsible for approving such signs is out on maternity leave" and "The cheerleading squad will be disciplined." Of course, throwing the girls and their pregnant leader under the bus only provoked further criticism.

migration: allusion / history / journeys & trips

train (failure)

train wreck

see *train wreck*

wheels are coming off the train

the ~ in the mortgage business

♦ "Horses shied at the hissing horror that scorched by them at fifteen miles an hour..."

failure, accident & impairment: train

train (hype train)

hype train

the ~ was derailed (for Y.A. book, by sensitivity readers)

well managed money making hype train

he is nothing but a ~ (boxing snark)

hype train chugged full speed ahead

the ~

hype train has come to an end

the ~ and Usyk will put him down (AJ / boxing)

hype train derailed

the ~ AGAIN (England soccer / Qatar 2022)

hype train derails

what happens when the ~ (people write you off / boxing)

derailed the AJ hype train

Ruiz ~ (boxing)

get off the (hype) train

he is hype, and the sooner people ~ the sooner... (boxing)

halted the (Johnny Walker) hype train

he ~ with a first round TKO (MMA)

♦ "This train isn't stopping anytime soon." (Crossover boxing matches, YouTubers like Jake Paul boxing for massive amounts of money, etc.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: train

train (legal train, Trump train, etc.)

Trump train

she was on the Donald ~ (politics)

campaign train

seats on Joe Biden's ~ are starting to fill up (endorsers)

impeachment train

is an ~ beginning to chug out of the station (politics)

legal train

the ~ chugs forward, unperturbed...

♦ "Nine out of the last eleven times in Democratic party politics, the person who has won Iowa has gone on to win the nomination... They'll first have a job uniting the party. And then, further down the track, Donald Trump will be waiting. The Democrats have a fight on their hands, a brutal one." (BBC's North America editor John Sopol reporting from Iowa on BBC Newshour. What is interesting and noteworthy is that

his comments are accompanied by train horns and crossing-track warning signals, at first faint, then rising to a crescendo. This is a rare case of the use of a metaphor with sound effects.)

♦ "Each of those times [her election victories] she was on the Donald Trump train. And this time she not only stepped off that train, she lay down on the track in front of it." (Ron Elving, NPR political pundit, about Liz Cheney.)

operation: mechanism / train

train (train is pulling into the station, etc.)

train is pulling into the station

the ~, he will be acquitted (impeachment trial)

♦ Dan Harris, ABC presenter: "Are there potentially any twists that could come at the end to derail the march towards acquittal?" / Melissa Murray, NYU Law Professor: "I think it would take an absolute political tornado to derail this, this train is pulling into the station, the president is likely to be acquitted as it were on Wednesday."

starting, going, continuing & ending: train

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: train

train (train has left the station, etc.)

train has left the station

that ~, I can't see stopping that (active-shooter drills)

train has (already) left the station

that ~

train was leaving the station without him

he realized the ~ (merger plans)

miss the train

it's important we don't ~

♦ "Your dad loved her very much. It there was one other cat in this world that could have loved her and treated her as well as your dad, then it was me. But, unfortunately, for yours truly, that train has sailed." (Austin Powers to Vanessa Kensington from the film *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery*.)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: movement / train / verb

train (future)

train has been coming down the tracks

this ~ for the past 10 years (change in government)

future / time: direction / movement / train

train (runaway train)

runaway train of drug addiction

data show the ~ has slowed down

control & lack of control / force: train

train (in one's train / at a later time)

in their train

the Chinese arrived with disease ~ (eastern Siberia)

sequence / time: direction / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / train

train (get on the Trump train, etc.)

get on the Trump train

Republicans must ~ or else

got on the Trump train
when he ultimately ~, he stuck to it (politics)

boarded the Trump Train
many of the events took place before he ~ (politics)

♦ "When one Obama does well, we all feel like we're riding on that same train." (An African-American, about Black support for football Coach Deion Sanders.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: train
unanimity & consensus: train

train wreck

train wreck
that interview with those NALF women was a real ~
he is a ~ waiting to happen (job)

train wreck of a term
his ~ has 30 months to go... (president)

train-wreck (former) actress
thank God this ~ didn't maim or kill someone

cinematic train wreck
it was a ~ (2003 film *The Room* / now a cult film)

fiscal train wreck
a ~ looms ahead (deficit government spending)

extent of the train wreck
the diplomats don't fully comprehend the ~ (UN)

headed for a train wreck
we are ~ (a politician about budget proposal)

♦ "AH, she's a lost cause, this train wreck has derailed." (A comment about the Johnny Depp-Amber Heard trial.)

♦ "7.5 million followers??? Guess everyone is signing up to watch the train wreck go over a cliff. Same reason people slow down to look at car accidents. Don't get it." (A comment about a wellness check carried out by police on Gabby Hanna, a Millennial online personality who goes by the name "Trauma Queen.")

♦ "I mean, as messy as all my relationships have been publicly, I'm glad I'm not going to touch this shit. Like the family side, I'm gonna leave alone because I have my own fucking train wreck of personal family shit out there..." (An ex-NBA player talking about the latest NBA sex scandal.)

♦ [Mr. Webb]: Well, she's late. Reckon she might've jumped the tracks. / [Loretta Lynn]: Oh, Daddy, them things [trains] don't do that. Do they? / [Mr. Webb, grimly]: They've been known to. (From the great 1980 film, *Coal Miner's Daughter*.)

destruction: crashes & collisions / train

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / train
traitor (person)

traitor to his class
he was a ~

traitor to my race
critics said I was a ~, a coonish Uncle Tom (Eric Degans)

traitor, a backstabber and a fraud
former fans have been waiting to call him a ~ (basketball)

'race traitor'
he was attacked as being a ~ on several blogs (Jeff Ma)

snake and a traitor

Sanders loyalists called Warren a ~ (no endorsement)

♦ Benedict Arnold; Wang Jingwei (died of wounds from an assassination attempt in Japan); Vidkun Quisling (executed by firing squad); Pierre Laval (executed by firing squad); Philippe Petain (died in the throes of dementia); William Joyce (aka Lord Haw-Haw / hanged)... (Notorious traitors.)

♦ "He's a human being; we should treat him the same as we treat any other G.I. In my opinion, I think the boy deserves it; he just got off on the wrong track. And I know for a fact when he went to Korea, he didn't know whether he was going to come back or he was going to stay there. So, maybe he got a little scared when he was captured. Maybe he was pressured, tortured. I don't think it's the boy's own fault. No doubt at the time—I never seen him or never met him—No doubt he was young and he wasn't trained properly." (Charles E. Kelly, World War Two veteran and Medal of Honor recipient, when he was asked by Mike Wallace, "How do you think that we should treat US Army turncoats?" like Samuel David Hawkins, who had just returned home to the US from China in 1957. Hawkins had been a POW who, at the end of the Korean War, had decided to defect to China instead of returning home immediately. Hawkins was the youngest of only 22 American and British servicemen to defect to China after the war. The oilman M. H. Champion paid for Hawkins' return and gave him a job. In general, Hawkins was accepted on his return to the US.)

♦ "In the old days, deserters were shot... right?" (Donald Trump, campaigning for president, as the crowd cheers and whistles. He was referring to Bo Bergdahl, who walked off his COP in Afghanistan and was held captive by the enemy for five years.)

allegiance, support & betrayal / person: military

trajectory (noun)

trajectory
he started out on another ~ entirely (career)

trajectory of the war
he helped formulate the strategy that reset the ~

epidemic's trajectory
a trial could have slowed the opioid ~

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

stalled trajectory
she got depressed at the ~ of her once-promising career

artistic trajectory
the album's single is emblematic of Batiste's ~

alter the trajectory
the caucus could ~ of the race (US election)

followed a (kind of) trajectory
Lenny ~ (Lenny Pozner, Sandy Hook parent)

set the trajectory
the right college will ~ for the rest of your child's life

reset the trajectory
he helped formulate the strategy that ~ of the war

shifted the trajectory
new information has ~ their probe (police)

course / development: journeys & trips / flying & falling / physics / shape

trample (verb)

trample on his rights
that doesn't allow you to ~

destruction / oppression: animal / foot / verb

trampled

trampled underfoot

the rights of victims were effectively ~ (clergy sex abuse)

♦ "It is so clear the dream of Afghan people stepped under the feet of animals." (An Afghan.)

destruction: animal / foot

tranquil (activity)

tranquil

with the international scene apparently ~, Admiral Davis...

activity: water / wind

transactional (adjective)

transactional

he is totally ~, without honor, courage, integrity...

how ~ their relationships have been with him (*Succession*)

this was not ~, rape is rape (Sarah Ransome)

for him, truth is purely ~, "What is in it for me" (politician)

transactional approach

the ~ attaches strings ("vaccine diplomacy")

transactional exchange

this was a ~ of sex for information (a journalist)

transactional marriage

she has a ~ with her husband (tabloid)

transactional mentality

a ~ has led to paradoxical demands (student as customer)

transactional relationship

a strategic partnership has become a largely ~

transactional sex

this was simply "~" with women seeking to get ahead

transactional terms

the president largely sees foreign policy in ~

transactional word

"cancel" is a very ~ (cancel culture)

transactional and contractual

a society based primarily on ~ relations (vs Church, class)

transactional and insulting

his tour was transparently ~ (an Elon Musk hater)

transactional or transformative

it can be ~ (a pundit on national election)

much more than transactional

their time together is ~ (*Good Luck To You, Leo Grande*)

commercial, (rather) transactional

it used to be a strictly ~ relationship with China

consensual, transactional

his lawyer called the incident "~ sex" (Harvey Weinstein)

tactical, transactional, impulsive

his approach is ~ (not strategic)

♦ "Democracy was never meant to be transactional, 'You give me your vote, I make everything better.'" It requires an active and informed citizenry." (Barak Obama, 2020.)

♦ "Gratitude is not a relevant concept in international relations and never has been."

position, policy and negotiation: money

contempo-speak: language

transition (die)

transitioned

my youngest and only daughter has ~ (died)

♦ "Ronald Powell Transitioned Earlier Today. REST IN POWER..."

death & life: euphemism

translate (verb)

translate words into reality

the failure to ~... (diplomacy)

translate the language of science into terms

he can ~ people understand

translate into votes

endorsements don't always ~ (politics)

translate into (operational) safety

design safety does not necessarily ~ (factories)

creation & transformation: speech / verb

transparency (noun)

transparency in (government) procurement

~ (part of WTO agenda)

Transparency measures

Article 7 ~ (UN convention against landmines)

transparency and accountability

the need for financial ~ (PLO)

financial transparency

the need for ~ and accountability (PLO)

a lot of transparency

we don't have ~, a good view into how it decides (Twitter)

transparency turned opaque

the seeming ~ (historical allegation of rape with settlement)

lacks transparency

the process ~

♦ "I know... one of the best things that the prison system is good at doing is hiding behind the walls." (Paul Taylor, "the man who started the Strangeways Prison riot." The riot occurred in Manchester, England, in 1990.)

♦ "Sunlight is the best disinfectant."

concealment & lack of concealment: eye / light & dark

transparent (adjective)

comprehensive, transparent and independent

the investigation should be ~ (plane crash)

free and transparent
ensuring ~ elections (Kosovo)

♦ "This administration has been more translucent than transparent."
(Chicago politics.)

concealment & lack of concealment: eye / light & dark

transplant (noun)

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

recent transplant
he mistook Miles for a ~ (vs. a born-and-raised native)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plant
identity & nature: plant**

transport (in time)

transports her readers to the monuments and history
she ~ of Aphrodisias in Turkey (a historian)

transported audiences back in time
he ~ (a singer)

fictive transportation / time: movement / verb

trap (verb)

trapped me in a web of deceit
he ~

involvement: hunting / verb

danger / pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

trap (in a trap)

in a trap
I'm ~, I can't get out of it

situation: container / hunting

pursuit, capture & escape: container / hunting

trap (military / noun)

trap was sprung
the ~, Paulus's Sixth Army was surrounded... (Stalingrad)

escape the trap
Stalin, alarmed that the prey might be about to ~...

military: animal / hunting

trap (other)

trap
his proposal is not a solution but a ~ (diplomacy)

clickbait trap
threading the needle of writing a headline to avoid the ~

debate traps
Macron avoids ~ (against Le Pen)

Debt Trap
The ~: How Student Loans Became a National Catastrophe

likeability trap
women must stop falling into the '~'

speed trap
the State Police set up ~s to catch speeders

thirst trap
I promise this is my last ~ pic (dressed up)
I get more likes when I post ~s (Gen Zer influencer)

tricks and traps
car dealerships deploy ~ to make money from you

trap is set
the ~ (a stratagem to catch a criminal)

trap is sprung
at the right opportunity, the ~ (politics)

avoid these traps
her new book examines how to ~ (women)

escape (at least one of) the traps
he had managed to ~ Bradley had laid for him

fallen into a trap
the Bush administration has ~ (by invading Iraq)

fallen for the trap
many online personals users have ~ (scam)

laid a trap
he ~ (Andy Lee knocks out John Jackson 2014)

lays a trap
it feels good now but it ~ for us later on (Fed decision)

♦ Falling into a pattern is falling into a trap." (Ex-FBI profiler, speaking of the Washington, D.C.-area sniper.)

♦ Asparagus beds, Czech hedgehogs, Dragon's teeth... (Anti-tank obstacles, or tank traps.)

danger / pursuit, capture & escape / subterfuge: hunting trap (Chinese finger trap)

Chinese finger trap
engaging with Trump is like a ~ (Joe Biden)

♦ Trying hard to remove your fingers only makes the trap tighter. Sometimes, if you are in a jam, it is better to relax.

situation: container / pressure

trapdoor (computers)

trap door
'~s' allow outsiders access to the system (computers)

computer / subterfuge: doors & thresholds

concealment & lack of concealment: doors & thresholds

trapped

trapped in a (sodomasochist) love affair
he was ~ with a former RAF pilot

trapped in the battle
~ between his warring parents

trapped as a (permanent) adjunct
you could end up ~ forever (colleges)

trapped by dogma

don't be ~ (Steve Jobs / Apple Computer)

feel trapped

Britney Spears knows what it's like to ~

feels trapped

she ~ (in a small town)

got trapped

they ~ in a cycle of drug-taking (prostitutes)

end up trapped

you could ~ as a permanent adjunct forever (colleges)

♦ "Britney Spears knows what it's like to feel trapped: First by poverty, then by fame, then by her family." ("Britney Spears' book: *The Woman In Me* is an angry, cautionary tale" by Mark Savage, BBC, October 24, 2023.)

involvement / situation: hunting

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

trash (verb)

trash each other's work

campaigns by competing studios to ~ (the Oscars)

♦ "Throughout these exchanges, no one has ever trashed me. That's not the NPR way. People are polite. But nothing changes. So I've become a visible wrong-thinker at a place I love. It's uncomfortable, sometimes heartbreaking." ("I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust" by Uri Berliner, The Free Press, April 9, 2024. NPR CEO Katherine Maher called Berliner's criticism "profoundly disrespectful, hurtful, and demeaning.")

♦ "The way to address that is through training and mentorship. It's not by blowing the place up, by trashing your colleagues, in full view of people who don't really care about it anyway." (Morning Edition host Michel Martin. From "NPR suspends veteran editor as it grapples with his public criticism" by David Folkenflik, NPR, Media, updated April 16, 2024.)

♦ "Newsrooms run on trust. If you violate everyone's trust by going to another outlet and shitting on your colleagues (while doing a bad job journalistically, for that matter), I don't know how you do your job now." (A tweet from NPR's Danielle Kurtzleben @ titonka. She is the NPR presidential campaign correspondent 2024. While she did not mention Uri Berliner, she was obviously referring to him. For context about her, listen to Slate dot com "The Waves, "Penis Politics: Why macho men run amok on the campaign trail," Nov 02, 2023.)

accusation & criticism: speech / verb / waste

trash (noun)

trash

you're no better than the ~ that shot this little boy
he's nothing but ~ (assault allegations)

TRASH

Boebert is ~ (one US representative about another)

trash talk

see *trash talk (verb)* and *trash talk (noun)*

trailer trash

she went from ~ to rich as sin and back
she's not ~, but she sure acts that way

white trash

Mama persuaded us we were special, not just ~

full of trash

the Internet was ~ that threatened to follow me for life

piece of trash

the book is a filthy ~ (*Lolita* by VN)

sweep the trash off the streets

it's time for NYC law enforcement to ~ (crime)

♦ "She'll be back in the system, trash is trash." (A comment about a woman, convicted of murder as a teen, being released early from prison.)

**accusation & criticism / insult / worth & lack of worth:
hygiene / speech / waste**

trash talk (verb)

trash talk

they don't have to ~, they talk with their feet (NFL)

they ~ in what they think is a private call

~ is baked into the culture of play (basketball)

♦ "He was the originator of getting in your face and talking trash." (Orlando Woolridge about the great NBA player Larry Bird, a Hoosier from French Lick, Indiana.)

♦ "Your mouth wrote a check that your ass couldn't cash." (A gleeful trash-talking radio commentator, about a boxer, known for talking trash, who lost.)

♦ "He's a young puppy. I'm a big dog here, whatever I say, goes." (Magic Johnson good naturedly talking trash about Michael Jordan at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. The team was famous for its chemistry.)

♦ "If there's a girl who thinks she can beat me, she better wake up and stop dreaming." (The remarkable boxer Claressa Shields, from Flint, Michigan. According to her, she has the "gift of the gab as well as the gift of the jab.")

♦ "Well, people tell me, even my girlfriend, she says, 'Hey, you talk a lot of trash.' I said, 'Did I, did I?' really, I mean, it's just the truth..." (A laughing Otto Wallin in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, prior to the Day of Reckoning boxing event.)

♦ "He broke through his motormouth tormentor." (Daniel Dubois beats Jerrell "Big Baby" Miller at the Day of Reckoning boxing event in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.)

speech: verb / waste

insult: speech / verb / waste

worth & lack of worth: verb / speech

trash talk (noun)

trash talk

the ~ escalated to violence

too much ~, too much mouth from... (NFL)

trash talking and hype

months of ~ preceded the boxing match

♦ In *Smithsonian* (June 2011) there is a page showing a pretty, smiling young woman sitting behind a pile of trash consisting of empty plastic bottles. The page is titled "TRASH TALK" and points the reader to an article on sustainable development.

speech: waste

insult: speech / waste

worth & lack of worth: speech

trashy (adjective)

trashy

you might think I'm ~ ("Redneck Woman")

♦ "NFL overtime rules are so trash. Which is honestly an insult to trash." (NBC Philadelphia Sports reporter Taryn Hatcher.)

♦ "To call this season a dumpster fire would be an insult.....to dumpster fires." (NFL Las Vegas Raiders snark.)

admiration & contempt / behavior / character & personality / insult / worth & lack of worth: waste

trauma (groups, etc.)

trauma

~ can occur, even vicariously... (race-based trauma)

trauma of being Black

the ~ in America (Kathryn Fink)

trauma of being oneself

“On a new album, ‘Heterosexuality,’ Shamir tackles the ~”

trauma of life

the ~ that makes one want to fight

trauma industry

as the ~ was building steam and attracting clients...

trauma model

the biggest beneficiaries of the ~ are trauma theorists

trauma porn

it’s easy to descend into ~ (the great writer Phil Klay)

trauma-porn

she characterized her former friend as a ~ star (contrived)

trauma queen

he’s an oversharing ~ (a celebrity)

trauma sharing

~ (J. McCurdy / *I’m Glad My Mom Died*)

trauma-informed

~ therapies for anxiety, depression & PTSD (Ryan Gallagher)

Traum-Com

“*The Rise of The ~*” (*Vanity Fair*, June, 2022)

trauma and injury

when people don’t validate you that’s another ~

Racialized Trauma

My Grandmother’s Hands: ~ (Resmaa Menakem)

race-based trauma

many Black experience “~” (vicariously)

race-related trauma

debilitating ~ for Asian, Black, indigenous, and Latinx...

birth trauma

women dealing with miscarriage or ~

Black trauma

the appetite for stories about ~

family trauma

we’re all fractured with issues, ~, addictions (Halle Berry)

microaggression trauma

most of the world doesn’t care about your ~

African trauma

the Eurocentric narrative will always discount ~

ancestral trauma

a healing mechanism for ~ (NATIFS / food)

how ~ informs patients’ health decision making

foundational trauma

the ~ of its 20th century (Russian Civil War / pop history)

collective trauma

dealing with ~ in the wake of mass shootings (NPR)

generational trauma

when I trace it back I realize that this was just ~ (Black)

the ~ First Nations communities feel (suicide, addiction)

historical trauma

she entered a doctorate program to study ~

intergenerational trauma

the ~ of Black people

it’s a young adult love story that explores ~ and racism

Molly forces its reader to look deeply into the well of ~

racial trauma

~ in Minneapolis

~ expert weights in on...

secondary trauma

~ comes from hearing about or seeing a traumatic event

~ is trauma with no direct connection (news, picture, etc.)

I’m sure you’ve heard of the term ~ (clinical social worker)

~ felt after events like mass shootings

historical, racial and intergenerational trauma

the negative impacts of ~ on my mom’s wellbeing

grief and trauma

understanding intergenerational ~ (a Cherokee Indian)

it has added a layer of ~ (Latinos / NPR)

balm for the trauma

her films are a ~ that adolescents feel

fetishization of (Black) trauma

this ~ epitomizes an industry (entertainment)

comedy in trauma

there’s ~ (Amy Schumer, Bridget Everett, etc.)

born into trauma

these brothers were ~ and are now sharing it

creating more trauma

closed schools are ~ (pandemic)

navigates (generational) trauma

an immigrant family ~

punished for their trauma

other colleagues have been ~ (fired WAPO reporter)

turned it into trauma

blackness gave virality its teeth, ~ (the Internet)

***** intergenerational, historical trauma**

♦ “One thing we need to better understand is intergenerational trauma and history. All the research shows the survivors have no parenting skills. Now, there’s something called Boarding School Syndrome—it’s basically post-traumatic stress disorder. They have intrusive memories, flashbacks, nightmares, attachment disorder, personal shame—they’re

ashamed of being Indian—trouble sleeping, poor anger management, deficient parenting skills and the tendency to abuse alcohol. It's also called 'disenfranchised grief' because it can't be publicly mourned. Some call it a 'soul wound.'" (Denise Lajimodiere. From "Q & A with Denise Lajimodiere," *National Catholic Reporter*, July 22-August 4, 2022.)

♦ "Yeah, I mean, spend any time in Miami in the heart of the Cuban-American community, and in some sense, it's as if, these things from 60 years ago had just happened yesterday. I mean the stories and legends are kept alive, that sense of kind of inherited generational trauma, is very very strong."

♦ "My great-great-grandparents' home was burned to the ground by a mob in Illinois. You don't forget stuff like that." (A Mormon.)

*** secondary trauma

♦ "With the moral injury, that was going on with the officers, because of the scrutiny from the public, umm, uhh... I'm sure you've heard of the term compassion fatigue and secondary trauma, we felt it..." (Andy Carrier, clinical social worker, who counseled Uvalde school-shooting officers.)

*** indigenous

♦ "These brothers were born into trauma and are now sharing that trauma with those around them." (Professor Niigaan Sinclair, an Anishinaabe, head of indigenous studies at the university of Manitoba, about Myles and Damien Sanderson, 2022. See the Wikipedia entry, "2022 Saskatchewan stabbings.")

♦ "I truly believe it's a matter of time. And again, this isn't about taking anything from anyone, it's actually about lifting trauma and..." (Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, seeking to change New Zealand's name to Aotearoa.)

*** Blacks

♦ "The trauma that sometimes comes with being a black student at predominately white institutions is tangible. In their 2015 paper, 'Reimagining Critical Race Theory in Education: Mental Health, Healing and the Pathway to Liberatory Praxis,' Ebony O. McGee, a professor at Vanderbilt University, and David Stovall, a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, found that black college students who weather the effects of studying and living on predominately white campuses suffer from a 'physical and mental wear-and-tear that contributes to a host of psychological and physical ailments.'" ("For Black College Prospects, Belonging and Safety Often Top Ivy Prestige" by Denene Millner, NPR, Code Switch, Opinion, February 26, 2017.)

♦ "Tanya [Mosely] is also the host of the podcast *Truth Be Told*, which has a new season coming in April, exploring advances in the use of psychedelics to treat PTSD due to racial trauma." (NPR, Fresh Air, Dave Davies, March 17, 2023.)

♦ "[S]ome researchers want to expand the definition of trauma that's fueled by the experience of racism." ("Coping While Black: A Season Of Traumatic News Takes A Psychological Toll," Cheryl Corley, NPR, All Things Considered, July 2, 2015.)

♦ "The producers of the opera say the story will hopefully inspire white people to confront racism, others, though, worry it depicts Black trauma for white entertainment while masquerading as activism." ("A new opera about Emmett Till is criticized for being created from a white perspective," NPR, Morning Edition.)

♦ "Maybe I'll lean into the pain narrative, write that and get a good advance, ya'll pay me for that, right." (Fantasy author L.L. McKinney.)

*** popular culture, etc.

♦ "Megan Thee Stallion gets vulnerable on hot sophomore album 'Traumazine,'" NPR, All Things Considered, August 12, 2022. Traumazine is "the *fictional* [italics mine] chemical that is released in your brain when you're forced to deal with painful emotions caused by traumatic events and experiences."

♦ "I love dealing with my trauma in funny ways." (Gabbie Hanna, the Millennial online personality who goes by the name "Trauma Queen.")

♦ "7.5 million followers??? Guess everyone is signing up to watch the train wreck go over a cliff. Same reason people slow down to look at car accidents. Don't get it." (A comment about a wellness check carried out by police on Gabbie Hanna, a Millennial online personality who goes by the name "Trauma Queen.")

♦ "It was a trauma-pa-looza." (A disparaging online commenter about Prince Harry's online therapy session with Gabor Mate.)

♦ "The representation of emotion plays the gallery." (Humiliation, anguish, distress, etc.)

♦ "The way it kind of leans on trauma sometimes felt a little swicky." (A discussion about Alex Garland's 2022 film *Men* on NPR's Pop Culture Happy Hour.)

♦ "It's gone from being a hallmark to being a cliché. Any time there's a [horror trope?] you know you're going to be dealing with trauma." (Films like *Halloween* (2018) with Jamie Lee Curtis, *Men*, etc.)

♦ "The trauma plot flattens, distorts, reduces character to symptom, and, in turn, instructs and insists upon its moral authority." ("The Key To Me" by Parul Sehgal, *The New Yorker*, January 3 & 10, 2022.)

♦ Read "The Rise Of The Traum-Com: Childhood cancer, alcoholism, humiliation, and death become the stuff of wistful comedy" by Rebecca Ford, *Vanity Fair*, June 2022.)

♦ "I've been silent about this for years. However, over [the] past two weeks watching Rachel stubbornly refuse to move on from her contrived trauma, ever brazen and unchecked, while going on every show that will have her, I thought—now I have to." (Anna Sorokin aka Anna Delvey about Rachel DeLoache Williams.)

*** letter to the judge, etc.

♦ "In a letter to the judge, Singer blamed his actions on his 'winning at all costs' attitude, which he said was caused in part by suppressed childhood trauma." ("Varsity Blues' mastermind faces sentencing for college scam" by Alanna Durkin Richer, AP, Jan 4, 2023.)

♦ "She carried grief over her family's past." (Brittany Martin, found guilty of breaching the peace in a high and aggravated manner in South Carolina. From "A Black protester voiced anger at police in South Carolina. She got 4 years in prison," NPR-AP News, Sept 6, 2022. It's a very interesting article.)

♦ "Harris' attorneys had sought a six-year sentence, followed by eight years of supervised release, arguing in court documents filed last month that he is 'both victimizer and victim' after being assaulted as a minor. 'The trauma he experienced as a child normalized his skewed version of what he understood to be appropriate relationships,' his attorneys said." ("Former 'Cheer' star Jerry Harris sentenced to 12 years in Prison for sex crimes," by Meredith Deliso, ABC News, July 06, 2022. Crimes against boys.)

♦ "These brothers were born into trauma and are now sharing that trauma with those around them." (Professor Niigaan Sinclair, an Anishinaabe, head of indigenous studies at the university of Manitoba, about Myles and Damien Sanderson, 2022. See the Wikipedia entry, "2022 Saskatchewan stabbings.")

*** war, conflict...

♦ "Case 16.—N.M.M.—, major 14th Tennessee regiment, aged 30, wounded at the second battle of Manassas August 30th, 1862. A common musket ball struck the left side of the head, a little in front of, and on a level with the parietal protuberance... He was not examined by a surgeon on the field, as no one who saw him thought he would live beyond a few hours at the most. The day following a large piece of bone was removed by his brother with his finger... At present, July 1st, 1863, he is walking about with the assistance of a crutch. His paralysis is getting very slowly better; but he speaks with a good deal of difficulty... There is a large cicatrized surface covering a depression two and a half inches long and three-fourths of an inch wide, beneath which, when the head is bent forward, the pulsations of the brain can be seen and felt distinctly..." ("Eighteen Cases of Gun-Shot Wounds of the Head, observed at the General Hospital, Charlottesville, Virginia. From Prof. J. L. Cabell, University of Virginia." Reprinted in *The Richmond Medical Journal*, E.S. Gaillard, M.D., and W.S. McChesney, M. D., Editors and Publishers, Volume 1, Richmond, VA., 1866.)

♦ "The wounds caused by shell high-explosive fragments and by bombs and grenades are so infinitely various that it is not possible to describe a characteristic shell wound as a type... The large fragments tear away from the limbs or trunk huge masses of skin and muscle.. [A]s a result of these injuries, the exposed muscle often loses all its natural characteristic appearance and looks exactly like a mass of mud... In other cases fragments of big shells may tear away the abdominal wall and expose the viscera, or may carry away portions of the face or neck, while the bones of the limbs may be fractured or the limb itself may be completely shot away..." (From the 1915 Bradshaw Lecture on Wounds in War by Surgeon-General Sir Anthony Bowlby, K.C.M.G., A.M.S., Surgeon in Ordinary to H.M. the King; Consulting Surgeon to the British Expeditionary Force in France; Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.)

♦ "Living was resumed in San Pietro. Children are able to forget quickly. Yesterday, they wept. Today, there are smiles, even laughter. Tomorrow it will be as though the bad things had never happened." ("The Battle of

San Pietro" 1945 U.S. Army Documentary John Huston WWII Italian campaign 80824. Up next for the surviving soldiers on both sides and the Italian civilians was the Battle of Rapido River, and the Battle of Monte Cassino.)

♦ "The Old City had erupted. Hindus and Muslims, who had for centuries lived there cheek by jowl, in the closest proximity. Mainji's son, my inner-city first cousin, was in his late teens at the time. He left his house for some minor shopping and did not return for several days. By then he had lost his mind. Literally. Was he beaten? Raped? Tortured? He never spoke coherently after that. / Delhi's Muslims began disappearing, making their way to Pakistan. All of my Muslim classmates left without farewells. I can only assume they had safe journeys. I have not seen even one of them since..." (*Climbing The Mango Trees: A Memoir Of A Childhood In India* by Madhur Jaffrey. It's a wonderful book.)

♦ "Then Blough kept asking if his balls were all right and the corpsman muttered, 'Yeah, yeah,' but Blough was getting freaky about it, so the doc finally took Blough's unwounded right hand and cupped it against his groin. 'Your balls are there.' / Meanwhile, the vet corpsman had his cherry corpsman working on Blough's left foot. As instructed, he cut away the frayed jungle boot, and the horror of the sight suddenly dribbled from his mouth, 'Oh my God, look at his foot!' / I must be pretty fucked up, Blough thought. He couldn't tell. He was in pain, but mostly he was numb, especially after the senior corpsman thumped a morphine Syrette into his leg... Blough was lifted into a poncho. A Sea Horse landed in their smoke-marked clearing-turned-land zone. The one-legged black Marine, who was in bad shape (but who would survive), was hefted into the cabin; and the other wounded man was being helped in when Blough, waiting his turn, thought he heard the soft exit of a mortar round from its tube over the slap-slap-slap of the vibrating chopper's propellers... / Then Gunny Santomasso also heard the pops of a 60mm mortar... The Sea Horse, nose down, roared out of the LZ with its three bloody, bandaged Marines as the first shells began exploding around Alpha Company." (The affecting *Operation Buffalo: USMC Fight for the DMZ* by Keith William Nolan.)

*** analysis

♦ "It is not healthy if you circle too much around your own navel. And it is not good to recall all the traumata of your childhood. It's good to forget them, it's good to bury them. Not in all cases, but in most cases... Psychoanalysis is not my thing." (Werner Herzog talking to Terry Gross in 2023.)

♦ "I wrote Bill every day for two and a half years, from 1943 to 1945... He was on Saipan... I think he got every letter I wrote... Writing every day was something I wanted to do... [When he got back] we got back in the groove pretty quickly." (*Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen* by the great *Chicago Tribune* writer Bob Greene.)

♦ Time heals all wounds.

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

mental health: health & medicine

traumatic (groups)

traumatic for students

active-shooter drills in schools could be ~

traumatic childhood

Amber McLaughlin's ~ and mental health issues (trans)

traumatic harm

malicious responses to the survey caused ~ (I identify as...)

traumatic legacy

Indian boarding schools' ~ (native Americans)

traumatic memories

~ of...

traumatic news

a season of ~ (for Blacks)

traumatic stress

"~ injury" is different from "post-traumatic stress disorder"

traumatic week

Orlando wrestles with a ~ (the Florida city)

'traumatic' (bodycam) video

police release ~

post-traumatic stress disorder

see *PTSD (and post-traumatic stress disorder)*

rarely discussed and thus deeply traumatic

queer listeners' ~ human truths...

painful, humiliating and traumatic

this ~ practice must end (WHO / virginity tests)

♦ "Then a cannonball streaked through the air near Grant, missing him but shattering the skull of an enlisted man, spattering his blood and brains on surrounding soldiers. The sudden blast inflicted a disfiguring wound on a Captain Page in Grant's regiment. 'The under jaw is gone to the wind pipe and the tongue hangs down upon the throat,' Grant wrote. 'He will never be able to speak or to eat.'" (*Grant* by Ron Chernow. An incident from the Mexican-American War. Chernow's biography of Alexander Hamilton inspired Lin-Manuel Miranda to create his Broadway musical.)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

mental health: health & medicine

traumatic (mental health)

just traumatic

it has been such an emotional roller coaster and ~

time consuming, difficult and (even) traumatic

jury duty can be ~

mental health: health & medicine

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

traumatization (groups)

re-traumatization

and that's a ~, right...

vicarious traumatization

vivid imagery producing "~" that has been used for...

psychologists say there is such a thing as "~"

there's a phenomenon called ~, well-documented...

prime us for traumatization

the stories passed down ~ (Blacks / race-based)

♦ "We're hearing comments from survivors that, similar to Dr. Ford, they're experiencing a re-traumatization..." ("*Sexual Assault Hotline Callers Report Retraumatization Following Ford Testimony*," WBUR, October 03, 2018.)

♦ Bierce developed an innovative prose style—limpid, severe, restrained, at once offhand and punctilious—that allowed him to take in the most dreadful scenes (a soldier's face with 'a great red gap' where his lower jaw ought to have been, wild boars eating the stomachs of still-living battlefield casualties) with a flat precision." ("*Great American Cynic*," by Benjamin Schwarz, the *Atlantic*, October 2011. Read Ambrose Bierce's "On a Mountain" and "The Coup De Grace." Bierce was a combat veteran.)

♦ "An unfortunate man, especially horribly and hideously mutilated, was being carried on a stretcher. The bottom of an exploded shell, which had split his face open, turning his tongue and teeth into a bloody gruel, but without killing him, was lodged between his jawbones in place of his torn-out cheek. The nurse (Lara) imagined that, under the influence of his moaning, the lightly wounded men walking beside him were about to pull this horrible iron splinter out of his cheek with their bare hands. / 'No, you can't do that! A surgeon will do it with special instruments. If it gets that

far. (God, God, take him, don't make me doubt Your existence!)" (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.)

♦ "‘If there is a God,’ she said to herself. / She was looking at Tom just before she slipped his night-cap on. He had caught the iron over his head and shoulders. He was blind, of course, and his nose was burnt off, and his mouth was like a buttonhole with his teeth all black inside, and his head was naked and a purplish colour. He would have been about thirty, then, and my father said he had been a well-favoured man and the finest tenor in the Valley. Now he could only make funny noises in his throat, and I am not sure he knew Mrs. Tom or his little girls. So looking back I am not sure I can blame her for saying what she did." (*How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn.)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

mental health: health & medicine

traumatize (verb)

traumatize people

law enforcement can ~ in the Black community

traumatize (some) people

the fireworks may ~ (New Year's Eve)

traumatize students

this approach could ~ (lockdown drills)

traumatized (Atlanta) election workers

Trump's lies ~

emotionally and physically traumatize

gym environments continue to ~ young gymnasts

♦ "She didn't want me to see it because she was afraid it would traumatize me, and it did. In a good way." (Greg Nicotero, who decided he wanted to "do special effects" after seeing the film *Jaws* as a 12 year old. From "‘Jaws’ Shark Gets His Bite Back: A Love Story" by Cory Turner, NPR, Movies, August 9, 2019.)

♦ Torpedoed by a Jap sub, the USS *Indianapolis* sank in 12 minutes. Of the 1,195 crew, eight hundred and ninety sailors lived to make it into the water. Of those, only 316 survived before rescue. Many of those were killed by sharks. The men in the water clung together, forming little islands, and the marauding sharks savaged those on the outer edges. This was at a time when sailors on boats would poke a lifejacketed man in the water with a stick. If the lifejacket flipped over, it meant the man's body was gone from the waist down. (The sinking of the USS *Indianapolis* was central to the character of Quint in the 1975 film *Jaws*.)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine / verb

mental health: health & medicine / verb

traumatized (groups)

traumatized by life

a handful of students say they've been ~ in Compton

traumatized dogs

~ learn to trust humans again (fearful, undersocialized)

traumatized dolphin

I hope the ~ gets counseling

traumatized penguins

the recovery of the ~

traumatized (urban) spaces

they seek to transform the energy in ~ (Urban Alchemy)

traumatized and humiliated

she felt ~ (Malak Afaneh, UC Berkeley)

shaken, traumatized

survey finds a ~ people (the unemployed)

triggered and traumatized

Amy Schumer says she's ~ by...

♦ Mother: He's a bit jumpy, he's frightful... / Female interviewer: He's traumatized. / Mother: He is. / Female interviewer: Yeah. / Mother: He absolutely is. (An interview shown on NBC.)

♦ "Students are increasingly seeking help for, and apparently having emotional crises over, problems of everyday life. / Recent examples mentioned included a student who felt traumatized because her roommate had called her a 'bitch' and two students who had sought counseling because they had seen a mouse in their off-campus apartment." ("Declining Student Resilience: A Serious Problem for Colleges" by psychologist Peter Gray at his "Freedom to Learn" blog, *Psychology Today*, Sept. 22, 2015.)

♦ "Still triggered and traumatized... I'm still in shock and stunned and sad... Waiting for this sickening feeling to go away from what we all witnessed." (A tweet from Amy Schumer after Will Smith slapped Chris Rock onstage at the 2022 Oscars / 94th Academy Awards.)

♦ "It was by far the worst experience I've ever had in my entire life. When I say I was traumatized, I was really traumatized." (An ex-worker on NBC's *The Kelly Clarkson Show*.)

♦ "Twenty-five penguins were in route from the Indianapolis Zoo to a new home in Galveston, Texas, when the refrigerated truck carrying them overturned. Four of them died, but the survivors are squawking and walking and doing remarkably well." ("The Recovery of the Traumatized Penguins," Melissa Bloc, NPR, All Things Considered, August 10, 2006.)

♦ "I hope the traumatized dolphin gets counseling. I definitely will need it after just seeing it." (Abhaya, commenting on "A topless woman attempting to ride a lost dolphin trying to find its way back to the sea, video shows" by Alia Shoaib, Yahoo Insider, July 23, 2022.)

♦ "Officers come out of the line presumably for extra study, but mostly for a rest and a good time. And they must have a girl, or girls. They have seen enough of men for a while. So they fall enthusiastically in love with the first girl they meet, and everybody has a gorgeous time. But I wonder, now and then, if they ever really see us as individuals? I doubt it. Anyway, everybody forgets everybody else as soon as they are gone, and that's that. It's a fascinating game, this playing at love with people who can't stay long enough to be serious. One feels so safe. I'm getting to hate long-drawn-out affairs. Once in a while, of course... / John left today... He stayed about an hour, and we finally parted with all the necessary drama. He is the first of the crowd at the school to go. The thought of it makes me sick. The crowd at the school will all be killed. They always are. I don't see why we aren't all crazy. Maybe we are. We ought to be." (*Sister: The War Diary of a Nurse* by Helen Dore Boylston. World War I.)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

mental health: health & medicine

traumatizing (groups)

traumatizing

it can be ~ (teen girls messaging about distant tragedy)

traumatizing for black Americans

the last couple days have been incredible ~ (George Floyd)

traumatizing for the boy

it could have been ~ (cops drive Black shoplifter home)

traumatizing experience

her ~ getting a green hair dye and pixie cut

traumatizing impact

he warned of a ~ (schools named after Confederates)

traumatizing losses

he's endured endless seasons of ~ (Boston sports fan)

traumatizing time

the ~ he had to sing in front of his music class...

traumatizing, isolating and burdensome

it can be incredibly ~ (COVID precautions)

re-traumatizing

see *re-traumatizing (groups)*

depressing, if not traumatizing

these celebrity trials have been ~ (*New Yorker's* Naomi Fry)

hurtful and traumatizing

she received ~ messages (from racist *Star Wars* fans)

scary and traumatizing

it was really (Lizzo falls to ground rope swinging to river)

terrifying and traumatizing drills

those ~ (Randi Weingarten / school active shooter drills)

♦ Terry Gross: Do you think that the hearing was even more traumatizing than the assault? / Christine Blasey Ford: Definitely. ("For Christine Blasey Ford, the fallout of the Kavanaugh hearing is ongoing" with Terry Gross, NPR, Fresh Air, March 19, 2024.)

♦ "Jazmin Ellis talked about her traumatizing experience getting a green hair dye and pixie cut." ("Tennessee Beauty School Teaches Importance Of Working With Black Hair" by Ambriehl Crutchfield, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, July 4, 2021.)

♦ see also *re-traumatizing (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

mental health: health & medicine

traveller (person)

time traveller

see *time traveller (person)*

traverse (verb)

traverse the two worlds

he is trying to ~ (rural and urban / a comic)

♦ In 1963, in one of the great feats of mountaineering, Tom Hornbein and Willi Unsoeld climbed Mount Everest by the West Ridge and descended by the South Col. It was the first ascent of the West Ridge, and the first traverse of Mount Everest.

division & connection: journeys & trips / mountains & hills / verb

travesty (noun)

travesty

voters will not forget this ~ (Wisconsin)

it was a ~, going nowhere (DOD program in Vietnam)

sham, a travesty, a dark blot

it is a ~ on our country (politics)

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

trawl (verb)

trawled through (400,000) documents

the panel ~ (investigation)

trawled (daily) through (student) websites

police ~ run by Muslim student groups at Yale

trawl through his social media history

FBI investigators were able to ~

searching & discovery: boat / fish / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: boat / fish / verb

tread (tread carefully, etc.)

treading a (delicate) line

the government is ~ between...

tread heavily

you ~, but you speak the truth

tread lightly

we have to ~ here (a murder investigation)

tread carefully

they need to ~

I'd advise you to ~ (an investigation)

treading carefully

Republicans up for election are ~ during the pandemic

danger: walking, running & jumping / verb

treadmill (noun)

treadmill

the ~ isn't likely to stop anytime soon (language change)

treadmill of daily radio

get off the ~ and see what's next

treadmill, hamster wheel

you're on this really crazy ~... (NFL's Tom Brady retires)

euphemism treadmill

the ~ (Steven Pinker, Harvard University)

the ~ (tramp / bum / homeless / unhoused, etc.)

minimum-wage treadmill

she discusses how people can get off the ~

exhausting treadmill

it's an ~ (trying to manage time to meet deadlines)

economic treadmill

many are caught on an ~ with no hope of getting ahead

step off the (industry's promotional) treadmill

by 2010 he was ready to ~ (a country singer)

♦ "A treadmill doesn't take you anywhere."

♦ Decompression's really important; take time to unwind...

♦ The rat race is for rats!

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

work & duty: mechanism

treason (noun)

cultural treason

rabbis and Jewish leaders accused Roth of ~ (the writer)

♦ Benedict Arnold; Wang Jingwei; Vidkun Quisling; Pierre Laval; Philippe Pétain; William Joyce (aka Lord Haw-Haw)... (Notorious traitors.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: military

treasure (verb)

treasure our loved ones

it's also a time to ~ and to take stock... (pandemic)

read, treasure and want to share

books that people ~ with their children

worth & lack of worth: money / verb

treasure (money)

treasure and blood

how much more can we give in ~ (foreign wars)

blood and treasure

we have wasted an enormous amount of ~ in Afghanistan

it's a complete waste in terms of ~ (Afghanistan)

President Johnson reflected on the cost in ~ (Vietnam)

we need to pull out and save American ~ (Afghanistan)

blood, treasure and effort

after so many years, and so much ~ (US in Afghanistan)

money: sign, signal, symbol

sign, signal, symbol: money

sacrifice: money / sign, signal, symbol

treasure (worth)

national treasure

National Public Radio is a ~

she's a sort of ~ (Francoise Hardy / France)

Yellowstone is a ~

some consider him a reclusive ~ (actor Bill Murray)

once a ~, the comedian was jailed for sexual assault

China considers pandas a ~

worth & lack of worth: money

treasured (worth)

treasured member

she was a ~ of the Georgetown law community (RBG)

treasured novel

it is arguably America's most ~ (*To Kill a Mockingbird*)

as treasured as pistols

typewriters were ~ (revolutionaries pre-W.W.II)

worth & lack of worth: money

treasure house

treasure house of the writings

the library is a ~ at the core of the Western tradition

amount: money

group, set & collection / worth & lack of worth: money

treasure trove (and trove)

trove of documents

a ~ was published by WikiLeaks

trove of (internal) documents

he turned over a ~ to the Wall Street Journal (Facebook)

treasure trove of information

a ~ from a data recorder (space shuttle)

trove of information

intelligence agencies are acting on a ~

soldiers discovered the tape among a ~

treasure-trove of (fossilized) jellyfish

a ~ discovered in Wisconsin

trove of material

the new ~ was being sifted for fresh clues (terrorism)

treasure trove of (grand, poetic) rhetoric

the black church has always been a ~

trove of (bowling) treasure

the Webers' home is a ~

treasure trove of trivia

he has compiled a ~ about every president

treasure trove of plant life

the Appalachians are a ~

treasure trove for a historian

these materials were a ~

stunning trove

scientists have discovered a ~ of fossils (Qingjiang biota)

geological treasure trove

obtaining rocks from the mantle layer would provide a ~

acting on a trove of information

intelligence agencies are ~ found during...

amount / group, set & collection / searching & discovery /

worth & lack of worth: money

treat (in for a treat)

in for a treat

you are ~

experience: food & drink

tree (resemblance)

boot tree

~s can prevent wrinkles and cracking (leather boots)

resemblance: tree

tree (branching system)

decision tree

we're going to develop a ~ for hospitals to use... (COVID)

decision making trees

~ to decide appropriate paths forward (public health)

family tree

see *family tree*

phone tree

a ~ is a fast way to send a message to many people

a ~ of known international terrorists

he ran ~s for the refugees (US leaves Afghanistan 2021)

♦ "Trees sprout up just about everywhere in computer science." (Donald Knuth.)

branching system: tree

tremor (noun)

created tremors

the article ~ throughout Silicon Valley

amount & effect / effect / evidence / initiation: earthquake / volcano

trench (in the trenches)

in the trenches

he spent 34 years ~ (a teacher)

the game is won ~ (football)

what is your advice for mothers ~ with young children

in the trenches of bulimia

opening up about life ~ (Jennette McCurdy)

in the dating trenches

friends of mine ~ have similar tales of woe (ghosted)

get into the trenches

we've got to ~ and figure out... (public health)

went into the trenches

I ~ with him (a boxer about a tough bout)

♦ "Take it from me, when you're in the trenches, you want Joe Biden right there next to you." (US representative Conor Lamb, Pennsylvania, 2020. Lamb was a Marine lawyer who, according to his Wikipedia entry, "prosecuted cases of rape and sexual assault" at a Marine base on Okinawa.)

♦ "My first summer on the doors..." (Selling door-to-door.)

♦ "Arriving draftees were shipped up in cattle cars and marched over duckboard to their new homes in the earth, where everything revolved around the trench—you had a trench knife, a trench cane, a rod-shaped trench periscope and, if you were unlucky, trench foot, trench mouth, or trench fever." (*The Arms of Krupp* by William Manchester.)

♦ "There's almost as many men drowned as killed: when they're wounded they fall into the water." (World War I trench warfare in late December on the Western Front.)

♦ "When we dug bunkers we saw how the dead lay in layers one above the other." (*The Storm of Steel* by Lieutenant Ernst Junger, quoted in *The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter England.)

experience / place: military

trench (other)

Chiffon Trenches

The ~, the memoir by Andre Leon Talley...

update from the trenches

~, keep red-pilling (a QAnon site)

♦ *The Chiffon Trenches* is a memoir by Andre Leon Talley, a fashion journalist who has had a long relationship with *Vogue* magazine.

experience / place: military

triage (verb)

triage between (bad and worse) options

they have been forced to ~ (flooding)

judgment: health & medicine / verb

triage (noun)

triage in flight delays

there is no ~ (US airports)

triage mode

aging forces democracies into ~

fiscal triage

they have resorted to ~ (government)

political triage

Democrats plan ~ to retain the House (election funding)

strategy of triage

Democrats have begun a ~ (elections)

doing triage

Theranos was ~ (troubled corporation)

judgment: health & medicine

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: health & medicine

trial (show trial)

"show trial"

the investigation is a ~ (politics)

show trial

we don't see the need for a ~ (political gaffe)

she was betrayed and subjected to a ~ (Edith Cavell)

appearance & reality / performance: theater

judgment / oppression: justice

trial (trial by fire)

faced a trial by fire

she ~ (politics)

experience / survival, persistence & endurance: fire

trial balloon

trial balloon

his office floated a flurry of ~s (baseball)

experimentation: atmosphere / balloon

attention, scrutiny & promotion: atmosphere / balloon

triangle (area)

"triangle of death"

the so-called ~ south of Baghdad

India-Japan-Australia triangle

China sits at the center of the ~ (trade)

Sunni triangle

the so-called ~ (Iraq)

coral triangle

the ~ exhibits astonishing marine biodiversity

Iron Triangle

the ~ was a Viet Minh stronghold (Vietnam War)

three-and-a-half-acre triangle

a ~

♦ "And people get trapped in this iron triangle of apartment, water source—which will be a standpipe or an ice hole in one of the canals or the river—and food shop...where they spend hours and hours and hours queuing." (YouTube, "Author Anna Reid discusses new book 'Leningrad' 2011.)

area: shape

triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)

Afar Triangle

the ~ is also known as the Danakil Depression

Golden Triangle

a mountainous region known as the ~ (Mexico drugs)
the ~ (Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar)

Iron Triangle

the ~ was a Viet Minh stronghold (Vietnam War)

Ilemi Triangle

the ~ is contested by Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya

Northern Triangle

the ~ is a violent region (Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador)

Polynesian Triangle

they navigated the ~ (New Zealand, Hawaii, Rapa Nui)

Yigra triangle

the dispute centers on the ~ (Eritrea and Ethiopia)
the 250-square-mile piece of rocky land known as the ~

proper name: geometry / shape

geography: geometry / proper name / shape

triangle (fire triangle, etc.)

fire triangle

the ~ is fuel, oxygen and heat (wildfires)

relationship: geometry / shape / sign, signal, symbol

triangle (love triangle, etc.)

triangle of misery

he called it the ~ (3 connected people)

love triangle

she attacked her romantic rival in the ~
the play portrays a ~
The Room navigates a steamy ~ (the 2003 film)
a ~ filled with lies, betrayal and tragic consequences

lesbian love triangle

it's a soccer ~ (Ruesha Littlejohn 2023 World Cup)

apex of a romantic triangle

she was the ~

ensnared in a love triangle

she was ~

♦ "And I bet the guy that she was killed over is a total nothing." (Online comment.)

♦ "Yeah, them love triangles are rough, I was involved in a love trapezoid once." (Online comment.)

♦ "When the stories involve more than 2 people, I can't follow along." (An online commenter about women's soccer.)

relationship: geometry / sign, signal, symbol

tribal (groups)

tribal divisions

Brexit was both a symptom and cause of ~

tribal identity

this alliance has solidified into a ~ (England / elections)

tribal politics

we're already in a civil war, the ~ is beyond belief

become "tribal"

American politics have ~

become (more and more) tribal

our country has ~ (misinformation / politics)

conflict / identity & nature: society

tribalism (groups)

tribalism

maybe ~ is just in her DNA (politics)

instincts of tribalism

partisan politics are playing to the worst ~ (Britain)

think of political divisions as tribalism

we often ~, and I think that's probably true (the U.S.)

***** analysis**

♦ Geoff Nunberg's commentary about this word is interesting. See "As Fissures Between Political Camps Grow, 'Tribalism' Emerges As The Word Of 2017," NPR, Fresh Air, December 6, 2017.

conflict / identity & nature: society

tribe (group)

tribe

we are a ~, we have our ways of working (a journalist)

girl's "tribe"

he must play up to the ~ (her friends / teen dating)

rainbow tribe

they are a ~, black, Asian, white, biracial (kids at a pool)

gay tribe

going to Fire Island and being with my ~

new tribe

the ~ (politics)

political tribes

the geography of American ~ (Geoff Nunberg)

"gathering of the tribe"

many refer to it as a ~ (Masters / surfing)

opinions of a (particular) tribe

he does not blindly follow the ~ (Joe Rogan podcast)

♦ "The SEALs are a tribe within a larger tribe, the Navy."

group, set & collection: person

division & connection: person

tribune (person)

Emancipists' tribune

the role of the ~ was less politically useful

representation: government / person

tributary (noun)

numerous tributaries

the main river of human lineage was split into ~
(Denisovans, etc.)

♦ "How do the tributaries of democracy flow down into this one little block in Brooklyn." (Wesley Morris, film critic, about the great Spike Lee film, *Do the Right Thing*.)

branching system / taxonomy & classification: river

tribute (pay tribute)

paid tribute to its fallen detective
the NYPD ~ (killed in line of duty)

pays tribute to fallen service members
for Memorial day, Biden ~

achievement, recognition & praise / obligation: money

tribute (groups)

tribute to self-love
Carly Rae Jepsen's *'Party for One'* is a ~

tribute to a woman
Bernadette is a stirring ~ and her true calling

Super Bowl halftime tribute
'SpongeBob Squarepants' gets ~

pay tribute to Ahmaud Arbery
runners across U.S. ~ with #I RunWithMaud

pay tribute to (NBA star) Kobe Bryant
fans ~, who died Sunday

pays tribute to George Michael
Andrew Ridgeley pays ~

pays tribute to Mac Miller
Ty Dolla \$ign ~ (NPR / Bobby Carter)

pays tribute to 'the women who raised' her
Kandace Springs ~ (NPR's Lulu Garcia-Navarro)

♦ "Nick Cannon gets Father's Day tributes from THREE of his baby mommas..."

♦ Various "tributes" feature on Pornhub.

♦ Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809-1892) wrote "Ode on the Death of the Duke of Wellington." Wellington had died in 1852 and a million and a half people watched his funeral procession. "Bury the Great Duke / With an empire's lamentation, / Let us bury the Great Duke / To the noise of the mourning of a mighty nation, / Mourning when their leaders fall, / Warriors carry the warrior's pall, / And sorrow darkens hamlet and hall." Stanza III: "Lead out the pageant: sad and slow, / As fits an universal woe, / Let the long long procession go, / And let the sorrowing crowd about it grow, / And let the mournful martial music blow; / The last great Englishman is low."

♦ "Abraham Lincoln's Funeral Train: How America Mourned for Three Weeks: Millions of Americans bade farewell to the assassinated president as his body made a 1,700-mile journey home" by Christopher Klein, Feb 7, 2022.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

trickle (noun)

trickle of information

the ~ handed out so far (by police)

trickle of papers
a ~ became a flood (scientific papers on topic)

trickle of (surrendering) soldiers
a ~ became a flood

trickle, flow, gush
we had a theory called, "~" (to rescue hostages)

slowed to a trickle
the outpouring of generosity has ~ (aid)
the export of Libyan oil has ~
the flow has ~ (migrants)

cut to a trickle
the stream of jihadists into the country has been ~

♦ "Joni had lots of friends—chief among them, a funny, freeloading young, wire-specs-wearing American guitar player named David Rea, who was one of the trickle-turning-into-a-flood of American males coming north to escape the draft during these early months of the Vietnam War..." (*Girls Like Us* by Sheila Weller.)

♦ "There has been a trickle, not a flood, of letters from conservative MPs. Boris Johnson's allies expected those letters to dry up, after his response to the [Sue] Gray Report, but some of his critics now feel the dam is coming closer to breaking." (BBC Six O'Clock News.)

amount & effect / movement: water

trickle (trickle in / out)

trickling in
foreign tourists are ~ (Wakhan)

trickle in at inflated prices
items ~ (Kisangani)

trickle out
yesterday, the news started to ~ (politics)

movement: water / verb

trident (three)

attacking trident
excitement about the ~ (Nunez, Gakpo, Salah / Liverpool)

amount: number

trigger (groups / verb)

triggers me so hard
them being teachers ~ (commenter at Libs of TikTok)

trigger feelings
pedantic language may ~ of ostracism (TESOL)

triggered a hurt
these questions ~ (Cory Booker, politician)

trigger millennials
my ability to ~ is insane (the writer Bret Easton Ellis)

triggered outrage
the online book ~

trigger you
I don't want to ~...

♦ "Why does 'Black Lives Matter' trigger so many people?"

♦ Fresh Air's Terry Gross: I've been trying to stay away from the specifics of the alleged assault because I don't want to trigger you. But still, like, you're talking about that whole experience. / Christine Blasey Ford: Yeah, there were days writing the book where I would get completely triggered and have a fight or flight response and not sleep for—very well for a few days. And then I would be exhausted and I'd calm down and I'd be able to get back to work." ("For Christine Blasey Ford, the fallout of the Kavanaugh hearing is ongoing" with Terry Gross, NPR, Fresh Air, March 19, 2024.)

♦ Female teacher at a high school in North Carolina: Gesim was in a fight. / Male ESL teacher: Did he win? (Wrong response. Awkward.)

mental health: weapon / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: verb / weapon

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine / verb

trigger (a war, etc.)

triggered my decision

what ~ was...

triggered a firestorm

he ~ of controversy (a politician's remarks)

trigger a panic

the government does not want to ~ (epidemic)

trigger a (regional) war

he is willing to ~ (Assad)

trigger fear and chaos

their aim is to ~ (political assassins)

initiation / relationship: verb / weapon

trigger (a cause)

triggers of asthma

~ include allergens, infections, exercise, anxiety, reflux

trigger for abuse

low income or stress may be a ~ (spousal abuse)

trigger for the accident

the failure of the heat shielding may have been a ~

triggers for my bulimia

industry events were often huge ~ (young actress)

trigger for conflict

water can be a ~ (world's rivers)

trigger warning

see *trigger warning*

allergy trigger

asthma and the effect of pets or other ~s

heartburn trigger

there are many ~s (food, cigarettes, drugs, etc.)

mass trigger

the pandemic acted as kind of a ~ for them (eating disorders)

viral trigger

identifying a potential ~ is helpful, but... (AFM)

pets or other (allergy) triggers

asthma and the effect of ~

initiation / relationship: weapon

trigger (emotion, memory, etc.)

memory triggers

~ lurk in wait all around (war and suffering)

♦ "Memory triggers lurk in wait all around—a particular outdoor tap or fire hydrant, the drone of an aeroplane or the squeak of sled runners, the smell of jointer's glue or just the sight of untrodden snow on a city pavement. One man never puts up a New Year's tree, because it reminds him of the one underneath which his father lay dying of hunger; others always detour round particular streets or bridges. For Grechina, one day in 1978, it was the smell of a bonfire, drifting in at her window. Having for years given the conventional version of the siege in talks to students, she sat down at her desk and wept and wrote for two days and nights, releasing a torrent of long-pent-up grief and anger." (*Leningrad* by the great writer Anna Reid.)

♦ "A few boys were playing in the yard when I got there, but I waited until they had run down to the other end before I went in the door. The same smell of chalk, that I hate to this day, and quiet... / 'Well,' [Mr. Motshill] said. 'What is it? / 'I have come to join school,' I said. / 'Speak English,' he said..." (*How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn.)

♦ "One of the girls she was very sick. I let her come into my bed one morning, she was very ill. They brought me down to the shoe room, they stripped me off, they threw cold water over me... (prior to severe beating)...It was the shoe room you know where all the shoes were, even now if I get the smell of shoe polish, the feeling of enclosurement, it was awful..." (The long-term effects of physical and emotional abuse. From the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (CICA / Ryan Commission), the record of abuse (female witnesses), Chapter 9, 2009, Ireland.)

♦ "Another survivor, a boy of nine at the time, realized long after settling with his family in the Midwest that he couldn't bring himself to go to the Detroit Tigers games because the noise that greeted home runs reminded him of the cries of the dying." ("Unsinkable, Why We Can't Let Go of the Titanic" by Daniel Mendelsohn, *The New Yorker*, April 16, 2012.)

♦ "Those were dreadful days and nights after that—the bombing and the fires. Even now I can never listen to the sound of dried autumn leaves blowing along the roads because that was the sound the fires made in the wooden houses near the hospital." (Sakiko, speaking about having her baby during air raids in wartime Japan. From *East of Home* by Santha Rama Rau.)

mental health: weapon

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation / relationship: weapon

trigger (pull the trigger, etc.)

quick trigger

the referee has a ~ in stopping fights (boxing)

pull the trigger

nobody wanted to ~ and do a deal (publishing houses)

they have been a little slower to ~ (cancel sports season)

we don't want to ~ until we have to (sanctions)

pulled the trigger

finally, finally, he finally ~, a little late (he took action)

pulled the trigger on sending

the Browns finally ~ on sending him to the Panthers (NFL)

pull the trigger immediately

Musk was ready to ~ (fire people)

quick to pull the trigger

when Musk gets angry, he's ~ (act)

♦ "The referee Howard Foster always has a quick trigger in stopping fights and stepping in between opponents." (A commentator during the boxing match between Zhilei "Big Bang" Zhang versus "Joe "the Juggernaut" Joyce.)

♦ “When Musk gets angry, he is quick to pull the trigger. He fired three production quality chiefs in quick succession.” (*Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson.)

action, inaction & delay / initiation: verb / weapon

triggered (groups)

triggered by trans folks

why are y’all ~

triggered by that

I don’t know why people are ~ (comedian He Huang)

triggered and traumatized

Amy Schumer says she’s ~ by Will Smith’s slap

triggered and unsafe

there was a small group that felt “~”

felt (really) triggered

I was seething, I ~ (anxiety, anger, etc.)

sound triggered

you ~ (snark, sarcasm)

♦ “‘Body Normalcy’ is a large contributor to the unhealthy state of Americans of both sexes today. Fat (sorry if you are triggered by the word) is not healthy unless you are a walrus.”

♦ “To use a very contemporary word, I was ‘triggered.’” (The author J.K. Rowling.)

♦ “You sound triggered, Glenn...” (Leftist snark directed at some Glenn Greenwald tweet. Or perhaps the snark comes from a troll. Who knows? Who cares?)

♦ OLD: upset, angry... NEW: triggered...

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

mental health: weapon

triggering (groups)

triggering for some readers

this essay may be ~ (anorectics, bulimics)

very triggering

I’m revisiting those old thoughts, it’s ~ (Tierra Whack)

sensitive or triggering

the hosts bring levity when addressing ~ topics

feels (kind of) triggering

for a lot of people it ~ (low-rise waists / fashion)

♦ “I’m revisiting those old thoughts that I had—being insecure, just not being confident... [I]t’s very triggering.” (Tierra Whack speaking to Rodney Carmichael.)

♦ “This is our reality and we need to face it. Maybe that’s what we needed, to be given a beating in order to grow.” (Xavi, after Barca loses 0-3 to Bayern and crashes out of the Champions League.)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

mental health: weapon

trigger warning (groups)

attach trigger warnings to pieces by conservatives

one editor urged me to ~ (at *The New York Times*)

puts trigger warning on Puccini’s *Turandot*

NYC’s Metropolitan Opera ~

♦ “The bias had become so pervasive, even in the senior editing ranks of the newsroom, as to be unconscious. Trying to be helpful, one of the top newsroom editors urged me to start attaching trigger warnings to pieces by conservatives. It had not occurred to him how this would stigmatise certain colleagues, or what it would say to the world about the *Time*’s own bias.” (“When the New York Times lost its way” by James Bennet, *1843 Magazine (The Economist)*, Dec 14th 2023.)

♦ “A warning. This piece contains the sound of gunfire.” (An NPR news report.)

♦ “Warning: This story briefly mentions thoughts of self-harm.” (NPR.)

♦ “Much of this discussion may be painful to hear.” (NPR’s Scott Simon talking to Charles Spencer about the latter’s memoir, *A Very Private School*. During the interview, Scott Simon says, “You write... ‘to meet their own darker needs.’ What were those so-called needs.” Simon also says, “I feel the need to be specific, what would he do to you his students at night.”)

♦ “This story, which lasts about four minutes, includes details of violence.” (NPR’s Steve Inskeep.)

♦ “And we should warn, this story contains some vulgar language...” (NPR’s Steve Inskeep.)

♦ “A warning that this report has disturbing sounds of gunfire and panic.” (NPR’s Scott Detrow.)

♦ “This is Fresh Air, I’m Terry Gross. As a heads-up to our listeners, the introduction I’m about to give describes a sexual assault.” (“For Christine Blasey Ford, the fallout of the Kavanaugh hearing is ongoing” by Terry Gross, NPR, All Things Considered, March 19, 2024.)

♦ “Now before we begin, heads up for listeners. Tierra speaks openly about the suicidal thoughts that came with success, sent her to therapy, and ultimately inspired some of her darkest, brightest music yet...” (Rodney Carmichael on NPR.)

♦ “And here’s where I have to let you know that in this piece you will hear the sounds of gunshots and sirens.” (NPR’s Michel Martin.)

♦ “Warning. Some of the details of this story are graphic.” (BBC. Some listeners may have been surprised by such a “trigger warning.”)

♦ “But I completely agree with you about the description of an elephant being killed, slam, slam, slam, the bullets go in, and he says the elephant takes on an incredible senility... You know, I’ve had students year after year cry when we read that text, and I can tell you it takes a lot to make a student cry over a text... It is a wonderful, wonderful passage.” (Robert Colls, *Start the Week*, “Heart of Darkness: Conrad and Orwell,” BBC Sounds, 6 Nov 2017. British academics and students are, of course, utterly different from American ones, and that was especially true in 2017. If Colls, Professor of Cultural History at De Montfort University, Leicester, had been teaching in the US, he would have issued a “trigger warning” before reading George Orwell’s “Shooting An Elephant,” and in spite of that he would have been cancelled for claiming it had a “wonderful, wonderful passage.” God only knows what students would have said about him on the “Rate My Professor” website.)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

mental health: health & medicine / weapon

trilogy (noun)

trilogy of fights

he lost for the second straight fight in their ~ (McGregor)

amount: books & reading / number

trim (trim the fat, etc.)

trim money from the (defense) budget

he proposed to ~

trim the fat from some departments’ budgets

there is always room to ~ (U.K.)

trim (state) spending

he has been able to ~ (politician)

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / knife / verb

trinity (Holy Trinity)

holy trinity

the ~---cilantro, onion and lime (actor Danny Trejo)

holy trinity of the Asian spice trade

pepper, clove, and nutmeg were the original ~

holy trinity for tabloid culture

they formed a ~ (Britney, Lindsay, and Paris)

importance & significance: number / religion

triple threat

triple threat

he was a ~, he could dance, sing and act (Patrick Swayze)

faces a triple threat

the nation ~ (storms, heat, hurricane)

♦ According to the excellent online Merriam-Webster site, this phrase appeared in 1920 to describe a football player who was exceptional at running, kicking, and passing.

ability & lack of ability: football / sports & games

trip up (verb)

trip up the president

this could ~

disruption / failure, accident & impairment: equilibrium & stability / verb / walking, running & jumping

tripwire (warning)

tripwire between the two Chinas

the Seventh Fleet acted as a ~

geopolitical tripwire

Russian military advisers in Venezuela act as a ~

warning: explosion / military / weapon

tripwire (initiation)

tripwire event

The Sopranos was the ~ that set off the golden age of TV

set off trip wires

sexual scenarios ~ in American minds (*Slave Play*)

♦ "The murder of a female officer is the trip wire that causes an explosion that rocks the Army to its foundations." (*The General's Daughter* by Nelson DeMille, with a new foreword by the author.)

initiation: explosion / military / weapon

tripwire (danger)

legal tripwires

she avoided ~ (Supreme Court confirmation hearing)

treated as a trip wire

the topic is ~ (fitness of VP to be President)

♦ "If Americans feel like tripwires are everywhere, and they don't know exactly what they can and can't say, you end up in a scenario where millions of Americans opt out of the national political conversation." (Aaron Terr, the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression.)

♦ "I found a piece of red detonating cord between my legs. That's when I knew I was screwed." (Gunnery Sgt. Michael Burghardt, aka "Iron Mike" and "Gunny," just before getting blown up by a trap while investigating an IED in Ramadi. Incredibly, he was not too badly wounded. A photo of him "flipping off" whoever detonated the trap became famous on the Internet.)

danger: explosion / military / weapon

triumvirate (noun)

triumvirate of the great mountains

the ~ would be Everest, K2 and Nanga Parbat (Joe Simpson)

♦ The First Triumvirate in 60 B.C. consisted of Julius Caesar, Pompey, and Crassus.

importance & significance: allusion / history / number

Trojan horse (computers)

viruses, worms and Trojan Horses

~ (computers)

computer: Iliad & Odyssey

Trojan Horse (subterfuge)

Trojan horse of Putin

Italy could become the ~ (politics)

Trojan Horse for the Chinese Communist Party

Huawei has been accused of being a ~ (politics)

Trojan Horses of the 21st century

cargo containers are the ~ (terrorism)

Trojan Horse in our midst

the INS may be a ~ (editorial in state paper)

♦ Dante put Ulysses in hell for being an evil counselor. Ulysses convinced Achilles to sign up for the war, breaking Achilles' mother's heart, and causing his girlfriend, Deidamia, with whom he had had a child, to commit suicide. Ulysses stole the sacred statue of Pallas, on which the security of Troy depended, from the Palladium. And, of course, he came up with the ruse of the Wooden Horse. According to Dante, Ulysses never made it home to Ithaca to be reunited with his old dog. Instead, he sailed through the Strait of Gibraltar into the Atlantic and headed south. His ship went down in a storm near Tristan da Cunha.

subterfuge: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

troll (fish / verb)

trolling for votes

he is a cynical politician ~

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

troll (verb / computers)

troll Cowboys fans

listen, as much as I ~ everywhere... (Stephen A. Smith)

provoke, (to) tease, (to) troll

he's long used his account to ~ (Elon Musk / Twitter)

♦ "I thought people were trolling, but nope. It's real... Yes, these are children holding teddy bears dressed in bondage outfits." (A Balenciaga ad campaign described as frightening, creepy, wrong, gross, and infuriating.)

♦ "They troll me all the time, I'm gonna start trolling them. If a nuclear bomb dropped, three things would survive: rats, roaches, and the Cowboy fans..." (The great sports commentator Stephen A. Smith.)

affliction / computer: creature / verb

troll (noun / computers)

troll

- ~s ask stupid questions and see who rises to the bait
- ~s provoke strangers online
- ~s love a vicious group hunt
- ~s push peoples' buttons
- ~s have caused people to commit suicide
- ~s posted flashing images to a Web site for epileptics
- people give ~s too much elevation thanks social media

troll-wrestling

he calls this ~, trolling the trolls (internet feud)

trollish

there's a ~, deadpan, sorry-not-sorry quality... (internet)

Web Troll

Prolific ~ Arrested (headline)

♦ In the old days, trolls lurked under bridges or in dark forests and caught and ate unsuspecting people. Nowadays, trolls are provocateurs who lurk online. They identify a person they consider to be a "blowhard" or "full of it" and provoke and attack him. While the person who is attacked goes nuts, the trolls sit back and laugh!

♦ "I was a troll, full stop. And I am so sorry." (Someone named Chrissy Teigen, who is apparently married to a singer named John Legend, which sounds like a made-up name.)

♦ "Shitposting..." (Rest assured. It has its Wikipedia entry.)

person: creature

behavior / character & personality / computer: creature

troll (Troll Wall, etc.)

Troll Wall

the ~ is the tallest rock face in Europe (Norway)

proper name: creature

troops (supporters)

shock troops

progressives rally their ~ and rile up their donor bases

rallying their troops

conservative luminaries are ~ against Obama (politics)

allegiance, support & betrayal / work & duty: military

trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)

trophy boyfriend

Asian boyfriends are the next "~s"

trophy girlfriend

she's found herself a young, hot ~

pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage

trot (on the trot)

on the trot

the Azzurri made it 10 wins ~ (Euro soccer)

movement: animal / horse

difficulty, easiness & effort: animal / horse / movement

trotted out

trotted out

it's a charge that is often ~ (sportswashing)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: animal / horse

trouble (in trouble)

in trouble

the magazine is ~ (libel)

situation: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

troubled

troubled company

the ~ is in bankruptcy

condition & status: mental health

trough (direction)

in a trough

we're ~ (technology seems to have slowed down)

peaks and troughs

the regional patterns of ~ could change (rising sea levels)

decline / progress & lack of progress: shape

shape: direction

trough (greed)

trough of greed

these pundits are swine, gorging themselves at the ~

keep their snouts in the trough

so they can ~ financially (FIFA)

♦ "They're looking to have World Cups every two years so they can keep their snouts in the trough financially." (FIFA.)

♦ "These pundits are just swine, gorging themselves at the trough of greed." (Commenter about BBC coverage of Qatar World Cup.)

behavior: animal / food & drink

trounce (verb)

trounced Bush

John Major backed the wrong horse, Clinton ~

conflict: fist / verb

trounced

trounced 4-0 at Everton on Sunday

they were ~ (Manchester United)

conflict: fist

trousers (wear the trousers, etc.)

wore the trousers

it was madame who ~

dominance & submission / role / superiority & inferiority:

clothing & accessories

trove

see *treasure trove (and trove)*

truce (noun)

call a truce

let's ~ (interpersonal problem)

reached a (shaky) truce

they have ~ in their trade dispute

♦ "This has been among the front lines of the culture wars, and now we have a truce." (Ron DeSantis vs. Disney.)

conflict / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: military

truck (control)

my truck

this is ~, and in my truck we go by my rules

♦ This is like the person who said, "You're either on the bus or not on the bus, and I'm driving the bus."

allegiance, support & betrayal: mechanism

unanimity & consensus: mechanism

control & lack of control: mechanism

truckload (amount)

truckloads of money

they have spent ~ (Manchester United)

♦ Bucketful, truckload, container ship-load...

amount: container

true (true to oneself, etc.)

true to himself

he is speaking out and staying ~ (queer)

true to your (gender) identity

while staying ~... (Queer, Punk and Latin)

true to your (authentic) self

when you are ~... (teens)

true to yourself

the quest to be ~ (a trans woman)

♦ "Be true to yourself. Never apologize. Burn it to the ground." (Support to the comedian Michelle Wolf, whose remarks at the 2018 White House Correspondents' Dinner were widely criticized.)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

Trump (Trump of the Tropics, etc.)

Trump of L.A.

Alex Villanueva has been called the Donald ~ (Sheriff)

Trump of the Tropics

he is often called the ~ (Jair Bolsonaro)

British Trump

Boris Johnson has been described as the ~

behavior: epithet

trumpet (blow one's own trumpet)

blow her own trumpet

she was unashamed to ~ (the great Nancy Hargreaves)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / verb

trumpet (verb)

trumpeted the drug

he ~ as a potential treatment

trumpeting its own product

the company is ~

trumpeting their victory

conservative groups were ~ (court)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: military / sound / verb

trunk (branching system)

trunk road

we drove along France's old ~ (N7)

Grand Trunk Road

I drove along the ~ to the Khyber Pass

♦ Route Nationale 7 has been called France's Route 66. It links Paris to the Cote d'Azur. Like Route 66, it has been superseded by expressways, but still preserves its charm and history.

branching system: tree

truth (speak one's truth, etc. / groups)

truth is that

her ~ she's transgender (black drag queen Chablis)

truth of this moment

dive into the ~ (*Love in the Time of Corona*)

truth to power

see *truth to power*

truth about the past

we can't understand the problems without speaking ~

truth tellers

~, sharing their experiences and their opinions...

truth telling

now is a time for ~, listening, and for action

shared truth

they want to articulate the ~ of their experience (a female professor who teaches a feminism class, about females)

'Own Truth'

Poet Encourages Others To Find ~ In Poetry

her truth

it's incredibly brave that she has revealed ~ (mental illness)

his truth

I'm a person who spoke ~ and I spoke about what I felt

my truth

I defended ~ (Amber Heard, speaking about Johnny Depp)

I failed to convey what is ~ (Dr. Claudine Gay / Harvard)

our truth
all of ~ is out there for the world to see (an official report)

in your truth
when you come to people ~, 'Yo, this is me...'

Black Truths
Black Stories, ~ Search NPR wherever you get podcasts

Woman Truth
her large dose of ~ (feminist-speak / *Rolling Stone* /1972)

living my truth
queer joy is the freedom and resilience that comes from ~
~, unapologetically so... (Gomez identifies as they / them)

sharing his truth
the NFL family is proud of Carl for courageously ~ (gay)

sharing her truth
radiating joy after ~ (JoJo Siwa / her label)

speaking his truth
Kit Connor has received global support after ~ (bi)

defended my truth
I ~ (Amber Heard, about Johnny Depp)

live his truth
he gets to ~ and his authentic self (came out as gay)

live their truth
Olympians unable to ~ because of this world (trans)

live their truths
the cast chose to ~ (Jagged Little Pill)

owning your truth
he thanked Carl Nassib for "~" (gay NFL)

reveals his truth
"The Bachelor" star ~ (comes out as gay)

sang their truth
he ~ (Michael K. Williams / *The Wire*)

share his truth
seeing him ~ is such a relief (gay NFL player)

speak truth
it is important to ~ about the role of racism in the US
we must "~" about history of racism

speaks truth
when one person ~, it gives license for all of us...

speaks his truth
former "Bachelor" ~ and comes out as gay

speak their truth
students ~ in winning podcast
they didn't ~ until they retired (gay NFL)

speak your truth
how do you feel about the palace hearing you ~ (Oprah)

speaking his truth
but now he is ~ (came out as gay)

spoke truth
he ~, how is that pushing an 'agenda'

stepping into his truth
he is rebooting his life and ~ (gay after having wife, kids)

tell your truth
what does it mean to be a woman and to ~ (music)

take control of their own truth
social media lets celebrities ~ and rebut claims to followers

wrapped in our truths
women artists show women as we are, ~

♦ This version of *truth* is characterized by the absence of the definite article "the truth" and its replacement with a possessive adjective: my truth, our truth, your truth, his truth, her truth, their truth... But not always. "The truth" is also code for "my truth."

♦ "He was telling his truth and I think unfortunately some of that has been distorted due to some other factors, but I do think he did not intend to tell a truth that wasn't his truth." (Juror Samantha Imrie explaining her vote in the Gwyneth Paltrow-Terry Sanderson trial.)

♦ "I reiterate that our top priority is to serve younger and more diverse audiences... Now is a time for truth telling, for listening, and for action. As a news organization, we act by bearing witness and elevating voices..." (A message to staff from John Lansing, President and CEO of National Public Radio. Uri Berliner's comments about Lansing are interesting. Read, "I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust" by Uri Berliner, *The Free Press*, April 9, 2024.)

♦ "He's someone who is looking for truth—truth from the world, and truth from himself. [His latest album is] so full of truth he originally wasn't sure if he should release it at all." ("Hiss Golden Messenger Is Looking For Truth On 'Terms Of Surrender,'" heard on NPR, World Café WXPN, January 15, 2020.)

♦ "He is a man who is basically rebooting his life and stepping into his truth and embracing the fact that he's a gay black man in the South. And so, I've always been that type of person who uses the truth, umm, and it's inspired by just what I've gone through, my folks go through, and people who are close to me go through, and then I weave it into fiction..." (Katori Hall.)

♦ "We've been silenced and misrepresented. And so, any time you get an opportunity to tell your truth, you are pushing back against so many lies and falsehoods...And being an artist and in demanding that the world just looks at you, you oddly are being an activist." (Katori Hall.)

♦ *The Truths We Hold: An American Journey*. (A memoir by Kamala Harris. With a young reader edition.)

♦ *Barbara Jordan: Speaking the Truth with Eloquent Thunder*, edited by Max Sherman, University of Texas Press.

♦ "I am with you. I stand by you. People forget you're paid for your opinion and that you're just speaking your truth." (Sharon Osbourne defends Piers Morgan in a tweet after the latter criticized Meghan Markle, saying, "I don't believe a word she says... I wouldn't believe her if she read me a weather report." He was commenting on an Oprah Winfrey-Meghan Markle interview.)

♦ "Alana Thompson is no longer 'Honey Boo Boo,' and is speaking her truth." (ABC News.)

♦ "The truth is there is now extreme anxiety in Washington and Tokyo about how to deter China's growing threat to the island. In the meantime, President Biden seems to have been speaking his own truth, that a friendly democracy must be defended." (BBC Six O'Clock News, 23/05/2022.)

♦ "This is my truth. I am not a stigma. I'm a person that walks their life." (Selena Gomez, quoted from *People* magazine, on a GMA feature story about Gomez's new mental health platform WonderMind.)

♦ "I'm coming out as non-binary, I'm speaking my truth, and you know what, this is who I am, and I'm gonna own it, and I am taking the power back from what you have to say about me." (Demi Lovato.)

♦ "They keep sayin' I should get help, but I don't even know what I need, they keep sayin', 'Speak your truth,' and at the same time put it onto me." (Megan Thee Stallion, "Anxiety.")

♦ "The same formula again and again. I want to post pictures of myself in bathing suits. When I get criticized I'll say I want to do it for others and for body positivity. When I get criticized for that, I will show sadness that the world doesn't support mental health and I'm a victim, and finally I'll get praised for being so brave for living my own truth." (Bob Loblaw. A BBC HYS about "SI Swim model Natalie Mariduena wants to 'be an example' of 'body normalcy'" by Stephanie Nolasco, August 20, 2022.)

♦ "My man at @X is tweeting some truth dis' mornin'!"

♦ "Blow it the fuck up. That was moving closer to my truth." (Jada Pinkett Smith, talking to the BBC's Kirsty Young.)

♦ "Suppose he's tellin' the truth, that fella?" / (Grimly.) "He's tellin' the truth. The truth for him. He wasn't makin' it up. / "Was it the truth for us?" / "I don't know." (Dialogue from John Ford's great film *The Grapes of Wrath*, based on the book by John Steinbeck.)

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. A well-appointed young woman with good hair (but oddly unfocused eyes) is in the witness box of a court and saying, "Whole Truth, And Nothing But My Truth..." A frumpy tousle-haired public defender at a table is whispering to her male colleague, "College Professor." (Chip Bok, Townhall.com, Dec 13, 2023. Funny!)

*** analysis

♦ TRUTH, n. An ingenious compound of desirability and appearance. Discovery of truth is the sole purpose of philosophy, which is the most ancient occupation of the human mind and has a fair prospect of existing with increasing activity to the end of time." (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

♦ Truth (noncount and count noun): (a) Whatever you can convince yourself of (b) Whatever you can convince others of (c) Whatever you can get away with—"I didn't do nuffin'" (A definition written in the spirit of Ambrose Bierce's *The Devil's Dictionary*.)

♦ see also *reality* (*real, truth, lies, facts, etc.*)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology / verb

truth to power

truth to power

where was ~ (criticism of a politician)

hold truth to power

Mexico's journalists ~

speak truth to power

people do not have to risk their jobs to ~ (tenure)

speaking truth to power

we are ~ (protesters)

but then she started ~ (the latest Glennon Doyle)

spoke truth to power

Outside The Lines ~ (the cancelled ESPN show)

told truth to power

the "Cronkite Moment" has it the anchorman ~ (arguable)

resistance, opposition & defeat: speech

tsunami (noun)

tsunami of cases

Germany hopes to avoid the ~ seen in Italy (pandemic)

tsunami of (omicron) cases

due to the ~, hospitals... (January, 2022)

tsunami of lawsuits

the company faces a ~ (opioid epidemic)

tsunami of fake news

Brazilian voters faced a ~ before the election
disinformation, partisan news, and social media's ~

tsunami of problems

the ~ that the government confronts (UK)

tsunami of traffic

the Web site experienced a ~ (celebrity gossip)

tsunami of reality TV

I had no idea the ~ lay just below the horizon (Peter Weir)

tsunami warning

Democrats face a ~ (elections)

tsunami of misinformation and disinformation

he warned about a "~" in his country (Dr. Anthony Fauci)

cicada tsunami

brace yourself for a ~ (Brood X)

refugee tsunami

the world has not seen a ~ like this since World War II

steroid tsunami

the ~ nearly washed out Major League Baseball

digital tsunami

it will be a challenge to keep up with the ~ (power)

electoral tsunami

we will see an ~ on Nov. 2 (elections)

green tsunami

voters turned out for her in a "~" (Brazil)

slow-motion tsunami

all we can do is watch this ~ (elections)

wave or a tsunami

this wasn't just a ~, it was a red asteroid (Republicans win)

survive the (economic) tsunami

companies are struggling to ~ (downturn)

♦ "The Florida Democratic Party has completely collapsed. This wasn't just a wave or a tsunami. It was a red asteroid that hit them in Florida." (Giancarlo Sopo, Republican strategist, after the 2022 midterm elections. In the U.S., red is the color of Republicans.)

♦ "I had no idea the tsunami of reality TV lay just below the horizon." (Peter Weir, about his 1998 film *The Truman Show*.)

♦ "There is no dearth of prose describing the mass of humanity that made its way to the feet of the Great Emancipator that day; no metaphor that has slipped through the cracks waiting to be discovered, dusted off, and injected into the discourse a half century on. The March on Washington has been compared to a tsunami, a shockwave, a wall, a living monument, a human mosaic, an outright miracle. / It was all of those things..." (*Behind the Dream: The Making of the Speech that Transformed a Nation* by the fine writer Clarence B. Jones.)

♦ "I am not afraid of it, ghosts or something. If a ghost comes to haunt me, I will just ask where his body is so I can pick him up." (Muzahar, 26, an Indonesian, paid to collect dead bodies following the 2004 Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami, which killed up to 230,000 people.)

♦ "It was fate. If you were meant to die, you died. People visiting here to see friends, or foreigners here on holiday, all were here because their time had come to die. I've lived here all my life but I was spared. How do you explain that? My time had not yet come. When I think like this, it makes me feel better. Nature decides. Things come and things disappear. If you don't just let go, it can make you crazy." (Am Changkrai-Chok, 68, Thai fisherman, talking about who and who didn't survive the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami.)

amount & effect: sea / tsunami / wave

tube (go down the tubes)

goes down the tubes

this is what happens when a corporation ~

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / verb

destruction: infrastructure / verb

tucked

tucked between Australia and Fiji

Vanuatu, ~

configuration: cloth

tug of war

tug-of-war

it's a ~ which ideology will control the party

tug-of-war over the house

a post-divorce ~

tug-of-war between the airlines and FAA

part of a familiar ~

tug of war between the aircraft and the crew

the false reading created a ~ (MCAS / airline disasters)

tug of war between Congress and the administration

the ~ over (border wall) funding took a new turn today

tug-of-war between progressives and centrists

Biden's whole presidency has been a ~

post-divorce tug-of-war

a ~ over the house

constitutional tug-of-war

the ~ between Moscow and the regions

legal tug-of-war

he has been the subject of a long ~ between...

conflict: sports & games

tumble (decline)

Dow tumbled

the ~ more than 500 points (2008 financial crisis)

prices have tumbled

gas ~

increase & decrease: number

decline / failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb /

walking, running & jumping

tumble (take a tumble)

took a tumble

the financial markets ~ today

decline / failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb /

walking, running & jumping

tumble down (verb)

came tumbling down

but it all ~ when... (a happy life)

destruction: infrastructure / ruins / verb

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / ruins / verb

tumor (noun)

cancerous tumor

he described the country as a ~ (leader)

affliction: health & medicine

growth & development: health & medicine

tumult (disruption)

political tumult

the ~ of the 1960s

conflict / disruption / resistance, opposition & defeat:

sound

tune (in tune, etc.)

in tune with his teammates

on Thursday he was ~ (soccer game)

in tune with the views

he is not ~ of his constituents (a politician)

in tune with (Bush's) view

he is more ~ of North Korea (a leader)

dance to the tune

many politicians ~ of the latest opinion poll or tweet

♦ "The old hurdy-gurdy is once again playing the tune about Russian doping. Someone is diligently turning the handle." (The Russian Olympic Committee, after disgruntled losers at the Tokyo Olympics suggested that Russian winners were doping.)

♦ "I imagine they'll sing in tune *after* the revolution." (Viktor Komarovsky, at a restaurant where he is feting Lara, about the singing of demonstrators on the street outside. He receives a standing ovation from the other diners. It is a wonderful moment in the great 1965 David Lean film *Doctor Zhivago*.)

unanimity & consensus: music

tune (out of tune)

out of tune with the needs

education is ~ of the economy

flaws & lack of flaws / unanimity & consensus: music

tune (different tune)

singing a different tune

but he is ~

unanimity & consensus: music

tune (change one's tune)

changed his tune

in May he ~ and confessed to doping (Tour de France)

changed their tune

it doesn't mean the bad guys have ~ (Baghdad)

reversal: music / verb

tune (change in tune)

change in tune

this is a ~ (US will leave troops in Syria after all)

reversal: music / verb

tune (dance to the tune)

dances to the tune of a different drummer

she says her state “~” (South Carolina)

unanimity & consensus: music / verb

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: music / verb

tune (and tune up)

tune up for the World Cup

friendly matches will help them to ~ (soccer)

tune up my (50-something) brain

I want to ~ (brain exercises)

tune up your relationship

need to ~ (advice)

tune up the vaccine

we can use new genetic information to ~ (pertussis)

amelioration & renewal / readiness & preparedness:

engine / mechanism / music / verb

tuned (stay tuned)

stay tuned

he urges people to ~ (to an ongoing issue)

stay tuned to find out

~ (a politically motivated lawsuit)

♦ "The others... were deeply confused and afraid, and most of them wished that the emir would cover the radio up again and put it away, because 'anything can happen in this world.' Most of them were not ready to hear any explanation or comment, because the strange device could talk, sing, tell stories and perhaps do many other things as well, in spite of its tiny size. The people inside it might be strange enchanted creatures, probably badly deformed as well. The only one to dare ask a question was Ibn Naffeh, though he was apprehensive and a little afraid. / 'Who made this calamity?'" (*Cities of Salt* by Abdelrahman Munif.)

consciousness & awareness: radio / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: radio / verb

development: radio / verb

tune-up (noun)

tune-up for the playoffs

the game was a good ~ (sports)

in need of a tuneup

the program is badly ~ (state monitoring of pollution)

getting a tune up

the painting is ~ (restoration of old master)

amelioration & renewal: engine / mechanism / music

readiness & preparedness: engine / mechanism / music

tuning fork (noun)

tuning fork for writing

his nearly infallible ~ allowed him to appreciate...

♦ "William Dean Howells, the good guy of American letters in his day, whose nearly infallible tuning fork for writing, which had allowed him to appreciate Emily Dickinson before almost anyone else did, also enabled him to respond to Crane." ("American Stoic: What Stephen Crane left behind" by Adam Gopnik, *The New Yorker*, October 25, 2021.)

♦ "I am classically trained in music theory and music performance, so I have an innate ear and actually a highly skilled ear when it comes to frequency and harmony and dissonance and melody. So for me, it's this thing that I can feel in my body. I'm almost like a tuning fork where if I hear the beat and I vibrate at the level that I'm supposed to, I know that that's what I want to get on." ("Lizzo on Feminism, Self-Love And Bringing 'Hallelujah Moments' To Stage," *Fresh Air*, May 23, 2019. Prince was a Lizzo fan. Nuff said.)

judgment: sound / tools & technology

tunnel (resemblance)

tunnel of (mature) rhododendron

a long arched ~

resemblance: infrastructure

tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)

light at the end of the tunnel

sometimes it doesn't seem like there's a ~ (troubles)

it's not the end of the pandemic, but certainly a bright ~

♦ "I think I see the light at the end of the tunnel. And this time, it is not a freight train." (A restaurateur, about the end of COVID restrictions.)

♦ "It seemed like there was light at the end of the tunnel, and then... (The Omicron variant / pandemic.)

♦ "You can only go halfway into the darkest forest, then you are coming out the other side." (Chinese.)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: infrastructure / light & dark

tunnel vision

tunnel vision

a kind of ~ dominates his perspective

tension tends to induce instant ~

I had ~ (an athlete who drove, shot, scored, won game)

detectives are looking at all angles to avoid getting ~

tunnel vision thing

it was just kind of like a ~ (rescuer didn't hear screams of bystanders)

tunnel vision versus an open mind

~ (criminal investigations)

♦ "He's got target fixation." (A military pilot.)

♦ "I've been looking through a cardboard tube." (A comment on narrowness of vision due to work.)

♦ GOOD ADVICE. Don't get tunnel vision on that 300-pound bear walking near your picnic table. Look for its trailing twin brother.

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / infrastructure

turbocharge (verb)

turbocharged this (global social-media) ecosystem

the alt-right has ~ of hatred

turbocharged the movement

the military escalation of the war in Vietnam ~ (New Left)

turbocharge that process
#booktok can ~ (word-of-mouth recommendations)

turbocharge the early-warning system
we need to ~ (COVID variants)

increase & decrease / power / speed / strength & weakness: engine / mechanism / verb

turbocharged

turbocharged by fresh debate
discussion of the novel has been ~ (*The Well of Loneliness*)

increase & decrease / power / speed / strength & weakness: engine / mechanism

turbulence (disruption)

economic turbulence
the world's drowning in debt, brace yourself for ~

political turbulence
the ~ in the Palestinian Authority

conflict / disruption: air / atmosphere / water

turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)

turbulent relationship
they had a ~

turbulent childhood
he emerged from a ~ emotionally brittle

flaws & lack of flaws: air / atmosphere / water

turf (control)

enemy turf
treading on ~

home turf
bring it to his ~

area / control & lack of control: ground, terrain & land

turf (turf war, etc.)

turf battle
~s likely to ensue (federal agencies)

turf wars between the C.I.A. and F.B.I.
~ (9/11)

alcohol turf war
allegations of an ~ (Saudi Arabia)

absurd turf wars
a series of ~ between the C.I.A. and F.B.I. (9/11)

bloody turf wars
the gang endured ~s

bureaucratic turf battle
it was not just a ~ (control of Opinion at *New York Times*)

fight over turf
~ for distributing the drugs (gangs)

series of (absurd) turf wars
a ~ between the C.I.A. and F.B.I. (9/11)

competition / conflict: ground, terrain & land

turkey shoot

turkey shoot
this was an armed retreat, not a ~ (Highway of Death)

called it a turkey shoot
newspapers called it a ~ (Highway of Death / Kuwait)

difficulty, easiness & effort: hunting / weapon

turn (transform)

turns from a hobby into an obsession
it ~ after a while (yo-yoing)

turns into real action
it will be a long process before the talk ~

turn into (physical) confrontations
verbal confrontations that ~ (police)

turned into a love affair
their friendship ~

turned into something more
it ~ (a relationship)

turned him into an advocate
his accident ~ for spinal cord research (Reeve)

turned (former) foes into allies
he has ~ (leader of Mexican drug cartel)

turned the telegraph into an antique
the telephone ~

turns a poem into a companion
memorization ~ (Billy Collins)

turns any meal into a feast
a good piece of fry bread ~

turns global into globalization
the kind of intercourse that ~ (Silk Road)

turned Yakutat into a (surfing) hotspot
they have ~ (Alaska)

turn the discussion into a lecture
don't ~ (advice to teachers)

turned Patteson into a (Christian) martyr
the murder ~ (Melanesia)

turned his (difficult) childhood into music
50 Cent ~ (rapper)

turned the dream into a nightmare
the loans have ~ (home ownership)

turn a cult activity into a mainstream sport
he helped ~ (surfing)

turned to grief

but euphoria ~... (all miners but one actually dead)

turned to panic
fear ~ (1918 flu pandemic)

turns to trust
distrust ~ when people get to know you

turned it to his advantage
he ~

turned angry
the march ~

turned fatal
his good deed ~ when...

turn tragic
a relatively minor mistake can ~ (climbing)

turned from bad to worse
the situation in Somalia has ~

♦ "Mental illness and substance abuse is a real issue and we hope to turn this tragedy into a testimony." (Master P.)

creation & transformation: direction / verb

turn (turn to something, etc.)

turn
I didn't know which way to ~

turned to the Internet to get
she ~ information on how to...

turn to plastic surgery to look
they ~ young

turned to Sununu to strike back
he ~ (politics)

turn to Crazy Horse for answers
I ~

turn to God for forgiveness
we must constantly ~

turn to traditional healers for help
8 in 10 South Africans ~ (sangomas)

turn to (school) officials for help
young lesbians will not ~ when...

turns to the I.M.F. for a loan
the next time it ~

turning to Islam
they are ~

turns to Allah
if a person sincerely ~, seeking His help...

turned to his allies
Zhou ~ in the local police (labor problems)

turn to anybody
when there's no one else to listen to you, you'll ~ (gay)

turn to drugs

youth who ~ in an effort to escape their circumstances

turned to drugs
they ~ as a way of dealing with isolation... (gay students)

turn to faith
to cope with combat, soldiers often ~

turned to poetry
he ~, his source of solace in times of difficulty

turning to sources
Western scientists are ~ they once disparaged...

turned to sports
they ~ to boost sagging morale (soldiers in war zone)

turn to terrorism
enemies who cannot compete conventionally often ~

turned to the (Wyoming) can-do spirit
but talk at the meeting ~

turned to the Adult Friend Finder
he ~ dating service...

turn to traditional healers
8 in 10 South Africans ~ for help (sangomas);
undocumented workers ~ (Mexicans in US)

no one (there for me) to turn to
there was ~

alternatives & choices / help & assistance: direction

turn (turn against / turn on something)

turned (ruthlessly) against e-mail
Mr. Ferriss ~ (author of "The 4-Hour Workweek)

turned against the war
he was a Vietnam veteran who later ~

turned on her
her friends ~

turned on each other
two of the main rebel factions have ~ (Darfur)

turned on him
the public quickly ~ (Richard Jewell)
the U.K. media ~ (a *Love Island* contestant)

turn on the president
he won't ~

turn on them
you could feel the crowd ~ (soccer)

turned on us
the tools we use have ~ (technology)

turned on Tom Brady and Alex Guerrero
and what got me the most was that Antonio Brown ~

♦ "The enraged elephant then turned on the tourists, charging the crowd."

♦ "The performing elephant turned on its handler and then charged..."

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / direction / verb

turn (take a turn)

taken a turn

the case for the missing teen has ~

took a turn for the better

their marriage ~
our luck ~...

took a turn for the worse

at nightfall, Jason ~ (injured Ranger / combat)
her condition has taken a ~

took a dark turn

their relationship ~ (boyfriend murders girlfriend)

took a devastating turn

and then the case ~ (missing woman found murdered)

took another dramatic turn

the case ~ when... (murder)

took a grim turn

his troubled life ~ when he was shot... (bipolar)

taken a new turn

the investigation has ~

took a romantic turn

their friendship ~

took a sharp turn

his uncertain health ~ for the worse

took a sour turn

the day ~ when... (fight at park)

took a tragic turn

events ~ (student party)

took an unexpected turn

the case ~ (murder trial)

taken an ugly turn

things have ~ (awkward moment)

path took an (unexpected) turn

her life's ~ (serious injury)

development: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

turn (development)

turn of events

parishioners expressed their sadness over the ~ (abuse)

turns of events

stunned by ~ you never saw coming

plot turn

~s, notable scenes, acting performances

upturn

our management team is focusing on the ~ (business)

180-degree turn

a ~ of public opinion

twists and turns

the plot has many ~ (movie)
his career has taken many ~

development: direction / movement / journeys & trips

turn (wrong turn)

historical wrong turns

like a lot of ~, *LGBTQ* means well (the term)

wrong turns and dead ends

the series had some ~ (a TV show)

failure, accident & impairment: direction / movement / journeys & trips

turnabout (reversal)

turnabout

for the computer industry this is a ~

turnabout reflects

the ~ a recognition that... (diplomacy)

reversal: direction / movement / trips & journeys

turn around (turn things around, etc.)

turned around CBS

he ~ (an executive)

turn around the economy

he will help Republicans ~

turned (Manchester United's) fortunes around

he has ~ (the manager)

turn his life around

he is trying to ~ (a troubled athlete)

turned his life around

he had ~ and learned from his mistakes (re-arrested)

turn things around

we can ~
we can still ~ (a crisis)

turn this thing around

we're going to ~ (improve schools)

amelioration & renewal / reversal: direction / movement / verb

turnaround

turnaround plan

the ~ has not worked (hospital in debt)

abrupt turnaround

the decline in his fortunes represents an ~ since autumn

dramatic turnaround

in another ~ (football coach's fortunes)

reversal: direction

turn back (verb)

turn back

we can't ~ now... (plan)
we've gone too far to ~ now (politics)
we are in this fight for our lives, and we will not ~
(candidate)

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / verb

turncoat (person)

weaklings and turncoats
GOP ~ (politics / culture wars)

allegiance, support & betrayal: military / person
person: military

turn down (verb)

turn down clients
they were not allowed to ~ (sex slaves)

turn down an invitation
never ~ to go out... (dating)

turn down an offer
it's tempting to verbally ~ and skip writing a letter

turned down the part
he ~ (in a film)

turned down the (immigrants') requests
Italy has ~ for political asylum

turned down their requests
Germany ~ for political asylum

turned down his (zoning) request
Ann Arbor officials ~

turned down an (athletic) scholarship
he ~ from Villanova because...

turn down (extra) work
pilots invoked their contract right to ~

turn this offer down
few ~ ("john" school instead of court)

turned them down twice
school officials ~ (students request gay club)

acceptance & rejection: direction / verb

turned down

turned down for a job
if you are ~ because of credit problems...

no one is turned down
get a degree without tests, ~ (diploma mill)

get turned down
so many things that are very good ~ (screenplays)

acceptance & rejection: direction

turn off (turn people off, etc.)

turns (a lot of) people off
~ (NPR's ideology, mindset)

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb

turned off

turned off by the confrontational optics
allies might be ~ of a street protest

turned off by (e-tailers') customer service
consumers are ~

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

turned on (sex)

turned on by her
I was ~

really turned on
I was ~ by him

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / sex
sex: mechanism

turned up (discovered)

turned up by the FBI
based on information ~

searching & discovery: direction / ground, terrain & land

turn in (give)

turn in (uninspiring, half-hearted) performances
boxers content to ~ (vs. Ward and Gatti)

turned in a performance
if the US team ~ that was better than... (soccer)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: direction / verb

turning point (noun)

turning point in World War II
the battle of El Alamein was a ~

turning point in the battle
a ~ against entertainment violence

turning point of her career
it was the ~

turning point in my life
this was the ~

turning point in the history of the world
it was a major ~ (gas attack at Ypres in 1915)

major turning point
it was a ~ in the history of the world (gas attack at Ypres)

marked the turning point
the battle ~

development: direction / mechanism / movement
importance & significance: mechanism / movement

turnip (Turnip Rock, etc.)

Turnup Rock
the sun rises over ~ (Michigan)

~ stands in Lake Huron near Port Austin, Michigan

proper name: fruits & vegetables / shape

turn-off (disgust)

turn-off for (most) women
a lack of humor is a major ~

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

turn on (excite)

turns me on
it ~ (risk of getting caught / adolescent lesbian)

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb

turn-on

turn-on for men
the pursuit of revenge is a ~ (brain studies)

major turn-on
her scent is a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

turn out (create)

turn out 10 times the amount
super labs ~ of drugs (methamphetamine)

turned out hits
they ~ which included "Midnight Train to Georgia"

creation & transformation: direction / manufacturing / verb

turn out (develop)

turned out
I was surprised by how it ~
it makes sense the way it ~

turn out that
it may ~ some anxiety disorders are caused by...

turns out that
it ~ his girlfriend has already seen a lawyer

turn out to be the case
that didn't ~

turn out to be nothing
it may ~

turn out (quite) the way
the next months did not ~ Scott had hoped

turn out to be easy
that second goal didn't ~

turned out to be flawed
the studies ~ (education)

turns out to be true
it's a rare event when an Army rumor ~

turn out as advertised
in Russia, things rarely ~ (Siberian adventure)

turned out OK
my child ~ and I spanked him...

turn out best
things ~ for people who make the best of things

turn out well
when you make a decision and it doesn't ~ (regret)
they can turn out to be heroes if things ~ (doctors)

turned out a lot worse
the swim could have ~ considering... (kayaking)

development: direction / verb

turn out (rally)

turn out in force
activists will ~ to back those who stood up... (gays)

turned out in (record) numbers
rural voters ~ to vote out...

turned out in (far greater) numbers
demonstrators ~ than predicted

turn out in droves
democrats predicted minority voters would ~

turn out for revival
thousands ~, river baptisms (Cane River, NC)

fans turn out
only a few thousand ~ at RFK to watch (women's soccer)

appearance & disappearance: direction / verb

turnout (people)

turnout at the polls
the election is expected to hang on ~

voter turnout
~ was less than 20 percent
there was a surge in ~ (Iraq election)

low turnout
the election was marred by ~

surge in (voter) turnout
there was a ~ (Iraq election)

stir up (Democratic) turnout
they sent leaders across the country to ~

appearance & disappearance: direction

turnover (work)

turnover rate
nursing aides and their high ~ rate

staff turnover
~ has been high (English school in Qatar)

teacher turnover
~ has also been high

nursing staff turnover

~ has been harmful

high turnover

a teaching corps marked by ~ (middle school / NYC)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction

turn up (increase)

turned up the heat

then he really ~ by starting a Web site accusing...

turning up the volume

the democratic candidates are ~ against the president

turned it up to eleven

I had ~ and had to go even higher (intensity / an actor)

♦ "The violence is decidedly turned up to 11." (A film.)

♦ Elisabeth Moss: I just did it, and just kind of went as big as I could and threw it all at the wall knowing the only mistake we could make was not going far enough. And so we just went for it... / Rachael Martin: Did he ever have to pull you back. I mean did it ever feel too far, or were you like, "Nope..." / Elisabeth Moss: I had turned it up to eleven and then realized I had to go even higher... ("In 'Her Smell,' Elisabeth Moss 'Turned It Up To 11,' Then Turned It up Some More," Morning Edition, NPR, April 19, 2019.)

♦ "There's irony in everything he does. He operates on an irony setting that goes up to eleven but never goes below for." (Max Levchin about Elon Musk. From Elon Musk by Walter Isaacson.)

increase & decrease: mechanism / verb

turn up (appear)

turned up at (local) parades

he ~ (a politician)

turn up at (gun) shows

blowguns also ~

turned up in (Robert's) bedroom

the knives later ~, bearing traces of blood

turn up in dormitories, co-ops, bookstores

Flugennock posters ~

turn up in a few days

it'll ~ (a lost shoe)

turn up within a few weeks

most are found or ~ (the missing)

turn up during (road) construction

old bombs ~ (Germany)

turned up for the pig roast

around 2,000 people ~ (Indonesian Papua)

turn up next

where it might ~ (anthrax)

turned up next

the school rash ~ in northern Virginia

turned up well armed

Belgian troops ~ and ready to perform (UN force)

turned up dead

one more gangbanger who ~ beside a ditch;

Lina disappeared in 2000 and ~

turn up (here) regularly

now prominent foreigners ~ (Afghanistan)

virus has turned up

the dreaded West Nile ~ in New York City again...

body turned up

her ~ four days later with the corpse of...

nothing turned up

but ~ (search for missing woman)

something turns up

if ~, you're terminated (criminal background checks)

appearance & disappearance: ground / verb

turn up (discover)

turned up anything

we never ~ in that case (a detective)

turned up the drugs

a search of the car ~ (busted)

turned up (other) evidence

their inquiries ~ (murder investigation)

turned up (39) incidents

a computer check ~ over 15 years (crime)

turns up (unanticipated) information

sometimes an investigation ~

turn up problems

renovation at the high school did ~ with asbestos

turned up proof

intelligence services had never ~ of wrongdoing

failed to turn up

the schools ~ evidence of hazards (mystery rash)

investigation turned up

an ~ no criminal activity...

search (of her apartment) turned up

a ~ her packed luggage, jewelry...

search (of the car) turned up

a ~ drugs (busted)

searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / verb

tweak (noun)

small tweaks

the administration has made ~ to regulation and policy

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / tools & technology

twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)

twilight of his (political) career

now the 78-year-old senator is approaching the ~

in the twilight of the Soviet Union

they came of age ~ (a generation)

in the twilight of his career

now, ~ (a minister)

in the twilight of democracy
we are ~ (authoritarianism)

in the twilight of their lives
recognition has come ~ (Kinkaseki POWs)

in the twilight of the republic
we are in the ~ (US)

into the twilight of his career
Federer is well ~ (the great tennis player)

time: day

decline: day / death & life / light & dark

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day / light & dark

twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.)

legal twilight
the ruling leaves her in a ~ (immigrant)

twilight zone
the school has been caught in the ~ of “orphan” academies

certainty & uncertainty / situation: light & dark

Twilight Zone

from the Twilight Zone
the latest accusation is ~

♦ The “contempo-speak” equivalent is *Black Mirror* (see *Black Mirror*).

fantasy & reality: allusion

allusion: film & TV

twin (two)

Twin Cities
the Somali community in the ~ (Minneapolis-St. Paul)

twin failures
the ~ of 1999 forced NASA to... (Mars missions)

twin (suicide) bombings
Istanbul suffered ~ (terrorism)

twin lakes
the ~ of Ohrid and Prespa (Balkans)

twin relics
polygamy and slavery, the ~ of barbarism

amount: family

twin (relationship)

twin masters
bow to their ~: the ratings and advertisers (network TV)

twin threats
~ face Russia's polar bears—global warming and poaching

South's (familiar) twins
the ~, temperature and humidity

deadly twin

TB has become AIDS' ~

evil twin
September is the ~ of spring fever
film and its ~, commerce...

familiar twins
the South's ~, temperature and humidity

scientific twins
forecast and evolution were ~ (FitzRoy and Darwin)

division & connection / relationship: family

twin (the Twins, etc.)

the Twins
we visited ~ (Marshall Islands)

Twin Rocks
we sailed around ~ (Kemps Bay, the Bahamas)

Twin Peaks
I hiked to ~ (Australia)

Twin Lakes
she has a cabin on ~ (Ontario)

proper name: family

twist (twist the truth, etc.)

twisted the facts
the magazine ~

twist the truth
his lawyers tried to ~ during the trial

twist our words
they will change our words, they ~

speech: direction / verb

corruption: direction / verb

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech / direction / verb

twist (noun)

twist in the case
it was a sad ~

twist in the trial
this was a dramatic ~ (Trump's second impeachment)

latest twist
he will speak about the ~ (diplomacy)
EFPs are the ~ in a lethal game of measure, countermeasure

sad twist
it was a ~ in the case

stunning twist
it was a ~

♦ “Is high school theater becoming a battleground in the culture wars? ... One such case is in Cardinal High School in Middlefield Ohio. As NPR's Elizabeth Blair reports, the story there took an unexpected pirouette.” (NPR's “A” Martinez. From “Adults complained about a teen theater production and the show's creators stepped in” by Elizabeth Blair, NPR, Morning Edition, March 9, 2023.)

development: direction / movement

twist (twist and turn / twists and turns)

twists and turns

the plot has many ~ (movie)

twist and turn of this case

he has been following every ~ since the very beginning

twist and turn in the story

he has covered every ~ (a reporter)

development: direction

twisted (corruption)

twisted for (political) gain

in Washington, anything can be ~

twisted into a web

his death has been ~ of disinformation and paranoia

twisted logic

genocide followed a ~
this is an example of ~

twisted psychology

the trial has been a showcase of ~ (murder)

perverted, twisted (m)

he is a man with a ~ mind

twisted world

she lives in a ~

mentally twisted

he is ~ (animal abuser)

corruption / flaws & lack of flaws: direction

twisted (character)

twisted killer

he is a ~

twisted predator

a vivid and meticulous investigation of a ~ (true-crime book)

twisted soul

he is a ~

strange, twisted

it takes a ~ person do what she did

character & personality: direction

twitch (quick-twitch)

quick-twitch media

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

control & lack of control: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

twitter-lashing (noun)

twitter-lashing by President Trump

this ~ towards the Kochs

speech: violence / whip

accusation & criticism: violence / whip

Twitterverse (noun)

in the Twitterverse

she has a lot of love ~ (a liberal)

Twitterverse went crazy

and the ~ (about something or other)

♦ "Between Twitterland and the Muskverse was a radical divergence in outlook that reflected two different mindsets about the American workplace." (*Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson.)

computer: astronomy

area / environment: astronomy

two point zero, two point oh (2.0)

Globalization 1.0

how Vikings launched ~

GOP 2.0

he is focusing on what he calls ~ (politics)

JCPOA 2.0

there needs to be a ~ (a new nuclear deal)

Johnny Appleseed (of Agriculture) 2.0

she is the ~ (brings together entrepreneurs, investors)

lockdown 2.0

~ is here (second surge of coronavirus pandemic)

NAFTA 2.0

it's ~, a modest tweak, an updating (USMCA)

Taliban 2.0

the "moderate" ~ never emerged (Afghanistan)
~ was a mirage... (post-2021)

♦ "Meet the 'chicken from hell' 2.0: a newly discovered dinosaur" by Michael Levitt, Justine Kenin, and Mary Louise Kelly, NPR, Science, All Things Considered, February 1, 2024. A 4-Minute Listen.

progress & lack of progress: number

computer: number

tyrant (noun)

tyrant

he's a ~, micromanages, appreciates only himself
he was a ~, he fired people so often...

household tyrant

he was a terrible ~

ogre and a tyrant

his employees describe him as an ~

called him a tyrant

Republicans ~ for imposing mask restrictions

oppression / power: government / history / person

U

uber (uber-interesting, etc.)

uber-fun

this ~ and exhilarating set (NPR tiny desk concerts)

uber-interesting

his Afrofuturism class is ~ and a piece of cake... (Uni)

uber talented

she is young, ~ and enigmatic (Amythyst Kiah)

uber-competitive

I was on a team that was not ~

uber confident

~ take-no-nonsense female presenters bossing it on TV

uber-masculine

ever ~ hit record (Black male rappers)

uber-powerful

Dan Schneider, once the ~ for Nickelodeon...

ubersselective

~ schools... (colleges and universities)

uber-sensual

she had transitioned into her ~ Janet (Janet Jackson)

super-hyper-mega-uber

this ~ French entry (Barbara Pravi / Eurovision Contest)

♦ "Like many women of my age, I wanted to be Sara Cox on Channel 4's *The Girlie Show*. Up to that time there had been very few uber confident take-no-nonsense female presenters bossing it on TV."

♦ Much in U.S. society is and always has been and always will be commercial, promotional, and self-promotional. And our language reflects it: *big, super-, trendy, performative, curated, boutique*, "throw it all on the wall and see what sticks," *artisanal, craft, custom, heirloom, designer, bespoke, bedazzled* (or is it *bejazzled?*), *uber, meta, hyper, upcycled, -forward, -informed, -driven, -ized, reinvented, pop-up, verb-up, kinetic, fluid, deep, massive, generational, transactional, intersectional, insanely cool*, "try this genius hack to..." In warfare, bombs and missiles have gone from *dumb* to *smart* to *brilliant*. As Michael Goldhaber said, "The value of true modesty or humility is hard to sustain in the attention economy."

contempo-speak / language / superlative: affix

Uber (the Uber of towing, etc.)

aimed to be "the Uber of towing"

his former startup ~ (Domm Holland)

size: epithet

comparison & contrast: epithet

ugly (adjective)

ugly blemish

the Charlottesville tragedy was "an ~" on the US (2017)

ugly byproduct

domestic violence is an ~ of the culture of machismo

ugly cousin

sarcasm is anger's ~

ugly cry

Love Story was an ~ (the movie)

ugly detail

do I have to spell it out in every ~

ugly divorce

the UK and the EU are having an ~

ugly picture

she painted an ~ of him as a drug user (trial)

ugly rhetoric

I thoroughly reject and repudiate his ~

ugly scenes

there have been ~ in some places (panic buying)
players, coaches and officials were involved in ~ (brawl)

ugly sister

eugenics and its ~, eugenic euthanasia (Nazis)

ugly specter

the deal raises the ~ of conflict of interest

ugly truth

police revealed the ~ (Keith Simms, the Bondi Beast)

ugly turn

things have taken an ~

ugly underside

the ~ of America's most popular sport (football)

get ugly

late at night, the protests ~ (street protests)

♦ "This sofa is ugly. The other sofa is beautiful." (The American Language Course, Defense Language Institute—ALC / DLI.)

♦ "Of course I litter the public highway. Every chance I get. After all, it's not the beer cans that are ugly; it's the highway that is ugly." (Edward Abbey, author of the *Monkey Wrench Gang* and a Godfather of Earth First.)

♦ "Fury continues to dominate. He's turned it up a bit more this round. The eyes on Chisora aren't good, his face is battered. Stop this fight. This is ugly and getting uncomfortable." (Fury versus Chisora III, Round 9. The ref stopped the fight in Round 10.)

♦ "These posts are ugly. The hating on Meghan is offensive." (An online commenter.)

♦ Life asked Death, "Why does everyone love me and hate you?" Death replied, "Because you are a beautiful lie and I am the ugly truth."

flaws & lack of flaws: eye

ulcer (noun)

Napoleon's "Spanish ulcer"

the Peninsular War was ~

bleeding ulcer

Commander Stanley McChrystal called Marjah "a ~"

affliction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

ultra (ultra-conservative, etc.)

ultra processed

~ foods make up half the average British diet (health risks)

ultrarunners

~, a bizarre band of pain junkies...

ultra-aggressive

he is ~, on and off the track... (an F1 racer)

ultra-competitive

Caitlin Clark's ~ nature (college basketball)

ultra-conservative

he was a victim of a mutiny by ~s (politics)

ultraconservative

the ~ German political theorist..

ultra-familiar

the fish-out-of-water dynamic is ~ (2024 film *Immaculate*)

ultramassive

astronomers have found an ~ black hole

ultra-private

they were very nice but ~ (neighbors / filicide-suicide)

ultra-rare

it's an ~ condition (protopometamorphopsia / PMO)

ultrawealthy

funding from an ~ investor

♦ "We've never witnessed buildings rise so much, so quickly. From high-rises, we've stretched to supertalls and even megatalls (double the height of a supertall), and engineers are already discussing 'ultratalls' that would take us higher still." ("Can A Building Be Too Tall?" by Bianca Bosker, *The Atlantic*, January / February 2023.)

contempo-speak / language / superlative: affix

umbilical (connection)

curly umbilical

you can see the ~ from the descent stage to the rover

configuration / division & connection / resemblance: birth

umbrella (protection)

air defense umbrella

air cover or an ~ is necessary

the passes lay outside the Egyptians' ~ (Sinai / 1973)

protective umbrella

the Saudis did not want a U.S. ~

nuclear umbrella

the US could extend its ~ to Israel, Egypt, and the Gulf

under the (American national security) umbrella

any number of countries ~ have done quite well

♦ "To my family, friends and umbrellas thank you for your continued support... To my Family my Friends and to the Umbrellas World Wide... all things One Umbrella will now be promoted on my main page... (Tory Lanez, the Canadian rapper.)

♦ Umbrellas were originally designed as sun shades for protection against the sun.

protection & lack of protection: umbrella

umbrella (under an umbrella)

under the Taliban's umbrella

it is one of the main groups fighting ~

under the social studies umbrella

disciplines ~

under that huge umbrella

all of the sub-genres that go ~ of hyperpop (music)

work under the U.N. umbrella

7,000 de-miners are at ~ (Afghanistan)

cover: umbrella

umbrella (umbrella group, etc.)

umbrella agencies

get in touch with the ~ below...

umbrella catchphrase

it has morphed into an ~ with little concrete meaning (ESG)

umbrella term

"transgender" is an ~ to describe people who...

taxonomy & classification: umbrella

un (unhoused, etc.)

unhoused

LA's struggle to address its ~ crisis

the ~ population is facing new restrictions around sleeping

some ~ people prefer the streets to shelters

tiny homes for ~ veterans

~ people and extreme heat

murders committed by people who are ~ (NYC)

unparented

an ~ teen-ager

unsheltered

Philadelphia will provide vacant houses to ~ residents

unhealthy, unschooled, unfed and unpaid

women comprise the majority of the world's ~

uncomfortable

see *uncomfortable (groups)*

♦ "Of particular concern to me is the plight of women and girls, who comprise the majority of the world's unhealthy, unschooled, unfed, and unpaid..." (Hillary Clinton's Confirmation as Secretary of State under President Obama.)

inclusion & exclusion: affix

un (undo this hurt, etc.)

undo this hurt

~, unbreak my heart... (Toni Braxton)

reversal: affix

unapologetic (groups)

unapologetic

being ~, being Afro-Latina (Janel Martinez)

unapologetic confidence

young, sexy and black: 32 songs for ~ (LaTasha Harris)

unapologetic heroine

an ~ who's not gentle flower (exploited / exploiter)

unapologetic ode

Sasheer Zamata's special is an ~ to women... and witches

unapologetic (Trump) resistance

Naomi Klein's call for an ~ (liberal activist, 2017)

unapologetic and brash

there was something fearless in Pee-wee, ~ (Herman)

unapologetic, cocky

an ~ moment ("drill on your ho, livin' my goals")

bold, determined and unapologetic

he ~ personality (politician Shirley Chisholm)

fearless and unapologetic

Positions is ~ (Ariana Grande)

notorious and unapologetic

Russell Peters, ~ (Indian-Canadian comedian)

♦ "I make no apologies." (A Trump supporter.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

unapologetically (groups)

unapologetically confronts

Buffalo: What's Next ~ racism... (mass shooting)

unapologetically embraces

Fresh Off the Boat ~ Asian-American family life

unapologetically occupies space

she ~, literally and figuratively (Aidy Bryant)

unapologetically New Orleans

everything Ambre does is intentional and ~

unapologetically herself

she is ~ (queer)

unapologetically me

I'm ~...

unapologetically femme

Saucy Santana's ~ aesthetics

unapologetically queer

created space for ~ men in wrestling (Saul Armendariz)

unapologetically loud

~ women who push boundaries (Pussy Riot, etc.)

unapologetically Black and radical

she is a dark-skinned Black woman who is ~ (jailed)

unapologetically crazy and tender

a strange, large Indian man, at once ~ (older Native men)

unapologetically crude and outspoken

Lolo is ~

unapologetically so

living my truth, ~... (Gomez identifies as they / them)

unapologetically acting and making

women ~ in ways that defy this "male gaze"

♦ "It paints an intimate portrait of the real-life gay wrestler Saul Armendariz, and his fight to create space for unapologetically queer men

in a male-dominated sport and society. / **Who is he?** Known as the Liberace of Lucha Libre, Saul Armendariz broke out as a new kind of luchador in the late '80s and '90s." ("Cassandra" honors the gay wrestler who revolutionized lucha libre" by Isabella Gomez Sarmiento, NPR, September 22, 2023.)

♦ "FLETCHER is unapologetically herself." (The queer Cari Fletcher.)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, "Respectability politics."

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

unblemished

unblemished record

he came to Glasgow with the title and an ~ (boxer)

flaws & lack of flaws: mark

unbowed (adjective)

ultimately unbowed

he was ~, he defended himself (Jack Welch)

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / religion / standing, sitting & lying

unbridled

unbridled ambition

Qatar has leveraged its oil wealth and ~
he is a man of ~

unbridled authority

state's attorneys don't have ~ to appoint special prosecutors

unbridled capitalism

~ undermines traditional social relations

unbridled enthusiasm

he has the ~ of his party (a politician)
there are problems with ~

unbridled expression

the Internet allows ~

unbridled greed

our ~ caused the economic crisis
good for the company for saying no to ~ (a publisher)

unbridled growth

low interest rates fueled ~ in the tech sector (US)

unbridled (economic) growth

pollution has been one of the downsides of China's ~

unbridled imagination

musicians admired him for his ~ (a fellow musician)

unbridled optimism

people praised his ~ in the face of his illness

unbridled optimist

she is an ~

unbridled passion

he has energy, enthusiasm and ~ of what's possible

restraint & lack of restraint: horse

constraint & lack of constraint: horse

control & lack of control: horse

uncharted (adjective)

uncharted territory

see *territory (known and unknown territory)*

uncharted water

see *waters (uncharted waters, etc.)*

uncharted wilderness

new routes into the ~ of the 21-century economy

♦ "You have to invent not just the car but the way to make the car. So, the more uncharted the territory, the less predictable the outcome." (Elon Musk about producing the Tesla Cybertruck at scale.)

certainty & uncertainty / direction: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map / sea

unclear (adjective)

unclear

facts are scarce and sources are ~ (news rumors)

it's very ~ what happened (school shooting)

certainty & uncertainty: light & dark

perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark

comprehension & lack of comprehension: light & dark

uncomfortable (groups)

uncomfortable

it's going to be ~ (a dialogue on racism)

Uncomfortable Conversations

he created "~ With a Black Man" (Emmanuel Acho)

uncomfortable conversations

I want to have ~ (David Archuleta)

uncomfortable moments

how to handle ~ (being misgendered)

made them uncomfortable

close, physical interactions with Joe Biden ~ (women)

made the grownups uncomfortable

hip-hop that ~ ("WAP" / Cardi B & Megan Thee Stallion)

♦ "People with disabilities can share the ways that encounters with non-disabled people make them uncomfortable." (#AbleDs Are Weird.)

♦ "How To Survive Uncomfortable Holiday Conversations," NPR, All Things Considered, November 22, 2017.

♦ "...and those hormones have no place to go." ("The Wedge' Explores How Being Uncomfortable Builds Human Resilience," wbur, Here & Now, May 28, 2020. Jeremy Hobson interviews author Scott Carney.)

♦ "Thank you for the opportunity, but I'm satisfied that I've conveyed our deep commitment to free expression, recognizing that it's uncomfortable." (Dr. Claudine Gay, President of Harvard University. "Holding Campus Leaders Accountable and Confronting Antisemitism," House Committee on Education and the Workforce, December 5, 2023.)

♦ MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE: "When they tried to sleep, the heat of their own bodies would melt the mush snow beneath their rubber blankets, and soon they would be lying in puddles of cold water. Dr. Ambler wrote that 'sleeping in wet clothes in a wet bag on wet ice makes every bone and separate muscle ache in the morning. To-day I have not been able to draw a breath without pain.'" (*In the Kingdom of Ice: the Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeannette* by Hampton Sides.)

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

uncork (verb)

uncorked a declamation

he ~ on why America is no longer the greatest (TV show)

uncorked (long-suppressed) public opinion

the riots have ~

initiation: bottle / pressure

uncover (verb)

uncover

she would be surprised at the information she would ~

uncovered (more) bodies from a canal

rescue efforts ~ (Nigeria)

uncovered crimes

investigators dug into actions and ~

uncover explosives

troops conduct raids to carry out arrests and ~

uncover the (true) extent

he worked to ~ of bullying (schools)

uncovered an (unnerving) fact

he ~ (scientist / about influenza)

uncovered evidence

scientists digging south of Denver say they have ~ of...

well, we've ~ that points in a different direction (crime)

uncover any links

as federal agents work to ~ to terrorists

uncovered a (solid) motive

the investigation has not yet ~ (rap-star shooting)

uncovered a plot

police ~ to blow up commercial jetliners (terrorists)

uncovered the (Sept. 11) plot

the FBI mishandled info that could have ~

uncovered a (growing multi-smuggling) racket

a newspaper has ~ (Swaziland)

uncovered (one or two more of the) terrorists

we could have ~... (9/11)

police uncovered

~ thousands (tapes by militant Islamists)

investigations can uncover

~ things that result in lawsuits

appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / verb

under (hierarchy)

under him

but because I was ~... (a company)

hierarchy: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / position

under (underdeliver, etc.)

underdeliver

hopefully, the storm will ~, but it could overdeliver

underpromise

~, overdeliver...

under-protect

parents ~ kids online but overprotect them in the real world

underprotecting

the imbalance of overpolicing and ~ (groups)

under-resourced

so, we're over-policed and ~ (a black woman)

underserved

~ communities (black, brown, etc.)

historically ~ (Black, brown communities)

she drove growth among ~ audiences (Katherine Maher)

underwhelming

~ was an understatement (snark)

♦ "Millions of women are 'under-muscled.'" (Diet (lack of protein), exercise.)

♦ "Undermanned, underequipped, under rested, and undertrained Marine companies went nose-to-nose with North Vietnamese regulars along the DMZ." (*Operation Buffalo* by Keith William Nolan.)

♦ see also *over* (*overshare*, etc.)

flaws & lack of flaws: affix / direction

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: affix / direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.)

soft underbelly

Liverpool knew where the ~ lay (victory against City)

protection & lack of protection: animal / orientation / stomach

underbelly (concealment)

underbelly of globalization

this is the ~ (toxic dumping in third world)

underbelly of that protection

the ~ is physical and sexual violence (homeless women under wing of homeless veterans)

underbelly of drugs, violence and fear

the investigation uncovered a dark ~ (a small town)

Glasgow's (dark) underbelly

~ of vulnerability and danger (murdered prostitutes)

corrupt underbelly

did he know too much about boxing's ~ (Sonny Listen)

dark underbelly

the ~ of just how far parents are willing to go (college admissions scandal)

grim underbelly

ballet has a ~

seedy underbelly

Hollywood's ~, the casting couch...

violent underbelly

this city is beautiful with a very real and very ~ (cop)

♦ "[T]he human eye is constructed in such a way that we can never see any object entirely. If you look at a cube, you can only see three sides... / Everything you look at is only half of what is there... / [T]his sounds strange, as if I'm a philosopher pondering things over and over again..." (The remarkable writer Steven Millhauser talking about *Disruptions*, his latest collection of short stories.)

orientation: stomach

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / flaws & lack of flaws: orientation / stomach

undercurrent (noun)

undercurrent of extremism

there is a serious ~ (in a country)

constant undercurrent

the quest for identity is a ~ in the Middle East

♦ "The movie has a Christian undercurrent that occasionally becomes an overcurrent, as when..." (*Variety's* review of the 2023 film *Sound of Freedom*.)

concealment & lack of concealment / force: river

undercut (verb)

undercut her

she stood her ground and didn't let the defense ~ (trial)

failure, accident & impairment: mining / verb

underdog (competition)

underdog

we don't consider ourselves ~s (basketball team)

we're the ~s (sports team)

he is an ~ (politics)

underdog candidates

~ gulped much-needed political oxygen (TV debate)

underdog potential

who has that ~ (NCAA tournament)

underdog status

Dillian Whyte will relish the ~ (vs. Tyson Fury / boxing)

front-runners and underdogs

~ loved him (a race car driver)

consider ourselves underdogs

we don't ~ (member of a basketball team)

♦ The underdog has nothing to lose and everything to gain. (Boxing.)

♦ "Who doesn't love an underdog?" (Sports.)

♦ "What animates [his] obsession with underdog status?" (A famous Black athlete, who had advantages many other's didn't.)

competition / strength & weakness / superiority & inferiority: animal / dog / position

underdog (hierarchy)

underdog

she was an ~ some cheered for (Anna Nicole)

underdog story
it's an ~ set during the Depression (a film)
people love an ~ (footballer Jamie Vardy)

bias towards the underdog
journalists have a ~, all kinds of biases...

hierarchy: animal / dog / position

underground (noun)

underground bookshelves
the ~ started by this teacher (banned books)

underground church
millions of Chinese Catholics worship in ~s

underground (extremist) group
the ~ Army of God

underground libraries
some teachers have been building ~ (book bans)

underground magazine
an ~ about dog fighting (illegal in US)

underground market
drugs available on the ~

underground (anti-slavery) movement
an ~

underground music
acid-house was ~

underground railroad
see *underground railroad*

underground rock scene
an ~ in the city's shadows (the Leningrad Rock Club)

underground churches and sects
the spread of ~

underground and the mainstream
he is stuck between the ~ (Shaun White in 2010)

cyber underground
the ~ was abuzz with rumors

drives it underground
cracking down on sex trafficking just ~

drive sex offenders underground
Iowa's residency rules ~

♦ "In Texas, where hundreds of school book bans have been reported, some teachers and students have been building underground libraries." ("A secret shelf of banned books thrives in a Texas school, under the nose of censors," Neda Ulaby, NPR, Morning Edition, February 21, 2024.)

♦ "People were still uncomfortable and nervous about going underground. The only reason you go underground is when you're dead. They viewed it as a place where the devil lived, where rats lived." Doug Most, author of *The Race Underground*, a history of the Boston- New York subway rivalry.)

society: center & periphery / direction

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

concealment & lack of concealment / environment: direction

underground railroad

underground railroad
an ~ to get workers across the border (from Mexico)

Operation Underground Railroad

Tim Ballard is the founder and CEO of ~ (OUR)

♦ Prime Minister to General Ismay. (24.VI.40.) It seems most important to establish now before the trap closes an organisation for enabling French officers and soldiers, as well as important technicians, who wish to fight, to make their way to various ports. A sort of 'underground railway' as in the olden days of slavery should be established and a Scarlet Pimpernel organisation set up. I have no doubt there will be a steady flow of determined men, and we need all we can get for the defence of French colonies. The Admiralty and Air Force must co-operate. General de Gaulle and his Committee would, of course, be the operative authority." (Winston S. Churchill, *The Second World War Volume II, Their Finest Hour*. Second Edition, 1950. "X The Bordeaux Armistice." Page 193.)

♦ "Led by the draper, the townsfolk mobilised quickly, finding safe houses, supplying food and blankets to people in hiding, and collecting money to help those who could not afford to pay for the journey." "Gilleleje: Denmark's seaside town that saved Danish Jews" by Laura Hall, BBC Travel, 2nd October 2023. "It's hailed as one of the greatest acts of collective resistance during World War Two.")

♦ "After World War II, there were some 250,000 displaced Jews in Europe. They'd escaped the Nazis or survived concentration camps. Once they returned home, however, they found their houses occupied, their communities decimated and many of their non-Jewish neighbors unwelcoming. They decided the only place they could build a new life and find true sanctuary was in British Palestine—or, as they call it, Eretz Yisrael. / Still, a great many obstacles stood in their way. A plan to circumnavigate them came by way of a clandestine organization called the Bricha. The Hebrew word means 'escape' or 'flight,' and the journey was both. It was also illegal." (Escape From Austria" by Rebecca Frankel, *Smithsonian*, January / February 2023. See also the Wikipedia articles for "Kielce pogrom" and "Bricha.")

♦ "He's one of the key members of the underground railroad that takes people through China into Southeast Asia." (A pastor who helps North Korean defectors in China.)

migration / pursuit, capture & escape / resistance, opposition & defeat: history

underhanded (or underhand)

underhand tactics
his side was subjected to ~ (sports)

underhanded tricks
protect yourself from ~

underhanded ways
she employs ~ to get ahead

covert and underhanded
racism can be ~ (versus in your face)

subterfuge: direction / hand

underlie (verb)

underlie the (chronic) inflammation
allergic symptoms may ~

underlie the insurgency
we must address the problems that ~

underlie mating games
she is testing out the social skills that ~ (a teen girl)

♦ Geological basins and basement rocks underlie the Nullarbor Plain. (Geology.)

bases: direction / ground, terrain & land / verb

underline (attention)

double underline

we need to ~ the conclusion (of a report)

underline, highlight

the Soviets did not ~ the tragedy of the Jews (WWII)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters / verb

underlying (adjective)

underlying causes

an understanding of the ~

underlying concept

the approach and its ~s

underlying condition

does not help the ~

underlying explanation

no one challenged the ~ for the sudden death

underlying factors

the ~ that contributed to the disaster (NASA)

underlying felony

armed robbery was the ~ in the murders

underlying infrastructure

a deep flaw in the ~ (Microsoft security flaw)

underlying injuries

the diagnosis of ~

underlying issues

~ include emotional immaturity, feelings of inferiority

underlying message

understand their ~ (autistic behaviors)

underlying principle

a world in which modesty is the ~ (Muslim girl)

underlying (Buddhist) principles

a draft constitution based on ~ (Bhutan)

underlying (psychological) problems

were there ~

underlying question

imaging research has not answered the ~ (psychiatry)

underlying theme

CBS stuck to the ~ of the report (expose)

underlying unity

our quest for some elusive ~

underlying medical condition

regardless of their ~

bases: direction / ground, terrain & land

relationship: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

undermine (verb)

undermine assumptions

the finding, if upheld, would ~ that... (migration)

undermine cohesion

disparities in compensation ~ among troops

undermined confidence

fear has ~ in the food supply (avian flu)

undermines (investor) confidence

corruption ~ in new ventures

undermine cooperation

selfish, exploitative people quickly ~

undermine (U.S.) credibility

deliberate lies ~ (foreign policy)

undermine the (Eritrean) government

Sudan's government tried to ~ (1990s)

undermined the law

religious fanaticism has ~ (Pakistan)

undermine morale

inefficient distribution of mail can ~ (military)

undermine the narrative

facts are ignored if they are inconvenient or ~ (at NPR)

undermine relationships

you can ~ with insecurity and jealousy

undermines their (own academic) reputation

reviewers may react harshly to research that ~

undermine security

they use terrorism to sow fear and ~

undermine (global) security

a missile-defense system will ~

undermined (fundamental) values

popular culture has ~

undermines his sex drive

his performance anxiety ~

undermined his self-confidence

the rejections ~ (job hunting)

threatens to undermine

lawlessness ~ investor confidence

failure, accident & impairment: mining / verb

underneath (basis)

underneath the bravado

~ there is fear

appearance & reality / bases / relationship: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

underscore (attention)

underscores the importance

this breakdown in talks ~ of negotiations (with Iran)

underscores the need

the report ~ for better data

underscore the pressure-cooker atmosphere

the accusations ~ in the region

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters / verb

underside (noun)

underside of the miracle

but the ~ is... (booming economy but problems)

ugly underside

the ~ of America's most popular sport (football)

orientation: stomach

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / flaws & lack of flaws: orientation / stomach

undertaker (The Undertaker, etc.)

The Undertaker

Mark William Calaway, better known as ~ (wrestler)

undertaker of Silicon Valley

the ~ stays busy (Martin Pichinson)

♦ "Everything has been hit. I never in my life thought I'd see a black swan. This is a black swan." ("The 'Undertaker Of Silicon Valley' Stays Busy As Startups Lay Off Thousands" by Bobby Allyn, NPR, All Things Considered, April 20, 2020. The COVID pandemic.)

epithet: death & life

undertone (noun)

veiled undertones

his irritation can be detected in ~ in his diary

racial undertones

the media's coverage of Sterling has ~ (Great Britain)

concealment & lack of concealment / evidence: music / sound

underwater (adjective)

underwater

her poll numbers were ~ and she faced an uphill battle

\$20.5 billion underwater

the federal flood insurance program is currently ~

dipped underwater

polling shows Biden's approval rating ~ in August, 2021

destruction / survival, persistence & endurance: water

underway

underway

an economic recovery is ~

efforts ~ to develop job opportunities for those...

underway in Azerbaijan

the alphabet reform ~

underway on the dam

construction is ~

already underway

a disaster accelerates economic changes that are ~
an improvement plan is ~

currently underway

a second, larger study is ~ (rehab therapy)

now underway

an NIH-sponsored double-blind study is ~ to evaluate...

well underway

construction is ~ on the dam

buzz was underway

the water cooler ~ (Olympic controversy)

coup was underway

one of the rogue officers denied a ~ (Philippines)

work is underway

construction ~ on Ethiopia's huge Gibe III dam

trials are underway

randomized controlled ~ (medicine)

gets underway

the next big federal trial ~ next month (opioid suits)

got underway

as the trial ~, prosecutors knew they had an uphill climb

starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips

underworld (noun)

underworld figures

the bar is a favorite for ~ (crime)

Kyrgyzstan's (powerful criminal) underworld

the government may be trying to rein in ~

♦ "The signs were there that it could flow over from the underworld to the upper world, and now that has happened." (Wouter Loumans, author of *Mocro Mafia*.)

concealment & lack of concealment / environment:

direction / earth & world / society

center & periphery: direction / society

society: center & periphery / direction

undoing (destruction)

its (final) undoing

this summer's warmth has been ~ (ice-shelf breaks up)

your undoing

you are going down a road that will be ~

laid the groundwork for his own undoing

he had ~

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: cloth / rope

undone (destruction)

coming undone

behind all the glitter of the 1970s, Iran was ~

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: cloth / rope

unearth (verb)

unearth documents

the unit can ~ erased from hard drives (police)

unearthed evidence

FBI investigators ~ to show his involvement in IS
the podcast claimed it had ~ that corroborated his alibi
he also ~ of contact between... (politics)

♦ Workmen recently unearthed a 500-pound World War II bomb at Portsmouth Naval Base. It was detonated by bomb-disposal experts.

analysis, interpretation & explanation / appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

unearthed

unearthed experiment

a recently ~ prompted US authorities to apologize

analysis, interpretation & explanation / appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining

unfathomable (adjective)

unfathomable

this murder is so senseless, it's ~

unfathomable to him

the decision was ~ (business)

unfathomable stupidity

he survived due to the ~s of the regime (W.W. II)

heartbreaking and unfathomable

his murder was ~ (a rapper)

seem unfathomable

falsely admitting to a crime may ~ to many

comprehension & incomprehension: sea / depth / water

unfettered

unfettered

they can buy weapons ~ (in US)

unfettered access

she has ~ to files (an investigator)
the church will give ~ to documents (sex abuse)

unfettered press

people paid attention to their increasingly ~ (change)

live unfettered

he was determined to ~ by excessive obligations (a writer)

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: chain / crime / leg / movement / walking, running & jumping

unfold (discover)

unfolding details

investigators are rapidly ~ of the plot (terrorism)

searching & discovery: cloth / verb

unfold (develop)

unfolding in chapters

the mystery is ~ (missing plane)

still unfolding

the story is ~

crisis unfolds

as the coronavirus ~...

events will unfold

agility requires an ability to visualize how ~ (military)

watched their own drama unfold

passengers ~ on satellite TV sets (JetBlue Flight 292)

development: cloth / verb

unfolding (developing)

unfolding in Japan

a catastrophe has been ~ (nuclear problem)

unfolding disaster

a Greek chorus comments on the ~

still-unfolding

a chapter in the ~ story

development: cloth

unfolding (opening)

unfolding blossoms

the ~ of the fruit trees

resemblance: cloth

unglued (emotionally)

came unglued

she ~ in the courtroom

mental health: materials & substances

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances

unhealthy (condition)

unhealthy focus

the internet's ~ on opinion (Jia Tolentino)

something unhealthy at Manchester United

there is ~

condition & status: health & medicine

unhinged (adjective)

unhinged

he seemed like a guy who was ~

unhinged mind

the gloriously ~ of James Gunn (film *The Suicide Squad*)

unhinged partisans

shame on these ugly ~, deranged by their hatred (politics)

become so unhinged that...

liberal activists and social justice warriors have ~

fantasy & reality: doors & thresholds

failure, accident & impairment: mental health

mental health: euphemism

unicorn (unicorns of the sea, etc.)

“unicorns of the sea”

narwhals are the ~

epithet: creature

resemblance: epithet

unicorn (tech “Unicorn,” etc.)

unicorn of a movie

it’s a ~, it must be seen to be believed (Sasquatch Sunset)

unicorn boom

the gold rush of the “~” (Silicon Valley startups)

“unicorn” paper

a ~ is publishable as is (no revising / an academic editor)

NBA’s latest European unicorn

7-foot-4 Victor Wembanyama, the ~ (basketball player)

tech “Unicorns”

Blipper was one of the UK’s ~

\$47 Billion Unicorn

WeWork: Or the Making and Breaking of a ~ (Hulu)

quite a unicorn

that is ~ (a person to fit job requirements)

poster child of the unicorns

the ~ was Uber, the ride-hailing smart-phone app

♦ A tech unicorn is a start-up worth \$1 billion or more.

♦ “That is quite a unicorn.” (A fluent speaker of Mandarin, with a background in artificial intelligence, willing to work as a spy for the CIA!)

♦ “We have been the grateful recipients of many fine and interesting papers, but have yet to come across what I think of as a ‘unicorn’ paper—one that has been unanimously deemed ‘publishable as is’ by all of its review editors.” (The swelled-head editor of some minor academic journal.)

♦ “A Unicorn Of A Movie. It Must Be Seen To Be Believed.” (Variety. “Hilarious and Dementedly Poignant (IndieWire). Watch Sasquatch Sunset Official Red Band Trailer Bleecker Street. Super!)

epithet / worth & lack of worth: creature

computer: creature

worth & lack of worth: epithet

unicorn (Scotland, etc.)

unicorn

~s are ubiquitous in Scotland

Lion and the Unicorn

the ~ appear on the UK royal coat of arms

♦ See the excellent article, “What unicorns mean to Scottish identity” by Mike MacEachern, BBC Travel, 9th April 2019. It includes very nice pictures of unicorns.

identity & nature: creature / sign, signal, symbol

universe (noun)

surfer’s (turquoise) universe

the ~ (tubes, barrels, pipelines, etc.)

Nickelodeon universe

the ~ dominated children’s TV in the late ‘90s and aughts

Real Housewives universe

I love reality TV, especially the ~

Yellowstone Universe

Matthew McConaughey is joining the ~ (the TV series)

basketball universe

Indiana is the center of the ~ (Rick Mount, Larry Bird, etc.)

board-sport universe

in the ~

movie ‘universes’

audiences are sick of boring superhero ~

yachting universe

Cape Horn is regarded as the Mount Everest of the ~

academic universe

more settled fields in the ~ (vs. black studies)

aesthetic universe

the ~ of *Avatar* (the film)

new universe

he told of the mysterious world of microbes as a ~

canon in the (Zepotha) universe

their movie will become ~ (a challenge for creatives)

center of the (basketball) universe

Indiana is the ~

♦ Something referred to as “The Marvel Cinematic Universe” comprises 30+ films. Who knew?

♦ “Audiences are sick of boring superhero movie ‘universes’” by Johnny Oleksinski, *New York Post*, August 23, 2023.

♦ “Once again, we trudge out at the end of an MCU film—the 33rd—moaning, ‘How much longer can this godforsaken cinematic universe possibly drag on?’” (Johnny Oleksinski’s withering review of the 2023 film *The Marvels*.)

♦ “The community forming around the fake movie *Zepotha* is not that different from fandoms of real movies.” (The TikTok “Zepotha trend” created by Emily Jeffri has inspired fan fiction, movie posters, cos-play, etc.)

♦ “Or maybe we’re just good American capitalists, encouraged by the cult of individualism to think of ourselves as compelling brands, the main characters of cinematic star vehicles, the centers of the universe.” (“That’s It. You’re Dead To Me. Suddenly everyone is ‘toxic’” by Kaitlyn Tiffany, *The Atlantic*, September, 2022.)

♦ She’s the center of her own universe... (Conceited, selfish, self-centered, “all that,” etc.)

♦ “Get over yourself, you ain’t the center of the universe, everything don’t revolve around you...”

♦ see also *verse* (*metaverse*, etc.)

area / environment: astronomy

university (experience)

real university

the Arctic was his ~, the Inuit his professors (Amundsen)

♦ "A whale-ship was my Yale College and my Harvard." (*Moby Dick* by Herman Melville. To John Updike, Winslow Homer was "painting's Melville.")

♦ "The Eskimos were right!" (An excited scientist in a helicopter in 1994, noticing a bow whale swimming with a group of beluga whales. The native peoples had told him bow whales did that, something he didn't know.)

♦ Indigenous knowledge (IK); traditional knowledge (TK); traditional ecological knowledge (TEK); local knowledge; folk science; indigenous science; local and indigenous knowledge (Unesco)... (Terms for the same thing.)

♦ "What we become depends on what we read after all of the professors have finished with us. The greatest university of all is a collection of books." (Thomas Carlyle.)

♦ "A friend of mine, who was deported to the women's Camp of Ravensbruck, says that the camp was her university. I think I can say the same thing, that is, by living and then writing about and pondering those events, I have learned many things about man and the world." ("Postscript: The Author's Answers to His Readers' Questions" by Primo Levi.)

♦ see also *school (experience)*

experience / knowledge & intelligence: school & education

unleash (verb)

unleashed a (\$350 million) campaign to persuade
Microsoft ~... (advertisement)

unleash (even more) oil into the Gulf
it could ~ (a plan to stop oil spill)

unleashed a (powerful) shot from 20 meters
he ~ (soccer)

unleashed a (mortar) barrage
the Wa ~ and the Thais responded with...

unleashed his blows
Tyson charged up to Lewis and ~... (boxing)

unleash your (inner) conservative
~ (politics)

unleashed the demons
WWI ~ of political disorder, extremism, and cruelty

unleashed feelings
Donald Trump ~ that were not expressed publicly before

unleash a flood
Tibetans fear the rail line will ~ of Han immigrants
defeat of the bill will ~ of negative advertising (politics)

unleashes forces
war ~ that cannot be predicted or controlled

unleashed its fury
the massive storm ~ (tornadoes)

unleash a monster
that's what happens when you ~ (violence)

unleashed (additional rocket) salvos
Palestinians have ~ (from Gaza)

unleashed a storm
congressmen ~ of patriotic rage

unleashed (heavy) rain and (strong) winds
thunderstorms ~ across parts of the Midwest

unleashes a torrent
in the play's final scene, she unleashes a ~ of fury at...

unleashed a wave
they ~ of protest

unleashed a bloodbath
the bombing of the Mosque of the Gold Dome ~

unleashed a whirlwind
the dictator's ouster ~ of pent-up civic forces (Suharto)

unleash a civil war
then Mr. Taylor returned to Liberia to ~

♦ "Unleash your full creativity." (Dell Technologies. Workstations for creators.)

♦ "Unleash the power. Take the power. Search with the power." (An email from Microsoft Copilot.)

constraint & lack of constraint / initiation: dog / verb

unleashed

unleashed against dissidents
the repression ~

unleashed by (fanatical) terrorists
the violence ~

unleashed by (emotional) trauma
hysteria as a nervous-system disorder ~

genie (of racial hatred) has been unleashed
the ~ (Ivory Coast)

constraint & lack of constraint / initiation: dog

unlock (verb)

unlocks the mystery
this could be the key that ~

**amelioration & renewal / concealment & lack of
concealment / searching & discovery: key / verb**

unmaking (destruction)

making and unmaking
the book describes her ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

**destruction / failure, accident & impairment:
manufacturing**

unmask (verb)

unmask (vile and prolific) abusers
the technology is there to ~ (on social media)

unmask this individual
Republicans are trying to ~ (a whistleblower)

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories
/ verb**

unmoored

unmoored from its stated purpose

Congress allowed the mission to become ~ of... (war)

attachment / division & connection / movement / progress & lack of progress: boat

unpack (verb)

unpack

there's a lot to ~ in this scene, it's confusing (a film)

there is so much to ~ here (an NPR host)

unpacking (implicit racial) bias

for two decades she has been ~

unpack the idea

the way I ~ is that...

unpack it

you got to explain it, ~

unpack that

let me ~...

unwrap and unpack

different ways to ~ race and identity ("Race Unwrapped")

♦ This is similar to *unpick*, which literally means to remove sewing stitches.

♦ Hosts and pundits *break down, unpack, unpick, discuss, walk us through, give us an overview of, and help us* with their respective topics. In the past, this might have been expressed with the word "explain" or "analyze."

analysis, interpretation & explanation: container / verb

unpalatable (adjective)

unpalatable options

in Syria, the US weighs a range of ~

uncomfortable and unpalatable

ideas that are ~ (the comic Dave Chappelle)

consumption: food & drink / taste

unpick (verb)

unpick one or two of those things

let's ~ (discussion of Hapsburg Monarchy on BBC)

unpick this chain of events

we sought to ~ in our film

unpicking the mechanics of hatred

in this series I'll be ~ (a history of hate)

♦ This literally means to remove sewing stitches.

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / verb

unpolished

unpolished charm

the movie's ~ dissolves into predictability

♦ It is good to know there is an opposite for *lapidary*.

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

unravel (fail)

unraveling

the system that has controlled her life is ~ (Britney)

unraveled at an accelerating pace

those norms have ~

unraveling in Iraq

with no criminal or psychiatric history, he had started ~

started unraveling

with no criminal or psychiatric history, he had ~ in Iraq

began to unravel

her life ~ when...

Swallow's story ~ (an escaped convict)

case (against him) may be unravelling

the ~

harmony (of Russia's nationalities) is unraveling

the enforced ~

meeting (quickly) unraveled

the ~ (diplomacy)

narrative (of deceit) unraveled

after her ~ (the Australian influencer Belle Gibson)

norms unraveled

those ~, replaced by an ethos of "anything goes"

pact unraveled

the power-sharing ~ (Sierra Leone)

failure, accident & impairment: cloth / rope / verb

unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.)

unravel the case

we followed the thread and began to ~ (tapes of old trial)

looking for a clue that would ~

unravel the mystery

they are trying to ~ of tornadoes (storm chasers)

unraveled the mystery

satellites have ~ of Mars' geological patterns ("spiders")

unraveled a (strange and illuminating) story

we followed the thread and ~

searching & discovery: cloth / verb

amelioration & renewal: rope / verb

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / verb

unraveled (explained)

unraveled

there are mysteries yet to be ~ (crop circles)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth

unsavory (adjective)

unsavory connections

he has ~ (a tribal leader)

unsavory means
he became rich through ~

unsavory methods
he is known for his ~ (politician)

unsavory past
he is a loose cannon with an ~ (politician)

unsavory reality
using a famous last name is an ~ of power and politics

unsavory reputation
he has an ~

unsavory side
he showed his ~

illegal or unsavory
he engaged in practices that were ~ (businessman)

♦ Something may taste or smell savory. Stews and goulashes can have a savory smell. Savory is related to palatable.

consumption / corruption / feeling, emotion & effect /
flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink / taste

unscathed (adjective)

left the debate unscathed
his main rival ~ (politics)

condition & status: health & medicine / mark / wounds &
scars

unseat (verb)

unseats our idea
this idea ~ that lesbianism equals female masculinity

dismissal, removal & resignation / disruption / failure,
accident & impairment: equilibrium & stability / horse /
verb

unstable (adjective)

unstable
the regime is ~

condition & status / flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium &
stability

unshackle (verb)

unshackle itself from the past
hopefully, the sport can ~ (cycling and doping)

constraint & lack of constraint: chain / crime / verb

unspool (verb)

unspool what
fans and music critics have been trying to ~ it all means

unspool the history
he joins us to ~ that led up to...

unspool the (song's multiple) layers
to help us ~ of meaning...

unspool his role
investigators are working to ~ in the affair (politics)

unspool the (sordid) story
we ~ and talk with survivor families

unspool slowly
the reasons for her alienation ~ (a book)

unspool as Iraq did
the great fear is that Afghanistan could ~

development: cloth / film & TV / verb
analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / film & TV /
verb

unstoppable (force, etc.)

seem unstoppable
Manchester City ~ with Erling Haaland

force: movement

unsung (praise)

unsung hero
the ~ for me was... (a championship soccer game)
he is a bit of an ~ (the remarkable Martyn Stewart)
the ~s (five maintenance workers at pre-K-12 school)

My Unsung Hero
time now for ~, a series from Hidden Brain (NPR)

unsung masterpiece
Justified was an ~ of the Peak TV era

♦ "Sing, O Muse, of..." (The opening line of Homer's the *Iliad*.)

achievement, recognition & praise: music

untangle (verb)

untangled the history from the mythology
we ~ to get the true story of what happened (podcast)

untangle the supply snarls
it could take a while to ~ (economy)

amelioration & renewal: cloth / rope / verb
analysis & interpretation: cloth / rope / verb

untouchable (person)

untouchables of academia
it's a caste system, and we are the ~ (an adjunct)

acceptance & rejection / hierarchy / person: society
society: person

unvarnished (adjective)

unvarnished advice
he had some ~ for him

unvarnished authenticity
his ~ (the boxer Gervonta Davis)

unvarnished and emotional
their stories are ~ (not sensationalized or trivialized)

♦ "His rags-to-riches backstory, crowd-pleasing style and unvarnished authenticity... (The boxer Gervonta Davis.)"

**appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment:
materials & substances**

unveil (make public)

unveiled a new approach
the government ~ to...

unveiled its (welfare) reforms
the government ~

inauguration: clothing & accessories / verb

unwavering (adjective)

unwavering
his support is ~

total and unwavering
our amazing veterans deserve our ~ support

**commitment & determination: equilibrium & stability /
movement**

unwelcoming (groups)

unwelcoming place
it was such an ~ for them (women comedians in the past)

♦ "It was such an unwelcoming place for them." (Women comedians back in the day.)

♦ "After World War II, there were some 250,000 displaced Jews in Europe. They'd escaped the Nazis or survived concentration camps. Once they returned home, however, they found their houses occupied, their communities decimated and many of their non-Jewish neighbors unwelcoming. They decided the only place they could build a new life and find true sanctuary was in British Palestine—or, as they call it, Eretz Yisrael. / Still, a great many obstacles stood in their way. A plan to circumnavigate them came by way of a clandestine organization called the Bricha. The Hebrew word means 'escape' or 'flight,' and the journey was both. It was also illegal." (Escape From Austria" by Rebecca Frankel. *Smithsonian*, January / February 2023. See also the Wikipedia articles for "Kielce pogrom" and "Bricha.")

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

unwind (relax)

unwind
he watched TV and tried to ~ after work
crime documentaries have become my default way to ~
how does he ~ (Anthony Fauci, a workaholic)

mental health: pressure / verb

**feeling, emotion & effect / amelioration & renewal:
mechanism / verb**

unwind (reverse)

unwind them
Joe Biden has taken steps to ~ (2 Trump policies)

reversal: mechanism / verb

unwind (analyze)

unwind the scandal
it won't be easy to ~ (doping allegation / Olympics)

development: cloth / film & TV / verb

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / film & TV /
verb**

up (increase / verb)

up the ante
Moscow might ~ if the West continues to ignore...

up our game
we need to ~

up their game
companies need to ~ in cybersecurity

upped the tariffs
the Trump administration has ~

increase & decrease: direction / verb

up (science up, etc.)

amp up
see amp up (verb)

armor themselves up
distrustful people ~ to feel safe

butch up
"Dear Ari, Please, ~" (NPR's Ari Shapiro)

eyed up
Brian Daboll ~ his special teams coordinator after...

focus up
we've got to ~ and nail this audition

brain up
don't "dumb down," but "~" (Teletubbies)

level up
see level up (as verb)

love up
see love up (and love up on, etc.)

magic up
see magic up (verb)

network up
don't just ~, do it with your peers (networking)

ramp up
see ramp up (verb)

science things up
we'd love for Joe Biden to really ~

skill up
~, level up (an ad for the University of Montreal)

staff up
we need to ~ (increase staff)

amped up
the dish is ~ with plenty of chilies

angered up
oh my, the bigots are all ~ (snark on discussion board)

cashied up
guard who fled with inmate was ~ (withdrew \$90,000)

cowboyed up
Baratunde Thurston ~ in Idaho (*America Outdoors*)

lawyered up
both parties have ~ amid negotiations

loved up
he is currently ~ with Lauren Silverman (shacked up?)

sexed-up
why stars have ~ (clickbait)

“teched-up”
mindfulness can help you in a 24/7 ~ world

“xanied up”
he was ~ (the prescription drug Xanax)

♦ If someone talks about *managing up*, they are referring to a set of common-sense ways of dealing with the boss. There have been articles about this, even in *The Wall Street Journal*.

♦ Girl Up, a U.N. Foundation campaign, promotes the rights of adolescent girls around the world.

♦ “Up the ‘Ra!’” (Nigel Farage, perhaps not knowing what he was saying.)

♦ I had to humble down and realize I’m flawed.” (The actor Will Smith.)

contempo-speak: prep, adv, adj, particle

up (higher)

up
employment is ~
suicide rates are ~

increase & decrease: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

up (time is finished, etc.)

time is up
my ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

up (up to now, up to date, etc.)

up to date
the students keep us young, ~ (Darryl “Pepe” Diaz)

led up to the French Revolution
in the years that ~...

bring us up to date
~, where are we now, exactly (Ailsa Chang, NPR)

♦ This is an instance of up-down metaphors for time and contrasts with *down* (*down through the centuries*). Time seems to come down from the past and then up to the present. Perhaps this reflects a cyclical view of time, or simply a hilly topography.

past & present / time: direction / height / history / mountains & hills / prep, adv, adj, particle

up (feeling)

up
keep your hopes ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle
up (what’s up, etc.)

up with you
I know something’s ~ (a mother about a troubled child)

occurrence: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

up (ups and downs)

ups and downs
there’s going to be a lot of ~ in the months to come
~ are simply a part of life (self-compassion)
she had her ~ (an athlete)

development: direction

up (up for something)

up for the challenge
people wonder if he is ~ (running for president)

♦ You can be down for something or up for something with similar meaning! English is crazy.

allegiance, support & betrayal / commitment & determination: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

up against

see *against* (*up against*)

up-and-coming (and up and coming)

up-and-coming
seaweed farming is ~

up-and-coming greats
the two ~ going toe to toe (2 NFL quarterbacks)

up-and-coming rapper
an ~ who went the way of Pop Smoke (both murdered)

♦ See *comer* (*up-and-comer*, etc.), *arrive* (*attainment*)

future / time: direction / movement

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / movement

up and down

up and down
my career has been ~, and I like up better (Ray Liotta)

up and down, rollercoaster
it’s been an ~ week (impeachment trial)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / movement

upbeat (adjective)

remained upbeat
she ~, taking the positives out of the day’s events

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

upcoming (adjective)

upcoming (boxing) match

his ~ with Apinun Khongsong (Josh Taylor)

upcoming trial

he was back in court ahead of his ~ (Markeith Loyd)

future / time: direction / movement

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement

upend (verb)

upended his career

the scandal ~ (Hollywood)

upend the (financial) industry

looming challenges will ~

upended (entire) industries

Amazon, Netflix and Uber ~ (technology)

upended the (presidential) race

he ~ this week by picking...

upended the game table

he ~ of politics in 2016

upended conventional wisdom

this really ~ (a "natural" experiment / economics)

upend and destabilize

sports podcasts often ~ stereotypes about black athletes

disruption: direction / equilibrium & stability / verb

upheaval (disruption)

upheaval

the miners' action has opened the floodgates to more ~

upheaval of Ruiz's shock win

a few weeks of calm after the ~ over Joshua (boxing)

great upheavals

periods that precede ~ such as Europe on the eve of 1914

political upheavals

the last few years have seen a series of ~ (England)

disruption / effect / feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake / equilibrium & stability / ground, terrain & land

uphill (difficult)

uphill battle

see *battle (uphill battle, etc.)*

uphill climb

as the trial got underway, prosecutors knew they had an ~

uphill fight

it will be an ~ (to win an election)

uphill struggle

a difficult and ~

difficult and uphill

a ~ struggle

♦ see *downhill (go downhill, etc.)* for why downhill can mean to decline.

difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / mountains & hills / walking, running & jumping

upon (tragedy upon tragedy, etc.)

tragedy upon tragedy

~ (3 mass shootings in California in 3 days)

development / sequence: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

upper (river, etc.)

upper reach

this is what one might call the ~ of the Lower Yangtze

orientation: direction / river / height

uppercutting

upper-cutting guests with a sharp line of questioning

she was known for her tough interviewing style, ~

conflict: boxing

upright (upright man, etc.)

upright man

he was an ~ of starchy integrity (law and government)

behavior / character & personality: direction / height

uprising (resistance)

wave of (democratic) uprisings

a ~ is transforming the Islamic world

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction

uproar (controversy)

ensuing uproar

in the ~, scientists battled over the risks and benefits...

political uproar

the politics of mother's milk has created a ~

uproar (eventually) died down

the ~ (dismissal of coach)

caused an uproar

the sanitized edition of 'Huckleberry Finn' has ~

provoked uproar

the case has ~ (guns versus domestic violence)

sparked an uproar

his dismissal ~ on campus (popular coach Bobby Knight)

her transgender talk ~ (a Canadian feminist)

the sisters' case ~ (abuse)

triggered the uproar

what ~ was an incendiary post at a Website

♦ "At sunrise, Sunday morning, May 3, 1863, the battle opened with terrific cannonading. Simultaneously commenced the bursting shells and the harsh, crashing sound of musketry, reminding one of a dreadful storm, the coming of mighty, angry winds, driving the dark and threatening clouds, sweeping everything material in their path, the rolling reverberations of great thunder-bolts that seem to give fitting expression

to the thoughts of an offended God." (The Battle of Chancellorsville. From *Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby.)

amount & effect / conflict: sound

uproot (verb)

uproot the system

we're going to need to ~ (Greta Thunberg, climate activist)

destruction: plant / tree / verb

uprooted

uprooted from rebel-held east Aleppo

thousands have been ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: plant / tree

upset (upset the apple cart, etc.)

upset the (boxing apple) cart

he ~ (Joseph Parker beats Deontay Wilder in Riyadh)

disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb

upside (noun)

upside

the ~ is things could be worse

has an upside

the financial system has an ~
depression ~

have an upside

the predicament could ~

flaws & lack of flaws: direction / orientation

upside down

upside down

I wasn't expecting this, my whole world is ~ (health)

turned upside down

then her life ~ (World War II)

turned our lives upside down

his illness ~

turn the system upside down

the proposed new tests will ~ (education)

turning the town upside down

the mystery is ~ (missing children)

disruption: direction / equilibrium & stability

upspeak (contempo-speak)

you know all our stories (upspeak on "stories")

it's like, ~ (2001 film *American Pie*)

◆ Upspeak used to come at the end of the sentence, but now it is quite common to hear upspeak on *any* word.

◆ Online commenters have begun putting question marks at the end of statements, indicating how they would say them with upspeak. At the end of 2022, the following headline appeared at ABC online: "Harry and Meghan always planned to be on TV?" by Andy Tillet, *New York Post*, Dec. 8, 2022.)

◆ "Apologizing only works when it clears up the reason why?" (A *New York Post* article by Ariel Zilber, quoting Jay Jaye, founder of Ace of Spades branding agency.)

◆ "Come here for a sec?" she says. "Where did you go last night? I came out and you weren't on the couch." / "I was probably in the bathroom?" ("Getting Up" by Oliver Munday, *The Atlantic*, November 2022.)

◆ "While Ed was manly, the strong, silent type, Bobby was extraordinarily effeminate. His voice was singsong with a trilling inflection that would have turned your head in the street if you overheard him. He tended to raise the pitch when he ended a sentence as if he was asking a question. It was a baroque touch that, together with the way he tossed his head, and the way his hands were held near his face, created the illusion that he was Salome wearing a diaphanous veil, not Bobby Keller, the salesperson." (*My Own Country: A Doctor's Story* by Abraham Verghese.)

◆ "I mean I think back to like just being pretty confused about what I was experiencing (upspeak). When I first tried to explain my identity, I was talking to my sister, and we just like tried, we were like, well, that means you're a lesbian, like I'm pretty sure, that kinda lines up, and it's like, we were looking for the only words that we had. / It's really hard to articulate what's going on if you don't have words for it (upspeak). It took a long time for me to even know that there were people who were non-binary, to know that I wasn't the only person in the world that had my gender identity (upspeak). (One Climber's Story. They / Them film and panel. Lor Sabourin.)

◆ Upspeak is associated with females, particularly young ones. However, older females, especially in broadcast media, have affected upspeak, most likely to sound "younger" for that demographic. Upspeak is also associated with gay men. Males or females may acquire upspeak from their own group, or affect it in solidarity with a group.

◆ People (mainly women) who use upspeak, baby talk and vocal fry are widely considered hesitant and weak, and their language is considered affected and irritating. The matter has been widely discussed and needs no comment. NPR's Selena Simmons-Duffin's "Talking While Female" animation (2014), and the *comments* relating to it, say everything that needs to be said. The issue has been settled: listen to the two *Fresh Air* Terry Gross episodes about the matter. The first was critical of upspeak, the second was essentially a retraction. The consensus is, it is wrong to criticize or judge these things.

◆ A CURIOUS CASE. "Exploring how content creators speak on TikTok—it's known as influencer speak," NPR, January 31, 2024, now redirects to "Do you have 'TikTok voice'? It's OK if you don't want to get rid of it" by Claire Murashima, Leila Fadel, and Steve Inskip, NPR, Updated on Morning Edition, February 1, 2024. The transcript does not match the audio. Mmmm... The audio is funny and good. I suspect that the original story was controversial at NPR.

◆ A FUNNY CARTOON. Two young men are sitting at a table. The man on the left is in despair: His elbows are on the table, his head is bowed, and his hands are on the top of his head, so that you can't see his face. It is a very good rendering of despair. Across the table, his nerdy Zoomer friend is saying, "Maybe try turning the mug around so its inspirational message faces you?" On the table is a mug. Looking closely, you can see that the "inspirational message" on the mug is the yellow smiley face. The upspeak indicated by the question mark in the caption is priceless. *The New Yorker*, November 7, 2022.)

◆ "The little engine that could do another round, if everyone else is?" (A not very funny cartoon, but notable for the question mark indicating upspeak. *The New Yorker*, March 6, 2023.)

◆ Michelle: "It's like, you know all our stories?" (Pronounced upspeak on "stories.") / Jim: (Confused and startled.) "Uh, was that a question?" / Michelle: "Well, I don't know. Maybe... Do you want to answer it anyway?" (The 2001 [italics mine] film *American Pie 2*. Since then, upspeak has only become more prevalent, to include males. Funny! View on YouTube I Get Nasty When I'm H*rny! *American Pie 2*)

*** analysis

◆ Linguist John McWhorter's analysis of upspeak (or uptalk or uptick) is interesting, as always. "Do you understand? Do you share the same basis of knowledge and evaluation?" "It ongoingly establishes that you and the other person are on the same page." In his FACE typology of MPMS (modal pragmatic markers), he considers it to represent "Acknowledgment: I Hear You." (*Words on the Move* by the linguist John McWhorter, Chapter 1, "The Faces of English: Words Get Personal." Listen also to "The shifting Meanings Of Our Evolving Modern Language," wbur, on point, December 26, 2016.)

contempo-speak: upspeak

upstage (verb)

upstaged them on their home snow
he ~ (an Olympic skier)

♦ Upstage, downstage, stage right, stage left, house left, house right...
(Orientation in the theater.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / verb

orientation: direction / theater / verb

upstanding (adjective)

upstanding member
he is an ~ of the community

character & personality: direction / height

behavior: direction / height

upstream (swim upstream)

swimming upstream
modern women are ~ (juggling various duties)

♦ Upstream; downstream; river right; river left; the left bank; the right bank... (Orientation on a river.)

♦ "He once spent a glorious summer on the Nantahala, trying to attain the Ledges Rapid, to force his way against the current into the big easy, the easy water in the long welcoming pool above it. Try as he might with all his skill and might, he was never able to beat the last six feet of current, the wild green heart—the muscular organ—of that spirited little river. And perhaps it was just as well. For he never felt any regret at his failure, only the good clean memories of the attempt and the effort against that adversary of real worth. There was a good lesson in that."

orientation: direction / orientation / river

difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / orientation / river

upstream (orientation)

upstream assets
oil and gas fields are ~ (source)

upstream interventions
~ are things like free rides to medical appointments (health)

upstream suppliers
~, meaning the supplier's supplier (marketing)

♦ "Everything downstream everything past that early perceptual process, will be affected..." (The linguist Lera Boroditsky.)

♦ In the oil business, oil and gas fields are upstream assets (source), pipelines are midstream, and refineries and retail outlets are downstream.

♦ In the area of health, upstream interventions are things like wireless scales for weighing people, and free rides to medical appointments. These measures are largely preventative in nature and save money in the long run. Downstream outcomes are things like hospitalizations and surgeries.

♦ *Mitigating the Downstream Impact of US-China Competition on American Democracy* by Jessica Chen Weiss, Cornell University.

♦ Upstream; downstream; river right (kayaking); river left (kayaking); the left bank; the right bank; the north / south / east / west bank; the headwaters; the upper reaches; the middle reaches; the lower reaches... (Orientation, position on a river.)

♦ The trailhead for the Noland Creek Trail in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is almost at the end of The Road to Nowhere out of Bryson City, western North Carolina. In a little over a mile you will cross four wooden bridges. On the first, look to your left, and the current is going away. On the second, coming towards you. On the third, going away. On

the fourth, coming towards you. Now that's twisty! It's a wonderful walk, in every season.

♦ see also *downstream*

orientation: river

upsurge (noun)

upsurge in (volcanic) activity
there is no suggestion the ~ is related

increase & decrease: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

uptick (noun)

uptick in attacks
there has been an ~ (war)

dramatic uptick
there has been a ~ in the time it takes...

increase & decrease: direction

upturn (noun)

upturn in exports
there has been an ~

upturn in the market
the company will profit from any ~

economic upturn
there are hopes for an ~ in the spring or summer

sharp upturn
the political unrest has caused a ~ in oil prices

upturn is under way
experts believe an ~ (economy)

derail this (vulnerable economic) upturn
a conflict with Iran could yet ~ (in US)

signal an upturn
the numbers ~ in the economy

increase & decrease: direction

upvote (and downvote)

282 upvotes
~, 30 downvotes...

judgment: direction / sign, signal, symbol / thumb

usher in (verb)

usher in a new age
the Republicans seek to ~ of limited government

ushered in the Age
the Age of Columbus ~ of Copernicus (celestial navigation)

usher in a more socially conservative approach
democrats warn Trump's choice will ~ to abortion

usher in change
much blood has been shed to ~

ushered in a second sexual revolution
the digital revolution has ~

usher in the sixties
he helped to ~ with a new style of journalism (Tom Wolfe)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning /
inauguration: doors & thresholds / theater / verb**

usurp (verb)

usurping Serbian heritage
they are ~ (Croatia creates Tesla coins)

usurp her mark
four rivals failed to ~ (Charlotte Worthington / Olympics)

usurp the (congressional) power
his plan will ~ of the purse (politics)

usurp her teammate
can Chenchen Guan ~ Xijing Tang (for gold medal)

**control & lack of control / possession / taking & removing:
crime / royalty / verb**

U-turn (noun)

U-turn on (school) reform
scholar's ~ shakes up debate

scholar's U-turn
~ on school reform shakes up debate

massive U-turn
today's move is a ~ for the Prime Minister (politics)

made a U-turn
they ~ and admitted it was their fault (shot down plane)

forced into a U-turn
the government was ~ (French labor strike)

♦ "So perhaps the party leadership haven't so much effected a U-turn as a swerve..." (Labour / an education matter)

reversal / shape: direction / letters & characters

V

vacuum (noun)

vacuum of power
there is a ~ developing in the Middle East

policy vacuum
there was a ~ in Washington (government)

creating a vacuum
we're ~ that will be filled by bad elements (withdrawal)

presence & absence: air / atmosphere

valedictory (farewell)

valedictory salute
it's a moving ~ to the actor (*No Time To Die* / Daniel Craig)

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: exclamation /
speech**

valence (attraction)

valence for Black Americans
"40 acres of land" has a particular ~

hateful valence
the ~ of that gesture is an open question (okay sign)

attraction & repulsion: chemistry

Valentine

valentine of a book
it's a warm and affectionate ~ (*The Finns and Their Country*)

♦ see also *love letter* (noun), *ode* (praise)

achievement, recognition & praise: writing & spelling

Valhalla (military)

in Valhalla
see you ~, chum (combat)

♦ "She [the landing craft] was empty except for her crew...and one small khaki figure standing stiffly at attention in the gaping bow opening. Suddenly he began to move, *marching* up the ramp, rifle at the slope, free arm swinging level with his shoulders. Tiny Sully was coming off that sardine can as if on ceremonial parade at Aldershot...except that his eyes were screwed tight shut. / A cluster of mortar bombs shrilled out of the pellucid sky, and the waters into which Tiny had plunged boiled upward with visceral thunder. Tiny Sully had gone from us...marching blindly to Valhalla." (*And No Birds Sang* by Farley Mowat. Italy. The Invasion of Sicily. World War II.)

♦ "Ah well, what the hell? Who wants to make old bones? See you in Valhalla, chum." (*And No Birds Sang* by Farley Mowat. Italy. The Moro River. World War II.)

military: religion

Valhalla (noun)

Valhalla of men
they have earned their places in the ~ against death (microbe hunters)

superlative: allusion / place / religion

importance & significance / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

valley (noun)

valley of death
see *valley of death* (figurative)

Silicon Valley
see *Silicon Valley*

peaks and valleys
it's a long season, you're going to have ~

progress & lack of progress: mountains & hills

shape: direction / mountains & hills

valley (the uncanny valley, etc.)

uncanny valley
the phenomenon known as the ~

‘uncanny valley’ (makeup) trend
the viral ~ is taking over TikTok (look like an android)

uncanny valley of dolls
one craftswoman is populating the ~ (see quote below)

♦ It’s a phenomenon known as the uncanny valley—if something looks human-like but not believably so, it becomes unnerving and even frightening.” / As Prof Helen Hastie says: ‘If it’s too human-like, it will put off the human.’” (“Tesla’s Optimus and the problem with humanoids” by Zoe Kleinman, BBC, October 8, 2022.)

♦ ‘Uncanny valley’ is the term used to describe the uncomfortable feeling people have when making eye contact with an android—a robot made to resemble a human.” (According to an article about the viral “uncanny valley” makeup trend on TikTok. The #uncannyvalleymakeup has 41.5 million views.)

♦ “Creepy new AI animates photos to bring the dead back to life” by Joshua Hawkins, June 8th, 2022. (The app *Deep Nostalgia* from MyHeritage.)

♦ “One master craftswoman is singlehandedly populating the uncanny valley of the dolls. Denise Hall, a 37-year-old doll artist from Wales, creates hyperrealistic silicone babies that she later hawks for more than \$4,000.” (“Vally of the dolls I make ‘scary’ realistic dolls—but parents love them like real babies” by Brooke Kato, *New York Post*, October 27, 2023.)

♦ “There was something improbable about how very bourgeois and ordinary it all was: the more normal, the more human the conversation, the less the speaker seemed like a human being. There’s something ghastly about a monkey imitating the ways of a man... At the same time Krymov had a clear sense that he himself was no longer a human being—when had people ever had conversations like this in front of a third person...?” (The investigator at the Lubyanka interrupts his interrogation to have a banal, flirty conversation with his wife, while Krymov listens and waits for his interrogation to resume. From *Life And Fate* by Vasily Grossman.)

♦ “Over the pass we dropped at once into a gulch. The place was extraordinarily broken. Deep crevices, encumbered with boulders and trunks, streams and rocks, all thickly overgrown with a carpet of moss; the whole scene reminded me vividly of a picture of Walpurgis Night. It would be hard to imagine a wilder and more repellent scene than that grim gorge. / Sometimes it happens that mountain and forest have such a cheerful and attractive appearance that one would be glad to linger there for ever. In others mountains seem surly and wild. It is a strange thing that such impressions are not purely personal and subjective, but were felt by all the men in the detachment. I tested this several times and was always convinced that it was so. That was the case here. In that spot there was an oppressive feeling in the air, something unhappy and painful, and the sensation of gloom and ill-omen was felt by all.” (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

appearance & reality: mountains & hills

valley of death (figurative)

Valley of Death

~, a term from the pharmaceutical industry

♦ “When you talk to the CEOs of these companies, they are backed by venture capital and they all talk about what they call the Valley of Death, which is a term you usually hear from the pharmaceutical industry, when they’ve invented a new drug, but getting it to the marketplace before they run out of money is a real challenge. And the Valley of Death is now a term you hear in the defense industry from these high-tech Silicon Valley-styled military start-ups.” (Getting Pentagon defense contracts to companies before they fail. From “‘NY Times’ reporter details the struggle within the military to modernize its forces,” NPR, Fresh Air, September 13, 2023. The excellent journalist Eric Lipton.)

destruction: death & life

valve (relief valve)

relief valve

comedians are the only ‘~’ we have left

♦ “I frankly don’t know where this world would be without comedians...it’s the only ‘relief valve’ we have left.” (A commenter about criticism of the comedian Chris Rock.)

amelioration & renewal / feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: pressure / tools & technology

vampire (noun)

vampire devices

so-called ~ raise your electrical bill

~ include electronics left on standby

♦ see also *Dracula* (noun), *heart* (stake through the heart, etc.)

affliction / taking & removing: creature

vampiric (adjective)

vampiric heartthrob

Blyth, who is that ~ type that’s very in vogue

♦ “Blyth, who is that vampiric heartthrob type that’s very in vogue at the moment...” (A review of *The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*.)

♦ see also *Dracula* (noun), *heart* (stake through the heart, etc.)

comparison & contrast: affix

vandal (noun)

army of vandals

Rome’s art heritage is under attack by an ~

destruction: allusion / crime / history / person

vandalism (noun)

cultural vandalism

it’s ~ of the worst kind (Puffin Books rewrites Roald Dahl)

cyber vandalism

Obama called the Sony Pictures hack an act of “~”

destruction: allusion / crime / history

vanguard (in the vanguard)

in the vanguard of (iceboat) design

the company is ~

driving force: military

vanguard (other)

vanguard of change

young people are acknowledged as the ~

acknowledged as the vanguard

young people are ~ of change

♦ Palsars serve in the vanguard of the Israeli military forces.

driving force: military

vanish (extinction)

vanished

many other old customs have ~

appearance & disappearance: death & life / verb

vanishing (disappearance)

vanishing plants

save the genetic legacy of ~ (seed vault on Svalbard)

vanishing species

he's a ~ (moderate Republican)

appearance & disappearance: death & life

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life

vantage point (from a vantage point)

from our vantage point

it's difficult to believe ~ (now)

from the vantage point of the victims

~, justice was not done

perception, perspective & point of view: position

vapor (noun)

vapor

centering people's humanity, blah-blah-blah-blah-blah, it was ~ (a politician)

pedagogical vapor

the acronym, coined in the early 1990s, is ~ (STEM)

speech / substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere

varsity (and junior varsity, JV)

varsity

this is not the JV team, this is the ~ (a gang)

♦ " Hamas has never been the A-team..." (As opposed to Hezbollah. A US analyst speaking about Israel's intelligence failure leading up to the Israel-Hamas war.)

♦ "At the moment, where [AI] is most dangerous, is taking what I would call a kind of JV criminal actors or foreign actors and making them varsity level. What I'm more concerned about is the day which is coming fast where AI is going to be good enough to take the sort of black belt adversaries and make them that much more effective." (FBI Director Chris Wray.)

ability & lack of ability / experience / group, set &

collection: sports & games

vaudeville (noun)

vaudeville series

18th-century Europe saw a ~ of priority disputes (science)

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

vault (verb)

vaulting into the top tier

he is ~ of TV interviewers

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

progress & lack of progress: verb / walking, running & jumping

vector (noun)

one vector

that was ~ that there might be extremism (Facebook)

source / transmission: biology

veer (verb)

veered from the chorus

he has ~ (has a contrary opinion)

veer into (unintended military) conflict

make sure competition doesn't ~ (diplomacy)

veered into the pop lane

a lot of people have ~ (from country music)

veered into fringe territory

their most recent article ~ (UFOs / NYT)

veer off course

it is easy for a dictionary user to ~ as they try to...

tastes veer

boxing used to be huge, times change, ~

movement: verb

vegetable (consciousness)

vegetable

if she makes it she'll probably be a ~ (head injuries)

♦ *Cabbage is sometimes used with this meaning.*

consciousness & awareness: fruits & vegetables

veil (covering)

veil of (glowing) clouds

an hour after sunset a ~ appears (noctilucent)

veil of (limestone) dust

a slab resting on the dirt floor under a ~

cover / resemblance: clothing & accessories

veil (under a veil)

under the veil of darkness

the rustlers steal cattle ~ (Dakota)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

veil (concealment)

veil of mystery

the desert "wears a ~" (Edward Abbey)

veil of secrecy

sky watchers have pierced the ~ (spaceplane)

the ~ was finally lifted over the weekend...

parted the veil

US officials have ~ of secrecy to reveal...

pierced the veil

sky watchers have ~ of secrecy (spaceplane)

ripped that veil from my eyes

the pandemic ~ (that schools care about teachers, students)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

veiled

veiled in secrecy
how money was disbursed was ~ (US aid to Pakistan)

veiled accusations
he made ~ of cheating against... (chess)

veiled references
the song has ~ to the shooting (rap feuds)

veiled threats
direct or ~ of harm

thinly veiled
~ contempt
reporters used ~ racist terms—gorilla, beast (Liston)

not-so-veiled
a ~ reference to his homosexuality

direct or veiled
~ threats of harm

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

vein (source)

vein of pain
there's a pretty deep ~ that runs through these songs

rich vein
Lukaku is enjoying a ~ of form (the soccer player)
Kane's ~ of form continues (for Bayern Munich)

feel for the main vein
he had a ~ of popular sentiment (politics)

source: blood / mining

vein (tap a vein)

tapped the vein
he has ~ of popular outrage over... (politician)

tapping that vein of American sentiment
he is ~ (nativism and anti-immigrants)

access & lack of access / identity & nature: blood

vein (in that vein, etc.)

in that vein
~, the campaign released an online ad on Monday...

in a similar vein
~, what do you think is the greatest failure...

starting, going, continuing & ending: mining

vein (ice in one's veins, etc.)

ice in his veins
he has ~

courses through their veins
partisan rage ~ (Democrats)

running through his veins

he has aviation fuel ~ (a pilot)

character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

Velcro (attachment)

Velcro Dogs
dog breeds that are so loyal they're considered “~”

attachment: materials & substances

velvet (Velvet Revolution)

Velvet Revolution
the ~ ended communist rule (Czechoslovakia / 1989)

conflict: cloth / hardness & softness

vendetta (noun)

vendetta against him
he believes the group has a ~

academic feud
this ~ began to poison the project (undersea mapping)

partisan vendetta
they are wasting time on ~ (politics)

political vendetta
he has called the case a ~ (convicted politician)

♦ **A FUNNY CARTOON.** “None of this research would have been possible without all the bitter professional vendettas that kept me going..” (This funny cartoon in *The New Yorker*, December 13, 2021, shows a happy academic with a goatee in the spotlight on a stage behind a podium at an awards ceremony in a great hall, addressing a packed audience.)

♦ “Hey, what's the strongest force in the universe? It's not gravity. It's jealousy.” (Robert P. Kirshner of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, on controversies in the field.)

♦ Jumbo shrimp, clean dirt, mud bath, American culture, academic fellowship... (Oxymorons.)

♦ see also *feud* (noun)

revenge / conflict: violence

vener (appearance)

vener of officialdom
the presentation at the UN gave the accusations the ~

democratic vener
despite a ~, the government retains oppressive control

religious vener
they offer a ~ but they are ruthless and corrupt

appearance & reality / extent & scope / substance & lack of substance / subterfuge: breadth / materials & substances

venerate (verb)

venerate Ronald Reagan
Republicans ~

venerated him
everyone ~ (an Ethiopian leader who died)

venerates its pathfinders and pacesetters
jazz ~ (its elders)

importance & significance: religion / verb
reverence: religion / verb

venerated

venerated as one of the all-time comedy greats
Dave Chappelle, ~, is facing criticism (from Dahlia Belle)

importance & significance / reverence: religion
Venice (Venice of the North, etc.)

“Venice of Africa”
Makoko, known as the ~, is built on stilts (Lagos)

Venice of the Middle East
Basra was once called the ~ (for its canals)

Venice of the North
St. Petersburg, the ~
Amsterdam claims to be the true “~”
Wroclaw, nicknamed by locals as “~” (canals, rivers, etc.)

Venice of the East
Alappuzha on the Arabian Sea, often called “the ~”

geography: epithet

venom (noun)

social venom
they are sowing hatred and ~ (politics)

with venom
Benn had already been landing ~ (boxing)

rhetoric, the venom, the demagoguery
after witnessing the inflamed ~

spewed venom
she ~ (neurotic woman)

accusation & criticism / feeling, emotion & effect / speech:
animal / snake

venomous (adjective)

venomous
the debate is becoming increasingly ~

venomous creatures
women were these ~ (a teen girl bullied by other girls)

accusation & criticism / feeling, emotion & effect / speech:
animal / snake

vent (verb)

vented her frustration to the TV cameras
she ~ (after another school shooting)

vent their anger with stones
they ~ (angry Palestinian kids)

vent about the issues
he wanted to do more than just ~ (a terrorist)

vent for a while
take her someplace calm and let her ~ (crying kid)

vented their anger
voters ~ by voting him out of office

vented their disdain
fans ~ through chants

vent frustration
it offers her a safe place to ~ (New Teacher Institute)

vented frustration
the president ~ with his own party

mental health: pressure / verb
amelioration & renewal / feeling, emotion & effect:
pressure / verb / volcano

verdict (noun)

verdict on how
what was the ~ she did (a politician’s speech)

verdict is (still) out on that
the ~ (a policy)

judgment: justice

verge (on the verge)

on the verge of being sent
she is ~ to jail

on the verge of a catastrophe
the country is ~ (AIDS)

on the verge of collapse
the provincial government is ~ (Iraq)

on the verge of combat
troops ~

on the verge of elimination
now the Jazz are ~ (NBA playoffs)

on the verge of eradication
the disease had been ~ (polio)

on the verge of extinction
some languages are ~ (few speakers left);
to others we are the “noble savages” ~ (Canada)
bluefin tuna are ~ in the Mediterranean

on the verge of orgasm
she was ~

on the verge of sex
being ~ and discovering you’ve got no birth control

on the verge of tears
he seemed ~ as the verdict was read

on the verge of war
with the US ~ with Iraq

on the verge of a (nervous) breakdown
I’m ~

on the verge of overrunning
when they again seemed ~ the small force

on the verge of passing out
14-year-olds vomiting, ~ (high-school dance)

on the verge of losing consciousness
he doesn't inhale until ~ (drowning)

proximity: ground, terrain & land

verge (to the verge)

to the verge of war
Kashmir has pushed them to the ~ (Pakistan and India)

pushed them to the verge
Kashmir has ~ of war (Pakistan and India)

proximity: ground, terrain & land

vermin (insult)

compared his political opponents to vermin
he ~ (the U.S.)

insult / violence / worth & lack of worth: hygiene

Versailles (Russian Versailles, etc.)

“Russian Versailles”
Peter the Great's ~ (Peterhof / the Grand Palace)

epithet: royalty

geography: epithet

verse (metaverse, etc.)

Bataverse
in the ~... (a review of the film *The Batman*)

fediverse
the idea of the ~ is it is like email
users may not be able to access everything on the ~
the ~ allows data to flow freely among social networks

Juliaverse
here, in the ~... (a food blogger about Julia Childs)

Maas-verse
her fans think the future of the ~ (Sarah J. Maas)

Marvelverse
but now that the ~ has Leto going full Dracula...

Muskverse
between Twitterland and the ~...

metaverse
see *metaverse*

multiverse
see *multiverse*

pedoverse
concerns about the ~ (grooming on social media)

Potter-verse
the ~ fandom has not dwindled over the years

Sandlerverse
there are perks to being in the greater ~ (Adam Sandler)

Schraderverse
the ~'s patterns... (the film director Paul Schrader)

Spider-Verse
Spider-Man: Into the ~ (an animated film)
Spider-Man: Across the ~ (*the Sony film*)

Taylorverse
Paramount's ~ will include 9 shows (Taylor Sheridan)
Sheridan's old quote caused a disturbance in the ~

Twitterverse
see *Twitterverse*

universe
see *universe*

♦ “Between Twitterland and the Muskverse was a radical divergence in outlook that reflected two different mindsets about the American workplace.” (*Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson.)

♦ See the Wikipedia article “Fediverse.”

area / environment / language: affix

very (contempo-speak)

very, very pure
~ water (an advertisement / see below)

very obviously
see *obviously* (*contempo-speak*)

actually very
it's ~, very widespread

definitely very
I think that was ~ triggering for me
the movie is ~ sappy (NPR's Elizabeth Blair)
it's ~ promising and very exciting that...
we're ~ concerned with there being an...
I was ~ aware that it is...
it's something I'm ~ aware of (gender identity)

definitely very, very
it was ~ important to... (violinist Esther Yoo)

just very
it's ~ emotionally draining
we were ~ surprised to see that in this day and age...
it's been ~ difficult the last number of years...
so I was ~ happy that it inspired people...

just very, very
it's not a criminal offense, it's ~ stupid (White House)

really just very
we're all ~ concerned that democracy is on the line
he published a lot of ~ smart, talented veteran writers
these were ~ short speeches... (Emmy telecast)
I'm ~ grateful, and I love you, and I thank you

really just very, very
it was ~ overwhelming (a singer)

kind of very

Russia and the Ukraine are ~ close countries (NPR)
and I find that ~ inspiring
and so that's ~ interesting to me (writer Walter Mosley)

like, very
the book was, ~ reassuring...

like very
I heard a lot of homophobic things, ~ ignorant comments
they are ~ thankful...

obviously very
that's ~ different than 2020
I am ~ happy with the outcome of this case
but the lady was ~ ashamed...
he took a knee to the pelvic area that was “~painful”
the stakes are ~ high
the historical experiences are ~ different

really very
these data are ~ exciting
the analysis of the data was ~ favorable to the drug
this is going to sound ~ egotistical, but I wish I had...
and that's ~ hard for people to accept
I would say I'm ~ comfortable performing on the cello
it's not ~ entertaining from my point of view
he did some things that weren't ~ nice

really very, very
that's ~ tragic
it's ~ magical
I was ~ happy to see that... (heard on NPR)

sort of very
will that ~ severe decline become less severe as...
I think what I love is that it's a ~ smart satire of...
IDEO, which is this ~ legendary design firm
and people, ~ naturally, ask the question, why is it...
this is where the ribbon is ~ commonly worn, on the lapel

just sort of very
and he is ~ direct
it's ~ hard to comprehend what she must have been through

♦ Type in “definitely very” into search at NPR and you will get 80 results and counting.

♦ “Very, very pure water... Visit gewater.com to learn more. imagination at work GE” (A 2-page ad in *Smithsonian*.)

♦ see also *really* (*gushing*)

contempo-speak: adverb

vest (close to the vest, etc.)

keep that evidence very close to the vest
we tried to ~ but it was leaked (police)

plays that close to his vest
as to whether he is a socialist, he ~ (a politician)

concealment & lack of concealment: cards / gambling / hand / sports & games

veteran (noun)

veteran of the New Jersey music scene
he's a ~ that launched Springsteen's career (Van Zandt)

agency veteran
Dr. Woodcock, an ~ of more than three decades (FDA)

Broadway veterans
three ~ prepare for opening night after the pandemic hiatus

Shakespeare veterans
both actors are ~ (Succession)

twenty-year veteran
a ~ of NPR, Neda Ulaby...

crafty veteran
he is a ~ of Middle East negotiating

♦ “Forget everything you learned in the academy.” (The standard greeting a rookie police officer receives from his veteran partner.)

♦ “In training camp they filled you full of fancy information on how to be a soldier. We're going to work hard to forget all that.” (Ernest Borgnine in the 1979 film *All Quiet on the Western Front*.)

♦ “There's no fool like an old fool.”

experience: military

veteran (adjective)

veteran diplomat
the ~ has held multiple roles at the State Department

veteran musicians
how ~ keep things fresh over the long haul (pandemic)

veteran roster
the US must add young blood to its ~ (women's soccer)

experience: military

via dolorosa

via dolorosa
for Oates, it was a ~ (he couldn't pull, frostbitten feet)

♦ “About 9 A.M. we attacked a true Via Dolorosa, the normal road of the Lower Congo.” (Richard F. Burton.)

difficulty, easiness & effort / feeling, emotion & effect / survival, persistence & endurance: history / journeys & trips / religion

viable (adjective)

viable campaign
most do not think he can mount a ~ (election)

viable challenger
it is doubtful there will be a ~ to the President (election)

viable solution
there is still no ~ in sight

stay viable
rural schools are working to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: baby / birth / death & life

viability (political viability, etc.)

political viability
many like his ideas, but his ~ has been questioned

survival, persistence & endurance: baby / birth / death & life

vicious circle

vicious circle

it's in the nature of ~s that they're hard to stop

‘Vicious Circle’ Of Jailing The Poor

Is America In A ~? (NPR, Fresh Air, 2016)

reverse a vicious circle

people of good will can ~

relationship: shape

victim (fall victim to something)

fell victim to a (common human) failing

he ~ (padding his resume)

fall victim to the (cheap) hashish

the young easily ~ (Arab immigrants in France)

fall victim to the stress

but there are ways to not ~ (sports psychology)

fell victim to accident or illness

whether someone simply ~ (vs. crime)

falling victim to black magicians

more and more hapless people have been ~ (in the UAE)

fallen victim to human trafficking

thousands of Moldovan women have ~

fell victim to a rush to judgment

she ~ by police following the murder

♦ "I am a stupid girl from a little village." (An Eastern European girl, forced to work in an Israeli brothel.)

predation: animal / verb

victim (groups)

victims

we are all ~ (two campus police murdered)

victims of racism

he issued a heartfelt apology to the ~ (Cricket Scotland)

victim complex

the French view is “woke” Americans are indulging a ~

victim expression

it's like that dead eye, ~ (acting, performing victimhood)

victim mode

Goldberg is perpetually in ~ (Whoopi Goldberg)

‘victim’ rather than the aggressor

they claim to be the ~ (passive-aggressives)

Twitter victim

just another ~ (reporter fired for tweets)

professional victim

she's a ~ with a permanent chip on her shoulder

good, likeable victim

I'm not a ~, I get it (Amber Heard loses lawsuit)

painted herself as a victim

she ~ (Malak Afaneh, UC Berkeley)

play the victim

she is trying to ~ (the Heard versus Depp trial)

side with celebrities over victims

the public tends to ~

♦ In the context of cancer, “victim” has morphed to “survivor” and even “conqueror.” Or the latest, “one who has experienced cancer.”

♦ “An OnlyFans star was kicked out of the supermarket for her skimpy outfit, but she believes she’s a victim of ‘hot phobia.’” (“I was kicked out of a store over my shorts—I’m a victim of ‘hot phobia’” by Adriana Diaz, *New York Post*, April 26, 2023.)

♦ “the shooter is now the victim, shaking my head and rolling my eyes.” (An online commenter.)

♦ “Harris’ attorneys had sought a six-year sentence, followed by eight years of supervised release, arguing in court documents filed last month that he is ‘both victimizer and victim’ after being assaulted as a minor. ‘The trauma he experienced as a child normalized his skewed version of what he understood to be appropriate relationships,’ his attorneys said.” (“Former ‘Cheer’ star Jerry Harris sentenced to 12 years in Prison for sex crimes,” by Meredith Deliso, ABC News, July 06, 2022. Crimes against boys.)

♦ “But the second she sees the camera is on her, she kinda goes stoic, puts her face down, and then she has a completely different expression when she looks back up, it’s like that dead eye, victim expression...” (A commenter on the Amber Heard-Johnny Depp trial.)

♦ “[Carrere] talked about a number of ‘false victims’ of November, 2015—including Alexandra Damien, a woman who claimed to have been at a bar that was attacked. She had shown reporters a scar that, she said, came from that night. (It was the result of a kite-surfing accident.) He recalled that the president of a group for victims of the attacks in which Damien became involved had told him, ‘She was completely lost. We liked her. We were the first friends of her life.’ She had escaped social solitude by inserting herself into this community. For Damien, Carrere said, ‘it was an identity to be a victim.’” (“The First Rule Is Not to Lie: Emmanuel Carrere’s bracingly personal reportage” by Ian Parker, *The New Yorker*, July 11 & 18, 2022.)

♦ “The same formula again and again. I want to post pictures of myself in bathing suits. When I get criticized I’ll say I want to do it for others and for body positivity. When I get criticized for that, I will show sadness that the world doesn’t support mental health and I’m a victim, and finally I’ll get praised for being so brave for living my own truth.” (Bob Loblaw. A BBC HYS about “SI Swim model Natalie Mariduena wants to ‘be an example’ of ‘body normalcy’” by Stephanie Nolasco, August 20, 2022.)

♦ “‘Raped’ teenage boys... That is hilarious. A woman does not rape a teenage boy. She lets them do it with her.” (An online commenter about a woman who had sex with boys.)

♦ “American prisons are full of inmates prosecuted for victimless crimes.”

♦ “This family will never stop playing the victims.” (An online commenter.)

♦ “There can be real power in the victim posture.”

♦ “I am a stupid girl from a little village.” (An Eastern European girl, forced to work in an Israeli brothel.)

♦ OLD: a victim... / NEW: a survivor, a conqueror, a defier, one who has experienced something...

♦ see also *survivor (groups)*

characterization: health & medicine

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

victimhood (groups)

victimhood

agency is generally used to mean the opposite of ~

victimhood competition

is there no end to ~

victimhood and oppression
the constant alleged ~

victimhood and outrage
he is now a self-appointed scourge of ~ (a writer)

communities of victimhood
NPR seeks to perpetuate ~ (National Public Radio)

'poor me' and 'victimhood'
they revel in their own narrative of ~

claim victimhood
he has the gall to ~ (Aidan Maese-Czeropski)

flip victimhood into empowerment
the art exhibit is designed to ~

wallows in victimhood
it ~ (National Public Radio / NPR)

♦ "[M]any readers today have reached adulthood in educational institutions where a generalized sense of helplessness and acute anxiety have become the norm. In these institutions, young people are increasingly encouraged to see themselves not as agents in life but as potential victims: of their dates, their roommates, their professors, of institutions and of history in general. In a culture where victimhood has become a claim to status, how could Yanagihara's book—with its unending parade of aesthetically gratuitous scenes of punitive and humiliating violence—not provide a kind of comfort? To such readers, the ugliness of this author's subject must bring a kind of pleasure, confirming their preexisting view of the world as a site of victimization—and little else." ("A Whole Lotta Pain" by Daniel Mendelsohn, *The New York Review of Books*, December 3, 2015, and included in Mendelsohn's book *Ecstasy And Terror: From the Greeks to Game Of Thrones.*)

♦ "When victimhood is a source of prestige, there's no incentive to get better."

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology / health & medicine
victimization (or victimisation)

victimization porn
I don't get how ~ helps minorities (NPR)

purported victimization
Ms. Heard's ~... (legal case versus Johnny Depp)

grievance and victimization
NPR has worked hard to be the national voice of ~

♦ "Victimisation" has a Wikipedia article, which is part of a series on *Discrimination*. Part of the article is on "revictimisation."

♦ see also *revictimization (or revictimisation)*

characterization: health & medicine
inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine
victimize (groups)

self-victimize
she is able to ~ and still make millions of dollars (celebrity)

sexually victimized
the pastor repeatedly ~ her

♦ Wikipedia redirects "self-victimize" to "Victim playing."

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

victimized (groups)

victimized
a lifetime of trauma for those who are ~ (sex assault)
Black landowners have been ~ by...

victimized by climate change
nations ~

victimized by (sex-negative) shame
Lil Nas X refuses to be ~ or his own past trauma

victimized again
the father said he would be ~ if... (murder)

victimized over and over again
these families have been ~ (Sandy Hook school shooting)

victimized and killed
Black Americans being ~ by the police is an epidemic (NPR)

sexually victimized
Biles and so many other gymnasts were ~...
the CDC estimates that 1 in 6 men have been ~

♦ see also *revictimized (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine
Vietnam (Egypt's Vietnam, etc.)

Britain's Vietnam
"the War in Afghanistan, ~" (*Daily Mail*, 2006)

Egypt's Vietnam
Nasser lamented war in Yemen had become ~ (1967)

Israel's Vietnam
the 1982 Lebanon War was ~ (Caitlin Smith)
the 1982 incursion in Lebanon was ~ (unpopular, etc.)

Sri Lanka's Vietnam
the fight against the Tamils was ~

"Nasser's Vietnam"
the North Yemen Civil War was widely described as ~

♦ In Vietnam the Vietnam War is called the American War.

comparison & contrast / military: epithet

view (verb)

view stress as a challenge
some workers ~ rather than a burden

view drownings as avoidable accidents
juries tend to ~

view drugs as part of their social lives
they ~ (young people)

view it as their main job
high school is demanding, and kids need to ~

view the computer as another toy
a tot under age 3 will ~ at his disposal

view this as a case of doping

we don't ~ (competitive bicycling)

view the other members as competition
people often ~ for jobs (networking)

view the problem as (pretty) serious
I ~

view things through an ethnic lens
he refused to ~ (Afghan military man)

view conflict through a theological lens
he does not ~ (Middle East)

view both with skepticism
we should ~ (explanations and prophecies)

view him with deep suspicion
we should ~ (a pastor)

view these programs skeptically
many judges ~ (for batterers)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / verb

view (in view of)

in view of the changes
~ e-commerce is bringing, can book stores survive

in view of yesterday's action
~, what's your position on that...

in view of lack of concealment
close-air support is more important in desert warfare ~

♦ This is a 3-word preposition, and it seems to mean the same as 'in light of' or 'because of' or 'considering.'

relationship: eye / prep, adv, adj, particle

view (in somebody's view)

in the view of (tobacco) critics
~, label warnings are not enough

in the view of specialists
~, the situation...

in the view of the Special Representative
~, there is no doubt... (UN)

in Morison's view
~ there is a 1-in-5,000 chance that...

in his view
~, the Cherokee culture is in danger because...

in my view
~, interpretation has an important role to play in...

in your view
which of the five Central Asian nations, ~, can we trust...

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

view (opinion)

view that
scientists challenged the ~...

view of abortion
whenever I asked what the local ~ was...

view of the (Jack the Ripper) story
a revisionist ~

view of sin, marriage and human nature
a more tolerant ~ (adultery)

views on children
we both have the same ~

views on the issue
her ~ changed (Ann Landers / divorce)

view on (social) issues
the mainstream Saudi ~ (women in sports, etc.)

views on race
whatever his ~

views on politics and religion
his complex ~

views on intelligence and genetics
he holds controversial ~

views on how
indigenous peoples have ~ the land should be utilized

views on whether
he called in to offer his ~ Arab nationalism was dead

views on Islam
the mosque attracted worshippers with militant ~

view on Wall Street
the consensus ~ is...

views on stoning
she tried to avoid stating her ~ (Iranian official)

views and opinions
we encourage individuals to express their ~

President's view
what's the ~ on that (press question)

administration's view
what is the ~ how the talks stand right now

outsider's view
an ~

consensus view
the ~ on Wall Street is...

establishment view
the BBC tended to take an ~

minority view
the Hippocratic Oath represented the ~

mainstream (Saudi) view
the ~ on social issues (women in sports, etc.)

anti-establishment view
prison terms strengthen ~s

opposing views
to justify their ~s...

accepted views
his studies were controversial and challenged ~

distorted view
the media has presented a ~ of the case

widely held view
the books debunk the ~ that...

Saudi view
the mainstream ~ on social issues (women and sports)

Western and Arab views
the difference in perspective between the ~ of Hezbollah

complex views
his ~ on politics and religion

controversial views
he holds ~ on intelligence and genetics

conventional view
scientists said their findings challenged the ~ that...

different views
there were a number of ~ on this

dim view
lawmakers took a ~ of people who...

local view
whenever I asked what the ~ of abortion was...

militant views
the mosque attracted worshippers with ~ on Islam

optimistic view
whites hold a more ~ than minorities about race relations

pessimistic view
those holding this ~

racist views
~ have influenced his decisions (politics)

revisionist view
a ~ of the Jack the Ripper story

same views
we both have the ~ on children

strong views
this article includes some ~
indigenous peoples have ~ about the land

tolerant view
a more ~ of sin, marriage and human nature (adultery)

unpopular views
speakers with ~

politically correct views
Abraham-Santos had all the appropriate ~

more optimistic view
whites generally hold a ~ about race relations

number of (different) views
there were a ~ on this

speakers with (unpopular) views

worshippers with (militant) views
the mosque attracted ~ on Islam

view (on the issue) changed
her ~ (Ann Landers / divorce)

views evolved
yet she was not rigid, and her ~ (Ann Landers)

view is echoed
his ~ by many Central Asians... (a university professor's)

debunk the (widely held) view
the books ~ that...

express their views
we encourage individuals to ~ and opinions

heard a different view
I ~ from Dr. Muhammad al-Musfir

make your views known
~ (elections, democracy)

denounced the view as hypocritical
he ~

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

view (perspective)

viewpoint
see *viewpoint (perspective)*

helicopter view
sometimes you have to take the ~

warped views
he denigrates ideas that don't dovetail with his ~

long view
see *view (long view)*

panoramic view
a ~ of the terrain and history (Battle of Shanghai)

strategic view
they are taking the ~ (terrorists chose not to fight)

bird's-eye view
drones give commanders a ~ of the battlefield
you get a ~ from a plane

fish-eye view
a ~ from Spirit's navigation camera shows... (Mars)

wider-angle view
if you take a ~, what comes in focus is... (historian)

point of view
(see *point of view*)

colors his views
his vegetarianism ~ of certain countries

taking the strategic view

they are ~ (terrorists chose not to fight, wait US out)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / position

view (out of view)

dropped out of (public) view

he ~ (politician)

appearance & disappearance / attention, scrutiny & promotion / consciousness & awareness: eye

view (attention)

public view

wall off some things from ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

view (long view)

long view

India has always taken the ~

♦ "Any building must be new once, one tells oneself..." (The destruction of the old and its replacement with the new.)

consciousness & awareness / future / perception, perspective & point of view: distance / eye

viewed (perceived)

viewed as apostasy

conversions from Islam are ~ (Egypt)

viewed (by many Estonians) as a symbol

the monument is ~ of... (USSR)

viewed as a tradition

the practice is ~ (polygamy / eastern Turkey)

viewed as the will of God

in the Philippines, pain is ~

viewed with suspicion

Mormonism is ~ by Christian conservatives (politics)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

viewpoint (perspective)

Panglossian viewpoint

it's easy to make fun of his ~

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / position

vigilante (person)

online vigilantes

~ unearthed his parents' address and threatened his family

♦ Lynchings and running people out of town on a rail after having tarred and feathered them have been replaced by doxing, swatting, pile ons, and cancellation.

person: justice

village (online village, etc.)

your little online village

you just have to find a Reddit chat and you find ~

society: infrastructure

villain (character)

villain of Sunday

the ~ was the weather... (2023 Ashes cricket)

villain in the plot

there's always an other, somebody who is the ~

villain to (climate) savior

mining recast from environmental ~ ("green" minerals)

college football villain

Michigan becomes ~ as cheating scandal rocks sport

Queer villains

"~, erotic noir, 90s pulp. 'Basic Instinct' and the backlash."

prominent villain

Facebook is broadly seen as the most ~ (tech companies)

heroes or villains

in times of crisis, New Yorkers appoint ~

cast your boss as a villain

try not to ~ (a *Wall Street Journal* "managing up" article)

considered a villain

today he is largely ~ (J. Edgar Hoover / not in his day)

named as the villain

the tourism industry will be ~ again (if COVID returns)

recast as a villain

a guard cast as a hero was ~ (Richard Jewell)

♦ "The media making me a villain, the fans making me a villain and then that just creates a whole different persona on me. So now you think I intended to hit LeBron James in the nuts..." (An NBA player, thrown out of a game for hitting LeBron James in the nuts, who has a history of hitting opposing players in the nuts. The great boxer Andrew "the Foul Pole" Golota had the same problem.)

♦ "[Ben] Bolch on Monday wrote on social media that he 'failed miserably' with his choice of words and he wanted to sincerely apologize to the LSU and UCLA programs. The piece referred to UCLA as 'America's sweethearts' and 'milk and cookies.' Conversely, it referred to LSU as 'dirty debutantes' and 'Louisiana hot sauce.' Bolch said he tried to be clever with alliteration but didn't understand at the time how the connotations were deeply offense." ("LA Times edits column and apologizes after drawing the ire of LSU coach Kim Mulkey" by Thomas Schlachter, CNN, April 1, 2024. The article quotes Mulkey, "Take your phone out right now and google 'dirty debutantes' and tell me what it says. 'Dirty debutantes? Are you kidding me?'" The original article was entitled, "UCLA-LSU is America's sweethearts versus its basketball villains." The offending parts of the article have been erased.)

♦ "Should we avoid the controversy or should we dive right into it? I say of course we dive right into it, we confront this thing head on." (Adrian Lamo and "Informants: villains or heroes?")

♦ "There's always an other, somebody who is the villain in the plot." (Believers of conspiracy theories.)

character & personality: film & TV / person / theater

vine (wither on the vine)

wither on the congressional vine

even overwhelmingly popular laws will ~ (US)

decline: plant / verb

vintage (similar vintage, etc.)

similar vintage

imperialists who were themselves of a ~ to Churchill

taxonomy & classification: food & drink

viral (computers)

viral firestorm

the wrongly edited footage set off a ~

viral phrase

'White supremacy' is a ~ that has infected the lexicon

viral video

what to release in an age of ~ (reporting school massacre)

he's watching a ~ of a drunk cat (party)

go viral

she saw a video of herself ~ on YouTube (a celebrity)

gone viral

in a TV interview that has ~...

went viral

the pictures ~ on the Internet

◆ "Yellow fever belongs to a group of illnesses called viral hemorrhagic fevers (VHFs). VHFs, which also include dengue fever and Ebola, are viruses that affect multiple organ systems in the human body and cause severe bleeding..."

computer / transmission: health & medicine

virgin (noun)

virgin market

the Arab markets are a ~ for local TV (Afghanistan)

virgin wilderness

Kekexili, the last ~ of China... (*Mountain Patrol Kekexili*)

gambling virgin

we're ~s (two young women at Las Vegas)

◆ "Kekexili, the last virgin wilderness of China... / In Kekexili (keck-uh-SHE-lee), each step may be the first human footprint ever made on that spot since the world began." (From the great film, "Kekexili: Mountain Patrol," about Tibetans trying to preserve the Tibetan antelope from poachers. A Tibetan antelope was one of the symbols of the great Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics.)

◆ "Virginity is a very real issue for Egyptian women, as illustrated in the popular film "The Wedding." It tells the story of Abdullah and Gamila, a young couple who signed their marriage contracts years ago but couldn't afford the marriage ceremony that would, by tradition, allow the union to be consummated. But the couple has been having sex all along... ("Artificial Virginity Device Sparks Backlash In Egypt," by Peter Kenyon, NPR, Oct. 13, 2009.)

◆ "If they think they can get a pure-hearted girl this way they are really mistaken. To me, the way people are taking virginity as a commodity these days is such a sad thing." (A Chinese woman, on the practice of very rich Chinese businessmen advertising for virgin brides, and then interviewing them.)

◆ Purity applies to women, but not men.

◆ The boto is a dolphin that can transform itself into a human to impregnate impressionable young virgins. (The Amazon.)

experience: love, courtship & marriage / sex

virulent (adjective)

virulent form

our social ailments include a ~ of stupidity (elections)

virulent hatred

they espouse a ~

virulent opposition

the statement provoked ~ from the Communists

◆ "Roux injected virulent stuff from rabid rabbits into the brains of other healthy dogs." (*Microbe Hunters* by Paul De Kruif.)

transmission: health & medicine

virus (affliction)

virus

wokeness is a ~ more dangerous than any pandemic

affliction: health & medicine

virus (computers)

computer virus

a ~ is spreading

◆ "If a mosquito bites a person with dengue, the mosquito can pass the virus to the next person it bites. If that person flies to another country with mosquitoes, he or she can unknowingly spread the virus even further. Complicating prevention, 90 percent of those infected develop only mild symptoms or no symptoms, inadvertently serving as a reservoir for the virus. Even those who do fall ill become infectious days earlier, making any potential quarantine useless, experts say." (Wayne Arnold, *The New York Times*, October 1, 2005.)

◆ "Amazon has banned more than one million products which claim to protect against the coronavirus—or even cure it. / The online retailer told Reuters it had also removed 'tens of thousands' of overpriced health products from unscrupulous sellers." ("Coronavirus outbreak 'getting bigger'—Who," BBC Live, Feb 29, 2020.)

◆ The Ebola virus is named after the Ebola River.

computer: biology / health & medicine

vise (pressure)

vise is closing

a ~ on Saddam's regime (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

caught in the (same) vise

middle-class teenagers ~ (police interrogation)

held in a vice

the citadel of Ulm was now ~ on three sides (Napoleon)

put Baghdad in a vise

troops attacking from the north and south would ~

pressure / situation: tools & technology

oppression: pressure

visibility (groups)

visibility of the trans community

recently there's been more ~

visibility or (that) representation

being the person creating that ~ can be painful (trans)

visibility, representation and equality

thanks to increases in ~, more LGBTQ folks can come out

lesbian visibility

~ and political change (the Lesbian Avengers)

queer visibility

as ~ increased in pop culture (*Basic Instinct*, etc.)

~ is growing around the world (Fifa Women's World Cup)

Trans Visibility

United Airlines featured her on ~ Day (Kayleigh Scott)

transgender visibility

~ at the Olympics (Tokyo)

commitment to visibility

the series reflects her lifelong ~ (Lola Flash)

day of visibility

at the trans ~ event, they got up to express their joy

Day of Visibility

March 31 marked the annual Transgender ~

she shared her transition story for a Trans ~ video (suicide)

representation and visibility

~ are so important (NFL player comes out as gay)

improve visibility

they take risks to ~ (groups)

sing a community into visibility

they ~ (L.G.B.T.)

♦ "A choir of L.G.B.T. Catholics, protesting their exclusion from a meeting of church leaders, perform 'We Are Family' outside the event, singing a community into visibility." (Deep Cuts: How 'Soul Man' gets to the heart of a song" by Hua Hsu, *The New Yorker*, December 13, 2021.)

♦ "Today, we send a message to all transgender Americans. You are loved. You are heard. You are understood. You belong. You are America..." (A White House statement marking Transgender Day of Visibility, March 31, 2024.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

visible (groups, etc.)

hypervisible

my Korean face made me ~ where we lived

visible, courageous and present

folks have been so ~ (a group)

respected, visible, and represented

a space for students to feel ~ (gay / Yeshiva University)

made visible

the desire for certain marginalised identities to be ~

♦ "The desire for certain marginalised identities to be 'made visible' is an imperative that can wrongly equate visibility with progress, which in turn raises questions about the burden of an individual to represent the collective and, as a result, who can—and should—hold the power to speak for a particular identity or social group." (Dr. Christopher Holliday, lecturer in Liberal Arts and Visual Cultures Education at King's College, London. Quoted in "Have film and TV got Gen Z all wrong?" by Emily Maskell, BBC, Culture.)

♦ "I was brought into this world visible, but I identify as invisible. My preferred pronouns are who/where." (Funny snark from an online commenter about a "woke" celebrity.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence

vision (noun)

vision of an editor

the power of a writer and the ~

vision of the founder

staying true to the ~ (J.C. Penney)

vision of the future

his dark, sadistic and medieval ~ (al-Zarqawi)

vision of the world and the universe

the Maya, Toltec and Iztec ~ (Chichen Itza)

vision for space travel

his most lasting legacy is his ~ (Von Braun)

America's vision

~ of personal reinvention and hope (vs. Europe)

Maya, Toltec and Iztec vision

the ~ of the world and the universe (Chichen Itza)

television

village elders say ~ is a particularly disturbing force

medieval vision

his dark, sadistic and ~ of the future (al-Zarqawi)

sphere of vision

there is a much bigger picture than your immediate ~

dream, fantasy, or vision

the only way to keep a ~ intact or rosy is never...

voices and visions

she claims ~ led her to drown her five children

pursues his vision

Wangurri clan Elder Timothy Buthimang ~

takes vision

it ~ to involve the common good (versus profit)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

consciousness & awareness / future: eye

visionary (adjective)

visionary plan

he had a ~ to digitalize the library's collection

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

future: eye

visionary (person)

tech visionary

~s have, unfortunately, made the future come true

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

future: eye / person

vitriol (noun)

anti-American vitriol

Iran's leaders escalated their ~

subjected to yet more vitriol

he was ~ from the fans (Raheem Sterling)

**accusation & criticism / feeling, emotion & effect / speech:
chemistry / materials & substances**

vivisect (verb)

vivisects experiences

the book adeptly ~ of fandom obsession (*Y/N* by Esther Yi)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: death & life / health
& medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

vivisection (noun)

vivisection of Michael Bloomberg

her strongest effort was her ~ (election debate)

**accusation & criticism / speech: health & medicine / skin,
muscle, nerves & bone**

vocabulary (and language / words / groups)

vocabulary for (pernicious) doubt

Alex Jones popularized a ~ (“truther,” etc.)

multiracial vocabulary

America’s ~ (*Blaxican*, etc.)

peculiar vocabulary

the ~ of the dominant campus left (“colonialism,” etc.)

part of our fashion vocabulary

the punk movement has become ~ (ripped shirts, etc.)

embedded in our vocabulary

“moron” and “idiot” are ~ and need to be omitted

have the vocabulary

she does not yet ~ to describe herself or her desire (lesbian)

we don’t ~, the tools to discuss race

♦ “He does things for which he has no vocabulary of apology or shame.” (An author talking about his novel.)

♦ “[Pin] is sensitively drawn as a young butch lesbian who does not yet have the vocabulary to describe herself or her desires.” (A review of *Curious Toys* by Elizabeth Hand.)

♦ “When I was young, I didn’t really have the vocabulary to articulate how I felt about it... But music has always been a tool for me to express feelings I fear would be unacceptable... (NoSo / Abby Hwang about being trans / queer / nonbinary.)

♦ “Before (roller) derby, I knew I was on the spectrum of queer and pansexual, but I didn’t have the language or support until I met my derby mates who genuinely wanted to see me become my best self. My derby league was the first place I asked people to use they/them pronouns for me.” (Lauren Macadaeg.)

♦ “I couldn’t verbalise what I was feeling before and I didn’t have the right language to articulate how I was feeling before that... / “I’m really open for my team-mates wanting to talk to me. I wasn’t taught throughout the course of my life what it meant to be trans, all the language around it. I think that’s something that’s new for a lot of people.” (“Quinn: Canada’s transgender footballer on being ‘visible’ and playing at the Olympics” by Katie Gornall & Katie Falkingham, BBC Sport, 23 September 2020.)

♦ “I mean I think back to like just being pretty confused about what I was experiencing (upspeak). When I first tried to explain my identity, I was talking to my sister, and we just like tried, we were like, well, that means you’re a lesbian, like I’m pretty sure, that kinda lines up, and it’s like, we were looking for the only words that we had. / It’s really hard to articulate what’s going on if you don’t have words for it (upspeak). It took a long

time for me to even know that there were people who were non-binary, to know that I wasn’t the only person in the world that had my gender identity (upspeak). (One Climber’s Story. They / Them film and panel. Lor Sabourin.)

♦ “When the words finally came, and Willow could express herself in saying she wanted to present as a girl...” (The mother of a young transgender girl.)

♦ “I was incapable of articulating the depth of pain I was in.” (The actor Elliot Page.)

♦ “I was fifteen, I was fifteen years old when I read my first diverse book, Maya Angelou’s *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*. And the whole world fell away from me. It was the first book [wagging her finger] at fifteen I ever read with a Black protagonist. That book gave a voice to my silences, my secrets, it gave words to my pain, and my confusion of being raped at nine years old. Until *Caged Bird*, I didn’t know that there was a language, there were words, for what had happened to me or that any other human being on earth had experienced it...” (Oprah Winfrey on stage at the 74th annual National Book Awards.)

♦ Terry Gross: So, talk a little bit about how you wish your mother had been...had had a language and the ideas to have more control of her life and to broaden her life... (Terry Gross speaking to the historian Drew Gilpin Faust about the latter’s mother. It is an oddly specific question and Faust’s reply is an utter disconnect.)

♦ “Gwyneth Paltrow and Body Vibes didn’t know how to develop the vocabulary of their marketing.” (Richard Eaton, president of AlphaBio Centrix, a stress-patch company. Eaton is a believer in the Rife machine.)

♦ The notion of “lacking language or vocabulary” to understand feelings is a popular LGBTQ trope. Type in “have the vocabulary” at NPR and you get 23 results and counting.

♦ “When one walks through the streets...[o]ne sees so many people who for different reasons have deviated from all that is natural and so have lost their real and inward life... for in the evening one sees all kinds of black figures wandering around, of men as well as of women, in whom the terror of the night is personified, and whose misery one must range among the things that have no name in any language.” (*Dear Theo: The Autobiography of Vincent Van Gogh*, Edited by Irving and Jean Stone.)

♦ “Just as our hunger is not that feeling of missing a meal, so our way of being cold has need of a new word. We say ‘hunger,’ we say ‘tiredness,’ ‘fear,’ ‘pain,’ we say ‘winter’ and they are different things. They are free words, created and used by free men who lived in comfort and suffering in their homes. If the Lagers had lasted longer a new, harsh language would have been born; and only this language could express what it means to toil the whole day in the wind, with the temperature below freezing, wearing only a shirt, underpants, cloth jacket and trousers, and in one’s body nothing but weakness, hunger and knowledge of the end drawing nearer.” (*If This Is A Man* by Primo Levi, Chapter 13, “October 1944.”)

♦ “The mental adjustment took longer. It was a continual surprise to encounter no queues at food shops—‘like a man who braces himself to pick up a heavy suitcase,’ wrote Ginzburg, ‘and finds it empty.’ The words ‘I’m hungry,’ recently so charged with desperation and despair, only slowly reverted to their old function of expressing an ordinary desire for lunch.” (*Leningrad* by the great writer Anna Reid.)

♦ “We lack the vocabulary of such pain.” (U.S. Attorney Raj Parekh speaking about the grotesque crimes of El Shafee Elsheikh, an ISIS “Beatle.” Presumably, Parekh is referring to *Dante’s Inferno*, Canto XXVIII 3-5.)

♦ see also *quote (and quotes)*

inclusion & exclusion: language

vocabulary (language)

wrong adjective

abhorrent (fact checking and accuracy) abilities

the AI has ~ (ChatGPT / *abysmal?*)

believed gunman

officials identified McRae as the ~ (*alleged? suspected?*)

biggest notoriety
his ~ came when he...

disembodied arm
~ found by kids walking to school (*New York Post*)

disembodied leg
mystery of ~ found on tracks solved (*severed?*) (NYP)

disheveled house
authorities executed a search warrant at his ~ (NYP)

full of (friendship) bracelets
he showed off his wrist which was ~ (NYP)

hyperbolic to say
it's not ~... ("variants or less commonly" / *hyperbole*)

infamous Lockheed 10-E Electra
her ~ (Amelia Earhart)

infamous Manhattan Project
as scientists rushed to complete the ~ (*New York Post*)

injured
Marine ~ in blast (by suicide bomber / *wounded?*)

martial challenges
they open up about their parents' ~ (*marital!*)

picaresque Santa Susana Mountains
the ~ (*picturesque!* / what is *wrong* with ABC?)

roarous chants
their ~ filled the streets (protesters / *New York Post*)

salient
the *Terminator* scenario where the drones become ~ (sentient?)

starch warning
experts offered a ~ not to get too close (*stark* / NYP)

tremendous conditions
airports have canceled flights in preparation for the ~ (storm)

wrong noun

Calvary
they were marched to Oklahoma by the US ~ (*BBC!*)
~ come soon, Knicks need help... (*The New York Post*)

heals
Jets put on ~ by Chargers (heels!)

incidence
they were telling the truth in that ~ (the police)

locust
the ~ of evil, Atlanta, Georgia (An eggcorn? Funny!)

partier
cops arrest spring-break ~s ("variants or less commonly")

routing out
Israel has made progress in ~ Hamas in Gaza (*rooting?*)

shatters
a couple's dream of the perfect wedding is in ~ (*tatters?*)

stigmatism
do you know the ~ of Alabama education
fat liberation—ending the ~ of being overweight

troves
videos showed ~ of students running... (mass shooting)

wounds
~ indicated she had jumped or fallen (NYU suicide)

wrong verb

abandoned demands
he ~ from members of his party (*rejected* / *ignored*)

captivated the nation
the murders that ~ (ABC "2022 University of Idaho killings")

decimated the mansion
the blast ~ (natural gas explosion / leveled?)

desecrated
he had been shot and later ~ with a knife (*mutilated?*)

deserted the following April
the ships, trapped in ice floes in 1846, were ~ (*abandoned?*)

deteriorated my mental health
the job ~

exuded (a different level of) confidence
how I've ~... ("Quinn," the Canadian soccer player)

exuded power
the family ~ over the state's Lowcountry region (ABC)

garnish things from a game
people ~ (*garner?* *glean?* see quote below)

irate people more
it seemed to ~ (the internet)

kicked off a firestorm
her story ~ (*set off?* *started?* *ignited?*)

milling about the campus
they frequently saw him ~ (*loitering?* / *New York Post*)

oozed kindness
he ~ wherever he went (*radiated?* obituary of student)

put down (Hawaii's) wildfires
how the US military is helping to ~ (*put out?* *extinguish?*)

sowed together
the article ~ a number of atrocities... (CNN / *connected!*)

tainted with his DNA
pieces of the broken taillight were ~ (NYP)

teeming with excitement
Kansas City is ~ since the Chiefs beat the Bengals (NFL)

vanish tooth decay
this can regrow your gums and ~ (an eggcorn?)

wrong preposition

inside of

the two were stabbed ~ the pub (NYP)
shots were fired ~ the club (ABC)

wrong adverb

audibly shaken

family members ~ (a reporter)

- ◆ "Do you know the stigmatism of Alabama education?" (Kayvon Thibodaux, NFL football player.)
- ◆ "He showed off his wrist full of friendship bracelets." (*The New York Post*.)
- ◆ "Kyler is his own individual. He's his own person, he beats to his own drum." (One NFL player about his quarterback. "Marches to the beat of...?")
- ◆ "The protesters' roarious chants filled the streets." ("Roarious"?! It sounds like a word that might have been included in Lewis Carroll's "Jabberwocky"!)
- ◆ "I'm like, what are you talking about? People garnish things from a game and have their own opinions... Some stuff is worth conversation, other stuff is like, alright, alright, alright." (An NFL football player, responding to criticism of a gesture he made after a play was completed. Garner? Glean? Collect? Notice?)
- ◆ "She watched the shwerm (rhymes with "worm") of police." (A person who witnessed the police arrive at a school where a school-shooting had been reported. Presumably the reporter on NPR meant "swarm.")
- ◆ "Cow-towing to the woke cancel culture mob is pathetic." (An article from *The New York Post*. Presumably "kowtowing.")
- ◆ "Sadly we did see some of those family members come out of the reunification site audibly shaken and audibly upset..." (A local female reporter about a shooting at a Virginia Walmart, heard audibly on NPR.)
- ◆ "Kohberger was arrested on Dec. 30 in his home state of Pennsylvania in connection to the quadruple murders that *captivated* [italics mine] the nation." (Emily Shapiro, ABC News, Jan 12, 2023. Horrified? Shocked? Grippid?)
- ◆ "Language models can just wholecloth make things up." (ChatGPT, etc.)
- ◆ "They are not wholecloth falsehoods [with upspeak] but they reassemble things that are true or close to being true into stories that are just wildly and completely different from what actually happened."
- ◆ "The fact that she had pro-police social media posts, and her late father had worked as a police officer only seemed to irate people more." (Morgan Bettinger at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.)
- ◆ Original photo caption: "Snow piles on vehicles before their owners clear them off on Thursday in central Lincoln." ABC photo caption via AP: "Vehicles are stacked with snow are seen [sic] before their owners clear them on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, in Lincoln, Neb."
- ◆ "Other videos showed an officer shoving a man who had his hands up to the ground and kicking him in the groin [sic]." (ABC news. An eggcorn? Funny!)
- ◆ "Rikers Island inmate found dead for 7th time this year."
- ◆ "Standing at just 5ft 2in, Ball gave away six inches of height to his opponent and was at a significant reach advantage." (The BBC.) / An online commenter posted: I see the proof readers are on strike again! If you picture it, it's funny!
- ◆ "Marine *injured* [italics mine] in Kabul airport blast says..." (He lost his right arm and a leg to a suicide bomber.)
- ◆ "*Wounds* [italics mine] indicated she had jumped or fallen." (A female student who committed suicide at New York University.)
- ◆ This sort of language has many possible explanations.

language: vocabulary

vocal fry (contempo-speak)

- ◆ "The best example of this is from the journalist Sarah Koenig, and you can hear her going from being in her thirties to being in her forties, over the 21st century, actually developing this vocal fry manner of speaking." (John H. McWhorter of Columbia University, on his Slate podcast *Lexicon Valley*.)

◆ Rachel Syme, in "Feeling Better Now?" (*The New Yorker*), describes a podcast host "affecting a high-pitched tone dusted with vocal fry." The important word is "affecting."

◆ People (mainly women) who use upspeak, baby talk and vocal fry are widely considered hesitant and weak, and their language is considered affected and irritating. The matter has been widely discussed and needs no comment from me. NPR's Selena Simmons-Duffin's "Talking While Female" animation (2014), and the *comments* relating to it, say everything that needs to be said. The issue has been settled: listen to the two *Fresh Air* Terry Gross episodes about the matter. The first was critical, the second was essentially a retraction. The consensus is, it is wrong to criticize or judge these things.

◆ A CURIOUS CASE. "Exploring how content creators speak on TikTok—it's known as influencer speak," NPR, January 31, 2024, now redirects to "Do you have 'TikTok voice'? It's OK if you don't want to get rid of it" by Claire Murashima, Leila Fadel, and Steve Inskip, NPR, Updated on Morning Edition, February 1, 2024. The transcript does not match the audio. Mmmm... The audio is funny and good. I suspect that the original story was controversial at NPR.

contempo-speak: vocal fry

voice (one voice, etc.)

one voice united

this could work if we are ~ on this problem

spoke with one voice

7 expert witnesses ~ that it was not an accident (trial)

speak with a single voice on this issue

we must ~

speak with one voice on this issue

Democrats don't ~ (impeachment)

speaking with one voice on the topic

they seem very much to be ~

unanimity & consensus: speech

voice (voice of reason)

listen to the voice of reason

I was in no reason to ~

sound like the voice of reason

he is beginning to ~

welcomed as a voice of reason

he was ~

message: speech

voice (groups)

voice

the poor and the powerless don't have a ~
they want to make sure their ~s are heard

voice of Eastern European Jewry

he was the ~ (Sholem Aleichem / Sholem Rabinovich)

voice of millennials

he positioned himself as the ~ (candidate)

Voice of the Mountains

the ~ (the *Asheville Citizen-Times* newspaper)

voice of the people

the ~ will be heard

voice of grievance and victimization
NPR has worked hard to be the national ~

voice for change
does it get tiring being a ~ in the comics community

voice for the needy
colleagues praised him as a ~ (a politician)

voice for our people
we must keep being a ~ (*Koori Mail* newspaper)

voice in that conversation
he has been a crucial ~, too (sports and race)

voices and presence
the ~ of genderqueer folks

voices and stories
the antiquated mentality that our ~ aren't profitable enough

tennis' (most powerful) voices
she has become one of ~ with her activism (Naomi Osaka)

no voice
populations that have ~ (MSF)

anti-immigration voice
he's the leading ~ in town (Arkansas town)

leading voice
she has become a ~ for action on climate change (Greta)

marginalised voices
~ are telling stories that need to be heard

trans voices
I rise in honor of ~

Himalayan voices
here the ~ called me (Tomaz Humar in Slovenia)

additional voice
there's room and a need for an ~ (new newspaper)

authentic voices
a think tank that centers ~ (the New Lines Institute)

crucial voice
he has been a ~ in that conversation, too (sports and race)

inner voice
just follow your ~

louder voice
her power gives her a ~ than we have... (disgruntled)

national voice
the national ~ of grievance and victimization (NPR)

necessary voice
hers is a ~ (creator of the 1619 Project)

political voice
Americans who found their ~ during last summer's activism

“powerful voice”
she was a ~ in the Black Lives Matter movement (UK)

strong, powerful voice
Johnson is a ~ for our people and our community

using my voice
~ has been very empowering to me (an elite athlete)

voices are heard
they want to make sure their ~

adding their voices
among those ~ to the debate over gun control are...

add my voice
I am writing to ~ to the many others who...

empower voices
these teams ~ the world needs to hear (MacKenzie Scott)

find their voice
they have waited years to ~ and tell their stories (abuse)

found my voice
I couldn't fight back because I hadn't yet ~ (sex abuse)

found her voice
how a shy introvert has ~ (Naomi Osaka / tennis)

found their (political) voice
Americans who ~ during last summer's activism

given voice
she has ~ to the aching despair many feel (politician)

given people a voice
social media is a powerful tool, it has ~, a way to organize

have a voice
I sympathize with the poor who don't ~

make our voices heard
if we make a stand, if we ~ (athletes)

make their voices heard
protesters are using the delay to ~

protect (queer and minority) voices
~ (a sign held by a demonstrator)

raise my voice
I started thinking and I had to ~ (about AIDS)

speak their voices
different races and gender identities can ~ more clearly

take your voice
a defamation lawsuit is meant to ~ (Amber Heard)

taking my voice back
I'm ~, it's mine, not theirs (rape victim vilified)

use her voice
she is stepping out of the shadows to ~ to fight hate

using her voice
I'm so proud of her for ~ (Britney Spears' sister)

♦ "Hip-hop is a voice for people who don't have another voice."
♦ "NPR 50 Hear Every Voice."

♦ "The industry caught up to my ambitions and created space for me to have my voice." ("Faces of NPR HBCU Edition: Kia Miakka Natisse," Sommer Hill, NPR, February 16, 2022.)

♦ "I couldn't fight back when Jeffrey Epstein sexually abused me, because I hadn't yet found my voice. Well, I found my voice now, and while Jeffrey may no longer be here to hear it, I will not stop fighting and I will not be silenced anymore."

♦ "It took me a while to find my voice, but I have found it, and I am going to use it." (Rape victim.)

♦ "I rise in honor of trans voices that deserve to be heard—not silenced and not criminalized." (U.S. Representative for Massachusetts Katherine Clark, House Minority Whip.)

♦ "Watts (2001) has made the argument that to have a voice an agent must find a space where the voice can be concretized... The connection between voice and space becomes particularly critical when such a space is denied in the real world through marginalizing forces and a new space needs to be carved out." ("Voices of the Marginalized on the Internet" by Ananda Mitra.)

♦ "My belief is that we should be centering the voices and the experiences of the most marginalized people and communities at all times. So when I think about what fat liberation looks like to me, I think about centering the voices of those who live in and who maneuver through spaces and institutions in a fat body." (Zyahna Bryant, activist, who has partnered with the soap and beauty company Dove to promote fat liberation, or size freedom.)

♦ "I see my company (NPR) trying to better represent America with the voices we put on the air, and I'm looking at my own sourcing, and I get too much credit. Every voice I bring to the airways from India is a person of color. Check the box, you know. That's diversity from my bosses' point of view. But I'm looking at different types of diversity in India and thinking...caste." (NPR's Lauren Frayer, whose reporting on India has been controversial.)

♦ "'Y'all' supplants the patriarchal 'you guys,' and 'elevate voices' replaces 'empower,' which used to be uplifting but is now condescending." ("The Moral Case Against Euphemism" by George Packer, *The Atlantic*, April 2023.)

♦ "The deceased must be protected and given a voice." (The motto of 1-800-Autopsy, in Los Angeles.)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology / messaging

void (noun)

fill the void

nobody will be able to ~ (death of politician)

presence & absence: air / atmosphere

volatile

volatile atmosphere

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

volatile behavior

despite his ~ on the court (basketball)

volatile border

fighting along the ~ (Kashmir)

volatile crises

he was sent in to defuse ~ (FBI hostage negotiator)

volatile markets

shaky banks, ~...

volatile relationship

they had a ~

volatile temper

she has a ~

volatile Persian Gulf

ease China's reliance on a ~ for its energy needs

volatile West Africa

its reputation as an oasis of peace in ~ (Ivory Coast)

volatile Horn of Africa

terrorists in the ~... (Somalia, Eritrea)

extremely volatile

their marriage was ~

highly volatile

we live in ~ times (English politics in 2019)

politically volatile

the tiny nation is among the most ~ in the Gulf

tense and volatile

Basra remained ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

prices will be volatile

~ for the foreseeable future

becomes (a little more) volatile

have you been in a situation where the crowd ~ (policing)

initiation: explosion / fire

volcanic (adjective)

volcanic temper

his ~ led to his firing (a coach)

he has gotten a pass for his ~ (Hollywood producer)

feeling, emotion & effect: volcano

comparison & contrast: affix

volcano (pressure)

volcano

it's a ~ and its now starting to erupt (a scandal)

volcano of revenge

a ~ has built up inside him (Shiite in Baghdad)

amount & effect / pressure: volcano

Voldemort

Penny Voldemort

somebody was moving up in the polls, ~...

called him Voldemort

she ~, you know, the Harry Potter villain (politics)

♦ Neera Tanden was forced to withdraw her nomination to become budget director, partly because of her social-media posts, some of which disparaged politicians. In one of them, she referred to the Senate minority leader, Mitch McConnell, as Voldemort.

♦ "Somebody was moving up in the polls—Penny Voldemort." (A very funny BBC topical satire show, referring to the politician Penny Mordaunt. The line caused much laughter.)

♦ "The Gayly Prophet is an intersectional, queer Harry Potter analysis podcast hosted by Jessie Blount, a queer Black woman, and Lark Malakai Grey, a white disabled trans boy... It is also unflinchingly critical of JK Rowling and everything that she stands for."

♦ Outsiders; outside; misfits; don't belong; not such a great childhood; not well loved; crappy, challenging upbringings in childhood; feeling like the weird one of the bunch; stigmatized; going through bad times... ("Vulnerable" Harry Potter fans, including gay teenagers.)

♦ “You know, Christie accused them all of treating Trump like Voldemort, the villain in Harry Potter who is talked about as ‘he shall not be named.’” (“5 major takeaways—and one thing missing—from the fourth Republican debate” by Domenico Montanaro, All Things Considered, December 7, 2023.)

oppression: allusion / books & reading / film & TV

allusion: books & reading

volley (volley of abuse, etc.)

volley of abuse

she has faced a ~ from critics

volley of questions

when she does speak, it is often in a ~

accusation & criticism: boat / military / weapon

speech: boat / military / weapon

volume (turn up the volume, etc.)

turning up the volume

the democratic candidates are ~ against the president

accusation & criticism / conflict: sound

vomit

see *retch (and puke, vomit, throw up)*

voracious (adjective)

voracious appetite

our ~ for scores that we can use to rank our kids (education)

for the last few years, China has had a ~ for bauxite

China's ~ for timber is deforestating Siberia

voracious audience

TV allowed the market soothsayers to reach a ~

voracious reader

a ~, he donated 20,000 books... (PM Gladstone)

he was a ~ and autodidact, a lover of knowledge

I was a ~, I could read a book a day, sometimes two

voracious sun

eight fell prey to the ~ (stranded whales)

consumption: food & drink

voraciously

voraciously interested

he was a farmer, but ~ in the news...

voraciously follow

those who ~ this stuff... (politics)

read voraciously

she ~ as a child in Nigeria

I ~ in prison

consumption: food & drink

vortex (noun)

vortex of all this fury and hatred

he was at the ~ (an Israeli leader)

plunging into a vortex

South Sudan, born in great jubilation, is ~ of violence

get sucked into the (Fortnite) vortex

kids who ~

attraction & repulsion: movement

vote (vote with one's feet, etc.)

vote with their feet

without some straight answers, fans may ~ (Ibroy)

voted with their feet

fans ~ (Newcastle United fans give up on team)

voting with their feet

the population is ~ (refugees leave camps)

the result sees Texas parents ~ (home schooling)

vote with their wallets

people ~ (support of bistros in France)

♦ “When someone who favors new development in theory opposes a specific project near where they live, we call them a NIMBY.”

allegiance, support & betrayal: walking, running & jumping / verb

vote (noun)

vote of confidence

he has my ~

got my vote

he's ~ for the most improved player

allegiance, support & betrayal: government

vow (verb)

vowed to find

he ~ a solution to the problem

commitment & determination: religion / verb

vow (noun)

vow of loyalty

the song is a ~ (“You’ve Got A Friend”)

commitment & determination: religion

vulnerability (emotional, etc.)

vulnerability

“Maps” shows how both sex and love are about ~

the sweetness of her melodies indicates ~, not passivity

Vulnerability

“Our ~ Is Our Strength” (Colin Bates)

Vulnerability in Certainty

“Missy Higgins Finds the ~” (by Barbara Mitchell)

emotional vulnerability

men who express ~, and do housework, may get more sex

that ~ is a big draw for her readers (Maas female fandom)

public vulnerability

most people are not capable of ~ and self-critique

Radical Vulnerability

“Brandi Carlile On The ~ Of Joni Mitchell’s ‘Blue’” (NPR)

raw vulnerability

here ~ and palpable intensity (WILLOW)

sense of vulnerability

there’s a ~ that feels sincere (Ruby Rose)

courage and vulnerability

you showed ~ with your testimony (Megan Thee Stallion)

humility and vulnerability

his ~ (food writer Stephen Satterfield, *High on the Hog*)

openness and vulnerability

I do feel like maybe having an ~... (contempo-speak)

Violence and Vulnerability

“~ in Clarke’s ‘Lusthaus’” (Steve Inskeep / 2003!)

power, reasoning and vulnerability

his work investigates ~ (Ben Platts-Mills)

conflate vulnerability for weakness

athletes can ~ (mental health / universities)

expressing vulnerability

warrior culture conflicts with ~ and asking for help (Marines)

Mixes Assertiveness With Vulnerability

“Miranda Lambert ~ On Her New Record” (Ken Tucker)

pivots to vulnerability

Chicago rapper G Herbo ~ and scores a hit

*** women find “vulnerable” men sexy

♦ “Women are turned on by him—his vulnerability, his sexuality, his sensuality.” (The producer Marty Bregman about the actor Al Pacino.)

♦ “I Miss You” (an earnest love song); expressing feelings; passions; emotions; dropping the mask; crying; gushing; begging for her to return; pleading to her to come back; the feminine side of the man; a vulnerable man; becoming helpless; he never gives up; love does conquer all... (“Love In A Time Of Urbanization: The Twofold Vulnerability Of An East African Pop Hit” by Eyder Peralta, NPR, All Things Considered, August 30, 2017. About Tanzanian superstar Diamond Platnumz.)

♦ “More readers are asking for ‘cinnamon rolls’—described as sweet, supportive and kind types of dudes, and ‘golden retrievers’—men sporting floppy energy and positive attitude.” (Kaitlin Olsen, a senior editor at Atria, a division of Simon & Schuster. From “Romance novels ditch hunks for ‘squishy-centered’ men—Fabio calls it ‘hogwash’” by Jerry Oppenheimer, *The New York Post*, June 17, 2023.)

♦ “His willingness to be embarrassing and abrasive edged into a kind of generosity, and a vulnerability. This is the heart of his appeal.” (The writer Jia Tolentino about the 34-year-old British rock star Matty Healy. “He sang like a louche Elvis and played a lipstick-red guitar.” (“Front Man: Matty Healy, of the 1975, remains torn between the heartfelt and the arch” by Jia Tolentino, *The New Yorker*, June 5, 2023.)

♦ “I think they have a very hard time still naming what it is to be scared or vulnerable or afraid, and it’s not just that they can’t talk about it—it’s that they can’t sometimes even identify what they’re feeling...When I hear sometimes my male friends talking about these manifestations of what, to me, is clearly fear, or clearly shame, they really can’t even express the word itself.” (Hanya Yanagihara, author of *A Little Life*, quoted by Daniel Mendelsohn in “A Whole Lotta Pain” from *Ecstasy And Terror: From The Greeks To Game Of Thrones*, New York Review Books.)

♦ “The likes of Jonah Hill—who was accused of misusing psychology vocab to ‘control’ his ex this weekend—have faced criticism for the overuse of ‘therapy speak,’ or ‘psychobabble,’ as a tool of manipulation rather than an expression of emotional vulnerability.” (“How ‘therapy

speak’ is being weaponized amid Jonah Hill ‘boundaries’ scandal” by Brooke Kato, *New York Post*, July 11, 2023.)

♦ “Be vulnerable with me. No shallow stuff. I didn’t wiretap your phone to hear you make small talk.” (“I want to know you” by Rima Parikh, *The New Yorker*, October 3, 2022. A female stalker who wants her prey to be “vulnerable.” Hilarious!)

*** gay, non-binary, etc.

♦ NPR Music: Vulnerability is a theme that really comes across on the record. How did you learn to be vulnerable both with yourself and others? / Abby Hwang: I’ve been pretty reserved since I was a kid because I felt like things I would say would not be acceptable in the homogenous town I was in—especially my thoughts about being trans... (“NoSo’s debut album is a care package for someone in need: Their younger self” by Elle Mannion, NPR, Music Interviews, July 7, 2022.)

♦ “Rose is in a place of self-reflection. Although she’s chatty and seems relaxed, there’s a sense of vulnerability that feels sincere...” (“Ruby Rose: ‘I’ve not always been the best representation of myself,’” by Giselle Au-Nhien Nguyen, *The Guardian*, 9 Jul 2023.)

♦ “I think it’s really hard to hide from the stress of climbing. Like, when you go out, you’re like, you’re really choosing to be vulnerable.” (The climber Lor Sabourin, FTM trans.)

♦ “How feeling ‘vulnerable’ helped climber Lor Sabourin explore their identity. Sabourin welcomes the vulnerability that climbing forces you to confront.” (They are a FTM trans.)

♦ “We are so grateful to you for being so vulnerable and sharing your story with us. As the parents of a non-binary tween, having role models such as yourself is so important. Thank you Lor. Thank you also Black, Justin & team, your family and Patagonia. (A commenter about the film *They/Them: One Climber’s Story*.)

♦ Outsiders; outside; misfits; don’t belong; not such a great childhood; not well loved; crappy, challenging upbringings in childhood; feeling like the weird one of the bunch; stigmatized; going through bad times... (“Vulnerable” Harry Potter fans, including gay teenagers.)

*** female empowerment...

♦ “You showed incredible courage and vulnerability with your testimony despite repeated and grotesque attacks that you did not deserve. You faced unjust and despicable scrutiny that no woman should ever face and you have been an inspiration to others across LA County and the nation.” (Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon, about Megan Thee Stallion. From “Rapper Tory Lanez found guilty on all charges in shooting of Megan Thee Stallion” by Deena Zaru, ABC News, Dec. 23, 2022. Gascon also called Megan Thee Stallion “brave.”)

♦ “She was so strong, so driven but had such willingness to be vulnerable. As a female in this industry, it’s so difficult to be vulnerable without seeming weak... I’m certain she will mostly be remembered for remaining exceptionally human while doing superhuman things.” (Climber Melissa Arnot Reid about the ski mountaineer Hilaree Nelson.)

♦ “She was a force, strong and powerful, but she also was not afraid to be vulnerable, express her fears, and be honest.” (Climber Emily Harrington about ski-mountaineer Hilaree Nelson.)

♦ Barely afloat; recently separated; seductive; vulnerable; touchy; acute; reduced; no money... (A female character in a novel.)

♦ “I was talking with my therapist about how I didn’t mind being vulnerable as long as I knew the other person would be warm, that they wouldn’t judge me and all that...” (Tania Israel, a professor of psychology at the University of California, Santa Barbara.)

*** sport figures may now be vulnerable, confessional

♦ “Tony Adams fought his own battles with addiction and mental illness and went on to help other top players do the same. Does he think elite sport is honest enough about the vulnerability of its stars?” (BBC HARDtalk Tony Adams, former Captain, Arsenal Football Club.)

♦ “Under the surface, even the most mentally resilient and unflinching of athletes can be vulnerable.” (BBC rugby correspondent Chris Jones, about England Rugby Union Captain Owen Farrell’s announcement that he would take a break from international competition and miss the 2023 Six Nations Championship in order to prioritize his and his family’s mental well-being. Jones said it was a “brave move” and praised his “courage.” England head coach Steve Borthwick also praised Farrell’s “courage” and offered his full support.)

*** black youth and men now expected to be “vulnerable”

♦ “Part of the school’s mission is to create a safe emotional space where young men can feel vulnerable. Where they can talk about the world as it is and learn to share their feelings. Anger. Happiness. Fear and frustration.” (“Raising Kings: A Year Of Love And Struggle At Ron Brown College Prep. Episode 3: The Fierce Debate Over High Standards,” NPR, Code Switch, November 1, 2017.)

♦ “I don’t know! I’m not no soft person so I’m not gonna say I’m all about to tear up and all that, but...” (A D.C. high-school student, on learning his favorite teacher was not returning the following year. From “Raising Kings: A Year Of Love And Struggle At Ron Brown College Prep. Episode 3: The Fierce Debate Over High Standards,” NPR, Code Switch, November 1, 2017.)

*** mental health, wellness

♦ “A first. Earlier this year, NPR’s Student Podcast Challenge asked students to share their stories about mental health. Hundreds of middle- and high schoolers responded. Our judge listened to them all, and we are now awarding our first ever prize in this important category. / Grace Go, a Korean-American: [T]his was the first piece that I’ve made where I put myself in the spotlight. / Janet W. Lee: And that vulnerability really caught our judges’ attention...” (“Living with an eating disorder, a teen finds comfort in her favorite Korean food” by Janet W. Lee, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, July 18, 2023.)

♦ “But that in fact wasn’t my healthy... I do feel like maybe having an openness and some sort of vulnerability—something good might come from it, I don’t know.” (Ariana Grande addressing online “comments” and “conversations” that she is too thin at present based on comparison to her past size.)

*** monetizing vulnerability, catching the wave

♦ “Gone are the days of showing the highlight reel of your best life on Instagram. Now, it’s trendy to celebrate your worst moments. What attracts eyeballs in today’s social media market is tears, and content creators are incentivized to be vulnerable for views.” (“How TikTok has become a dangerous breeding ground for mental disorders” by Rikki Schlott, *New York Post*, March 12, 2022.)

♦ “Even five years ago people didn’t open up so much. Now there’s greater awareness of people’s vulnerabilities, such as mental health and LinkedIn has magnified this.” (Douglas Rode of the recruitment giant Page Group in the U.K and Ireland about LinkedIn’s “new emotional tone.”)

♦ “Want to Grow an Exceptional Person Brand? Be Vulnerable.” (Allan Draper interviews Jay Jaye.)

♦ “I do feel like maybe having an openness and vulnerability...” (Contempo-speak.)

*** men

♦ “Men! This is exactly why it’s not good to be ‘vulnerable’ with your girlfriend!” (An online commenter about Obama’s 1982 letter to an old girlfriend Alex McNear.)

♦ “Seriously. Take it to the locker room and cry in a bathroom stall if you have to. Otherwise, it’s just attention-seeking.” (An online commenter about Caleb Williams of the USC Trojans sobbing after losing to the Washington Huskies.)

*** vulnerability in real life

♦ “He—you know, he didn’t physically force me. There was no bruises on my body. But he was able to set me up in an emotionally vulnerable situation and to get me alone and to have it sort of seem normal...” (Child sex abuse.)

♦ “I am a stupid girl from a little village.” (An Eastern European girl, forced to work in an Israeli brothel.)

♦ See the Wikipedia article, “Oxford child sex abuse ring.”

♦ “Out-of-town drug gangs prey on vulnerable people.” (Rhyl, Wales.)

*** military

♦ “[Arnold recognized] a key vulnerability in the enemy line... / Early on he realized that an officer on a gray horse was playing a prominent role in maintaining the integrity of the British right. Arnold rode over to Colonel Morgan on the American left and requested that he order a sharpshooter to aim at the British officer. It took three shots, but eventually the Indian fighter Tim Murphy managed to put a rifle ball into the gut of General Simon Fraser...” (*Valiant Ambition* by Nathaniel Philbrick. Read also “Saratoga, 1777” in *British Battles On Land and Sea* by James Grant for the affecting details of Fraser’s burial under fire.)

*** analysis

♦ “Real people don’t show their feelings, they try to hide them.”

♦ “Aussies are only vulnerable when they are drunk.”

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health / protection &

lack of protection: animal

vulnerable (emotionally, etc.)

vulnerable

thanks to Lor for having the courage to be ~ (trans)

if you’re angry, frustrated, or happy, share it, be ~

he’s being ~, showing them love (tough love principal)

vulnerable people

there was an edge of picking off ~ (online fandom trolls)

emotionally vulnerable

when you’re ~, you’re in need of a caring human

the angst-ridden teen is ~ (*Rebel Without a Cause*)

open and vulnerable

how to be more ~ (happier and better / relationship)

personal and vulnerable

your speech is very ~

scared or vulnerable or afraid

what it is to be ~

willing to be vulnerable

unless he is ~ and share his grief, fear, insecurity (therapy)

choosing to be vulnerable

you’re ~ (a binary climber about climbing)

feel vulnerable

a safe emotional space where young men can ~ (D.C.)

♦ “Her worried parents believe their daughter is vulnerable and left the house in a ‘difficult state of mind.’” (A 23-year-old woman. This seems to be a euphemism for mentally ill, but who knows? What is a “difficult state of mind”?)

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

contempo-speak: mental health

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health / protection &

lack of protection: animal

vulture (culture vulture)

culture vulture

let’s make it more difficult for ~s to appropriate AAVE

called out as a “culture vulture”

Miles is ~ by a black man (*Blindspotting*)

♦ “Every step I’ve taken has gaslighted those whom I love... I am not a culture vulture. I am a culture leech. You should absolutely cancel me, and I absolutely cancel myself.” (Rachel Dolezal, an academic who claimed “identities of color,” including Black Caribbean, North African Blackness, US rooted Blackness, Caribbean rooted Bronx Blackness, *Boricua*...)

behavior: bird / person

vulture (behavior)

vultures

critics are ~ whose gnawing at the entrails...

vulture behavior

this was ~, callous and emotionally predatory (social media)

Vulture Club

he's a member of the "~" (journalists who follow conflict)

vulture fund

agreement was reached with two ~s (Liberian debt relief)
every ~ on Wall Street (private-equity firm closes hospital)

vultures are (already) circling

the ~ on the web (gossip about Chancellor's health)

feed that kind of vulture

we shouldn't ~ (by showing failed TikTok stunts)

♦ "Hagfish are the vultures of the abyss, feeding on carcasses of dead fish."

♦ "In this great city (Calcutta)...vast areas were dark with ruin and black with the wings of vultures that hovered impartially over the Hindu and Muslim dead..." (*Halfway to Freedom* by Margaret Bourke-White.)

♦ "The deceased was an eleven-year-old girl who had died from a ruptured liver after being thrown from a horse. A priest in an apron laid the corpse on a stone and began cutting away. Now standing, now squatting, he wielded hatchet and knives with practiced hands... [The] birds swarmed to their dinner table. The feast began... This was the sky burial... To Tibetans this is natural and right." (An eyewitness account by the great photojournalist Kazuyoshi Momachi of a sky burial, from his wonderful book *Pilgrimage*.)

♦ In the film *Mountain Patrol: Kekexili*, the reporter Ga Yu and Ritai first notice one another and lock eyes at the sky burial for a patrolman murdered by poachers. It is an unforgettable moment in a great film.

♦ "Towers of Silence, such as this one in Chilpyk, Uzbekistan, are where Zoroastrians would leave the bodies of the dead to be consumed by birds."

♦ "We have an unusual method of disposal of the dead. The Parsi corpse is exposed to the rays of the sun and the corpse is consumed or devoured by birds of prey: vultures, kites and crows." (Khojeste Mistree, a Parsi in Mumbai.)

♦ "There were far-going Arab dhows on the pearly waters, and gaily dressed Parsees wading out to worship the sunset. Of their creed I knew nothing, nor did I know that near our little house on the Bombay Esplanade were the Towers of Silence, where their Dead are exposed to the waiting vultures on the rim of the towers, who scuffle and spread wings when they see the bearers of the Dead below. I did not understand my mother's distress when she found 'a child's hand' in our garden, and said I was not to ask questions about it. I wanted to see that child's hand." (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling, which he wrote "Looking back from this my seventieth year." At the time, he was a boy of perhaps four, in 1869.)

♦ "After being properly necklaced, according to custom, with great garlands made of yellow flowers, and provided with betel-nut to chew, this pleasant visit closed, and we passed then to a scene of a different sort: from this glow of color and this sunny life to those grim receptacles of the Parsee dead, the Towers of Silence. There is something stately about that name, and an impressiveness which sinks deep; the hush of death is in it. We have the Grave, the Tomb, the Mausoleum, God's Acre, the Cemetery; and association has made them eloquent with solemn meaning; but we have no name that is so majestic as that one, or lingers up on the ear with such deep and haunting pathos. / On lofty ground, in the midst of a paradise of tropical foliage and flowers, remote from the world and its turmoil and noise, they stood—the Towers of Silence; and away below was spread the wide groves of cocoa palms, then the city, mile on mile, then the ocean with its fleets of creeping ships all steeped in a stillness as deep as the hush that hallowed this high place of the dead. The vultures were there..." (*Following the Equator: A Journey Around the World* by Mark Twain. When he visited Bombay in 1895, he was an old man of 60.)

behavior: animal / bird / death & life

person: animal / bird / death & life

affliction: animal / bird / sign, signal, symbol

W

wade (wade in / wade into)

waded into war

lessons from the last time Cairo ~ in Yemen (1960s)

wading into uncharted water

the NCAA is ~

waded into (treacherous political) waters

he has ~ (taking sides in controversy)

absorption & immersion / involvement: walking, running & jumping / water / verb

wagon (circle the wagons)

circle the wagons

they ~ in a time of crisis (universities, church)

they began to ~ trying to protect the vice president

circling their wagons

right now, the government is really ~ (security leak)

"circle-the-wagons mentality"

the ~ backfired...

wagons were circled

the ~ (opposition to desegregation in Mississippi)

close ranks, (they) circle the wagons

the groups ~ (bands, sororities, fraternities / hazing)

♦ "The 'racial wagons' have been circled around Gay." (The embattled Dr. Claudine Gay, President of Harvard University, facing accusations of insensitivity to Jewish students and academic plagiarism.)

♦ "We're seeing them close the wagon so to speak..." (ESPN's Michele Steele on NPR. An eggcorn? Presumably "circle the wagons.")

conflict / protection & lack of protection: film & TV / history / military / verb

wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)

hitched its wagon to Adam Schiff

NPR ~ (the Democratic congressman from California)

hitched his wagon to Donald Trump

he ~ and saw his life unravel

hitching his wagon to (complete) flops

he is always ~ (a celebrity)

hitched our wagons to (a variety of) warlords

we ~ (US in Afghanistan)

♦ "Hitching a struggling media industry to the wagon of generative AI and surveillance capitalism won't serve Australia's interest in the long run." ("Is artificial intelligence a threat to journalism or will the technology destroy itself?" by Samantha Floreani, Opinion, *The Guardian*, Sat 5 Aug 2023.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: history / horse / verb

wail (sirens, etc.)

sirens wailed

~ on the campus (school shooting)

resemblance / warning: sound

wail (verb)

wail and moan

they'll ~ and write outraged editorials...

conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / verb

waist (noun)

“waist” of Finland

the narrow ~ (1939-40 / Suomussalmi)

joined by a narrow waist

the Mediterranean, divided like a butterfly into 2 halves ~

♦ The “narrow waist” of the Mediterranean is the Strait of Sicily, guarded on its eastern side by Malta, The Siege of Malta during World War II was a crucial struggle to control the Mediterranean. Operation Pedestal in August 1942 may have saved the island for the Allies. That operation was a “very close-run thing.”

division & connection / configuration: stomach

wait (in wait)

lurk in wait

memory triggers ~ all around (war and suffering)

lying in wait

the hackers created back doors to come and go and are ~

♦ The Sutton-Taylor feud was the longest and bloodiest in Texas. (According to the Texas State Historical Association Handbook of Texas, in an article written by C. L. Sonnichsen: “Persons who wished to live in the area had to take sides, there was constant pursuing and lying in wait...”)

presence & absence: animal / predation

waiting game

waiting game

for us, it's a ~ (police investigation of serial killings)

waiting game with the weather

they played a ~ (military operation)

action, inaction & delay / strategy: sports & games

wake (resemblance)

wakes

while man sleeps, the jungle ~ (animal activity)

activity / resemblance: sleep / verb

wake (effect)

deal with the wake

he jet-skied through my life, and I was left to ~

♦ “We now know that they separated not long after he returned home, and eventually divorced. “Yoga” describes only the effect of the rupture—the wash from a boat that’s out of frame. He’s suddenly living alone, and ‘as lonely as a rat.’ He doesn’t bathe...” (“The First Rule Is Not to Lie: Emmanuel Carrere’s bracingly personal reportage” by Ian Parker, *The New Yorker*, July 11 & 18, 2022.)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: water / wave

wake (in the wake of / at a later time)

in the wake of disaster

how strong we can be ~ (terrorism)

in the wake of (terrorist) hijackings

new security measures ~

in the wake of the invasion

the potential for chaos ~ (Iraq)

in the wake of another (accounting) scandal

~ hitting a US giant...

in the wake of a (sleet) storm

in Mid-December, ~

in the wake of Sept. 11

flag-waving ~

♦ NO WAKE ZONE (A sign directed at boaters in a channel.)

♦ This seems to represent one conception of time, “Earlier events are in front of later events.” “In the wake of” might just as easily be stated as “after” or “following.”

sequence / time: boat / direction / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / water

wake (in a wake)

in his wake

he left his rivals ~ (Olympic swimming)

superiority & inferiority: movement / water

competition: movement / water

wake up (activity)

woke up in the fourth

the Phillies’ bats ~ as... (baseball)

wakes up from a nap

we’ll see if ‘Odie’ ~ (“Odysseus” moon lander / IM-1)

♦ “The Zhurong rover has yet to wake up since going into hibernation for the Martian winter nearly a year ago.”

♦ “We’ll start listening at sunrise and see if ‘Odie’ wakes up from a nap.” (Tim Crain, chief technology officer and IM (Intuitive Machines) co-founder, about the moon lander called ‘Odysseus’ but referred to as ‘Odie,’ after the cartoon character. Cute! It landed softly but fell over.)

activity: sleep

wake up (awareness)

wake up

people are starting to ~ (a public-health issue)

woke up

an Arab nation ~ (Tunisia / 2011)

woken up

I was one of the sleeping majority, but now I have ~

wake up to the dangers

West African states have begun to ~ of the drug trade

waking up to the reality

now we’re ~ and the question is... (Afghanistan War)

people have woken up

the Baluch ~ (Brahmadagh, a rebel leader)

♦ "Hey, wake up, what's going on?" (Marvin Gaye's great album of 1971.)

consciousness & awareness: sleep / verb

walk (walk the walk)

walking the walk

he was better at talking the talk than of ~ (delegation)

we're talking the talk on democracy but not ~ (diplomacy)

walk the walk

I want her and other actresses to ~ (vs lip service / Me Too)

walked the walk

you knew he ~ (a biker outlaw)

♦ This occurs with "talk the talk."

♦ "It's easy to talk the talk, but how far are you willing to walk the walk?"

♦ "Money talks in this business and bullshit walks." (Congressman Michael Myers caught on an FBI sting video accepting a bribe. Abscam.)

commitment & determination: walking, running & jumping / verb

walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)

walk and chew gum

Democrats can ~ (work with Trump and impeach him)

Democrats can ~ (U.S. Rep Ayanna Pressley)

we on the Left can ~ (Brandon Unger)

'walk and chew gum' image

a ~ image for the party (Democrats)

♦ "The focus on non-impeachment issues is further evidence that Pelosi (D-Calif.) and other Democratic leaders are aiming to sell a 'walk and chew gum' image for the party—that they can investigate and possibly impeach President Trump while also working to make progress on jobs, health care and other concerns." ("Pelosi-backed group gives House Democrats cover amid impeachment probe" by Mike DeBonis, *The Washington Post*, Oct. 6, 2019.)

♦ "Incoming Rules Committee Chairman Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., insists the new majority can 'walk and chew gum' at the same time."

♦ "We Gotta Be Able To Walk And Chew Gum At The Same Time." (Sticker from \$1.29. Also a T-shirt at \$31.67. REDBUBBLE.)

♦ "Word Knowledge Instruction: We Can Walk and Chew Gum at the Same Time" by Kathy Ganske and Mia C. Heller, 20 July 2022. 48-Hour online access: \$10.00. Online-only access: \$18.00. PDF download and online access: \$42.00.)

♦ "So three years in, 2500 lives later, more than 18,000 wounded, our statesmen's prose akin to a schoolyard fist fight after a disputed call in a game of four-square. Instead of two boys tussling, it's our distinguished representatives labeling each other commitment-phobes, traitors, quitters, cowards, cutters-and-runners, with coddled, air-conditioned pampered porcine backsides. And your mother's ugly too." ("A War of Words," NPR, Day to Day, Opinion, by Brian Unger, June 19, 2006.)

ability / insult: verb / walking, running & jumping

walk (walk somebody through something)

walk us through how

~ this unfolded, did you know how...

walks us through how

she ~ white nationalists are using live-streaming to...

walk me through why

~ somebody would be afraid to participate (census)

walk me through what

but first ~ you have heard from people about...

walk us through what

can you ~ police are doing right now (breaking news)

so can you just ~ the president is saying now...

could you just ~ has led Haiti to this moment (NPR)

walk us through (exactly) what

~ happened here (tell us what happened)

walk us through the data

so ~, what did you find (talk radio)

walk us through that moment

can you ~ that you found out... (TV interview)

walk us through the procedure

could you ~ (explain)

walk us through the results

and here to ~ is our lead political editor (new poll)

♦ "Ellis walks the reader through all the balls Madison was juggling as he advocated and negotiated at the Constitutional Convention..." (Scott Detrow, NPR Book Review. An odd image indeed. But then, you can have friends, or you can point out their odd metaphors.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: walking, running & jumping / verb

walk (walk somebody back)

walk us back a bit

could you ~ (speak about what happened before)

past & present / time: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

walk (crawl, walk, run)

crawl, walk, run

instruction should follow a ~ sequence (military)

crawl, walk and run

we are essentially helping the states to ~ (HHS / 988 #)

sequence: walking, running & jumping

growth & development: life span

walk (slow-walk)

slow-walked to confirm

they ~ the test, it took them a month... (horse's doping test)

slow-walked his investigation

NBC ~ and then shut it down (Ronan Farrow)

♦ "Democrats accuse him of slow-rolling requests for the whistleblower's complaint or just blocking it altogether." (Politics.)

speed: verb / walking, running & jumping

action, inaction & delay: verb / walking, running & jumping

walk (walk away from something)

walked

he ~, and the project was thrown into disarray (film)

walk away
mining companies ~ without paying for cleanups (gold)

walked away
he spoke to the BBC about why he ~ (quit Royal Ballet)
his sponsors all ~ (sportsman and racial slur)

walked away from a (potential) deal
the president ~ (negotiations)

walked away from an exclusive trading club
Britain ~ (Brexit)

walk away from it
why didn't you just ~ (a scam)

walk away from the European Union
should the United Kingdom ~

walk away or try to hang on
you can ~ (aging NFL players)

throw up our hands and walk away
we can't just ~

♦ "We will not walk away, we will not bow down, I will not bow down."
(President Joe Biden's 2024 State of the Union address to Congress, about his opposition to the Russian leader and his support for Ukraine. During that same address, Steven Nikoui—the father of Lance Cpl. Kareem Nikoui, killed at Hamid Karzai International Airport during the chaotic withdrawal of the U.S. from Afghanistan—shouted "Remember Abbey Gate" and was removed from the chamber and arrested.)

allegiance, support & betrayal / avoidance & separation / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: verb / walking, running & jumping

walk back (noun)

walk back
let's talk about the ~ (reversal)

reversal: walking, running & jumping

walk back (verb)

walk back his (previous) comments
he tried to ~ (a politician)

walked back his earlier statement
the witness ~

walked back from earlier pledges
he has ~ to overturn reforms

walked the advisor's assertion back
his campaign manager ~

walk that back
I don't know how you ~ (statement by official)

reversal: walking, running & jumping / verb

walk on by (verb)

walk on by
~, the tears and sadness you gave me (Dionne Warrick)

avoidance & separation: walking, running & jumping / verb

walkover (noun)

walkover
the campaign won't be a ~
the war won't be a ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: walking, running & jumping

wall (blue wall, etc.)

blue wall
Frank Serpico pierced the ~ of silence (police)

epithet: wall

division & connection: epithet

wall (red wall, etc.)

wall of green
Saudi players run to the ~ and celebrate with their fans

Red Wall

passionate Wales fans, the ~ (Euro 2020)

♦ "Wonderful, incredible scenes of celebration on the pitch. Saudi Arabia players are hugging, smiling, crying. / They run to the wall of green and celebrate with their fans. / What a moment." (Qatar, the FIFA World Cup, 2022, Saudi Arabia 2-Argentina 1. Mashallah! "Raise our Green Flag!")

epithet: wall

amount & effect: epithet

wall (emotions)

put up a wall
he ~, he wouldn't get close to anyone (Navy corpsman)

feeling, emotion & effect: wall

wall (brick wall)

electoral brick wall
in 2016 Sanders hit an ~ after New Hampshire (primaries)

run into a brick wall
law enforcement has ~

hit a brick wall
this new bill is expected to ~ in the Senate (politics)

obstacles & impedance: wall

wall (obstacle)

wall of (Republican) opposition
President Obama ran into a stone ~

wall of privacy
biographers ran up against a ~

wall of silence
breaking down the famous "blue ~" (NYC police)
our biggest challenge is the ~ (Shasha Johnson shooting)
police face a ~ (university hazing tragedies)
the Democratic ~ surrounding Hunter Biden is crumbling

brick wall
see *wall (brick wall)*

firewall (computers)

see *firewall* (computers)

paywall

see *paywall* (obstacle)

stone wall

President Obama ran into a ~ of opposition

bureaucratic wall

it felt like I had hit a ~

cultural walls

the ~ that keep the rest of the world out (reservation)

broke the wall

she ~ of silence on the issue (protection rackets)

set up (high) walls

kings ~ of etiquette to keep the world out

♦ "All in all you're just another brick in the wall." (Pink Floyd.)

♦ "Something there is that doesn't love a wall..." (The first line of "Mending Wall" by Robert Frost. Twice his neighbor says, "Good fences make good neighbors.")

obstacles & impedance: infrastructure / wall

division & connection: infrastructure / wall

wall (hit a wall, etc.)

hitting a wall

some heretics argue that deep learning is ~ (AI)

hit a (bureaucratic) wall

he sought police help but initially ~

run into a (brick) wall

law enforcement has ~

ran into a (stone) wall

President Obama ~ of Republican opposition

run into (stone) walls

journalists have ~ with the administration

ran up against a wall

biographers ~ of privacy

progress & lack of progress / obstacles & impedance:

crashes & collisions / movement / verb / wall

wall (wall of flames, etc.)

wall of fire

a ~ came down over the Rumanian positions (WWII)

wall of flames

fleeing a ~ (wildfire firefighters)

wall of sound

he transformed pop with his "~~" recordings (Phil Spector)

Scotland's Eilish McColgan rode a ~ to a 10,000m win

wall of water

the dam failure sent a ~ downstream

the ~ destroyed everything in its path (tsunami)

a ~ that can move onshore (storm surge / hurricane)

♦ "[A] flight of Crusaders came in right off the deck, supersonic winged darts flashing past the road-bound grunts, placing their bombs and napalm cannisters precisely where Bird Dog had marked his targets.

Again, Bravo Company experienced a napalm wall from only seventy-five meters, and again, it worked. Not another AK47 round was fired at them." (*Operation Buffalo: USMC Fight For the DMZ* by Keith William Nolan.)

amount & effect / resemblance: wall

wall (constraint)

walls come down

this is where the ~ (Las Vegas partying)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: wall

wall (ricochet off the wall)

ricocheting off the wall

she's going to be ~ (surprised / upset / unhappy)

behavior / feeling, emotion & effect: mental health / movement / verb

wall (throw something at a wall and see what sticks)

throwing at the wall

I can write things that I'm just ~ and see how people react

threw it all at the wall

I just did it, ~ (Elisabeth Moss' commitment to a role)

throws plenty of jokes (and its lead actress) at the wall

'Marry Me' ~ (Pop Culture Happy Hour)

throws a lot at the wall

the dream psych-pop band ~ (Shana Falana)

♦ The meaning seems to be, "to try everything" in order to see what works (or "sticks"). There seems to be an element of desperation to it. Like the cliché "to wrap one's arms around something" it is not immediately obvious what the physical basis for this expression is.

♦ "I just did it, and just kind of went as big as I could, and threw it all at the wall knowing the only mistake we could make was not going far enough. And so we both just went for it... I had turned it up to eleven and then realized I had to go even higher..." (Elisabeth Moss on performing in *Her Smell*.)

♦ "[Ms. Heard] slings an exceptional amount of mud at the wall in the hope that something might stick." (Johnny Depp's attorneys." This seems to combine *mudslinging* and *wall (throw something at a wall, etc.)*."

♦ "Trump looked like a president throwing anything he could at the wall to try and stay in power." (NPR.)

♦ "What the pro-life movement is doing is throwing every type of spaghetti at the wall and seeing what sticks." (Mallory Quigley of the anti-abortion rights Susan B. Anthony List.)

attachment: materials & substances / verb

survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances / verb

wall (the walls have ears)

wall

the ~s have ears

surveillance: wall

wall (walls close in)

walls may be closing in on him

the ~ (manhunt)

pressure: wall / verb

wall (wall-to-wall)

wall-to-wall coverage

despite the ~ that his previous trial had generated...

extent & scope: wall

wallet (money)

implications on your wallets

what is the ~

worried about their wallets

they're more ~ than moral issues

open their wallets

they have inspired millions to ~ (aid to Haiti)

watch their wallets

retirees need to ~ (US)

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

wallow (verb)

wallow

rather than wallow, she decided to make the best of it

wallows in nostalgia

the show ~

wallow in self-pity

my job means that I can't ~

wallow (so happily) in stories

why do we ~ of violence (media, entertainment)

wallows in victimhood

it ~ (National Public Radio / NPR)

♦ "Sambur (Sambar) and other game used this pool as a drinking place and wallow." (*Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett, Introduction by Sir Maurice Hallett, Preface by Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India 1936-1943.)

♦ "He found a mud hole, let out a tremendous cry, and rolled and wallowed." (An elk during rut.)

absorption & immersion / involvement: animal / verb

behavior: animal / verb

wallpaper (configuration)

wallpaper of Black America

I was a child of Bill Cosby, he was part of the ~

wallpaper of American life

skin color is but a part of ~

conversational wallpaper

"so" has become ~ (linguist Geoff Nunberg)

♦ "As wave after wave of pain and outrage swept through the *Times*, over a headline that was not damning enough of Trump or someone's obnoxious tweets, I came to think of the people who were fragile, the ones who were caught up in Slack or Twitter storms, as people who had only recently discovered that they were white and were still getting over the shock. Having concluded they had got ahead by working hard, it has been a revelation to them that their skin colour was not just part of the wallpaper of American life, but a source of power, protection and advancement. They may know a lot about television, or real estate, or how to edit audio files, but their work does not take them into shelters, or police precincts, or the homes of people who see the world very

differently. It has never exposed them to live fire. Their idea of violence includes vocabulary." ("When the New York Times lost its way" by James Bennet, *1843 Magazine* (*The Economist*), Dec 14th 2023.)

configuration: picture

Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)

Wall Street of the South

Charlotte, North Carolina, the ~ (Bank of America)

Wall Street of fish

Tokyo's Tsukiji fish market was the ~ (set prices, etc.)

Black Wall Street

the Greenwood area of Tulsa was referred to as the ~

money: epithet / place / sign, signal, symbol

Walter Mitty

Walter Mitty of the war

Juan Pujol Garcia was the ~ (British double agent)

Walter Mittys with Everest dreams

~ need to keep in mind... (climbing)

♦ "President Walter Mitty" (A disparaging remark by an online commenter about a Joe Biden story involving the military. Other commenters described the story more harshly, as an example of "stolen valor.")

♦ "Not everyone admires the [A&E's Cold Case Files message board on EAR-ONS] board sleuths or their efforts [to identify the Golden State Killer]. One agitator came on recently to rant about what he characterized as wannabe cops with a twisted, pathetic obsession. He accused them of being untrained meddlers with an unhealthy interest in rape and murder. / 'WALTER MITTY DETECTIVE,' he wrote. / By then I was convinced one of the Mittys was probably going to solve this thing." (*I'll Be Gone In The Dark* by Michelle McNamara.)

♦ "Not so fast! You're driving too fast! What are you driving so fast for? You were up to fifty-five. You know I don't like to go more than forty. You were up to fifty-five. You're tensed up again. It's one of your days. I wish you'd let Dr. Renshaw look you over... Remember to get those overshoes while I'm having my hair done." (The harridan / virago Mrs. Mitty. From the short story "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" by James Thurber. We all know married men with wives like her!)

fantasy & reality: allusion / person

allusion: books & reading

waltz (last waltz)

last waltz

and so, there was a ~ (dinner at bankrupt restaurant)

starting, going, continuing & ending: music

waltz (waltz to success, etc.)

waltz to gold

US men ~ in basketball

waltzed to re-election

he should have ~ but is now in a fight (politics)

waltz to victory

a tough fight might allow the opposition to ~ (politics)

waltzed to a (virtually drama-free) victory

Parker ~ (against Deontay Wilder / Day of Reckoning)

attainment: movement / music / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: movement / music / verb

waltz in (verb)

waltz (right) in

we shouldn't let them just ~ (terrorists return to England)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / music / verb

wand (magic wand, etc.)

power wand

I didn't have a ~ that I waved (Kevin Spacey at trial)

imaginary (magic) wand

programmers don't have an ~ that prevents ALL attacks

had a (magic) wand

it I ~, I would change...

amelioration & renewal: magic

wander (mind, attention, etc.)

wander

where did you mind ~ (during pandemic lockdowns)

♦ "It's hard to meditate because the mind is all over the place." (Concerns, etc.)

mind: movement

wane (on the wane)

on the wane

his once promising ability is ~ (athlete)

summer is ~ and autumn on the way

tolerance is ~ and extremism is thriving

support for the climate bill is ~

empathy is ~

America's power and influence is ~

decline: astronomy / moon

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / moon

wane (verb)

wanes a bit

my new-found euphoria ~ (for new hobby)

wax and wane

see *wax and wane*

career waned

his ~ after his "Airwolf" heyday (actor)

epidemic is (now) waning

the cholera ~, having run its natural, devastating course

influence (in Iraq) is waning

the American's ~

popularity has waned

since then, however, its ~... (barbiturate abuse)

sense of urgency wanes

people forget and the ~... (wildfires)

star had (also) waned

in America, however, his ~ (Amundsen lecture tour)

starts to wane

the fight's urgency ~ (pit bulls)

tendency (for the effect) to wane

there is a ~ after... (a medication)

♦ Immunity wanes over a period of time (pandemic).

decline / development / increase & decrease / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / moon / verb

wannabe (and want-to-be / person)

wanna be boxer

absolute joke putting a ~ in the ring (a crossover fight)

wannabe filmmaker

a ~ living in Berkeley

wannabe influencer

a 15-year-old ~

wannabe-podcasters

her class of ~

wannabe writer

she was a ~ (a young Harper Lee in New York City)

Spice Girls 'Wannabe'

the 1996 ~ (what do girls want)

♦ "Wannabe" is recognized by Merriam-Webster. It is *not* in the old print dictionary that I use.

♦ "Former Gang Member Gives 15-Year-Old Wannabe Gangster a Reality Check." (Dr. Phil.)

♦ Often self-disparaging, or said disparagingly about another person.

♦ "Everyone has dreams..." (Said by one man to another man, who was buying a ticket for a lottery at a gas station in Asheville, North Carolina.)

♦ "L-A, proved too much for the man..." Watch and listen to: Midnight Train To Georgia (LIVE)—Gladys Knight & the Pips
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rhnRyQCeqXI> A man fails to achieve his dream, but his woman sticks with him. SUPER.

♦ "Life is real! Life is earnest! / And the grave is not its goal; / Dust thou art, to dust returnest, / Was not spoken of the soul." (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, via my mother.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: person

person: part of speech

want (I want her home, etc.)

want my family back

I ~ (kidnapped by Hamas)

want her home

I ~ (arrested abroad)

♦ Classified in this work like *need* (*she needs to, etc.*) This usage is like a performative: I want it done; I want him cancelled; I want him dead; we want her home (abducted), etc.

♦ "I just want my brother home... We need [the Cubans] to open [the search] again... The search crew needs to keep searching for our (nickname of missing passenger)!!!! We need answers, we need updates!! (The sister of a college student who "went overboard" from the largest cruise ship in the world, in the waters near Cuba.)

♦ "I want Keith back. I want him back now...I want people to have a better life...The war needs to stop..." (Aviva Siegel, held hostage by Hamas for

51 days before being released. Her husband Keith is still being held hostage.)

♦ "Want" is NOT the verb we teach to our ESL / EFL students: "Following the shooting, police were wanting to talk to the baby's father..." (ABC, Meredith Deliso.)

language: verb

want back (sarcasm)

want their chauvinist back
the 60s called, they ~

want their definition of 'cool' back
the 90s called, and they ~

♦ "My hope is that the Competition Committee looks at this in the next set of meetings, and, you know, we take the dresses off." (Ex-quarterback and NFL Hall of Famer Troy Aikman about a roughing-the-passer call he disagreed with. He was accused of being sexist, and one commenter posted...)

♦ A 50-year-old female teacher revealed on social media that many parents at her primary school were swingers and she thought that made her school "cool." A commenter enquired to ask what was "cool" about swinging, which caused the teacher to reply, "You're uncool..." To which another commenter responded...

language: sarcasm

war (epithet / figurative)

War on Drugs
the collateral damage due to the ~ was horrible

epithet: military

conflict: epithet

war (the war to end all wars, etc.)

"War to end all wars"
World War I, the ~

"Madeleine's War"
critics dubbed it ~ (Kosovo 1998-9)

Egypt's Vietnam
see *Vietnam (Egypt's Vietnam, etc.)*

military: epithet

war (at war)

at war with her (nagging) fears
her hopes were ~ (health of child)

at war with a virus
we need to remember, we're ~, not one another (COVID)

conflict: military

war (flame war)

flame war
spam, ~s, dumb jokes...

burst into flame wars
Web sites ~

sparked a flame war
he ~ by writing that... (Internet)

computer: fire / military

war (conflict)

war
this is ~ (attempts to repeal the death tax)

war to make the Internet safe
the ~ was lost long ago

war of attrition
he turns football into a ~

war of nerves
see *war of nerves*

war of (racially charged) slurs
they fought a ~ (high schoolers)

war of words
an interesting ~ develops between... (politics)
the arrests provoked a ~ between the two countries
the two men have been engaged in a ~ (boxers)

War of Words

The Argument Culture: Stopping America's ~ (D. Tannen)

war of insults and namecalling
a virtual ~ between Turks and Greeks on YouTube

war on Islam
what he called the West's ~

war on their bosses
Corps officials quietly declared ~, skipping meetings

war on cancer
Richard Nixon began America's ~

War on Children

The ~ (2024 film documentary by Robby Starbuck)

War on Drugs
the ~

war on meth
in 2003 Thailand launched an all-out ~ (Yaba)

war on piracy
~ bears fruit (pirated music, software in Dubai)

War on Poverty
the 1960s produced the ~

war on poverty
finding a drug for black hypertension is cheaper than a ~

war on rodents
NYC Council to pass Rat Action Plan, stepping up ~

war on smallpox
Dr. Donald A. Henderson led the successful ~

war with the European Union
the banana ~ over imports

war with multiple fronts
China and the US are locked in an escalating ~ (media, etc.)

war against doctors

the D.E.A.'s ~ (drugs-for-sex cases)

war against the environment
the ~ is also a war against traditional people

war against the people
Macron and the elites are ~ (COVID mandates)

war against traditional people
the war against the environment is also a ~

war against cybercafes
Beijing declares ~

war (with the European Union) over imports
the banana ~

war over (union) representation
sparked a labor ~

war between the two
it's not a ~ (sales and marketing)

war between consumers and record labels
the file-sharing ~ (burning)

war between theorists and engineers
the ~ (over artificial intelligence)

wars among (Ecstasy) dealers
turf ~

war on Black history
he has declared ~ (a critic / politics)

war chant
fans and players intoned their ~ (football)

warhorse
see *warhorse* (and *war horse*)

war room
see *war room* (*strategy, etc.*)

war-simulation
a ~ game (console game)

war stories
as he recounts his ~ (about the film industry)

war-gaming
civilian ~ spread...

war or battle
we're not in a ~ with Facebook (government official)

"banana war"
the ~ with the European Union over imports

banana war
the ~ has been the world's longest running trade dispute

culture war
"~s" that have wracked universities

drug war
Colombia's ~
the ~ became a bipartisan effort

gang war
this was the beginning of a full-blown ~ (LA)

labor war
a ~ over union representation

lightning war
this ~ on public education (billionaires support charters)

price war
fierce ~s have reduced profits
a ~ broke out (illegal drugs)

proxy war
debates about language are always ~s (Geoff Nunberg)

taxi war
the ~s are a national problem in South Africa (rival cartels)

technology war
America has declared a ~ on China (*The Economist*)

trade war
sanctions could set off a ~

Twitter war
Warren and Musk are in the middle of a full-scale ~

vaccine war
maybe the UK wants to start a ~ (EU Justice Commissioner)

one-man war
he was waged a ~ against the bill (government)

all-out war
it had become an ~ (Egypt and US issue)

full-scale (Twitter) war
Warren and Musk are in the middle of a ~

reading wars
the so-called ~—the battle over the best method

file-sharing war
the ~ between consumers and record labels (burning)

bidding war
a ~ had begun for exclusive photo rights

full-blown (gang) war
this was the beginning of a ~ (LA)

civil war
see *civil war* (*noun*)

diplomatic war
he has won the ~

forever war
see *forever war*

"virtual war"
a ~ of insults and namecalling between Turks and Greeks

public opinion war
they would lose the ~ (educational vouchers)

PR war
it lost a significant battle in the ~ (Facebook v. Australia)

12-round war

a ~ that was one of the year's best fights (boxing)

in the midst of a (culture) war

America is ~

front line of the (culture) war

the judiciary committee is the ~ (U.S. politics)

language of war

its language is the ~ (US football)

battle in the (culture) war

these bills are the latest ~ waged over the rights of...

soldier in the (culture) wars

if you are a ~

war broke out

a price ~ (illegal drugs)

war continues and escalates

the ~ (Internet popup ads)

declared war

Corps officials quietly ~ on their bosses

declares war

Beijing ~ against cybercafes

engaged in a war

the two men have been ~ of words (boxers)

go to war

Usyk was fresh and ready to ~ (boxing)

launched an (all-out) war

in 2003 Thailand ~ on meth (Yaba)

lose the (public opinion) war

they would ~ (educational vouchers)

prepare for (a long) war

the right must ~ (against Critical Race Theory)

set off a (trade) war

by imposing sanctions, the administration could ~

sparked a (flame) war

he ~ by writing that... (Internet)

wage war

communities in this state ~ on their youth

◆ "He's waging total jihad against 'comprised of' across five million English language Wikipedia articles and he's vowed not to stop until he's driven it into the sea." ("Don't You Dare Use 'Comprised Of' On Wikipedia: One Editor Will Take It out" by Geoff Nunberg, the University of California, Berkeley, on NPR, Fresh Air, March 12, 2015.)

◆ "And the thing about the culture wars is that its warriors and conscripts are always looking for new fields of battle. Sport provides them in spades. Just look at the debate right now over transgender athletes." ("How cash and culture are shifting the goalposts for sports journalism," *Journa*, 14 July 2022. The Judith Neilson Institute.)

◆ "What if this newly emerging culture war is forcing people to pick a side when they don't really need to?"

◆ "I mean, I've been in the Twitter war zone for a while, it takes a lot to phase me at this point. You can't take it personally, none of these people actually know you. It's like if you're fighting a war and there's some opposing soldier that shoots at you, it's not like they hate you. They don't

even know you. So, just think of it like that. They're firing bullets, whatever, but they don't know you, so don't take it personally." (Elon Musk talking to Joe Rogan.)

*** common sayings, maxims, quotations, proverbs...

◆ The first casualty of war is the truth.

◆ War can kill all things except bad ideas.

◆ There's a right way, the wrong way, and the Army way.

◆ Tactics are for amateurs; logistics is for professionals / experts.

◆ "What cannot be supported logistically cannot be accomplished tactically." (An old military adage.)

◆ Logistics is the difference between a click and a bang."

◆ "It is well that war is so terrible—lest we should grow too fond of it." (Robert E. Lee, 1862.)

◆ "Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won." (The Duke of Wellington, in a letter to his brother after his victory at Waterloo.)

◆ "You cannot qualify war in harsher terms than I will. War is cruelty, and you cannot refine it." (General William T. Sherman, 1864.)

◆ You can win a battle and still lose the war. (A tactical victory, but a strategic defeat.)

◆ You can win the war and still lose the peace.

◆ "Wars don't end in peace."

◆ PEACE, n. In international affairs, a period of cheating between two periods of fighting. (*The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce.)

◆ "In time of peace prepare for war."

◆ "War is the normal condition of mankind; peace is the abnormal condition," Bellevue's Frank Hamilton observed in his influential tome, *A Treatise on Military Surgery and Hygiene*, published in 1865. "This statement is not flattering to a people claiming Christianity and boasting of its civilization; but it is nevertheless true." (*Bellevue: Three Centuries of Medicine and Mayhem at America's Most Storied Hospital* by David Oshinsky.)

◆ "War is a way of teaching geography."

◆ "War is good for rats." (Public health.)

◆ It will be a great day when our schools get all the money they need and the Air Force has to hold a bake sale to buy a bomber. (A U.S. bumper sticker.)

◆ Read *War: How Conflict Shaped Us* by Margaret MacMillan.

*** children and war

◆ "Take an old broomstick, and to one end nail a slim triangle of wood, suitably whittled; you than have a Kentucky rifle, as good as anything Daniel Boone had... All you have to do is crook your finger and say, 'Bang!' loudly, and you have killed a moose, or a grizzly bear, or a redskin. / If you preferred to be an Indian the same shooting iron would serve. There were enough dead sticks lying around in the woodlot to build a wigwam... As an Indian, of course, you were never shot by Daniel Boone; instead, you shot him, and with a wooden knife whittled out of any stray piece of a packing box you could dash in and lift his scalp. / A pal sometimes joined me in this game, and we found that it was best if we were both on the same side—that is, each of us was an Indian, or each was a frontiersman, and our foes were wholly imaginary. Splitting up, and hunting each other, usually led to arguments about who had really shot whom, and the game was likely to break up in a row. Also, it was easier to scalp a victim who did not really exist than it was to scalp a living, active small boy. He was apt to complain that you pulled his hair too hard, and there was always the danger of sticking a wooden scalping knife in his eye. On the whole, it was better to be Indians than to be frontiersmen; we had an excuse to yell, giving the blood-curdling war whoop, and off in the woods there were no adults to lean out of windows and tell us we were making too much noise. We had the world to ourselves." (*Waiting for the Morning Train: An American Boyhood* by Bruce Catton.)

◆ "The object of the Germans in making Zeppelin raids on London was to produce panic and a cry for peace. It did neither... / But while there was no panic there were great hardships, as a visit to any of the Tube stations in the East of London on the night of an air-raid would have shown—the stairs crowded with half-awakened and hungry children, the platforms so packed with humanity that there was not a vacant square foot. I used to wonder how many of these children would feel the

permanent effects. On the whole, however, young children between five and thirteen really seemed to enjoy air-raid nights. They were full of excitement, and you would take them out of bed wrapped in blankets and give them unexpected meals. It was a little grim when one knew the reality to hear from infant lips, 'Oh, Daddy, I do hope there'll be an air-raid to-night.'" (*Queer People* by Basil Thomson, head of the Criminal Investigation Department at Scotland Yard.)

♦ "When I was born in Munich only two weeks later a bomb hit the house next to us and our place was half destroyed and my mother discovered me—the baby—under a foot of shards of glass and debris. But I was unhurt but my mother fled to the remotest mountain valley in Bavaria and we got stuck there... [I]t was occupied by sixty Americans at the very end of the war... And sixty Americans moved in in jeeps, and they were totally relaxed, chewing gum, and I had the feeling this was all the Americans of the world and for the first time I saw a black man. And I was totally mesmerized by seeing him because I had only heard about black people in fairy tales. And I immediately became friends with him and talked to him for hours... [O]nly when I was eleven and the war was well over I saw destroyed cities and bombed out places and I developed a concept of what must have happened... [I]t's strange because everybody thinks that German children who grew up in the post-war time had a terrible childhood. On the contrary, nobody was frightened. All my school friends who grew up in the cities, they were...are delirious about speaking of this time when they grew up in ruins and it was pure anarchy in the best sense of the word. There were no fathers around to tell them what to do and how to do things, they would be the masters and the kings of let's say a whole block that was bombed out and it was a most wonderful playground for children... [T]he childhood of practically all the children who grew up in the post-war time was wonderful, as strange and as paradoxical as it may sound... ("Werner Herzog on the Story Behind 'Rescue Dawn,'" NPR, Fresh Air, July 6, 2007. Herzog was born in 1942.)

♦ "The Second World War was one of the most horrific events of the 20th century. But for me, it was one of the greatest things. It meant evacuation, escape from the Blitz with my brother and mother, the second time around. We were transported from smoke-choked London to the bliss of the Norfolk countryside, where I could run around in the fresh air and nick apples and have a massive cart-horse as a pet. There was very little sugar, no sweets, but free orange juice, cod-liver oil and vitamins. For most people, rationing was terrible, but for people like me, the wartime diet was a great improvement. My rickets were cured, and I shot up, like a weed. Because of the war, I got the opportunity to take the eleven plus exam, to get a place at grammar school. Very unusual for a boy from my background. My father survived Dunkirk, El Alamein, and the liberation of Rome, and came back tired, sadder, but a daily reminder of how lucky we were. The telegram we had dreaded every day of the war had never arrived, and when I came back to London after the war, twelve years old, still lanky, but now six feet tall, we were re-housed in a pre-fab... It had electric lights, hot water, a proper bath, a refrigerator, an inside toilet. These were all firsts for us, and it felt like luxury." (*Blowing the Bloody Doors Off* by Michael Caine, BBC, Book of the Week.)

*** analysis

♦ Attack ads; battleground states; blood; political bombshells; crash and burn; campaigns; carnage; crosshair; drop dead; fire away; catch flak; gun ("they bring a knife, you bring a gun"), outgunned; kill (and killing); lock and load; marching orders; take no prisoners; shoot down; shot through; target; war rooms... ("How traumatic Events Change Our View of Language," Geoff Nunberg, NPR, Fresh Air, January 20, 2011.)

♦ see also *soldier* (noun)

conflict: military

war chest

war chest

his ~ is below the poverty line (a politician)

war chest of \$200,000

armed with a ~ that they'd raised...

war chest and grassroots army

his ~ make him an unstoppable juggernaut (politics)

campaign war chest

he has a much larger ~

bulging war chest

the Southern Poverty Law Center has a ~ (endowment, etc.)

money: military / sign, signal, symbol

warehouse (neglect)

Dickensian warehouses

it's orphanages became famous as ~ (Romania)

Europe's refugee warehouse

Turkey will not be ~ (President Recep Tayyip Erdogan)

environment: infrastructure / mental health / warehouse

warehouse (amount)

viral warehouses

monkeys are ~

amount: infrastructure / warehouse

warehousing (data)

data warehousing

~ and consumer information

data-warehousing

he develops ~ software

computer: infrastructure / warehouse

warfare (noun)

warfare against Democrats

there is likely to be a session of trench ~ (politics)

trench warfare

this has become political ~ (politics)

it will be paralysis, partisan ~ (politics)

♦ "Earlier this week, you heard the Guatemalan president (elect) tell NPR he was facing a coup by lawfare."

conflict: military

warhorse (and war horse)

opera world's (most regularly performed) warhorses

Turandot is one of the ~ (opera)

touring war horse

John Prine continues to function as a ~ (2010)

♦ "War Horse" premiered at the Royal National Theatre in London on October 17, 2007. The *Times* called it "the theatrical event of the decade." In the US, in 2011, it won 5 Tony Awards, including best play.

♦ Bucephalus (Alexander the Great); Veillantif (Roland); Marengo (Napoleon); Cincinnati and Jeff Davis (U.S. Grant); Little Sorrel (Stonewall Jackson); Traveller (Robert E. Lee); Rienzi (renamed Winchester by General Philip H. Sheridan); Comanche (the Battle of Little Bighorn); Kidron (Black Jack Pershing)... (The names of famous war horses. Wheeled and tracked vehicles replaced the horse in World War II, and in Vietnam the helicopter carried troops into combat.)

♦ "Colonel George Clarke, Scots' Greys, with the horse, Sultan, wounded at Balaklava, rump is branded '2D' for 2nd Dragoons. LC-USZC4-9115." (The caption of a Roger Fenton photograph from the Crimean War. "Summary: Colonel George Clarke, full-length portrait, wearing uniform, standing beside his horse, Sultan, facing left; horse's reins are held by a man who is possibly a servant; horse's rump is branded "2D" for 2nd Dragoons; encampment of tents in background.")

♦ "Meade wrote orders for Sheridan and his ten thousand horsemen to ride past the rear of Lee's army, drive toward Richmond, and harass the enemy... Now Sheridan issued a full-scale challenge to Stuart's cavalry. For the next sixteen days, detached from the Army of the Potomac, Sheridan, with matchless gusto, played havoc with Lee's army, even penetrating Richmond's outer defenses... On May 11 [1864], at Yellow Tavern near Richmond, Sheridan's men routed Confederate cavalry under Stuart, who was mortally wounded, robbing Lee of a premier lieutenant. A flamboyant figure partial to ostrich-plumed hats and scarlet-lined capes in battle, James E. B. Stuart was an inspired warrior whom the South couldn't afford to lose. Upon hearing of his death, Lee fought off tears... Earlier in the war, the Confederate cavalry had been preeminent but now, thanks to [Sheridan], the Union cavalry matched and overtook it." (*Grant* by Ron Chernow.)

♦ "On Sept. 19, 1862, just two days after the Battle of Antietam, Alexander Gardner, an employee of the photographer Mathew Brady, began documenting the battle's grim aftermath. One of Gardner's photographs, titled 'Dead Horse of Confederate Colonel: both killed at Battle of Antietam,' depicted a milky-white steed lying on the field in an eerily peaceful repose...[The Horse] very likely belonged to Colonel Strong, and it became something of a landmark among the Union soldiers left on the field because of its strangely peaceful appearance. Gen. Alpheus Williams wrote, 'The number of dead horses was high. They lay, like the men, in all attitudes. One beautiful milk-white animal had died in so graceful a position that I wished for its photograph. Its legs were doubled under and its arched neck gracefully turned to one side, as if looking back to the ball-hole in its side. Until you got to it, it was hard to believe the horse was dead.' / Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr. saw the horse four days after the battle while searching for his wounded son. Later, Holmes examined Gardner's photograph and said it was the same horse." ("The Dead of Antietam," by Terry L. Jones, *The New York Times*, September 24, 2012.)

♦ "The wounded were, many of them, placed in the Chancellorsville mansion... The Confederates got exact range of the building, and in a short time the location became 'very hot.' As Gen. Hooker stood on the porch, a cannon-ball struck the pillar against which he was leaning at the time, and the violent concussion so stunned him that he fell to the floor... Still another came and struck a poor soldier who was quenching his thirst at the well near the building. We were unwilling to leave the wounded, and while we were in a dilemma as to what was best to do, another ball came and struck the fore-leg of a beautiful bay horse belonging to an officer on Gen. Hooker's staff. It smashed the entire leg from the breast to the hoof. The poor horse jerked back, broke the halter-strap, fell on his back, then recovered himself, arose and hobbled away on three legs, dangling the hoof of the fourth leg, which was held suspended by a strip of skin. This strip of skin, about two inches wide, and the hoof were all that remained of the fore-leg. Blood flowed profusely and streaked the ground wherever he passed. He was soon shot and put out of pain. I hardly remember a sight that touched my heart so keenly during the entire battle. The innocent animal had no part in the fight, but he was a silent victim." (Chancellorsville. From *Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby.)

♦ "Comanche was known as the sole survivor of the General George Custer's command at the Battle of the Little Bighorn on June 25, 1876. A mustang captured as a wild horse and gelded, he became the favorite mount of Captain Myles Keogh of the 7th Cavalry. He saw frequent action and sustained some 12 wounds. A burial party found him severely wounded on the battleground and transported him by steamer to Fort Lincoln, 950 miles away, where he spent the next year recuperating. He was never again to be ridden, and orders excused him from all duties. Most of the time he freely roamed the Post and flower gardens. At formal regimental functions he was led, draped in black, stirrups and boots reversed, at the head of the Regiment. When the Cavalry was ordered to Fort Riley, Kansas, in 1888, Comanche, aging but still in good health, accompanied them and continued to receive full honors as a symbol of the tragedy at Little Bighorn. Finally, on November 7, 1891, about 29 years old, Comanche died of colic." (The Smithsonian Institute.)

♦ "It is estimated that 16 million animals served during the First World War, and by 1916 alone the warring nations had raised 103 cavalry divisions with over a million horses."

♦ Of the 14 ships [chartered by the Army to carry AEF troops to France at the start of the war], 10 were designated to carry human passengers, while 4 were designated as animal ships. Animal ships carried horses and mules, up to 500 at a time. The ships were generally cargo ships that had to be modified with ramps and stalls. There was initially a great mortality rate of up to four percent for the horses and mules. But then the military began transporting veterinarians and veterinary detachments with the animals, and the mortality rates dropped, sometime to zero

percent. The crossing could take up to 22 days. One such ship was the SS *El Oriente*. At the end of the war, it was refitted to carry troops home. Other animal ships were the *El Occidente* and *El Sol*.

♦ "Every British officer understood animals, as a point of honor." (*Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, Book VIII, Chapter XCV by T.E. Lawrence.)

♦ "Almost two hundred horses lay on the ground in their death throes, or fled in all possible directions, maddened by pain and with blood spurting from their dangling guts. Any riders whose feet had been caught in the stirrups were dragged with them and any soldiers foolish enough to try to stop them were trampled under their hooves." (Rafael de Nogales at the Second Battle of Gaza in April 1917. His tightly packed cavalry division has been bombed by six or seven British biplanes. From *The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter Englund.)

♦ "They have been slaughtering the draught animals and the mules for some time but they have consciously been sparing the riding animals. That is no longer possible. Another attempt to relieve them has run into the sand and orders have now been given that the last horses will have to be slaughtered in order to feed the besieged garrison, which will soon be starving. / [Edward] Mousley tears up some fresh grass and goes to where the horses are lined up. His own horse, Don Juan, obviously recognises his owner and welcomes him eagerly in the way he has taught the horse to do. Mousley feeds him the grass. / Then the slaughter begins. / A non-commissioned officer shoots the horses. There is the crack of a gunshot and one by one the big, heavy animals crumple to the ground. The blood flows. At first Mousley watches, noting that the horses follow the proceedings, trembling as they wait their turn. Like the other horses Don Juan stamps uneasily but otherwise remains quite still. When it is almost Don Juan's turn Mousley can watch no longer; he asks the man with the gun to take careful aim and to tell him when it is all over. Then he kisses the horse's cheek and walks away. He can see how the horse turns and watches him go. / Then there is another crack from the gun. / His dinner that evening is Don Juan's heart and kidneys. (These parts of the horse are always reserved for the owner—Mousley has also kept Don Juan's black tail.) Admittedly it feels strange, but he does not think there is anything wrong about it. He writes in his diary: 'I am sure he would have preferred that I, rather than another, should do so.'" (*The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter Englund. The place is Kut al-Amara, Mesopotamia, 10 April 1916.)

♦ Germany's invasion of Russia on June 22, 1941, was the largest invasion in military history, involving perhaps 4 million troops. According to the Wikipedia entry for "Operation Barbarossa," the invasion included about 600,000 motor vehicles... and over 625,000-700,000 horses for non-combat operations.

♦ "The first Russian patrol came in sight of the camp about midday on 27 January 1945. Charles and I were the first to see them: we were carrying Somogyi's body to the common grave, the first of our room mates to die. We tipped the stretcher on to the defiled snow, as the pit was now full, and no other grave was at hand: Charles took off his beret as a salute to both the living and the dead. / They were four young soldiers on horseback, who advanced along the road that marked the limits of the camp, cautiously holding their sten-guns. When they reached the barbed wire, they stopped to look, exchanging a few timid words, and throwing strangely embarrassed glances at the sprawling bodies, at the battered huts and at us few still alive..." (*The Truce* by Primo Levi.)

♦ "The various SF teams that were in Afghanistan or would soon arrive split into smaller three-man and six-man cells to cover more ground. Some of them quickly found themselves on borrowed horses, in saddles meant for Afghans much lighter and shorter than American Green Berets. Most had never ridden before, and they learned by immediately riding for hours, forced to keep up with skilled Afghan horsemen..." ("First to go: Green Berets remember earliest mission in Afghanistan" by Elizabeth M. Collins, U.S. Army, army.mil, February 8, 2017. Those soldiers arrived in Afghanistan immediately after 9/11 and embedded with the Northern Alliance and the great Ahmad Shah Massoud, the Lion of the Panjshir.)

♦ see also *cavalry* (*mechanized cavalry*, etc.)

work & duty: animal / horse / military

warm (verb)

warmed up to California
in time, he ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb

acceptance & rejection: temperature / verb

warm (adjective)

warm

the relationship between them has never been ~ (politics)

warm heart

he praised her for her ~ can concern for others

warm reception

we got a ~ everywhere we went

warm welcome

they gave us a ~

warm 28-year-old

she is a ~ with big brown eyes

warm and receptive

the audience was ~ (for a folksinger)

warm and sympathetic

voters perceive her as ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

warmed-up

getting warmed-up

I'm just ~

readiness & preparedness: engine / temperature

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / temperature

warmhearted (adjective)

warmhearted person

she is a ~

character & personality / heart: temperature

warmly

greeted us warmly

he ~

received us warmly

she ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

warmth

support, encouragement, and warmth

she provides ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

warn (a sign can warn, etc.)

sign warns

a road ~, "Watch for children and dogs"

signs warn

~ visitors to stay clear of the falls

sign warned

a ~, "Danger Do Not Enter Steep Drops" (cliffs)

fictive communication: speech / verb

war of nerves

war of nerves

how soldiers cope with the ~ (waiting for combat)

conflict: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

warp (verb)

warped and narrowed

what they consumed online ~ their vision of the world

flaws & lack of flaws: direction / materials & substances / shape / verb

warped

warped view

he denigrates ideas that don't dovetail with his ~

flaws & lack of flaws: direction / materials & substances / shape

warpath (on the warpath)

on the warpath

but the admirals were no match for Sir Clements ~

President Biden is ~ (against Big Tech)

his baby mama is ~ (trying to serve papers)

on the warpath against cutbacks

labor leaders are ~ (pensions, health care)

on the warpath with Wall Street

his finer days were as attorney general ~

back on the warpath

nativists are ~

gone on the warpath

they have ~

put Elizabeth on the warpath

the inspector's surprise visit had ~ (Theranos)

put him back on the warpath

it angered him and ~ (a snub)

conflict: history / violence

warren (noun)

warren of rooms

inside, beyond the entrance hall, lay a ~

warren of shops

the casbah of Nablus is a ~, selling...

warren of tenements

East London was a ~, a "rookery" of the poor

warren of step stairs and cramped corridors

the ship is a ~ (*Polarstern*)

rabbit warren

the building is a ~ of cubicles (Merriam-Webster)

♦ Warrens were built for rabbits and were traditionally surrounded by a moat, as rabbits don't like to swim and avoid water. Warrens are also associated with prairie dogs, people living in slums, and office workers in

cubicles. The raising of rabbits for fur and meat is called cuniculture, from the Latin word for rabbit, *cuniculus*.

complexity: animal / infrastructure

warrior (ironic)

warriors and conscripts

its ~ are always looking for new battles (culture wars)

armchair warriors

I have zero tolerance for ~ (a veteran)

some shameful ~ on here (BBC HYS / boxing)

cancel culture warriors

could you imagine the reaction from the ~ if..

climate warriors

~ have been screaming 'the end is nigh' for some 48 years

~s have lost their minds

DEI warriors

she is widely followed and quoted by ~ (Jo Boaler)

keyboard warrior

some brave ~s on here tonight (BBC HYS boxing)

they are ~s having a pop at people (twitter)

probably wouldn't say it to his face would you, ~

armchair detectives and ~s piled on (Nicola Bulley)

twitter warriors

~, keyboard warriors, whatever you call them (sports)

weekend warriors

nobody is going to pay to watch ~ play in the NFL

weekend (lionfish) warriors

~ are not going to solve this problem alone (invasive species)

social justice warriors

the book takes a clear aim at '~' (The Ink Black Heart)

♦ "Some brave keyboard warriors on here tonight." (Sarcastic comment on BBC HYS boxing.)

♦ "Twitter warriors, keyboard warriors, whatever you call them, they're not out here with us practicing hard." (An NFL player, responding to online criticism of his performance in a practice video.)

♦ "And if we've learned anything from Joe Biden, it's that you make your own story and live your own truth." ("Happy Warrior: The Fabulous Hero" by David Harsanyi, National Review, May 17, 2021.)

♦ "Some people are genuinely just bitter, twisted and childish keyboard warriors. Sad acts the lot of them." (An online commenter about England's loss to Spain in the final of the FIFA 2023 Women's World Cup.)

♦ "I want to get more politically involved, I'm tired of being a keyboard warrior, it's time to make my face known." (Politics.)

appearance & reality: military / person

warrior (girls and women)

warrior for the Democrats

she was seen as a party ~

Warrior Girls

"~" is about the injury epidemic of young female athletes

Love Warrior

~ by Glennon Doyle

mental-health warrior

leader, role model, ~ (Nastia Liukin about Simon Biles)

♦ "Carry On, Warrior honors women committed to slogging through the muck of domesticity." (The book by Glennon Doyle. Doyle is a queer activist who also wrote *Untamed* and *Love Warrior*. She and the American soccer star Abby Wambach got married in 2017. Prior to that Doyle was married to Craig Melton.)

♦ *Warrior: My Path To being Brave* by Lisa Guerrero. (According to Wikipedia, her given name is Lisa Coles.)

♦ "But, you know, the way we see it in this house is mommy's a warrior, not accepting defeat..." ("Self-proclaimed 'bad girl' Drea de Matteo slams 'nasty' OnlyFans reactions: Why not get paid to be in my underwear?") by Lauren Samer, *New York Post*, Sept. 14, 2023. Internet commentators tended to be supportive.)

♦ "Be a love warrior, a justice warrior." (Cornel West.)

♦ *Warrior Girls* is about the injury epidemic of young female athletes. (Michael Sokolove.)

inclusion & exclusion: affirmation

warrior (other)

warrior

he is extremely ill but still fighting like the ~ that he is

warrior spirit

he has no ~ (criticism of a boxer who lost)

eco-warrior

Dave Foreman, ~, has died (Earth First!)

"wolf warrior"

China's ~ diplomat, Zhao Lijian

♦ "And Mike Tyson, traditionally no robe, no socks, he says it makes him feel like a warrior, makes him feel like a gladiator." (The excited broadcaster as Mike Tyson enters the ring for his fight against Mitch "Blood" Green.)

person: military

character & personality: history / military / person

warrior through (verb)

warriored through

the cut was serious, but he ~, so much heart (Tyson Fury)

survival, persistence & endurance: military / verb

commitment & determination / courage & lack of courage: military / verb

war room (strategy, etc.)

war room

teams can have a '~' to make their selections (NFL draft)

Detroit Lions brass went wild in their ~ (about draft pick)

War Room

she knocked once and entered the ~ (police HQ / task force)

assembling a war room

the White House is ~ as impeachment looms

launched a war room

she ~ to fight Trump (White House counsel Dana Remus)

♦ "The social media behemoth has established a 'war room' at its headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif., where specialists try to detect and disrupt bad actors attempting to delegitimize elections, spread fake information and suppress the vote." ("Facebook, Exploited by Influence Campaigns, Tries to Clamp Down With 'War Room'" by Tim Mak, NPR, October 22, 2018.)

- ♦ "Latino Democrats launch 'Our Lucha' war room using Spanglish to combat GOP" by Claudia Grisales, NPR, Politics, February 15, 2024.
- ♦ Back room, boiler room, engine room, war room, nerve center...

readiness & preparedness / strategy: military

war zone

war zone

Lewiston mass shooting shows the ~ we have at home

mean war zone

Twitter is a ~

Twitter war zone

I mean, I've been in the ~ for a while (see quote below)

grew up in a war zone

we ~ (Baltimore, Maryland)

♦ "I mean, I've been in the Twitter war zone for a while, it takes a lot to phase me at this point. You can't take it personally, none of these people actually know you. It's like if you're fighting a war and there's some opposing soldier that shoots at you, it's not like they hate you. They don't even know you. So, just think of it like that. They're firing bullets, whatever, but they don't know you, so don't take it personally." (Elon Musk talking to Joe Rogan.)

♦ "We grew up in a war zone, so, here's the deal. Drugs were going to be part of your life. Okay, you could use drugs, you could be a drug dealer's girlfriend, you could sell drugs. There was no not having a relationship to drugs. Right? And so you just figured out okay what relationship do you want to drugs, right?... You know, I mean, going to clubs, you knew there was going to be a shootout, but we went anyway. Hands down, there was going to be a shootout, you are going to hit the floor, you are going to be running, somebody is pulling out, you know that. That's entertainment. And you're like, "It's cool," you're like, you just ready!... You don't expect to live, so it's like you going to sit in a house?... Listen... We were going to funerals like barbecues." (Jada Pinkett Smith talking to Tonya Mosley on NPR's Fresh Air. Jada graduated from the Baltimore School for the Arts, and attended the North Carolina School of the Arts before embarking on her highly successful career.)

conflict / environment: military

wash (straightwash, etc.)

artwash

see *artwash*

dark-wash

~ (by analogy, see quote below)

greenwash

see *greenwash*

pinkwash

see *pinkwash*

sportswash

see *sportswash*

straightwash

see *straightwash*

whitewash

see *whitewash (groups)*

♦ "She refers to the company's official-sounding data as 'science washing.'" (Wellness and anti-anxiety patches.)

♦ "Dark-washing characters won't disappear race, nor will believing that brown kids are our future. / Yet this kind of magical thinking will no doubt continue to meet with success in an era obsessed with the conviction that we are all in a moment of racial reckoning." ("A World Without White People: Mohsin Hamid's empty parable of race transformation" by

Namwali Serpell, *The Atlantic*, September 2022. A negative review of *The Last White Man*. Serpell gives a superb inventory of works relating to the "tradition of stories about race transformation" going back to 1931, yet astonishingly leaves out *Black Like Me* (1961). Namwali Serpell is an English professor at Harvard.)

concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: clothing & accessories / hygiene / verb

inclusion & exclusion: affix / presence & absence / subterfuge

washboard (bumpy)

washboard road

driving down a ~

shape: clothing & accessories

washed-up (adjective)

washed up

at age 50, I found myself ~

a woman was all ~ after 21

decline / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: sea / water / wave

wash in (verb)

washed into Germany

millions of migrants have ~

movement: verb / water / wave

washing machine

referred to (locally) as the 'washing machine'

Pillsbury Sound is ~ for its rip currents (Virgin Islands)

resemblance: epithet

wash up (verb)

washed (back) up

when was the next time the picture ~ in your life

washed up

his dishonesty had finally ~ at his brother's feet

appearance & disappearance / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: sea / verb / water / wave

waste (lay waste)

lay waste to the myths

it is time to ~ of Soviet propaganda (Katyn)

destruction: military / ruins / verb

wasteland (environment)

wastelands of everyday existence

men who saw in Polar deserts an escape from the ~

wasteland of (vapid, consumerist) content

the video service is a ~ (YouTube kids)

cultural wastelands

the third- or fourth-tier cities are no longer ~ (China)

emotional wasteland

in this ~, new romance bloomed (divorce)

woke wasteland

ESPN used to be the video bible of sports, now it's a ~

♦ "I invite each of you to sit down in front of your television set when your station goes on the air... Keep your eyes glued to that set until the station signs off. I can assure you that what you will observe is a vast wasteland." (Newton Minow's "Wasteland Speech" delivered to the National Association of Broadcasters in Washington, D.C. in 1961.)

♦ "We traveled through an area that had been left a wasteland after a month of airstrikes and just over a week of a ground invasion. I didn't see a single building that wasn't badly damaged or destroyed." (A military wasteland. Past, present, or future, it will always be the same.)

environment: ground, terrain & land

watch (on one's watch)

on my watch

not ~

it will not happen ~ (constitutional sheriff)

on his watch

Bush was haunted by a replay of 9/11 ~

on our watch

~, hope can now be spotted across the seas and oceans

happened on your watch

these problems ~ (investigation)

♦ "When is the world going to step up and say we're not going to allow that to happen on our watch?" (Sports doping, specifically at the Olympics. Of course, there are numerous organizations and groups and thousands of people trying to prevent doping in sport.)

♦ A full-page advertisement for the "Oyster Perpetual Sea-Dweller" Rolex watch on the back cover of *The New Yorker* magazine says, "ON OUR WATCH. Hope can now be spotted across all our planet's seas and oceans." In small print at the bottom it reads, "Rolex supports Mission Blue in its commitment to protecting 30% of the oceans by 2030."

responsibility: military

watchdog (noun)

watchdog

every industry needs a ~

Watchdog Journalism

the Murrey Marder Nieman Fellow in ~

watchdog organization

a national ~

public's watchdog

the media is supposed to be the ~

drug industry watchdog

his self-appointed role as the ~

**protection & lack of protection / surveillance / warning:
animal / dog**

watcher (Royal watcher, etc.)

politics watchers

~ turn their attention to the first primary (elections)

Royal watcher

if you're a ~ like me... (writer Elizabeth Holmes)

Supreme Court watchers

~ claim politicization of court has eroded trust

Weight Watchers

~ now competes with diet apps, online services...

Jean Nidetch, founder of ~, dies at 91

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

water (deep water)

found himself in deep water

he ~ (a boxer during match)

involvement / situation: water

water (uncharted water)

see *waters* (*uncharted waters, etc.*)

water (blow something out of the water)

blows your theory out of the water

this ~

blew Phelps out of the water

Lochte ~ (Olympics)

blown out of the water

that theory was ~ (criminal trial)

destruction: boat / military / sea / verb

water (keep one's head above water)

keep our heads above water

we are struggling to ~ (financial woes)

situation / survival, persistence & endurance: verb / water

water (tread water)

treading water

the middle class is still ~, and trying not to drown

♦ "Many of us have heard of the 'duck syndrome' at Dartmouth: It's week five midterms are crashing into you... And yet, you must appear calm above the surface of the water... If someone were to peek underneath, however, they would see webbed feet paddling away... to keep from drowning. Nobody would know from appearance that the duck is just barely remaining afloat..." ("The College's ratio of students to mental health providers is abysmal and it shows" by Anna Roodnitsky, *The Dartmouth*, 22 July 2022. It's an interesting conceit to consider, and Anna gets some of it right. Actual ducks, when frightened, do appear calm but can be seen to paddle harder, seemingly to gain the momentum necessary to take flight. But do ducks paddle to keep from drowning? I just highlighted "do ducks paddle to keep from drowning?" right-clicked, clicked search, and was astonished to discover the article, "The New Duck Metaphor | The Stanford Daily." It's a wonderful opinion by Adam Johnson who had the same question I had and answered it. Interestingly, it was datelined September 26, 2012, ten years *before* Roodnitsky's article. It's a shame there is not more intercourse between Dartmouth and Stanford; the distance between California and New Hampshire no doubt explains it.)

♦ "Sink or swim."

survival, persistence & endurance: water / verb

water (hold water)

hold water

the theory doesn't ~

the idea you can add adversity to the SAT doesn't really ~

flaws & lack of flaws: water / verb

water (throw cold water on something)

pouring cold water over the idea

Trudeau is now kind of ~ (peacekeepers to Haiti)

“poured cold water” on the article’s apparent premise

ABC News sources ~

poured cold water on the theory

Biden ~ that the Taliban could swiftly take Afghanistan

pour cold water on (earlier) theory

scientists ~ about...

threw cold water on the idea

he ~ that... (an investigation)

♦ “That suggests the job market is still hotter than the Federal Reserve would like, and also suggests the central bank is likely to keep pouring cold water on the economy by raising interest rates to control inflation...” (Punditry related to the economy—a “hot” job market, “pouring cold water on the economy,” etc.—consists almost entirely of figurative language.)

♦ “One of the girls she was very sick. I let her come into my bed one morning, she was very ill. They brought me down to the shoe room, they stripped me off, they threw cold water over me... (prior to severe beating)...It was the shoe room you know where all the shoes were, even now if I get the smell of shoe polish, the feeling of encloement, it was awful...” (The long-term effects of physical and emotional abuse. From the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (CICA / Ryan Commission), the record of abuse (female witnesses), Chapter 9, 2009, Ireland.)

eagerness & reluctance: temperature / verb / water

enthusiasm: temperature / verb / water

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb / water

water (poison the water / waters)

poisoned the waters

his statement ~ for anyone seeking an honest answer

corruption: verb / water

waterboarding (noun)

fiscal waterboarding

the country is being subjected to a ~ (austerity)

affliction / coercion & motivation / oppression: violence

water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)

water cooler buzz

the ~ was underway (Olympic controversy)

water-cooler conversation

we talk about ~

watercooler shows

Succession, and other ~

digital water cooler

the Website is a sort of ~ for the tech industry

♦ “We talk about water-cooler conversation. Well, the television was the gigantic water cooler around which the entire country congregated.” (Neal Gabler, historian. From the affecting and emotionally wrenching documentary *Ring of Fire: The Emile Griffith Story* 2005, about TV in the late 50s and early 60s.)

♦ “Imagine something innocuous like a water-cooler conversation in an office. Imagine that it’s happening in a fully-monitored metaverse environment—that is certainly going to have life-changing

consequences...” (Alex Rice, the co-founder of online security company HackerOne.)

♦ “[Mr. Head] particularly wanted the boy to see the toilet so they went first to the men’s room and examined the plumbing. Mr. Head demonstrated the ice-water cooler as if he had invented it and showed Nelson the bowl with the single spigot where the travelers brushed their teeth.” (Mr. Head takes his grandson on the boy’s first train trip. From the great short story by Flannery O’Connor, published in 1955.)

♦ The actual water cooler is a relic of the past, but it lives on, in the language!

computer / gossip / social interaction: place

society: infrastructure

water down (verb)

water down the program

the government wants to ~

attenuation / strength & weakness: prep, adv, adj, particle / verb / water

watered down

get watered down

most reform bills ~ (US)

attenuation / strength & weakness: prep, adv, adj, particle / water

Waterloo (figurative)

Waterloo for Mr. Brown

the debates could be a ~ (politics)

Obama's Waterloo

the Republicans hope to turn health care into ~

mayor's Waterloo

failure to clear snow can be a ~ (Chicago, etc.)

a kind of Waterloo

it was a bad defeat for me, a ~ (an argument)

allusion / epithet: military

success & failure: military

waterproof (adjective)

ironclad, waterproof, bulletproof, (legally) binding

we need ~ guarantees (Sergey Ryabkov / diplomacy)

flaws & lack of flaws: water

protection & lack of protection: water

waters (uncharted waters, etc.)

uncertain waters

Egypt has sailed into freer but more ~

uncharted water

the NCAA is wading into ~ (NIL, transfer portal, unions)

uncharted waters

we’re in ~ here, or very little charted waters (legal issue)

this was ~ for us (youthful sex)

uncharted (legal) waters

the charges have led the country into ~ (soldiers)

♦ "He was sort of sailing on uncharted waters, no one really knew how good this fellow was, and those waters got choppy, here and there..." (Richie Woodhall speaking to the great boxing commentator Steve Bunce about Tyson Fury. "This fellow" was the remarkable Cameroonian Francis Ngannou, whose next fight, against Anthony Joshua, is much anticipated by many fight fans. See the Wikipedia entry "Francis Ngannou." It's an extraordinary story!)

area: boat / direction / journeys & trips / map / sea
certainty & uncertainty: boat / direction / journeys & trips / map / sea

waters (dangerous waters, etc.)

dangerous waters

you are in ~, Mr. Starbuck (*Moby Dick*)

choppy waters

the cruising industry is still in ~ (COVID cases)

rough waters

UN climate talks hit ~

treacherous (political) waters

he has waded into ~

in troubled (political) waters

Biden is already ~ (over Afghanistan)

perilous and uncharted waters

we are entering ~ here (Bolivian politics)

pour (lower tariff) oil on troubled waters

an offer to ~ (the US and the EU)

♦ "The *Marion* was hove to under storm canvas, and boiler fires were lighted; but she labored so violently in mountainous seas that several boilers began to work loose in their saddles and all leaked badly. Water was pouring into the vessel through deck and side seams, while waves breaking on board carried away a boat and several gunport covers... But the *Marion* and her men were equal to this occasion... Oil streamed from the weather bow exerted its calming effect on the troubled waters, lessening the impact of the waves. The gale diminished markedly the next day..." (*Far China Station: The U.S. Navy in Asian Waters 1800-1898* by Robert Erwin Johnson.)

danger: boat / sea / water

waters (muddy the waters)

muddy the waters about salt and health

the Salt Institute has done nothing but ~

muddy the (legal) waters

the case did nothing but ~

certainty & uncertainty / comprehension & incomprehension / perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark / verb / water

waters (test the waters)

testing the waters

they are ~

♦ "When you want to test the depths of a stream, don't use both feet." (Chinese.)

experimentation: verb / water

watershed (noun)

watershed

the death of Tom Simpson was a ~ (athletes doping)

watershed in the history

it was a ~ of British policing (Stephen Lawrence murder)

watershed in (American) politics

the 1968 presidential election was a ~

watershed in that (fractious) relationship

this day could be a ~ between fans (Liverpool / Man U)

watershed event

it was a ~ for the company

watershed moment

the arrival of the drones will be a ~ (war)

the affair was a ~ for British Muslims (Rushdie book)

this is a ~ for China to lead (pandemic)

the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is at a ~

historic watershed

the violence was a ~ (Sri Lanka / 1983)

political watershed

it is a ~ (Citizens United Supreme Court decision)

♦ "This is a watershed. This is a Rubicon. And I'm worried this could be just a starter. More draconian bans in the name of the law could be lurking around the corner." (A protester.)

♦ "A couple of days later we came to the watershed. Both ascent and descent were steep. On the far side we came on to a path at once, which brought us to the cabin of a Chinese sable-trapper... Towards evening that day we managed to reach the Noro. / The upper reaches of the Noro are regarded as the most remote and wildest parts of Ussuria." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

development / direction / division & connection / importance & significance / source: mountains & hills / river

watertight (adjective)

legally watertight

they will ensure their position is ~

flaws & lack of flaws: water

wave (Wave Rock, etc.)

Wave

the Wave, Paria Canyon, Arizona

Wave Rock

natural wonders like ~ in western Australia

proper name: sea / shape / water / wave

wave (shape)

wave clouds

rare ~ amaze sky-watchers in Wyoming

waves of (wind-hardened) snow

~ called "sastrugi" (Antarctic)

stony wave

Half Dome looms over Yosemite Valley like a ~

shape: sea / water / wave

wave (crest of a wave)

crest of a wave of public popularity
he was on the ~ (a politician)

♦ Never turn your back on the sea.

♦ "If you want to learn how to pray, go to sea." (Portuguese.)

♦ Rag-doll wipeouts on massive faces; getting sucked / swept over the falls; getting nailed by your surfboard or somebody else's; getting struck square on the head by the lip of a wave; traveling 500 yards underwater (Teahupoo); taking a five-wave set on the head; three-wave hold-downs; getting blown off a Jet Ski; colliding with an upside-down Jet Ski; getting rammed in the groin by a Jet Ski; Jet Skis cavitating in foam... (Some of the hazards of surfing.)

♦ "If you want to ride the ultimate wave, you have to be willing to pay the ultimate price." (Mark Foo.)

force: height / sea / sports & games / water / wave

wave (ride a wave, etc.)

wave of the future
online banking is the ~

wave of relevance
creators are using tired tropes to ride the ~ (TikTok)

next big wave
the ~ was cloud computing

wave (of relevance) has passed
content creators vie for views before their ~ (TikTok)

catch the wave
some companies were too big to ~

ride the wave
I'm not going to be short of options, we'll just ~ (boxer)

riding on a new artistic wave
he is ~ which has captured the public's imagination

surf this wave
those who failed to ~ will have to wait (weather / Everest)

take advantage of this wave
Pablo was perfectly positioned to ~ (cocaine)

development: force / sea / water / wave

wave (make waves, etc.)

making waves
he is ~ here in the US (a Chinese billionaire)

don't make waves
this is where you end up when your policy is '~'

♦ Audi Cornish: Looking back at the way that the virus moved across the U.S., early on we heard about different waves. Is this actually a good way to think about it? / Will Stone: A wave does not quite capture it, because the pandemic has not crashed across the country all at once and then gone away. This is how Dr. Robert Shapiro at Harvard describes the U.S. coronavirus outbreak. / Dr. Robert Shapiro: A better way of thinking about it is a wave that went into a pool and in that pool it's sloshing around. Wherever it hasn't been yet, it's gonna go, to places where it has already been, it could go back. / Will Stone: So what we have now is this constant reservoir of disease splashing around, infecting people at different times in different places. ("Tracing The Course Of The U.S. Pandemic," All Things Considered, October 9, 2020.)

disruption / effect / feeling, emotion & effect / unanimity & consensus: sea / verb / water / wave

wave (in a wave)

in a wave of dissent
the team dissolved ~, losing all 3 matches (soccer)

in a wave of kidnappings
dozens of foreigners have been abducted ~ (Iraq)

in the (first) wave of infections
hospital workers infected ~ (SARS)

in a (weeklong) wave of violence
more than 100 were killed ~

in the first wave
hospital workers infected ~ of infections (SARS)

in a great wave
engulfed ~ of hate and anger (mob)

in a weeklong wave
more than 100 were killed ~ of violence

dissolved in a wave
the team ~ of dissension, losing all 3 matches (soccer)

abducted in a wave
dozens of foreigners have been ~ of kidnappings (Iraq)

engulfed in a (great) wave
~ of hate and anger (mob)

infected in the (first) wave
hospital workers ~ of infections (SARS)

amount & effect: sea / water / wave

wave (amount and effect)

wave
this ~ is going to build and grow (flexible workplace)

wave of (neo-Nazi) activity
we must combat a ~

wave of (cigarette) advertising
the new ~

wave of (new) applications
a ~ for accommodations (SAT disability)

wave of arrests
this summer, there was a further ~ in Saudi Arabia

wave of (Palestinian) attacks
a ~ killed five Israelis

wave of (HIV-positive) babies
a ~ still to be born

wave of (commercial space) cameras
the new ~

wave of criticism
the slow response has brought a ~

wave of (digital) disruption
the first ~ has been profound (AI and journalism)

wave of emigration
the ~ that followed (the fall of Soviet Union)

wave of emotions
the resignations set off a ~ from sadness to relief

wave of euphoria
the South Korean ~ (World Cup)

wave of explosions
a ~ marred Algeria's independence celebration

wave of fury
the nominee list set off a ~

waves of grief
the wreck is sending ~ across the mountains

waves of immigrants
the cold war's end has brought ~
~ who have crossed the sea to live in France

wave of immigration
the latest ~ threatens to change...
a ~ that has changed schools and neighborhoods
he came here as part of a ~ from Uzbekistan (to Israel)

waves of immigration
the ~ to the US over the past 20 years

wave of (national) indignation
a ~

wave of popularity
she had been riding an even bigger ~ when...

wave of pride
his success has set off a ~ (Japanese ballplayer)

wave of self-criticism
a ~ swept the press

wave of (reported) sightings
a ~ in 1993 (UFOs)

wave of sympathy
setting in motion a fast-rolling ~ (psychogenic illness)

wave of (national) unity
the ~ following 9/11

wave of unrest
the ~ has toppled two presidents (Middle East)

wave of (democratic) uprisings
a ~ is transforming the Islamic world

wave of (sectarian) vengeance
a ~ is sweeping the capital (Baghdad)

waves of arrivals and departures
orchestrated ~ (busy airport)

wave of (criminal) charges
the ~ and civil lawsuits (church sex abuse)

wave of (corporate) divestitures
the next ~ and spin-offs

wave of car bombs
a ~ against westerners (Saudi Arabia)

wave of kidnappings
victims of a ~ (Lebanon)

waves of killing and ethnic cleansing
subjected to ~ (Hutu-Tutsi)

wave or a tsunami
this wasn't just a ~, it was a red asteroid (Republicans win)

Republican wave
a ~ swamped them (elections)

attack wave
the main ~

crime wave
unassimilated immigrants have set off ~s in Europe

enemy wave
slowed the on-coming ~ with machine gun fire

heat wave
a killer ~ claimed an estimated 10,000 lives (France)

immigration wave
the US is in an ~ that rivals the start of 20th century

murder wave
a ~ engulfed the U.S. around 1960

technology wave
you're riding on a ~ that's going to crash

on-coming (enemy) wave
slowed the ~ with machine gun fire

fast-rolling wave
setting in motion a ~ of sympathy (psychogenic illness)

orchestrated wave
~s of arrivals and departures (airport)

first wave
he was part of the ~ of immigrants from Laos (Hmong)

second wave
this is the ~ of climate-change suits against oil companies

big wave
there is a ~ coming (demand for non-alcoholic drinks)

further wave
this summer, there was a ~ of arrests in Saudi Arabia

great wave
engulfed in a ~ of hate and anger (mob)

human wave (m)
the determined enemy launched ~ assaults (war)

latest wave
the ~ of immigration threatens to change... (France)
experts hope this ~ of the pandemic will recede

main (attack) wave
the ~ (military)

new wave
the ~ of commercial space cameras
the ~ of cigarette advertising

New Wave
the French ~, especially Truffaut and Goddard

next wave
the ~ will be "semantic web" applications

previous waves
~ of US immigrants

successive wave
each ~ of (U.S.) strikes (military)

consequences of a wave
one of the many ~ of immigration (schools)

victims of a wave
~ of kidnappings (Lebanon)

wave has crested (and the waters receded)
the ~ to reveal a changed landscape (refugee tsunami)

wave (of digital disruption) is looming
an even more damaging ~ (generative AI and journalism)

wave (of the pandemic) will (continue to) recede
experts hope this latest ~

wave has begun to recede
the Omicron ~ (pandemic / January 2022)

wave has spread
the revolution ~ from Egypt to Libya

wave (of sectarian vengeance) is sweeping
a ~ the capital (Baghdad)

wave (of self-criticism) swept
a ~ the press

wave (of immigration) threatens
the latest ~ to change...

waves are washing
the ~ over other parts of the region (Ethiopia-Eritrea peace)

brought a wave
the slow response has ~ of criticism

combat a wave
we must ~ of neo-Nazi activity

riding the wave
but today he was ~ of his success (and feeling confident)

riding an (even bigger) wave
she had been ~ of popularity when...

rode that wave
two years later she ~ of attention to a seat in the US Senate

sending waves
the wreck is ~ of grief across the mountains

set off a wave
the resignations ~ of emotions from sadness to relief
the nominee list ~ of fury
his success has ~ of pride (Japanese ballplayer in US)

subjected to waves
~ of killing and ethnic cleansing (Hutu-Tutsi)

♦ "The Florida Democratic Party has completely collapsed. This wasn't just a wave or a tsunami. It was a red asteroid that hit them in Florida." (Giancarlo Sopo, Republican strategist, after the 2022 midterm elections. In the U.S., red is the color of Republicans.)

♦ Rogue waves, also known as freak or monster waves, have sunk ships and snatched people from coastlines.

♦ When the wave height reaches three quarters of the water depth, the wave breaks.

amount & effect: sea / water / wave

movement: sea / water / wave

waver (verb)

wavering over what to do
the city has been ~

give up or waver
are we going to ~ when things get tough (a protest)

commitment & determination: equilibrium & stability / movement / verb

wavelength (on the same wavelength)

on the same wavelength
his two most threatening players are clearly ~ (soccer)
politically they're ~

on the same (social) wavelength
I'm not ~ as others (autism diagnosis)

on the same wavelength as his teammates
he has not been ~ (a soccer striker)

♦ A "mind meld" is when two people are on the same wavelength.

unanimity & consensus: tools & technology

wax and wane

wax and wane
separation anxiety tends to ~ (toddlers)

waxed and waned
anti-American protests have ~ in South Korea
their grip on the area ~

waxes and wanes
her apparent awareness ~ (GHB rape on video)

♦ It's always a treat to see a very young moon, such as one that is 24 hours old or less. It takes clear skies and good eyesight or binoculars.

development / increase & decrease / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / moon / verb

way (along the way)

along the way
so many friends we've lost ~

death & life / course: journeys & trips

way (in harm's way)

in harm's way
people and homes are ~ (wildfire)

go in harm's way
I intend to ~ (combat)

puts volunteers in harm's way
the Peace Corp commonly ~

danger / situation: route

way (out of harm's way)

out of harm's way
I directed myself toward river right, ~ (kayaking)

dragged him out of harm's way
he ~ (combat)

danger / situation: route

way (know one's way around)

knows his way around the European Union
he ~ (a British politician)

ability / direction / knowledge & intelligence: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips

way (out of the way / remote)

geographically out of the way
Siberia may be ~, but...

isolation & remoteness: journeys & trips

way (in the way)

unwanted, in the way, and useless
some old people feel ~

get in the way
don't let anger or prejudice ~ of peace
the Washington Democrats are the ones who ~

gets in the way
all this stuff ~ of instruction (adolescent problems)

gets in his own way
the president constantly ~ on these things (by his tweets)

stand in your way
let nothing ~ (dreams)

stands in her way
she will hurt anyone who ~

stood in her way
she didn't care who ~

stand in the way
just a few contract details ~ (boxing)
if you want to quit, I won't ~

stand in their way
and nothing is going to ~

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips
progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips

way (get out of the way)

get out of my way
people were smart enough to ~ and let me handle it

♦ Lead, follow, or get the hell out of the way!

obstacles & impedance: walking, running & jumping / verb

way (out of the way / obstacles)

out of the way
Americans praise Indian enemies once they are ~

got their jitters out of the way
our guys finally ~ (sports)

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

way (go out of one's way)

go out of their way
moray eels do not ~ to attack humans

go out of the way to explain
they don't ~

goes out of its way
it ~ to be out of the ordinary (a HBO series)

went out of his way to meet
the President ~ with opposition leaders

gone out of his way to woo
he has ~ friends in the other party
Gates has ~ to woo Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips / verb

way (way out / escape)

way out
there is simply no other ~ (a Palestinian State)

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

way out of the (poor) neighborhood
the Army was a ~

way out of this pandemic
vaccines are the ~ (COVID)

way out of a (dire) situation
she sought a ~

way out of (criminal) trouble
you can often buy your ~ (police corruption)

way out for the UAW
I don't see a real ~ (corruption probe of union)

easy way out
teens will take the ~ (cheating)
I took the ~ (didn't graduate from high school)

only way out

she saw suicide as her ~

no way out

there was ~ (hopelessness)

buy your way out

you can often ~ of trouble (corruption)

dig his way out

he found a way to ~ of his problems

find some way out

we must try to ~ of it (world economies)

found a way out

he ~ of his own wreckage with the therapist's help

lie her way out

she tried to ~ of it, but she got caught

look for a way out

teen suspects often ~ (false confessions)

looked for a way out

and so he ~ (of a bad situation)

sought a way out

she ~ of a dire situation

take the (easy) way out

teens will ~ (cheating)

worked his way out

he ~ of the abyss of crime and hopelessness

saw suicide as her (only) way out

she ~

♦ "Oh, wait, it's upside-down." (A member of a group of people lost in a corn maze, referring to their map of the maze.)

pursuit, capture & escape / situation: container

way (get one's way)

gets its way

as an arm of the Kremlin, Gazprom usually ~

get her way

she schemes and plans and manipulates to ~

wants, needs, hopes & goals: verb

way (autumn is on the way, etc.)

autumn is on the way

summer is on the wane and ~

future / time: direction / movement

way (on the way out)

on its way out

the fastest way down is ~ (firehouse poles)

gun control is ~ (US attempts to regulate guns)

he was born into a way of life that was already ~

on their way out

the network anchor and evening news are ~

♦ "Cynics may believe the genre is already on its way out. But...I'm convinced there's still life in the old form. Particularly as women and people of color fill a larger space in the genre." ("Samantha Bee's cancellation hints at tough times for women and POC in late night TV" by Eric Deggans, NPR, television, July 28, 2022.)

♦ Dying way of life; a lost era; the good old days; he was born into a way of life that was already on its way out; he heard the whistle of its departure... (Small farms, cattle in Texas.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: journeys & trips / prep, adv, adj, particle

way (give way to something)

giving way to diesel

by the nineteen-seventies, steam was ~ (India / trains)

gives way to knowledge

what happens when innocence ~

gives way to the new

the old order ~

give way to the lit stage

the fading daylight began to ~ (concert)

gave way to a (gentler) slope

the steep shale ~ of snow (South Col)

give way to new industries

dominant industries of today will ~ tomorrow

gave way to palaces and villas

during the Renaissance, castles ~ (Italy)

gives way to clear-cutting

selective logging often ~ (Amazon)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / sequence: journeys & trips / verb

way (go the way of something)

going the way of the phone booth

street-corner mailboxes are ~ (email)

going the way of the corset

the push-up bra may be finally ~ (Victoria's Secret)

going the way of the rotary dial

common courtesy is ~

go the way of the dinosaur

frats and sororities should ~ (yet another hazing death)

go the way of buggy whip manufacturers

they are going to ~ (non-green corporations)

go the way of the rotary-dialed phone

residential white-page phone books may ~

♦ "Like American men in general, our top male rappers appear to be in crisis: overwhelmed, confused, struggling to embody so many contradictory ideals. As a result, the art is suffering, too. If the music were any more existentially morose, or stylistically comatose, mainstream hip-hop made by men might be headed the way of hair metal or disco." (The Future Of Rap Is Female" by Niela Orr, *The New York Times Magazine*, August 13, 2023. "The Hip-Hop Issue.")

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: journeys & trips / movement / verb

way (go a long way)

go a long way

American dollars ~ in Canada

goes a long way

a little humiliation ~ (resistance)

go a long way towards improving

this will ~ things

cost & benefit / extent & scope: distance

way (lead the way)

leading the way

the Democrats are ~ on this (vote of disapproval)

direction / driving force: journeys & trips / verb

way (lose one's way)

lost our way

we've ~

we have all ~ from time to time

we have ~ and it's time that we get back on track (politics)

lost its way

Manchester United has ~ (2018-19)

Brearely's obsession with race must stop, the school has ~
academia has ~ (wokeism, antisemitism, plagiarism, etc.)

♦ "How did NPR lose its way, and how did it change?" (Bari Weiss talking with Uri Berliner. From "NPR Editor Speaks Out: How National Public Radio Lost Americans' Trust," *Honestly with Bari Weiss.*)

direction: journeys & trips / verb

failure, accident & impedance: journeys & trips / verb

way (the wrong way)

going the wrong way

we're ~

direction / failure, accident & impedance: journeys & trips

way (find one's way)

find my way

it was easy to ~ (a difficult job)

find our way

but we'll ~ (out of a problem)

find his own way

I'm not trying to force the boy, I know he will ~

finding our way

we are ~ (how to teach during pandemic)

direction: journeys & trips / verb

way (pave the way)

pave the way for the (surfing) boom

Hoffman helped ~

pave the way for (new) drugs

the landmark discovery could ~ to beat viruses

paves the way for gays

the bill ~ to serve openly in the military

paved the way for an recovery

the government program ~ (economy)

paved the way for (better) relations

the treaty has ~ between the two countries

paved the way for the rise

repeal of the Fairness Doctrine ~ of Fox News

paved the way for an (economic) comeback

the government program ~

amelioration & renewal: journeys & trips / verb

way (come a long way, etc.)

long way to climb

the people of Africa have a ~

long way to go

we've got a ~, but we've had some success

there is still a ~ (a legal process)

Liverpool looks good, but there is still a ~ (soccer season)

long way towards meeting

we've come a ~ that goal

long way from throwing

we're a ~ in the towel

come a long way

we've ~ towards meeting that goal

the city has ~ (Warsaw / improvement)

the field has ~ but still has far to go (AI)

go a long way

she will ~ (a young singer)

gone a long way

we have ~

have a long way

the people of Africa ~ to climb

progress & lack of progress: distance / journeys & trips / movement

way (a long way off)

a long way off

the 2024 election is ~

future / time: distance

way (a long way from, etc.)

long way from where

I'm a ~ I want and need to be (mental health)

♦ see also *far* (*far from, etc.*)

proximity: distance

way (go the other way, etc.)

gone the other way

events could have ~

development: direction / journeys & trips

way (part ways)

parted ways

she and NPR have ~

direction / division & connection: journeys & trips / verb

way (every step of the way)

every step of the way

they've helped us ~

her mother had approved the relationship ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips

extent & scope: walking, running & jumping

way (all the way)

all the way

a suit won't get them ~ they need to go to stop the president

success & failure / attainment: journeys & trips

way (route)

way to (anyone's) heart

the quickest ~ is with an MCL gift card

quickest way

the ~ to anyone's heart is with an MCL gift card

route: journeys & trips

way (not in a good way)

see *not (not in a good way)*

ways (foodways, etc.)

Artways

Ancient ~ Conservation LLC

colorways

the trio of fresh ~ (see quote below)

Folkways

~ Records was founded in 1948 by Moses Asch

Smithsonian ~ is the record label of that institution (1987)

folkways

reporters learned the culture and ~ of the NYT (in the past)

foodways

Southern food and African American ~

she helped to legitimize Black and Southern ~ (Edna Lewis)

www.southern~.org

songways

the ~ of my past (songs grown up with, from childhood)

♦ "She helped to legitimize Black and Southern foodways," says Joanne Hyppolite, curator of record for foodways at the National Museum of African American History and Culture. ("Food: The Grande Dame of Southern Cooking" by Taryn White, *Smithsonian*, June 2023. Edna Regina Lewis led an extraordinary life, and Taryn White's comprehensive article is accompanied by wonderful photos.)

♦ "The songways of my past." (A creative use about memory, childhood, and songs. I like it. Every individual and generation has its memories of songs. "I've got a girl in Kalamazoo.")

♦ "While the trio of fresh *colorways* [italics mine]—Heathered Oatmeal, Army Green and Spruce Green—won't hit the site until Thursday, shoppers can still snatch up 'snatched' styles, including the wear-with-anything beige Cotton Rib Tank (\$36) seen on Cardi." ("Cardi B is 'sexy' and 'snatched' in Kim Kardashian's new Skims campaign" by Hannah Southwick, *New York Post*, Oct. 16.2023. Does it smell like an advertisement? "Page Six may be compensated and/or receive an affiliate commission if you buy through our links." An online commenter posted about the "WAP" star, "That fat tattooed dog was never sexy," and another posted, "Women, please protect your kids from these two idiots you call celebrities...")

♦ "Ways" of course refers to beliefs, customs, traditions. The compiler of this work has analogized this to "byways."

♦ see also *line (songline, etc.)*

identity & nature: journeys & trips

wayside (fall by the wayside, etc.)

fallen by the wayside

the US has ~ (competitive weightlifting)

pushed to the wayside

free speech has been ~ for political correctness (campus)

went (quickly) by the wayside

the idea ~ by the onslaught of events

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / success &

failure / survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips

weak (fragile)

fragile and weak

the caretaker government is ~

flaws & lack of flaws / strength & weakness: materials & substances

weak-minded (adjective)

weak-minded man

he was a ~

mind: materials & substances

wealth (amount)

wealth of (forensic) evidence

police have a ~

wealth of experience

he's bringing a ~ into the classroom

wealth of (allosaurus) fossils

the area is known for its ~ (Jurassic Monument in Utah)

wealth of information

the flight data recorder provided a ~ (crash)

wealth of (company) information

the ~ held by the government

wealth of materials

he uncovered a ~ (sunken boat)

wealth of (educational) options

giving parents a ~

wealth of talent

the team has a ~

wealth of titles
producing a ~ (publishing houses)

wealth of information, perspective, opportunities
we provide you with a ~ (ad for Fidelity Wealth)

amount / worth & lack of worth: money

wean (verb)

wean itself off coal
the US cannot ~ quickly

wean countries off coal
the European Commission seeks to ~

wean yourself off cigarettes
it's a bad idea to ~ with smokeless tobacco

wean himself off heroin
he was able to ~ with the help of his family

wean the nation off fossil fuels
we must ~

wean ourselves off of fossil fuels
we must ~ (energy independence)

wean itself from ad revenues
the magazine wants to ~ (vs. subscriptions, online fees)

wean the US from (messy and expensive) heating oil
while federal officials try to ~, Main remains addicted

wean the planet from the burning
we must ~ of fossil fuels

dependency / growth & development: baby / verb

weapon (help)

weapons of the weak
~ include foot-dragging and feigned ignorance

weapon in the arsenal
the googly is a major ~ of a leg spin bowler

weapon in the (COVID) fight
it is the third ~ (third vaccine approved)

weapon in solving
seamless teamwork can be a potent ~ disease outbreaks

weapon against prejudice
black and gay comedians have wielded jokes as a ~

potent weapon
teamwork can be a ~ in solving disease outbreaks

make it a weapon
I'm always trying to ~ (her service game / Ashleigh Barty)

♦ "So it was that in these three days at Breslau this Koch put a sword Excalibur into the hands of men, with which to begin the fight against their enemies the microbes, their fight against lurking death; so it was that he began to change the whole business of doctors from a foolish hocus-pocus with pills and leeches into an intelligent fight where science instead of superstition was the weapon." (*Microbe Hunters* by Paul De Kruif. The 34-year-old Koch exhibited the anthrax bacillus at the university.)

help & assistance: weapon / military

weapon (political weapon, etc.)

political weapon
Sadat gained diplomatic leverage using oil as a ~ (1973)

denies using energy as a weapon
the Kremlin ~ (Moldova)

become weapons
memes ~ in Ukraine-Russia conflict

♦ Words and terms can certainly be used as weapons. See "How 'Phobic' Became a Weapon in the Identity Wars" by Amanda Hess, *The New York Times Magazine*, Jan. 26, 2016. It's a brilliant article.)

destruction; military / weapon

weapon (secret weapon)

secret weapon of diplomacy
cultural exchanges are the ~

secret weapon for Nokia
better developer tools could be a ~

secret weapon in fighting
women are his ~ lawlessness

campaign's secret weapon
she has been the ~ (politician's wife)

group's secret weapon
technology has been the group's ~

virus's secret weapon
evolution is a ~

unleashed a secret weapon
supporters of reform have ~ (clerical support)

♦ "Say hello to your holiday shopping secret weapon. Price comparison gives power to find the best deals, without any of the hassle. Microsoft Edge is not only the best browser for shopping, its brings you the best of the web every day."

concealment & lack of concealment / strength & weakness: weapon

weaponization (noun)

weaponization of social media
the ~ to influence elections and sow discord

♦ "Weaponization: Metaphorical Ubiquity and the Contemporary Rejection of Politics" by Greggor Mattson, an associate professor of Sociology at Oberlin College, is the final word on this word and "metaphor emergence from coinage to conventionality."

creation & transformation / destruction: weapon

weaponize (verb)

weaponize children
the Democrats are happy to ~ (immigration)

weaponize the virus
they are trying to ~ politically (Democrats)

weaponizes Ukraine's drinking water
Putin ~ (2022 / Ukraine cut water to Crimea in 2014)

♦ This means, “illegitimate politicization.” Merriam-Webster dates this to 1957, and interestingly provides no synonyms. An obvious one is “politicize.” Or “instrumentalize.” And compare with *operationalize*: “The North’s foreign and military policies *operationalize* those core precepts of state.”

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. The cartoon shows a host, bringing a heaping, over-the-top tray of apple crisp to his two guests. His wife is saying to them, “Charlie has weaponized apple crisp.” (*The New Yorker*, October 24, 2022.)

creation & transformation: verb / weapon

weaponized

weaponized to round up

RICO was ~ groups of black men (gangs)

weaponized as a tool

the Eucharist is being ~ in political warfare (communion)

♦ What *can't* be weaponized? (See “Weaponization: Metaphorical Ubiquity and the Contemporary Rejection of Politics” by Greggor Mattson.)

creation & transformation: weapon

weariness (groups)

sense of weariness

there’s a ~ that people have to go through this (Blacks)

see *exhausted (groups)*, *exhausting (groups)*, *exhaustion (groups)*, *tired (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

wear on (verb)

winter wears on

as the ~, he tries to act like everything is normal

week wore on

but as the ~...

1950s wore on

as the ~...

starting, going, continuing & ending / time: verb

weary (feeling)

weary of England

~, hungry for adventure, he found himself in Bratislava...

weary of war

the public is ~ (US)

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: sleep

weasel (weasel words, etc.)

weasel words

this article contains ~, clarify or remove...

♦ “This article contains weasel words: vague phrasing that often accompanies biased or unverifiable information. Such statements should be clarified or removed. (Wikipedia entry for “Marginal Utility.”)

♦ See “Safire: ‘Change’ and Other Old Political Phrases,” NPR, Morning Edition, April 10, 2008. At the very bottom of the article Safire has a section about “weasel words.”

speech: animal

weasel (verb)

weaseled its way into cosplay and selfie culture

it has also ~ (the Ahegao face)

♦ “An elite team called Samur, ‘weasel’ in Hebrew, has been trained for tunnel combat.”

behavior / movement / transmission: animal / verb

weather (groups / verb)

‘weather’ the body

how poverty and racism ~ (Dave Davies)

weathers the body

being Black ~

the lived experience of being Black in America ~

weather the effects

Black students who ~ of living on white campuses

♦ “The trauma that sometimes comes with being a black student at predominately white institutions is tangible. In their 2015 paper, ‘Reimagining Critical Race Theory in Education: Mental Health, Healing and the Pathway to Liberatory Praxis,’ Ebony O. McGee, a professor at Vanderbilt University, and David Stovall, a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, found that black college students who weather the effects of studying and living on predominately white campuses suffer from a ‘physical and mental wear-and-tear that contributes to a host of psychological and physical ailments.’” (“For Black College Prospects, Belonging and Safety Often Top Ivy Prestige” by Denene Millner, NPR, Code Switch, Opinion, February 26, 2017.)

♦ “[I]f you’re Black, even if you are middle class, there is something about the lived experience of being Black in America that weathers the body. And this is the theory of Dr. Arline Geronimus from the University of Michigan. And she believes that the high-effort coping of dealing with racism in America makes the body prematurely aged. And so if your body is older, then you’re more susceptible to every kind of health problem.” Linda Villarosa, from “How Systemic Racism Continues To Determine Black Health and Wealth In Chicago,” NPR, Fresh Air (with Terry Gross), May 6, 2021.)

♦ “Black Americans ‘live sicker and die quicker.’”

♦ see also *weathered (groups)*, *weathering (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

weather (survive)

weather the (15-month) closure

she was able to ~ with the help of grants (pandemic)

weather their (financial) crisis

the extra income allowed them to ~

weathered the storm

he ~ until the 11th round (Plant vs. Saul “Canelo” Alvarez)

Wilder ~ and survived the storm (but lost to Joseph Parker)

weather this (economic) storm

cities need help to ~

weathered (all sorts of) storms

the Catholic Church has ~ across the centuries

survival, persistence & endurance: storm / verb

weather (environment)

regulatory weather

there has been a change in the ~ (*The Economist*)

change in the (regulatory) weather
there has been a ~ (*The Economist*)

weather had changed
but this week the ~ (*Financial Times* / crypto down)

environment: air / atmosphere / weather & climate

weathered (groups)

weathered
we are ~, which is a kind of premature aging... (Blacks)

weathered at younger ages
African Americans are more likely to be ~

♦ **MORE CONVENTIONAL USAGE:** "They looked weathered, like they'd been exposed to the elements." (Exploited undocumented Chinese field hands in New Mexico.)

♦ see also *weather (groups / verb)*, *weathering (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

weathering (groups)

weathering
black Americans experience a phenomenon known as "~"

weathering effect
racism and experiencing racism contributes to this ~

idea of weathering
the other thing is the ~ (journalist Linda Villarosa)

♦ "Geronimus coined a term for this chronic stress—she calls it 'weathering.'" (Artine Geronimus, University of Michigan.)

♦ "Clearly racism and experiencing racism, that also contributes to this kind of weather effect. You're in fight-or-flight mode. And so that has a real significant biological effect that contributes to premature aging." (Joseph Betancourt of the Massachusetts General Hospital. Heard on "Death Rate Among Black Americans Declines, Especially For Elderly People," NPR, All Things Considered (with Rob Stein), May 2, 2017.)

♦ "Author Linda Villarosa has been writing about the racial disparities in health outcomes for decades and recently covered the topic for the New York Times' 1619 Project. She says that while she used to think poverty was to blame for Black Americans' health problems, she's now convinced that bias in the health care system and the 'wearing' affect (sic) of living in a racist society are taking a serious toll on African Americans." ("1619 Project" journalist lays bare why Black Americans 'live sicker and die quicker,'" NPR, Fresh Air (with Dave Davies), June 14, 2022.)

♦ "The other thing is the idea of weathering. So weathering is the idea that fighting against discrimination day in, day out ages you prematurely. Each time an incident happens, it fires up the systems of your body, including your blood pressure, your cortisol, your stress hormones and even your pulse rate. So if that happens over and over and over, as it does in the case of people who are Black in this country, it weathers the body the way a storm might weather a home—knocks the shutters off, chips the paint. If we are weathered, which is a kind of premature aging, then it's not a shock why we would have worse COVID outcomes at younger ages." (The journalist Linda Villarosa, heard on "How COVID exposed racial disparities in all aspects of the healthcare system," NPR, All Things Considered (with Karen Grigsby Bates), June 20, 2022.)

♦ "The Reverend Cecil Murray passed away last week at the age of 94."

♦ "Harry Belafonte, a singer, actor and activist, has died at age 96." (The beloved American figure was a paragon of "style, class and charisma," and always was "his generous heart wide open." He was born in Harlem.)

♦ "Christine King Farris, sister of Martin Luther King Jr., dies aged 95."

♦ NPR's Scott Simon: Mr. Teasley, may I ask how old you are? / Mr. Ron "Schoolboy" Teasley: Ninety-six years old. / Scott Simon: Boy, you sound good!

♦ "Indiana Hunt-Martin died at the age of 98." ("Six Triple Eight: The battalion of black women erased from history" by Oprah Flash & Amy Johnston, BBC, July 5, 2023. The Google query, "How many Americans served in World War II?" returns the answer, "16 million.")

♦ "Tuskegee Airman Raymond Cassagnol dies at 102."

♦ "Black don't crack." (Black people look younger than their age.)

♦ see also *weather (groups / verb)*, *weathered (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

weather vane (noun)

weather vane of the hip-hop world
the show, a longtime ~, now attracts politicians (The Breakfast Club)

weathervane for where
Biden is a ~ the Democratic center is going

weathervane-patriots
the rooms were jammed with Tories and ~ (1777)

political weathervane
she's a ~, shifting with the winds

♦ "You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows." ("Subterranean Homesick Blues" by Bob Dylan.)

direction: air / sign, signal, symbol / tools & technology / weather & climate / wind

weave (create)

weave this story
the state is trying to ~ of his guilt based on...

weaves a tale
she ~ of first contact (author)

creation & transformation: cloth / verb

weave (a trail can weave, etc.)

trail weaved
the ~ downhill... (mountain biking)

fictive motion: cloth / verb

weave (move)

weaves in and out of (Indian) stereotypes
he ~ (Native American writer)

weave to his right
Tyson would take a short step and ~ (boxer)

movement: cloth / direction / verb

weave (mixture)

weave of information
the Web's tangled ~ and misinformation (hoaxes)

tangled weave
the Web's ~ of information and misinformation

mixture: cloth

weave together (verb)

weave together what

I wanted to ~ life is like in the city (a book)

division & connection: cloth / verb

web (entanglement)

web of lies

he has created and spread a ~ about the election (politics)

web of lawsuits

a thick ~

web of bribery

a ~, kickbacks, theft and conspiracy (war contracts)

thick web

a ~ of lawsuits

caught up in a web

~ of drug addiction and crime

involvement: animal / cloth / insect / movement / spider

web (situation)

web of (drug) addiction and crime

caught up in a ~

situation: animal / container / insect / spider

web (spider web and cobweb, etc.)

cobweb of crevasses

he was enmeshed in a ~ and fogbound (Antarctica)

spiderweb of canals

between the ponds is a ~ (a beaver complex)

spider web of (mountain biking) trails

there is a ~ (in a state park)

spider-web cracks

if there are ~ leading from the bolt hole... (climbing)

♦ "I made two turns and the entire slope spider-webbed is what we call it, just kind of cracked all the way around me, and the entire slope essentially just drops out from underneath you. Your first instinct is to try to ride it out and try to ski out of it, you know. I thought I was going to make it, and then..." (Jimmy Chin. From "The Beast Born Of Snow: What It Feels Like In The Jaws Of An Avalanche" by Peter Breslow, NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, July 3, 2016. A super listen!)

shape: animal / insect / spider

web (spin a web)

spinning a web

they are accused of ~ of lies (murder)

twisted into a web

his death has been ~ of disinformation and paranoia

♦ "...Lady Macbeth's arachnid schemes."

creation & transformation: animal / insect / spider

subterfuge: animal / insect / spider

wedded

wedded to the past

FitzRoy was a pioneer, but he was also ~

attachment / division & connection / relationship: love, courtship & marriage

wedge (edge of the wedge)

thin edge of the wedge

politicians fear this is the ~ (sending a few troops)

driving force: tools & technology / wedge

wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)

wedge issue

it's becoming a major ~ among Democrats (Israel)

they have turned it into a very effective ~ (politics)

drive a wedge between Muslims, Christians

a sinister attempt to ~

♦ A British negotiator being interviewed on NPR about sanctions against a country used the verb *wedge-drive*: "They will see this an opportunity to wedge-drive between the EU and the United States' allies in Europe."

division & connection: tools & technology / wedge / verb

wedged

wedged between the DRC and Republic of Congo

Cabinda is ~ (enclave of Angola)

wedged between Switzerland and Austria

Liechtenstein, ~

wedged between Ukraine and Romania

Moldova is ~

wedged between the Gulf and the Gulf of Oman

the UAE, ~

configuration: wedge

weed (in the weeds)

deep in the weeds

we are ~ of Machiavellian machinations (politics)

get in the weeds

it's not my job to ~ (lack of knowledge of details)

get into the weeds

streaming video is available for anyone who wants to ~

get (more) into the weeds

we can get ~ during the question-answer period

got into the weeds

this was the shocking fact when I ~ on it (sports issue)

dive into the weeds

he would ~ and explore the most detailed elements

perception, perspective & point of view: ground, terrain & land / height

weed out (verb)

weed out bad products

her agent helps ~ (a social-media influencer)

weed out the rebels

we will ~, but they are dug in

weed out the slackers

it's time to ~ who aren't pulling their weight

weeds out (struggling) soldiers

the course ~ (Green Berets)

dismissal, removal & resignation: plant / farming & agriculture / verb

weigh (analyze)

weigh the merits against the risks

we ~ (the press and the publishing of secrets)

weighed whether

parents ~ to send their kids to school or... (sniper)

weigh the benefits

commanders must ~ of a rigid versus a flexible plan

weighing bids

the Coast Guard is ~ from three companies (for boats)

weigh the credibility

they must ~ of various threats (police)

weigh all the evidence

a decision-maker will ~

weigh his fate

it will be up to jurors to ~

weigh the merits

we ~ of publishing against the risks (press / secrets)

weighing the offer

she is ~ (of employment)

weigh my options

I have to ~

weighed plans

Rumsfeld ~ to deploy up to 200,000 troops in the Gulf

weighed the price

weary but optimistic, he ~ of success (a rapper)

weighs response

India ~ after Kashmir attack

weigh the risks

your doctor can help you ~ and potential benefits

weigh the value

registrars must ~ of transfer credits

weigh the pros and cons

you must ~ (job offers)

weighed the pros and cons

~ of joining in the condemnation

weigh the successes and inadequacies

they ~ of the criminal-justice-dominated approach

judgment: scale / verb / weight

analysis, interpretation & explanation: scale / verb / weight

weigh (weigh heavily)

weighed heavily

Beijing's opposition ~

weighs heavily on the city

the bank's decline ~

weighing heavily on their conscience

the events must be ~ (a hit and run)

weighed heavily on my mind

those experiences ~ (wildfires)

the decision ~

weighed heavily on her mind

the bombings ~ (Northern Ireland)

weighing (quite) heavily on the players

the responsibility was ~

affliction: burden / verb / weight

oppression: burden / verb / weight

weigh (oppress)

weigh (down) on me

it's all starting to ~ (pressure)

weighs on you

it ~ like a ton of bricks (harassment / gay students)

weighed on my conscience

it ~ (terrorism)

weigh on your conscience

if you have any sense of decency it will ~ so much (terror)

weighing on her mind

that's still ~ as she sits... (no classes for adjunct)

let grief weigh him down

he didn't ~

affliction: burden / verb / weight

oppression: burden / verb / weight

weighed down

weighed down by debts and deficits

the nation is ~

affliction: burden / weight

oppression: burden / weight

weigh in (verb)

weighing in

now his mother is ~ (expressing her opinion)

weigh in on (major strategic) decisions

he will still ~ (executive takes sick leave)

weighing in on the issue

women are ~

weigh in (more heavily) on the issue

Congress has begun to ~ of...

weighed in on the (newspaper's) Web site
hundreds of readers ~

weighed in with concerns
groups ~ about the FBI's use of...

weighed in with a national study
JAMA ~ asserting that...

weighed in against the project
Sen. Barbara Boxer ~

♦ **Boxers weigh in before a fight.**

involvement: boxing / sports & games / verb / weight

weight (under the weight)

under the weight of so many laws
the people are ~

caved in under the weight
the regime finally ~ of its impossible contradictions

♦ "There is no question that the donkeys are damnably treated... / This kind of thing makes one's blood boil, whereas—on the whole—the plight of the human beings does not. I am not commenting, merely pointing to a fact. People with brown skins are next door to invisible. Anyone can be sorry for the donkey with its galled back, but it is generally owing to some kind of accident if one even notices the old woman under her load of sticks." ("Marrakech" by George Orwell, *New Writing*, Christmas 1939.)

♦ "A woman without a donkey is a donkey herself." (Debre Zeit, Ethiopia. Ethiopian women are extraordinarily fond of their donkeys.)

affliction / oppression: burden / weight

weight (weight on one's shoulder)

see *shoulder* (*weight on one's shoulder*, etc.)

weight (pull one's weight)

pulling their weight
we need to weed out the slackers who aren't ~

♦ **Were the blocks of stones that comprise the great pyramids pulled or lifted into place? Either way, it must have entailed great effort.**

work & duty: burden / verb / weight

weight (put / throw one's weight behind something)

throw its weight behind the (democracy) movement
the US did not ~ (diplomacy)

throwing their weight behind the opposition
they are ~ (an organization)

put all of their weight behind trying
the government ~ to prevent us from publishing

allegiance, support & betrayal: weight / verb

power: weight / verb

weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)

punches above its weight
Hungary ~ in math, it has produced many mathematicians

fight above our weight
we're going to have to ~ (politics)

punch above our weight
we are a small nation but we ~ (Wales at Euro 2020)

punching (way) above their weight
Liverpool ~ ever since Klopp arrived

punches above its weight in math
Hungary ~, it has produced many mathematicians

power: boxing / verb / weight

substance & lack of substance: boxing / verb / weight

weight (effect)

weight of the law
he needs to feel the full ~ (a school shooter)

feel the weight
they ~ every day (White House scandal)

cope with the weight
she is still learning to ~ of international celebrity (athlete)

oppression: burden / weight

weight (substance)

weight of the data
the ~ would suggest that... (inconsistent studies)

weight of the tragedy
as the full ~ fell over the neighborhood (AIDS)

weight with listeners
her apology didn't carry much ~ (a singer)

weight and attention
these fears are given too much ~ (of AI)

full weight
as the ~ of the tragedy fell over the neighborhood (AIDS)

great weight
his words and opinions carry ~

moral weight
his being a Catholic helped give ~ to his speech

carry weight
such recommendations do ~ (a government taskforce)

carry (much) weight
her apology didn't ~ with listeners (a singer)

gives more weight
the ranking system ~ to selectivity than efficacy

♦ "[About the length of the movie], it's about the weight of the subject, it deserves nothing less. This couldn't be an hour-and-a-half movie." (The film director Steve McQueen about his film, *Occupied City*. It is 4 hours 22 minutes long with a 15-minute intermission.)

♦ **Cognitive linguists have conducted experiments based on the idea that the actual thickness and weight of something, like a paper file, can influence people's attitudes about the importance of a person.**

substance & lack of substance: weight

weighted

weighted variables
his methodology relies on 7 ~ (college rankings)

weighted equally
the three criteria were all ~ (a rating survey)

substance & lack of substance: weight

weighty (substance)

weighty decision
it was a ~
what to do was a ~ (war)

weighty issue
Congress has taken up a series of ~s

weighty step
renouncing one's citizenship is a ~

weighty topic
she writes about ~s

weighty (literary) works
he was known for filming ~ (Joseph Strick)

**importance & significance: weight
substance & lack of substance: weight**

welcome (welcome news, etc.)

welcome news
the new economic data is ~

not welcome
but the negative publicity was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation / house / speech

welcome (verb)

welcomed Disney with open arms
Orlando and Florida ~ (Magic Kingdom)

welcomes change
the Democratic Party ~, not as an enemy but as an ally

welcomed the Confucius Institute
many universities have ~ with open arms

welcome an investigation
we ~

welcome the world
Paris will ~ this summer (2024 Summer Olympics)

happy to welcome
local companies have been ~ whoever signs up (Everest)

♦ "The brain really welcomes multiple languages." (Betty Gladstone, a Blackfeet-language advocate.)

♦ "Paris will welcome the world this summer." (The 2024 Summer Olympics. Notre Dame should be restored, after that awful fire. The Seine River is being cleaned up. The surfing competition will be at Teahupoo! *Liberte, egalite, fraternite*. Bum bum BUM bum bum BUM bum bum bum... (The Marseillaise. Can't wait! Super!)

♦ How I miss that wonderful greeting, "*Ahlan wasahlan*."

**acceptance & rejection: house / speech / verb
welcome: exclamation / house / speech / verb
fictive communication / fictive meeting & seeing: house / speech / verb**

welcome (noun)

wore out his welcome
the talented but troubled diva ~ (NFL football player)

acceptance & rejection: house / speech

welcome: house

welcome (noun / groups)

safe and welcome
it was important to create a space where we felt ~

respected, visible, and represented
a space for students to feel ~ (gay / Yeshiva University)

♦ "The signs on the restroom said, "Gender diversity is welcome here." (Twitter HQ toilets.)

♦ "It was the hardest thing to shake when I spent time in Australia, and somebody would say, 'thank you,' and I would say, 'Yep! Oh—uh, I mean, 'you're welcome!' Because to me, it's kind of rude—like, it's not rude, but saying 'yep' and 'sure' is the equivalent of saying 'no problem,' and that is more polite in America than saying 'you're welcome.'" (Some random person named Millie on TikTok.)

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

welcomed (groups)

represented, welcomed and accepted
fostering a culture where people are ~

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

welcoming (groups)

welcoming to Black people
projects that make the outdoors more ~

welcoming to our voices
the power structure is not ~ (Tiffany Cross / ex-MSNBC)

welcoming environment
issues that make NPR a less than ~ for people of Color

welcoming place
a more ~ for others who look like them (music industry)

less welcoming
this is a bill that makes our state a ~ state (for Trans)

safe and welcoming
make all Harry Potter fan spaces ~ for everyone (Gayly)

safe, inclusive, respectful, and welcoming
create psychologically ~ environments (EDI)

♦ "It was such an unwelcoming place for them." (Women comedians back in the day.)

♦ "I believe if players are happy, if they feel welcome, if they feel joy when they go on the court, they're going to be a much better version of themselves." (Coach Mark Madsen, about accepting the job of coach of the men's basketball team at the University of Berkeley. His team has a 3-29 record, a 38-87 record with its previous coach, 6 consecutive losing seasons, and a 16-game losing streak. Only in America!)

♦ see also *friendly (queer-friendly, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: acceptance & rejection

welcoming (other)

welcoming place

Antarctica is not a ~

welcome: house / speech

welfare (mental, etc.)

welfare check

she was found dead after officers conducted a ~ (suicide)
the ~ may be connected to another death (murder)
officers entered the home for a ~ (dismembered body)
she was found brutally slain at her mobile home during a ~

♦ "A jury acquitted a former Texas police officer of criminally negligent homicide Monday after a gunshot meant for a menacing dog instead killed a woman whose welfare he had been sent to check..." ("Ex-North Texas officer acquitted of crime in woman's death," AP, August 29, 2022.)

♦ see also *mental wellbeing (and mental well-being)*, *mental health (noun)*, *mental wellness (noun)*, *self-care (and self care)*, *wellbeing (noun)*, *wellness (noun)*

mental health: euphemism / health & medicine

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

well (poison the well)

poison the well of information

establish a false persona, then ~ (Facebook)

poison the well for bipartisanship

if he goes that route, he could ~ (politics)

poison the well for cooperation and bipartisan progress

that would really ~ (rules change in Senate / politics)

well was poisoned

the ~ between them even before... (bad relations)
from that point on the ~ (prosecutorial misconduct)

♦ Perhaps the worst mass poisoning of a population in history has taken place in Bangladesh. Around 25 million people have been exposed to arsenic through runoff from agriculture and industry into man-made ponds and the water table. Ironically, many of the contaminated ponds and boreholes were dug with the help of international relief organizations to protect villagers from unclean water.

corruption: water

well (resemblance)

inkwell

he dipped his quill into the ~...

tree well

a snowboarder is stuck upside down in a ~

♦ "A snowboarder is stuck upside down in a tree well." (A remarkable video, showing the skier Francis Zuber saving a snowboarder from asphyxiation. Super!)

resemblance: water

well (source)

well (of training and experience) to draw from

some officers have a ~ (school shootings)

well of outrage

the ~ is bottomless (fundamentalists)

well of resistance

there is still a deep ~ to a woman president

well of (intergenerational) trauma

Molly forces its reader to look deeply into the ~

well of (wifely) goodwill and loyalty

her ~, which had overflowed for so long, was drained dry

well of grievance and skepticism

he tapped into the ~ (politics)

content well

everybody is just dipping their bucket into this ~ (media)

deep well

there is still a ~ of resistance to a woman president
he has a ~ of institutional knowledge (foreign policy)

well that never runs dry

it is the ~ (excitement for heavyweight boxing division)

dipping their bucket into this (content) well

everybody is just ~ every day (athlete interviews)

going back to the well

Kelsey Grammer and company are ~ (*Frasier* reboot)

tapped into the well

he ~ of grievance and skepticism (politics)

look (deeply) into the well

Molly forces its reader to ~ of intergenerational trauma

♦ "The Well was the world's first online community." (The Whole Earth 'Lectronic Link / 1985.)

♦ "He was just a kind of wellhead for all this emotion and burgeoning sexuality as America loosened up after the Second World War." (Author Adam Victor about Elvis Presley.)

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

♦ "So, I mean, there was a deep well of people I was drawing on for this thing, even unconsciously." (The actor Paul Giamatti about his performance in the 2023 film *The Holdovers*.)

♦ "Finally, has the well run dry for South Africa? They were exhausted against England and didn't have any energy but by the skin of their teeth they found something in the scrum to pull off the win. Can they do it again? It'll be absolutely fascinating." (Excitement about the 2023 Rugby World Cup final.)

♦ "60 feet in depth; the water brackish, unwholesome, abundant." "1 foot; water brackish." "3 or 4 feet; water brackish and abundant." "Wells sometimes dry." "7 or 8 feet; water very salt and bad." "7 or 8 feet; water muddy, salt, but not bad." "4 feet; water sweet, but in small quantity." "Excellent water." "Shallow." "Tolerably good water." "4 or 5 feet; water very salt and bad." "7 or 8 feet; water clear and delicious." "From 20 to 25 feet; water good." "The water is taken up by hand; it is abundant and good." ("Depth of the wells, and quality of the water, *Geographical Remarks and Inquiries Concerning the Travels of M. Caillie in Central Africa*, by M. Jomard, Third part of the Travels. These are wells M. Caillie used on his trip from Timbuctoo to Morocco.)

amount / source: water

well (health)

get well

we're sorry this happened, ~ soon (Treaty Oak in Austin)

♦ In 1989, Paul Stedman Cullen tried to kill the Treaty Oak in Austin, Texas. Thousands of kids addressed letters to the Treaty Oak, hoping it would get well.

condition & status: health & medicine

well (filler)

Well

~, researchers at the CDC...

Well, actually

see *actually* (contempo-speak)

Well, I mean

see *I mean* (filler)

Well, I mean, obviously

see *obviously* (contempo-speak)

Well, I think

see *I think* (filler)

Well, I don't know. Maybe

see *maybe* (contempo-speak)

well, you know

see *you know* (filler)

Absolutely. Well

~, I mean, what we need to do is to...

~, game on...

absolutely...well

it was ~, electrifying...

I mean, well

Yeah, ~, that's the idea...

I think, well

and so, for me, ~, we were talking about...

~, you know, I kind of fell into that trap also

right, well

~, it means that...

Sure, well

~, there's always been a connection between... (NPR)

♦ "And when I look back, I think, well, you know, I kind of fell into that trap also."

*** analysis

♦ Linguist John McWhorter's analysis of "well" is interesting, as always. "Well acknowledges what someone has said (i.e., what they think) while nicely venturing an additive or correction." In his FACE typology of MPMs (modal pragmatic markers), he considers it to represent "Acknowledgment: I Hear You." (*Words on the Move* by the linguist John McWhorter, Chapter 1, "The Faces of English: Words Get Personal.")

contempo-speak: introductory

well-being (status)

Boeing's well-being

Renton is very dependent on ~ (Washington State)

condition & status: health & medicine

wellbeing (noun)

well-being

our focus was on his ~... (self-harming trans son)

~ is a key priority (the CIA)

wellbeing

putting you in control to improve your ~ (Ka'Chava ad)

wellbeing at work

Dr. Jim Harter shares the key practices that improve ~

Well Being In Color

"~, " a peer mental health program for students of color

wellbeing of players

we forget about the ~ (Van Dijk on criticism of teammate)

wellbeing challenges

he will not compete following some ~ (athlete sent home)

well-being check

the incident, labeled ~... (family did not press charges)

Wellbeing Officer

"The Rise Of The Chief ~" (by Colleen Reilly / Forbes)

wellbeing office

the CIA just appointed a ~ (Jennifer Posa)

Well Being Trust

psychologist Ben Miller, President of ~

wellbeing, motivation and job satisfaction

burnout, stress and poorer levels of ~

comprehensive wellbeing

~ (mental, emotional, physical, financial, professional)

Linguistic Well-Being

Racism and ~ in ELT (TESOL 2023 convention)

mental wellbeing

see *mental wellbeing* (and *mental well-being*)

psychological well-being

nature benefits our ~ (Audubon Society)

sexual wellbeing

STI testing is part of ~ (public health / syphilis)

her ~ brand (influencer Leeza Mangaldas)

sense of well-being

mindfulness can enhance our connection to nature and ~

health and wellbeing

her dedication to ~ (Belle Gibson / *The Whole Pantry*)

I can't jeopardize my ~ (Simone Biles)

exercise is important for general ~

Liz Lagone, head of ~ for Meta... (Molly Russell inquest)

mental health and well-being

full-time streamers must focus on their ~ (Twitch, etc.)

mental health and wellbeing

Sciver pulls out of India series to 'focus on ~' (cricket)

self and wellbeing

~/ How I found the special joy of nature in cities

peace, health and well-being

~ in exchange for our time, money, and attention (a critic)

wealth, family life, charity, and well-being

abundance, a roomy word that includes ~ (motivational)

Immersive Technology, and Well being

I am a Ph.D. focusing on Digital Transformation, ~

welfare and wellbeing
children's ~

concern over her well-being
Britney Spears is fed up with the ~

assess his well-being
lack of consular access means we can't ~ (jailed abroad)

privilege our own well-being
self-care rhetoric makes us ~ above all else

♦ "I have real concerns about her well-being." (A pundit about a woman who was violently kidnapped off the street in Memphis. She was eventually found murdered.)

♦ "I remain unconvinced that the Metropolitan Police is consistently considering children's welfare and wellbeing." (Dame Rachel de Souza, England's children commissioner, about the 650 strip-searches of students in London by police from 2018 to 2020. 95% were boys, and 58% of those were black boys. 53% of children who were strip-searched were released without further action.)

♦ "We are pleased that Ja is taking accountability and prioritizing his well-being." (Nike, about NBA player Ja Morant, who was suspended 25 games for flashing a gun in a video, his second offense in a month. Nike will continue to see the Ja 1 shoe line.)

♦ "If my kids can pursue education for its mental pleasure, I believe, it will naturally increase their well-being... Maybe they won't even need to spend their higher education learning banal tips to well-being (take naps, look at flowers, etc.) in courses called Positive Psychology (among Harvard's most popular courses) or Psychology and the Good Life (the most popular course ever at Yale)..." ("How we loved to love pedagogical vapor" by Virginia Heffernan, *Wired*, January 2020. The "pedagogical vapor" she decries is STEM: science, technology, engineering, mathematics.)

♦ "We also need to shift how we think about mental health—away from crises and toward mental well-being. / Business leaders have a tremendous role to play here..." ("Opinion: CVS Health CEO: It's time for business leaders to get serious about mental health" by Karen S. Lynch, Sept 12, 2022.)

♦ "In these unprecedented times, comprehensive wellbeing (mental, emotional, physical, financial and professional) in the workplace is so important." (From "The Rise Of The Chief Wellbeing Officer" by Colleen Reilly, contributor. "I cover positive change for individuals and organizations.")

♦ "Motivational speakers often tell reps that the ultimate goal is 'abundance,' a roomy word that comprehends not just wealth but also family life, charity, and well-being. Knockers (door-to-door salesmen) remove impediments to abundance by continually taking up new disciplines. They pump weights, try intermittent fasting or paleo, adopt Wim Hof breathing techniques, and undertake 75 HARDs, seventy-five-day programs requiring twice-a-day workouts, abstention from alcohol, and immersion in self-help books. It you're betting on yourself, then everything you do to make yourself faster and tougher and more focussed improves your odds." ("The Hard Sell" by Tad Friend, *The New Yorker*, August 8, 2022.)

♦ "Ready to get healthier? Meet Ka'Chava... Putting you in control of your nutrition. To improve your wellbeing..." (A YouTube advertisement.)

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mental health: euphemism / health & medicine
inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

wellness (status)

health and wellness
those pumps were so critical to the ~ of the experiment

condition & status: health & medicine

wellness (groups)

wellness
~ is just one more task that women have to excel at
~ is a way to make us feel bad
~ has no ultimate goal, just the idea of feeling better

wellness of mind
there is a path to ~

wellness blogger
the perfectly-curated Instagram profile of the ~

wellness call
an officer on a routine ~ approached a house...

wellness center
he filmed himself at a ~ doing drugs

Wellness Center
additional resources include the Student ~ (Dartmouth)

wellness center
Safeway's ~s (*Bad Blood* by John Carreyrou)

wellness check
the officers came for a ~ (for Gabbie Hanna)
the dispatcher called for a high-priority ~ at the house

wellness company
she launched the ~ Stripes (Naomi Watts)

'Wellness-Industrial Complex'
breaking down the ~ (the podcast *Maintenance Phase*)

wellness culture
our brains are pickled in ~ and "self-care" rhetoric (selfism)

Wellness Day
the university is having a ~ (suicides)

wellness days
colleges are offering '~' to students (suicides)

wellness destination
"Why Iceland is the hottest ~ in the world"

wellness devices
savvy marketers position their products as "~" (sex toys)

wellness experts
she heard about mouth taping at night from multiple ~

wellness facility

Wendy Williams enters ~ to manage ‘overall health issues’

wellness grifters
there are a lot of ~ out there (“Lose body fat,” etc.)

“wellness” influencers
online ~ who peddle positivity for likes, clicks, and profit

wellness journey
first, let’s check in about where you are on your own ~

wellness narrative
as the ~ toggles between self-improvement and self-acceptance... (*Vanity Fair*)

“wellness play”
Burd was asked about Safeway’s mysterious ~ (Theranos)

wellness retreat
Becky leads workshops at a popular New England ~

wellness routine
mouth taping is a positive addition to her ~ (during sleep)

wellness scams
the junk science behind ~ (Maintenance Phase podcast)

wellness (care) system
we’ve got to shift to a ~ (depression / people of color)

Wellness Trap
Christy Harrison, a journalist and author of *The* ~

wellness trend
popular dietary advice and ~s
podcast examines ~s and beliefs (what weight means, etc.)
mouth taping, the viral ~... (at night)

wellness visionary
self-professed “~” Lisa Odenweller (Kroma)

wellness and weight loss
~, debunked and decoded (*Maintenance Phase* podcast)

wellness startups and apps
the numerous ~

mental wellness
see *mental wellness* (*noun*)

sexual wellness
Maude, the ~ website
Welcome to the Pornhub ~ Center!

beauty and wellness
Marlene Lenthang is a freelance writer covering ~

health and wellness
people are really concerned with ~

Health and Wellness
Out ~ (“reduce sex partners to avoid monkeypox” / NBC)

health and wellness
he won’t run for re-election “to focus on ~” (politician)

health, wellness, and lifestyle
she created the world’s first ~ app (*The Whole Pantry*)

Gospel of Wellness

The ~: Gyms, Gurus, Goop and the False Promise of...

queen bee of wellness

Belle Gibson was the ~ (*The Whole Pantry*)

♦ “What to know about mouth taping, the viral wellness trend that has people taping their mouths shut at night” by Katie Kindelan, ABC, Nov. 7, 2022.)

♦ “First, let’s check in about where you are on your own wellness journey. When was the last time you had your vagina steam?” (“Well, it was just the one time.”)

♦ “And here we get into questions of philosophy. My V-steam cost \$50, which is a lot to pay for sitting over hot vapor. Is your money well spent on this stuff? It depends on what you’re looking for. It also depends on how much money you have and how you define wellness. Is a massage only supposed to feel good, or is it supposed to lead to a tangible state of bliss? Is it a pleasure of the now or an investment in tomorrow?” (“We Have Found a Cure! (Sort of...)” by Taffy Brodesser-Akner, *Outside Magazine*, 11/12/2022.)

♦ “Employers, which have long been nickel and diming workers to lower their costs, now have a new tactic to combat these growing costs. They call it ‘wellness.’ It involves growing surveillance, including lots of data pouring in from the Internet of Things—the Fitbits, Apple Watches, and other sensors that relay updates on how are bodies are functioning.” (*Weapons of Math Destruction* by the remarkable Cathy O’Neil.)

♦ “An officer on a routine wellness call approached a house with his gun drawn...” (Also referred to as a welfare check, as in “The welfare check at the lake may be connected to another death...”)

♦ “The officers came for a wellness check and I asked them if any of them wanted a hug and they all said they wouldn’t like one.” (Gabbie Hanna on TikTok, after some of her 7.5 million fans called the police, concerned about her mental state.)

♦ “Our goal is to evaluate each case individually and help students regain the level of wellness required to return actively to the Dartmouth community.” (Diana Lawrence, a Dartmouth spokeswoman, about a student who had been involuntarily withdrawn after a suicide attempt and sent home, where she successfully committed suicide.)

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♦ *Bad Blood* by John Carreyrou is instructive about “wellness.” Chapter 9 is entitled “The Wellness Play.” So much for “wellness centers.”

♦ “In Chicago, executives at Walgreens were astonished to learn of the scale of the test voidings. The pharmacy chain had been trying to get answers from Theranos about the impact on its customers for months. On June 12, 2016, it terminated the companies’ partnership and shut down all the wellness centers located in its stores.” (*Bad Blood* by John Carreyrou.)

♦ “People are losing 67 pounds as they sleep by simply adding a pinch of this tropical ingredient to their glass of water before bed. Whistleblower scientist Doctor Yang confirmed for the first time ever that...” (The YouTube ad goes on and on and gets better and better!)

♦ “Weed use is taking off as more states move to legalize it. And with all the buzz over medical marijuana, it’s starting to gain an aura of healthfulness. But there are some serious health risks associated with frequent use. One of the more troubling ones is the risk of having a psychotic episode.” (“Daily Marijuana Use And Highly Potent Weed Linked To Psychosis” by Rhitu Chatterjee, NPR, Public Health, March 19, 2019.)

♦ “Leveraging the cultural capital of barbershops to promote wellness.” (trapmedicine.org / barberswithoutborders.org. “Are you a barber interested in partnering with us?”)

♦ “Grant Cardone’s motto is to ‘10X yourself.’ But why cap it at ten? I like the idea of ‘InfinX.’ I’m a huge fan of mindfulness—and of coupling that with success... Call it religion, call it personal development, call it whatever...but I feel compelled to compete with the Tony Robbinses to impact millions around the world, by teaching them to sell themselves on life! We’re building out a goal-setting life-management system with accountability that’s pretty dope. It’ll tell you, ‘Did I expand my life or not?’ and then deliver content into your app.” (Sam Taggart, a door-to-

door salesman and hopeful dreamer with goals. From "The Hard Sell" by Tad Friend, *The New Yorker*, August 8, 2022.)

♦ "WonderMind will adopt a more approachable and comfortable tone, similar to that of entertainment and lifestyle content. The plan is to eventually expand into other forms of media, such as books, TV shows and movies." ("Selena Gomez to launch new mental health platform, WonderMind" by Megan Stone, GMA, Culture, November 19, 2021. A link in the article leads to the following statement from Wondermind's official Instagram statement: "[Funding] will be used to accelerate the building of Wondermind's mental fitness ecosystem across our daily online content, CPG products, and original storytelling for all platforms." A faux reporter on a street tells us, "Selena Gomez, out with a new single, she has a new show, and a new make-up line, is hoping to help others who are struggling...")

♦ "Primark Wellness hits stores with 80 curated "eco-conscious" products." (Primark is a department store chain with many stores in the United Kingdom, with more stores being established on the continent. There is a Primark Store in Chicago. Among other things, Primark specializes in "fast fashion," trendy clothes at astonishingly low prices.)

♦ "Want lifestyle and wellness news delivered to your inbox? Sign up here for Yahoo Life's newsletter."

♦ "Wellness, parenting, body image and more: Get to know the who behind the hoo with Yahoo Life's newsletter."

♦ "And when Dr. McClain dropped the final bombshell—video footage of the results he experienced after using the method on himself—it became clear that the discovery is nothing short of incredible, of course your individual results will vary." ("How To: Repair Your Body," a full page advertisement in the *Smithsonian*, December 2017. One cannot NOT immediately think of the Scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz, on receiving a diploma: "The sum of the square roots of any two sides of an isosceles triangle is equal to the square root of the remaining side.")

♦ The Audubon Society and its magazine has jumped on the "health and wellness" bandwagon; what trendier way to maintain its relevance, particularly with young people? Especially when you're promoting birds, and not, say, a rave. In an article titled "The Nature Antidote" by Jill U. Adams (Winter, 2019), the following medical words appear: antidote; anxiety; depression; diabetes; doctor's advice; dose (doses of green space); heal; health; mental health; mindfulness; prescription (how people "fill prescriptions" i.e. visit green spaces); (medical) professionals; PTSD; public health; Rx (the nonprofit Park Rx America); stress; therapeutic; well-being; wellness... There is also practical advice on the way you must deal with minorities.

♦ "The wellness effort is part of a large rebrand, designed to court Gen Z hires [into the CIA]." (The Talk of the Town, Wellness Dept., "Safeguarding," *The New Yorker*, March 6, 2023.)

♦ What exactly is wellness? "Wellness" includes lifestyle; self-help; self-improvement; self-care; fad diets; detoxes ("re-sets"); alternative medicines; mental health (everything from happiness to suicide); physical health; spiritual wellness; wellness at work; corporate monitoring and surveillance to cut costs; personal safety (police wellness checks); drug addiction / substance abuse; unregulated supplements and vitamins; anti-aging creams; exercise programs; yoga; wellness books and magazines; pop celebrities like Selena Gomez; sports celebrities like Serena Williams; celebrity actors like Gwyneth Paltrow; wellness coaches; wellness consultants; wellness gurus; wellness product lines at stores; wellness platforms; wellness apps for your phone... / Everyone knows someone for whom the pursuit of wellness is in fact a mania. See the Wikipedia entry "Belle Gibson."

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mental health: euphemism / health & medicine

inclusion & exclusion: health & medicine

wellspring (source)

wellspring of pride

a ~ in the gym (Sequoyah High's women's basketball)

wellsprings of our society

sacrifice and self-reliance are the ~

wellspring of American innovation and economic growth

federal investment was long the ~

♦ "You use your own humanity, that's your source, that's your wellspring." (BJ Miller, a doctor who is also a triple amputee.)

♦ "Love's wellspring is forgiveness." (Dante.)

source: water

west (go west / obsolete)

'goes west'

a one-pounder ~ (destroyed by tank in WW I)

gone west

in ten days McCray had ~ to join McClintic (both died)

gone West in the cause of science

guinea-pigs ~ (died / killed)

♦ This expression is out of favor. See *direction* (symbol) for quotations about the cardinal directions as metaphors.

♦ "At Annezin, we found everything in confusion. 'We're standing-to—at half an hour's notice for the trenches,' they told us. We packed up hastily, and in a few minutes the whole Battalion was out in the road in fighting order. Our destination was the Hohenzollern Redoubt, new trench maps of which were now issued to us. The men seemed in high spirits, even the survivors of the show: singing to the accompaniment of an accordion and a penny-whistle. But once, when a 'mad-minute' of artillery noise began, they stopped and looked at each. / 'That's the charge,' Sergeant Townsend said sententiously. 'Many good fellows going west at this moment; maybe chums of ours.'" (*Good-bye to All That* by Robert Graves. World War I. The Western Front.)

♦ "Things have changed so much since Sicily. Too many pals gone West... Pray God we get a decent break. We need it worse than you could ever know..." (*And No Birds Sang* by Farley Mowat. World War II. Italy. The Moro River.)

failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb

death & life: euphemism

West Point (epithet)

Thailand's West Point

Chulachomklao Military Academy is considered to be ~

Australian West Point

he studied counterinsurgency at Duntroon, the ~

military: epithet

epithet: school & education

wet (the wet, the dry, etc.)

Big Dry

the ~, also known as the Millennium Drought (Oz)

the ~ was a nine-year drought (Australia)

in the wet

he took a brilliant maiden pole position ~ (F1 / rain)

wind and wet

as we drove through ~ (sailing ship at Cape Horn)

epithet: part of speech

whack-a-mole (and whack a mole)

whack-a-mole

the whole affair is just ~ (online content moderation)

whack-a-mole with the virus

we are in for a long, protracted game of ~

whack-a-mole over and over again

it's ~ (defending abortion rights against opponents)

whack-a-mole situation

you are almost facing a ~ where... (misinformation)

game of whack-a-mole

it's a macabre ~ (resurgences of COVID)

it became a ~ as the YouTube police hunted it down

go to whack-a-mole

they could dismantle a group, instead they ~ (underlings)

♦ Many Americans associate this idea with the film *Caddyshack* and the character played by the great actor Bill Murray.)

difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games

whale (epithet)

whales of (psychiatric) science

the assembled great ~ (1909 medical congress / Budapest)

whale hunting

you don't have to go ~ (Pat Riley / NBA free agency)

land a "whale"

Heat president Pat Riley stated his desire to ~ (free agent)

♦ This epithet is less used nowadays; the modern term might be "old dead white men."

♦ In the *New York Magazine*, a writer recently referred to two competing Hollywood and Broadway producers as "silverbacks." A silverback is a mature male mountain gorilla.

epithet: animal

size: epithet / fish / animal

importance & significance: animal / fish / size

whale (White Whale)

Michelle's white whale

~ was the Golden State Killer (*I'll Be Gone In The Dark*)

second white whale

last season he got a yacht, Italy is the ~ (a showrunner)

focus on that White Whale

if he continues to ~, it's going to bring him down (politics)

♦ [Liz] Cheney, by contrast, had stopped going to House Republican conferences entirely, spent almost no time campaigning for re-election in Wyoming, lived in the Washington area and maintained a Captain Ahab-like focus on Donald Trump as a singular threat to American democracy." ("Inside the Jan. 6 Committee" by Robert Draper and Luke Broadwater, *The New York Times Magazine*, January 1, 2023.)

♦ "Even the central metaphor...doesn't work... If the protagonist, Charlie, is the whale, then who is his Ahab? Society? Or is Charlie Ahab and his Moby Dick is [sic] pizza? More importantly, who reads Moby Dick in

eighth grade!? / To the film-makers: You are not on the gallows with us; you are the hangman..." ("The Whale is not a masterpiece—it's a joyless, harmful fantasy of fat squalor" by Lindy West, *The Guardian*, 10 March 2023. Her mention of "gallows humor" seems to be the only connection to her metaphor of gallows and hangmen.)

♦ "Kaestner's quest to hit 10,000 (personally sighted bird species) is his personal Dawn Wall, an obsession he's sustained over decades, and he will not stop until he reaches his goal..." ("Damn It Feels Good to Be a Lister" by Jessie Williamson, *Outside*, May/June 2023. Birding. About Jessie Williamson, she is a Cornell ornithologist. Most non-casual readers of *Outside Magazine* will know that the Dawn Wall is a supremely difficult climb in Yosemite, and a great accomplishment.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: allusion / animal

allusion: books & reading

whataboutism, etc.

whataboutism

"~, " a strategy of false moral equivalences

♦ "Leave it to the *Times* to both sides it." ("Both sides" is used as a verb. *The Times* is *The New York Times*.)

context: part of speech

wheat (separate the wheat from the chaff)

separate the wheat from the chaff

we need to ~ (real cases vs. imagined of a syndrome)

separating the wheat from the chaff

G-2 had great difficulty ~ (military intelligence)

worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / wheat

wheel (break someone on the wheel, etc.)

wheel of Gladstone's sanctimony

thus he was at last broken on the iron ~ (politics)

destruction: justice / Middle Ages / violence

wheel (grease the wheels)

grease the wheels

the government is trying to ~ of growth (economy)

flattery and civility ~ of all human dealings

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

social interaction: mechanism / verb

wheel (control)

at the wheel

the deputy attorney general will be ~ for the final weeks...

put his hand on the wheel at the Justice Department

Trump tried to ~ and control the investigation

grab hold of the industry's steering wheel

Washington can no longer just ~ (auto making)

take the wheel

the state legislature should ~ and tweak the law (parole)

control & lack of control: mechanism

wheel (asleep at the wheel)

asleep at the wheel

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

consciousness & awareness: mechanism

control & lack of control: mechanism

wheel (training wheels)

on training wheels

- direct mail was microtargeting ~ (vs. today)

remove the training wheels

- we're going to ~

♦ The Vice President of the US, Joe Biden, explained the 2012 withdrawal of US troops in Afghanistan as removing the training wheels from a bicycle.

dependency / growth & development / help & assistance: mechanism

wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.)

Wheels Are Falling Off

- City fans responded to chants of "Ole's At The Wheel" with "The ~"

wheels are starting to come off the bus

- I do think the ~ (US Congress / democracy)

wheels came off the carriage

- the ~ (Caitlin Flanagan about Charles III)

wheels are coming off the train

- the ~ in the mortgage business

wheels are (well and truly) off at Manchester United well, the ~ (disgruntled fan)

♦ "Nurses are the linchpins of hospitals, and when we lose them the wheels of medicine fall off."

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism

condition & status: mechanism

wheel (spin one's wheels)

spinning our wheels

- we're in a rut and are ~ (financial reform)

spinning our wheels in Iraq and Afghanistan

- we're just ~

spinning our wheels on too many important issues

- we've been ~ (government politics)

just spinning our wheels

- we're ~, hoping to get out of the ditch

condition & status / progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / movement

wheel (hamster wheel)

hamster wheel of social media

- we spend our time on this ~ and our newsfeeds

hamster wheel of technology and productivity

- knitting draws people way from the ~ (the hobby)

hamster wheel

- the ~ that has happened in our brain (anxiety)

♦ "[Running for anxiety] takes the focus off the hamster wheel that has happened in our brain that puts us in an anxious state." (A licensed clinical social worker who suffers from anxiety and who is also a runner.)

♦ "Have you seen the new monthly magazine, *Horizon*, that Cyril Connolly & Stephen Spender are running? They are trying to get away from the bloody political squirrel-cage, & about time too." (Eric Blair to Geoffrey Gorer, 1940.)

♦ The Rat Race is for Rats! (A bumper sticker.)

♦ Even if you win the rat race, you're still a rat. (A bumper sticker.)

progress & lack of progress: direction / mechanism / movement

wheel (wheel of fate or fortune, etc.)

wheels of fate

- the ~ had started to turn, and for me there was no way out

wheels of fate were starting to turn

- but the ~, for me there was no way out ("Fancy" / Reba)

♦ "No mortal power may stay her spinning wheel. / The nations rise and fall by her decree. / She passes, and things pass... / ...Season by season / her changes change her changes endlessly." (Dante's *Purgatory*, translated by John Ciardi. In medieval times she was known as Dame Fortune, to the Romans she was Fortuna, to the Greeks she was Tyche. Today she might be referred to as Lady Luck.)

fate, fortune & chance: mechanism

wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)

turn of the wheel, the spin of the wheel

- federal judges are assigned the case by the ~

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games

wheel (wheels of justice, etc.)

wheels of capital

- they want us to keep oiling the big ~ (in the U.S.)

wheels of commerce

- the ~ are turning (in the U.S. / unfairness)

wheels of the European economy

- they keep the ~ turning (truckers held up at border)

wheels of government

- the ~ turn slowly

wheels of justice

- the ~ must now turn (Hillsborough disaster / soccer)
- the ~ in Atlanta move slowly

PR wheels

- OMG, the ~ are spinning on how to save Anne's career

government / operation: mechanism

wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.)

wheels (of justice) operate slowly

- the ~ (grand-jury investigation)

wheels (of government) turn slowly
the ~

wheels (many feel) turn (too) slowly
a justice system whose ~

operation / speed: mechanism

wheel (set the wheels in motion)

set (all) the wheels in motion
he ~ (for a trip)

initiation: mechanism

wheelhouse (noun)

in my wheelhouse
it's not exactly ~

in his wheelhouse
the issue is scientific and technical, not really ~ (politician)

in the executive branch's wheelhouse
things that are clearly ~ (rules, regulations)

outside the city's wheelhouse
he believes the huge undertaking falls ~

really outside my wheelhouse
what you want me to do is ~ (a lawyer)

so far outside his wheelhouse
why he devoted years to a subject ~ (an academic)

ability & lack of ability / experience / responsibility: boat

Wheel of Fortune (snark)

I'll solve the puzzle, Pat
~ (an online commenter)

♦ Pat Sajak hosted *Wheel of Fortune*, along with Vanna White. "I'll solve the puzzle, Pat" is a meme. This is the game based on "hangman."

♦ see also *Jeopardy!* (snark)

contempo-speak: sarcasm

wheezing (condition)

wheezing businesses
a landscape dominated by abandoned street fronts and ~

condition & status: breathing / health & medicine

where (conversations where, etc.)

where you realize
it's like a real chilling reveal moment ~ that... (a film)

conversations where
we're having these dishonest ~ children... (race)
have these ~ people can you know choose mental health...

future where
a dystopian ~ children are homeless castaways

moment where
we're in this ~ there's so much fakery (media)

place where

see *place* (*place where*)

point where
the war plan got baroque, insane, to the ~... (nukes)

situation where
you could find yourself in a ~ you keep boosting (Covid)
there is no ~ you go to the media (chain of command)
we can be a David in a ~ there's a Goliath (politics)

world where
we live in a digital ~ many get their news from the internet

♦ "There was a moment where I was like, you know, I'm this privileged person..."

♦ Traditionally, "where" would be "in which" or "at which," or "when." It seems that, for the younger generation, situation, time, and development have become places, expressed as "spaces."

location: place

where (time where)

time where
at a point in ~ contracts extension talks would start...
in this pandemic ~ everything's so fragile
this is our ~ we need to stand up (politics)
that was really the first ~ I was using my camera to...
this app came into my life right at a ~ I... (Clubhouse)
a ~ a skinny black girl can dream of...
it helped me get closer to my mom during a ~ she...
reimagining my life at a ~ I thought it was over
but there was a ~ bold political ideas flourished
they lived in a ~ gay people were made to feel like...
this is all coming at a ~ China is a touchy subject (NPR)

time (and place) where
have we really come to a ~ debate is feared

♦ Ishiguro's latest novel, *Klara and the Sun*, is set in a future time, where children no longer go to school..."

♦ "There are periods in time where we really need rest and we really need to heal. And I think we're in a time where that's certainly the case." (A doctor and the director of psychiatry at a concierge-style health care start-up with offices in New York, Chicago, and Washington, D.C.)

♦ "We're moving toward a time when COVID won't disrupt our daily lives, where COVID won't be a constant crisis." (White House Covid Advisor Jeff Zients.)

♦ "Especially at a time like now where we see anti-Black racism..." (A female Tulane University sociology professor.)

♦ The "time when" and "place where" distinction, like so much grammar nowadays, seems no longer to apply.

time: place

where (situation / development)

where are we
bring us up to date, ~ now, exactly (Ailsa Chang, NPR)

where we ended up
I'm super happy with ~ (=the results)

where it is
when I first got here, this team wasn't ~

where she is
on ~ with her body now

where we are

catch us up on ~ (about the Britney Spears story)
this is ~ now (Martin Luther King)

where we are today
we will need to have a conversation as to ~ (power failure)

where they are
we have to meet people ~ (addiction treatment)

where he is at
he has shown courage by acknowledging ~ (troubled)

where they are at
sometimes you have to meet people ~ (psychologically)

where we need to be
that's not how we're gonna get to ~ (a better place)
we're still so far from ~ (testing for COVID)

where we want to be
the vaccines are going to get us ~ (COVID pandemic)

where I plan on being
to be on ~, world champion, I should win this fight

where we wanted to be
we are basically two months behind ~ (vaccine production)

where the Lions and Matt Safford were last year
by next January, they could be in a place similar to ~

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

where things go
~ from here is quite honestly up in the air

where we are headed
there is so much fear about ~ (Covid Delta strain)

where we are and where we're going
the general will address ~ (Afghan evacuation / bombing)

where we want to be, need to be, can be
we are not ~ (Thomas Tuchel, sacked by Chelsea)

right back where
they will be ~ they are now (next season / sports)

♦ "When this is over, we'll need to have a conversation, a serious conversation, as to why we are where we are today." (Houston mayor Sylvester Turner about why the Texas power grid experienced difficulties during cold weather in February 2021.)

♦ "Thanks for having me, well, uh, so it started yesterday morning *where* [italics mine] the national police service [?] received a phone call regarding..." (Mickey Djuric, a female, Saskatchewan correspondent for the Canadian Press.)

♦ The following is fascinating: "I don't understand where we got to a place where we have such a targeted community of people." (The "targeted community" is transsexuals. The speaker is the mother of a transsexual. And, of course, the first use of "where" would be conventionally expressed as "how.")

♦ "Where we are today" equals "the situation now."

♦ see also *place (situation)* and *place (place where)*

development: movement / place

past & present / future / time: movement / place

condition & status / situation: place

whet (whet the appetite)

whet audiences' appetites for films
movie trailers ~

whet people's appetite for spending
museums try to ~

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

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

whet appetites for a rematch
their fight ~ (boxing)

increase & decrease: blade / knife

whiff (noun)

whiff of anxiety
there's a ~ in the Asian air (various issues)

whiff of bias
journalists must be free of any ~

whiff of corruption
the organization is tainted by the ~

whiff of incompetence
the government's handling of the crisis has the ~

whiff of insolvency
the ~ had reached the sensitive noses of his creditors

whiff of insurrection
the ~ is in the air (street protests)

whiff of opportunism
behind his good intentions is a ~

whiff of scandal
only one ~ has tainted the casino (Cherokee)

whiff of (Western) supremacy
some critics detect a ~ in his book

"There's something dead up the branch." (A Southern Appalachians expression. A branch is a watercourse like a creek or a stream.)

evidence: smell

whine (verb)

whine, scream and cry
the Democrats ~ crocodile tears for the child victims (guns)

character & personality: animal / sound / speech / verb

whiner (person)

hand wringers, worriers and whiners
~ (foreign policy)

character & personality: animal / person / sound

person: animal / sound

whining (noun)

whining

her ~ is rubbing fans the wrong way (auto racer)

stop whining

she just won't ~, she blames everyone other than herself

♦ Stop whining! Do something!

sound: animal

speech: animal / dog / sound

whiny (adjective)

whiny spineless

to hell with this ~ generation

sound: animal

speech: animal / dog / sound

whip (violence)

whipped them into shape

it took a while, but I ~ (a coach)

coercion & motivation / directing / oppression: verb / violence / whip

whip (crack the whip)

crack the whip

he taught his deputy how to ~ (politician)

cracking the whip on them

he is ~ (President against BP for oil spill)

coercion & motivation: verb / violence / whip

oppression: verb / violence / whip

whip (resemblance)

whipped the snow into a frenzy

the winds ~ (ground blizzard)

resemblance: whip

whip (movement)

whipped around

she ~ and said...

movement: verb / whip

whip hand (noun)

whip hand in the bidding process

Tahiti had the ~ (a surfing competition)

has the whip hand

Iran ~ (in the Gulf)

♦ "Major Sleeman reveals the fact that the trade union and the boycott are antiquities in India. India seems to have originated everything. The 'sweeper' belongs to the bottom caste; he is the lowest of the low—all other castes despise him and scorn his office. But that does not trouble him. His caste is a caste, and that is sufficient for him, and so he is proud of it, not ashamed... A footnote by Major Sleeman's editor, Mr. Vincent Arthur Smith, says...'The sweepers cannot be readily coerced, because no Hindoo or Mussulman would do their work to save his life, nor will he pollute himself by beating the refractory scavenger.' They certainly do seem to have the whip-hand... Just like a milk-route; or like a London

crossing-sweepership." (*Following the Equator: A Journey Around the World* by Mark Twain.)

coercion & motivation: hand / violence / whip

oppression: hand / verb / violence / whip

whiplash (noun)

legal whiplash

the ~ voters are experiencing this year (rules go to court)

feeling whiplash

many Americans are ~ from the changes (COVID rules)

feeling, emotion & effect: crashes & collisions / sensation / whip

whipping boy (person)

whipping boy

China is used as a ~ in the campaign (politics)

♦ The whipping boy was punished in the prince's stead at school.

punishment & recrimination: person / royalty / whip

person: royalty / whip

whirl (noun)

whirl of activities

he was in a ~ (very busy and engaged)

activity: movement

whirlpool (in a whirlpool)

in a whirlpool of thought and bewilderment

they were lost ~ (Bedouins)

stuck in a whirlpool

we are ~ of violence and extremism

amount & effect: sea / water

whirlpool (other)

whirlpool of (religious) violence and extremism

his murder laid bare the ~

entering the whirlpool

the film was made as the Greek economy was ~

amount & effect: sea / water

whirlwind (noun)

whirlwind

for the two women, the next few days would be a ~

we've had wild travel schedules lately, it's been a ~

he was a ~ (a skateboarder who committed suicide)

whirlwind of attention

he has been at the center of a ~ (Nobel Prize)

whirlwind of controversy

a ~ surrounds him

whirlwind of impeachment enquiry

Kurt Volker caught up in ~

whirlwind of (pent-up) civic forces

the dictator's ouster unleashed a ~

whirlwind of success

boxing, so far, has been a ~ for Karriss Artingstall

whirlwind for the (production) company

the past 36 hours have been a ~ (chaotic moves)

whirlwind existence

she lived at a totally different pace from her husband's ~

whirlwind romance

they got married after a ~

whirlwind relationship

they had a ~ and got married

whirlwind tour

a ~ ensued (of a factory)

whirlwind (first foreign) trip

Biden is back in Washington after his ~

whirlwind visit

he made a ~ to Afghanistan (Obama)

whirlwind 12 months

it has been a ~ since he returned to the sport (a boxer)

whirlwind years

he saved my life during those ~ (Barry Manilow / husband)

multitasking whirlwind

she was a ~ (sports, school, etc.)

romantic whirlwind

throughout the ~, Carly continued to write new songs

viral whirlwind

the ~ he created in 2014 (Bobby Shmurda "Hot Boy")

released the whirlwind

you have ~ and you will pay the price (politics)

unleashed a whirlwind

the dictator's ouster ~ of pent-up civic forces (Suharto)

reap the whirlwind

he who sows the wind shall ~ (Bible)

♦ In the US, people speak of dust devils. Dust whirlwinds are called *zawabi* in Arabic. In Australia, a whirlwind is called a willy willy.

♦ "Just on the stroke of seven o'clock we heard a shrill whistling in the north-east, and, two or three minutes later, down came a black buran. Shagdur set out to return to his own sleeping-place. Half an hour later...he [re-] appeared at the opening of the yurt. He had lost his way, although his sleeping-place was only 15 paces from mine...It was pitch dark [and] impossible for any man to stand. Shagdur had been on his hands and knees the whole time. Only those who have been out in such a storm can form any conception of what it is like. You get bewildered, and want to keep going, without knowing where...and it affects the brain. Next morning, the effects of this grim desert tempest were very easy to see; the sand was heaped up all round my yurt, and there were little mounds on the sheltered side of the camels." (A windstorm on the salt desert of Lop Nur in Xinjiang. From *Central Asia and Tibet* by Sven Hedin.)

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

activity: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)

riding the whirlwind

he's ~

control & lack of control: atmosphere / storm / wind

whisker (come within a whisker, etc.)

got within a whisker of the South Pole

he ~ in 1909 (Shackleton)

passed by a whisker

the referendum ~ (Switzerland)

proximity: breadth / hair

whisper (sound)

whisper of a (distant) waterfall

the ~

sound: speech

resemblance: sound

whisper (not shout)

whisper, not shout

affluence should ~

♦ "Affluence should whisper, not shout." (According to some popular-culture writer, 2023 was the year of "quiet luxury" and "stealth wealth." Of course, this relates to social status.)

fictive communication: sound / speech / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / verb

whisperer (horse whisperer, etc.)

Adele-whisperer

jazz pianist and repeat ~ Greg Kurstin (producer)

animal whisperer

Roy, the ~, the dreamer, fabulist, spark (Siegfried & Roy)

"baby whisperer"

called the ~, Brazelton... (a noted pediatrician)

"brand whisperer"

Forbes declared him a ~ (singer Travis Scott)

customer whisperer

a ~ with tips on how to defuse a patron... (on airlines, etc.)

Date Whisperer

The ~ (A 2023 Hallmark TV movie)

Elephant Whisperers

The ~ has earned an Oscar nomination (documentary)

elk whisperer

the ~ speaks English, Spanish and elk (Mark Casillas)

horse whisperer

the ~ feels the horse's childlike skittishness and fear
the ~ sees and hears himself through its eyes and ears

quarterback whisperer

he is known to be a ~ (coach Jim Harbaugh)

race whisperer
the latest pop-cultural ~ (Charlamagne tha God)

serial killer whisperer
the Los Angeles Times called him a “~” (James Holland)

‘swim whisperer’
the ~ teaches kids to be water-safe (Conrad Cooper)

Vagina Whisperer
meet the ‘~,’ a pelvic floor therapist
Susan Reardon, known as “the ~”
Susan Reardon runs the ~ website and Instagram account

“vegetable whisperer”
some people call Jeremy Fox the ~ (Californian chef)

“whale whisperer”
he refers to himself as a ~ (sued for defrauding investors)

wind-whisperer
developers consult a ~ like Derek Kelly (skyscraper design)

whistleblower whisperer
the ~ (the whistleblower lawyer Jordan Thomas)

♦ “In a chapter about ‘vaccine whisperers’ in Quebec...” (“Beyond The Vaccine” by Jerome Groopman, *The New Yorker*, April 5, 2021.)

♦ OG stands for “Original Gangster” and is AAVE. The “yield curve” relates to predictive economics. And the “whisperer” is Campbell Harvey, a finance professor at Duke University! (“The OG Yield Curve Whisperer,” Stacey Vanek Smith And Cardiff Garcia, NPR, Planet Money, August 9, 2018.)

♦ “Meet ‘the Vagina Whisperer,’ a pelvic floor therapist who wants people to get comfortable with their vulvas” by Kailin Reilly, yahoo life, January 12, 2023. The caption of a photo reads, “Sara Reardon, known as ‘the Vagina Whisperer,’ poses in a vulva costume.” To quote the great boxing promoter Don King, “Only in America!”

♦ The *Elephant Whisperers* has been nominated for an Oscar for short documentary. It was created by Kartiki Gonsalves, and it highlights the Kattunayakan people of Tamil Nadu.

ability / knowledge & intelligence: sound

language: affix

whistle (blow the whistle)

blow the whistle on corruption
~, bribery, or abuse

blow the whistle on them
maybe they were afraid he might ~

warning: sound / verb

whistle (dog whistle)

dog whistle
it’s not even a ~, it’s so blatant (anti-Latin sentiment)

dog whistles
these are ~, Islamophobic tactics (politics)

dog whistle from a losing politician
this is a desperate ~ (politics)

dog-whistle comment
some people are calling that a ~ against Muslims

dog whistle crap

he called concerns about Afghan refugees “~”

dog whistles and race
he used ~ in his campaign (a president)

racist dog whistles
he is launching his election campaign with ~

racist, dog-whistle
critics say this is a textbook case of ~ politics

♦ “The nature of a dog whistle is that I can’t definitively prove what was in somebody’s mind or heart when they said it, but the echoes are very strong.” (Andrew Marantz, author of *Antisocial: Online Extremists, Techno-Utopians, and the Hijacking of the American Conversation*.)

♦ In the US, a white politician claimed a black politician would “monkey things up.” The black politician replied, “He’s not using a (racist dog) whistle, he’s using a bullhorn.”

♦ “In the Claremont world, manliness is a bit of a dog whistle, and Senator Josh Hawley has blown on it hard with his recent book, *Manhood*.” (The Anti-Democracy Think Tank” by Katherine Stewart, *The New Republic*, September, 2023.)

♦ “It occurred to me that, because the world media establishment had ignored the Balkans for so long..., these people never had to learn, as the Israelis and Arabs did, how to talk in code, so as not to offend Western sensibilities with their racial hatred. In the Balkans, people spoke more honestly than in the Middle East, and therefore more brutally.” (*Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History* by the superb traveler, writer, and correspondent Robert D. Kaplan.)

message / speech: sound

whistleblower (noun)

whistle-blower
he’s a ~
a ~ has filed a complaint

whistleblower complaint
the charges, contained in a ~ (against FAA)

drawn criticism from whistle-blowers
the company has ~

♦ “I’m coining a new term: #whistleposturing. 1. The masking self-interested behavior as an act of whistleblowing. 2. The encouragement of others to view self-interested behavior as an act of whistleblowing.” (A tweet from *The New Yorker* staff writer Raffi Khatchadourian, seemingly in defense of the magazine.)

♦ Many older Americans, when they think of a whistleblower and whistleblowing, think of the 1983 film *Silkwood*.

♦ Not all whistleblowers’ motives are pure, or their complaints legitimate.

message / warning: person / sound

white (White Sea, etc.)

White Nile
the Blue Nile and the ~ come together in Khartoum

White Revolution
to placate Kennedy, the shah launched the so-called ~

White Sea
the Solovetsky Islands are in the ~

White Volta
the ~ is a tributary of the Volta River

♦ The White Volta’s main tributaries are the Black Volta and the Red Volta.

proper name: color

geography: color / proper noun

white elephant

white elephant

in English a ~ is simply a useless extravagance
Glasgow's £10m ~ (Glasgow Science Centre tower)

sports cathedral or white elephant

is the Tokyo Olympic stadium a ~

vanity project, a white elephant

the rail link between London and Birmingham is a ~

worth & lack of worth: animal / color

white flag (surrender)

ran up the white flag

the BBC ~ and forced him off air (Gary Lineker)

resistance, opposition & defeat: color / flags & banners / military / sign, signal, symbol

white hat (good)

'white hat' hacker

he became a ~, consultant, and author (Kevin Mitnick)

white hat-black hat

they have this ~ mentality (social groups)

put Raylan in a white hat

all the same, the show ~ (*Justified*)

character & personality: hat / film & TV / sign, signal, symbol

white knight

white knight

they needed a ~ to save the hospital

help & assistance: Middle Ages / person

whitewash (noun)

whitewash

it's a ~, they're brushing it under the carpet (PS752)

whitewash of justice

the mayor, police Superintendent railed against it as a ~

branded a whitewash

a public inquiry was ~ by victims' families

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: infrastructure / materials & substances

whitewash (verb)

whitewashed its review

UKA ~ and turned a blind eye to the concerns (doping)

textbooks whitewash

a number of ~ Japan's wartime conduct (in Japan)

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: infrastructure / materials & substances / verb

whitewash (groups)

whitewashes its cast

21 ~ (the film *21*, with Kevin Spacey)

whitewashes the role

the film completely ~ south Asians played in *WWI*

♦ Merriam-Webster only added this sense in September 2019. The 2019 film *The Aeronauts* with Felicity Jones and Eddie Redmayne is a good example of a film that isn't whitewashed. Himesh Patel plays John Trew, and many crowd scenes are enlivened with black and oriental faces.

♦ "Think about what that means. They didn't even cast a Black gay actor, or a Black gay character. It's played by a straight (laughing) Italian American man. So just like process that... that erasure." ("Bonus: Remembering the iconic, complicated Andre Leon Talley," NPR, Code Switch, Jan. 23, 2022. The commentators are discussing the idea that Stanley Tucci's character in the 2006 film *The Devil Wears Prada* represents Andre Leon Talley.)

inclusion & exclusion: presence & absence / verb

whittled

whittled away

his control has been ~ (a ruler facing protests)

decline: blade / knife

dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / knife

whittling (whittling down)

task of whittling down

he will leave the ~ the embassy to his successor (in Iraq)

decline: blade / knife

dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / knife

whoa (exclamation)

like whoa

people are ~ (surprise, delight, acknowledgment)

♦ "People are like whoa, real badass over here!" (An approving reaction to a surprising idea. The speaker leans back, with both hands up in the air, palms facing outward.)

feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation / gesture / hand / horse

whore (attention whore, etc.)

attention whore

just a guy who climbed, an ~, I guess... (see quotes below)

book whore

try the \$33 Bonfire T-shirt that reads, "~" (litcore fashion)

media whore

he went from being totally private to being a ~ (SBF)

media who&e

AOC is just a ~ (politics)

♦ "Interesting wardrobe. If ya ain't selling it, don't put it in the window." (An online commenter about a young lady who dresses provocatively on social media. He ended his comment with a laughing cross-eyed emoji.)

♦ "I don't get it either.. just a guy who climbed.. attention whore I guess.." (A negative comment about a FTM trans rock climber.)

- ◆ Who gives a fuck; I'm not sure why we're celebrating this; Who.the.fuck.cares; Why is this a celebrated achievement; attention whore I guess... (Members of the climbing community respond to an article about the first non-binary climber to send a 5.14 trad at East Coast Fist Bump in Sedona, Arizona.)
- ◆ "A 'photo slut' is a pro doing aerial tricks on small waves for the benefit of a camera. If a photo is published, the surfer makes money. 'The other guys were slutting out...'" (Surfing.)
- ◆ "When Sam saw the response to the *Forbes* billionaires list, and the *Forbes* cover that followed, any doubts he had about the value of public relations evaporated... Sam went from being totally private to being a media whore." (With the caveat, "so long as he could play a video game while doing it." From *Going Infinite: The Rise And Fall Of A New Tycoon* by Michael Lewis. It is about Sam Bankman-Fried and FTX.)
- ◆ "Seriously. Take it to the locker room and cry in a bathroom stall if you have to. Otherwise, it's just attention-seeking." (An online commenter about Caleb Williams of the USC Trojans sobbing after losing to the Washington Huskies.)
- ◆ Americans seem to instinctively resent and resist people who they view as "cashing in on / amplifying" a personal tragedy, especially to promote a political agenda. This even applies to the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting and the Parkland high school shooting.
- ◆ "For me, personally, I wanted to support the students, and the younger generations, I have empathy for what they're going through." ("Community member" Victoria Van Holder holding a sign offering free hugs. From "A year after Michigan State University shooting, museum has preserved memorial items" by Sophia Saliby, NPR, All Things Considered, February 13, 2024. See the Wikipedia entry "2023 Michigan State University shooting.")
- ◆ Attention hog; blowhard poser; narcissist; hubris; he decided to go public and cash in; maybe he promotes too much, I don't know...; he betrayed the code; bragging and identifying himself... (Online commenters about an ex-Navy Seal.)
- ◆ "Visibility is obviously so important." (The actor Elliot Page.)
- ◆ see also *slut* (*enthusiasm*)

attraction & repulsion / behavior / eagerness & reluctance / enthusiasm: sex

Who's Who

- Who's Who of (left-leaning) economists
they hosted a brunch for a ~, including...
- who's-who of ('80s musical) legends
the artist lineup was a ~ (1984 Olympics)
- who's who of (big) names
a ~ were present (the funeral of the great Aretha Franklin)
- who's-who of (WNBA) stars
the team's players are a ~ including... (Olympic gold)
- who's who of (comedy) talent
the magazine is known for producing a ~ (*The Lampoon*)
- 'Who's Who' of virologists
the ~ meet to talk bird flu in Geneva
- who's who of the rich and connected
the fallout has taken down a ~ (universities)
- who's who of the music world
the room is heavy with the ~ (MTV VMAs afterparty)
- who's who in health policy
he has enlisted a veritable ~ to come up with standards
- who's who list
his economic team is a ~ of Democratic veterans

the ushers were a ~ of titans (funeral of Cokie Roberts)

- ◆ The title is now in the public domain.
- ◆ "Suella Braverman was knocked out despite being endorsed by MPs Desmond Swayne, Jason McCartney and MP Henry Smith, a regular "Who's That?" of British politics." (A BBC topical satire show. The line drew hearty laughs.)
- ◆ "Who's who" has been supplanted by Crain's "40 under 40" (Crain's Detroit Business magazine's list of business leaders); Forbes 30 under 30 (which carries a curse); "20 under 20" (GLAAD / LGBTQ people); Time Magazine's 100 most influential people... There is no end to this promotion.

importance & significance: books & reading / person

wicked (as adverb)

wicked fast
Scott Horsley, ~ reporter...

superlative: part of speech

wild (behavior)

- wild beast
those ~s shot you in the back (said at funeral)
- wild celebration
the victory set off a ~ at the finish line (Olympics)
- wild child
he was always mature for his age, he wasn't a ~
- wild look
she burst through the door, a ~ in her eyes
- wild melee
a ~ broke out (soccer riot in Kabul)
- wild (tailgate) parties
the ~ outside Arrowhead Stadium
- wild rampage
dozens of teenage boys set off on a ~ (Central Park)
- wild revelry
feasting accompanied by ~ (Mardi Gras)
- wild side
I love to show my ~ every now and then (sex)
- wild streak
he must have brought out some ~ in me
- wild youth
whether to remember his ~ or forget it
- wild rite of passage
Las Vegas becomes a ~ for new 21-year-olds (booze)
- wild and crazy
he was ~, young and dumb
- wild and crazy
the NFL has its ~ side
- wild and reckless
I was at times ~ (gang member)
- crazy and wild
it was ~ (wedding in non-traditional location)

“Girls Gone Wild”

the creator of the “~” video series (spring break)

dudes-gone-wild

such ~ comedies as *Pineapple Express* and *The Hangover*

went wild

the 100,000 fans at the Camp Nou stadium ~ (soccer)
social media ~ (over Anna Sorokin)

drives scientists wild

this is the kind of thing that ~ (political interference)

♦ “Tuesday’s done some wild, wild things and screwed up many, many guys. She’s high sexual.” (The blond actress Tuesday Weld.)

♦ “In the mid-1980s, ‘wildin’ became one of many ways to describe someone acting in an uninhibited or reckless manner... Uninhibited Blackness has always inspired fear in mainstream America...” (“The Words On The Street” by Miles Marshall Lewis, *The New York Times Magazine*, August 13, 2023. “The Hip-Hop Issue.”)

behavior / feeling, emotion & effect / restraint & lack of restraint: animal

wild (control)

wild ending

in a ~ to the regular season (basketball)

wild guess

the ‘~’ is that 100,000...

wild hunch

she acted on a ~ (an inventor)

wild rumor

another ~ going around was...

wild shot

he flung up a ~ that missed horribly (basketball)

wild swings

protect consumers from ~ in energy prices

wild (conspiracy) theories

his death became the subject of ~

♦ “The novelist is ferociously untame.” (Lydia Millet.)

control & lack of control: animal

restraint & lack of restraint: animal

wild (run wild)

run wild

I will not ~ when my teacher is away

“running wild” in care homes

coronavirus is ~ for elderly people

running wild in Australia

Omicron is ~, it’s raging through this country

let their imaginations run wild

painters in the 18th Century ~ in the ruins (Piranesi, etc.)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / restraint & lack of restraint: animal / verb

wildcard (computers)

wildcard

you can fine-tune a search by using ~s (computers)

wildcard character

type the ~ and other text in the Find What box

word combinations, wildcards, part-of-speech tags
~ (searching)

computers: cards

wild card (person)

wild card

Saddam Hussein is a ~

branded Walker a ‘wild card’

he branded ~ and worried that... (politics)

behavior: cards / person

character & personality: cards / person

wild card (other)

wild card

the weather is always a ~ (mountaineering)

fate, fortune & chance: cards

wilderness (voice in the wilderness)

voice in the wilderness

I am a ~, but history will vindicate me (politics)

some voices in the wilderness

there are ~ calling for a digital Geneva Convention

voice in the wilderness of (intellectual) life

Chomsky is an important ~ in America

society: ground, terrain & land

dismissal, removal & resignation: society

acceptance & rejection: society

wilderness (in / into the wilderness)

in (history’s) wilderness

his spell ~ is at an end (Alfred Russel Wallace)

in the (career) wilderness

he spent years ~ (an actor having a renaissance)

in the (international) wilderness

he spent 3 years ~ (player left off national team)

in the (musical) wilderness

she managed to record her album after a painful period ~

quarter of a century in the wilderness

the team hopes to reach the Super Bowl after a ~

30 years in the wilderness

maybe ~ is long enough (Liverpool fail to win EPL)

on their own in the wilderness

they felt as if they were ~ (public investigators)

wondering in the wilderness
formerly in charge of the city, now ~ (a leader)

spent 30 months in the wilderness
he was suspended from the sport and ~ (a boxer)

led him into the political wilderness
his campaign ~ (against self-government for India)

acceptance & rejection / dismissal, removal & resignation:
society

isolation & remoteness / society: ground, terrain & land
wilderness (society)

wilderness years
the play was written during his ~ (while struggling)
the “~” when he was not in power (1930s / Churchill)

society: ground, terrain & land

acceptance & rejection / dismissal, removal & resignation:
society

wilderness (area)

uncharted wilderness
new routes into the ~ of the 21-century economy

online wilderness
international students are often in an ~ (universities)

♦ “It is rough, steep, mountainous country where we were trekking, covered with dense virgin forest, the famous taigá of Siberia, in places almost impenetrable, especially where the ground is littered with fallen giants smashed down by storms.” (*Dersu the Trapper* by V.K. Arseniev. The country Arseniev describes lies between the Amur and Ussuri Rivers and the Sea of Japan, north of Vladivostok, and includes the Sihoté-Alin mountain range.)

♦ “Midway in our life’s journey, I went astray / from the straight road and woke to find myself / alone in a dark wood. How shall I say // what wood that was! I never saw so drear, / so rank, so arduous a wilderness! / Its very memory gives a shape to fear.” (*The Inferno*, from the wonderful translation by John Ciardi.)

♦ “You can only go halfway into the darkest forest, then you are coming out the other side.” (Chinese.)

area: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips

wild West

Wild West
this is the ~, there’s a lot of things to figure out (venture)
it’s like the ~, there are no rules (Instagram)
it really is a ~ in terms of facial recognition (no rules)

wild west
it’s the ~ with automatic weapons (Afghanistan)

‘wild wild west’
why Oklahoma is a cannabis ~ (hands-off approach)

“Wild West” of unregulated tests
the current ~ is creating confusion (antibody tests)

Wild West-ish
the Mani, the ~ tip of the southern Peloponnese

digital-era Wild West
Silk Road was the new frontier of crime, a ~ (drugs)

a bit of the Wild West
it was ~, you could write your own rules...

in a Wild West
we are left ~ of antibody testing (unregulated)

tamed the Wild West
Google has ~ of copyright infringement

behavior / control & lack of control / environment: ground,
terrain & land / history

wilt (verb)

wilted in his (first Grand Slam) final
he ~ (tennis / lost)

wilt in the face of threats
we will not ~

wilted in the second half
the team ~

wilted in the heat
the city’s residents ~

wilted in theaters
the film ~

wilted under cross-examination
he ~ (convicted)

wilted under pressure
the offense ~ (sports)

wilted under his successor
the investigation ~

wilted sales
the sweltering heat ~ (retail)

efforts have wilted
legislative ~ (climate action)

stocks (also) wilted
European ~ (downturn)

decline / resemblance: plant / verb

win (verb)

hunger won
but the next morning, ~ (Alexander Pearce story)

success & failure: sports & games / verb

wind (get / catch wind of something)

caught wind of this
she first ~ in March (press investigation)

caught wind of Ulven’s music
the Web site called NRK Urørt ~

gotten wind of an attack
a few days earlier, US intelligence had ~

got wind of some improprieties
he ~ (fraud)

get wind of the war
the Israelis did not ~ (1973)

♦ Sportswriter: Have you, you know, gotten any wind of what's going to happen with Nick? / NFL player: I don't got nothing to say about that man. You're a clown, bro. Get out of my face, bro.

♦ "There's something dead up the branch." (A Southern Appalachians expression for something suspicious. A branch is a watercourse like a creek or a stream.)

evidence: smell / verb / wind

wind (throw something to the wind)

threw caution to the wind
I just ~ and went for it

throwing civil liberties to the wind
we are ~

dismissal, removal & resignation / restraint & lack of restraint: atmosphere / verb / wind

wind (dangle in the wind)

left dangling in the wind
the prosecutor was ~ (not supported by others)

allegiance, support & betrayal: atmosphere / verb / wind

wind (wind at one's back, etc.)

wind is at their back
unions feel like the ~

put wind in Biden's sail
these results will ~ (primary election victory)

force / help & assistance / progress & lack of progress: boat / plane / wind

wind (wind of change, etc.)

wind of change
but the ~ is blowing (rural areas)
there is a ~ blowing (state politics)

new wind
~s were whipping on the political stage (history)

political winds
anticipate the ~ blowing in Washington
the shifting ~ on campuses these days (Title IX)

winds were blowing
Oppenheimer was fully aware of which way the ~ (policy)

buffeted by the (political) winds
the Hmong were ~ that blew through Vietnam

winds have changed
the political ~ (more people support gun control)

♦ "Rain and winds, and whatsoever occurs by local impulse alone, can be caused by demons. It is a dogma of faith that the demons can produce winds, storms, and rain of fire from heaven." (St. Thomas Aquinas, in his *Summa Theologica*. The rain of fire is lightning.)

♦ Arabian horse are called "drinkers of the wind" because of their flaring nostrils.

force / driving force: atmosphere / wind

wind (wind its way)

winding their way through the courts
their cases are ~ (migrants)

♦ "An assembly line of discovery, invention, deployment, and trust wound its way through centuries and landed at the tip of a needle." (The final dose of vaccine that resulted in the eradication of smallpox. From "The Eureka Theory of History Is Wrong: The Real Reason American Progress Has Stalled" by Derek Thompson, *The Atlantic*, January / February 2023. The final paragraph is wonderful, but the metaphor is better stated as a voyage. No assembly lines back then.)

fictive motion: direction / verb

direction: movement / river / verb

movement: river / snake

progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

wind back (verb)

wind back to the spring
to understand, ~ of 2014

past & present / time: clock / mechanism / verb

wind down (verb)

winding down
the murder trial is ~
the party was ~ anyway

wound down
as 2010 ~...

starting, going, continuing & ending / time: clock / mechanism / verb

wind down (relax)

wind down
after a performance, it takes him a long time to ~
he took a sleeping pill to ~

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

windfall (noun)

windfall of \$1.7 billion
higher commodity prices contributed to a ~ (BHP)

windfall for local governments
it was a ~ (a COVID relief bill)

oil windfall
elites use their ~ to ensconce themselves in power

financial windfall
rising oil prices have brought them a ~

investigative windfall
finding the server was an ~ (cybercrime)

political windfall
she accused him of seeking a ~ from the aid package

♦ You can collect dead limbs that the wind has blown down and use them to start a fire. Or, you can collect fruit that the wind has blown down and eat it. A windfall "falls into your lap" and is an unanticipated benefit.

fate, fortune & chance: money / tree / wind

worth & lack of worth: money / tree / wind

window (and shop window, store window)

showcase and a shop window

it's supposed to be a ~ for women's football (World Cup)

put it in the window

if ya ain't selling it, won't ~ (dressing like a slut)

♦ "Interesting wardrobe. If ya ain't selling it, don't put it in the window."
(An online commenter about a young lady who dresses like a slut on social media. He ended his comment with a laughing cross-eyed emoji.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: window

windmill (tilt at windmills, etc.)

windmills of 'inequity'

tilting at the ~ (criticism of liberal academics)

tilting at windmills

he suggested that Trump is ~ (attributed to Xi Jinping)

♦ "Quixotic" comes from *Don Quixote de la Mancha* by Cervantes, a surprisingly modern book for having been written so long ago. Quixote means different things to different people. The phrase "tilting at windmills," especially, can be viewed sympathetically or negatively.

♦ Eric Drooker's November 15, 2021 cover of *The New Yorker* is superb. In the foreground is Don Quixote on his horse, on a bit of barren ground. His lance is pointed downward and he is looking up at four Brobdingnagian wind turbines in the midground. In the background is the edge of a great city with skyscrapers and a suspension bridge. The colors are industrial orange and yellow.

♦ see also *Quixote (Don Quixote)*, *tilt (world-title tilt, etc.)*

fantasy & reality: allusion

allusion: books & reading

window (window of opportunity)

window of opportunity

there was a little, little ~ (to win an Olympic medal)

small window of opportunity

there is a ~ for the motor system (peak performance)

window of opportunity to solve

the ~ the crimes is closing (passage of time)

window of opportunity is closing

the US's ~ fast (diplomacy)

window of opportunity could slam shut

the ~ (stopping AIDS in India)

missed our window of opportunity

we've ~

target / timeliness & lack of timeliness: window

window (launch window, etc.)

window

the ~ for doing a deal is small and closing
people don't realize how close or narrow that ~ is (climate change)

window of time

we only have a small ~ (to prosecute rape cases)

window of good weather

the climbers had been waiting for a ~

windows between the (guard's) rounds

the 15-minute ~ (prison suicide)

application window

a second ~ will be opened (computer)

launch window

we don't think we can make the ~ for March (NASA)

the ~ for Wednesday's mission opens at 0900 (space)

the ~ runs for 3 hours and 22 minutes (space)

summit window

weather forecasts show a potential ~ (Everest)

more and more are climbing during the same good ~s

weather window

Nasa had a ~ of 65 minutes to launch

everyone tries to reach the summit in the same 12-hour ~

climbers wait for the right ~ for the summit climb

clear-weather window

the first feasible ~ was 19 and 20 May (Mount Everest)

legal window

the eight-year ~ when a suit could be filed

narrow window

the ship had a ~ of time to take out a ballistic missile

small window

the ~ between the end of the night and beginning of the day (birdsong)

15-minute windows

the ~ between the guard's rounds (prison suicide)

eight-year (legal) window

the ~ when a suit could be filed

lookback window

the ~ lasts a year (suspension of state of limitations / abuse)

window is closing

that ~, we need to act now (global warming)

window would close

there was a risk the weather ~ (Mount Everest)

make the (launch) window

we don't think we can ~ for March (NASA)

target / timeliness & lack of timeliness: window

window (window to the West, etc.)

window to the capital

the Gare du Nord acts as a ~ (needs renovation)

window to the West

'Dallas' in Finnish was our ~ (a 37-year-old Estonian)

window to the world

the computer screen is his ~ (homeless man)

window on Europe
the city allowed Russia to open a ~ (St. Petersburg)

window on a nervous planet
the Diplomatic Security Daily is a ~

window on relations
the leaked cables are a ~ with the world (diplomacy)

"window on the West"
St. Petersburg was Russia's ~ (Peter the Great)

window into the dark corners
conspiracy theories are a ~ of our political soul

window into mammoth evolution
the DNA gave the scientists a unique ~

window into his mind
his letters to his wife were a ~ (a politician)
this statement is a ~ (politician's gaffe about rape)

windows into (other) worlds
they were ~ and landscapes (museum dioramas)

window onto the wonders
his narrow focus opens a larger ~ of natural science

world's window
the ~ to Thailand (the Bangkok Post)

illuminating window
the case is an ~ into the pitfalls of capital punishment

opens a window
she ~ on Cape Verde's music (a singer)

♦ "The media sometimes serves as a window and sometimes as a mirror. Shows and characters that resonate the most are actually both. You see yourself reflected in them, but you also get to learn about other things through them." (Mariana Diaz-Wioczek. From "Kids need to see themselves reflected in media. Here are some recommendations," Elizabeth Blair, NPR, December 26, 2021.)

portal: window

window (out the window)

window
gender goes out the ~ (female sports broadcaster)

go out the window
those best practices can mostly ~

gone out the window
common sense has ~ (soccer and VAR)

went out the window
his game plan ~ (a boxer)
the idea this was terrorism got shot down and ~

threw it out the window
we took the entire model and ~ (Andrei Doroshin)

throw that gut feeling out the window
~ (a defense lawyer during final argument)

thrown the law out the window
the judge has ~

♦ "Sometimes tactics are going to go out the window, you've just got to box..." (In other words, box on instinct.)

♦ "Before the quarter-hour mark, that plan was out the window." (An embarrassing Sheffield United fail.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: window

appearance & disappearance: window

window dressing

window dressing
I was ~ (hired to fix problems, but ignored)
this was a farce, ~ (the Savoy plebiscite)
the referendum was ~ (rigged results)
a lot of that is ~ (women in prominent positions)

window dressing on a coup
some wonder if this new prime minister is simply ~

window-dressing public relations
he took a ~ stand on the coronavirus crisis (EU official)

substance & lack of substance: window

wing (wing it)

winging it
the president is just kind of ~ (pardons)

haste / readiness & preparedness: bird

wing (division)

wing of Extinction Rebellion
XR Youth, the UK-based independent ~

right wing
in the US, the ~ is adamantly opposed to abortion

"political" and "military" wings
no difference between ~ (terrorists)

division: bird

wing (building)

amputee wing
Ward 57, the ~ at Walter Reed Army Medical Center

branching system: bird

wing (under one's wing)

took her under his wing
Clark Terry noticed Reeves' abilities and ~ (jazz)

took her under its wing
the Lawn Tennis Association ~ from an early age

took Liston under his wing
Father Alois Stevens ~ (Missouri State Penitentiary)

took me under his wing
he ~ (a film mentor)

took the teacher under his wing
he ~ (mentor / first-year teacher)

took Tommy under his wing
so Andy ~ (*Shawshank Redemption*)

got you under our wing
we have ~ (support)

help & assistance: animal / bird

wing (in the wings)

in the wings
there are extremists ~

waiting in the wings
many fine musicians are ~

**readiness & preparedness: theater
center & periphery: theater**

wing (clip / stretch one's wings)

political wings
the military is behind this campaign to clip Khan's ~

roots and wings
the only thing you can give your children is ~

stretch my wings
my fans have allowed me to ~

clipped his wings
his bosses had ~ (cop assigned to desk)

constraint & lack of constraint: bird / verb

wingman (person)

wingman's role
he played a ~ (an uncritical biographer)

wingman weekends
he takes small groups of men out for "~~" (a dating coach)

Congressman's wingman
he acted as the Florida ~ (friend, associate, procurer, etc.)

♦ "NYC wingwoman LLC, a relationship coaching service based in New York City, offers matchmaking, wingwoman services, 1-on-1 Coaching, and intensive weekend bootcamps."

♦ "The tactics of the Luftwaffe were immeasurably better suited to the realities of air fighting. The basic formation was the *Rotte* of two aircraft, a leader and his wingman, whose duty it was to support the leader at all times." (The Battle of Britain, 1941.)

character & personality / person: military / plane

help & assistance: military / person / plane

protection & lack of protection: military / person / plane

wink (noun)

wink
there's a bit of a ~, it's a joke (the subtitle of a book)
there's a bit of a ~, we're all in on it (subtitle of book)
this sort of ~, which the meme is...

wink-wink
they've just gone ~ and done the research anyway (viruses)

wink and nod
he is playing a risky game of ~

wink, wink, nod, nod
green energy with reliance on Russia for oil and gas (~)

wink wink nudge nudge
you got it, ~

wink, wink, nudge, nudge
Son of Samson was a '~' to gay audiences (1960 film)

with a wink
it's all done ~ of course (a drag-queen renovation show)

with a bit of a wink
he has often, ~, called Mishima his favorite writer

♦ "PEN15, write out the title, you'll get it, has begun its second season on Hulu..." (A well-briefed Scott Simon of NPR. This is an example of leetspeak.)

♦ Maryann 03: From CA: Welcome. I highly (wink wink nudge nudge) recommend online ordering and home delivery. Always tip your delivery person. They are your friend. (An ABC "Join the Discussion" comment on "New York legalizes recreational marijuana...")

♦ "Showing these struggles is important and necessary because they are very rarely told from this Black and brown perspective, and so much history about queer life has been and continues to be erased. (I don't recall ever studying LGBTQ issues in my history classes at school; like many kids growing up in the United States in the 1990s, my textbooks came from Texas. And well...you know.) (The last sentence is the "wink wink, nudge nudge." From "Farewell To 'Pose,' Which Fused Grief And Joy, Right Up To The Finale" by Aisha Harris, NPR, June 6, 2021.)

♦ "He dots all the "I's" and crosses all the "T's" for Michigan (wink wink).....plus the Athletic Director is afraid of him" (An online commenter about the volatile coach Juwan Howard, who is Black. The commenter probably meant, "checks all the boxes.")

♦ "The chain acknowledges that many consider 'Hooters' a slang term for a portion of the female anatomy. Hooters does have an owl logo and uses an owl theme sufficiently to allow debate to occur over the meaning's intent. The chain enjoys and benefits from this debate. In the end, we hope Hooters means a great place to eat." (Hooters.)

♦ "There's no doubt *Son of Sampson* was a heavy 'wink, wink, nudge, nudge' to gay audiences in the still heavily closeted early 1960s." (The 1960 film.)

♦ Be careful! Overseas a wink might mean something entirely different!

fictive communication / subterfuge: eye / gesture

winking (adjective)

winking acknowledgment
beyond his ~, he said he would address the matter later

fictive communication / subterfuge: eye / gesture

winner (noun)

winner
I don't think there are any ~s (politics)

competition / success & failure: sports & games

winnow (verb)

winnows (preparatory) info to a concise packet
his staff ~

winnowed away many social services
the government has ~

♦ Traditionally farmers still winnow the chaff from grain by throwing grain into the air. The wind blows away the lighter chaff from the heavier grains. "Winnow out" can mean both "remove" and "select." You can winnow out something undesirable or unwanted. But you can also "winnow out" what is desirable.

♦ "My sister midwived their winnowing while I sifted through family history, embodied in our belongings." (Helping aged parents move out of their home of 54 years. Many older people refer to this as "decluttering.")

dismissal, removal & resignation / searching & discovery / worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / verb / wheat

win over (verb)

win over Brexiteers

can she ~ (English Prime Minister)

win over Hispanics

they are trying to ~ (politics)

♦ The following title struck me when I saw it on the BBC website, because I didn't understand it: "Johnson has lost the dressing room—and the people in the stands, says MP." For some reason, the first thing that popped into my head was the dressing room for actors at a theater. Further along, comprehension dawned: "Using a sports analogy, he says: "As I walked through the crowd it was very clear that the prime minister has not only lost the [support of the] dressing room—he has also lost quite a lot of people in the stands." Well, of course! Like Manchester United!

allegiance, support & betrayal: sports & games / verb

winter (decline)

winter of his life

he didn't complain at the inexorable arrival of the ~
what he describes as the ~ (Paul Auster)

in the winter of my life

now ~, it was a great honor to... (explorer Don Walsh)

winter has (finally) come

~ to *Game of Thrones* (final two episodes)

♦ "I salute Victor Vescovo and his outstanding team for the successful completion of their historic explorations into the Mariana Trench. Six decades ago, Jacques Piccard and I were the first to visit that deepest place in the world's oceans. Now in the winter of my life, it was a great honour to be invited on this expedition to a place of my youth." ("Mariana Trench: Deepest-ever sub dive finds plastic bag" by Rebecca Morelle, BBC, May 13, 2019.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: season
death & life / decline / growth & development: season

winter (resemblance)

winter sleep

nature is awakening from its ~

resemblance: season

winter (nuclear winter, etc.)

A.I. winter

the seventies proved to be the so-called "~"

crypto winter

a recession could lead to another ~ and last for a long time
in past ~s, trading revenue declined significantly

Coinbase has survived through four major ~s

a ~, a downturn that has gone on and on...

we've been living in the ~ for the better part of a year

impact winter

debris from a comet strike could produce an ~

nuclear winter

a full-blown nuclear war would be followed by a ~

destruction: season

wire (down to the wire)

going down to the wire

business leaders are furious because the new change is ~
(Brexit)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: horse / sports & games

wired (and hardwired)

hardwired into the nation's DNA

confrontation and conflict are ~ (US)

hardwired to find myself

I knew I was ~ in that situation (an abusive relationship)

hardwired for that

I was ~, drawn to it, or I drew that to me (female abuse)

wired to worry

we're ~, it's a survival mechanism

identity & nature / operation: electricity / mechanism

witch (insult)

witch

she's a ~ (disliked or feared woman)

♦ "Why can't somebody throw a bucket of water on this witch." (An online commenter about the celebrity Amber Heard. The allusion is to the beloved 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*, and the Wicked Witch of the West, portrayed by Margaret Hamilton. "I'll get you, my pretty...and your little dog too!")

♦ "Seeing the phantom-like outline of the Dolomites against the night sky, it feels harder to sneer at stories of witches, sorcerers and secret gates to the underworld. Perhaps these legends are the last reminders of a time when we didn't need to believe in heaven and hell—the landscape was mysterious enough in itself." (At Lago di Braies, near the mountain of Sass dia Porta. From "Legends of the Italian Dolomites," by Oliver Smith, BBC, 28 August 2012.)

♦ "With the arrival of the womenfolk a new figure appeared in the camp. This was Zlydarikha or Kubarikha, a soldier's wife who was a cattle healer, a veterinarian, and also, secretly, a witch..." (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.)

♦ "As the sky was clear, he did not bother to set up a brush shelter. He simply scraped together a bed of leaves, as a wild animal might do. / However, he took the human precaution of piling them under a shade that moonlight would not strike through. If one sleeps in the moonlight he will go crazy. Also he broke off a willow fork and drew a circle with it around his bed. That was to keep witches away. Then he took a piece of rubber band from his pocket, where he always carried it, snapped off a bit and burned it in the fire, so no ghost would bother him that night." (*Smoky Mountain Magic* by Horace Kephart.)

♦ "Siquijor is one of more than 7,000 islands in the Philippines—it has tropical sun, white sand and an azure sea, but it is also famous for witchcraft... Consing Achay is not quite what I imagined a witch to be. She is devoutly Catholic and sees no contradiction between her religious faith and her traditional spells." ("Healing rituals and bad spirits on a Philippine island," by Kate McGeown, BBC, 4 February 2012.)

♦ Traditional medicine and psychiatry may relate to black magic, the evil eye, an evil spirit, a ghost, magic, muti, sorcery, a spell, voodoo, or witchcraft. Practitioners of traditional medicine include the inyanga, medicine man, sangoma, shaman, sorcerer, traditional healer, witch, witch doctor, and yerbero.

♦ "A 40-year-old mother of two was burned alive in central Nepal after she was accused of being a witch, police said Saturday. / She was attacked and set on fire by family members and others after a shaman allegedly accused her of casting a spell to make one of her relatives sick, Police Officer Hira Mani Baral said. / The attack occurred in Bagaunda in Chitwan district, about 50 miles southwest of Kathmandu... / Police arrested 10 people, including two shamans, five women and an 8-year-old boy, in connection with the burning. / 'Those arrested have confessed

to their crime and will be charged with murder,' Baral said. / Mahato had just finished cleaning a cowshed early in the morning when she was attacked, Baral said. / She was beaten with sticks and rocks before being doused with kerosene and set afire, an attack witnessed by her 9-year-old daughter, according to the local police report. / Neighbors told police they were alerted to the attack but by then it was too late to save her. / Prime Minister Baburam Bhattarai appealed to the people not to heed to shamans and faith healers." ("Nepalese woman accused of witchcraft and burned alive," from Manesh Shrestha, CNN, Feb. 18, 2012.)

♦ In Ghana in 2008, 5,000 alleged witches, mainly elderly women, were living in six "witch camps," including the Gambaga Outcast Home.

character & personality / insult: creature / person

witch hunt

witch hunt

the campaign has sparked a ~ (for pedophiles)

witch hunts of the late 1940s

the anti-Communist ~ and early '50s

"witch-hunt" on Wikileaks

Assange urges the US to end its ~

"witch-hunt" against Wikileaks

Assange has urged the US to renounce its ~

witch hunt tactics

I will not be subjected to your ~

celebrity witch-hunt

police denied a ~ (sex offenses against boys)

Democratic witch hunt

this is a ~, everyone knows it (politics)

political witch hunt

the administration claims this is just a ~

anti-Communist witch hunts

the ~ of the late 1940s and early '50s

victim of a (political) witch hunt

many Zulus believe Mr Zuma to be the ~

end witch-hunt

~, Assange urges US (on Wikileaks)

renounce its "witch-hunt"

Assange has urged the US to ~

turned into a hysterical witch-hunt

the Tailhook scandal ~

♦ "The Department of Justice ended a controversial program nearly two years ago... Now, a proposed House spending bill wants to bring the initiative back." (The China Initiative.)

♦ "Witch hunts have been triggered by health crises in the past: during a tetanus epidemic in Benin, following dysentery and malaria deaths in Papua New Guinea, and during a meningitis outbreak in Ghana. In communities in the DRC, Papua New Guinea, and Tanzania, among others, HIV / AIDS is perceived to be linked to witchcraft. ("Witchcraft allegations, refugee protection and human rights: a review of the evidence," from the series New Issues in Refugee Research, Paper No. 169, by Jill Schnoebelen, UNHCR, January 2009.)

judgment: justice

oppression: allusion / creature / history / justice / violence

with (support)

with you

I am ~

with him all the way

I am ~ (politics)

with you shoulder to shoulder

we are ~ (US troops withdrawn from Afghanistan)

allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle

withdrawal (feeling)

withdrawal symptoms

when you're not around them, do you get ~ (a birder)

going through withdrawal

sports fans are ~ because of coronavirus lockdowns

enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine

feeling, emotion & effect: addiction / health & medicine

wither (verb)

withered

his faith in the government ~

wither in our (education) system

children ~ (rote learning)

wither on the vine

see *vine* (*wither on the vine*)

♦ "Nothing is withering in Waco... nothing is withering... There's a lot of blooming. I'm gonna say not withering; there's some stuff blooming in Waco..." (An irate Baylor head coach Nicki Collen, commenting on a stupid article by Kent Babb in *The Washington Post* about LSU's head coach Kim Mulkey.)

decline: plant / verb

withering (adjective)

withering barrage

their report came under a ~ of criticism (education)

withering criticism

he has faced ~

withering questioning

he faced ~ from upset lawmakers (Boeing exec)

feeling, emotion & effect: plant

with us (no longer with us)

no longer with us

unfortunately, he was found in a pond and he is ~ (body)

we've located them and they're ~ (Delphi murders)

♦ A-Wang: (Busy cutting meat with a knife on a chopping board, creating a lively chopping sound.) My radio is broken. What's the latest news? / Ritai: Qiangba's not with us anymore. / A-Wang: (Jovially.) Chasing after another girl? / Ritai: (Somberly.) He was killed. / A-Wang: (The busy chopping sound he has been creating goes silent for several beats.) / Ritai: You be careful. (From the great film *Mountain Patrol: Kekexili*.)

death & life: euphemism / presence & absence

with us (with us forever, etc.)

with us always
clickbait will be ~

remain with us
the costs of Vietnam ~ (troubled vets, sons, etc.)

♦ "I don't feel any guilt or blame about it. I think my view really is if we hadn't done it someone else would have. And it would be with us in any case." (Lilli S. Hornig, who worked on the Manhattan Project. From "The Bomb," PBS, 2015.)

presence & absence / survival, persistence & endurance:
prep, adv, adj, participle

witness (noun)

witness roses
these ~ are saying, "Welcome home, pilgrims"

witness trees
it is one of the best known ~ at Gettysburg (Sickles')

time capsule and a witness
it serves like a ~ (the Finnish film *Fallen Leaves* / Ukraine)

bore witness
he had been captured and tortured, as livid scars ~

♦ "These witness roses are saying, 'Welcome home, pilgrims.'" (From "A rosebush, which hasn't bloomed in decades, adds color to a dim chapter in history" by Ryan Warner, NPR, Morning Edition, May 30, 2022. A "survivor" of the Amache Japanese-American internment camp witnesses a "miracle." Cheesy, overproduced, historically inaccurate, and divisive.)

♦ "These Trees At The U.S. Capitol Have Surprising Stories To Tell" by Sanford Ungar, NPR, April 30, 1982. "This story originally aired on All Things Considered on April 30, 1982. The digital preservation of this audio has been made possible in part by the National Endowment of the Humanities." Melanie Choukas-Bradley is delightful.

♦ "He also said it would have been impossible to make a movie without having the war present. It serves like a time capsule and a witness so that whenever someone sees the movie in the future they will know that this was going on." (Alma Poysti speaking to NPR's Scott Simon about the Finnish film *Fallen Leaves*. Throughout the film, the radio broadcasts news and information about the war in Ukraine.)

♦ "And off this corner in the wild, / Where these are driven in and piled, / One tree, by being deeply wounded, / Has been impressed as Witness Tree / And made commit to memory / My proof of being not unbounded." ("Beech" by Robert Frost from *A Witness Tree*.)

♦ "Witness trees have incredible stories to tell."

fictive meeting & seeing: eye

witness (verb)

witnessed two cataclysmic events
the 15th century ~

fictive meeting & seeing: eye / verb

Wizards (Washington Wizards, etc.)

Washington Wizards
~ point guard Russell Westbrook

proper name: creature

wizard (person)

math wizard

only gifted ~s understand it (Poincare Conjecture)

dot-com wizard
~s becoming billionaires

Wall Street wizard
he had a reputation as a ~ (Bernie Madoff)

marketing wizard
a ~ who hopes he had found the path to riches

financial wizard
he is regarded as a ~ and bankruptcy expert

♦ Reporters, editors, and digital whizzes...

♦ "They resemble humans, but their mouths are wider and their legs are much longer than ours, with the feet facing backward. They have wings to fly through the air, and are clad in green robes." (Mashraf Khan, the royally appointed wizard of Hunza, speaking of the snow fairies that, in Hunza tradition, inhabit the surrounding mountains in northwest Pakistan. Mashraf says that they have a king and a queen, and the queen makes prophecies, such as 'A girl will die a month from now, falling into the river to the north.' Mashraf says he dances with the fairies. People watch him dancing, but the fairies are invisible.)

♦ Ian Brackenbury Channell was a winner of the Queen's Service Medal and was also considered "a living work of art." ("New Zealand council ends contract with wizard after two decades of service" by Eva Corlett, *The Guardian*, Friday 15 October 2021.)

ability & lack of ability: creature / magic / person
person: creature / magic

wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)

Wizard of Menlo Park
Edison was known as "The ~"

Welsh Wizard
the new champion of the world, the ~, Joe Cordina

ability & lack of ability: creature / epithet
epithet: creature / magic

Wizard of Oz

Wizard of Oz defense
he is using the ~ (pay no attention to that man behind...)

Wizard of Oz curtain
when normal standards get applied, the ~ comes open

Wizard of Oz effect
the ~ (it seems like it's powerful, but it's really not)

♦ "When normal standards get applied, the Wizard of Oz curtain comes open." (A scandal at CNN involving ethics and sex, resulting in three high-level dismissals.)

♦ "Why can't somebody throw a bucket of water on this witch." (An online commenter about the celebrity Amber Heard. The allusion is to the beloved 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*, and the Wicked Witch of the West, portrayed by Margaret Hamilton. "I'll get you, my pretty...and your little dog too!")

♦ "And when Dr. McClain dropped the final bombshell—video footage of the results he experienced after using the method on himself—it became clear that the discovery is nothing short of incredible, of course your individual results will vary." ("How To: Repair Your Body," a full page advertisement in the *Smithsonian*, December 2017. One cannot NOT immediately think of the Scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz, on receiving a diploma: "The sum of the square roots of any two sides of an isosceles triangle is equal to the square root of the remaining side.")

allusion: film & TV
subterfuge: allusion / cloth / film & TV

wizardry (noun)

high-tech wizardry
the new weapon is a bit of ~

technological wizardry
in an age of ~...

knowledge & intelligence: creature / magic
ability & lack of ability: creature / magic

wobble (commitment)

wobbles on tanks for Ukraine
Germany's Scholz ~

♦ You can stand fast / firm... or wobble.

commitment & determination: equilibrium & stability /
movement / verb

wobbly (condition)

wobbly on policy
we have seen her sometimes ~ (politics)

wobbly state
City Opera has been in a ~ since 2008

looking (slightly) wobbly
it was perceived Britain was in decline and ~ (history)

condition & status / flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium &
stability

wobbly (commitment)

went wobbly
he ~ but she stiffened his spine (politics)

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying
commitment & determination: equilibrium & stability /
movement

woke (groups)

woke
but if you're aware, ~ is you will... (Trans)

“woker” than their Black classmates
it is white students who are “~” (academia)

woke activists
Cambridge Dictionary bows to ‘~’ (definitions)

woke babble
the left's ~ (*Latinx*, etc.)

“woke” capitalism
~ waters down the left (David Brooks)
the ESG movement has been labeled as ~

woke capitalism
“~” is a derogatory reference to ESG

‘woke’ content
who is reaping the benefits of all the ~ that we produce

woke culture

~ is threatening Western values (Oliver Dowden, Tory)

woke definition
so by ~ literally everything is racist

woke fans
J.K. Rowling not worried about losing ~ (Harry Potter)

woke incarnation
Teen Vogue, in its current ~...

woke (gender) ideology
keep ~ out of schools

woke interpretation
~ is heavy on self-flagellation (v. self-congratulation)

woke left
those who dissent with the tenets of the ~

woke liberals
~ see “racism” in everything

woke messaging
Hollywood force-feeds diversity and the ~

woke mob
I realize I'm in the crosshairs of the ~ (QB Aaron Rodgers)
we will never ever surrender to the ~ (Governor DeSantis)
Disney has once again surrendered to the ~ (*Snow White*)
presidents who sold their souls to the ~ (MIT, Harvard...)

woke orthodoxy
I've been outspoken about my disagreements with the ~

woke people
the cancel culture people, the ~ (the beloved John Cleese)

woke playbook
their opinions are incompatible with the current ~

woke police
the ~ is out there (Chris Harrison)
the only police that need defunding are the ~

woke prompt
the language model creates a ~ (AI image generation)

Woke Racism
~: *How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America*

“woke” rhetoric
they have turned ~ against their opponents

woke wasteland
ESPN used to be the video bible of sports, now it's a ~

woke worldview
I've seen how the ~ trivializes actual bigotry (a student)

woke zombies
where do these ~ come from (PACBs)

woke and (needlessly) bitchy
it's tediously ~ (*And Just Like That*)

woke, preachy, and boring
it's better to be offensive than ~

super woke

she's like ~, you know, she's like policing me (a father)

tediously woke

it's ~ and needlessly bitchy (*And Just Like That*)

too woke

America is ~, progressives have lost their minds

became woke

a prejudiced white character who ~ (a book)

gone woke

the big banks have ~ and let the community down (ESG)

♦ Get Woke. Stay woke.

♦ WOKE ISNT [sic] THE ENEMY / SLEEPING IS / #NOTOUTRAGED?PAYATTENTION (A protest sign. The protester is holding it aloft over her head with both hands; her mouth is open. The protest occurred at New College of Florida (NCF), one of 11 state-run universities. A liberal arts school, it has a total student enrollment of about 700, 29 of whom are graduate students.)

♦ "T-shirts emblazoned with the words "Stay Woke." (At Twitter, before Elon Musk took over.)

♦ Go woke go broke. (Pushback against "woke" corporations.)

♦ "WOKE EQUALS FAILURE." (Donald Trump, about the USWNT's loss to Sweden in the 2023 World Cup.)

♦ "You really could have inserted the word *accountable* or *accountability* instead of *woke police*... You don't get to say what you want. That's just not how it works." (The former Bachelorette Rachel Lindsay, calling out Chris Harrison, longtime host of *The Bachelor* TV show. Who gets to say what and how to say it is an important characteristic of "woke" folks.)

♦ "The language model takes your prompt, runs it through these set of rules, and then sends the newly generated woke prompt (which you cannot access or see) to the image generator... Google has to literally put words in your mouth by secretly changing your prompt before it is submitted to the image generator." (Adrew Torba, about images of women Popes, Black George Washingtons, etc.)

♦ "Should the Lincoln Memorial come with a spoiler alert? Should schoolchildren be taught to question the very name of the nation's capital?" ("Once the future, US now captive to its past" by Nick Bryant, BBC New York, 18 June 2021.)

♦ "It's a cruel woke world out there..." (Jake, from BBC's hilarious *Ed Reardon's Week*, Series 14, "You're Cancelled.")

♦ "Some people are so 'woke' they are delirious from lack of sleep." (Online discussion board shade / snark / sarcasm.)

♦ "Stop WOKE Act" regulates what schools and workplaces can teach about race and identity." (Florida.)

♦ Sam Sanders argues that the term *woke* has had its day and should be retired. ("Opinion: It's Time to Put 'Woke' To Sleep," NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, December 30, 2018.)

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. "The microwave is smart, but the refrigerator is woke." (A real-estate lady showing a kitchen to two potential customers. From *The New Yorker*, March 6, 2017.)

♦ "Get Lit, Stay Lit." (The name of a solar power project that seeks to "put solar panels on one restaurant in every New Orleans neighborhood.")

♦ "The Hutu extremist magazine *Kangura* (Wake Them Up) promoted hatred of Tutsis before the genocide." ("Roots of Rwanda's Genocide" by Helen Epstein and Claude Gatebuke, *The New York Review*, June 10, 2021.)

♦ "Most people are just not into this Woke New World." (An online commenter.)

♦ "What is wrong with 'being alert' to injustices?" (An online commenter.)

♦ see also *awake* (*adjective*)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

wokeness (groups)

wokeness

I realized ~ was different from my liberal values (student)
~ is not just a social philosophy, but an elite status marker

peak (campus) wokeness

we're past ~, the tide has turned and is receding... (2023)

newfound wokeness

the museum's ~ (Metropolitan Museum of Art)

corporate wokeness

the governor wants to take on ~ (Ron DeSantis)

earnest, uncompromising wokeness

her ~ (NPR CEO Katherine Maher)

'wokeness' comes

when ~ to Middle-earth (CNN / *The Rings of Power*)

♦ "Wokeness is a virus more dangerous than any pandemic hands down." (The politician Nikki Haley at CPAC.)

♦ "Wokeness is not just a social philosophy, but an elite status marker, a strategy for personal advancement. You have to possess copious amounts of cultural capital to feel comfortable using words like *intersectionality*, *heteronormativity*, *cisgender*, *problematize*, *triggering*, and *Latinx*... Wokeness becomes a way to intimidate Boomer administrators and wrest power from them." ("How The Bobos Broke America" by David Brooks, *The Atlantic*, September 2021.)

♦ "It was possible to interpret [Macron's] emphasis on her embrace of universalism as a rebuke of the '*wokisme*' that some members of the government believe is eroding national cohesion." ("Paris Postcard: Maman at the Pantheon," *The Talk of the Town*, *The New Yorker* magazine, December 13, 2021, about Josephine Baker, originally from St. Louis, who became a French citizen in 1937.)

♦ "Many in the French mainstream are correct to note that wokeness is philosophically incoherent—trying to end racism by elevating race—and, if taken far enough, dangerous. The politics of identity that undergirds the obsession with social justice obliterates individuality. It subordinates human psychology—always an ambiguous terrain—to sweeping platitudes and self-certain dictates; it boxes all of us in. Worst of all, it smacks of determinism, trapping the present in a never-ending past that steals the innocence from any collective future." ("The French Are In A Panic Over Le Wokisme" by Thomas Chatterton Williams, *The Atlantic*, March 2023.)

♦ "We will never ever surrender to the woke mob. Florida is where woke goes to die." (Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.)

inclusion & exclusion: epistemology

wolf (predation)

wolf

a ~ can wear scrubs or doctor's clothing or be a woman

wolves

Smurf was one of the '~' (Jamaica Queens via Trinidad)

wolves in here

there are a lot of ~ who will prey on the sheep (prison)

wolf in sheep's clothing

see *wolf* (*wolf in sheep's clothing*)

♦ "I had been with the real wolves..., killers, you know, real wolves, I survived that. So the attitude..." (Jada Pinkett Smith talking to BBC's Kirsty Young.)

♦ If you are not a wolf, a wolf will eat you. (Said in Saudi Arabia.)

♦ "That period confirmed the ancient proverb, 'man is a wolf to man.' Traveler turned off the road at the sight of traveler, stranger meeting stranger killed for fear of being killed. There were isolated cases of

cannibalism. The laws of human civilization were suspended. The jungle law was in force. Man dreamed the prehistoric dreams of the cave dweller..." (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.)

- ♦ "It is better for your mother to be crying than for my mother to be crying." (A Romanian saying, about killing or being killed.)
- ♦ "We are holding a wolf by the ears, and we can neither hold him, nor safely let him go." (Similar to holding a tiger by the tail, or riding a tiger.)
- ♦ "Forgive me. I was raised by wolves." (A funny bumper sticker seen in Asheville, North Carolina, U.S.)
- ♦ "Sometimes wolves can be difficult to locate."

**affliction / behavior / danger / character & personality:
animal / predation / sign, signal, symbol / wolf**

wolf (wolf at the door)

keep the wolf away from the door
my streaming earnings are not significant enough to ~

- ♦ "You can bet I stand ready, when the wolf growls at the door." (Toby Keith—American Solider (Radio Edit))
- ♦ Watch *Enemy at the Gates* (the 2001 film).

protection & lack of protection: animal / wolf

wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

wolf in sheep's clothing
we've all heard of a ~ (district attorney)
two Middle East scholars portray him as a ~
a ~, Huckle fooled people into believing... (a pedophile)

- ♦ "A wolf can wear scrubs or doctor's clothing or be a woman."
- ♦ "That a young, smiling woman in blue NHS scrubs could carry out these crimes is somehow even worse..." (See the Wikipedia entry, "Lucy Letby.")
- ♦ "'Killer' does not fit into our 'nurse' schema." (FSKs.)
- ♦ Lucy Letby; Kristen Gilbert; Reta Mays; Genene Jones... (Hospital-based serial killers.)
- ♦ "Terrorism and laxity, it seems afflicts not only foreigners with different complexions and religions, but—in exceptional cases—perhaps also those with white lab coats and military haircuts." ("Profile Of a Killer" by Nicholas D. Kristof, *The New York Times*, Jan 4, 2002, writing about the "2001 anthrax attacks.")
- ♦ He's a wolf in sheep's clothing.

**appearance & reality / subterfuge: animal / clothing &
accessories / predation / wolf**

wolf (cry wolf)

cry wolf
we certainly don't want to ~
we can't ~ every time we suspect something

boy who cried wolf
the media is the proverbial ~ (can't trust it)

- ♦ "Joselu went down after his shirt was pulled, but maybe he was seen as the boy who cried wolf at that point. Play went on..." (Scotland 2-0 Spain.)
- ♦ "You know, we have a situation where a handful of people are crying wolf, about social media. But we don't actually have the data, we don't have the materials we need to build a wolf detector." (Professor Andrew Przybylski of the Oxford Internet Institute (OII). From "Facebook's growth not linked to psychological harm, study finds" by Chris Vallance, BBC, August 9, 2023.)

**warning: allusion / animal / verb / wolf
allusion: books & reading**

wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)

throw him to the wolves
I'm not going to ~

throw me to the wolves
my bosses ~

throwing them to the wolves
America is ~ (Afghans / US flees Afghanistan / 2021)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / verb / violence /
wolf**

wolf (thrown to the wolves)

threw Gary to the wolves
the museum ~ (activists at SFMOMA)

thrown to the wolves
they are about to get ~ (Me To movement)

thrown to the (financial) wolves
the city will be ~ (bankruptcy)

thrown to the wolves and blamed
somebody who could be ~ for what happened (stockholders)

effectively thrown to the wolves
we were ~ (Antifa and counter protesters, no police)

- ♦ "If they don't [restructure]... the city will be thrown to the financial wolves... Everyone will want their scrap of what money is left." (Detroit.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / violence / wolf

wolf down (food)

wolfed down his meal
he ~

behavior: animal / food & drink / verb / wolf

wonderful (as noun)

wear your wonderful
Shein, ~, Free return (clothing)

superlative: part of speech

woo (verb)

wooed doctors with free trips
the company aggressively ~ to seminars

woo the masses with (new) spending
he could attempt to ~ (a politician)

woo students to enroll
they're still trying to ~ (universities during pandemic)

woos far-right voters
Sarkozy ~ after losing narrowly (elections)

**attraction & repulsion / pursuit, capture & escape: love,
courtship & marriage / verb**

Woodstock (whitewater Woodstock, etc.)

our Woodstock

it was ~ (Atlanta's "Freaknik" spring breaks)

Black Woodstock

"Questlove Revives '~' In 'Summer of Soul' Documentary"

Whitewater Woodstock

it's a ~ (Green River Narrows Race / North Carolina)

♦ "Trust Me, Your Momma & Daddy Got Down." (The official trailer for the 2024 Hulu documentary *Freaknik: The Wildest Party Never Told*. The same is true for Woodstock.)

♦ "If you tried to bring back Freaknik, it wouldn't be what it was." (Shanti Das, former music executive. The official trailer for the 2024 Hulu documentary *Freaknik: The Wildest Party Never Told*. The same is true for Woodstock.)

enthusiasm: music

comparison & contrast: epithet

woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)

came out of the woodwork

they ~ for whatever reason (people falsely confessing)

come out of the woodwork

it's all hype, win a few games and all the Man U fans ~
you sad little haters ~ (Beyonce's mother, about critics)

come (streaming) out of the woodwork

first dull Super Bowl in years and the whingers ~

coming out of the woodwork

people are ~ (survivors of wildfire thought dead)
armed groups are now ~ (fighting in Khartoum)

♦ Things that come out of the woodwork are generally unwelcome and not good.

appearance & disappearance: animal / house / insect

wooded

wooded to aerial skiing by the US Ski Team

she was ~

attraction & repulsion / pursuit, capture & escaped: love, courtship & marriage

woods (out of the woods)

out of the woods

she was not ~ after the operation (transplant)
we are not in any way ~ (hurricane)
firefighters are not ~ yet (wildfires)
we're not ~ yet (Iran crisis)
we're making progress but we're not ~ yet (pandemic)

out of the inflationary woods

while Britain is not ~, a path through has opened up (BBC)

out of the woods and into the clear

we are not ~ yet (pandemic)

♦ An ABC news reader, speaking about a resurgence of COVID, warned, "Another reminder that we are not out of the clear just yet." Surely, she meant, "out of the woods and into the clear."

♦ "We are not yet over the mountain, the danger remains among us." (The coronavirus in Austria, which is famous for its mountains.)

♦ "Every time I enter a forest which stretches for several miles I have an involuntary feeling of something like humility. Such a primitive forest is a kind of elemental force, and it is not to be wondered that even the aborigines, these simple nomads of the forest, before crossing its threshold which separates it from the inhabited world, first utter prayers to their gods and beg protection against the evil spirits which haunt the wooded wastes." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

♦ "Midway in our life's journey, I went astray / from the straight road and woke to find myself / alone in a dark wood..." Dante's *The Inferno*, translated by John Ciardi.)

♦ "You can only go halfway into the darkest forest, then you are coming out the other side." (Chinese.)

danger / obstacles & impedance / survival, persistence & endurance: forest / journeys & trips

woods (neck of the woods)

neck of the woods

someone from our ~ (Western North Carolina)

happening in your neck of the woods

here's what's ~ (national TV weather report)

make its way to our neck of the woods

the storm will ~ (weather report / North Carolina)

area / location: forest

word (the last word)

the last word

it's phase 1, so this might not be ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: books & reading / writing & spelling

word (P-word, etc.)

A word

physicians should not be afraid to say the ~ ("abortion")

"a-word"

he didn't say the ~ ("abortion" / NPR about Trump)

A word

yes, there's that ~ again ("anthropomorphizing")

B word

in an era when the ~ for billion was shocking (1930s)

B word

they all loved the Beatles, they called it the ~ (Nirvana)

B-word

she has been referred to by the ~ ("bitch" / a politician)
calling a woman "difficult" is a code word for the ~

b-word

my friends and I called each other the ~ ("bitch")

B word

she's not deserving of it, she's a ~ ("bitch")

"B" word

I didn't say the ~, I used euphemisms (low vision v. blind)

B word

he objected to being called a ~ ("bastard" or "bully")

B-word

she called it the other "~" ("bossy" / Sheryl Sandberg)

C word

he used the ~ to describe Helen MacNamara... ("cunt")

C-word

See you next Tuesday is a euphemism for the ~ (C U N T)

D-Word

Obama called ~ ("dick" / NPR / 2011)

D Word

the dreaded ~ (the economy / "depression")

d word

the sports world is using the ~ ("dynasty" / K.C. Chiefs)

f-word

Sunday Puzzle: No, not that ~ (NPR, being coy)

F-word

is the ~ ever okay in the classroom ("fuck")

'F' word

Mr. Rogers just said the ~ ("fuck" / a startled listener)

F-word

it's treated as taboo, as the ~ ("feminism")

"F" word

the dreaded ~ ("feminism" / Time Magazine and Katy Perry)

F-word

Jets GM Joe Douglas used the ~ ("freak" = player's ability)

F-Word

the CDC's reluctance to use the '~' (NPR / "firearms")

G Word

Adam Conover stars in Netflix's *The ~* (government)
The ~ is a comedy-documentary series

"H" word

the documentary avoids mentioning the ~ ("Hindu")

"i-word"

he definitely did say the ~ (NPR / "indict" / Trump)

L Word

Showtime's *The ~* ("Lesbian" / TV / 2004 to 2009)
The ~: Generation Q ("Lesbian" / TV / 2019-2023)

m-word

Walton used the "~" (ex-NBA and Deadhead / "midget")

N word

the ~ ("Negro," used by MLK, Jr., but now out of favor)

N-word

should the ~ be purged from Mark Twain's *Classic* (NPR)
she used the ~ 33 times (a silly drunk white coed)
"What's up, ~" can mean "buddy" (Black to Black)

n word

so he said the ~, read it off an iPad (Coach Cale Gundy)
he apparently used the ~ on live television (a broadcaster)

n-word

Rachel Richardson was called the ~ (Duke volleyball)
we never spell out the ~ (Newsweek's policies & standards)

P-word

the ~ should be sent to the dustbin of history ("Paki")

P-Valley

Hall adapted "~" from her 2015 play, "Pussy Valley"

R-word

"Black crime" and "kung flu" add up to the ~ ("racism")

R-word

he called the brother the ~ slur ("retarded")
don't use the ~ for people on the spectrum (autism)
Chris Broussard later apologized for using the ~ (sports)

"R" word

derogatory words such as the ~ ("retarded")

S word

I can't use the ~ thanks to Yahoo censorship ("suicide")

'S' Word

"Activists Reclaim Use Of The ~" ("Slut" / NPR, 2011)

s-word

the ~ will forever be harmful ("spaz" / Lizzo)

S Word

Name Change: The ~ (Squaw Valley to Palisades Tahoe)

"S" word

he explains how the ~ was used in the past ("Socialist")

"T" word

the ~ to him is like a warm bed ("trauma" / disparagement)

♦ "Yes, there's that A word again." ("Anthropomorphizing." Barbara J. King, author of "How Animals Grieve," answering a question and defending her work. She is into animal welfare, rights, emotions, etc.)

♦ "They don't criminalize physicians' speech, right, so, physicians should not be afraid to say the A word." (Elizabeth Sepper, a professor of law at University of Texas at Austin. From "3 abortion bans in Texas leave doctors 'talking in code' to pregnant patients," NPR, Morning Edition, March 1, 2023. "Abortion.")

♦ "That was an era when the B word for billion was as shocking to the ear as the T word is today." ("In The 1930s, Works Program Spelled HOPE for Millions Of Jobless Americans" by Ron Elving, NPR, The Coronavirus Crisis, April 4, 2020.)

♦ "Rendon accused the fan of calling him a 'b----.'" (ESPN, about the MLB player Anthony Rendon. *The New York Post* headline was, "Angels' Anthony Rendon takes swing at A's fan: 'Called me a bitch.'" Fan comments included, "Well, he does slap like one," "Swing and a miss," and "The A's have fans?")

♦ "Diaz called Chimaev a "b----ass rookie." (UFC 279, as reported on ABC. "Bitch-ass?" "Broke-ass?" The former, probably.)

♦ "She's not deserving of it, she's a B word." (The boxer Claressa Shields, from Flint, Michigan, about a rival. Claressa was talking about respect.)

♦ "The messy feud between two of MAGA world's biggest stars burst into public view on Wednesday, when Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) called Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO) a 'little bitch' to her face on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives." ("Marjorie Taylor Greene Calls

Boebert a 'Little Bitch' on the House Floor" by Zachary Petrizzo and Sam Brodey, *The Daily Beast*, June 21, 2023. Both "solons" are women.)

♦ "He especially objected to being called "a 'B word'" on the editorial page. It wasn't clear if he meant 'bastard' or 'bully'—the paper has referred to him as both." ("Done Fighting This Madness," Akron Mayor Steps Down" by M.L. Schultze, NPR, Morning Edition, May 15, 2015.)

♦ The epithet "carpetbagger" seems to be perfectly acceptable by all today, despite its pejorative use during the Reconstruction era.

♦ "I call disabled viewing platforms the "cripple pen." (A presumably disabled commenter, reclaiming the word "cripple." From "After the N-word, the P-word" by Rajni Bhatia, BBC, 11 June 2007, which is about reclaiming the word "Paki" in the same way some Blacks have "reclaimed" the N-word. Who has the right to say what when? Who cares?)

♦ "And she said that he used a vulgar epithet, like the most I think vile epithet that you can use for a woman..." (NPR's David Folkenflik, like I think clutching his pearls. See the next quote.)

♦ "ESPN fires MLB reporter for calling fellow reporter 'f-king c-t.'" (Both reporters were women.)

♦ "He was a c-t." (The actress Miriam Margolyes about the actor Steve Martin. A woman referring to a man.)

♦ "Kevin Aviance's 1999 song, 'C—y' is sampled in Beyonce's "PURE / HONEY" on the Renaissance album. ("Cunty," an "iconic classic," is one of the most sampled songs in "ballroom." Kevin is "a nightlife staple" and "drag legend." Lovely!)

♦ "Once in a while, he'd disappear behind a curtain and come out wearing a pair of fluid trousers, or a lacy top or a burgundy suit... When something tickled him, he let his voice rise to a high, smoky giggle. 'That's cunt,' he sometimes said. Between costume changes, he chatted about recent movies..." ("Outside Man: Jeremy O. Harris, before and after 'Slave Play'" by Vinson Cunningham, *The New Yorker*, September 25, 2023.)

♦ "See you next Tuesday" is a euphemism for the C-word: C U N(xt) T(uesday). This seems to be in the spirit of, "Miss Mullins, you're the man" from the great 2003 film *School of Rock*.)

♦ "The red mist had metaphorically descended over the defendant's eyes..." (The ruling by Mr Justice Martin Spencer in *Czernuszka v King*. From "Reading rugby player wins compensation over revenge tackle" by Marcus White, BBC News, 23 Feb 2023. Natasha King, captain of the Bracknell Ladies rugby team, had referred to her opponents as "c****s" and said, "That f****ing number 7, I'm going to break her." An appalling case with real-life consequences.)

♦ BBC political correspondent Nick Eardley: "The enquiry was also shown a number of messages showing Mr. Cummings using explicit language about officials and ministers. He used the C-word to describe Helen MacNamara, the deputy cabinet secretary. He threatened to handcuff her and escort her from Number Ten. He was equally explicit in his language about cabinet ministers." / Interrogator: "You called ministers useless (bleep) pigs, morons, (bleep) in emails and WhatsApps to your professional colleagues. Do you think you contributed to a lack of effectiveness on the part of ministers and of the cabinet?" / Dominic Cummings, Chief adviser to PM Boris Johnson: "My appalling language is obviously my own. But, uh, my judgment of a lot of senior people was widespread." / Nick Eardley: "Mr. Cummings admitted his language had been appalling, but he denied misogyny. Mr. Cummings also remained defiant about..." (BBC Six O'Clock News, 31/10/2023, "Covid Inquiry hears Boris Johnson believed elderly should have been allowed to catch Covid.")

♦ "She called Florida the 'd*** of the country.'" ("Tiffany Cross, on Comedy Central's *Charlamagne Tha God's* program Hell of a Week, in the segment entitled "One's Gotta go. "Dick (=penis)."

♦ "I don't like the D-word. I think calling soil that word is not helpful because it assumes that this is an abundant resource that we can take for granted." (Asmeret Asefaw Berhe, a soil scientist at the University of California-Merced. "Dirt.")

♦ "What it was, was all those f-gs, those Catholic f-gs..." ("WVU reviewing incident after Huggins uses anti-gay slur on air" by Myron Medcalf, ESPN, May 8, 2023. "Fag.")

♦ "That's Shatane Porter, a counselor at Ron Brown College Preparatory High School. And yes, he is talking about the F-word. And whether it's OK for students to say it. In class. In front of their teacher." ("Is The F-Word Ever OK In The Classroom?" by Ariana Figueroa, nprEd, October 29, 2017. A 46-Minute Listen.)

♦ "The F-word—once a vulgarity for which you were sent to the principal's office, your parents summoned for your inexcusably antisocial misconduct—has become the new word for public-figure adults to very publicly speak to emphasize sincerity, conviction and diminished social standards." ("Golden Knights' William Karlsson joins social disaster of sports stars freely using F-bombs" by the great Phil Mushnick of the *New York Post*, one of the last of the old breed sports journalists. He went on to write, "But pandering to the lowest denominator—watching our sports as they self-destruct and eliminate the right-minded rather than risk offending the most offensive—has become the preferred, gutless, classless, downpointed response." While he excoriates the public use of the F-word, he at least suggests a reason why: "sincerity, conviction, and diminished social standards." The question, when it comes to language, is always, "Why?" Or, "How did this calamity happen?")

♦ *FBoy Island* is a dating reality TV series hosted by the comedian Nikki Glaser. A spinoff called *FGIRL Island* is in the works. A man is either a nice guy or a F-boy. In slang, a "fuck boy" is a male womanizer, a playboy, a Lothario. See the Wikipedia article "FBOY Island," which has the following caveat: "This article may have been created or edited in return for undisclosed payments, a violation of Wikipedia's content policies, particularly neutral point of view."

♦ "I think 'hillbilly' is the one epithet people are allowed to use. The rest are politically incorrect. If they want to look down upon us, then that is their problem. The ignorance is one-sided, and in that way I've never had a problem with it." (Fred Chappell, North Carolina poet laureate.)

♦ "Little People of America (LPA) called Walton's use of the term 'm-t' deplorable and inexcusable." (The great ex-NBA star and Deadhead Bill Walton. "Midget.")

♦ "I'm from the South, and I've been through the traditional kind of campaigns where everybody got to call you the N-word, the B-word, or the C-word." (Donna Brazile, interim chair of the D.N.C. From "Active Measures" by Evan Osnos, David Remnick, and Joshua Yaffa, *The New Yorker*, March 6, 2017.)

♦ "What did he say? All the articles I've seen so far have said that he said a racial slur but none of them include what it is he was supposed to have said. Pretty weird omission." (An online commenter. See "A pro soccer player has apologized after an opponent said he made a racist remark" by Joe Hernandez, NPR, April 11, 2023. The player who made the remark was Belgian, the on-field disruption resulted in 21 minutes of extra time being added on to the game, and the game ended in a 1-1 draw. Such is soccer nowadays.)

♦ "And it was in KSI's answer that he made the racist slur, using an offensive word sometimes used towards people from South Asian backgrounds. Looking down at letters, he looks up and says, 'I don't mean this maliciously, but the word is BLEEP.'" (The spoof of the Countdown Challenge took place on a YouTube channel. "Paki.")

♦ "Can never understand why the BBC persists reproducing this pejorative, mildly abusive slang on its 'Have Your Say' columns." ("Pom," mentioned by commenters after England defeated Australia in the Fifa 2023 Women's World Cup. In Australia, the English are often referred to as "Pommie bastards.")

♦ "Ann Coulter branded the former president a 'gigantic p-y.'" (Trump. "Pussy." Foul-mouthed politics. Lovely!)

♦ Doowopron: May I buy some vowels? I was curious also—gotta be some Aussie slang? / Tigers Blood: I'm sorry that I'm just not very hip, but...what inappropriate word is 'r_____d'? / Laura: Yea [sic] i was wondering myself. / Rita S: I don't know either. ??? / Danny: I'm thinking retarded. / t.laf: Yes, and the fact that it is deemed inappropriate is retarded. ("F-k you": Teen's fiery response following alleged machete robbery" by Hamish Spence, News.com.au, Sept 4, 2022, carried by *The New York Post*. The video of the teen at perthnow.com.au garnered 1.2M views and counting.)

♦ "It's not a real trophy," he said. "They give it to everyone, whether they're good at sports or not. They even give it to kids who are —" and then he said a word that isn't said anymore, but that you both used to say constantly. / If you spoke of me at all, it was with ridicule. "Remember participation trophies? you'd scoff. "Those were so —" and then you'd say that word which people don't say anymore but which you continued to say for longer than most people did. / Maybe what we had was real. Maybe it's the rest of your life that's been — I won't say the word, but you know the one I mean..." ("Participation Trophy" by Simon Rich, *The New Yorker*, May 29, 2023. "Retarded." Funny! But Simon Rich would never dare write something similar for the N word, much less had it published in *The New Yorker*.)

◆ “Cheerleaders are dancers—who have gone retarded.” (The silly 2000 Film *Bring It On*.)

◆ “Linguist Geoff Nunberg explains how the ‘S’ word was used in the past—and why it’s come up now.” (“‘Socialist’ Charge Draws On Old Fears” by Geoff Nunberg, NPR, Fresh Air, October 29, 2008. In that broadcast Nunberg also mentions “hearth language.” Nunberg died in August 2020, and his commentary on language is sorely missed.)

◆ “In accordance with Secretary’s Order 3404 the BGN (Board on Geographic Names) has approved replacement names for all official features that included the word “Sq_____” in their name. The Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) is being updated to reflect these changes. More information is available in the Derogatory Geographical Names FAQs.” (“Squaw.”)

◆ “She f-king jumped into me, you tw-!t!” (“Twit”? “Twat”? “Twot? (= total waste of time)? Allysha Chapman, Canadian soccer player, to Australia’s coach Tony Gustavsson, about physical contact with Hayley Raso in a 2023 FIFA Women’s World Cup game that left Raso on the ground. The reason “twat” was not spelled out seems to be that one of its meanings refers to a part of the female anatomy, like the C-word; the other meaning simply means something like “jerk” or “idiot.” And so media outlets seem to have not spelled out “twat” in an abundance of caution, and most audio clips bleeped out both words. Luckily, one audio clip bleeped out “fucking” but not “twat.” Of course, only Allysha Chapman knows what she meant when she said it. Talk about a tempest in a teapot! But such is the internet, media, soccer, and women’s sports.

◆ “My V-steam cost \$50, a lot to pay for sitting over hot vapor.” (“Vagina.”)

◆ “And a warning: his report contains some choice language... / “Hancock is so far up BJ’s ass his ankles are brown.” (Heard on BBC, Six O’clock News, 08/11/2023. The Covid Inquiry.)

◆ “A pidgin English field guide would list buk-buks, pakes, buddaheads, katonks, mokes, titas, popolos, yobos, blalahs, haoles and portagees.” (Ethnic and racial labels used in Hawaii.)

*** analysis

◆ “And, I’m not going to say the word, but that other word. This new idea that to refer to the N-word is the same thing as using it is absurd. It is utterly absurd. And the reason I’m putting it that way is because...” (It’s not using the word, it’s referring to it. The linguist John McWhorter, speaking at the Citrin Center at the University of California Berkeley. “John McWhorter: Pitfalls in the Policing of Language—YouTube.” Watch and listen to: youtube.com/watch?v=Fer2yb5qgWE

◆ View “John McWhorter on Cursing, Anti-Racism, and Why ‘We Need to Stop Being So Afraid,’” YouTube, ReasonTV. It is a fascinating interview with a distinguished linguist who is always interesting. As the introduction says, “McWhorter’s latest volume to hit store shelves is *Nine Nasty Words*, a study of how curse words such as “fuck” and the N-word became commonplace, unsayable, or something in between. [ReasonTV] talked with McWhorter about the shifting status of curse words and accusations of systemic racism in contemporary America.”

◆ “Rude words are a constant, but their ability to cause offense is in flux.”

◆ see also *bomb* (*F-bomb*, etc.), *fracking* (*F*, *effing*, *fricking*, *frickin’*, etc.)

inclusion & exclusion: language

language: letters & characters

word salad

word salad

~, means absolutely nothing (a VP’s jumbled remarks)

word-salad locutions

her ~ give ammunition to her critics (politics)

word salad talking

her ~ (a “woke” celebrity)

officialdom word salad

her memo in the ~ (Edith Chapin defends NPR)

trademark word salad

she served up another helping of her ~ (Vice President)

*** models

◆ “So, during Women’s History Month, we celebrate and we honor the women who made history through history, who saw what could be unburdened by what had been.” (U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris.)

◆ “I think it’s very important, as you have heard from so many incredible leaders, for us at every moment in time, and certainly this one, to see [seize?] the moment in time in which we exist and are present, and to be able to contextualize it, to understand where we exist in the history and in the moment as it relates not only to the past but the future.” (Vice President Kamala Harris in her speech at Howard University, Tuesday, April 25, 2023.)

◆ “This is the most election [sic] of our lifetime.” (Kamala Harris. Commenters about her various speeches have posted, “Kamala Harris goes full Xanax and weed with her word salad”; “Obviously intoxicated and starting to panic”; “a poser”; “insanely idiotic”; “rambling”; “incoherent”; and “vapid.”)

◆ “We think this is long overdue, we’re making a sizeable investment in this, and that’s just a downpayment on, you know, further investment in making sure that we are making sure that voters have accurate information.” (Congresswoman and chairwoman of Bold PAC Linda Sanchez. From “Latino Democrats launch ‘Our Lucha’ war room using Spanglish to combat GOP” by Claudia Grisales, NPR, Politics, February 15, 2024. The “making sure that we are making sure that” was cleaned up in the transcript.)

◆ “Yes, it feels to me like a moment where people are sort of battering down the hatches and picking the safe lane.” (Film producer Dede Gardner, mixing her metaphors.)

◆ “I feel that same pit in my stomach as so many of you today do.” (Governor Jared Polis of Colorado, expressing grief after a mass shooting at a gay bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. An eggcorn? This usage is becoming increasingly common.)

◆ “He drove to a police station and gave himself in.” (NPR’s Eric Westervelt. Gave himself up? Turned himself in?)

◆ Fake accent; nothing authentic; cheap; contrived; desperate; fake; gold-digging; inauthentic; obnoxious; a big phony; overly produced; no substance; social climbing victim and narcissist; virtue signalling; low whispering voice; whining... (Commenters about a “woke” pop-culture female celebrity whose speech has been rebuked as “word salad.”)

◆ “I’m afraid we have seen the best of AJ and its simply not good enough. Listening to him speak is torturous, he makes zero sense... time to hang them up AJ you day has come and gone” (A fight fan.)

*** you know what I’m saying, you know?

◆ “So, that’s one of the lines that I had in the book, it’s like, you know, people love to uh make Black women feel that they don’t matter, you know what I’m saying? And just kinda that social attitude that you know women Black women are the least protected and seemingly the least relevant. Of course we’re proving that to be completely wrong these days, with what’s happening, you know.” (Jada Pinkett Smith, explaining what she means by “irrelevant.”)

*** white women, millennials, Gen-X

◆ “Yah, um, I definitely do see, among my peers and with myself, that, even though it is still this popular app, um, I find that a lot of people have some of the most problems with it, um, in terms of, like what we’ve been talking about right now, in terms of anxieties and the different pressures that come with social media.” (With upspeak, heard on NPR.)

◆ “It was the hardest thing to shake when I spent time in Australia, and somebody would say, ‘thank you,’ and I would say, ‘Yep! Oh—uh, I mean, ‘you’re welcome!’ Because to me, it’s kind of rude—like, it’s not rude, but saying ‘yep’ and ‘sure’ is the equivalent of saying ‘no problem,’ and that is more polite in America than saying ‘you’re welcome.’” (Some random person named Millie on TikTok.)

◆ “I think that’s so interesting because the idea of networking has always been really intimidating to me, but building real relationships feels much more natural, so I like to hear you say that.” (A GMA host talking to Aliza Licht, author of *On Brand*.)

◆ “I just like thank God that I like, you know, thank God I stood up for myself and said exactly what I wanted.” (Jamie Lynn Spears, sister of Britney Spears.)

◆ “You know, why nuns? Uh, why not. You know, I really respond to characters with passion, you know, coming from *Big Bang* and you had these physicists who their passion was science and umm you know exploring those whose passions are the divine which is sort of a total

pivot starting from a place of these women who have this full and total commitment and and feeling like that's so far outside of my experience, and wanting to sort of understand and unpack and just coming from a place of curiosity first and foremost..." (Tara Hernandez. From "Tara Hernandez and Damon Lindelof on creating the Peacock series 'Mrs. Davis,' NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, April 23, 2023.)

♦ "She is in this real empirical phase of her career." (Nora "Absolutely" Princiotti of the *Ringer* speaking to Ari Shapiro on NPR about Taylor Swift. She has 12K followers.)

♦ "I felt like I kind of realized who I was by being with him—or like, I felt like I was allowed to be who I was, and I didn't feel like I needed to be anybody different." (A contemporary woman about her relationship with her *husband*.)

♦ "I hear all this rummaging upstairs in the kitchen. It sounded like multiple people, so my heart started like beating..." (A Temple University coed, about yet another home invasion off campus, in Philadelphia.)

♦ "Yeah, I was a little bit understanding at first and then it sort of become [sic] frustrating in how it's like straight aggravating (upspeak on "aggravating") because it's like leave us alone (exasperation vocalization) a little bit umm..." (A coed at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho, about the 2022 University of Idaho killings, and the national interest in finding the perpetrator or perpetrators.)

*** woke

♦ "Because you just end up in that place where you feel like you're in this sort of this embattled environment where at times it's really difficult to be the person who's talking about trees." (*Battle Grounds: Culture Wars in the Countryside*, "Episode 4. Trees," BBC, Sounds 9 Nov 2023.)

♦ "My belief is that we should be centering the voices and the experiences of the most marginalized people and communities at all times. So when I think about what fat liberation looks like to me, I think about centering the voices of those who live in and who maneuver through spaces and institutions in a fat body." (Zyahna Bryant, activist, who has partnered with the soap and beauty company Dove to promote fat liberation, or size freedom.)

♦ "It feels like an impossible place to be worrying about this material we hold without interrogating what it is, what narratives there are to be understood in a more profound way, and how the material came to be in our collection." (Melanie Keen. From "Wellcome Collection closes 'racist, sexist and ableist' Medicine Man display" by Rachel Russell, BBC, November 28, 2022.)

♦ "[It was upsetting] to see her, as a white woman, take on these tropes and profit off of them. She was presenting Latinas in a very toxic way. I think that was definitely very triggering for me as someone who has to conform to certain standards of whiteness, especially in the academic and personal space." (*Graduate student* [italics mine] and content creator Marlene Ramirez about popular creator Chiara King, who is from the U.K. From "How Latin identity became fodder for content" by Manuela Lopez Restrepo, NPR, Pop Culture, Dec. 10, 2022.)

♦ "He was telling his truth and I think unfortunately some of that has been distorted due to some other factors, but I do think he did not intend to tell a truth that wasn't his truth." (Juror Samantha Imrie explaining her vote in the Gwyneth Paltrow-Terry Sanderson trial.)

♦ A mental health / social justice activist talked about discrimination against people with "behavioral health disabilities." If you type that phrase into Wikipedia, you are sent to "Emotional or behavioral disability." The disclaimer says, "The examples and perspective in this article deal primarily with the United States and do not represent a worldwide view of the subject..."

*** popular "science," etc.

♦ "Brain science; brain scans; we are wired to form...; fire the empathic part of the brain; reactivating...; brain region lights up; regions of the brain that say attachment or fondness; the brain's natural impulses are...; neuroscientists; how our brains actually work; releasing a brain hijacked by defensive emotions..." ("Loyalty to groups helped humans survive. That instinct still shows up in conflicts" by Yuki Noguchi, NPR, All Things Considered, October 30, 2023.)

*** LGBTQ+

♦ Astrologer and relationship expert Colin Bedell is the author of *Queer Cosmos: The Astrology of Queer Identities & Relationships*. He is at Colin Bedell @queercosmos. View "Everything you need to know about Mercury going into retrograde in Gemini," ABC News, May 28, 2021.

♦ "I mean this is the whole beauty of like horror movies is that it's such like weird circumstances and there's so much like weird rules about them that it's fun to subvert them and it's also like, the horror movies themselves were doing subverting, were like trying to like, be twisted and do this weird stuff and have these weird commentaries, and this is what makes *Scream* so good, right." (Alex Abad-Santos, a self-professed "flagrant homosexual." From "M3GAN, murder, and mass queer appeal," NPR, It's Been A Minute, January 17, 2023. Weird.)

*** gobbledygook

♦ "Boston police said Michael Perry, 37, was charged with murder Friday after he tried to flee an apartment with a corpse found in it earlier this week, only to end up hanging upside down a dozen floors above the street." ("Alleged Boston killer caught dangling from high-rise by his underwear" by Jacob Geanous, *New York Post*, December 17, 2022. The caption of a photo reads, "Cops said Michael Perry tried to flee with a corpse before they caught him." The caption of another photo reads, "Police arrested Michael Perry and charged with murder on Friday." Commenters remarked on the horrible writing and lack of editing.)

♦ "VA probes trooper hired to killed teen's family" by Denise Lavoie, Associated Press, December 20, 2022, on ABC news. After clicking, you find this: "Virginia probes hiring of trooper who killed teen's family." To further clarify: "The Virginia Office of the State Inspector General is investigating the state police hiring of a man who drove across the country, kidnapped a 15-year-old California girl and killed her mother and grandparents."

♦ "Synagogue attacker took hostages, moved jails." (A headline, again at ABC news. After clicking, you find this: "Synagogue attacker moved to new prison after taking hostages.")

♦ "MSN, Microsoft's in-house news aggregation site, sparked outrage after it published an artificial intelligence-powered obituary of former NBA player Brandon Hunter which referred to him in the headline as 'useless'..." The news story that MSN published about Hunter's death bore a headline which read: "Brandon Hunter useless at 42." Much of the story was linguistic "word salad," or gibberish. Commenters were outraged. One posted, "AI should not be writing obituaries. Pay your damn writers MSN." From "MSN slammed by users after insane AI-powered headline calls deceased ex-NBA pro 'useless,'" by Ariel Zilber, *New York Post*, Tech, Sept. 18, 2023.)

♦ "He 'served the Palmdale and Antelope Valley communities without absolute distinction." (ABC News.go, about a murdered sheriff. "Without absolute distinction"?)

*** mental illness?

♦ "Mr. de Ruiter told his son he had a 'knowing' that he was meant to 'be with a number of women in sexual relations with a purpose of meaning' the *Globe* reported." ("Self-styled spiritual leader John de Ruiter charged with sex crimes" by Holly Honderich, BBC News, 24 Jan 2023.)

♦ "If someone went into my grandma's house with a f-ing shotgun and blew her brains out, I'm going to be sad, I'm going to go through the whole f-ing array of human emotions, but at some point, if I'm able to really sit with that, there's no level or retribution that's going to make me feel any type of way." (Chas Moore, head of the Austin Justice Coalition in Austin, Texas. Quoted in "Leader of anti-police group wants no prison time for murder, burglars to clean homes as punishment" by MaryAnn Martinez, *The New York Post*, April 5, 2023.)

♦ "They hurted me; I don't want to be a American african; They made me who I'm am today a killer; My father as nothing to do with this; sorry for my hand writing (at top left corner); rasist mother fuckers..." (From the note in the pocket of Anthony Dwayne McRae, 43, who committed suicide after he murdered three students at Michigan State University and critically injured others.)

♦ "Those crackers going to private fancy schools with those fancy kwaks [sic] and sports backpacks. W/thier daddies [sic] mustangs and convertibles..." (Audrey / Aiden Hale, a transgender man, who murdered 3 nine-year-olds and 3 adults at their school. See the Wikipedia article "2023 Nashville school shooting.")

♦ "The self-identified 'Hamas fighter' was arrested..." (Patrick Dai, a Cornell University engineering student. See "Who Is Patrick Dai '24, Student Charged for Posting Antisemitic Threats?" by Julia Senzon and Marian Caballo, *The Cornell Daily Sun*, November 1, 2023.)

♦ "I learned that if I shouted 'Scotty!' I could stop this cycle. In the stunned silence while the feedback loop was momentarily arrested, I could ask Scotty a question about himself, and the echolalia—the parroting of what I said—did not resume. Instead, a torrent of speech would commence, a veritable word-salad that climbed up the drapes,

bounced off the ceiling and circled the bed." (*My Own Country: A Doctor's Story* by Abraham Verghese.)

♦ "Once common sign of psychosis is disorganization. To us, on the outside, it can look like someone talking fast, getting lost in tangents, or even just stringing seemingly random words together." (Breaks from reality.)

♦ Wikipedia's entry for "Word salad" is extremely interesting. "Word salad" can indicate logorrhea, aphasia, or a personality disorder.

*** testimonials

♦ "There's barely been even a day in my life when you were not with me by my side..." (Drug overdose death testimonial.)

♦ "I will hold you so tight every day in my heart you gorgeous loving amazing fierce human being." (A sister's tribute to her brother, who died of a drug overdose.)

♦ "Oh, my god I cannot believe she is gone! Her soul was just too pure and beautiful." (A fan's tribute to porn star Sophia Leone.)

♦ "Kyle loved and lived fiercely." (TikToker dead at 36.)

*** other

♦ "No one ever asked about the risk engine. I don't know what I would have done if asked. I would have done one of two things. Either I would have answered a different question, or I would have made a word salad." (Sam Bankman-Fried, as quoted by Michael Lewis in his book *Going Infinite: The Rise And Fall Of A New Tycoon*." A footnote in Chapter 10. He was found guilty on all charges in his federal fraud, conspiracy, and money laundering trial, showing no emotion, after the jury had deliberated for a little over four hours before reaching its verdict.

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. A contemporary young woman, driving a car, is speaking to another contemporary young woman in the backseat. The former young lady is saying, "I'm not angry, I'm just disappointed. And, to be honest, I'm not really disappointed, either, I'm just hungry." (*The New Yorker*, June 5, 2023. The cartoon is signed W. McPahil.)

♦ see also *boilerplate* (noun), *buzzword* (noun), *doublespeak* (noun), *ese* (legalese, etc.), *funny language*, *gobbledygook*, *language (types)*, *lip service* (pay lip service, etc.), *newspeak* (noun), *speak* (NASA-speak, etc.), *supersizing* (linguistic supersizing)

language / mental health: speech

contempo-speak: mixture

work (work one's way up)

worked her way up in Hollywood
she ~ (Halyna Hutchins)

hierarchy: prep, adv, adj, particle

workhorse (noun)

workhorse
he's a ~

workhorse of an airplane
the 767 is a ~ (flying since 1981, also used for cargo)

workhorses of the aviation world
the 737 and A320 are the ~

strength & weakness / work & duty: animal / horse

workings (noun)

inner workings
she started to get involved in the ~ of the party
they are like black boxes whose ~ are mysterious (brains)

inner workings of the party
she started to get involved in the ~ (DNC)

bases / operation: mechanism

world (exploration)

totally different world

I was taken by the ~ down there (caving)

♦ "I was taken by the totally different world down there. I began to go caving every weekend." (David Bunnell.)

♦ "Under the earth's crust there exists such an enormously great world, in absolute darkness, that we can with some justice speak of a new continent." (Alfred Bogli.)

♦ "You can't really say very much, if anything at all, about below the surface." (David E. Smith, chief of NASA's Laboratory for Terrestrial Physics.)

♦ "After the Roc Noir, I had the feeling of closing a door behind me. I was entering another world. I was far from the world of the living. I had never had this feeling on any other mountain." (Jean-Christophe Lafaille on the east ridge of Annapurna in 2002.)

♦ "The deep sea is full of surprises. We may find species unlike any seen before. The Cayman Trough may be like Arthur Conan Doyle's 'Lost World.'" (From the Web site of Britain's National Oceanography Center.)

area / environment: earth & world

world (on top of the world, etc.)

on top of the world

he was ~ again (happy)

he owned the sport, he was ~ (Hector "Macho" Camacho)

♦ "I'm the king of the world!" (Jack, from the film *Titanic*. And why wouldn't he say that? He is Leonardo DiCaprio!)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / earth & world

world (fantasy)

dream world

it was her ~

the curious Occupation ~ (Japan, 1947)

live in a fantasy world

people think I ~

you can't ~

lived in a make-believe world

I ~ that afforded me great comfort (abused)

retreated into a fantasy world

she ~ (9-year-old, father jailed)

fantasy & reality: earth & world / mental health

world (the whole world, etc.)

whole world

the anger broke out into the open for the ~ to see

whole world of gossip and innuendo

there is a ~ out there to explore

extent & scope: earth & world

world (a world of difference, etc.)

world of difference

listening can make a ~

world of good

it did me a ~

extent & scope: earth & world

world (means the world to me, etc.)

means the world to them

it ~ (care packages to military abroad)

meant the world to me

she ~ (a kind person)

Archie blessed the ground, it just ~ (an online powwow)

thought the world of Elizabeth

Robertson ~ (affection, admiration, etc.)

feeling, emotion & effect: earth & world

world (Disney World, etc.)

World of Warcraft

he spent a lot of time online playing ~

Disney World

live entertainment in all four ~ parks

Trumpworld

the key to understanding ~ is... (politics)

proper name: earth & world

world (in the world, in her world, etc.)

in the (fickle) world of (New York) restaurants

he did what he could to survive ~

in the (staid) world of sumo

a rare event ~

in the (tempestuous) world of boxing

nothing is impossible ~

in the world of (horse) racing

he is a force ~

in the world of mountain biking

North Shore riding is legendary ~ (BC)

in the (murky) world of the (Japanese) bar trade

foreign women working ~

in today's world

it is risky, ~, to go to work (workplace violence)

in her world

it doesn't count ~ (snark about a judge)

in their own world

they're ~ (females having party-within-party at party)

in the design world

people ~ think...

in the bowling world

~, he is perceived as a...

in the surfing world

there have been a number of movies set ~

in a simulated world

influencing events and characters ~ (computers)

in the academic world

a debate that's currently going on ~

in the ancient world

the temple, a pilgrimage site ~

in both worlds

unlike some relatives, he lives ~ (Hispanic in US school)

in different worlds

experimentalists and theorists live ~s

in a digital world

we live ~ where many get their news from the internet

in a perfect world

~ we would be able to...

in the non-Indian world

~ (Native Americans)

force in the world

he is a ~ of horse racing

live in (different) worlds

experimentalists and theorists ~

set in the (surfing) world

there have been a number of movies ~

survive in the (fickle) world

he did what he could to ~ of New York restaurants

environment: earth & world

world (other)

world of (midtown) Manhattan

the ~

world of Washington

the ~ and the business world

world of ghosts

the ~ that blankets Southeast Asia (fortunetellers, etc.)

world of (branded) goods

the competitive ~

world of (academic) medicine

the publish-or-perish ~

world of (dive) travel

the ~

world of tomorrow

fixed-wing aircraft will still exist in the ~ (military)

world of black magic and voodoo

a bizarre ~ (muti murders)

world of street life

the twilight ~ and girls for hire

world of cyberdrugstores

the new ~

world of boxing

welcome to the ~ (a Web site)

world of (extreme) kayaking

the ~

world of haves and have-nots
a Dickensian ~

world of rock and roll
the sex-and-drug-filled ~

man's world
Silicon Valley was overwhelmingly a ~ (VCs, etc.)

nomad's world
the Tibetan Plateau is a ~ (over 13,000 feet)

today's world
~ offers us more choices but, ironically, less satisfaction

art world
the ~

art-world
a comment on ~ politics

aviation world
the ~ uses nautical miles (vs. statute miles)

blog world
some restaurants have embraced the ~ (instant marketing)

business world
does the ~ really need Harvard
the world of Washington and the ~
the ~ he inhabits

chess world
young Soviet-trained players dazzled the ~

entertainment world
the stratospheric reaches of the ~

hockey world
the news of his arrest shocked the ~

magazine world
the New York ~

rave world
he opened the door to the ~ for us

spirit world
long journeys to the ~ (Inuit)
West African Islam maintains ties to the African ~

twilight world
the ~ of street life and women for hire

plant, animal and insect worlds
how electrification has affected the ~

dog show world
Mick is the Michael Jordan of the ~ (a blue terrier)

music-business world
the ~ of midtown Manhattan

high-tech world
he's striking alliances throughout the ~

celebrity-mad world

a ~

3-D world
players roam around a ~

online world
the ~ has its perils (pro-ana, suicide sites, etc.)

boxing world
Foreman astounded the ~ by returning to the ring

collecting world
the ~ (artifacts of pop culture)

sportscasting world
open up the ~ for women

sex-and-drug-filled world
the ~ of rock and roll

Muslim world
the Kaaba is literally the center of the ~

Arab world
the anger and humiliation emanating from the ~
he is a folk hero in much of the ~ (Muntader al-Zaidi)

Islamic world
the Jews who came to Israel from the ~
the troubled ~
when Baghdad was capital of the ~ (9th century);
Iran wants to be a leader in the ~

Dickensian world
a ~ of haves and have-nots

academic world
the close-knit Polish ~
the sentences sent a chill through the ~
following the war and his return to the ~
the ~ has started a self-examination

avian world
the ~ is known for its great migrations (tern, albatross)

bizarre world
a ~ of black magic and voodoo (muti murders)

different world
it was a ~ when he started (coaching)

literary world
the ~ of Belfast

natural world
people and the ~ are on a collision course

new world
the ~ of cyberdrugstores

secret world
the ~ of childhood (Eskil Vogt / *The Innocents*)

Secret World
he's curating an exhibition, "The ~ of Elephants" (museum)

tribal worlds
the mountains shelter ~ lost in time (Caucasus)

virtual worlds
 computer games that create ~ onscreen

leave-me-alone world
 she retreats into her own ~ (athlete on game day)

Michael Jordan of the dog-show world
 Mick is the ~ (a blue terrier)

reaches of the (entertainment) world
 the stratospheric ~ of the ~

lives in both worlds
 unlike some relatives, he ~ (Hispanic in US school)

opened up a (whole new) world
 it ~ (radio)

open up the (sportscasting) world
 ~ for women

reshape the world
 this lawsuit could ~ of digital publishing

see the world
 people who from a different perspective ~ (autism)

shocked the (hockey) world
 the news of his arrest ~

maintains ties to the (African) spirit world
 West African Islam ~

opened the door to the (rave) world
 he ~ for us

♦ "It's radio silence from Kamala and Kamala World." (A political donor, about the Vice President and her plans post-Biden.)

♦ "I'd rather live in his world / than live without him in mine." (Gladys Knight and the Pips.)

♦ "Do you not see it, the little things that keep this wooden world together, the hard work, the discipline... (Capt. Jack Aubrey, played by Russell Crowe, in the film *Master and Commander*.)

environment: earth & world
world (into a world)

stroll into another world
 Wright Creek Trailhead—~

environment: earth & world
world (lost world)

celebrate that lost world
 I'm going to ~ (rock journalism)

♦ *The Lost World*, written by Arthur Conan Doyle, was published in 1912. See the excellent Wikipedia article, "Lost world."

past & present / time: earth & world
allusion: books & reading
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: earth & world
worm (verb)

wormed into Pakistan's military
 have militant groups ~

wormed its way into my heart

this book ~

wormed its way into our culture and language
 paper has ~ ("paper things over," etc.)

attachment: animal / verb
worm (insult)

"worms"
 she frequently referred to her millions of subjects as ~

insult: animal / insect
worm (can of worms)

open up a can of worms
 an investigation will ~

♦ This seems to mean "a tangled mess." The worms lack the sense of affliction that "Pandora's box" entails. I never met a worm I didn't like! And birds like them, too.

complexity / initiation: creature
worm (computers)

worm
 he took an existing ~ and tweaked it (a variant)

worm's code
 it required only a few changes to the original ~

worms and pop-ups
 spam, spyware, viruses, ~ (Internet)

Code Red worm
 protect themselves from the ~ (computers)

Slammer worm
 the ~ that downed corporate networks in January

network worm
 the ~ struck many corporations and compromised data

Internet worm
 a new ~, "Goner," spread across the globe via e-mail

e-mail worm
 the ~ can send itself to all addresses in Outlook
 the ~ attempts to shut down anti-virus products

authors of (viruses and) worms
 ~ and viruses (computers)

viruses and worms
 authors of ~ (computers)

computer: animal
worm (brainworm)

see *brainworm (obsession)*

worm (earworm)

see *earworm (noun)*

wormhole (noun)

wormholes of online content

don't get distracted by the various ~

entered a strange wormhole

we ~ relevant to now (Oklahoma bombing podcast)

follows its protagonist down an Internet wormhole
the book ~

get drawn down these wormholes into strange worlds
people ~ (conspiracy theories)

fantasy & reality / portal: hole / physics

worm's-eye (adjective)

worm's-eye charm

the book has a ~ (about a lowly adjunct)

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye / ground,
terrain & land / height / insect / position**

worship (verb)

worship at the feet

many car enthusiasts absolutely ~ of Jay Leno (collector)

worship Snowbird Creek

trout fishing devotees ~ (Graham County, NC)

worshipped her

Gregory just ~ (Gregory Peck / Nelle Harper Lee)

hero-worship

without wanting to sort of ~ them (alcoholic writers)

**enthusiasm / importance & significance / reverence:
religion / verb**

worship (noun)

Manchester United worship

the BBC's usual ~, what a disgrace

**enthusiasm / importance & significance / reverence:
religion**

worth (benefit)

worth it

it's not ~

worth (far) more than compulsion

voluntary discipline is ~

cost & benefit: money

wound (self-inflicted wound)

self-inflicted wounds

he also suffered politically from ~, like when he...

a campaign with so many ~ (Man U / Champions League)

due to self-inflicted wounds

the Chiefs have lost to worse teams ~ (NFL)

unforced error and a self-inflicted wound

he described it as an ~

left him with self-inflicted wounds

the pandemic has ~ (a politician)

♦ "...the constant danger of attack from Bolshevik forces caused a number of soldiers to intentionally wound themselves for the purpose of evading service at the front; these men were court-martialed, as was a soldier guilty of 'misconduct before the enemy.' Apparently, self-inflicted gunshot wounds were not the only method used to avoid combat: Pvt. Charles F. Kingan was convicted of contracting 'a venereal disease through neglect thereby unfitting himself for active military duty against the enemy.' Some seventy men were convicted of this last offense; almost all received three months confinement at hard labor to discourage such behavior in the future." ("Bolsheviks, Polar Bears, and Military Law: The Experiences of Army Lawyers in North Russia and Siberia in World War I," by Fred L. Borch III.)

failure, accident & impairment: military / weapon

wound (salt in a wound)

salt on the wounds

it's ~ of the family (a tragic family accident)

pouring salt on their wounds

the arrest is only ~ (a tragic family accident)

rub salt in the wounds

it ~ to find that...

rub salt into Saints' wound

to ~, Liverpool immediately scored (YNWA)

rub (some kind of) salt in the wound

does that ~ that... (injustice on top of injustice)

affliction: sensation / materials & substances

wound (lick one's wounds)

lick their wounds

the battered Anglo-French forces retired to Shanghai to ~
Man U flew home to ~ after their Europa League trauma

licking their wounds

a lot of stock market investors are ~

♦ "Manchester United must now lick their wounds..." (Man Utd 0-7 Liverpool.)

♦ "I'll just have to lick my wounds and come back stronger." (A classy Joe Joyce, about his second loss to Zhilei "Big Bang" Zhang.)

behavior / conflict: animal / predation

wound (figurative wounds of Vietnam, etc.)

wounds of Vietnam

healing the ~ (dissent vs. service)

wound of an unresolved conflict

the open ~

wounds of the past

cold cases rip open the ~ (crime investigations)

wounds of silence

the ~ (sexual problems can wreck people's lives /
Economist)

wounds of war

and with the ~ all but healed... (US / Vietnam)

wounds of the war

the center addresses both the invisible and visible ~

war wounds

the ~ are still raw (between Japan and its neighbors)

childhood wound

real healing of our ~s

long-standing wounds

the report could heal ~ (Hillsborough disaster)

soul wound

some call it a ~ (indigenous boarding schools)

deep wounds

the racist taunts opened ~ (Indonesian West Papua)

emotional wounds

people use drugs or sex to medicate ~

invisible wound

soldiers suffer from ~s (combat)

trying to heal the ~s caused by gunfire (gang violence)

old wounds

talking with me opened ~ (World War II vets)

open wound

this is an ~ in Swedish society (murder of Olof Palme)

because it is still an open case it is an ~ (manhunt)

racial wounds

help heal old ~

invisible and visible wounds

the center addresses both the ~ of the war

carry those wounds into adulthood

those who ~ (sexual abuse)

heal (old racial) wounds

help ~

heal the wounds

a ceremony of reconciliation meant to ~ (Nez Perce War)

licking their wounds

a lot of stock market investors are ~

open (old) wounds

these pictures will ~ (prisoner abuse repeated)

opens (old) wounds

today's decision ~ (results of a Swiss referendum)

reopen (old) wounds

trials would ~ (Bloody Sunday)

reopen (these old) wounds

why ~ (historic civil rights crimes)

♦ "You've got to open the wound and clean it before it can heal. It's as if we've had this open gash on the arm for 40 years and have done nothing but put a bandage on it." (James E. Prince III, on the arraignment of Edgar Ray Killen for the murders of 3 civil-rights workers 40 years earlier in Mississippi.)

♦ "Afghanistan is my sucking chest wound... wars do not end with a withdrawal or retreat or retrograde or the signing of a peace treaty. / Instead, they ebb and flow within the memories of those who were there and the ones who received an unfortunate knock on the door one day

from people in uniforms." ("A U.S. Marine, A Curious Boy And An Unfathomable Moment" by AP investigative reporter James LaPorta, at NPR, September 9, 2021.)

♦ "Time heals all wounds."

♦ "Time apparently doesn't heal all wounds."

♦ "A knife wound heals; a wound caused by words does not." (A Turkish proverb.)

mental health: health & medicine

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

wound (tightly wound)

tightly wound

he was bright, hardworking, but he seemed ~

character & personality: mechanism

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

wounded (emotionally)

wounded egos

her lack of interest in tending to the ~ (Liz Cheney)

wounded pride

~, that's all that is...

walking wounded

their union of the ~ was short-lived (2 actors)

♦ "A knife wound heals; a wound caused by words does not." (A Turkish proverb.)

feeling, emotion & effect / mental health: health & medicine

wounded (condition)

wounded

the only candidate he trails is ~, perhaps mortally so

wounded nation

we were proud of our ~ (directly after 9/11)

fatally wounded

the campaign is ~ (politics / election)

remains (badly) wounded

the economy ~

♦ "Marine *injured* [italics mine] in Kabul airport blast says..." (He lost his right arm and a leg to a suicide bomber.)

♦ "*Wounds* [italics mine] indicated she had jumped or fallen." (A female student who committed suicide at New York University.)

condition & status: health & medicine

woven

woven into the fabric

cheating is ~ of accepted conduct

Arab Americans are deeply ~ of America

Mexico is deeply ~ of the US economy

woven through the fabric

their legacy is ~ of our nation today (WW II generation)

division & connection: cloth

wow (verb)

wowing audiences

he has been ~ for decades (a singer)

wow him

I did everything I could to ~ (an actor about his director)

feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation / verb

wow (as noun)

wow factor

there's no “~” there (a man's service record)

I enjoyed the theatrics, the ~ (some tech show)

‘wow’ goals

Russo is developing a habit of scoring ~ at Euro 2022

wow moment

it creates a really ~ (“Deep Nostalgia” at MyHeritage)

stop at wow

his curiosity tended to ~ without getting to why (interview)

feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation / part of speech

wrangle (verb)

wrangles over health care

GOP ~ (politics)

wrangle over debt limit

lawmakers continue to ~

wrangle over visas

U.S. and Cuba ~

wrangle for water

farmers and frackers ~ in shadow of drought (California)

wrangled everyone together

they kind of ~, took them into a trailer (film extras)

wrangles his girls

Richard ~ (an overbearing tennis father)

wrangles Texas Longhorns

Alabama Crimson Tide ~ (American football)

wrangle those votes

he's using the full power of his office to ~ (politics)

♦ *Movin', movin', movin', / Though they're disapprovin' / Keep them dogies movin', rawhide! / Don't try to understand 'em, / Just rope 'em, throw, and brand 'em, / Soon we'll be livin' high and wide... / My heart's calculatin' / My true love will be waitin' / Be waitin' at the end of my ride...* (The song “Rawhide.”)

conflict / control & lack of control: animal / cows & cattle / horse / verb

wrangler (person)

Data Wranglers

Online Editor, ~, VFX Artists... (job categories / films)

political wrangler

to get things done you needed a ~ (James Baker)

press wrangler

she started on the campaign as a ~ (press office)

snake wrangler

Pinyo is Bangkok's chief ~ (snake removal)

♦ “Once the ice blocks are lined up, they're pushed into a wooden chute and lifted, by pulley, into the ice house. A group of young, energetic ‘wranglers’ takes over from there. The ice blocks glide in like giant, high-speed hockey pucks. The crew inside has to be capable of dodging the blocks, hooking them with an ice pick and then stacking the 250-300-lb blocks one layer at a time until the ice house is nearly full.” (“In Maine, Residents Slice Through Thick Ice To Keep A tradition From Melting Away” by Susan Sharon, NPR, All Things Considered, February 26, 2020. It's a slippery business!)

♦ “No, no, no, we don't need a coat wrangler.” (A cute advertisement from Progressive Insurance. A man is trying to de-program first-home buyers from acting like their parents in a movie theater.)

♦ “By 1830, nearly 20,000 wild cattle...roamed the main island alone, pillaging gardens, hiding in forests and ravines, and posing a serious threat to the locals. As the authors casually remind us, ‘longhorns were the same breed of cattle that wranglers in Alta California would sometimes pit against grizzly bears for sport.’” (“Aloha Rodeo’ Offers Alternative To The Cowboy Cliché” by Carson Vaughan, NPR, Book reviews, June 27, 2019. The book is by David Wolman and Julian Smith. It focuses on the cattle trade and the *paniolos*, the cowboys, of Hawaii.)

conflict / control & lack of control: animal / cows & cattle / horse / person

person: animal / cows & cattle / horse

wrangling

wrangling

after weeks of ~, an Israeli government takes shape

wrangling over subpoenas

the legal ~ (politics)

backstage wrangling

after weeks of ~, the Party has decided...

political wrangling

Constitution reading sparks ~ (Congress)

aggravating procedural wrangling

~ has wasted valuable time (climate change)

years of wrangling

after ~, the VA will provide vets with housing on...

rancor and wrangling

the election will cause much ~ (politics)

wrangling (over Yellowstone snowmobiles) ends

15 years of ~ (new rules)

conflict / control & lack of control: animal / cows & cattle / horse

wrap (under wraps)

kept the book under wraps

government pressure ~

kept his debt under wraps

he ~ (financial infidelity)

keep it under wraps

if they know something, they ~ (cops)

keep their wedding under wraps
the couple tried to ~

kept under wraps
terms of the agreement were ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth

wrap (take the wraps off something / inauguration)

took the wraps off its (latest) project
on Monday, Microsoft ~

inauguration: cloth / verb

wrap (take the wraps off something / concealment)

takes the wraps off a (top-secret) mission
the book ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / verb

wraparound

wraparound porch
on the west side of its ~ porch

wraparound (double) deck
its ~ of stands

wraparound (NASCAR) sunglasses
they've got ~ and mullets

configuration: cloth

wrapped (covered)

wrapped with (thick) clouds
the upper mountain was ~ (Everest)

♦ "The living glow of the desert dawn wrapped a blue turban around the mountain's lofty peak." (Ibrahim al-Koni.)

cover / resemblance: cloth

wrapped (wrapped up in something)

wrapped up in the sex trade
middle-class kids also get ~

wrapped up in being
my identity had been ~ an athlete

get wrapped up in the sex trade
middle-class kids also ~

involvement: cloth

wrap up (verb)

wrap up within a few weeks
the work might ~ (investigation)

wrap up in 2020
the construction project was expected to ~

wrap up in May or June
that investigation is expected to ~ (government)

wraps on April 15
the session ~ (state legislature)

wrapped up the case
we ~ (an investigation)

wrap up a deal
is that possible that this week they could ~

wrap up the demonstration
activists agreed to ~ if the police...

wrapped up his report
he ~ on the president's address by... (newscaster)

wraps up today's show
that ~, thanks to everyone...

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: cloth / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: cloth / verb

wreck (verb)

wrecked his career
a throwing problem ~ (catcher can't throw to pitcher)

wrecking the markets
his wildly irresponsible comments are ~ (politics)

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / ruins / verb

wreck (train wreck)

see *train wreck*

wreck (person)

wreck
emotionally, he was a ~

coke-sniffing wreck
he was a ~

nervous wreck
I was a ~ at the job interview

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / person / ruins

feeling, emotion & effect: crashes & collisions / destruction / ruins

wreckage (noun)

wreckage of misfortune
money to salvage a decent life from the ~

social wreckage
she describes the ~ of her bipolar episodes

salvage a (decent) life from the wreckage
money to ~ of misfortune

found a way out of his own wreckage
he ~ with the therapist's help

♦ "Hedge funds, after all, didn't make these markets. They just played in them. That meant that when the market crashed, as it would, rich opportunities would emerge from the wreckage. The game for hedge funds was not so much to ride markets up as to predict the movements

within them. Down could be every bit as lucrative." (*Weapons Of Math Destruction* by Cathy O'Neil.)

destruction: crashes & collisions / ruins

wrecked

wrecked by (phone) hacking
her life was ~

destruction: crashes & collisions / ruins

wrecking ball (noun)

wrecking ball to the status quo
the Black Panther Party promised radical action, a ~

wrecking-ball agenda
they have a ~ that is rooted in nationalism (politics)

5ft 10in wrecking ball
there was nowhere to hide against the ~ (Tyson vs. Bruno)

anti-globalist wrecking ball
she has done much to protect the UN from Trump's ~

take a wrecking ball to the organization
are you going to ~ (an financial official)

taken a wrecking ball to reform
they have ~ (Supreme Court)

takes a wrecking ball to its past
a danger of excess if the country ~ (cancel culture)

♦ "Australia has a long and depressing history of inadvertently introducing wrecking ball species as pets and livestock, or for sport. Examples include foxes, pigs and rabbits, goats, camels and cats... but it is the cane toad that is widely reviled about all else." ("The rapid spread of Australia's cane toad pests" by Phil Mercer, BBC, 22 March 2017.)

destruction / force: tools & technology

wrench (throw a wrench into something)

wrench in the gears
antiviral drugs are a ~ of the genetic machinery

wrench in (long-term U.S.) policy
China just threw a major ~ by... (see quote below)

monkey wrench
the announcement has thrown a ~ into those plans (antitrust)

throw a wrench into (contract) talks
the investigation could really ~ (union)

throw a wrench into the works
this could ~

throw a wrench in the works
does this ~ (negotiations)

♦ "China just threw a major wrench in long-term U.S. policy in the Middle East by arranging the Saudi-Iranian negotiations. It's a very severe blow to the United States. Control of the Middle East has been a prime concern of U.S. foreign policy." (Noam Chomsky, who views the Abraham Accords as sinister.)

disruption: engine / mechanism / verb

wrenching (adjective)

wrenching (personal) account
a ~ (*I'll Be Gone In The Dark* by Michelle McNamara)

wrenching climax
the novel reaches a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

wrestle (verb)

wrestling over her emotions
she is ~ (a celebrity)

wrestles over whether
he ~ he should have moved to Atlanta

wrestle with
that's one of the issues we have to ~ (terrorism)

wrestle with (tough) decisions
as you ~

wrestling with these issues
the government is ~ (info in wartime)

wrestle with its (economic) problems
Uzbekistan is now free to ~

wrestle with changing
they ~ the system

♦ In "A Photographer's Pilgrimage," the great Kazuyoshi Nomachi has wonderful pictures and text relating to the actual annual wrestling matches in the Nuba Mountains in southern Sudan. A victor might win a wife.

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sports & games / verb / wrestling

wring (create)

wring a (big) profit from his restaurant
he hopes to ~

wring art out of the rubble
in Kosovo, artists ~

wring (more) water from (existing) supplies
conservation can ~

creation & transformation: pressure / verb

taking & removing: pressure / verb

wring (coerce)

wring concessions from banks
the government hopes to ~

wring (pay) concessions from the union
the city wants to ~

coercion & motivation / oppression: hand / pressure / verb

wring (wring one's hands)

see *hand* (*wring one's hands*)

wringer (through the wringer)

through the wringer

Nooo, this is terrible, that poor family has been ~

social-media wringer

Y.A. titles that passed through the ~ (books)

emotional wringer

Man U is putting their supporters through an ~ this season

gone through the wringer

she has ~ with assorted investigations (a politician)

going through the wringer

you been ~ with all this shit going on (Bob Menery)

put contestants through the wringer

they ~ (a quiz show)

put the FAA through the wringer

the congressman ~ (congressional hearings)

put her through the wringer

his affairs ~ (married him anyway, divorced him for same)

put his (approval) rating through the wringer

the government shutdown ~ (politics)

put through the wringer

a black comedy about a weakling being ~

he has been ~ this week and deserves it (a sports dooper)

Jolie is ~ in the film (*Those Who Wish Me Dead*)

♦ "Manchester United seem determined to put themselves and their supporters through an emotional wringer this season." (Phil Dawkes, BBC Sport, about FC Copenhagen 4-3 Manchester United.)

♦ "He's been through the ringer here in the city, and it's tough, man, they have high expectations..." (Quarterback Zach Wilson finally plays well and the New York Jets win a game.)

♦ Younger teachers might not know what the washboard in a *washboard road* refers to. But I can remember my mother using one, as well as an electric wringer, and a clothes line. I once got my arm caught in the wringer, which means I went through an *actual* wringer, and I have the pale white scar to prove it. As a rambunctious kid, you could say I put my *parents* through the wringer!

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. Three pieces of silverware are sitting at a bar. A spoon and a fork, sitting together, are side-eyeing a fork, who is sitting a little apart with a martini in front of him. That fork's tines are all twisted, and his eyes are discombobulated. The spoon is saying to the fork, "He once fell into the garbage disposal and doesn't like to talk about it." (*The New Yorker*, May 8, 2023. The cartoon is signed m.e.mcnaire)

♦ see also *mill (through the mill)*

experience: mechanism

accusation & criticism / affliction / oppression: clothing & accessories / mechanism / pressure

wrinkle (noun)

another wrinkle

~ in the trans-Atlantic relationship concerns Moscow

some wrinkles

there are some ~ to be ironed out

iron out wrinkles

they still need to ~ in their new contract

flaws & lack of flaws: cloth

wrist (slap on the wrist)

slap on the wrist

he needs more than just a ~ (justice / sentencing)

this ~ is an absolute miscarriage of justice

he served 13 years, not exactly a ~ (prison)

slap on the wrist for a pedophile

a ~ (title of article)

financial slap on the wrist

the FTC's fine will be more than just a ~ (on Facebook)

♦ "He deserved a bloody nose, but we gave him a slap on the wrist." (A pundit speaking about the Ayatollah of Iran, about retaliatory air strikes for the deaths of three U.S. soldiers.)

punishment & recrimination: hand

write (create)

write more chapters

it's been a storybook season, hopefully we can ~ (team)

write a (new) chapter

the protests could ~ in Arab politics

write his most glorious chapter

on Sunday he could ~ (Raheem Sterling, Euro 2020)

creation & transformation: writing & spelling

write (write out / off)

write you out

don't let anybody ~ (dwarf plays basketball)

wrote him off

people ~, said he had no heart, he quit... (a boxer)

wrote me off

my last fight everybody ~ (a boxer)

dismissal, removal & resignation: writing & spelling

writing (writing on the wall)

writing on the wall for his campaign

with the ~, he announced his withdrawal (election)

saw the writing on the wall

I don't think anyone ~ (private-equity firm shuts hospital)

see the writing on the wall

Ramaswamy was quick to ~ (drops out of race)

future / time: religion / writing & spelling

fate, fortune & chance: Bible / religion / writing & spelling

written (written on it, etc.)

written all over it

the attack has Iran ~

written all over this

this has got upset ~

evidence: writing & spelling

written (fate)

written

it was ~ (said by a Muslim)

written in the stars

Neymar struck the winning penalty, it was ~, perhaps

♦ Auda: (To a stricken-looking Lawrence) Well, Lawrence... (Lawrence, distraught, rushes away, and Auda addresses Ali.) What ails the Englishman? / Ali: That that he killed was the man he brought out of the Nefud. / Auda: It was written, then... Better to have left him. (From the great 1962 David Lean film *Lawrence of Arabia*.)

fate, fortune & chance: religion / writing & spelling

future / time: religion / writing & spelling

written off

basically written off

he was ~, but he defied all his critics (Marvin Gaye)

dismissal, removal & resignation: writing & spelling

wrong (sarcasm)

wrong on all levels

the chant is ~ ("Rent boy" chant / Chelsea soccer)

bigger than the club...WRONG

he thought he was ~ (soccer snark)

what could go wrong

parents go on vacay and leave house to teens, ~
cranks with guns, ~ (a protest)

what possibly could go wrong

and now the same guy is in charge, ~ (sarcasm)

just wrong

this is ~ (a Trans Day of Vengeance protest in D.C.)

so wrong

this is ~

♦ "he thought he was bigger than the club...WRONG." (Soccer snark.)

♦ "I always joke, like, running thousands of feet of pipe filled with water in the Minnesota winter, like, what could go wrong, right?" (Maintaining an ice park for winter climbing.)

♦ "He would disparage another physicist by saying, 'He is not even wrong.'"

♦ "holy crap, this is idiotic on so many levels" (A tweet about a tweet.)

♦ "This is so horribly wrong what happened." (Mother about her murdered son.)

♦ "There's a right way, a wrong way, and the Army way." (Enlisted men's wisdom.)

language: sarcasm

wrong-foot (verb)

wrong-footed his own country's intelligence community

he ~ by... (*The Guardian*)

disruption: equilibrium & stability / foot / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

wrongheaded

wrongheaded

the U.S. approach to this war is ~

character & personality: head

X

x (Chicanx, etc.)

Chicanx

~ activists and writers (1970s)

Filipinx

the gender-neutral terms "Latinx" and "~"

girlx

~ is for all who identify as girls or with girlhood
sports night for ~ (Cambridge, MA / *elementary* age)

Latinx

the ~ community

Afro-Latinx

Lin-Manuel apologizes for lack of ~ actors in *The Heights*

Folx

an unapologetic focus on Black ~ in these places and spaces

folx

~ is a nod to the gay community
Merriam-Webster has an entry for ~

womxn

"~" removes the "man" from "woman"

Womxn

she won WWU's ~ of Color Empowerment Faculty Award

♦ "Latinx. Please stop it." (An online commenter.)

♦ A Pew Research Center survey found that about one in four U.S. Hispanics have heard of the term Latinx, but just 3 percent use it, and those are usually young Hispanic women.

♦ "Wokeness is not just a social philosophy, but an elite status marker, a strategy for personal advancement. You have to possess copious amounts of cultural capital to feel comfortable using words like *intersectionality*, *heteronormativity*, *cisgender*, *problematize*, *triggering*, and *Latinx*... Wokeness becomes a way to intimidate Boomer administrators and wrest power from them." ("How The Bobos Broke America" by David Brooks, *The Atlantic*, September 2021.)

♦ "Thinx: Absorbs Period Worries." (Thinx to pay millions to settle class-action lawsuit.)

inclusion & exclusion: affix / language

language: letters & characters

x-ray (noun)

X-ray of the (New England) mind

her list is an ~ (Harvard theses / 1770s)

X-ray of (Iranian) society

A Hero feels like an ~ (Asghar Farhadi)

x-ray of the weaknesses

the pandemic has been an ~ of our social safety net

X-ray eye

he has an ~ about people, situations (comic Colin Quinn)

♦ "Mungiu is offering an anatomical scan of the Romanian body politic. But not only the Romanian one..." ("This Romanian film about immigration and vanishing jobs hits close to home" by John Powers, NPR, Fresh Air, May 2, 2023.)

♦ "Moms have X-ray eyes."

analysis, interpretation & explanation: health & medicine / picture / tools & technology

Y

y (websites, drug names, etc.)

abtasty

~.com ("A/B testing")

Blavity

~ is a tech company for Black millennials

Blissy

100% pure mulberry silk pillowcases by ~™

Brainly

~ is a Polish education technology company...

chewy.com

~, where pet lovers shop

Etsy

~ sellers launch strike over increased fees

Glossy

sign up for the ~ Daily Newsletter

~ for "fashion and beauty"

goatse

~.cx, the internet shock site...

Grammarly

let ~ do that for you...

livestly

Ad \$ ~ ("See If You have This Penny Worth \$1.2 million)

Muckety

~ creates maps showing paths of influence (website)

mugshawty

the popular ~ Instagram account

Rayanna Belle Brock on the ~ Instagram account

Nerdly

Matthew Turner at ~

Newsy

~ to rebrand as Scripps News

Optimizely

~.com ("A/B testing")

Ozy

~ Media shuts down after reports of...

Queerty

~ covers gay-oriented lifestyle and news

Reedsy

~ can recommend book review blogs

Tess Patalano is a writer at ~

Resy

book your Traif reservation now on ~

Streamy

the YouTube ~ Awards (the Streamys)

Swiggy

popular Indian food aggregator ~

Teami

shop ~ detox teas (skinny, colon cleanse, etc.)

Tubi

watch films for free with ads on ~

Wegovy

~ works (obesity drug)

Wondery

~ is an American podcast network (2016)

♦ "Why Do Dogs Eat Poop. How Do I Make It Stop." (BeChewy. Promoted Links by Taboola.)

♦ "BeChewy provides tips and tricks for the entire pet parent experience, from potty training a new puppy to baking up homemade treats for your fur baby." ("Potty training," not house-breaking. "Fur baby.")

♦ The question, as always, is *why*...

contempo-speak: affix

y (pulpy, etc.)

animal-y

the samples were very ~ (a male evolutionary biologist)

angsty

~ music genre with roots in D.C. (crossword clue)

we were listening to the same ~ music (proto Pop-punk)

the ~ Zeitgeist of his generation

God, I'm just so ~ (closeted lesbian teen)

does she really have to be miserable to feed her ~ fans

artsy

Manhattan's ~ Greenwich Village

awards-y

some of his performances have felt ~

baddie

the cop is a stock ~, tossing N-bombs... (a play)

why are British actors so good at playing ~s

ballsy

she's ballsy, awesome (Travis Kelce about *Taylor Swift*)

barnyardy

a ~ cayenne tang (sweaty subway car)

beachy

the aptly named Crabby Shack, casual and ~ (restaurant)

Dua Lipa shares ~ pics from down under

more ~ fun for less (get trip ideas)

besti

when someone you think is your ~ doesn't... (best friend)

bitchy
 it was a really ~ thing for her to do

Blair Witch-y
 there is sort of a ~ sort of vibe (outdoors at night)

bloopy
 so the mud pods are, like, very ~ (Yellowstone Park)

Bluey
 the children's TV cartoon ~
 ~ is a kids show with lessons for everyone (Disney+)
 ~ has just as much to say to the adults watching (NPR)

boozy
 easy shortcakes with ~ whipped cream (Grand Marnier)

bougie
 Tiffany, a ~ sorority sister...
 the ~ part of downtown (across Atlantic Avenue)
 ~ 25-year-olds who value branding over substance
 the couple's ~ Calabasas life style

bouncy
 her breasts, so ~ (porn)

bratty
 the ~ and the bold
 when Rachel Zegler says the same thing it's ~

breezy
 let's not knock ~ distraction (*New Yorker's* Naomi Fry)
 finicky photorealism and ~ artistic license (*The Crown*)

breelfie
 Rihanna posts a "~" of her with RZA (breastfeeding)

bro-y
 he has a brash, ~, right-wing persona (Srinivasan)

bubbly
 "Hi, guys," the ~ senior says to the cops (noise complaint)

buzzy
 see *buzzy* (*adjective*)

cakey
 you want a kind of ~ texture (a gay man making bread)

cartoony
 a fantastical, ~ realm (Teletubbies)
 they style it in a very ~ style (Linda Holmes)

catchy
 it's punk but it's still ~ (Pop-punk)
 her music is masterfully ~ (Leah Kate)

catty
 '~' workplace conflict (women)

cheeky
 the singer's ~ charisma
 the pair went IG official with a pair of ~ selfies

cheesy
 it was super ~
 you know, it sounds a little bit ~ to say, but I was really...
 ahhh, the era when movies were ~ but not cringey

easy, ~ (the film *Into the Blue*)
 hey, I like to be ~ sometimes (Thom Browne, fashion)

chocolatey
 McDonald's adds new ~ pretzel McFlurry to the menu
 and then the brown color got like a denser, thicker ~?

Christmassy
 old classics or any ~ movie starring...

clickbait-y
 Facebook changed its algorithm to exclude "~" headlines
 some of her thumbnails are ~ (content creator)
 ~ words like "here" and "this" ("A/B testing)

clickbaity
 frenetic, ~, hot-take websites

clingy
 antidepressants made me less needy, and ~, and happier
 "Bug a Boo" is about a guy who's too ~

comfy
 snuggle up in ~ pajamas

corny
 the ~ aspects of my personality
 people with guns could be pretty ~ about them

creamy
 deliciously ~ with 2 grams of protein...

creepy
 the cinematography was just as ~ as it was in...
 she's ~, kooky, mysterious and ooky (Wednesday Adams)
 wedded bliss gets really ~ in 'Don't Worry Darling'

cringey
 see *cringey* (*adjective*)

cringy
 see *cringey* (*adjective*)

cuddly
 he was really cute and ~ (a piglet)

culty
 a ~ celebrity church based on Hillsong

curdy
 a ~ scramble of eggs, tomatoes... (Hannah Goldfield)

cutie
 you're a ~ (Hunt 4K porn site)

cutesy
 women seem to prefer ~ language
 a ~ nickname for...

dishy
 ~ show-business anecdotes (Dana / female)
Dirty Laundry, a ~ game (dirty little secrets)
 ~, trashy family sagas (TV)

ditzy
 the Mom seems a bit ~

doomy

carefree music, ~ lyrics...

dopey
a slick yet ~ lawyer who's good in bed...
this makes you look ~ (Linda Holmes about Bieber fans)

dreamy
it's a ~ call to get as an actor
Amanda Seyfried looks ~ in couture
the ceremony was so beautiful and ~

egg-shelly
I'm putting it out there so no one is in the dark or feels ~

faggoty
~, desperate, religious, patriotic, queer (Allen Ginsberg)

FBI-y
something ~, please (editor's request to photo staffers)

feely
officers aren't typically touchy ~, huggy type people

fetishy
if it smells racially ~, it probably is (Sisonke Msimang)

flirties
this girl's gonna have the ~ rollin' in (online dating)

flirty
they sparked romance rumors with their ~ display
romantic country getaways and ~ after-work drinks (ABC)
they were spotted getting ~, touchy-feely...
he had never been cruel, abusive or ~ (Gen Z relationship)

foodie
The Taste of Things is a sizzling romance and ~ feast (film)
buttering up the ~ crowd...

foody
this Italian ~ spot...

fraty
she sought to update the "~" humor (epic marketing fail)

Freaky
"Super ~ Girl" by Nicki Minaj...

fringe-y
some ~ men's rights groups (NPR's Bob Mondello)

fringier
still, her ~ thoughts distressed her (Joshua Ferris)

frisky
if you're feeling a little ~, check out... (NPR's Ailsa Chang)

fudgey
her sweet, ~ red velvet shortbread sticks

fuzzy
see *fuzzy* (*adjective*)

Gayly
the ~ Prophet, a queer Harry Potter analysis podcast

geeky
his childhood was solitary and ~

genocide-y
he said the slogan was 'a little more ~' (Bill Maher)

gimmicky
the ~ 'response record' trend (female rappers / "beefs")

girlie
she was very sort of feminine really and ~
remember Shrek~~ (Heidi Klum / Who? Weekly)
I'm an aisle ~ (air travel)

girly
the two "~ girls" spend time together
Teddy is definitely more ~ and feminine (her daughter)

girly-girly
Minaj's ~ alter-ego...

glowy
everyone is thirsty for ~, healthy skin...

goeey
when it comes to pandas, the internet goes all ~

goofy
I was a pretty ~ kid (a FTM trans)
it's ~ and glitchy (*Saints Row* video game)
the cast of *White Lotus* share a ~ moment (SAG awards)

gory
when everything's ~, what's scary? (NPR's Linda Holmes)

gossipy
I found myself being too ~ sometimes (petty, bickering)

Gothy
it's sort of self-consciously ~ (movie review)

grabby
Anwar was handsy and needy, ~ (married and dating)

grifty
this is so bad and so ~ (wellness fraud / an influencer)

grungy
the bratty and the bold, the ~ and the poppy (Gayle)

handsy
he was photographed getting ~ with... (celebrity gossip)
they were photographed getting ~ in Rome (PDA)
Anwar was ~ and needy, grabby (married and dating)

Hanky-Panky
save on Jennifer Aniston's favorite ~ underwear (Amazon)

hellscapey
it sounds a bit ~ to me (Zoe Kleinman about Twitter)

hiphop-y
may coolness, my inner gangster, my ~-ness (female)

homie
you ain't my ~

hosty
I'm gonna put on my most naïve ~ voice (Scott Simon)

Hottie

Megan Thee Stallion's video series “~ World”
The Hottie and the Nottie (the great 2008 Film)

huggy
officers aren't typically touchy feely, ~ type people

Huggy
a horror video game character named ~ Wuggy

icky
when you talk about your followers, it becomes a little ~
because men think they're ~... (periods)
it's very, very icky (shaming)
I feel ~ about it

insiderly
I squeezed in as much ~ gay-culture stuff as I could...
all of that is pretty ~ (political-party machinations)

janky
the ~ Comuta-Car (Simone Giertz's Cheese Louise)
he offered his driver a ~ gamsahamnida (thank you / Korean)

jankey
supply chains are still kind of ~ (Jacob Goldstein / NPR)

jazz-handy
a Broadway ~ thing (Glen Weldon)

jokey
~ barbs about the group (a response track / females)

judgy
we live in a ~ age (Louis Menand / *The New Yorker*)
we try not to be very ~

kooky
I don't like spooky, I like ~ (Who? Weekly podcast)
a series of ~ encounters

mathy
it can be a really ~ high (solving crosswords)

meaty
see *meaty (substance)*

micromanagey
I became more ~ (Caroline Polachek)

needy
Anwar was handsy and ~, grabby (married man / dating)

nerdy
Rachael Parker specializes in “~ themed” weddings...

networky
everyone is super supportive but not in a ~ feeling way

new-agey
Adam Neumann and his ~ wife Rebekah (WeCrashed)

newsy
~ documentaries are coming off as rushed...
let's start with a ~ question (NPR “science”)
women's pages tend to have less ~ content
the op-ed was “~” (Rhoades Ha, *New York Times*)

New Yorky
he actually lives in D.C., which is like ~ (silly dialogue)

normie
~ voters, including ~ non-white voters

nothingy
a poor match between two ~ players (Wimbledon tennis)

Oscar-iest
“King Richard is Will Smith at his ~” (NPR / Pop Culture Happy Hour)

outdoorsy
everyone can be ~ (PBS America Outdoors)

outsiderly
it felt like ~ type of music (Pop-punk)

performancy
she had tattoos down her arms and was very ~, dramatic...

pervy
they both look ~ (a Hollywood producer and director)

plucky
Janine, *Abbott Elementary*'s ~ protagonist...

poopy
there's ~ diapers and less sleep, things like that, right?
we live in a fallen, gross, ~ reality (Glen Weldon)
it had a ~, stinky kind of flair to it, you know what I mean?
the interview has been edited so it isn't too ~ (Linda Poon)

poppy
it's punk but ~ (Pop-punk)
the bratty and the bold, the grungy and the ~ (Gayle)
a couple of songs are really fun little like ~type things

Poppy
the game ~ Playtime (with Huggy Wuggy)

popty
children yelling ~ words at smart speakers (Ari Shapiro)

poufy
a back bikini top and ~ tutu

pouty
a punchy and ~ rock nugget (10 Things I Hate About You)

pricey
still ~ even when it's marked down (Blissy™ pillowcases)

pulpy
~ filmmaking at its entertaining best
I can read a bit faster if the book is ~ (Molly Young)

punchy
really ~ powerful moments (a queer LatinX youth poet)
“10 Things I Hate About You” is ~ and pouty (Leah Kate)

pushy
see *pushy (people, etc.)*

queenie
gay men were loud and silly and ~ (Richard Lawson)

quirky
bright, ~ music... (“Lavender” language / linguistics)
a ~ preteen deals with life (a YA book)

radio-producery
and you approached this in a very ~ way (podcaster)

rapey
Choe described engaging in “~ behavior” in 2014
one of his buddies was getting all date~ with Treece...
my girlfriend says he’s got ~ eyes (Portland, Oregon)
Tedros has a “~” vibe (HBO’s *The Idol*)

rascally
the flavor of ~ pop punk is now everywhere (SOUR)

really
see *really* (*gushing*)

right-wingy
there’s this ~ immigration network here (Caitlin Dickerson)

rom-comy
so sweet and traditionally ~ (*Heartstopper* TV series)

roséy
what was once a ~ side hustle (rosé wine / *Vulture*)

salady
heavy, fatty, creamy or lighter, fresher ~ (Yotam Ottolenghi
about asparagus recipes)

sappy
the movie is definitely very ~

same-y
the conventional wisdom is all pretty ~ (fashion industry)
everything felt very ~

samey
hip-hop has returned to a new, ~ orthodoxy

saucy
you know I got the sauce, you know I’m ~ (Rihanna)
her captions are coy, her poses ~ (gymnast Olivia Dunne)

scammy
he cold-called prey to sell them on ~ investments

schweetie
he’s a real ~ (a gay man about his dog)

schoolies
high-school grads revel during ~ week (Australia)

science-y
the ~ biopic (2023 film *Oppenheimer*)

scold-y
politics is quite moralistic and ~ in tone now

scoldy
~ types called it objectification (Sydney Sweeney’s breasts)

selfie
are you ready to pout for your next ~ sesh
the pair went IG official with a pair of cheeky ~s
she fell off a cliff while taking a ~

sexy
see *sexy* (*adjective*)

shame-y
it’s not ~ or puritanical (2023 film *Bottoms*)

sheisty (schiesty, etc.)
that’s as ~ as it gets... (an approving NFL player)

shitty
your ~ parents
they are pioneers of this ~ form of heckling
469 results for “~” and counting at NPR

sing-songy
their speech gets ~ (adults talk to infants)

skanky
she’s a ~ stripper (one woman about another)

skeevie
people are ~ (monkeypox)

slangy
how ~ a word is... (Erica Brozovsky Ph.D.)

sleazy
where he draws the line between sexy and ~ (John Legend)

Slutty
~ Vegan burger chain puts the party in plant-based eating

smiley
she has blond hair, she’s very ~ (a child)

snotty
I support Jeremy O Harris being ~ about TV (in NYT)

snowflakey
boomers are being a bit ~ (about ageist language)

soapy
a YA adaptation with lots of ~ complications (TV series)

spammy
a lot of the links were ~ (after reports of school shooting)
sponsored or ~ links and junk content (“search” results)

sparkly
the 20-year-old wore a sleeveless ~ black dress
his suit was very ~

spicy
~ trends (Ad / online clickbait)

spoil-ery
now we’ll get into the more ~ aspects of the film...
our discussion will be so ~, right? (about a film)

spooky
I don’t like ~, I like kooky (Who? Weekly podcast)

sporty
‘tenniscore’ trend serving ~, elegant looks...

spunky
she was sharp and funny and ~

squirmy
the ~ things in her personal life

squishy
he's been kind of ~ on this (female political pundit)

stabby
I'm feeling ~ today (meme)
but it's only a matter of time before things get ~ (*X* film)

Stinky
Babytalk magazine's "~ Diaper Awards" (to anti-moms)
From ~ Cheese To Cat Pee... (*Fresh Air* / Terry Gross)

stinky
"Why ~ sweat is good" by Michaelleen Doucleff, NPR
Des Moines, Iowa, is in a ~ situation
5,035 results and counting for "~" at NPR

Streamy
Gabbie Hanna at the 2018 ~ Awards

suffer-y
this really deeply ~ experience (climber Emily Harrington)

sunnies
the ~ best suited to the open road (fashion sunglasses)
Corey Worthington's yellow ~ (Australia)

sweary
Strong language, A ~ blog about swearing
~ parrots become unlikely stars

swicky
the way it kind of leans on trauma sometimes felt a little ~

talky
this is a very ~ show (*Straight Line Crazy*)

teary
she took a ~ selfie and posted it

techy
we should not overlook less ~ remedies for loneliness
Oh, the digital ~ people, you're like gods... (snark)

thingies
I'm just trying to get more of these ~ (female)
see those yellow sparkly ~ right behind Dr. Strange
a pleather tunic with shoulder ~ (Glen Weldon)

thingy
and that glitter spray ~ (Glen Weldon)
a metal glove--~ called the Infinity Gauntlet
"Deal with it, move on" is an important ~ (Johan Renck)

thirsty
everyone is ~ for glowy, healthy skin
I can be ~ over a guy (deaf activist Raven Sutton)

thotty
Beyonce's 'Renaissance' is ~, naughty and ethereal

touristy
~ fans gather to watch (ABC's GMA in Times Square)

touchy feely
the police aren't typically ~, huggy type people

touchy-feely
they were spotted getting flirty, ~ (celebrities)

trashy
it's blithely vulgar and joyfully ~ (Glen Weldon / *Dicks*)
dishy, ~ family sagas (TV)

trendy
pumpkin cheesecake cookies are the ~ fall treat...
the science behind the ~ claims (lemon-water detox)
vintage names are making a ~ comeback (Edith, etc.)

tricky
navigating one's identity can be a little ~
the need to be liked can be ~ (Andee Tagle)

troll-y
it seemed more than a bit ~ (Dahlia Lithwick)

Trumpy
GOP braces for more ~ moments (The Note: ABC News)
upstate New York is VERY conservative and ~

Turny
"For September, 3 Twisty, ~, Thrill-Packed Romances"

Twisty
"For September, 3 ~, Turny, Thrill-Packed Romances"

vampy
her ~ off-Broadway comedy *Nollywood Dreams*

vibey
he brings us "~" and melodic sounds
~ neo-soul and blunted chillwave (music)
solidifying the dark and ~ tone of the record
5,474 results and counting for "~" at NPR

wacky
she brings a certain ~ sensibility

WASPy
such ~ pomp (at university / writer Xochitl Gonzalez)

wastey
Taylor is code red ~... (drunk / an episode of RHOC)

whoopie
making ~ on the beach as others look on and laugh

Whoopsies!
~ we can't find what you're looking for (NPR link to store)

'Who-y'
this is a very ~ thing for a Them (*Who Weekly*)

winky
the vibe is meant to be ~ and fun...

witchy
whimsigoth, the ~ aesthetic

yucky
how to make poached eggs that are not ~
I don't think it's ~, its normal (vaginal seeding)
15,378 results for "~" and counting (at NPR)

yummy

anything pumpkin is ~

zany

the percs, ~, Oxys... (xanax)

zeitgeist-y

Sex and the City is about as ~ a show as one can get
the first season proved a ~ hit (HBO's *Industry*)

zeitgeisty

the controversies and ~ debates (over the old Teletubbies)
a bullshit, ~ social media argument

zither-y

a ~ score (NPR's Linda Holmes / films)

*** cute, cutesy, not so serious

♦ "They're creepy and they're kooky, / Mysterious and spooky, / They're all together ooky, / The Addams Family." (The Addams Family theme song.)

♦ "Itsy bitsy babies around the world..."

♦ "More than two million people follow a 'Peggy and Molly' profile online." (Molly is a magpie, Peggy a bull terrier dog. They seemingly have bonded. In Australia.)

♦ "It doesn't embrace the overblown-y-ness of... (Linda Holmes of Pop Culture Happy Hour reviewing a film. Y plus ness! "One hundred stars, Summer." In another podcast with Linda, a female said, "My coolness, my inner gangster, may hiphop-y-ness.")

♦ "The way it kind of leans on trauma sometimes felt a little swicky." (A discussion about Alex Garland's film *Men* on NPR's Pop Culture Happy Hour.)

♦ "Guess Which 52-Year-Old Hottie Shared This Teeny Black Bikini Selfie!" (TMZ. "Hottie." "Teeny." "Bikini." "Selfie.")

♦ David Thompson, aka Tinky Winky... (The original Teletubbies.)

♦ "Sheryl was really exceptionally talented..."

♦ "You're an absolute powerhouse, of a person. I think you're a powerhouse of a person. I don't even want to use the expression ballsy, because that's all about men. That is very, very strong." (BBC *Young Again with Kirsty Young*, "6. Jada Pinkett Smith," released on 07 Nov 2023. Warning: explicit language.)

♦ "He he...; deeply deeply...; really really...; very very...; obviously...; already...; effortlessly...; especially...; understandably...; deeply...; truly...; obviously...; finally... (Female "gushing" with pronounced—strongly marked—adverbs ending in long e. White. Born and raised in Ohio. Successful author. Born 1967-1968 (early Gen X). Lives in Kansas. Straight with children.)

♦ "So the mud pods are, like, very—I would say they're very bloopy—bloop, bloop, bloop. Because you have some gas coming up through that, that's just coming up through the mud, and it makes a cool sound." (A female high-school biology teacher leading students on a field trip to Yellowstone National Park.)

♦ "When kids yell 'Alexa, play poop,' you'll hear these songs," NPR, All Things Considered, September 9, 2022.)

♦ Squealy; jazzy; campy... (A young white male music critic.)

♦ Crunchy; filthy... (Contempo-speak about contempo-music.)

♦ "This message comes from NPR sponsor Yogi Tea. For a delicious way to start your day, steep a citrusy cup of Yogi Sweet Tangerine Positive Energy Tea, blended with invigorating Yerba Mate..."

♦ "Easy blackberry mint biscuit shortcakes with boozy whipped cream..."

♦ "Every Bay film is cheesy, but his one counts as high-speed cheese, grilled to the max by Danny's thoughtful advice: 'Just. Drive. Fast.'" ("Restless: 'Paris, 13th District' and 'Ambulance,' by Anthony Lane, *The New Yorker*, April 18, 2022.)

♦ "It can generally go in one of two ways. There's a heavy, fatty, creamy route, and then there's a lighter, fresher salad path, as in this crispy asparagus-and-green-bean salad. Both are great..." (Yotam Ottolenghi.)

♦ "It's a bit nutty." (Austin Powers drinks Fat Bastard's stool sample, thinking it is coffee, in *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me*.)

♦ Watch on YouTube NPR's Delicious Dish: Schweddy Balls SNL

♦ Absolutely (contempo-speak); actually (contempo-speak), basically (contempo-speak), definitely (contempo-speak), obviously (contempo-speak), really (*gushing*)... (Adverbs beloved by contempo-speakers that end with long e.)

♦ Abby (Abigale); Addy (Adriana); Alexee; Ali (Alexandra); Allie; Ally; Amy; Andee; Andi; Andie; Annie; Archie (Archana); Ashlea; Ashley; Aubrey; Audrii; Bambi; Barbi; Barbie; Berly (Kimberly / female); Bethany; Bodhi (female); Billie (female); Bobbi (female); Bobbie (female); Bodie (a fictional female character); Brandi; Bri; Brie; Briony; Britney; Britanee; Brittany; Brittni; Cady; Cailee; Candi; Carli; Carrie; Casey (female); Cassidy (female); Cassie (Casandra); Celie (pronounced See-Lee); Charity; Charlie (female); Charly (female); Chelsea; Chelsy; Cheri; Chloe; Chrissy; Daisey; Dani (female); Darcy; Debbi; Debbie; Debi; Dede; Didi (Didrik); Dee; Dee Dee (Dorice); Destinee; Ebony (female); Emily; Evie; Fani (pronounced FAWN-ee); Felicity; Freddie (Frederique); Gabby; Gabby; Hailey; Haley; Halsey (female); Hayley; Holley; Holli; Ivey; Jackie; Jamie (female); Jaqui; Jeannie; Jennie; Jessie (female); Jodie (female); Jody; Joey (female); Jori; Juli; Julie; Kari (female); Katie; Katy; Kaylee; Keely (female); Kelley; Kelly (female); Kelsea (cute spelling, I like that!); Kelsey; Kelsi; Kennedy; Kennedy; Keke; Kiki_Bee (text); Kirstie; Kitty; Konni; Kristi; Kyle; Kylie (female); Leslie (female); Lexie; Libby (Liberty); Lili; Lily; Lilly; Livvy (Olivia); Lori; Lucie; Macee; Macy; Madi; Maddie; Mallory; Mandy; Marly (female); Matty (female); Maycee; Melanie; Meri (female); Mickey (female); Micki (female); Milley; Millie; Mimi; Mindy; Missy; Misty; Molly; Natalie; Nicki; Nikki; Nikky; Pattie; Pattie; Phoebe; Pixie; Polly; Poppy; Rainey; Randi (female); Riki (Erika); Rikki (female); Riley (female); Sadie; Sally; Shelby (female); Sherry; Sidney (female); Sigi; Sophie; Stacey (female); Stephanie; Stormi; Suki; Sunny (female); Sydney (female); Taffy (female); Tammi; Teddy (female); Teri; Tiffany; Toby (female); Toni (female); Tori; Traci; Tracy; Vicky; Wendi; Weslie (female); Whitney; Whoopi; Winnie (female); Yuki; Zawe; Zoe; Zoey (trans woman)... (Contemporary American female names ending in long "e.")

♦ "He thinks the spelling is cute and just makes her unique." (The father of Ghiuliyette, pronounced "Juliet.")

♦ Wally Funk flew Blue Origin to the edge of space. Her feel-good story was widely reported, and she was always referred to as "Wally." Her actual name is Mary Wallace Funk.

♦ "We'll start listening at sunrise and see if 'Odie' wakes up from a nap." (Tim Crain, chief technology officer and IM (Intuitive Machines) co-founder, about the moon lander called 'Odysseus,' but referred to as 'Odie' (IM-1), after the *Garfield* cartoon character. Cute! It landed softly but fell over on its side.)

♦ "I just fell in love with Stumpy (pronounced Stumpyyyy). I saw him and I looked him up two years ago and found out he has a Facebook page." (Oregon eighth-grade history teacher Debby, about the named cherry tree near the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C. "Stumpy." "Debby." "Cherry.")

♦ "Postparty depreshy: A cutesy nickname for postpartum depression which your cool new mom friend has coined to minimize the severity of this very real, destabilizing disorder." ("Lesser-known Postpartum Mood Disorders" by Jena Friedman, *The New Yorker*, June 5, 2023. In the humor section, "Shouts & Murmurs." One of 12 made-up disorders. Funny!)

*** not so cute, serious

♦ "A shitty little base in a shitty little town in a shitty little country." ("An Army Wife Reflects On 'When The Men Are Gone,'" Fresh Air, January 18, 2011. Dave Davies interviews Siobhan Fallon, a military wife, author of *You Know When the Men Are Gone*.)

♦ "It got a little bit sketchy." (A male talking with understatement about a dangerous incident inside a prison.)

♦ "That's ballsy." (A soldier's tense comment about his enemy in the Korangal Valley, Kunar Province, Afghanistan. Compare that to the comment NFL football player Travis Kelce made about the pop star Taylor Swift attending his football game: "Shoutout to Taylor for pulling up. That was pretty ballsy. I just thought it was awesome... She looked amazing...")

♦ There was nothing funny or cute about laying a minefield. It lay like death at our front door." (*Last Man Out: A Personal Account Of The Vietnam War* by James E. Parker Jr. A battalion basecamp, Phuoc Vinh.)

*** analysis

♦ “[O]ne of the things that has always happened to a great many words is that they start out showing what we mean, but end up being used to show how we feel. This trajectory is as common as words getting shorter (I’d-a done it from I would have done it), cuter (horsey, brewsky), or nastier (hussy started as housewife). (*Words on the Move* by the linguist John McWhorter, Chapter 1, “The Faces of English: Words Get personal.” For *this* entry, the applicable word is “cuter.”)

♦ “Cute” language reflects the user’s psychology and experience. It is often found in the language of food reviews, fashion and glamor magazines, Variety-type entertainment magazines like TMZ, etc. As for who typically uses this “cute” language, you figure it out.

♦ see also *adjacent* (*pop-adjacent*, etc.), *ish* (*androgyny-ish*, etc.)

comparison & contrast: affix

contempo-speak / language: affix

yapping (noun)

yapping

oh, stop ~

I wish he would stop his ~

there has been a lot of ~ about...

speech: animal / dog / sound

yardstick (noun)

yardstick for measuring

the real ~ probability is “How surprised should we be?”

China's yardstick

India measures its economic development against ~

celestial yardstick

certain stars could serve as ~s to measure distances

most important yardstick

it is the ~ of their skill and achievement (birders' lists)

serve as a yardstick

an experiment that could ~ for every region (TVA)

serve as (celestial) yardsticks

certain stars could ~ to measure larger distances

use it as a yardstick

once you have an initial bracket, ~ for correction (artillery)

view money as a yardstick

I ~ for how much I've accomplished (versus greed)

♦ “The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is indeed a yardstick, a measure of what men can build in peace, a measure of the stature of a new and better world, a world with dignity, work, and hope for all.” (US National Archives, “Valley of the Tennessee, 1944.”)

measurement: tools & technology

yawn (verb)

yawn (wide) open

the ship's hatches ~ (container ship full of cocoa)

resemblance: bodily reaction / verb

yawn (noun)

yawn

~, stop boring us (“Join the Discussion” snark)

big yawn

high school quickly became a ~ (bored teen)

♦ “Yawn.” “Yawn fest.” “What a bore fest.” “Boring.” “Boooooorrrriiiiiinnngggg!!” “zzzzz.” “ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ.” “Zzzzzzzzz.” “Borriiiiiiiiiing.” “And the point is.....?” “Pointless.” “Embarrassing.” “No thanks.” “No. One. Cares.” “Literally nobody cares.” “WHY???” “Would rather watch a couple of kangaroos box.” “would rather watch paint dry.” “Unfortunately I'm unable to watch the fight as I've just seeded the lawn and will be watching my grass grow.” (BBC HYS online commenters about the announcement of the Whyte-Joshua rematch, scheduled for August 12, 2023. The fight was ultimately cancelled when Whyte failed a drug test.)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction

language: sarcasm

yawning (adjective)

yawning chasm

the ~ between city and countryside (China)

yawning deficit

government spending is to blame for the ~

yawning gap

the ~ is now wider (cultural and economic inequality)

yawning inequality

widespread poverty and ~

extent & scope: bodily reaction

yeah (and yah / introductory)

Yeah, yeah

~, Elijah McClain was doing nothing illegal (NPR)

Yeah, exactly

see *exactly* (*contempo-speak*)

Yeah, I mean

see *I mean* (*filler*)

Yeah, I mean, I think

see *I think* (*filler*)

Yeah. I mean, you know

see *you know* (*filler*)

Yah, I mean, I think, you know

see *you know* (*filler*)

Yah, I mean, I think, you know, obviously

see *obviously* (*contempo-speak*)

Yeah, no

~, it looks like... (female punditry)

~, thank you, um, so... (male punditry)

~, that's not my fiancé (Sydney Sweeney hosts SNL)

~, that's total BS...

Yeah, yeah, no

~ (a cashier, Visitors Center Blue Ridge Parkway / AVL)

Yeah, so

see *so* (*introductory*)

Yeah, so I think

see *I think* (*filler*)

Yeah. So actually

see *actually* (*contempo-speak*)

Yeah, well, yah know...

see *you know* (filler)

♦ Type in "yeah so" at NPR and you get 6,077 hits and counting. Not all of the hits will be an acknowledgement, but many are.

♦ "What do we know about her?" / "Yeah, so..." (Typical question and response format at NPR.)

♦ Scott Simon of NPR: Are they in a tight spot? / Michele Steele: Yeah, well, ya know...

♦ Scott Simon of NPR: The Rangers versus the Houston Astros...who has the edge? / Howard Bryant of Meadowlark media: Yeah, exactly, but let's go one other place, Scott... (Howard then talks about the Philadelphia Phillies for a minute and a half before Scott Simon interrupts him by saying, "Texas Houston..." Interestingly, Howard Bryant never does answer Scott Simon's question!)

♦ NPR: Did you yourself start out as a skeptic or a booster? / ESPN pundit: Yeah, I did at first. I, I, I really remember asking myself... (More and more, answers like these force one to wonder if many of the sports pundits we hear are stoned.)

♦ CHANG: Right. Well, I'm curious—are there some crimes that are more likely than others to see higher numbers of wrongful convictions, like when they're prosecuted? / WISE: Yeah. So actually, drug crimes... (NPR.)

♦ "Yep. Nope. Very definitely." Kathryn Schulz, a writer for *The New Yorker*, heard that seemingly-contradictory response to a question recently... ("No, Yes, Definitely: On The Rise Of 'No, Totally' As Linguistic Quirk," NPR, All Things Considered, April 12, 2015. NPR loves this sort of language.)

♦ "No, that's real (true)." (Agreement.)

♦ Interviewer: "Can you help me understand why this conflict was so singular for you. Like I'm thinking of somebody at State. The US makes arms deals with the Saudis, right, like we've had complicated relationships with so many countries, why was this the moment that makes you go into your boss' office and say, 'I'm done.'" / Josh Paul, who resigned from the State Department: "Yeah, no, thank you, umm, so that's a really important question, I think the difference here is is one of... (Note the long introductory word salad before Josh Paul responds. Is Paul confused about what the question is, or is he trying to figure out an answer, or is it his way to bask in the spotlight of his 15 seconds of fame on National Public Radio? Or is there some other reason for it? The question as always is, "Why?")

♦ "Yeah, umm, so, it's, it's funny, I did not, I was not, uh, it didn't crystalize for me that I wanted..." (Nora Princiotti of *The Ringer*, heard on NPR. The astonishingly long "frontloading" before saying something of substance is a characteristic of contempo-speak.)

♦ "NPR newscasters and reporters have gotten completely casual and unprofessional, so much so that I fully expect one to respond to another in quick staccato with the new affirmative phrase: "Yeah yeah, yeah yeah yeah!" (One of 2,371 comments to an article at *The Washington Post* titled, "NPR is losing some of its Black and Latino hosts. Colleagues see a larger crisis," by Paul Farhi and Elahe Izadi, Jan. 5, 2022.)

♦ Yah, I mean, I think, you know, obviously... (Esther Zukerman of VOX on NPR.)

♦ see YouTube Fargo | Marge Questions Hookers Scene

♦ see also *right* (introductory), *so* (introductory), *sure* (introductory)

contempo-speak: language

yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)

Yellow River

the ~ is known as the cradle of Chinese civilization

Yellow Sea

the ~ lies between China and the Korean Peninsula

proper name: color

geography: color / proper name

yellow brick road

no yellow brick road

it was ~, it's a story of perseverance...

dancing down a yellow brick road

the party is ~ to what it hopes is victory (politics)

♦ "I struggled my first two years in the minor leagues and A Ball and Double A... I struggled for those first three years in the major leagues. So it was no yellow brick road, it's a story of perseverance..." (The great MLB player Keith Hernandez speaking about his 2018 book *I'm Keith Hernandez* with Dave Davies on Fresh Air.)

♦ "I saw a football field as a 'yellow brick road,' one that would take me beyond the coal mines and steel mills surrounding me in western Pennsylvania and on to an easier life..." (The great NFL quarterback Joe "Montani" Montana.)

allusion: film & TV

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips / path

yesterday (the past)

one single yesterday

"I'd trade all my tomorrows, for that ~" (Pink)

yesterday and the day before

he is just as committed today as he was ~ (anti-terrorism)

happened yesterday

it has the feeling that it just ~ (9/11)

♦ "I love Balthazar but it seems like yesterday and this seems like today." (A nightlife-loving New Yorker about Cafe Chelsea at 218 W. 23rd Street, associated with the legendary Chelsea Hotel.)

♦ "I hope that young people today will listen to his song. His lyrics are still as relevant as they were yesterday as I think they will be tomorrow." (Bianca Jagger about Bob Dylan's "Blowing in the Wind." "Inheritance Tracks Bianca Jagger." Super!)

past & present / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / time: day

yesterday (I need it yesterday, etc.)

yesterday

this should have happened ~

moving US forces should have happened ~ (a hawk)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

yesteryear

standards of yesteryear

can Russia maintain the ~ (Soyuz rocket malfunction)

past & present / time: day

yoke (under the yoke)

under the yoke of corruption

the people have suffered for too long ~

under a yoke of hatred

~, prejudice and bigotry (Armenians in 1915)

oppression: animal

yoke (from the yoke)

from the yoke of (Arab) domination

we must liberate them ~ (Darfur)

free themselves from the yoke
they seek to ~ of the federal government

liberate the people from his yoke
we will ~ (Churchill / Hitler)

rescued them from the yoke
we ~ of dictatorship

wrest itself from the dollar yoke
China is seeking ways to ~ (SWIFT)

oppression: animal

yoke (other)

take up the yoke
more people must ~ of responsibility

threw off the yoke
they ~ of British colonial rule

throwing off the yoke
South American leaders are ~ of US imperialism

♦ The three types of yokes are: the head yoke, the neck yoke, and the withers yoke. India has the largest number of working oxen or cattle in the world.

oppression: animal

Yosemite (Yosemite of the East, etc.)

Yosemite of Central Asia
people were calling the Ak-Su Valley the ~ (Kyrgyzstan)

referred to as the Yosemite of the East
Panthertown Valley, ~ (western North Carolina)

comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

you know (filler)

you know what I'm saying
he wasn't a bad kid, ~ (murdered)

You know, absolutely
see *absolutely (contempo-speak)*

you know, actually
see *actually (contempo-speak)*

you know, kind of
see *kind of (contempo-speak)*

actually, you know
and ~, this is not super uncommon...

I mean, I think, you know
~, people who aren't necessarily...

kind of, like, you know
it was just his ~, extravaganza, so I didn't really like it

kinda you know
like I was still ~...

like you know
there was this moment where I was ~, I'm privileged...

like, you know

I'm ~, fame to me is very important (Howard Stern)
I just like thank God that I ~, thank God I...

just kind of felt like, you know
I ~, for several years, I...

well, you know
I think, ~, I kind of fell into that trap also

Yeah, well yah know
~ (Michele Steele answering a yes-no question / NPR)

Yeah. I mean, you know
~, why...

Yah, I mean, I think, you know, obviously
see *obviously (contempo-speak)*

♦ "[Her case] is opening up this space to have these conversations where people can you know choose mental health over you know necessarily you know showing up to work when they're feeling miserable." (ABC, "Naomi Osaka Steps Away.")

♦ "I think it had a lot to do with me being a Black woman, period. And having seen how historically, you know, if our stories, you know, have been presented to the world, oftentimes they're misrepresented or their not represented in their fullness or there's just like a sliver of us being presented." (Katori Hall speaking about the great American-born Tina Turner, birth name Anna Mae Bullock, a Swiss citizen since 2013.)

♦ "Don't use conversation fillers like 'umm,' 'you know,' and 'like.'" (Presenter Tips and Tricks: Quick Tips: Things to consider: Don't... TESOL 2023 International Convention & English Language Expo.)

♦ Yah, I mean, I think, you know, obviously... (Esther Zukerman of VOX on NPR.)

***** analysis**

♦ Linguist John McWhorter's analysis of "you know" is interesting, as always. "To say you know is to take a quick trip into your interlocutor's mind, this time in order to facilitate your presentation of a point by suggesting that the other person knew what you know all the time. One can even use it when that shared perspective seems unlikely..." In his FACE typology of MPMs (modal pragmatic markers), he considers it to represent "Acknowledgment: I Hear You." (*Words on the Move* by the linguist John McWhorter, Chapter 1, "The Faces of English: Words Get Personal.")

♦ See also *right (right? / polemical)*

contempo-speak: filler

young (adjective)

young
we'll see, the day is ~... (if government votes on bill)

young aircraft
very ~ also carry a high risk (of crashing)

young country
Macedonia is a ~

young (autumn) ice
Scott insisted on crossing to Cape Evans over the ~

young moon
a ~, just 24 hours old (astronomy)

young sea
the Mediterranean itself is a ~

young storm
a ~ of this type is called a tropical depression (38 mph)

young, thin

the ~ sea ice (*RV Polarstern*)

too young

the French wines had been drunk ~

he says the data is ~ to be sure (increase in fire tornadoes)

growth & development: baby / death & life

youngster (noun)

relative youngster

Ellison's Orange is a ~ (apple originated 1911)

♦ "For a youngster—she's playing in her first world cup—but she really understands the game..." (Soccer player Sophia Smith, 2023.)

growth & development: life span

Young Turk

no Young Turk

Churchill was ~ daringly challenging received orthodoxy

♦ "The very first cell is in fact said to have been formed by army medical students as early as 1889—and though its members were by no means all military, nearly all were from the young officer class. They were not, in these early stages, dedicated to the overthrow of the Ottoman Empire; all they wanted was reform, and in particular westernisation. They remained, nonetheless, a potentially dangerous threat, and as time went on gave ever-increasing anxiety to Abdul-Hamid's secret police." (*The Middle Sea: A History of the Mediterranean* by the great historian John Julius Norwich.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: allusion / history

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: allusion / history

youth (development)

rowdy youth

he personified the American West in the days of its ~ (Pete Marker)

growth & development: life span

yo-yo (verb)

yo-yoed between Academia.edu and the Borscht Belt

the prose ~ (*The Silence of the Girls*)

movement: direction / sports & games / verb

yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)

yo-yo dieting

~ is not good

yo-yo team

why the Tigers are such a ~ (Bangladeshi cricket)

♦ The World Yo-Yo Championship is held each year and has its own website.

♦ "Figure 7.13. (a) The modern yo-yo, basic version, which gives every indication of being the same as the (b) 480 BCE version from ancient Greece." (*Why the Wheel Is Round: Muscles, Technology, and How We Make Things Move* by Steven Vogel.)

movement: direction / sports & games

increase & decrease: direction / movement / sports & games

Yugoslavia (Asian Yugoslavia, etc.)

Asian Yugoslavia

Indonesia could have become an ~ (after Suharto)

division & connection: allusion / epithet / history

Z

zeitgeist (noun)

zeitgeist of cognitive dissonance

this is a perfect example of the ~...

zeitgeist of that time

the series tapped into the cultural ~ (*People v. OJ*)

zeitgeist of language and action

the ~ ripped from the headlines (drug ballads / Mexico)

zeitgeist-y

Sex and the City is about as ~ a show as one can get
the first season proved a ~ hit (HBO's *Industry*)

zeitgeisty

a bullshit, ~ social media argument...

post-pandemic zeitgeist

the concept has captured the ~ ("quiet quitting")

Gen Z zeitgeist

Hollywood is on a mission to grapple with the ~

cultural zeitgeist

the series tapped into the ~ of that time (*People v. OJ*)

one step behind the zeitgeist

the Oscars are often ~ (movie awards)

captured the post-pandemic zeitgeist

"The concept of quiet quitting has ~" (Alina Selyukh)

connects with the zeitgeist

when it works, it really ~ (the TV show SNL)

making waves in the zeitgeist

it's still ~ (*The Secret History* by Donna Tartt)

♦ Time and spirit / ghost. Or, the spirit of the age...

♦ "The challenge is to make enough noise to capture the zeitgeist." (Adult superhero films. Also, to separate one from another by introducing diverse characters, etc.)

♦ "[The film *Barbie* had] an overwhelming chokehold on the zeitgeist." (NPR's Aisha Harris.)

♦ The concept of quiet quitting has captured the post-pandemic zeitgeist" by Alina Selyukh, NPR, Morning Edition, Sept 15, 2022. ("Is it bad, is it real, are millions of people clocking out early...?")

♦ "this is a perfect example of the zeitgeist of cognitive dissonance permeating our devolving society." (An online comment about "NJ transgender woman transferred from women's only prison after impregnating 2 inmates, report says" by Stephen Sorace, Fox News, July 17, 2022.)

contempo-speak: language

zenith (at the zenith)

at its zenith

the fall marathon season is ~
Portugal then was ~ (history)

at the zenith of influence

he is ~ in Washington

achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency,
decline & obsolescence: astronomy / height / sun

zenith (during the zenith)

during its (commercial) zenith
the division sold millions ~ (cars)

achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency,
decline & obsolescence: astronomy / height / sun

zenith (other)

zenith of (judicial) restraint
the decision is the ~

zenith of splendor
under those Mogul emperors, Lahore reached a ~

zenith of wealth and power
Djenne and Timbuktu reached their ~ in the 16th century

glow of its zenith
the band has tried to capture the ~ (music)

zenith comes
the ~ on July 12 (Protestant marching in N. Ireland)

passed its zenith
liberal democracy has ~ (opinion)

reached its zenith
opera ~ during the romantic period

achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency,
decline & obsolescence: astronomy / height / sun

zero (place and time, etc.)

ground zero
Miami is ~ for climate change

patient zero
~, the first documented patient... (epidemiology)

Year Zero
this was the US version of ~ (9/11)

‘year zeros’
1485 is taken by historians to be one of the great ~ of history

♦ “In 1485 Henry Tudor slew Richard III and routed his army at the Battle of Bosworth Field. It was a decisive victory which founded a bold new dynasty; and this date like 1789 and 1066 has been taken by historians to be one of the great ‘year zeros’ of history. Suddenly the muddled Medieval World with its robber barons, feudal barbarism and bloody Wars of the Roses was banished, and the modern age of centralised government and King’s Justice was ushered in.” (“The Tudor State,” BBC, In Our Time with the great Melvyn Bragg.)

♦ “I said, ‘No, the history begins today.’” (Richard Armitage, cutting off General Mahmood Ahmed, who was trying to explain to the former who the Taliban were. From “The Lie of Nation Building” by Fintan O’Toole, *The New York Review of Books*, October 7, 2021.)

♦ When the Khmer Rouge took over Cambodia in 1975, Pol Pot declared Year Zero. Everything before was to be eradicated.

♦ “Emily Bazelon’s article, ‘The Battle Over Gender Therapy’ uncritically used the term ‘patient zero’ to refer to a trans child seeking gender-affirming care, a phrase that vilifies transness as a disease to be feared.” (“For the attention of Philip B. Corbett, associate managing editor for standards at *The New York Times*.”)

origin: number

zero (from hero to zero, etc.)

gone from hero to zero
he has ~ (a politician)

went from pandemic hero to a political pariah
he ~ (Gov. Andrew Cuomo)

♦ “It’s been six years of trying times—so strange when one day you’re Cinderella, so to speak, and then in 0.6 seconds, you’re Quasimodo.” (The actor Johnny Depp, about how people’s attitudes towards him have changed.)

development / speed: number

zero hour (noun)

at the zero hour
the plot has been nipped in the bud ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: hour / military / number

zero in on (verb)

zeroing in on his location
police are ~

zero in on a suspect
investigators have been unable to ~ (Delphi IN murders)

zero in on the suspects
hundreds of tips helped them ~

target: weapon / verb

zig-zag (verb)

zig-zag
people ~ to avoid one another (social distancing / Covid)

shape: direction / letters & characters / verb

movement: direction / letters & characters / verb

zig-zag (noun)

zig-zag economy
Britain’s ~ (ups and downs)

zig-zag line
drivers are baffled by a double yellow ~ in the busy road

zig-zag lines
the yellow ~ mean stopping or waiting is prohibited

“zig-zag” path
the ~ connects Highcliffe Castle with the beach (Dorset)

shape: letters & characters

zilla (bridezilla, etc.)

BOSS-ZILLA!
~ (WSJ article about a Hollywood / Broadway producer)

Bridezilla
the ~ was hauled off from her reception to jail

Coffeezilla
his channel ~ has over a million subscribers

Tiffany Fong and YouTuber Stephen “~” Findeisen

Dormzilla

~, as it has been nicknamed (Charlie Munger’s dorms)

Eventzilla

President @ ~

Godzilla

see *Godzilla (force)*

guinea-zilla

meet ~, a guinea pig the size of a buffalo (Venezuela)

Mechazilla

~ will be a giant robotic launch and landing tower

SpaceX’s ~ will catch Starship rockets

the arms of ~ will function like colossal chopsticks

a Starship being stacked by the ~ arms (photo)

~ is the whole tower with its arms, or “chipsticks”

‘Squawkzilla’

scientists discover prehistoric giant ~ parrot (NZ)

Tacozilla

Toyota’s SEMA Show project, the ~ Tacoma Camper

toadzilla

the record-breaking “~” found in Australia (a large toad)

♦ “Bridal magazines were thick, and brides were zilla’d.” (In the 1990s. A nice usage from “TOTN Summer Movie Series: Agony, Ecstasy, Felony—It Must be Matrimony” by Barrie Hardyman, NPR, Blog Of The Nation, August 7, 2008.)

♦ “Scientists Discover Prehistoric Giant ‘Squawkzilla’ Parrot, As Big As Small Child” by Vanessa Romo, NPR, Science, August 7, 2019.)

♦ “Put on the mask, we’ll call you dwarfzilla.” (Logan Paul to his good buddy Evan Eckenrode, aka “Dwarf Mamba.”)

affliction: affix / allusion / creature

allusion: film & TV

force / size: allusion

language: affix

zip (verb)

zipped through (many) witnesses

we ~ today (a trial)

movement / speed: sound / verb

zombie (can’t kill it, back from the dead)

zombie claim

it’s a ~, it keeps coming back

zombie fires

so-called ~ are burning under thick layers of snow (Canada)

~, also called overwintering fires (Canada)

zombie myth

it’s a ~ that will not die (MSG cause headaches)

♦ “It’s a zombie claim, no matter how many times you kill it, it keeps coming back.” (Claims of election fraud.)

♦ “Girl, you’re being ghosted? I’m being zombied. It’s like ghosting, but he comes back from the dead after a couple of months and hits you up.” (Singer-songwriter Mariel Darling on TikTok to her 255,900 followers.)

survival, persistence & endurance: creature

zombie (computers)

zombie

computers recruited as ~s need to be on when called

zombie attack

~s have tried to block access to Web sites

zombie computer

the user of a ~ is unaware it has been commandeered

~s can be used for denial-of-service attacks

one case involves as many as 300,000 ~s

the use of ~s to launch attacks is not new

zombie network

those seeking to create ~s, known as botnets

army of zombies

they band these computers together into an ~ (botnets)

ranks of zombies

hundreds of thousands of computers belong to the ~

computer: creature

zombie (control)

Zombie cells

“~ central to the quest for active, vital old age” (AP)

zombie cell

can the ~ buildup be stopped (AP)

Zombie ice

“~” from Greenland will raise sea level (AP)

zombie satellites

~ are no longer under human control

~ have failed to some degree

beacons can still operate on ~

♦ Similar to ghost ships that drift with no control.

♦ “‘Zombie ice’ from Greenland will raise sea level 10 inches” by Seth Borenstein, AP Science Writer, Aug. 29, 2022. It is almost certain that some editor wrote the headline. The ice is “zombie” because it is “dead” with “one foot in the grave” and not being replenished by parent glaciers and so is “doomed” to melt, even if climate change is reversed.)

♦ Perhaps that same AP editor is responsible for the headline, “Zombie cells central to the quest for active, vital old age” by Laura Ungar, August 31, 2022. The conceit is, cells die and are removed from the body, but some linger “like zombies” and can hurt nearby cells “like moldy fruit corrupting a fruit bowl.”)

control & lack of control: creature

zombie (behavior)

zombie dust

monkey dust, also referred to as “~”... (synthetic cathinone)

City of Zombies

Kensington: The ~ (Philadelphia / drugs)

Kensington’s “zombies”

the ~ (drug addicts / Philadelphia)

mindless zombies

we are becoming ~ (reliance on smart phones, etc.)

woke zombies

where do these ~ come from (PACBs)

overmedicated 'zombie'

mom who killed kids was ~ (according to her lawyer)

♦ "Finally on this Halloween, it's not just the children, it's the moms, in costume, and in the fight to help other moms. Tonight, in Fairfield, Connecticut, it's the MOMbies. They're all dressing up for Halloween, but it's not just their costumes, it's their dance moves... Michael Jackson's "Thriller." (ABC World News Tonight with David Muir, October 31, 2023. Unfortunately, the previous segments were (1) Israeli airstrike hits Gaza refugee camp (2) FBI: Threat of attack on U.S. soil has risen to "a whole other level" (3) Protesters disrupt Sec. Blinken at Senate hearing for Israel aid (4) 90 million Americans from Texas to New York under deep freeze alerts this Halloween (5) Army warned Maine mass shooting suspect should not have gun months before deadly shooting (6) Pilot rescued after crashing small plane in the Everglades (7) Charges filed against pilot for threatening captain with a gun mid-flight (8) Officials warn parents about medicine that looks and tastes like Halloween candy. And so, the final "feel good" segment of the show showing grotesque, ghoulish, cadaverous, *living dead mothers* dancing around fell a bit flat. ABC #AMERICASTRONG.)

♦ The 2016 action comedy horror Jane Austen-parody film *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* got mixed reviews and was a commercial failure. One critic complained, "The result lacks bite."

♦ "I decided to call it Ataxic Neurodegenerative Satiety Deficiency Syndrome. So ataxic, meaning you don't walk that well. And neurodegenerative means your brain stops working so you degenerate neurologically. Satiety is the sense that you're full and that's not working, so it's deficient. (Dr. Steven Schlozman of the Harvard Medical School, a lover of zombie movies.)

behavior / consciousness & awareness / feeling, emotion & effect: creature

zone (combat zone)

combat zone of massage parlors
the seedy, neon-drenched ~

known then as the 'Combat Zone'
Boston's red-light district, ~ (1979)

♦ "Our children are trained to operate in a combat zone, in a hostile environment." (School shootings.)

conflict / environment: military

zone (target zone)

"target zone" for your heart rate
exercising in a ~

target: weapon

zone (red zone, etc.)

red zone
that area is considered a ~, where you should not go

danger: color / sign, signal, symbol

zone (dead zone, etc.)

dead zone
the courthouse was a ~, as far as communication went

activity: death & life

zone (one's comfort zone)

get out of your comfort zone
~, we have to challenge ourselves (Simon Reeve)

disruption: place

zoo (environment)

zoo

it's a kind of ~ (social scene at Newport mansion)

♦ "We know who's who in the zoo, and we know how to find it out if we need to." (A member of the Metro Gang Unit about Salt Lake City and County. Law enforcement personnel must deal with Asian, Latino, and white supremacist gangs, not to mention the Tongan Crip Gang.)

environment: animal / zoo

zoo (group)

menagerie of (unruly and curiously assorted) ships
an admiral called it a ~ (British Navy in the 1880s)

zoo of (subatomic) particles
the Standard Model includes a ~ (physics)

♦ "All zoos are both beguiling and repellent." (Author Thomas French)

group, set & collection: animal / zoo

zoom out (noun)

zoom-out of the larger war
the role of the US and the ~ on drugs

perception, perspective & point of view: film & TV / position

zoom out (verb)

zoom out
I think we have to ~ and see some of the context here
I want to ~ a bit and get your sense of how... (NPR)
but when you ~, explanations get murky (homelessness)

zoom out to other organizations
if we ~, we've seen... (from Oath Keepers to others)

perception, perspective & point of view: film & TV / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

Zuckerberg (the Russian Mark Zuckerberg, etc.)

known as the Russian Mark Zuckerberg
Telegram was found in 2013 by Pavel Durov, ~

comparison & contrast / importance & significance: epithet

The thesaurus / categories

ABILITY & LACK OF ABILITY (1) (see also knowledge & intelligence)

- affix: craft (ringcraft, etc.)
- animal: pony (one-trick pony)
- blade: edge (lose one's edge)
- boat: wheelhouse (n)
- books & reading: illiteracy (n), illiterate (adj), literacy (n), literate (adj)
- boxing: shape (in fighting shape, etc.)
- circus: acrobat (person), acrobatic (adj), juggle (v), juggling
- creature: genie (knowledge), ninja (person), wizard (person), wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.), wizardry (n)
- depth: depth (out of one's depth)
- epithet: wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- fatness & thinness: flabby (adj), lean (size)
- football: triple threat
- gift: gift (gift for languages, etc.), gifted
- ground, terrain & land: way (know one's way around)
- health & medicine: fit (adj), fitness (ability), flabby (adj), handicapped, lean (size)
- horse: pony (one-trick pony)
- infrastructure: alley (up one's alley)
- journeys & trips: way (know one's way around)
- knife: edge (lose one's edge)
- magic: genie (knowledge), ninja (person), wizard (person), wizardry (n)
- materials & substances: brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), flexible (adj), flexible (character), inflexible (character), rigid (constraint), rigid (character), supple (adj)
- mechanism: brilliant (technology), dumb (technology), smart (technology, etc.)
- mountains & hills: Sherpa (v), Sherpa (n)
- movement: acrobatic (adj), agile (adj), agility (n), clumsy (speech), flexible (adj), flexible (character), footwork (n), gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), handicapped, inflexible (character), nimble (adj), rigid (constraint), rigid (character), supple (adj)
- music: chops (expertise), maestro (person)
- nose: nose (ability)
- part of speech: can do (ability)
- person: acrobat (person), black belt (person), genie (knowledge), maestro (person), ninja (person), Sherpa (v), Sherpa (n), wizard (person)
- school & education: competence (metaphoric competence, etc.), IQ (ability), school (experience), study (quick study)
- sound: whisperer (horse whisperer, etc.)
- speech: fluent (ability)
- sports & games: acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), black belt (person), gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), jiu-jitsu (and jujitsu), juggle (v), juggling, league (out of one's league), league (different league), team (A-team, A team), team (dream team), triple threat, varsity (and junior varsity, JV)
- theater: pony (one-trick pony)
- tools & technology: bandwidth (capacity), brilliant (technology), dumb (technology), intelligent (things), smart (technology, etc.)
- verb: juggle (v), Sherpa (v), walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)
- walking, running & jumping: walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)

- water: depth (out of one's depth)

ABSORPTION & IMMERSION (1)

- air: permeate (v)
- animal: lap up (v), sponge (n), wallow (v)
- breathing: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), inhale (v), live (live and breathe, live to)
- burial: bury (bury oneself in something, etc.)
- death & life: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to)
- depth: end (deep end)
- food & drink: drink in (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), imbibe (v), ingest (v), lap up (v), pickled
- sleep: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- smell: permeate (v)
- throwing, putting & planting: throw (throw oneself into something)
- tongue: lap up (v)
- verb: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), bury (bury oneself in something, etc.), dive (analyze), dive deep (analysis), dive in (v), drink in (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), etc.), imbibe (v), immerse (v), ingest (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), live (live and breathe, live to), marinate (v), permeate (v), sink in (v), soak up (v), steep (v), suck up (v), throw (throw oneself into something), wade (wade in / wade into), wallow (v)
- walking, running & jumping: wade (wade in / wade into)
- water: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), absorbed, bathing (forest bathing, etc.), dive (analyze), dive deep (analysis), dive in (v), drenched, end (deep end), feet (get one's feet wet), immerse (v), immersed, immersion, marinate (v), saturated, saturation (n), sink in (v), soak up (v), soaked, sponge (n), steep (v), steeped, suck up (v), sunk in, throw (throw oneself into something), wade (wade in / wade into)

ACCEPTANCE & REJECTION (1) (see also inclusion & exclusion)

- arm: arm (open arms), embrace (v), embraced
- back: back (turn one's back)
- bodily reaction: choke (v), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up)
- breathing: choke (v)
- center & periphery: outside (society)
- color: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- container: in (inclusion), left out (excluded), out (exclusion)
- direction: turn down (v)
- doors & thresholds: shut out (adj), shut out (v)
- family: adopt (v), adopted (adopted state, etc.), adopted
- fish: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- food & drink: choke (v), go down (digestion), hook (hook, line and sinker), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), stomach (accept), swallow (accept)
- gesture: embrace (v)
- health & medicine: leper (person), quarantine (v)
- house: room (inclusivity), welcome (v), welcome (n)
- love, courtship & marriage: spurn (v), spurned
- mark: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- money: buy (buy into something), buy (accept), buy-in (n)
- part of speech: other (verb / groups, etc.), othered, othering, otherism (n)
- party: floor (dance floor), party (invited to the party, etc.)

- person: heretic (person), hermit (person), leper (person), non-person, outcast (person), pariah (n), stranger (other)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (inclusion), left out (excluded), out (exclusion)
- religion: heretic (person)
- sheep: fold (to / into the fold)
- snow & ice: freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded)
- society: banish (v), banished, banishment (n), blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted, Brahmin (person), cold (in the cold), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded), in (inclusion), inhospitable (adj), leper (person), non-person, ostracized (society), outcast (person), shun (v), shunned, Siberia (exile), stranger (other), table (groups), untouchable (person), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- speech: welcome (v), welcome (n)
- stomach: retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), stomach (accept), stomach (turn one's stomach), swallow (accept), swallowed
- table: table (groups)
- temperature: cold shoulder, freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded), warm (v)
- throat: choke (v), swallow (accept), swallowed
- throwing, putting & planting: outcast (person)
- verb: adopt (v), back (turn one's back), banish (v), blackball (v), buy (accept), choke (v), embrace (v), freeze out (v), go down (digestion), other (verb / groups, etc.), quarantine (v), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), shun (v), shut out (v), spurn (v), stomach (accept), stomach (turn one's stomach), swallow (accept), take (refuse to take), turn down (v), warm (v), welcome (v)

ACCEPTANCE & REJECTION (2)

- inclusion & exclusion: ally (groups), allyship (groups), baiter (red-baiter, etc.), box (check the box, etc.), ceiling (glass ceiling), colorism (groups), dignity (groups), friendly (queer-friendly, etc.), full (and fully, fullness / groups), gesture (groups), indignity (groups), intention (n), intentional (adj), intentionality (n), intentionally, microaggression (groups), misgender (groups), misgendered (groups), misgendering (groups), performance (groups), performative (groups), performative allyship, perform (perform values, etc.), performing (performing memory, etc.), right (and rights / groups), safe (groups), safe space (groups), safety (groups), uncomfortable (groups), underground (n), unwelcoming (groups), welcome (noun / groups), welcomed (groups), welcoming (groups)

ACCESS & LACK OF ACCESS (1)

- astronomy: black hole
- blood: vein (tap a vein)
- bottle: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions), lid (keep the lid on something)
- color: black box (n), black hole
- container: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions), lid (keep the lid on something), open up (access)
- crime: door (back door / illegality)
- doors & thresholds: camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.), door (kick open the door, etc.), door (back door / front door), door (and doorway / access), foot (foot in the door), gatekeeper (person), key (access), shut out (v), shut out (adj)
- epithet: gate (Gates of Hell, etc.)
- foot: foot (foot in the door)
- gate: gateway (gateway to India, etc.), gate (society), gatekeeper (person)
- key: key (access)
- light & dark: black hole
- person: gatekeeper (person)
- society: gatekeeper (person)

- tent: camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.)
- tools & technology: black box (n)
- verb: bottle up (emotions), lid (keep the lid on something), open up (access), shut out (v), tap (v), tap into (v)
- water: tap (v), tap into (v)

ACCUSATION & CRITICISM (1) (see also conflict; punishment & recrimination; resistance, opposition & defeat)

- allusion: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- animal: savage (v), venom (n), venomous (adj)
- Bible: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- blade: hatchet job (n)
- boat: broadside (n), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- boxing: come (come out swinging), jab (n), pummel (v), punching bag (n)
- chemistry: vitriol (n)
- color: pot (pot calls the kettle black)
- cooking: grill (v), grilled, pot (pot calls the kettle black), skewer (v), skewered
- creature: demonization (n), demonize (v), demonized
- crime: drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), hit job (n), hot seat (n), mugged (mugged by the officials, etc.)
- death & life: drive-by (conflict), hit (mob hit, etc.), hit job (n)
- direction: come down on (v), takedown (n)
- electricity: hot seat (n)
- explosion: blast (criticize), incoming (criticism)
- family: scold (v)
- finger: finger (point a finger), finger-pointing, finger-wagging
- fire: grill (v), grilled
- fist: backhand (v), bash (v), bashed (criticism), bashing (n), beaten (beaten up), clobber (v), pummel (v)
- force: backhand (v), blast (criticize), hammer (criticize), lay (lay into), slam (v)
- gesture: finger (point a finger), finger-pointing, finger-wagging
- ground, terrain & land: dirt (political dirt, etc.), mud (drag something through the mud), mud (dragged through the mud), mudslinging (n), stone (throw stones, etc.), sully (v)
- hammer: hammer (criticize)
- health & medicine: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- history: tar and feather, etc.)
- hunting: go after (attack)
- hygiene: trash (n)
- justice: firing squad, hot seat (n)
- light & dark: shade (v), shade (n)
- lightning: thunderbolt (n)
- materials & substances: vitriol (n)
- mechanism: wringer (through the wringer)
- military: ammunition (and ammo), attack (under attack, etc.), barracked, blast (criticize), broadside (n), dressing down (n), fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (fire back), firing squad, flak (criticism), fusillade (n), incoming (criticism), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), snipe (v), sniping (n), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- pile: pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on)
- predation: savage (v)
- pressure: wringer (through the wringer)
- religion: crucified, crucifixion (n), crucify (v), jeremiad (bitter lament), nail (nail someone to the cross)

- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- snake: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- sound: barracked, decry (v), rail (v), volume (turn up the volume, etc.)
- speech: assassination (character assassination), call out (v), callout (criticism), hammer (criticize), mudslinging (n), pilloried, pillory (v), potshot (n), rail (v), trash (v), trash (n)
- sports & games: cheap shot, game (blame game), pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on), takedown (n), tee off on (v)
- storm: thunderbolt (n)
- temperature: heat (criticism), hot seat (n)
- throat: throat (jump down someone's throat)
- tongue: tongue-lashing
- verb: backhand (v), bash (v), blast (criticize), call out (v), clobber (v), come down on (v), crucify (v), decry (v), demonize (v), eviscerate (v), finger (point a finger), get over oneself, go after (attack), grill (v), hammer (criticize), lacerate (v), lambast (v), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mud (drag something through the mud), nail (nail someone to the cross), pile on (gang up on), pillory (v), pummel (v), rail (v), scold (v), shade (v), skewer (v), skewered, slam (v), snipe (v), sully (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (jump down someone's throat), trash (v)
- violence: assassination (character assassination), backhand (v), bash (v), bashed (criticism), bashing (n), beaten (beaten up), cheap shot, crucified, crucifixion (n), crucify (v), drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), hit job (n), lash out (v), nail (nail someone to the cross), pillory (v), pilloried, pummel (v), savage (v), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- weapon: ammunition (and ammo), attack (under attack, etc.), attack (n), blast (criticize), broadside (noun), cheap shot, dart (throw darts, etc.), fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (fire back), flak (criticism), fusillade (n), gun (criticism), gun (with guns blazing), hatchet job (n), incoming (criticism), potshot (n), salvo (n), shot (criticism), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), snipe (v), sniping (n), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- waste: trash (v), trash (n)
- whip: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- wrestling: takedown (n)

ACHIEVEMENT, RECOGNITION & PRAISE (1) (see also superlative)

- alcohol: toast (v), toast (acknowledgment)
- allusion: laurels (praise), pantheon (n), titan (n)
- animal: lion (liberal lion, etc.), lioness (lioness of the left, etc.), lionized
- apple: apple (Golden Apple / education)
- astronomy: rising (rising star, etc.), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), star (five stars, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.), supernova (achievement), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- back: back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun)
- bird: cap (feather in one's cap), nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.)
- boxing: Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.)
- creature: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- day: heyday (n)
- direction: apex (achievement), elevate (v), elevation (n), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rising (rising star, etc.), summit (at the summit), top (excellence)
- dog: head (pat on the head)
- epithet: Academy Awards (epithet), America (America's sweetheart, etc.), Baryshnikov (Baryshnikov of football, etc.), dean (person), Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.), Elvis (Afghanistan's Elvis, etc.), Harvard (epithet), Hollywood (Hollywood of Africa, etc.), Messi (Messi of Matadors, etc.), Michael Jordan (Michael Jordan of the dog-show world, etc.), Mozart (Mozart of Rock, etc.), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.), Napoleon (the Napoleon of surgery, etc.), nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.), Nobel (Nobel Prize of

- the Arab World, etc.), Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), savior (the savior of mothers, etc.), Springsteen (epithet), teacher (teacher's teacher, etc.)
- family: America (America's sweetheart, etc.), boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son
 - film & TV: Academy Awards (epithet), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)
 - fist: fist bump (n)
 - gesture: applaud (v), applauded, back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun), bow (take a bow), cap (tip one's cap), fist bump (n), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.), head (pat on the head), high five (n), nod (acknowledge), nod (acknowledgement), salute (v), toast (v), toast (acknowledgment), thumbs-up
 - government: statesman (elder statesman, etc.), stateswoman (elder stateswoman, etc.)
 - ground, terrain & land: height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.)
 - hair: scalp (n)
 - hand: high five (n), thumbs-up
 - hat: cap (tip one's cap), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.), cap (feather in one's cap)
 - head: head (pat on the head)
 - height: elevate (v), elevation (n), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), lofty (adj), peak (at the peak), pinnacle (achievement), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rising (rising star, etc.), star (achievement), stature (n), summit (at the summit), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
 - history: belt (notch in a belt), laurels (praise), scalp (n)
 - horse: spur (earn one's spurs, etc.)
 - infrastructure: milestone (n), pinnacle (achievement)
 - journeys & trips: milestone (n)
 - light & dark: leading light (person), luminary (person), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
 - lion: lion (liberal lion, etc.), lioness (lioness of the left, etc.), lionized
 - mark: belt (notch in a belt)
 - military: badge (badge of honor), coup (achievement), medal (n), salute (v), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.), stripe (earn one's stripes, etc.)
 - money: earn (v), tribute (pay tribute)
 - mountains & hills: peak (at the peak), summit (at the summit)
 - music: hymn (n), Mozart (Mozart of Rock, etc.), nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.), paean (n), praise (sing someone's praises), unsung (praise)
 - person: boy (blue-eyed boy), dean (person), favorite son, golden boy, golden girl, leading light (person), lion (liberal lion, etc.), lioness (lioness of the left, etc.), luminary (person), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), statesman (elder statesman, etc.), stateswoman (elder stateswoman, etc.)
 - picture: art (work of art), masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
 - place: hall of fame (HOF), hall of shame (HOS), pantheon (n)
 - position: top (excellence)
 - proper name: lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.)
 - religion: hymn (n), pantheon (n)
 - royalty: coronation (n)
 - school & education: dean (person)
 - sign, signal, symbol: apple (Golden Apple / education), badge (badge of honor), bow (take a bow), clap (n), laurels (praise), lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), medal (n), milestone (n), star (five stars, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.), thumbs-up
 - size: giant (achievement), titan (n)
 - sound: applaud (v), applauded, boo (v), boo (n), cheer (v), cheer (n), clap (n), hurrah (and hoorah, etc.)
 - speech: ode (praise), thank you (and thanks)
 - sports & games: lap (victory lap), Messi (Messi of Matadors, etc.), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), track record (good)

- star: rising (rising star, etc.), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), star (five stars, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.), supernova (achievement)
- sun: zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- theater: gallery (cheering gallery)
- thumb: thumbs-up
- tree: laurels (praise)
- verb: applaud (v), boo (v), cap (tip one's cap), cheer (v), earn (v), elevate (v), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.), nod (acknowledge), praise (sing someone's praises), rise (achieve), salute (v), toast (v)
- violence: belt (notch in a belt), coup (achievement), scalp (n)
- writing & spelling: love letter (n), Valentine

ACTION, INACTION & DELAY (1) (see also confronting, dealing with & ignoring things)

- allusion: fabius (Fabius Maximus), fiddle (while Rome burns, etc.), Gordian knot
- ball: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), roll (slow-roll)
- bodily reaction: shrug (gesture)
- cards: double down (v), in (all in), pass (cards)
- clock: clock (run the clock, etc.)
- engine: bus (park the bus)
- foot: feet (drag one's feet), foot-dragging
- football: clock (run the clock, etc.), tackle (v)
- gambling: double down (v), in (all in), pass (cards)
- gesture: hand (throw up one's hands), shrug (shrug one's shoulders), shrug (gesture)
- ground, terrain & land: dust (collect dust)
- hand: hand (throw up one's hands), hand (sit on one's hands), handle (deal with), handled, handwringing (n), hold (on hold), holdup (n)
- history: fabius (Fabius Maximus), fiddle (while Rome burns, etc.), Gordian knot
- justice: stay (stay of execution)
- mechanism: button (push a button / action), button (pause button), pause (v), pause (n)
- military: fabius (Fabius Maximus), stand down (v)
- movement: bus (park the bus), can (kick the can down the road), feet (drag one's feet), hand (sit on one's hands), inertia (n), move (take action), road (push something down the road), roll (slow-roll), slow (adj), stand by (v)
- part of speech: fabius (Fabius Maximus)
- plane: pattern (holding pattern)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (all in)
- religion: limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- rope: Gordian knot
- shoulder: shrug (shrug one's shoulders), shrug (gesture)
- sign, signal, symbol: red tape
- sleep: nap (noun)
- snow & ice: ice (put on ice / delayed)
- sports & games: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), clock (run the clock, etc.), gun (jump the gun), tackle (v), waiting game
- standing, sitting & lying: hand (sit on one's hands), sit (sit on something), sit by (v), sit out (v), stand by (v), stand down (v)
- temperature: ice (put on ice)
- tools & technology: needle (move the needle, etc.)

- verb: button (push a button / action), can (kick the can down the road), clock (run the clock, etc.), double down (v), feet (drag one's feet), fire (hang fire), gun (jump the gun), hand (sit on one's hands), hand (throw up one's hands), handle (deal with), move (take action), needle (move the needle, etc.), pass (cards), pause (v), put off (v), road (push something down the road), roll (slow-roll), shoot (shoot first), shrug (shrug one's shoulders), sit (sit on something), sit by (v), sit out (v), stand by (v), stand down (v), tackle (v), time (waste time), trigger (pull the trigger, etc.), walk (slow-walk)
- walking, running & jumping: can (kick the can down the road), foot-dragging, road (push something down the road), tackle (v), walk (slow-walk)
- weapon: draw (late / early on the draw), fire (hang fire), shoot (shoot first), trigger (pull the trigger, etc.)

ACTIVITY (1)

- air: cyclone (n), gale (strong wind), hurricane (n), whirlwind (n)
- alcohol: ferment (v), ferment (n)
- animal: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), crawl (activity), dormant (adj), fly (activity), frenzy (feeding frenzy), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), hornet's nest, hum (v), hum (n), lie low (and lay low), roar (activity), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- atmosphere: cyclone (n), gale (strong wind), hurricane (n), whirlwind (n)
- bird: fly (activity), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- bubble: bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- chemistry: ferment (v), ferment (n)
- creature: ghost town
- death & life: alive (activity), alive (come alive), dead (activity), dormant (adj), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), life (spring to life), suspended animation, zone (dead zone, etc.)
- direction: time (down time / activity)
- engine: gear (kick into gear, etc.), hum along (v), neutral (in neutral), overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- explosion: boom (jade boom, etc.), boom (increase), burst (activity), bust (oil bust, etc.)
- fire: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), burning (slow-burning), smolder (v), smoldering (adj)
- flying & falling: flurry (activity), fly (activity)
- force: rage (v), raging (adj)
- fruits & vegetables: potato (couch potato)
- health & medicine: comatose (adj), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), febrile (adj), fevered (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch (n), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), lethargic (adj), paroxysm (other), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj), torpor (n)
- heating water: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- history: gold rush
- insect: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), beehive (activity), buzz (activity), crawl (activity), hive (n), hornet's nest, hum (v), hum (n), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- light & dark: alight (activity), light up (activity)
- mechanism: comatose (adj), gear (kick into gear, etc.), hum (v), hum (n), hum along (v), neutral (in neutral), overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- mental health: frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), rage (v), raging (adj)
- mining: bonanza (n), gold rush
- money: bonanza (n), gold rush
- movement: astir (adj), busy (active), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), dervish (activity), feverish (adj), feverishly, hop (v), jump (the place was jumping, etc.), paroxysm (other), potato (couch potato), rage (v), raging (adj), rush (oil rush, etc.), scramble (v), spasm (n), swing (in full swing), swirl (v), thrum (v), whirl (n)
- pendulum: swing (in full swing)
- person: dervish (activity), potato (couch potato)

- potato: potato (couch potato)
- predation: frenzy (feeding frenzy)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: bubble up (v)
- rain: flurry (activity)
- religion: dervish (activity)
- sleep: astir (adj), awaken (nature, etc.), comatose (adj), dormant (adj), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), restlessness, sleepy (activity), wake (resemblance), wake up (activity)
- snow & ice: freeze (v), freeze (activity), frozen (activity)
- sound: abuzz, boom (increase), buzz (activity), chatter (signals intelligence, etc.), hum (v), hum (n), hum along (v), noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), quiet (adj), roar (activity), static (n), thrum (v)
- speech: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.)
- sports & games: scrum (reporters)
- standing, sitting & lying: lie low (and lay low)
- storm: cyclone (n), gale (strong wind), hurricane (n), storm (calm before the storm), whirlwind (n)
- temperature: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), cold (cold case, etc.), cool (cool off / activity), febrile (adj), fevered (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch, frozen (activity), heat up (v), hot (adj), hotspot (place), lukewarm (activity), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- verb: boom (increase), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), convulse (v), cool (cool off / activity), crawl (activity), dart (dart about), ferment (v), fly (activity), freeze (v), heat up (v), hop (v), hum (v), hum along (v), jump (the place was jumping, etc.), lie low (and lay low), life (spring to life), light up (activity), percolate (v), rage (v), simmer (v), scramble (v), swirl (v), smolder (v), swarm (v), thrum (v), wake (resemblance)
- walking, running & jumping: hop (v), jump (the place was jumping, etc.), scramble (v)
- water: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble (activity), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), calm (activity), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), swirl (v), tranquil (activity)
- weapon: dart (dart about)
- wind: calm (activity), cyclone (n), flurry (activity), gale (strong wind), hurricane (n), tranquil (activity), whirlwind (n)

ADDICTION (2) (see also health & medicine)

- amelioration & renewal: detox (and detoxification, etc.)
- behavior: addictive (adj), habituated, holic (shopaholic, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: opiate (n), opium (n)
- dependency: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency)
- enthusiasm: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), addictive (adj), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), fix (daily fix, etc.), habit (enthusiasm), high (enthusiasm), hooked, junkie (game junkie, etc.), withdrawal (feeling)
- fantasy & reality: opium (n), pipe dream (and pipedream), rabbit hole (fantasy)
- feeling, emotion & effect: addictive (adj), narcotic (n), withdrawal (feeling)
- mental health: addict (sex addict, etc.), detox (and detoxification, etc.)
- person: addict (chess addict, etc.), junkie (game junkie, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: overdose (n)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: brain (on the brain)

ADMIRATION & CONTEMPT (1)

- bodily reaction: laughed out (of court, etc.)
- direction: below (behavior), beneath (behavior), high (noble), look down on (something), look up to (somebody), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), nose (look down one's nose), talk down to (somebody)
- eye: look down on (something), look up to (somebody), nose (look down one's nose)
- foot: doormat (person), feet (wipe one's feet on somebody)

- gesture: look down on (something), look up to (somebody), nose (look down one's nose)
- height: high (noble), look up to (somebody), look down (look down on somebody), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), nose (look down one's nose), pedestal (on a pedestal, etc.), pedestaled, talk down to (somebody)
- nose: nose (look down one's nose)
- person: doormat (person)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: below (behavior), beneath (behavior)
- sign, signal, symbol: doormat (person)
- sound: laughed out (of court, etc.)
- statue: pedestaled
- verb: feet (wipe one's feet on somebody), look down on (something), look up to (somebody), talk down to (somebody)
- waste: trashy (adj)

ADVERB (2)

- contempo-speak: absolutely (contempo-speak), actually (contempo-speak), basically (contempo-speak), definitely (contempo-speak), exactly (contempo-speak), kind of (contempo-speak), maybe (contempo-speak), obviously (contempo-speak), pretty (contempo-speak), really (gushing), so (gushing), sort of (contempo-speak), totally (contempo-speak), very (contempo-speak)
- language: hard (love hard, go hard, etc.)

AFFIRMATION (2)

- inclusion & exclusion: agency (groups), amazing (groups), badass (power), beautiful (groups), bold (groups), boldly (groups), brave (girls and women, etc.), bravery (groups), cape (superhero), celebrate (groups), celebrated (groups), celebration (groups), community (groups), courage (groups), courageous (groups), courageously, empower (groups), empowered (groups), empowering (groups), empowerment (groups), fearless (girls and women, etc.), fearlessly, fearlessness (n), ferocious (groups), ferocity (groups), fierce (girls and women / groups, etc.), fiercely (girls and women / groups, etc.), fierceness (groups), fullness (groups), girlboss (and girl boss), hard (love hard, go hard, etc.), hero (person, child, queer, dog, rat, etc.), heroic (groups), heroism (groups), heroize (v), honor (noun / groups), honor (verb / groups), honored (groups), joy (groups), joyful (groups), joyfully (groups), joyous (groups), joyously (groups), liberation (groups), matter (Black lives matter, etc.), name (groups), panther (Polynesian Panthers, etc.), person (incarcerated person, etc.), positive (sex positive, etc.), positivity (body positivity, etc.), power (power to the people, etc.), pride (groups), proud (groups), savage (groups), self (authentic self, authentic selves), self (true self and true selves), superpower (groups), tribute (groups), unapologetic (groups), unapologetically (groups), warrior (girls and women)

AFFIX (2)

- ability & lack of ability: craft (ringcraft, etc.)
- affliction: demic (infodemic, etc.), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), geddon (chipageddon, etc.), pocalypse (gas-pocalypse, etc.), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- amount: heavy (tank-heavy, etc.)
- area: dom (memedom, etc.), land (clubland, etc.), scape (threatscape, etc.), sphere (cryptosphere, etc.), verse (metaverse, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: first (metaverse-first, etc.), forward (future forward, etc.)
- behavior: holic (shopaholic, etc.), overboard (behavior), overreach (v)
- comparison & contrast: acrobatic (adj), alchemical (adj), anthemic (adj), Arthurian (adj), balletic (adj), bestial (adj), Caligulan, cavernous (adj), chameleonic (adj), cherubic (adj), Churchillian (adj), combative (adj), Cromwellian (adj), Dantesque (adj), Darwinian (adj), demonic (adj), Dickensian (adj), diplomatic (adj), draconian (adj), Edenic (adj), elegiac (adj), encyclopedic (adj), Faustian (adj), fetishistic (adj), foundational (adj), freakish (adj), funereal (adj), Gandhian (adj), hellish (adj), Homeric (adj), herculean (adj), iconic (adj), ish

- (androgyny-ish, etc.), Kafkaesque (adj), Lawrence of Arabia-esque, like (Svengali-like, etc.), Machiavellian (adj), magnetic (adj), Manichean (adj), Martian (adj), McCarthyite, meteoric (adj), motherly (adj), mountainous (adj), murderous (murderous hail of bullets, etc.), mutinous (adj), Napoleonic (adj), nightmarish (adj), nomadic (adj), Odyssean (adj), O. Henry-esque, Orwellian (adj), palatial (adj), Panglossian (adj), paradisiacal (and paradisa), parasitical (adj), pesty (adj), piratical (adj), Pollyannaish (adj), procrustean (adj), promethean (adj), quixotic (adj), robotic (movement), Shakespearean (adj), shaped (anvil-shaped, etc.), Sisyphean (adj), size (and sized / affix), skeletal (adj), Solomonic (adj), spartan (adj), steely (adj), talismanic, torturous, thunderous (adj), vampiric (adj), volcanic, y (pulpy, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: overreach (v)
 - contempo-speak: adjacent (pop-adjacent, etc.), centered (survivor-centered, etc.), centric (Afro-centric, etc.), centrality (heterocentricity, etc.), core (cottagecore, etc.), ery (badassery, etc.), curious (bi-curious, etc.), giga (Gigafactory, etc.), ify (mainstreamify, etc.), fication (adultification, etc.), hyper (hypersexualized, etc.), informed (trauma-informed, etc.), ish (androgyny-ish, etc.), ista (barista, etc.), ization (marginalization, etc.), ize (racialize, etc.), ized (invisibilized, etc.), meta (affix), over (overshare, etc.), self (self-love, etc.), self (best self, best selves, better self), self (best version of oneself), uber (uber-interesting, etc.), ultra (ultra-conservative, etc.), y (websites, drug names, etc.), y (pulpy, etc.)
 - creation & transformation: Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.)
 - destruction: breaker (deal-breaker, etc.), geddon (chipageddon, etc.), pocalypse (gas-pocalypse, etc.)
 - disruption: breaker (deal-breaker, etc.)
 - enthusiasm: head (Deadhead, etc.), maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.)
 - environment: dom (memedom, etc.), land (clubland, etc.), scape (threatscape, etc.), sphere (cryptosphere, etc.), verse (metaverse, etc.)
 - failure, accident & impairment: mis (misbehave, etc.)
 - flaws & lack of flaws: over (overshare, etc.), under (underdeliver, etc.)
 - identity & nature: ness (Asian-ness, etc.)
 - inclusion & exclusion: anti (antiracist, etc.), ass (bougie-ass, etc.), centered (survivor-centered, etc.), centric (Afro-centric, etc.), centrality (heterocentricity, etc.), curious (bi-curious, etc.), de (defund, etc.), face (yellowface, etc.), fication (adultification, etc.), fishing (Latino-fishing, etc.), friendly (queer-friendly, etc.), hood (personhood, etc.), informed (trauma-informed, etc.), ism (racism, etc.), ist (racist, etc.), ity (intersectionality, etc.), ization (marginalization, etc.), ize (racialize, etc.), ized (invisibilized, etc.), ness (Asian-ness, etc.), phobe (vaxophobe, etc.), phobia (fatphobia, etc.), phobic (transphobic, etc.), ship (allyship, etc.), un (unhoused, etc.), wash (straightwash, etc.), x (Chicanx, etc.)
 - increase & decrease: besity (infobesity, etc.), demic (infodemic, etc.), flation (lunchflation, etc.)
 - language: ati (glitterati, etc.), cis (affix), complex (military-industrial complex, etc.), demic (infodemic, etc.), dom (memedom, etc.), enomics (and nomics), exit (and Brexit, etc.), flation (lunchflation, etc.), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), gate (Watergate, etc.), giga (Gigafactory, etc.), geddon (chipageddon, etc.), holic (shopaholic, etc.), hyper (hypersexualized, etc.), ish (androgyny-ish, etc.), ista (barista, etc.), land (clubland, etc.), mance (bromance, etc.), mega (mega-blogger, etc.), meta (affix), ocracy (gynocracy, etc.), over (overshare, etc.), sance (McConaissance, etc.), scape (threatscape, etc.), sphere (cryptosphere, etc.), super (superlawyer, etc.), tourism (slum tourism, etc.), uber (uber-interesting, etc.), ultra (ultra-conservative, etc.), verse (metaverse, etc.), whisperer (horse whisperer, etc.), y (pulpy, etc.), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
 - resemblance: boyish (adj), doughnut (doughnut-shaped)
 - restraint & lack of restraint: overboard (behavior), overreach (v)
 - reversal: un (undo this hurt, etc.)
 - searching & discovery: naut (Argonaut, etc.)
 - sequence: sequel (prequel, etc.)
 - size: besity (infobesity, etc.), giga (Gigafactory, etc.), jumbo (large), mega (megadrought, etc.)
 - speed: hyper (hypersexualized, etc.)
 - speech: ese (legalese, etc.), speak (NASA-speak, etc.), talk (mediator talk, etc.)

- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: over (overshare, etc.), overdose (n), overheated (adj), overinflated (adj), under (underdeliver, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: out (outpace, etc.)
- superlative: giga (Gigafactory, etc.), hyper (hypersexualized, etc.), mega (mega-blogger, etc.), super (superlawyer, etc.), uber (uber-interesting, etc.), ultra (ultra-conservative, etc.)

AFFLICTION (1)

- affix: demic (infodemic, etc.), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), geddon (chipageddon, etc.), pocalypse (gas-pocalypse, etc.), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- allusion: albatross (n), dog (dogs of war), Dracula (n), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), Frankenstein (product), Frankenstein (a monster), fury (creature), geddon (chipageddon, etc.), hector (v), Minotaur, monster (create a monster, etc.), nemesis (n), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), pocalypse (gas-pocalypse, etc.), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- animal: albatross (n), animal (insult), back (get off my back, etc.), backbiter (person), badger (v), barnacle (affliction), bete noire (black beast), bird-dog (v), bite (resemblance), biting (adj), dog (afflict), dog (dogs of war), dogged (hounded), eat (mental health), eat (mental health), eat (destroy), encrustation (affliction), gadfly (person), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), hound (v), hounded (dogged), leech (v), leech (person), monkey (monkey on one's back, etc.), octopus (n), parasite (person), pest (person), pester (v), piranha (predation), pursue (afflict), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.), shark (predation), tentacle (n), vulture (behavior), wolf (predation)
- arm: octopus (n), tentacle (n)
- atmosphere: fallout (effect)
- back: back (get off my back, etc.), backbiter (person)
- Bible: geddon (chipageddon, etc.), pocalypse (gas-pocalypse, etc.)
- bird: albatross, vulture (behavior)
- blade: cut (a thousand cuts)
- blood: leech (v)
- boat: barnacle (affliction), encrustation (affliction)
- bodily reaction: choke (v)
- breathing: choke (v)
- burden: bear (a weight, etc.), barnacle (affliction), burden (v), burden (n), cross (bear that cross, etc.), encrustation (affliction), heavy (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- color: bete noire (black beast)
- container: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- cooking: skewer (v), skewered
- creature: bedevil (v), bedeviled, bogeyman (and boogeyman), demon (affliction), devil (evil), Dracula (n), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), Frankenstein (product), Frankenstein (a monster), fury (creature), genie (initiation), ghost (memory), gremlin (n), haunt (v), haunted, Kraken (n), Minotaur, monster (create a monster, etc.), monster (affliction), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), pursue (afflict), specter (n), troll (verb / computers), vampire (n), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- dog: bird-dog (v), dog (afflict), dog (dogs of war), dogged (hounded), hound (v), hounded (dogged)
- finger: pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched
- fish: piranha (predation)
- fist: smitten (afflicted)
- food & drink: choke (v), eat (mental health), eat (destroy)
- hand: squeeze (pressure / noun)

- health & medicine: boil (affliction), cancer (n), cancerous (adj), complex (like syndrome), contagion (n), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), demic (infodemic, etc.), disease (affliction), epidemic (n), fester (v), festering (adj), gall (v), growth (cancerous, etc.), headache (n), hives (n), infection (corruption), ill (ills of society, etc.), malignant (adj), metastasize (v), metastasizing (adj), migraine (n), neck (pain in the neck), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), paroxysm (other), pathology (n), patient zero, plague (v), plague (n), plagued, pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, rash (affliction), scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), sore (affliction), sickness (n), smitten afflicted), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj), syndrome (n), tumor (n), ulcer (n), virus (affliction), wound (figurative wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- hole: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- horse: gadfly (person), pester (v), saddle (a burr in the saddle)
- hunting: bird-dog (v), follow (afflict), hound (v), hounded (dogged)
- Iliad & Odyssey: hector (v)
- insect: gadfly (person), infest (v), infested, pest (person), pester (v), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- justice: ball and chain, nemesis (n)
- knife: cut (a thousand cuts)
- magic: curse (n), cursed, evil eye
- mark: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), wound (figurative wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- materials & substances: wound salt in a wound)
- mechanism: mill (through the mill), put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- movement: convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), paroxysm (other), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj)
- neck: neck (pain in the neck), pain (pain in the neck, etc.)
- nuclear energy: fallout (effect)
- person: backbiter (person), gadfly (person), leech (person), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), parasite (person), pest (person)
- plant: bane (n), thorn (n), thorny (adj)
- predation: backbiter (person), eat (mental health), eat (destroy), piranha (predation), shark (predation), wolf (predation)
- pressure: squeeze (pressure / noun), wringer (through the wringer)
- religion: bedevil (v), bedeviled, cross (bear that cross, etc.), curse (n), cursed, devil (evil), evil eye, fury (creature), nemesis (n), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- sea: barnacle (affliction), encrustation (affliction)
- sensation: biting (adj), gall (v), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), irritant (n), irritated, needle (v), neck (pain in the neck), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched, saddle (a burr in the saddle), shoe (a stone in the shoe), thorn (n), thorny (adj), wound (salt in a wound)
- shark: shark (predation)
- sign, signal, symbol: octopus (n), tentacle (n), shark (predation), vulture (behavior), wolf (predation)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: boil (affliction), ulcer (n)
- speech: nag (v), nagging (adj)
- teeth: bite (resemblance), biting (adj), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.)
- throat: choke (v)
- verb: badger (v), bear (a weight, etc.), bedevil (v), bite (resemblance), burden (v), choke (v), convulse (v), cross (bear that cross, etc.), dog (afflict), eat (mental health), eat (destroy), fester (v), follow (afflict), gall (v), gnaw (v), haunt (v), hector (v), hound (v), infest (v), leech (v), metastasize (v), nag (v), needle (v), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), pester (v), plague (v), pockmark (v), pursue (afflict), scar (psychologically / verb), skewer (v), torture (afflict), troll (verb / computers), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress)
- violence: scourge (n), torture (afflict), torture (affliction), tortured, waterboarding (n)

- weapon: dart (throw darts, etc.), shrapnel (n), smitten (afflicted)
- weight: ball and chain, bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), cross (bear that cross, etc.), heavy (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- whip: scourge (n)
- wolf: wolf (predation)
- wounds & scars: scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), wound (figurative wounds of Vietnam, etc.)

AIR (2) (see also atmosphere; sky; wind)

- absorption & immersion: permeate (v)
- activity: cyclone (n), gale (strong wind), hurricane (n), whirlwind (n)
- amelioration & renewal: air (breath of fresh air), air (clear the air)
- amount & effect: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), gale (strong wind), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- appearance: air (air of authority, etc.), aura (n)
- appearance & disappearance: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue, ether (into the ether), nowhere (come out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)
- attenuation: deflate (pressure)
- certainty & uncertainty: air (up in the air)
- concealment & lack of concealment: air (expose)
- conflict: turbulence (disruption)
- corruption: miasma (n)
- destruction: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v), strangle (v)
- direction: weather vane (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: filter (v)
- disruption: turbulence (disruption)
- effect: air (take the air out of a room, etc.)
- environment: air (environment), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), weather (environment)
- failure, accident & impairment: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: sky (the sky can fall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: air (take the air out of a room, etc.), air (breath of fresh air), air (air of authority, etc.), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), aura (n), climate (work climate, etc.), deflate (emotion), deflated, pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), tempestuous (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- force: downdraft (n)
- growth & development: oxygen (fuel)
- identity & nature: air (environment)
- increase & decrease: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), flation (lunchflation, etc.), inflate (v), inflated (expectations, etc.), inflation (n), overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v)
- initiation: oxygen (fuel)
- origin: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue
- presence & absence: air (anger in the air, etc.), vacuum (n), void (n)
- speech: air (hot air), breezy (speech), empty (empty words, etc.), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), long-winded (speech), vapor (n)
- substance & lack of substance: air (hot air), breezy (speech), empty (empty words, etc.), gas (substance), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), vapor (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: lung (life), oxygen (life), strangle (v)

ALCOHOL (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: toast (v), toast (acknowledgment)
- activity: ferment (v), ferment (n)
- behavior: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), holic (shopaholic, etc.), inebriate (v), intoxicate (v), intoxicated
- concealment & lack of concealment: bootleg (adj), bootlegger
- consciousness & awareness: black out (v)
- control & lack of control: drunk (adj)
- enthusiasm: intoxicating (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: drunk (adj), hangover (alcohol), intoxicate (v), intoxicated, intoxicating (adj), sober (v), sober (adj), sobering (adj)
- mixture: cocktail (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), inebriate (v)
- subterfuge: bootleg (adj)

ALLEGIANCE, SUPPORT & BETRAYAL (1) (see also help & assistance; resiliency; sanctioning, authority & non-conformity; survival, persistence & endurance; unanimity & consensus)

- allusion: believer (true believer)
- animal: horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), rat (betray), rat (a snitch), shark (thrown to the sharks), turn (turn against / turn on something), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)
- arm: arm (link arms), embrace (v), embraced, pull (pull for someone)
- atmosphere: hang (hang somebody out to dry), hung (hung out to dry), wind (dangle in the wind)
- back: back (support / verb), back (behind somebody's back), backed, backing (support), backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), stab (stab somebody in the back)
- baseball: bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.)
- Bible: Judas (betrayal)
- bird: coop (fly the coop)
- blade: cutthroat (competition)
- boat: board (on board), mutineer (person), mutinous (adj), mutiny (n), overboard (throw somebody overboard), rat (sinking ship), ship (abandon ship / jump ship)
- boxing: corner (in one's corner)
- bullet: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
- burden: pull (pull for someone)
- cards: in (all in)
- carpets & rugs: rug (pull the rug out)
- clothing & accessories: hang (hang somebody out to dry), hung (hung out to dry)
- container: out (want out)
- corner: corner (in one's corner)
- direction: back (support / verb), bring around (v), down (down for something), lean towards (v), side (on one's side / person), side with (v), time (time on one's side), turn (turn against / turn on something), up (up for something)
- epithet: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- fence: fence (on the fence, etc.), fence (straddle the fence), fence (fence-sitting), fence (fence-straddling)
- flags & banners: banner (under the banner), banner (behind the banner), banner (banner of Islam, etc.), flag (rally around the flag), rally (v)
- food & drink: egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)
- fortification: insider (insider attack, etc.)

- gambling: horse (back the wrong horse), in (all in)
- gesture: embrace (v), hand (raise one's hand)
- government: vote (n)
- hand: hand (raise one's hand)
- hat: hat (hang one's hat on something)
- heart: heart (allegiance), heart (change of heart), hearts and minds
- history: fealty (n), river (sell somebody down the river), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- horse: horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- infrastructure: prop (n), prop up (v)
- knife: backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), cutthroat (competition), stab (stab somebody in the back)
- line: rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks)
- love, courtship & marriage: bed (jump into bed with someone), infidelity (n)
- materials & substances: stick (stick by / stick with somebody), stick together (v)
- mechanism: bus (control / allegiance), truck (control)
- Middle Ages: champion (v), champion (n), championed, fealty (n), ring (kiss the ring)
- military: AWOL, conscript (n), desert (v), insurgency (n), insurrection (n), lifer (person), post (abandon one's post), rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), soldier (n), traitor (person), treason (n), troops (supporters), turncoat (person)
- mining: prop (n), prop up (v)
- money: buy (buy into something), buy-in (n), sell out (v)
- number: count on (count on me, etc.)
- person: backstabber (person), rat (a snitch), renegade (person), turncoat (person)
- position: against (opposition), back (support / verb), backed, backing (support), beside (support), side (on one's side / person), side with (v), time (time on one's side)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: against (opposition), behind (support), beside (support), down (down for something), for (support), in (all in), out (want out), side with (v), stand (stand behind something, etc.), there (there for me, etc.), up (up for something), with (support)
- rat: rat (betray), rat (a snitch), rat (sinking ship)
- religion: faith (n), Judas (betrayal), recant (v), renegade (person), ring (kiss the ring)
- river: river (sell somebody down the river)
- royalty: fealty (n)
- shark: shark (thrown to the sharks)
- shoulder: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- speech: betrayed
- sports & games: bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.), team (side), win over (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by (support), stand up (stand up for something), stand with (support)
- temperature: lukewarm (feeling)
- tent: tent (pitch one's tent), tent (fold one's tent)
- train: board (on board), train (get on the Trump train, etc.)
- verb: arm (link arms), back (support / verb), bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.), bed (jump into bed with someone), bring around (v), bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bus (throw somebody under the bus), champion (v), coop (fly the coop), count on (count on me, etc.), desert (v), embrace (v), fence (straddle the fence), hand (raise one's hand), hang (hang somebody out to dry), horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), jump (leave), lean towards (v), lion (throw somebody to the lions, etc.), overboard (throw somebody overboard), post (abandon one's post), prop up (v), pull (pull for someone), rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), rat (betray), recant (v), river (sell somebody down the river), rug (pull the rug out), sell out (v), ship (abandon ship / jump ship), shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), side with (v), stab (stab somebody in the back), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by (support), stand up (stand up for something), stand with (support), stick

(stick by / stick with somebody), stick together (v), tent (pitch one's tent), tent (fold one's tent), turn (turn against / turn on something), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something), walk (walk away from something), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), win over (v), wind (dangle in the wind), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)

- violence: bus (throw somebody under the bus), cutthroat (competition), lion (throw somebody to the lions, etc.), overboard (throw somebody overboard), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)
- walking, running & jumping: highway (my way or the highway), jump (leave), step (every step of the way), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), walk (walk away from something)
- weapon: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
- weight: weight (put / throw one's weight behind something)
- wind: wind (dangle in the wind)
- wolf: wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)

ALLUSION (1)

- books & reading: Arthurian (adj), Big Brother (oppression), brave new world, Brobdingnagian (adj), Byron (epithet), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Catch-22, Chekhov (Chekhov's gun, etc.), Cinderella, Colonel Blimp, curiouser and curiouser, Cyclops (creature), Dantesque (adj), Darwinian (adj), Dickensian (adj), Don Juan, Faust (n), Faustian (adj), Frankenstein (product), Frankenstein (a monster), gargantuan (size), Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.), Good Earth (Pearl Buck), Great Gatsby, Hamlet (Hamlet on the Hudson, etc.), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), Kafkaesque (adj), Kipling (the Canadian Kipling, etc.), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Lawrence (T.E.), Lilliputian (adj), lily (gild the lily), Looking Glass, Lord of the Flies, love (love that dare not speak its name), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Mark Twain (the Yiddish Mark Twain, etc.), monster (create a monster, etc.), never-never land; nineteen eighty four (and 1984), O. Henry, Orwell, Orwellian (adj), Panglossian (adj), Peter Pan, pied piper, pitchfork (oppression), Pollyanna, Pollyannaish, profile in courage (JFK), Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Rip Van Winkle, Robin Hood, Robinson Crusoe, Romeo and Juliet (epithet), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), Shakespeare ("hillbilly Shakespeare," etc.), Shakespearean (adj), Shangri-la, Sherlock Holmes, Sisyphean (adj), shot (shot heard round the world), sleeping beauty, story (Just-so story), Svengali (allusion), Tale of Two Cities, Voldemort, Walter Mitty, whale (White Whale), windmill (tilt at windmills, etc.), wolf (cry wolf), world (lost world)
- film & TV: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), Chinatown (the film), Chris Farley (Chris Farley of silent cinema, etc.), curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.), Dracula (n), game of thrones, Groundhog Day (film) Hunger Games (film), Mini-Me, Rashomon (point of view), Oh, my! (sarcasm), Rosebud (allusion), Star Wars (film), Twilight Zone, Wizard of Oz, yellow brick road, zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- military: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), Dunkirk (digital Dunkirk, etc.), ersatz (substitute), fabius (Fabius Maximus), Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.), Geneva Convention (cyber, etc.), Maginot Line, Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, Napoleon (the Napoleon of surgery, etc.), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative), Thermopylae (figurative), Waterloo (figurative)

ALLUSION (2)

- accusation & criticism: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- achievement, recognition & praise: laurels (praise), pantheon (n), titan (n)
- action, inaction & delay: fabius (Fabius Maximus), Gordian knot, fiddle (while Rome burns, etc.)
- affliction: albatross (n), dog (dogs of war), Dracula (n), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), Frankenstein (product), Frankenstein (a monster), fury (creature), geddon (chippededdon, etc.), hector (v), Minotaur, monster (create a monster, etc.), nemesis (n), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), pocalypse (gas-pocalypse, etc.), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: believer (true believer)
- alternatives & choices: cornucopia (variety), Hobson's choice, Scylla and Charybdis
- amelioration & renewal: Fountain of Youth, Lazarus (Bible), panacea (n)
- amount: cornucopia (variety), Lucullan (adj)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: Rosetta Stone
- appearance: Adonis (handsome)
- appearance & reality: chalice (poisoned chalice), Potemkin (potemkin meeting, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: Barnum (and P.T. Barnum), it girl (and it drug, etc.), shot (shot heard round the world), Streisand (Streisand effect)
- attraction & repulsion: pied piper, siren (siren call / siren song), siren (other)
- behavior: Lady Macbeth (epithet), Lord of the Flies, Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Rasputin (epithet)
- Bible: Lazarus (Bible)
- biodiversity, nature & life: Noah's Ark
- certainty & uncertainty: Bermuda Triangle
- character & personality: Byron (epithet), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Colonel Blimp, Don Juan, Hamlet (Hamlet on the Hudson, etc.), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Machiavellian (adj), Panglossian (adj), Pollyanna, Pollyannaish (adj), Rasputin (epithet), stoic (adj), Svengali (allusion)
- coercion & motivation: hector (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: migration (#TwitterMigration, etc.)
- commitment & determination: believer (true believer), boat (burn one's boats), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), shield (on one's shield)
- competition: Darwinian (adj), Hunger Games (film), race (arms race)
- complexity: Gordian knot, labyrinth (n)
- comprehension & incomprehension: : babel (n), Delphic (adj), eureka (moment, etc.), Rosetta Stone
- concealment & lack of concealment: love (love that dare not speak its name), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), Streisand (Streisand effect)
- conflict: cold war, Gandhian (adj)
- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water), road (road to Damascus)
- constraint & lack of constraint: envelope (push the envelope)
- control & lack of control: King Canute, Lady Macbeth (epithet), Rasputin (epithet)
- cost & benefit: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose), Pyrrhic victory (figurative)
- creation & transformation: chimera (n), chimeric (and chimerical), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), Frankenstein (product), muse (person), Phoenix (myth), procrustean (adj)
- danger: kryptonite (n), Scylla and Charybdis
- dependency: banana republic
- destruction: apocalypse (n), Armageddon, geddon (chipageddon, etc.), heart (stake through the heart, etc.), kiss of death, kryptonite (n), Phoenix (myth), pocalypse (gas-pocalypse, etc.), *Titanic* (the ship), vandal (n), vandalism (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: hard (space is hard), herculean (adj), Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, New Deal (Green New Deal, etc.), promethean (adj), Sisyphian (adj)
- direction: breadcrumb (evidence)
- disruption: Bolshevik, Che Guevara, Danton, Jacobin
- division & connection: apartheid (separation), iron curtain, Maginot Line, Paradise Lost (allusion), Yugoslavia (Asian Yugoslavia, etc.)
- environment: Dantesque (adj), Dickensian (adj), frog (frog in boiling water), never-never land, Promised Land
- evidence: breadcrumb (evidence)
- fantasy & reality: Arthurian (adj), Bermuda Triangle, Black Mirror, curiouser and curiouser, El Dorado, Groundhog Day (film), heffalump (creature), Kafkaesque (adj), never-never land, Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Star Wars (film), surreal (adj), Twilight Zone, Walter Mitty, windmill (tilt at windmills, etc.)

- fate, fortune & chance: boat (burn one's boats), chalice (poisoned chalice), Chinatown (the film), devil (deal with the devil), Faust (n), Faustian (adj), kiss of death, midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), Sword of Damocles, *Titanic* (the ship)
- feeling, emotion & effect: Chinatown (the film), stoic (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.), Panglossian (adj)
- force: zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- geography: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- group, set & collection: cornucopia (variety), Noah's Ark
- help & assistance: Marshall Plan, New Deal (Green New Deal, etc.)
- hierarchy: patrician
- identity & nature: believer (true believer), no (no Jack Kennedy, etc.), not (not Churchill, etc.), patrician
- importance & significance: titan (n), triumvirate (n)
- initiation: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), ship (launched a thousand ships)
- judgment: draconian (adj), nemesis (n), piper (pay the piper, etc.), Solomonic (adj)
- knowledge & intelligence: Einstein (intelligence, or lack)
- message: Cassandra, jeremiad (bitter lament), messenger (shoot the messenger)
- migration: Lazarus (Emma Lazarus), trail of tears (migration)
- money: Great Gatsby, Lucullan (adj), Lucullus (epithet), Midas (Midas touch)
- oppression: Big Brother (oppression), brave new world, Cinderella, Cromwellian (adj), Cyclops (creature), Dark Star, draconian (adj), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), Hunger Games (film), inquisition (n), Lord of the Flies, McCarthy, McCarthyism, McCarthyite, nineteen eighty four (and 1984), Orwell, Orwellian (adj), pitchfork (oppression), procrustean (adj), reign of terror / fear, etc., star chamber (n), Voldemort, witch hunt
- origin: Phoenix (myth)
- past & present: ancien regime
- perception, perspective & point of view: elephant ("The Blind Men and the Elephant"), Rashomon (point of view), Rorschach (test)
- power: complex (military-industrial complex, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: ancien regime, it girl (and it drug, etc.), Methuselah, old guard, Rip Van Winkle
- product: Frankenstein (product)
- proper name: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: Achilles' heel (n), Great Wall of China
- punishment & recrimination: nemesis (n)
- pursuit, capture & escape: Houdini, Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- relationship: banana republic, Mini-Me, muse (person)
- repetition: Groundhog Day (film)
- resemblance: Mini-Me, proverbial (adj)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: Pyrrhic victory (figurative), Thermopylae (figurative), Young Turk
- restraint & lack of restraint: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), envelope (push the envelope)
- revenge: nemesis (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: promethean (adj), shibboleth (n), Young Turk
- searching & discovery: El Dorado, grail (holy grail), rabbit hole (exploration), rainbow (searching and discovery), Sherlock Holmes
- sex: Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan
- situation: Dantesque (adj), frog (frog in boiling water)
- size: behemoth (n), Brobdingnagian, colossal (adj), David (David and Goliath, etc.), gargantuan (size), Goliath (Bible), jumbo (large), Krakatoan (adj), leviathan, Lilliputian (adj), Olympian (size), Pharaonic (adj), spartan (adj), titan (n), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- speech: : babel (n), doublespeak (n), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted), newspeak (n)

- starting, going, continuing & ending: swan song
- strength & weakness: Achilles' heel (n), David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible)
- substance & lack of substance: clothes (the emperor has no clothes)
- subterfuge: breadcrumb (v), breadcrumbing, curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.), doublespeak (n), doublethink (n), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Machiavellian (adj), newspeak (n), Svengali (allusion), Trojan Horse (subterfuge), Wizard of Oz
- success & failure: Cinderella, Pyrrhic victory (figurative)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: cornucopia (variety)
- superlative: Homeric (adj), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Promised Land, Valhalla (non-military)
- survival, persistence & endurance: Lazarus (Bible), legend (n), Methuselah, Phoenix (myth)
- taking & removing: Robin Hood
- time: ancien regime, legend (n)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- transmission: Johnny Appleseed
- violence: Lord of the Flies
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: El Dorado, grail (holy grail), whale (White Whale)
- warning: wolf (cry wolf)
- worth & lack of worth: black tulip (rarity), egg (golden egg), fool's errand, goose (golden goose), Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.)

ALTERNATIVES & CHOICES (1)

- allusion: cornucopia (variety), Hobson's choice, Scylla and Charybdis
- books & reading: Catch-22
- color: palette (n)
- direction: turn (turn to something, etc.)
- food & drink: buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), menu (computer), menu (other), smorgasbord (n)
- hand: hand (on the one / other hand)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Scylla and Charybdis
- journeys & trips: crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), path (alternatives and choices), road (fork in the road, etc.)
- nuclear energy: option (nuclear option)
- path: path (alternatives & choices)
- tools & technology: toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- verb: choose (chose me, found me, etc.)

AMELIORATION & RENEWAL (1)

- addiction: detox (and detoxification, etc.)
- air: air (breath of fresh air), air (clear the air)
- allusion: Fountain of Youth, Lazarus (Bible), panacea (n)
- animal: barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), calm (v), tame (v)
- atmosphere: air (clear the air), air (breath of fresh air)
- baby: newborn
- ball: rebound (on the rebound)
- Bible: Lazarus (Bible)
- birth: newborn, rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n)
- blade: hack (fix), hack (a fix), hacking (fixing), hone (v), sharpen (v)
- boat: bailout (n), bail out (save), barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), damage control, righted, salvage (v), ship (right the ship, etc.)

- bodily reaction: breath (catch one's breath, etc.)
- breathing: breath (catch one's breath, etc.), breathing space (and breathing room), life (breathe life)
- bridge: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building
- bullet: magic bullet, silver bullet
- burden: barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), get out (get out from under)
- burial: ghost (bury the ghost)
- cloth: iron out (v), patch (and patch up), patched, untangle (v)
- cooking: reheat (v)
- cows & cattle: beefed up, beef up (v)
- creature: exorcise (v), ghost (bury the ghost)
- death & life: alive (come alive), Fountain of Youth, invigorate (v), Lazarus (Bible), life (give life), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), newborn, reinvigorate (v), resurrect (v), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v)
- destruction: piece (pick up the pieces)
- direction: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.), straighten out (v), turn around (turn things around, etc.)
- document: lease (lease on life)
- doors & thresholds: open (after lockdown, etc.)
- electricity: battery (recharge one's batteries, etc.)
- engine: tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- epithet: spring (Arab Spring, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: counterbalance (v), counterbalance (n), counterweight (n), right (right a wrong, etc.), stabilize (v)
- explosion: defuse (v)
- face: facelift (n)
- fence: fence (mend fences)
- fire: ashes (from the ashes, etc.), burn off (v)
- food & drink: beefed up, beef up (v), fresh (fresh evidence, etc.), spice up (v), thirst (quench one's thirst, etc.)
- foot: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- fountain: Fountain of Youth
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring back (restore)
- ground, terrain & land: swamp (drain the swamp)
- history: renaissance (n)
- hardness & softness: cushion (v), cushion (n), smooth (v), soften (speech)
- health & medicine: anodyne (adj), antidote (n), balm (n), Band-Aid (n), bromide (n), cure (n), cure (v), cure-all, detox (and detoxification, etc.), disinfect (v), disinfectant (n), elixir (effect), heal (v), healing (n), inject (fresh blood, etc.), invigorate (v), lance (v), lanced, life (breathe life), mend (on the mend), nostrum (n), panacea (n), pill (miracle pill), prescribe (v), prescription (n), reinvigorate (v), remedy (v), remedy (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), salve (v), salve (n), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), soothe (sensation), surgery (n), tonic (effect)
- house: broom (broom of reform, etc.), house (a house in order), house (clean house)
- hygiene: act (clean up one's act), broom (broom of reform, etc.), clean (come clean), clean (v), clean up (improve), cleanse (make clean), disinfect (v), disinfectant (n), house (clean house), order (get something in order, etc.)
- infrastructure: bolster (v), bolstered, buttress (v), outlet (n), put (put something back together), prop (n), prop up, rebuild (v), reinforce (v), scaffolding, shored up, shore up (v), smooth (smooth the road, etc.)
- journeys & trips: path (clear a path), smooth (smooth the road, etc.), way (pave the way)
- key: unlock (v)
- knife: hone (v), sharpen (v)
- light & dark: clarify (v), clear up (v), polish (v)
- magic: dust (fairy dust, etc.), magic bullet, silver bullet, talisman (n), talismanic (adj), wand (magic wand, etc.)

- manufacturing: recycle (v), salvage (v)
- meat: beefed up, beef up (v)
- mechanism: fix (v), lubricant (social lubricant, etc.), mend (on the mend), mend (v), put (put something back together), repair (v), repair (n), tinker (v), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n), tweak (n), unwind (relax), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)
- military: damage control
- mining: buttress (v), prop (n), prop up (v), shored up, shore up (v)
- movement: outlet (n), turn around (turn things around, etc.)
- music: fine-tune (v), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- orientation: right (right a wrong, etc.)
- part of speech: law enforcement (as verb)
- path: path (clear a path)
- pressure: decompression (n), outlet (n), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), valve (relief valve), vent (v)
- religion: dead (rise from the dead), exorcise (v), Lazarus (Bible), panacea (n), resurrect (v), resurrection (n), salvation (n)
- river: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building
- rope: loosen up (feelings), straighten out (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), untangle (v)
- scale: counterbalance (v)
- sea: barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- sensation: smooth (v), soothe (sensation)
- sign, signal, symbol: magic bullet, silver bullet
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: loosen up (feelings)
- snow & ice: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)
- sports & games: playing field (level the playing field)
- standing, sitting & lying: crutch (n), feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- swamp: swamp (drain the swamp)
- temperature: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)
- tide: tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- tools & technology: calibrate (adjust), calibrated (adjusted), plug (v), plugged (fixed), tweak (n), valve (relief valve)
- verb: act (clean up one's act), air (clear the air), bail out (save), bailed out, battery (recharge one's batteries, etc.), beef up (v), bolster (v), breath (catch one's breath, etc.), bridge (v), bring back (restore), burn off (v), buttress (v), calibrate (adjust), calm (v), clarify (v), clean (v), clean (come clean), cleanse (make clean), clean up (improve), clear up (v), counterbalance (v), cure (v), cushion (v), dead (rise from the dead), defuse (v), disinfect (v), exorcise (v), fence (mend fences), fine-tune (v), fix (v), get out (get out from under), ghost (bury the ghost), hack (fix), heal (v), hone (v), house (clean house), ice (break the ice), invigorate (v), iron out (v), lance (v), life (give life), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), loosen up (feelings), mend (v), patch (and patch up), path (clear a path), piece (pick up the pieces), playing field (level the playing field), plug (v), polish (v), prescribe (v), prop up (v), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), put (put something back together), rebuild (v), recycle (v), reheat (v), reinforce (v), reinvigorate (v), remedy (v), repair (v), resurrect (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), right (right a wrong, etc.), salvage (v), salve (v), scaffold (v), sharpen (v), ship (right the ship, etc.), shore up (v), smooth (v), soothe (sensation), spice up (v), stabilize (v), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), straighten out (v), swamp (drain the swamp), tame (v), thirst (quench one's thirst, etc.), tide (stem the tide, etc.), tinker (v), tune (and tune up), turn around (turn things around, etc.), unlock (v), untangle (v), unwind (relax), vent (v), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)
- volcano: vent (v)

- water: cleanse (make clean), Fountain of Youth, plug (v), plugged (fixed), outlet (n), thirst (quench one's thirst, etc.)
- weapon: magic bullet, silver bullet
- weight: get out (get out from under), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), tailor (v), tailored, tailor-made, thaw (v), way (pave the way)
- wind: air (breath of fresh air)

AMOUNT (1)

- affix: heavy (tank-heavy, etc.)
- allusion: cornucopia (variety), Lucullan (adj)
- animal: drove (herd or flock), lion's share
- atmosphere: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- blade: sliver (piece)
- boat: armada (n), boatload (amount); fleet (amount), flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.), raft (amount)
- books & reading: encyclopedia (amount), library (amount), trilogy (n)
- boundary: boundless
- breadth: thick (adj), thin (thin on the ground, etc.)
- cards: spade (in spades)
- container: bag (collection), bottomless (adj), brim (v), full (adj), package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial), truckload (amount)
- cloth: shred (shred of hope, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: laundry (laundry list)
- color: palette (n)
- crime: mob (group)
- dam: reservoir (amount)
- day: Christmas (Christmas list)
- depth: bottomless (adj)
- direction: bottomless (adj), low (low on food, etc.)
- distance: few and far between
- ear: earful (amount)
- epithet: Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia of coal, etc.)
- family: twin (two)
- farming & agriculture: bumper (bumper crop)
- fire: scintilla (scintilla of doubt, etc.), spark (spark of hope, etc.)
- food & drink: bellyful (amount), buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), crumb (amount), dollop (n), fed up (adj), helping (amount), lion's share, menu (other), morsel (amount), pie (piece of the pie, etc.), plate (full plate), scrap (n), smorgasbord (n), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- forest: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: acre (amount), pasture (amount)
- hand: handful (amount)
- health & medicine: dose (amount), rash (affliction)
- height: low (low on food, etc.)
- history: horde (people)
- hygiene: laundry (laundry list)
- infrastructure: suite (suite of tools, etc.), warehouse (amount)
- knife: slice (piece), sliver (piece)
- light & dark: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.), scintilla (scintilla of doubt, etc.), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.), spark (spark of hope, etc.)
- lion: lion's share

- mark: speck (amount)
- materials & substances: chunk (amount)
- military: armada (n), army (a large group), arsenal (amount), battalion (a large group), battery (amount), fleet (amount), host (host of questions, etc.), legion (n), panoply (n), phalanx (phalanx of lawyers, etc.)
- mining: nugget (n)
- mixture: slurry (n)
- mountains & hills: mountain (amount)
- money: catalogue (list), change (pocket change), rich (plentiful), tight (money), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount)
- number: trident (three), trilogy (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: full (adj)
- pile: backlog (amount), pile (pile of money, etc.)
- plant: kernel (amount)
- religion: litany (long list)
- river: reservoir (amount)
- sea: abundance (amount), armada (n), fleet (amount), ocean (amount), sea (amount)
- size: gargantuan (size), grain (grain of truth), kernel (amount)
- snow & ice: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- space: space (space of time)
- speech: earful (amount)
- stomach: bellyful (amount), fed up (adj)
- taste: taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- theater: repertoire (n)
- tools & technology: toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- verb: brim (v)
- warehouse: warehouse (amount)
- water: abundance (amount), aquifer (n), drop (drop in the bucket), reservoir (amount), well (source)
- wave: abundance (amount)
- weapon: arsenal (amount), battery (amount), quiver (n)
- weight: groan (amount), heavy (amount), ounce (amount), pound (amount), ton (amount)

AMOUNT (2)

- time: light year (a long time), long (a long time, etc.), minute (for a minute, etc.), space (space of time), time (take time, etc.), time (long time / short time)

AMOUNT & EFFECT (1)

- air: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), gale (strong wind), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- animal: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- atmosphere: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), gale (strong wind), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- boat: swamp (v), swamped
- breathing: smother (amount & effect)
- cards: spade (in spades)
- dam: floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- earth & world: tectonic (adj)
- earthquake: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), seismic (adj), seismically, tectonic (adj), tremor (n)
- epithet: wall (red wall, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: earthquake (effect)

- explosion: blockbuster (n), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), bomb (drop a bomb), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombed (love bombed, etc.), bombing (n), bombshell (n), firebomb (n), Krakatoan (adj)
- fire: conflagration (n), fire (n), fire (flash fire), firestorm (n)
- flood: deluge (n), deluged, flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flood (amount / verb), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, inundate (v), inundated
- flying & falling: flurry (activity)
- fortification: besiege (v), besieged, siege (under siege), siege (other)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other), tectonic (adj)
- head: head (come down on one's head, etc.)
- health & medicine: epidemic (n), plague (n), rash (affliction)
- height: peak (peak sexy, etc.)
- history: gold rush
- insect: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- mechanism: full on (adj), full out (adj)
- military: barrage (n), besiege (v), besieged, blitz (campaign), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombed (love bombed, etc.), bombing (n), bombshell (n), invade (v), invasion (n), onslaught (n), siege (under siege), siege (other)
- mining: bonanza (n), gold rush
- money: bonanza (n), gold rush
- mountains & hills: landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other)
- music: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), crescendo (n)
- part of speech: everything (everything Taylor Swift, etc.), peak (peak sexy, etc.)
- pile: heap (v), heaped
- prep, adv, adj, particle: full (full Sarah Brightman, etc.)
- rain: flurry (activity), rain (amount & effect), rain (rain down), shower (v)
- religion: juggernaut (n)
- river: flood (amount / verb), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, Niagara (the river and falls), river (river of hogs, etc.)
- sea: change (sea change), floodtide (n), groundswell (n), maelstrom (in a maelstrom), maelstrom (other), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (rising tide), tide (on a tide), tide (other), tsunami (n), wave (in a wave), wave (amount and effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)
- size: colossal (adj), monster (size), stupendous (adj)
- snow & ice: avalanche (n), blizzard (n), hail (in a hail), hail (n)
- sound: bombshell (n), crescendo (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), full-throated (adj), Krakatoan (adj), uproar (controversy)
- speech: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.)
- storm: blizzard (n), cyclone (n), downdraft (n), gale (strong wind), hail (n), hail (in a hail), hurricane (n), nature (force of nature), storm (v), storm (by storm), storm (perfect storm), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- tide: floodtide (n), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (rising tide), tide (on a tide), tide (other)
- tsunami: tsunami (n)
- verb: besiege (v), blow up (attention /verb), bombard (v), erupt (v), flood (amount / verb), gush (v), heap (v), inundate (v), invade (v), pour (in, into, pour out, etc.), rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down), shower (v), smother (amount and effect), spill (and spill out, etc.), storm (v), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swarm (v)
- volcano: erupt (v), eruption, Krakatoan (adj), tremor (n), volcano (pressure)
- wall: wall (wall of flames, etc.)

- water: awash, cascade (n), clogged, deluge (n), deluged, drenched, drip (and drip-drop, etc.), flood (amount / verb), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodtide (n), floodwaters, gush (v), inundate (v), inundated, Niagara (the river and falls), outpouring, pour (in, into, pour out, etc.), river (river of hogs, etc.), spill (and spill out, etc.), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swamped, tide (rising tide), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), wave (in a wave), wave (amount and effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)
- wave: groundswell (n), swamp (v), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (rising tide), tsunami (n), wave (in a wave)
- weapon: barrage (n), blitz (campaign), blockbuster (n), bomb (drop a bomb), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombed (love bombed, etc.), bombing (n), firebomb (n)
- wind: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), flurry (activity), gale (strong wind), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)

ANALOGY (2)

- comparison & contrast: analogy (and analogize, etc.)

ANALYSIS, INTERPRETATION & EXPLANATION (1) (see also context; picture)

- allusion: Rosetta Stone
- blade: scalpel (n)
- books & reading: biography (non-human, etc.), misread (v), read (read something into something), read (analyze)
- chemistry: distill (v), essence (n)
- cloth: curtain (pull back the curtain, look behind the curtain, etc.), pick apart (analyze), tease out (v), thread (investigation), unpick (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), unraveled (explained), unspool (v), untangle (v), unwind (analyze)
- clothing & accessories: strip (strip something down)
- color: black box (n)
- container: unpack (v)
- day: day (at the end of the day)
- death & life: autopsy (analysis), biopsy (analysis), dissect (v), post-mortem (analysis), vivisection (v)
- direction: boil down to (v), bottom (get to the bottom of something), come down to (v), drill (analysis), follow (it follows that, etc.), follow (the facts, etc.)
- engine: hood (look under the hood, etc.), test-drive (v)
- eye: look at (analysis), look into (v), look like (analysis), microscope (under a microscope)
- film & TV: unspool (v), unwind (analyze)
- food & drink: nutshell (in a nutshell)
- fruits & vegetables: layer (analysis), onion (n), peel (peel back the layers, etc.)
- geometry: angle (from an angle), curve (behind / ahead of the curve)
- gesture: tire (kick the tires)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: come away with (v), get across (v), take (and hot take), takeaway (n), take away (a message, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: contour (n), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig up (v), drill (drill down, etc.), excavate (v), lay of the land, unearth (v), unearthed
- head: head (reason)
- health & medicine: autopsy (analysis), biopsy (analysis), diagnosis (n), dissect (v), misdiagnose (v), post-mortem (analysis), scalpel (n), surgeon (doesn't take a brain surgeon, etc.), vivisection (v), x-ray (n)
- heating water: boil down to (v)
- history: Rosetta Stone
- hunting: find (discover), sign (evidence)

- infrastructure: deconstruct (v), deconstruction (n), frame (n), frame (characterize), framed (characterized), reframe (characterize)
- journeys & trips: arrive at (an answer, etc.), come from (analysis), come to (come to an answer, etc.), exploration (n), explore (analyze), follow (argument), get (get somewhere), go (argument), reach (reach an answer, etc.), take (take somebody somewhere)
- letters & characters: spelled out, spell out (v)
- light & dark: illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light (shed light), lighthouse (illumination), opacity (n), opaque (adj)
- mechanism: break down (explain), sort out (analyze), tire (kick the tires)
- military: interrogate (v), interrogated, interrogating (questioning), interrogation (questioning)
- mining: dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig up (v), drill (analysis), excavate (v), layer (analysis), unearth (v), unearthed
- mirror: mirror (n)
- money: bottom line
- movement: arrive at (an answer, etc.), come to (come to an answer, etc.), follow (argument), follow (it follows that, etc.), go (argument), go on (what's going on, etc.), reach (reach an answer, etc.)
- number: add up (v), arithmetic, calculus (n), equation (n)
- part of speech: picture (big picture / verb), science (as verb)
- picture: backdrop (against a backdrop), dot (connect the dots), frame (n), frame (characterize), framed (characterized), illustration (n), mosaic (analysis), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture / noun), picture (view), portrait (view), puzzle (problem), reframe (characterize), show (the data show, etc.), x-ray (n)
- plant: root (root cause)
- puzzle: fall (fall into place), puzzle (problem), put (put something together), piece (missing pieces), piece together (v)
- religion: navel gazing (omphaloskepsis), sign (evidence), soul-searching
- rocket: science (not rocket science)
- rope: untangle (v)
- scale: weigh (analyze)
- school & education: blank (fill in the blanks), study (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: shorthand (n)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: dissect (v), scalpel (n), vivisect (v)
- sound: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.), noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), signal and noise (n), static (n)
- speech: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.), interrogate (v), parse (v), suggest (indicate), talk (talk somebody through something), tell (data can tell us something, etc.)
- sports & games: play (play with data, etc.)
- stomach: gut (n)
- surveying: baseline (n)
- temperature: boil down to (v)
- theater: curtain (pull back the curtain, look behind the curtain, etc.)
- tools & technology: black box (n), microscope (under a microscope), x-ray (n), scalpel (n)
- tree: root (root cause)
- verb: arrive at (an answer, etc.), biopsy (analysis), boil down to (v), break down (explain), chase down (v), come away with (v), come down to (v), come from (analysis), come to (come to an answer, etc.), crunch (crunch the data), decode (v), deconstruct (v), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig up (v), dissect (v), dive (analyze), dive deep (analysis), dot (connect the dots), drill (analysis), excavate (v), explore (analyze), follow (argument), follow (it follows that, etc.), follow (the facts, etc.), frame (characterize), get (get somewhere), get across (v), go (argument), go on (what's going on, etc.), illuminate (v), interrogate (v), light (shed light), look at (analysis), look into (v), make (make of something), misdiagnose (v), misread (v), parse (v), peel (peel back the layers, etc.), pick apart (analyze), piece together (v), play (play with data, etc.), put (put something together),

read (read something into something), reach (reach an answer, etc.), read (analyze), reframe (characterize), show (the data show, etc.), spell out (v), strip (strip something down), suggest (indicate), take (take somebody somewhere), take away (a message, etc.), talk (talk somebody through something), tease out (v), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), test-drive (v), unearth (v), unpack (v), unpick (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), unspool (v), untangle (v), unwind (analyze), vivisect (v), walk (walk somebody through something), weigh (analyze)

- walking, running & jumping: chase down (v), walk (walk somebody through something)
- waste: garbage (data)
- water: boil down to (v), dive (analyze), dive (deep dive), dive deep (analysis)
- weight: weigh (analyze)
- writing & spelling: shorthand (n), spelled out, spell out (v)

ANIMAL (2) (see also bird; cat; cows & cattle; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; predation; rat; sheep; snake; tiger; wolf)

- ability & lack of ability: pony (one-trick pony)
- absorption & immersion: lap up (v), sponge (n), wallow (v)
- activity: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), crawl (activity), dormant (adj), fly (activity), frenzy (feeding frenzy), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), hornet's nest, hum (v), hum (n), lie low (and lay low), roar (activity), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- accusation & criticism: savage (v), venom (n), venomous (adj)
- achievement, recognition & praise: lion (liberal lion, etc.), lioness (lioness of the left, etc.), lionized
- affliction: albatross (n), animal (insult), back (get off my back, etc.), backbiter (person), badger (v), barnacle (affliction), bete noire (black beast), bird-dog (v), bite (resemblance), biting (adj), dog (afflict), dog (dogs of war), dogged (hounded), eat (mental health), eat (destroy), encrustation (affliction), gadfly (person), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), hound (v), hounded (dogged), leech (v), leech (person), monkey (monkey on one's back, etc.), octopus (n), parasite (person), pest (person), pester (v), piranha (predation), pursue (afflict), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.), shark (predation), tentacle (n), vulture (behavior), wolf (predation)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), rat (betray), rat (a snitch), shark (thrown to the sharks), turn (turn against / turn on something), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)
- amelioration & renewal: barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), calm (v), tame (v)
- amount: drove (herd or flock), lion's share
- amount & effect: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- appearance: ruffled (feathers)
- appearance & disappearance: black swan (rarity), blue whale, ground (go to ground), woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- appearance & reality: chameleon (change), chameleonic (adj), paper tiger, wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- area: stomping grounds (and stamping grounds)
- assembling: call (cattle call), rounded up, round up (assemble)
- attachment: barnacled, bulldog (person), earworm (n), encrustation (affliction), pit bull (person), teeth (sink one's teeth into something), worm (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), low (lie low), trotted out
- attenuation: defang (v), tame (adj), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- attraction & repulsion: bait (awards bait, etc.)
- avoidance & separation: duck (avoid)
- behavior: animal (party animal, etc.), ape (v), astray (direction), backbiting, badger (v), bask (v), bear (a bear of an epidemic, etc.), beaver (v), bee (busy as a bee), bloodthirsty (adj), bulldog (person), circle (verb / predation), claw (v), crab (crab in a bucket, etc.), deer (deer in the headlights), dog (mad dog / epithet), donkey (insult), drove (herd or flock), duck (ducks in a row), eat (eat one's own, etc.), feather (ruffle feathers), feral (behavior),

- ferret out (v), flock (v), fox (subterfuge), frenzy (feeding frenzy), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), herd (herd mentality, etc.), hog (v), hog (n), hyena (person), lemming (consciousness), lone wolf (person), magpie (bird), mole (n), morning lark (person), night owl (person), outfox (v), pack rat (person), pecking order, pig (insult), pit bull (person), predator (people), prey (prey on something), prowl (on the prowl), rabid (behavior), rabidly, rear (v), rogue (n), savage (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), shark (predation), sheep (consciousness), squirreled away, stalker (person), stampede (n), stray (behavior), stud (male), swarm (v), swarm (n), swine (behavior), tame (v), trough (greed), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), vulture (behavior), wallow (v), weasel (v), wild (behavior), wild (run wild), wolf (predation), wolf down (food), wound (lick one's wounds)
- branching system: multipronged, prong (river), prong (part)
 - character & personality: animal (party animal, etc.), bear (mama bear), beast (power), black sheep, bloodthirsty (adj), chameleon (change), chameleonic (adj), coyote (predation), creature (creature of habit, etc.), donkey (insult), dove (person), feather (ruffle feathers), feisty (adj), ferocious (other), gadfly (person), grub (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj), hyena (person), jackal (n), jackass, leech (person), leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), lone wolf (person), maneater (female), maverick (person), mule-headed, pack rat (person), piranha (predation), predator (people), rogue (n), rooster (person), scavenger (n), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.), shark (predation), snake (insult), stud (male), whine (v), whiner (person), wolf (predation)
 - characterization: pigeonhole (n), pigeonholed
 - coercion & motivation: bone (throw a bone to someone), bulldog (person), dog (attack dog), goad (v), herd (ride herd), herded, pit bull (person)
 - coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.)
 - commitment & determination: badger (v), bulldog (person), dogged (determined), pit bull (person)
 - comparison & contrast: bestial (adj)
 - competition: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), dog-eat-dog, dogfight (n), game (game of cat and mouse), heel (nip at somebody's heels), jockey (v), law (law of the jungle, etc.), minnow (n), pack (competition), rat race, sardine (n), underdog (competition)
 - complexity: warren (n)
 - computer: worm (computers)
 - concealment & lack of concealment: burrow (burrow into), ground (go to ground), mole (n)
 - condition & status: belly-up (adj)
 - configuration: dovetail (v), honeycomb (v), honeycombed, nestled, perch (v), perched, piggyback (v), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.), sardined
 - conflict: back (get off my back, etc.), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v), bait (antagonize / verb), baiting (antagonizing / Jew-bating, etc.), bearbaiting, blink (conflict), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), blood sport (n), bone (bone of contention), chest (beat one's chest, etc.), claw (v), corral (v), dogfight (n), game (game of chicken), growl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns), hornet's nest, jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), pit (bear pit), rear (v), roll over (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), snake pit, teeth (danger), throat (predation), tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.), wound (lick one's wounds), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
 - confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: blink (conflict), duck (avoid), head-on, sand (stick one's head in the sand), teeth (in / into the teeth of)
 - consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water), sheep
 - constraint & lack of constraint: cage (a gilded cage, etc.), choke chain (n), hamstring (v), hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, hogtie (v), leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.), muzzle (v), pen (constraint), penned (penned into, etc.), rein (free rein), shackle (n), wild (run wild)
 - consumption: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), food (meat), ground (feeding ground), lap up (v), meat (fresh meat, etc.), meat (red meat, etc.)
 - content: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
 - control & lack of control: calm (v), corral (v), corralled, harness (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), horse (hold your horses), lead (restraint), leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in,

- rope in (v), rogue, runaway (control), run away (v), tame (v), tiger (n), wild (control), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- cost & benefit: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose)
 - courage & lack of courage: chicken-hearted, chicken out (v), game (game of chicken), lion (courage, aggression)
 - creation & transformation: breed (create), breeding ground, chameleon (change), calve (v), calving, chameleonic (adj), rookery (n), spawn (v), spawned, web (spin a web)
 - danger: hornet's nest, lurking (lurking danger, etc.), predation (n), predatory (adj), sitting duck, snake pit, teeth (in / into the teeth of), tiger (n), wolf (predation)
 - decline: breed (dying breed, etc.)
 - dependency: lapdog (n)
 - destruction: carcass (n), devour (destroy), eat (mental health), eat (destroy), ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), gored, lamb (lamb to the slaughter), mangle (v), nibble (nibble at, etc.), roadkill (n), sheep (predation), slaughtered, snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.), teeth (danger), trample (v), trampled
 - difficulty, easiness & effort: beaver (v), canter (n), canter (v), claw (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), trot (on the trot)
 - directing: drive (v), goad (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), herded, husband (v), shepherd (v)
 - direction: bellwether (n), cow (bell cow)
 - dismissal, removal & resignation: cull (n), cull (v), factory (glue factory), flense (v), pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture), perch (knock something off its perch), shed (v), slough (and sluff / verb)
 - disruption: feather (ruffle feathers), rattle (disrupt), ruffled (feathers)
 - dominance & submission: back down (v), blink (conflict), dog (big dog), dunk (dunk on someone), game (game of chicken), ground (hold / stand one's ground), lapdog (n), poodle (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs), top (dominance / winning)
 - eagerness & reluctance: bay (bay for blood, etc.), chops (lick one's chops), dog (dog won't hunt), horse (hold your horses), lips (lick one's lips), pounce (v)
 - empathy & lack of empathy: ruthless (sun, etc.)
 - enthusiasm: bookworm (person), hound (autograph hound, etc.), pet (pet cause, etc.), rat (lab rat, etc.)
 - environment: frog (frog in boiling water), jungle (environment), (hornet's nest, snake pit, zoo (environment))
 - epithet: badger ("The Badger, etc.), bear (Soviet Bear, etc.), beast ("The Beast" Mugabi, etc.), dog (mad dog / epithet), lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.), lioness (England's Lionesses, etc.), pack (the Rat Pack, etc.), savage (Savage Mountain, etc.), tiger (Arkan's Tigers, etc.), tiger (tiger mother, etc.), whale (epithet)
 - evidence: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave), fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat)
 - experience: cub (n), greenhorn (person), rodeo (first rodeo)
 - experimentation: guinea pig
 - extent & scope: octopus (n), tentacle (n)
 - failure, accident & impairment: astray (direction), belly-up (adj), stray (behavior), stray (direction)
 - fantasy & reality: brainworm (obsession), rabbit hole (fantasy)
 - fate, fortune & chance: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), black swan (rarity), blue whale, chicken (come home to roost), jaw (jaws of defeat, jaws of victory, etc.), snake (snake-bit)
 - feeling, emotion & effect: bask (v), biting (adj), bristle (emotional arousal), calm (v), devoured (by an emotion, etc.), eat (mental health), eaten alive (by debt, rage, etc.), eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), gnaw (v), hackles (raise hackles), ruffled (feathers), tears (crocodile tears), venom (n), venomous (adj), vulnerability (emotional, etc.), vulnerable (emotionally, etc.), wild (behavior)
 - fictive motion: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
 - flaws & lack of flaws: fly (fly in the ointment), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)

- force: bear (a bear of an epidemic, etc.), beast (power), bull (bull in a china shop), ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), paper tiger, roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.), savage (adj), savagery (n), teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- functioning: hamstring (v), hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled
- geography: spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- gossip: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- group, set & collection: covey (group), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), herd (herd immunity, etc.), menagerie (group), nest (of vipers, etc.), pack (group), stable (group), zoo (group)
- growth & development: fledgling (adj), fry (small fry), full-fledged (adj), lamb (n), rookery (n)
- haste: gallop (haste)
- help & assistance: mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- hierarchy: bee (queen bee), food chain, lion (liberal lion, etc.), lioness (lioness of the left, etc.), pecking order, top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- history: pedigree (n)
- idea: sacred cow
- identity & nature: animal (political animal, etc.), breed (type), chameleon (change), chameleonic (adj), creature (creature of habit, etc.), feral (behavior), leopard (HMS Leopard, etc.), pedigree (n), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.), shape (form)
- importance & significance: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), mole hill (and molehill), sardine (n), whale (epithet)
- insult: animal (insult), beast (insult), cockroach (n), dog (insult), donkey (insult), grub (person), hyena (person), jackal (n), jackass (n), lapdog (n), leech (person), monkey (insult), parasite (person), pig (insult), scavenger (n), snake (insult), swine (behavior), termite (n), worm (insult)
- involvement: dog (dog in the fight), horse (horse in the race), wallow (v), web (entanglement)
- isolation & remoteness: carapace (protection), shell (protection)
- judgment: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), kangaroo court
- mental health: devoured (by an emotion, etc.), eat (mental health), eaten alive (by debt, rage, etc.), vulnerability (emotional, etc.), vulnerable (emotionally, etc.)
- military: cannon fodder (military), foxhole (military), leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), nest (military), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.), stealth (stealth bomber, etc.), trap (military / noun)
- money: nest egg
- movement: canter (n), canter (v), duck (v), fishtail (v), flit (v), flock (v), gallop (v), hop (v), leapfrog (v), lurk (v), porpoising (movement), pounce (v), prowl (on the prowl), slink (slink in, etc.), sluggish (adj), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), stalk (v), stampede (n), swan (v), swarm (v), swoop (v), trot (on the trot), weasel (v)
- occurrence: black swan (rarity), blue whale
- oppression: back (get off my back, etc.), cage (jail, prison), goad (v), kangaroo court, lighten (v), scapegoat (n), shackle (n), trample (v), yoke (under the yoke), yoke (from the yoke), yoke (other)
- orientation: flank (side), nose (orientation), snout (orientation), tail (orientation)
- past & present: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur (n), dodo (n), extinct (adj), fossil (n), fossilize (v), fossilized
- perception: bird's-eye (bird's-eye view)
- performance: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), dog-and-pony show (n), pony (one-trick pony)
- person: backbiter (person), bee (queen bee), cowboy (person), dog (big dog), dog (mad dog / epithet), dog (attack dog), dog (insult), dog (sex), dove (person), fat cat, gadfly (person), greenhorn (person), grub (person), hawk (person), hyena (person), leech (person), lion (courage, aggression), magpie (bird), maneater (female), maverick (person), morning lark (person), night owl (person), parasite (person), piranha (predation), predator (people), rooster (person), shark (predation), snake (insult), stalker (person), stud (male), vulture (behavior), whiner (person), wolf (predation), wrangler (person)
- place: den (den of thieves, etc.), nest (empty nest), perch (n), rookery (n)

- power: beast (power), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats), sardine (n)
- presence & absence: elephant (elephant in the room, etc.), fly (fly on the wall), gorilla (800-pound gorilla), lurk (v), lurking (lurking danger, etc.), wait (in wait)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur (n), dodo (n), extinct (adj), fossil (n), fossilize (v), fossilized, lion (liberal lion, etc.), species (endangered species), species (vanishing species)
- progress & lack of progress: leapfrog (v), tail (chase one's tail)
- proper name: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), lioness (Lioness.co, etc.), nest (Bird's Nest, etc.), Predator (the Predator drone, etc.), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.), spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: bolt-hole (and bolthole), bristle (with security, etc.), carapace (protection), ground (go to ground), hedgehog (protection), holed up, hole up (v), shell (protection), sitting duck, underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.), vulnerability (emotional, etc.), vulnerable (emotionally, etc.), watchdog (n), wolf (wolf at the door)
- punishment & recrimination: blood (out for blood), doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.), scapegoat (n)
- pursuit, capture & escape: bait (awards bait, etc.), bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.), bird-dog (v), bloodhound (n), cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), claw (n), dragnet (n), dragnet (cast a dragnet), expedition (fishing expedition), game (game of cat and mouse), ground (go to ground), hound (v), hounded (dogged), jaw (jaws of defeat, jaws of victory, etc.), land (land a job, etc.), low (lie low), octopus (n), pincer (n), pincer, poach (v), poached, predation (n), prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), prey (prey and predator, etc.), stalk (v), tentacle (n), victim (fall victim to something)
- readiness & preparedness: groom (prepare)
- relationship: breed (create), lapdog (n), pet (pet cause, etc.)
- repetition: ape (v), parrot (v)
- resemblance: barnacle (resemblance), bite (resemblance), carcass (n), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), nest (resemblance), rat (tunnel rat, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), tail (orientation)
- resiliency: horse (get back on the horse), saddle (get back in the saddle)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), blink (conflict), buck (v), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), howl (n), howl (v), roll over (v), squeal (protest), stare down (v), stare-down (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs), tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.)
- responsibility: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost)
- restraint & lack of restraint: animal (party animal, etc.), wild (behavior), wild (control), wild (run wild)
- reversal: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- role: mother (den mother, etc.)
- route: alley (Bat Alley, etc.)
- sacrifice: lamb (sacrificial lamb), scapegoat (n)
- sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: black sheep, buck (v), crab (crab in a bucket, etc.), maverick (person), rogue (n), sacred cow
- searching & discovery: bloodhound (n), expedition (fishing expedition), feeler (put out feelers, etc.), ferret out (v)
- sequence: sheep (sequence, series)
- sex: dog (sex), maneater (female), stud (male)
- shape: butterfly (shape), dogleg (shape), honeycomb (shape), horn (shape), nest (shape), plume (shape), web (spider web and cobweb, etc.)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: tears (crocodile tears)
- situation: doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.), frog (frog in boiling water), web (situation)
- size: beast (power), elephant (elephant in the room, etc.), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), gorilla (800-pound gorilla), jumbo (large), mammoth (size), minnow, mouse (size), whale (epithet)

- society: herd (herd mentality, etc.), lemming (consciousness), lone wolf (person), rogue (n), sheep (consciousness)
- sound: bark (v), gallop (sound), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), roar (n), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), whining (n), whiny (adj)
- speech: badger (v), bark (v), bleat (v), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), roar (v), savage (v), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), venom (n), venomous (adj), weasel (weasel words, etc.), whining (n), whiny (adj), yapping (n)
- speed: breakneck (adj), canter (n), canter (v), fly (activity), gallop (v), galloping (speed), sluggish (adj), snail (at a snail's pace), snail (snail's pace / other)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: tail end (the finish of something)
- strength & weakness: defang (v), eggshell (n), ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats), paper tiger, sardine (n), sheep (predation), teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out) toothless (adj), underdog (competition)
- substance & lack of substance: bark (more bark than bite, etc.), paper tiger, toothless (adj)
- subterfuge: burrow (burrow into), fox (n), mole (n), outfox (v), slink (slink in, etc.), snake oil (n), stealth (stealth ad, etc.), stealthily, web (spin a web), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- success & failure: dog (dog won't hunt)
- superiority & inferiority: horse (high horse), tail (tail between one's legs), top (dominance / winning), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- superlative: GOAT (greatest of all time)
- surveillance: eagle eye, fly (fly on the wall), watchdog (n)
- suspicion: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat)
- taking & removing: fleeced, leech (v), poach (v), poached
- taxonomy & classification: animal (different animal, etc.), beast (different beast, etc.), bestiary (n), breed (type), creature (creature of habit, etc.), fish (different kettle of fish), species (type), stripe (of all stripes)
- time: dinosaur (n), dodo (n), extinct (adj), fossil (n), fossilize (v), fossilized
- transmission: slink (slink in, etc.), weasel (v)
- transportation: cart (cart off), drag, haul (v), hauled in, hauled off, mule (drug mule, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: crab (crab in a bucket, etc.), duck (ducks in a row), groupthink (and herdthink, etc.), herd (herd mentality, etc.), lemming (consciousness), sheep (consciousness)
- violence: cockroach (n), dove (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj), termite (n)
- vocative: pet (vocative)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: whale (White Whale)
- warning: watchdog (n), wolf (cry wolf)
- wolf: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- work & duty: beaver (v), harness (in harness), horse (the willing horse, etc.), rat race, warhorse (and war horse), workhorse (n)
- worth & lack of worth: cow (cash cow), egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose), horse (a gift horse), snake oil (n), spoils (of war, etc.), white elephant

ANTIQUES (2)

- past & present: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- time: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)

APPEAL (1)

- heart: cri de coeur
- military: call (call to arms), cry (rallying cry)
- sound: call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call (call of duty, etc.), call (appeal), call (call to arms), cri de coeur
- speech: call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call (call of duty, etc.), call (appeal), call for (appeal), cri de coeur, cry (cry for help), cry (v), cry out (v)

- verb: call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call for (appeal), cry out (v)

APPEARANCE (1) (see also resemblance)

- air: air (air of authority, etc.), aura (n)
- allusion: Adonis (handsome)
- animal: ruffled (feathers)
- atmosphere: air (air of authority, etc.), aura (n)
- baby: baby (baby face, etc.)
- bird: ruffled (feathers)
- books & reading: book (books and covers)
- cards: poker-faced (adj)
- clothing & accessories: robe (n)
- creature: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- eye: eye (for the eyes), eye (on the eyes), eye candy (n), eyesore (n), look like (resemble)
- face: baby (baby face, etc.), face (appearance), game (game face), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- gambling: poker-faced (adj)
- health & medicine: eyesore (n), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (resemblance / verb)
- hole: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked
- infrastructure: street (cloud street, etc.)
- light & dark: bedazzled (decorated), gloss (appearance)
- mark: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (resemblance / verb)
- materials & substances: gloss (appearance), stone-faced (adj)
- moon: moonscape (n)
- object: Barbie (and Barbie Doll)
- religion: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- sign, signal, symbol: cherubic (adj)
- sports & games: game (game face)
- verb: pockmark (v), scar (resemblance / verb)
- wounds & scars: scar (resemblance / verb)

APPEARANCE & DISAPPEARANCE (1) (see also occurrence; presence & absence; searching & discovery)

- air: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue, ether (into the ether), nowhere (come out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)
- animal: black swan (rarity), blue whale, ground (go to ground), woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- atmosphere: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue, ether (into the ether), nowhere (come out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky)
- baseball: left field (out of left field, etc.)
- bird: black swan (rarity)
- boat: dredge up (v), sink (disappearance)
- bodily reaction: swallow (disappearance)
- bubble: bubble up (v)
- burial: exhume (v)
- center & periphery: background (background noise, etc.), foreground (n)
- color: black swan (rarity), blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue, blue whale, bolt from the blue
- creature: ghost (verb), ghost (abandoned, etc.), ghosted, phantom
- death & life: disappear (extinction), exhume (v), lose (through extinction), lost (extinction), vanish (extinction), vanishing (disappearance)
- direction: arise (v), come (occur, develop), come back (from extinction, etc.), come forward (v), come up (appear), fall (fall of the radar screen, etc.), pop up (v), turn out (rally), turnout

- eye: disappear (from the scene, etc.), peek (v), view (out of view)
- face: face (in the face of)
- farming & agriculture: crop up (v)
- fox: ground (go to ground)
- ground, terrain & land: dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), ground (go to ground), turn up (appear), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- head: head (rear its head, etc.)
- heating water: bubble up (v)
- hole: ground (go to ground)
- house: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- hunting: ground (go to ground)
- insect: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- light & dark: fade (v), fade away, light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light (see the light)
- lightning: blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue
- magic: magic up (verb)
- map: map (drop off the map, etc.)
- mining: dig up (v), excavate (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- movement: come (occur, develop), come along (appearance), come back (from extinction, etc.), go away (v)
- picture: background (background noise, etc.), foreground (n), foreground (v)
- plane: parachute (v)
- plant: bud (nipped in the bud), budding, crop up (v), emerge (v), emerging (adj), mushroom (v), pop up (v), spring up (v), sprout (v)
- position: background (background noise, etc.), foreground (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: bubble up (v), come up (appear), crop up (v), dredge up (v), pop up (v), show up (v), spring up (v)
- sea: blue whale, sink (disappearance), wash up (v)
- sky: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), black swan (rarity), blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue, ether (into the ether), nowhere (come out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)
- snow & ice: melt away
- sports & games: left field (out of left field, etc.)
- temperature: bubble up (v)
- theater: curtain call, scene (come onto the scene)
- tools & technology: radar (drop off the radar)
- verb: arise (v), background (background noise, etc.), bubble up (v), come (occur, develop), come along (appearance), come back (from extinction, etc.), come forward (v), come up (appear), crop up (v), dig up (v), disappear (from the scene, etc.), disappear (extinction), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dredge up (v), dry up (v), emerge (v), evaporate (v), excavate (v), exhume (v), fade (v), fade away (v), fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.), ghost (verb), go away (v), ground (go to ground), head (rear its head, etc.), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light (see the light), lose (through extinction), map (drop off the map, etc.), melt (v), melt away (v), mushroom (v), pop up (v), radar (drop off the radar), resurface (v), show up (v), sink (disappearance), spring up (v), sprout (v), surface (intransitive), surface (bring to the surface), swallow (disappearance), turn out (rally), turn up (appear), uncover (v), unearth (v), vanish (extinction), wash up (v)
- water: bubble up (v), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dry up (v), emerge (v), emerging (adj), evaporate (v), resurface (v), surface (intransitive), sink (disappearance), surface (intransitive), surface (bring to the surface), wash up (v)
- wave: wash up (v)
- window: window (out the window)

APPEARANCE & REALITY (1) (see also concealment & lack of concealment)

- allusion: chalice (poisoned chalice), Potemkin (potemkin meeting, etc.)
- animal: chameleon (change), chameleonic (adj), paper tiger, wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- books & reading: book (books and covers)
- breadth: cosmetic (adj), patina (appearance), veneer (appearance)
- clothing & accessories: clothes (deception), dressed (dressed up, etc.), dress up (v), fashion (n), naked (unadorned), nakedly, wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- death & life: reality (real, truth, lies, facts, etc.)
- direction: underneath (basis)
- eye: eye (more than meets the eye), optics (n), see (see through something)
- face: face (brave face, etc.), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v)
- finger: manicured
- food & drink: chalice (poisoned chalice)
- ground, terrain & land: fool's gold
- history: Potemkin (potemkin meeting, etc.)
- hygiene: artwash (v), sportswash (v), sportswashing (n)
- infrastructure: airbrushed, astroturf (v), astroturf (n), astroturfer (n), astroturfing, facade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- light & dark: gloss (appearance)
- materials & substances: airbrushed, cosmetic (adj), ersatz (substitute), gilded (other), gloss (appearance), imposter (n), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), patina (appearance), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), unvarnished (adj), veneer (appearance), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- military: ersatz (substitute), warrior (ironic)
- mining: fool's gold
- mountains & hills: valley (the uncanny valley, etc.)
- orientation: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- part of speech: look (a bad look, etc.)
- person: imposter (n), warrior (ironic)
- predation: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: underneath (basis)
- snow & ice: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- stomach: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- taste: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- tiger: paper tiger
- theater: theater (appearance), trial (show trial)
- tools & technology: optics (n)
- verb: artwash (v), astroturf (v), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), see (see through something), sportswash (v), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), whitewash (v)
- water: surface (on the surface), surface (under the surface)
- wolf: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

APPLE (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: apple (Golden Apple / education)
- character & personality: apple (bad apple / rotten apple)
- corruption: apple (bad apple / rotten apple)
- perception, perspective & point of view: apple (proverb)
- product: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- relationship: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- transmission: Johnny Appleseed

AREA (1) (see also environment; location; place)

- affix: dom (memedom, etc.), land (clubland, etc.), scape (threatscape, etc.), sphere (cryptosphere, etc.), verse (metaverse, etc.)
- astronomy: metaverse (n), multiverse (n), Twitterverse (n), universe (n)
- animal: stomping grounds (and stamping grounds)
- boat: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- center & periphery: corner (in remote corners, etc.), corner (other)
- clothing & accessories: belt (area)
- corner: corner (in remote corners, etc.)
- direction: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- earth & world: sphere (in the sphere), world (exploration)
- forest: woods (neck of the woods)
- ground, terrain & land: area (territory), borderland (n), contour (n), demesne (control), ecosystem (n), fiefdom (control), ground (area), land (clubland, etc.), landscape (n), lay of the land, scape (threatscape, etc.), terrain (known and unknown terrain), terrain (area), territory (area), territory (assigned area), topography (n), turf (control), wilderness (area)
- health & medicine: alley (Cancer Alley, etc.)
- house: neighborhood (area)
- journeys & trips: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.), wilderness (area)
- map: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- Middle Ages: fiefdom (control)
- military: no man's land (danger)
- picture: scape (threatscape, etc.)
- place: place (destination)
- royalty: kingdom (control), realm (area)
- school & education: sandbox (area)
- shape: beak (area), belt (area), boot (Italy's boot, etc.), corridor (area), horn, neck (area), panhandle (area), triangle (area)
- sea: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)

ARM (2)

- acceptance & rejection: arm (open arms), embrace (v), embraced
- affliction: octopus (n), tentacle (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: arm (link arms), embrace (v), embraced, pull (pull for someone)
- attachment: embrace (v), embraced
- attainment: push (a number), reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: push (promote)
- attraction & repulsion: embrace (v), embraced
- avoidance & separation: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), push (push somebody away, etc.)
- behavior: overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v), pushy (people, etc.)
- character & personality: elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), pushy (people, etc.)
- coercion & motivation: arm (twist arms, etc.), arm (long arm), arm-twisting, dangle (v), nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (coercion and motivation), pushed around, pushy (people, etc.), shove (n), strong-arm (v)
- commitment & determination: embrace (v), pushing (keep on pushing, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: arm (get one's arms around something)
- configuration: arm (configuration), hug (configuration)

- constraint & lack of constraint: hold back (obstacle), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: push (summit push, etc.), pushover (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: cast aside (v), elbowed (elbowed out, etc.), pushed out, throw out (v), toss out (v)
- division: arm (arm of an organization)
- division & connection: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), embrace (v), embraced, reach out (v)
- epithet: elbow (the Elbow of the Andes, etc.)
- extent & scope: arm (long arm), far-reaching, octopus (n), reach (extent and scope), tentacle (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: arm (wrap one's arm around something / consolation), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), hold back (restraint)
- force: elbow (force), nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (force), push (push comes to shove), push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- geography: elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)
- importance & significance: arm (right arm)
- obstacles & impedance: drag down (v), hold back (obstacle), hold off (v)
- possession: reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach)
- proper name: elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)
- proximity: reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach), stone's throw
- resemblance: arm (configuration)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: hold off (v), push (push comes to shove), push (push against, etc.), pushback (n), push back (v), pushed around
- restraint & lack of restraint: hold back (restraint), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v)
- searching & discovery: feeler (put out feelers, etc.)
- throwing, putting & planting: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), hurl (v), hurled, throw (accusations, etc.), thrown out (cast), throw out (v), toss out (v)
- unanimity & consensus: arm (link arms), pull together (v)
- welcome: arm (open arms), embrace (v)
- work & duty: pull together (v)

ASSEMBLING (1) (see also group, set & collection)

- animal: call (cattle call), rounded up, round up (assemble)
- flags & banners: rally (v)
- military: draft (v), muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v)
- theater: call (cattle call)
- verb: draft (v), muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v), round up (assemble)

ASTRONOMY (2) (see also moon; star; sun)

- access & lack of access: black hole
- achievement, recognition & praise: rising (rising star, etc.), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), star (five stars, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.), supernova (achievement), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- area: metaverse (n), multiverse (n), Twitterverse (n), universe (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: big bang (in a big bang), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), supernova (attention)
- attraction & repulsion: center of gravity, drawn in, drawn into, gravitate (v), gravitational (adj), orbit (n), pull (tidal pull), pull (attraction), pulled in, pulled into, revolve (revolve around something), satellite (n), tilt (tilt towards, etc.)
- bases: center of gravity, orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- character & personality: eye (stars in one's eyes)
- comparison & contrast: astronomical (adj)

- competition: outshine (v)
- computer: metaverse (n), Twitterverse (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: black hole
- configuration: constellation (n), orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- consciousness & awareness: black hole
- decline: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), star (decline), wane (on the wane), wane (v)
- destruction: meteorite (n)
- development: wane (v), wax and wane
- difficulty, easiness & effort: moonshot (n)
- direction: lodestar (n), lodestone (n), star (north star)
- division & connection: cusp (on the cusp), orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- environment: firmament (n), metaverse (n), multiverse (n), Twitterverse (n), universe (n)
- epithet: big bang (“Big Bang” of country music, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: star (fate), star-crossed (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: moon (over the moon)
- geography: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)
- group, set & collection: constellation (n), galaxy (n)
- growth & development: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), supernova (achievement)
- importance & significance: planet (n)
- increase & decrease: wane (v), wax and wane
- involvement: drawn in, drawn into, pulled in, pulled into
- isolation & remoteness: black hole
- judgment: star (five stars, etc.)
- movement: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- oppression: Dark Star
- origin: big bang (“Big Bang” of country music, etc.)
- person: star (rock star), star (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), outshine (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax and wane, zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- proper name: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.)
- proximity: cusp (on the cusp), light year (light years away, etc.)
- relationship: orbit (n), pull (tidal pull), pull (attraction), revolve (revolve around something), satellite (n)
- resemblance: Martian (adj)
- shape: moon (shape), star (shape)
- size: astronomical (adj)
- speed: meteoric (adj), meteorically (adverb)
- success & failure: star-crossed (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v)
- superlative: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), stellar (adj), supernova (achievement)
- time: light year (a long time)

ATMOSPHERE (2) (see also air; sky; wind)

- activity: cyclone (n), gale (strong wind), hurricane (n), whirlwind (n)
- affliction: fallout (effect)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: hang (hang somebody out to dry), hung (hung out to dry), wind (dangle in the wind)

- amelioration & renewal: air (clear the air), air (breath of fresh air)
- amount: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- amount & effect: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), gale (strong wind), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- appearance: air (air of authority, etc.), aura (n)
- appearance & disappearance: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue, ether (into the ether), nowhere (come out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), trial balloon
- behavior: bask (v)
- biodiversity, nature & life: lung (atmosphere)
- certainty & uncertainty: air (up in the air)
- comparison & contrast: sky-high
- concealment & lack of concealment: air (expose)
- conflict: turbulence (disruption)
- consciousness & awareness: cloud (consciousness), cloud (v), clouded, cloudy (consciousness), drift (consciousness)
- control & lack of control: drift (move), drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- corruption: miasma (n)
- destruction: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v)
- direction: drift (control)
- dismissal: wind (throw something to the wind)
- disruption: turbulence (disruption)
- division & connection: drift (drift apart)
- driving force: wind (wind of change, etc.)
- effect: air (take the air out of a room, etc.), fallout (effect)
- environment: air (environment), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), weather (environment)
- evidence: cloud (sign), glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- experimentation: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon
- extent & scope: sky-high, stratosphere, stratospheric (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: sky (the sky can fall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other), air (take the air out of a room, etc.), air (breath of fresh air), air (air of authority, etc.), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), aura (n), bask (v), climate (work climate, etc.), cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), deflate (emotion), deflated, fallout (effect), pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), tempestuous (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- force: downdraft (n), headwind (n), wind (wind of change, etc.)
- geography: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- growth & development: oxygen (fuel)
- identity & nature: air (environment)
- increase & decrease: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), flation (lunchflation, etc.), inflate (v), inflated (expectations, etc.), inflation (n), overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v), stratospheric (adj)
- initiation: oxygen (fuel)
- journeys & trips: skyway
- mixture: rainbow (mixture)
- movement: drift (move)
- obstacles & impedance: headwind (n)

- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), cloud (cast a cloud)
- origin: air (out of thing air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue
- presence & absence: air (anger in the air, etc.), vacuum (n), void (n)
- progress & lack of progress: headwind (n)
- proper name: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- resemblance: cloud (resemblance), rainbow (color)
- restraint & lack of restraint: wind (throw something to the wind)
- searching & discovery: rainbow (searching and discovery)
- size: skyscraper
- speech: air (hot air), breezy (speech), empty (empty words, etc.), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), long-winded (adj), vapor (n)
- substance & lack of substance: air (hot air), breezy (speech), empty (empty words, etc.), gas (substance), gravity (substance), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), vapor (n)

ATTACHMENT (1) (see also division & connection)

- animal: earworm (n), encrustation (affliction), barnacled, bulldog (person), pit bull (person), teeth (sink one's teeth into something), worm (v)
- arm: embrace (v), embraced
- boat: anchored, barnacled, encrustation (affliction), tow (in tow)
- burden: barnacled, encrustation (affliction)
- chemistry: bond (n)
- cloth: dyed-in-the-wool, entwined, ingrained, pin (attach), pinned, pinned (pinned down)
- clothing & accessories: buckle (attachment)
- color: dyed-in-the-wool, ingrained
- cooking: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- dog: bulldog (person), pit bull (person), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- doors & thresholds: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- ear: earworm (n)
- gesture: embrace (v)
- ground, terrain & land: embed (v), embedded
- hand: cling (v), clingy (adj), hold on to (v)
- infrastructure: built in
- journeys & trips: accompany (attachment), attend (v), come with (and come along with / attachment)
- love, courtship & marriage: married, marry (v), wedded
- magic: spellbinding (adj), spellbound (adj)
- materials & substances: adhere (adhere to something), attached (attributed), attachment (n), cement (v), cemented, encrusted, glued, mortar (n), stick (stick by / stick with somebody), stick (adhere to, follow), stick (persist), stick together (v), Teflon, Velcro (attachment), wall (throw something at a wall and see what sticks)
- mechanism: linchpin (n)
- movement: accompany (attachment), attend (v), come with (and come along with / attachment)
- river: tow (in tow)
- rope: bind (connect), entwined, string (attachment), tethered, tied
- sea: barnacled, encrustation (affliction)
- teeth: bulldog (person), pit bull (person), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- tools & technology: rivet (v), riveted, riveting (adj)
- verb: accompany (attachment), adhere (adhere to something), attend (v), bind (connect), cement (v), cling (v), come with (and come along with / attachment), embed (v), embrace (v), fold in (v), hold on to (v), marry (v),

pin (attach), rivet (v), stick (stick by / stick with somebody), stick (adhere to, follow), stick (persist), stick together (v), wall (throw something at a wall and see what sticks), worm (v)

ATTAINMENT (1) (see also success & failure)

- arm: push (a number), reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach)
- baseball: big league (and big leagues)
- boat: sail (sail to victory, etc.)
- direction: climb (scale), mountain (at the top of the mountain), scale (climb), sights (lower one's sights)
- distance: far (progress), mile (the last mile)
- finger: finger (slip through one's fingers), touch (nobody will touch this, etc.)
- food & drink: cakewalk (dance)
- hand: empty-handed, finger (slip through one's fingers), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (attainment), palm (in the palm of one's hand)
- height: peak (peak sexy, etc.), sights (lower one's sights)
- infrastructure: milestone (n)
- journeys & trips: arrive at (an answer, etc.), far (progress), get (get somewhere), mile (the last mile), milestone (n), reach (a place on a journey), way (all the way)
- line: line (over the line / finishing), line (finish line)
- money: deal (close the deal)
- mountains & hills: climb (scale), Mariana Trench (epithet), mountain (at the top of the mountain), Mount Everest (and Everest), scale (climb), sights (lower one's sights)
- movement: arrive at (an answer, etc.), climb (scale), coast (coast to victory), far (progress), reach (secure), reach (a place on a journey), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scale (climb), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- music: waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- number: approach (a number, etc.), hit (hit \$30, etc.), notch (a number), push (a number), reach (a number)
- part of speech: peak (peak sexy, etc.)
- position: mountain (at the top of the mountain)
- sign, signal, symbol: milestone (n)
- size: big league (and big leagues)
- sports & games: big league (and big leagues), line (over the line / finishing), line (finish line)
- verb: arrive at (an answer, etc.), climb (scale), coast (coast to victory), deal (close the deal), finger (slip through one's fingers), get (get somewhere), hit (hit \$30, etc.), meet (attain), notch (a number), push (a number), reach (secure), reach (a number), reach (a place on a journey), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scale (climb), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), touch (nobody will touch this, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: stroll (stroll to success, etc.)

ATTEMPT (1)

- direction: go for it (and go for broke, etc.)
- hand: hand (try one's hand)
- knife: stab (attempt)
- movement: go for it (and go for broke, etc.), go (have a go at something)
- sound: crack (attempt)
- verb: go for it (and go for broke, etc.), hand (try one's hand)
- weapon: shot (attempt, opportunity), shot (best shot)

ATTENTION, SCRUTINY & PROMOTION (1) (see also center & periphery; importance & significance; priority; superiority & inferiority)

- affix: first (metaverse-first, etc.), forward (future forward, etc.)

- allusion: Barnum (and P.T. Barnum), it girl (and it drug, etc.), shot (shot heard round the world), Streisand (Streisand effect)
- animal: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), low (lie low), trotted out
- arm: push (promote)
- astronomy: big bang (in a big bang), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), supernova (attention)
- atmosphere: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), trial balloon
- ball: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- balloon: trial balloon
- bell: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- boat: showboat (v)
- center & periphery: background (background noise, etc.), center (center her family, etc.), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), foreground (n), front (front and center)
- circus: Barnum (and P.T. Barnum), carnival (n), circus (media circus, etc.), freak show (n)
- container: showcase (v), showcase (n)
- crime: steal (steal the show, etc.)
- direction: fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), forward (bring something forward, etc.), forwardness (n), front (front and center), heighten (v), raise (attention), skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- doors & thresholds: door (behind closed doors)
- ear: ear (have somebody's ear), ear (attention), listen (as noun)
- epithet: Barnum (and P.T. Barnum)
- exclamation: exclamation point
- explosion: blockbuster (n), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blowup (attention / noun), bomb (drop a bomb), bombshell (n), burst on / onto the scene, etc., dynamite (n), explode (onto the scene, etc.), firebomb (n), Krakatoan (adj)
- eye: disappear (from the scene, etc.), eye (catch one's eyes), eye (public eye), eye (attention), eye (eyes and ears / attention), eyeball (attention), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eye-catching, focus (v), focus (n), focused, lens (through a lens), lens (other), look at (analysis), look into (v), microscope (under a microscope), overlook (v), view (out of view), view (attention), watcher (Royal watcher, etc.)
- film & TV: it girl (and it drug, etc.), marquee (attention), screen (split screen)
- finger: point out (v)
- fire: blaze (in a blaze of glory), fire (five alarm fire, etc.), flare (n)
- flags & banners: flag (raise a flag, etc.), flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- food & drink: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- game: ball (related to attention)
- gesture: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), eyeball (eyeball-popping), head (turn heads), point out (v)
- government: ambassador (role)
- hand: grabbing (attention-grabbing)
- head: head (turn heads)
- heating water: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- height: heighten (v), loom (loom large, etc.), low (lie low), profile (low profile), profile (high profile), profile (attention), raise (attention), relief (in bold relief)
- horse: trotted out
- house: house (hype house), room (back room, etc.)
- hunting: catchy (attention), low (lie low)
- insect: buzz (attention), buzzed (buzzed about, etc.)
- letters & characters: asterisk (attention), exclamation point, footnote (n), full stop, punctuate (v), underline (attention), underscore (attention)
- light & dark: blaze (in a blaze of glory), dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), flare (n), flash (n), glare (attention), highlight (v), light (shine a light), limelight (in the limelight), outshine (v), overshadow (v),

penumbra (n), shadow (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), sunlight (concealment), supernova (attention)

- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- Middle Ages: champion (v), champion (n), championed
- military: blitz (campaign), bombshell (n), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), drum up (v), dynamite (n), shot (shot heard round the world), trumpet (v)
- mixture: blend in (v)
- money: brand (non-product), peddle (v), sell (promote)
- moon: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- music: bandwagon (n), fanfare (attention)
- nose: nose (attention)
- number: first (metaverse-first, etc.)
- object: it girl (and it drug, etc.), moment (have a moment / attention), new (orange is the new black, etc.), thing (fad, etc.), thing (the next big thing)
- part of speech: listen (as noun), platform (as verb)
- person: ambassador (role), cheerleader (person), namecheck (and name-check), namechecked, pusher (drug pusher, etc.), showman (person), tout (person)
- picture: background (background noise, etc.), billboard (n), foreground (n), foreground (v), photobomb (v)
- plane: barnstorm (v)
- position: background (background noise, etc.), center (center her family, etc.), first (metaverse-first, etc.), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), foreground (n), forward (bring something forward, etc.), forward (future forward, etc.), front (front and center)
- possession: floor (have the floor / attention)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: drum up (v), forward (bring something forward, etc.), play down (v)
- radio: tuned (stay tuned)
- rocket: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- royalty: court (hold court), herald (v), herald (n)
- school & education: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
- shadow: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- sign, signal, symbol: billboard (n), eyeball (attention)
- sky: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- smell: stink (n), stink (raise a stink)
- society: scene (behind the scenes), room (back room, etc.)
- sound: bang (with a bang), bell (bells and whistles), big bang (in a big bang), blaring (headlines, etc.), bomb (drop a bomb), bombshell (n), buzz (attention), buzzed (buzzed about, etc.), buzzy (adj), clamor (v), din (attention), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), drum up (v), dynamite (n), explode (onto the scene, etc.), full-throated (adj), hailed, Krakatoan (adj), loud (attention), noise (attention, conflict, and controversy), pop (attention / verb), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), shot (shot heard round the world), shout (v), shout-out (n), table (loudest seat at the table), teapot (internet teapot, etc.), thunder (steal thunder, etc.), thunderclap (n), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v), whisper (not shout)
- speech: dialogue (global dialogue, etc.), ear (attention), pitch (promote), statement (statement victory, etc.), touted
- sports & games: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- standing, sitting & lying: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), lie low (and lay low), low (lie low), stand out (attention), standout (n)
- star: supernova (attention)
- storm: thunder (steal thunder, etc.), thunderclap (n)
- sun: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), sunlight (concealment)

- table: table (loudest seat at the table)
- target: profile (low profile)
- temperature: hot (popularity, attention, etc.)
- theater: backstage (adj), downplay (v), limelight (in the limelight), marquee (attention), photobomb (v), platform (as verb), platform (n), play down (v), scene (behind the scenes), scene (come onto the scene), show (steal the show), showboat (v), showman (person), stage (center stage), stage (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), upstage (v)
- tools & technology: lens (through a lens), lens (other), magnifying glass (under a magnifying glass), microscope (under a microscope), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen), rivet (v), riveted, riveting (adj)
- train: bell (bells and whistles), express (Biden express, etc.), train (hype train)
- verb: background (background noise, etc.), ball (take one's eye off the ball), barnstorm (v), blend in (v), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), bomb (review-bomb, etc.), burst on / onto the scene, etc., center (center her family, etc.), champion (v), cheerlead (v), clamor (v), dim (overshadow), disappear (from the scene, etc.), downplay (v), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drum up (v), eclipse (v), explode (onto the scene, etc.), flag (raise a flag, etc.), focus (v), forward (bring something forward, etc.), heighten (v), herald (v), herald (n), highlight (v), jump out (v), lie low (and lay low), light (shine a light), look at (analysis), look into (v), loom (loom large, etc.), low (lie low), map (drop off the map, etc.), namecheck (and name-check), outshine (v), overshadow (v), peddle (v), photobomb (v), pitch (promote), play down (v), point out (v), pop (attention / verb), punctuate (v), push (promote), radar (drop off the radar), raise (attention), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), sell (promote), shout (v), show (steal the show), showboat (v), showcase (v), skyrocket (to attention, etc.), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), stand out (attention), steal (steal the show, etc.), stink (raise a stink), tout (v), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v), tuned (stay tuned), underline (attention), underscore (attention), upstage (verb), whisper (not shout)
- volcano: Krakatoan adj)
- walking, running & jumping: jump out (v)
- water: splash (effect), splashy (effect)
- wave: splash (effect), splashy (effect)
- weapon: blitz (campaign), blockbuster (n), bomb (review-bomb, etc.), bomb (drop a bomb), bombshell (n), dynamite (n), firebomb (n), photobomb (v), shot (shot heard round the world)
- window: fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other), glass house, window (and shop window, store window)
- writing & spelling: signature (signature issue, etc.)

ATTENUATION (1) (see also strength & weakness)

- air: deflate (pressure)
- animal: defang (v), tame (adj), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- direction: tone down (v)
- hardness & softness: cushion (v), soften (v)
- health & medicine: atrophy (v), castrated, castration (n), emasculated (adj), emasculating (adj), eunuch (n), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- light & dark: shadow (devitalized), tarnish (v), tarnished
- mechanism: dampening (adj), damper (n)
- plant: husk (husk of its former self, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: play down (v), tone down (v), water down (v)
- pressure: deflate (pressure)
- sea: shell (shell of his former self, etc.)
- shadow: shadow (devitalized)
- skin, muscle & bone: atrophy (v)

- snake: defang (v)
- sound: tone down (v)
- speech: tone down (v)
- teeth: teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- theater: downplay (v), play down (v)
- tree: hollowed out, hollow out (v)
- verb: dampen (v), defang (v), deflate (pressure), downplay (v), hollow out (v), play down (v), soften (v), tarnish (v), teeth (take the teeth out), tone down (v), water down (v)
- walking, running & jumping: lame (lame excuse, etc.)
- water: dampen (v), diluted (water), drained (attenuation), water down (v), watered down

ATTRACTION & REPULSION (1)

- allusion: pied piper, siren (siren call / siren song), siren (other)
- animal: bait (awards bait, etc.)
- arm: embrace (v), embraced
- astronomy: center of gravity, drawn in, drawn into, gravitate (v), gravitational (adj), orbit (n), pull (tidal pull), pull (attraction), pulled in, pulled into, revolve (revolve around something), satellite (n), tilt (tilt towards, etc.)
- chemistry: valence (attraction)
- color: pasture (greener pastures)
- crashes & collisions: hit it off (v)
- electricity: lightning rod
- epithet: pied piper
- farming & agriculture: pasture (greener pastures)
- fire: moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- fish: bait (lure / verb), bait (awards bait, etc.), chum (n), lure (n), lure (v)
- food & drink: candy (n), delicious (adj), eye candy (n), honeypot (attraction), juicy (adj), marmite (n), mouthwatering (adj), tasty (adj), tea (cup of tea)
- gesture: beckon (v), embrace (v)
- hand: beckon (v)
- health & medicine: antibody (n)
- hunting: bait (lure / verb), bait (awards bait, etc.), chum (n), clickbait (n), dangle (v), lure (n), lure (v)
- Iliad & Odyssey: siren (siren call / siren song), siren (other)
- insect: moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- light & dark: moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- lightning: lightning rod
- love, courtship & marriage: alluring (adj), court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), flirt (v), seduced, seductive (adj), sexy (adj), swoon (v), woo (v), wooed
- magic: charm (v), charm (n), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), charming (people), pied piper, spell (under a spell)
- movement: draw (attract), draw in (v), drawn in, drawn into, drawn to, orbit (n), pulled in, pulled into, recoil (v), revolve (revolve around something), vortex (n)
- part of speech: sexy (as noun)
- person: darling (n), golden boy, golden girl, sweetheart (other)
- place: mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), pilgrimage (trip)
- religion: charisma (attraction), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), pilgrimage (trip)
- sea: pull (tidal pull)
- sex: alluring (adj), lust (n), porn (food porn, etc.), seduced, seductive (adj), sexy (adj)
- sound: call (call of duty, etc.)
- speech: call (call of duty, etc.), invite (v), invitation (n), inviting

- taste: candy (n), delicious (adj), eye candy (n), honeypot (attraction), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), sweetheart (other), tasty (adj)
- tide: pull (tidal pull)
- tools & technology: magnet (attraction), magnetic (adj) magnetism (n), recoil (v)
- verb: bait (lure / verb), beckon (v), charm (v), court (v), dangle (v), draw (attract), draw in (v), embrace (v), flee (v), flirt (v), gravitate (v), hit it off (v), invite (v), lure (v), recoil (v), revolve (revolve around something), swoon (v), woo (v)
- walking, running & jumping: flee (v)

AVOIDANCE & SEPARATION (1) (see also division & connection)

- animal: duck (avoid)
- arm: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), push (push somebody away, etc.)
- bird: duck (avoid)
- blade: parry (v), parry (n)
- boat: berth (a wide berth), steer (steer clear of something)
- bubble: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- clothing & accessories: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- container: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine), out (want out), stay out (v)
- direction: inward (turn inward, etc.)
- distance: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), distance (v)
- dog: bay (at bay)
- electricity: insulated
- football: end run (n)
- gesture: shrug off (v)
- hand: hands-on, hands-off
- health & medicine: allergic (adj), allergy (n), quarantine (v)
- horse: shy (and shy away)
- insect: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- mechanism: steer (steer clear of something)
- movement: bypass (v), dodge (v), end run (n), go around (v), sidestep (v)
- nuclear energy: radioactive (adj)
- person: hermit (person)
- place: cloister (v), cloistered
- prep, adv, adj, particle: apart (division), hands-off, hands-on, inward (turn inward, etc.)
- proximity: distance (v)
- religion: cloister (v), cloistered
- shoulder: shrug off (v)
- sound: bay (at bay)
- sports & games: end run (n)
- sword: parry (v), parry (n)
- verb: back away (v), bypass (v), cloister (v), cocoon (v), dance (dance around something), distance (v), dodge (v), duck (avoid), flee (v), go around (v), out (want out), parry (v), pull back (v), push (push somebody away, etc.), quarantine (v), shrug off (v), shy (and shy away), sidestep (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), stay away (v), stay out (v), steer (steer clear of something), step back (step back from something), walk (walk away from something), walk on by (v)
- walking, running & jumping: back away (v), bypass (v), dance (dance around something), dodge (v), end run (n), flee (v), go around (v), sidestep (v), step back (step back from something), walk (walk away from something), walk on by (v)
- water: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)

- weapon: parry (v), parry (n)

AX (2) (see also blade; knife; sword; weapon)

- curtailment: ax (n), axed (curtailed), cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.)
- destruction: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: ax (n), chop (get the chop, etc.), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (a person from a team, etc.), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), slash (v), slash-and-burn (adj), trim (trim the fat, etc.)
- division & connection: sever (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: ax (ax to fall, etc.), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- person: hatchet man (person)
- punishment & recrimination: ax (ax to grind, axe to grind), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)

BABY (2) (see also birth)

- amelioration & renewal: newborn
- appearance: baby (baby face, etc.)
- behavior: apron strings, baby (insult), brat (insult), child (spoiled child, etc.), crybaby (person), mama's boy (and mummy's boy, etc.), tantrum (n)
- character & personality: apron strings, baby (insult), brat (insult), child (spoiled child, etc.), crybaby (person), mama's boy (and mummy's boy, etc.)
- curtailment: cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)
- dependency: babysit (v), babysitter (role), nanny (person), wean (v)
- destruction: cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)
- enthusiasm: baby (relationship)
- epithet: baby: cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- experience: baby (novice), grownup (person)
- failure, accident & impairment: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: baby (relationship)
- growth & development: baby (development), baby (younger), infancy (in infancy), infancy (other), infant (n), nascent (beginning), newborn, nourished, nurture (v), nurtured, stillborn (adj), teeth (cut one's teeth), teething, wean (v), young (adj)
- help & assistance: nursemaid (help)
- insult: apron strings, baby (insult), brat (insult), child (spoiled child, etc.), crybaby (person), mama's boy (and mummy's boy, etc.)
- origin: cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- person: adult (and adult in the room), apron strings, baby (insult), babysitter (role), big boy (person), brat (insult), child (spoiled child, etc.), crybaby (person), grownup (person), mama's boy (and mummy's boy, etc.), nanny (person)
- progress & lack of progress: step (baby steps, etc.)
- relationship: baby (relationship)
- size: baby (size)
- survival, persistence & endurance: stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- vocative: baby (vocative)

BACK (2)

- acceptance & rejection: back (turn one's back)
- achievement, recognition & praise: back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun)

- affliction: back (get off my back, etc.), backbiter (person)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: back (support / verb), back (behind somebody's back), backed, backing (support), backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), stab (stab somebody in the back)
- bases: backbone (basis), central nervous system (basis), nerve center (basis), spine (branching)
- behavior: backbiting, backstabber (person), backstabbing (n)
- branching system: backbone (branching system), spine (branching)
- character & personality: backstabber (person)
- conflict: back (get off my back, etc.), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v)
- courage & lack of courage: back (courage), backbone (courage), spine (courage), spineless (courage)
- danger: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- destruction: back (break the back)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: back (carry something on one's back), backbreaking (adj)
- dominance & submission: back down (v)
- help & assistance: back (carry something on one's back)
- person: backbiter (person), backstabber (person)
- protection & lack of protection: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back (back to the wall), back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v)
- social interaction: back (scratch somebody's back)
- strength & weakness: back (courage), backbone (courage), spine (courage), spineless (courage)
- subterfuge: back (behind somebody's back)
- survival, persistence & endurance: back (back to the wall)

BALL (2)

- action, inaction & delay: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), roll (slow-roll)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: rebound (rebound headache, etc.)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), toss back (v)
- consciousness & awareness: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- failure, accident & impairment: ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), caught out, fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- flaws & lack of flaws: roll (on a roll)
- increase & decrease: rebound (numbers)
- movement: bounce (v), ping-pong (v), pinball (v), ping-pong (n), rebound (recover), rebound (v), roll (move), roll in (v), rolling (moving)
- position, policy & negotiation: ball (the ball is in somebody's court)
- progress & lack of progress: roll (v), roll (on a roll)
- resiliency: bounce back (v), bounce back (n), rebound (recover), rebound (on the rebound)
- responsibility: ball (the ball is in somebody's court)
- reversal: roll back (v)
- social interaction: ball (the ball is in somebody's court)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), roll (on a roll), roll (v)
- subterfuge: curveball (n)
- success & failure: ball (drop the ball), fumble (n)

BALLOON (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: trial balloon
- destruction: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- experimentation: float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon
- failure, accident & impairment: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)

- increase & decrease: balloon (as transitive verb), balloon (v), ballooning (adj), flation (lunchflation, etc.), inflate (v), inflated (expectations, etc.), inflation (n)

BASES (1)

- architecture: architecture (non-building)
- astronomy: center of gravity, orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- back: backbone (basis), central nervous system (basis), nerve center (basis), spine (branching)
- blood: lifeblood (n)
- boat: anchor (n), boat (boat of science, etc.), mainstay (n), ship (ship of state, etc.)
- body: body (body of the plane, etc.), body (body economic, etc.), body (body of literacy, etc.), body politic
- center & periphery: core (basis)
- chemistry: essence (n)
- cloth: fabric (fabric of society, etc.)
- death & life: lifeblood (n)
- depth: deep-rooted (adj)
- direction: behind (basis), boil down to (v), bottom (get to the bottom of something), come down to (v), underlie, underlying (adj), underneath (basis)
- earth & world: earth (close to the earth, etc.), tectonic (adj)
- earthquake: tectonic (adj)
- engine: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- epithet: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), footing (solid footing, etc.)
- family: mother (mother of NPR, etc.)
- food & drink: bread and butter (livelihood), bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk)
- foot: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- fortification: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- ground, terrain & land: bedrock (n), footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (find one's footing, etc.), grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), ground (prepare the ground), grounded, groundwork (n), monolith (n), monolithic (adj), outcrop (and outcropping), rock (support), rooted, tectonic (adj), underlie (v), underlying (adj)
- heart: heart (basis), heart (beating heart), heart and soul
- heating water: boil down to (v)
- house: edifice (n), foundation (n), foundational (adj)
- infrastructure: building block, cornerstone, infrastructure (n), keystone, pillar (basis), plank (n), plumbing (n)
- leg: leg (leg to stand on), leg (last legs)
- mechanism: kingpin (person), linchpin (n), nuts and bolts, workings (n)
- military: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- mountains & hills: monolith (n), monolithic (adj), outcrop (and outcropping), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- movement: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- plant: deep-rooted (adj), root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.), rooted
- position: behind (basis)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: behind (basis), underneath (basis)
- religion: heart and soul, mythology (n)
- shoulder: shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)
- sign, signal, symbol: anchor (n), bread and butter (livelihood), ship (ship of state, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: backbone (basis), central nervous system (basis), nerve center (basis)
- standing, sitting & lying: leg (leg to stand on), leg (last legs), stand on (v)
- statue: plinth (n)
- stomach: guts (insides)

- temperature: boil down to (v)
- tent: tentpole (movies, etc.)
- tree: root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.), rooted
- verb: boil down to (v), come down to (v), ground (prepare the ground), revolve (revolve around something), shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders), stand on (v), underlie (v)
- walking, running & jumping: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- water: boil down to (v)

BASEBALL (2) (see also sports & games)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.)
- appearance & disappearance: left field (out of left field, etc.)
- attainment: big league (and big leagues)
- commitment & determination: home run (swing for a home run, etc.), plate (step up to the plate)
- development: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: home run (swing for a home run, etc.)
- dominance & submission: dunk (dunk on someone)
- failure, accident & impairment: bat (bat zero, bat a thousand, etc.), error (unforced error), strike out (v)
- group, set & collection: bullpen (group)
- judgment: call (close call / judgment), call (the right call), scorecard (n), strike (three strikes, etc.)
- position, policy & negotiation: hardball (n)
- punishment & recrimination: one-strike-and-you're-out
- responsibility: plate (step up to the plate)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: inning (extra innings)
- subterfuge: curveball (n)
- success & failure: bat (bat zero, bat a thousand, etc.), big league (and big leagues), grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), strike out (v), swing (swing and a miss)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)

BASKETBALL (2) (see also sports & games)

- certainty & uncertainty: jump ball (n), layup (n), slam-dunk
- commitment & determination: full-court (full-court press, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: full-court (full-court press, etc.), layup (n), slam-dunk

BEHAVIOR (1) (see also character & personality; identity & nature)

- activity: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- addiction: addictive (adj), habituated, holic (shopaholic, etc.)
- affix: holic (shopaholic, etc.), overboard (behavior), overreach (v)
- alcohol: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), holic (shopaholic, etc.), inebriate (v), intoxicate (v), intoxicated
- allusion: Lady Macbeth (epithet), Lord of the Flies, Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Rasputin (epithet)
- animal: animal (party animal, etc.), ape (v), astray (direction), backbiting, badger (v), bask (v), bear (a bear of an epidemic, etc.), beaver (v), bee (busy as a bee), bloodthirsty (adj), bulldog (person), circle (verb / predation), claw (v), crab (crab in a bucket, etc.), deer (deer in the headlights), dog (mad dog / epithet), donkey (insult), drove (herd or flock), duck (ducks in a row), eat (eat one's own, etc.), feather (ruffle feathers), feral (behavior), ferret out (v), flock (v), fox (subterfuge), frenzy (feeding frenzy), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), herd (herd mentality, etc.), hog (v), hog (n), hyena (person), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), lemming (consciousness), lone wolf (person), magpie (bird), mole (n), morning lark (person), night owl (person), outfox (v), pack rat (person), pecking order, pig (insult), pit bull (person), predator (people), prey (prey on something), prowl (on

- the prowl), rabid (behavior), rabidly, rear (v), rogue (n), savage (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), shark (predation), sheep (consciousness), squirreled away, stalker (person), stampede (n), stray (behavior), stud (male), swarm (v), swarm (n), swine (behavior), tame (v), trough (greed), vulture (behavior), wallow (v), weasel (v), wild (behavior), wild (run wild), wolf (predation), wolf down (food), wound (lick one's wounds)
- arm: overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v), pushy (people, etc.)
 - atmosphere: bask (v)
 - baby: apron strings, baby (insult), brat (insult), child (spoiled child, etc.), crybaby (person), mama's boy (and mummy's boy, etc.), tantrum (n)
 - back: backbiting, backstabber (person), backstabbing (n)
 - bird: circle (verb / predation), duck (ducks in a row), feather (ruffle feathers), flock (v), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), magpie (bird), morning lark (person), night owl (person), pecking order, vulture (behavior)
 - blade: cutthroat (competition)
 - blood: bloodthirsty (adj), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.)
 - boat: overboard (behavior), showboat (v)
 - boundary: backstop (n), belt (below the belt), boundary (behavior), bounds (no bounds, etc.), edge (over the edge), guardrail (behavior), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (out of line), line (over the line / behavior), line (behavior), line (cross the line), line (red line), line (line in the sand), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v), overstretch (v)
 - boxing: belt (below the belt), glove (the gloves are off), punch (sucker punch / verb), punch (sucker punch / noun)
 - cards: wild card (person)
 - circus: circus (media circus, etc.), clown (v)
 - control & lack of control: control (behavior)
 - cows & cattle: stampede (n)
 - creature: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), fiend (behavior), troll (noun / computers), zombie (behavior)
 - crime: mob (group), riot (run riot), riot (other)
 - death & life: vulture (behavior)
 - direction: above (above the fray, etc.), astray (direction), below (behavior), beneath (behavior), crooked (adj), descend (v), fall down (v), fray (above the fray), go (behavior), ground (moral high ground, etc.), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), raise (your image, etc.), rise (rise above something), road (the high road / the low road), shifty (adj), sink (behavior), standard (higher standard), stoop (behavior), straight (the straight and narrow), straight arrow (person), stray (behavior), top (over the top), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
 - distance: far (too far), go (behavior), length (go to any lengths, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v), ski (over one's skis, etc.), stop (stop at nothing)
 - dog: bulldog (person), dog (mad dog / epithet), pit bull (person), rabid (behavior), rabidly
 - epithet: Lady Macbeth (epithet), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Rasputin (epithet), tiger (tiger mother, etc.), Trump (Trump of the Tropics, etc.)
 - explosion: self-destructive (adj)
 - food & drink: spoiled (spoiled child, etc.), trough (greed), wolf down (food)
 - force: pushy (people, etc.), rage (v), raging (adj)
 - fox: fox (subterfuge), outfox (v)
 - fruits & vegetables: nuts (crazy)
 - government: diplomacy (n), diplomatic (adj), Rasputin (epithet)
 - ground, terrain & land: badlands (environment), edge (over the edge), mud (in the mud), wild West
 - head: hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed)

- health & medicine: addictive (adj), delirious (adj), delirium (n), demented, fever (behavior), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), mania (n), moral panic (n), panic (bisexual panic, etc.), rabid (behavior), rabidly, schizophrenic (adj)
- height: above (above the fray, etc.), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), mud (in the mud), raise (your image, etc.), rise (rise above something), road (the high road / the low road), stoop (behavior), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- history: badlands (environment), barbaric (behavior), Caligulan, cowboy (person), Roaring Twenties, wild West
- horse: rear (v), skittish (adj), stampede (n), stud (male)
- hunting: deer (deer in the headlights), hotshot (person)
- hygiene: act (clean up one's act), dirty (behavior)
- infrastructure: guardrail (behavior), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)
- insect: bee (busy as a bee), descend (descend on), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- knife: backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), cutthroat (competition)
- line: edge (over the edge), line (out of line), line (over the line / behavior), line (behavior), line (cross the line), line (red line), line (line in the sand)
- love, courtship & marriage: infidelity (n)
- manufacturing: mold (n)
- materials & substances: brazen (adj)
- mental health: amok (run amok), bedlam (n), berserk, craze (n), crazed (crazed fans, etc.), crazy (behavior), crazy (enthusiasm), demented, fiend (behavior), frenzied (adj), frenzy, mania (n), nuts (crazy), rage (v), raging (adj), schizophrenic (adj), wall (ricochet off the wall)
- military: cannon (loose cannon), hostile (adj)
- mining: gold-digging
- mountains & hills: edge (over the edge)
- movement: go (behavior), rage (v), raging (adj), wall (ricochet off the wall)
- person: backstabber (person), bad boy (person), cannon (loose cannon), cowboy (person), choirboy (behavior), diva (person), girl (mean girl), good girl (person), gunslinger (person), hell-raiser (person), hothead (person), hotshot (person), predator (people), prima donna (person), straight arrow (person), stud (male), vulture (culture vulture), wild card (person)
- plane: autopilot (on autopilot), helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.), helicopter (v)
- position: duck (ducks in a row)
- predation: backbiting, bloodthirsty (adj), circle (verb / predation), frenzy (feeding frenzy), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), lone wolf (person), predator (people), prey (prey on something), prowl (on the prowl), savage (v), shark (predation), stalker (person), wolf (predation), wound (lick one's wounds)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: above (above the fray, etc.), below (behavior), beneath (behavior), line (over the line / behavior)
- religion: angel (behavior), choirboy (behavior), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), hagiographic (superlative), halo (n), hell (raise hell), hell-raiser (person), hell-raising, picnic (church picnic), religiously, ritual (n), saint (superlative)
- ruins: self-destructive (adj)
- school & education: fight (food fight), lesson (n), slip (permission slip)
- sex: slut (enthusiasm), whore (attention whore, etc.)
- shark: circle (verb / predation), shark (predation)
- sheep: flock (v), sheep (consciousness)
- sign, signal, symbol: halo (n), wolf (predation)
- sleep: morning lark (person), night owl (person)
- society: challenge (TikTok, etc.), hostile (adj), mob (society), rage (road rage, etc.)

- sports & games: cheap shot, free-for-all (control), game (social interaction / life), gamed (manipulated), gamification (n), played (manipulated), scrum (reporters)
- temperature: bask (v), hothead (person)
- theater: diva (person), drama (and drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), on (performing), prima donna (person), showboat (v)
- throat: jugular (go for the jugular, etc.)
- tools & technology: compass (moral compass), compass (other)
- train: rail (off the rails)
- verb: act (clean up one's act), ape (v), badger (v), bask (v), beaver (v), circle (verb / predation), claw (v), clown (v), descend (v), eat (eat one's own, etc.), end (go off the deep end), fall down (v), feather (ruffle feathers), ferret out (v), flock (v), go (behavior), helicopter (v), hell (raise hell), hog (v), inebriate (v), intoxicate (v), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (cross the line), outfox (v), overreach (v), overstep (v), overstretch (v), prey (prey on something), rage (v), raise (your image, etc.), rear (v), rise (rise above something), savage (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), showboat (v), sink (behavior), stoop (behavior), stop (stop at nothing), stray (behavior), swarm (v), tame (v), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), wall (ricochet off the wall), wallow (v), weasel (v), wild (run wild), wolf down (food)
- violence: cheap shot, cutthroat (competition)
- walking, running & jumping: overstep (v)
- wall: wall (constraint)
- waste: trashy (adj)
- water: end (go off the deep end)
- weapon: cannon (loose cannon), cheap shot, hotshot (person)
- wolf: lone wolf (person), rabid (behavior), rabidly, wolf (predation), wolf down (food)

BELL (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: bell (ring a bell)
- curtailment: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- destruction: knell (death knell / destruction)
- inauguration: ring in (the New Year, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- reversal: bell (unring a bell)
- shape: bell curve (shape)
- sound: ring out (a shot rang out, etc.)
- speech: ring out (voice)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- warning: bell (warning)

BIBLE (2) (see also religion)

- accusation & criticism: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- affliction: geddon (chipageddon, etc.), pocalypse (gas-pocalypse, etc.)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: Judas (betrayal)
- amelioration & renewal: Lazarus (Bible)
- biodiversity, nature & life: Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Garden of Eden, Noah's Ark
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: exodus (vacation, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: road (road to Damascus)
- destruction: apocalypse (n), Armageddon, geddon (chipageddon, etc.), kiss of death, pocalypse (gas-pocalypse, etc.)
- enthusiasm: bible (enthusiasm)

- environment: Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Garden of Eden, Promised Land
- fate, fortune & chance: handwriting (handwriting on the wall), kiss of death, writing (writing on the wall)
- flaws & lack of flaws: Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Garden of Eden
- group, set & collection: Noah's Ark
- judgment: Solomonic (adj)
- message: gospel (preach the gospel, etc.), jeremiad (bitter lament), messiah (n), messianic (adj), Moses (n), prophet (person), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message)
- migration: exodus (war, immigration, etc.)
- past & present: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- revenge: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: Bible (authority)
- searching & discovery: grail (holy grail)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bible (hand on the bible, etc.)
- size: behemoth (n), David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible), leviathan (n)
- strength & weakness: David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible)
- superlative: Promised Land
- survival, persistence & endurance: Lazarus (Bible), Methuselah
- time: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: grail (holy grail)

BIODIVERSITY, NATURE & LIFE (1)

- allusion: Noah's Ark
- atmosphere: lung (atmosphere)
- breathing: lung (atmosphere)
- Bible: Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Garden of Eden, Noah's Ark
- color: green (environment)
- epithet: Amazon (epithet / biodiversity), Galapagos (Galapagos of Europe, etc.), lung (atmosphere), mother (Mother Nature), Noah's Ark, rainforest (rainforests of the sea, etc.), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)
- family: mother (Mother Nature)
- farming & agriculture: monoculture (n)
- ground, terrain & land: biodiversity (n)
- island: Galapagos (Galapagos of Europe, etc.)
- place: Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Galapagos (Galapagos of Europe, etc.), Garden of Eden, Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)
- religion: Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Garden of Eden, Noah's Ark

BIOLOGY (2)

- computer: virus (computers)
- creation & transformation: mutate (v)
- growth & development: embryo (n), embryonic (adj), evolve (evolve the sport, etc.), evolution, Peter Pan, petri dish
- identity & nature: DNA (in the DNA), DNA (other), gene (in one's genes), gene (other)
- presence & absence: endemic (adj)
- transmission: vector (n)
- source: vector (n)

BIRD (2) (see also animal)

- achievement, recognition & praise: cap (feather in one's cap), nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.)
- activity: fly (activity), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)

- affliction: albatross (n), vulture (behavior)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: coop (fly the coop)
- appearance: ruffled (feathers)
- appearance & disappearance: black swan (rarity)
- avoidance & separation: duck (avoid)
- behavior: circle (verb / predation), duck (ducks in a row), feather (ruffle feathers), flock (v), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), magpie (bird), morning lark (person), night owl (person), pecking order, vulture (behavior)
- branching system: wing (building)
- character & personality: dove (person), feather (ruffle feathers), hawk (person), hawkish (adj), rooster (person)
- characterization: pigeonhole (n), pigeonholed
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: blow-in (n)
- complexity: nest (mare's nest)
- configuration: dovetail (v), nestled, perch (v), perched
- conflict: game (game of chicken)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: duck (avoid), sand (stick one's head in the sand)
- constraint & lack of constraint: cooped up, fly (constraint), wing (clip / stretch one's wings)
- cost & benefit: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose)
- courage & lack of courage: chicken-hearted, chicken out (v), game (game of chicken)
- creation & transformation: incubator (n), rookery (n)
- danger: sitting duck
- dismissal, removal & resignation: perch (knock something off its perch)
- disruption: feather (ruffle feathers), ruffled (feathers)
- division: wing (division)
- dominance & submission: game (game of chicken)
- environment: incubator (n)
- evidence: auger (v), auspicious (adj), canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- fate, fortune & chance: auger (v), auspicious (adj), black swan (rarity), chicken (come home to roost)
- feeling, emotion & effect: eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), ruffled (feathers)
- geography: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.)
- group, set & collection: covey (group), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), nest (of vipers, etc.)
- growth & development: fledgling (adj), full-fledged (adj), incubator (n), rookery (n)
- haste: fly (on the fly), wing (wing it)
- heart: chicken-hearted
- help & assistance: mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- hierarchy: pecking order
- initiation: hatch (v), hatched
- isolation & remoteness: cooped up
- judgment: chicken (come home to roost)
- military: next (military)
- mixture: cocktail (n)
- money: nest egg
- movement: duck (v), flit (v), flock (v), swoop (v)
- occurrence: black swan (rarity)
- perception, perspective & point of view: bird's eye (bird's-eye view)
- person: dove (person), hawk (person), magpie (bird), morning lark (person), night owl (person), rooster (person), vulture (behavior)
- place: nest (empty nest), perch (n), rookery (n)
- proper name: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), nest (Bird's Nest, etc.), raptor (Raptor Technologies, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: sitting duck

- readiness & preparedness: fly (on the fly), wing (wing it)
- relationship: chicken and egg
- repetition: parrot (v)
- resemblance: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), nest (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: face (fly in the face), game (game of chicken)
- responsibility: chicken (come home to roost)
- reversal: chicken (come home to roost)
- shape: beak (area), nest (shape), nest (Bird's Nest, etc.), plume (shape)
- speech: crow (v), parrot (v)
- speed: fly (activity)
- strength & weakness: eggshell (n)
- superlative: nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.)
- surveillance: eagle eye
- taxonomy & classification: bird (rare bird)
- unanimity & consensus: duck (ducks in a row)
- violence: dove (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj)
- worth & lack of worth: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose)

BIRTH (2) (see also baby)

- amelioration & renewal: newborn, rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n)
- configuration: umbilical (connection)
- creation & transformation: anniversary (creation), beget (v), birth (create), birth (creation), birthday (creation), birthed (created), born (creation), born-on (adj), calve (v), calving, conceived, germinate (v), gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), labor pains, midwife (person), midwife (as verb), old (a year old, etc.), pregnant (adj), seminal (adj), spawn (v), spawned
- division & connection: umbilical (connection)
- epithet: birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- growth & development: embryo (n), embryonic (adj), gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), nascent (beginning), newborn, rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n), stillborn (adj)
- identity & nature: birthright (n), born (born teacher, etc.)
- importance & significance: seminal (adj)
- origin: birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.), cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n)
- relationship: beget (v)
- resemblance: umbilical (connection)
- survival, persistence & endurance: stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.)

BLADE (2) (see also ax; knife; sword; weapon)

- ability & lack of ability: edge (lose one's edge)
- accusation & criticism: hatchet job (n)
- affliction: cut (a thousand cuts)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: cutthroat (competition)
- amelioration & renewal: hack (fix), hack (a fix), hacking (fixing), hone (v), sharpen (v)
- amount: slice (piece), sliver (piece)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: scalpel (n)
- avoidance & separation: parry (v), parry (n)
- behavior: cutthroat (competition)
- coercion & motivation: hatchet man (person)

- competition: cutthroat (competition)
- computer: hack (break into), hack (fix), hack (a fix), scrape (v), scraped
- conflict: hatchet job (n), stab (v)
- condition & status: honed, sharp
- creation & transformation: carved out, carve out (v), scissor (genetic scissors, etc.)
- curtailment: ax (n), axed (curtailed), cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v)
- danger: close shave
- decline: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- destruction: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), decapitate (v), gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed), head (heads will roll, etc.), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), knife (sharpen one's knife), sword (put someone to the sword, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: ax (n), chop (get the chop, etc.), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (a person from a team, etc.), cut off (v), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), scrape (v), scraped, shave (removal), slash (v), trim (trim the fat, etc.), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- division & connection: sever (v)
- driving force: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)
- effect: sword (double-edged sword)
- extent & scope: hilt (to the hilt)
- fate, fortune & chance: ax (ax to fall, etc.), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.), shave (removal), stab (stab in the dark), sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- feeling, emotion & effect: cut (cut both ways), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), double-edged (sword), gutted (feeling), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), rapier (n), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- fictive motion: cut (road cuts, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- functioning: honed, sharp (skills, etc.)
- help & assistance: hack (a fix), hacking (fixing)
- increase & decrease: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- movement: scissor (v), scissor (resemblance)
- person: hatchet man (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)
- protection & lack of protection: hack (break into)
- proximity: edge (at the edge)
- punishment & recrimination: ax (ax to grind, axe to grind), hatchet job (n), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.), knife (sharpen one's knife)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- relationship: double-edged (sword)
- resemblance: scissor (v), scissor (resemblance), slice (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: parry (v), parry (n)
- searching & discovery: scrape (v), scraped
- shape: knife-edged, sickle (shape)
- speech: barbed (speech), blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- survival, persistence & endurance: scrape by (v)
- taking & removing: chip away (v), scrape (v), scraped
- verb: hack (get inside)

BLANKET (2)

- configuration: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed
- cover: blanket (v), blanket (cover), blanketed

- extent & scope: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)

BLOOD (2)

- access & lack of access: vein (tap a vein)
- affliction: leech (v)
- bases: lifeblood (n)
- behavior: bloodthirsty (adj), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.)
- branching system: artery (route), system (circulatory system)
- character & personality: bloodthirsty (adj), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), hot-blooded (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.)
- coercion & motivation: nose (bloody nose)
- condition & status: hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n), pulse (n)
- conflict: blood (bad blood), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), bloodbath (n), bloodletting (n), blood sport (n), bloody (conflict), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), pit (bear pit)
- consciousness & awareness: pulse (anyone with a pulse, etc.)
- death & life: blood (death), blood (blood represents life), red (blood)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: blood (effort)
- division & connection: blood brother (connection)
- enthusiasm: bleed (bleed black and gold, etc.)
- experience: blood (young blood, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), blood (blood runs cold), blood (in cold blood), blush (embarrassment), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), hot-blooded (adj), livid (adj), mist (red mist), red (see red), sanguine (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.)
- guilt: bloody (guilt), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- hierarchy: blue blood
- identity & nature: bleed (bleed black and gold, etc.), blood (in one's blood), blood (identity), vein (tap a vein)
- involvement: hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- journeys & trips: artery (route)
- leaking: bleed (v), bleed (n), bleeding, hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n)
- measurement: pulse (n)
- mental health: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), mist (red mist)
- punishment & recrimination: blood (out for blood), nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- relationship: blood brother (connection)
- responsibility: bloody (guilt), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- sacrifice: blood (effort), iron and blood (effort, sacrifice)
- source: vein (source)
- superiority & inferiority: blue blood
- taking & removing: leech (v)
- violence: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), mist (red mist), red (see red)

BOAT (2)

- ability & lack of ability: wheelhouse (n)
- accusation & criticism: broadside (n), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- affliction: barnacle (affliction), encrustation (affliction)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: board (on board), mutineer (person), mutinous (adj), mutiny (n), overboard (throw somebody overboard), rat (sinking ship), ship (abandon ship / jump ship)
- amelioration & renewal: bailout (n), bail out (save), barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), damage control, righted, salvage (v), ship (right the ship, etc.)
- amount: armada (n), boatload (amount), fleet (amount), flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.), raft (amount)
- amount & effect: swamp (v), swamped

- appearance & disappearance: dredge up (v), sink (disappearance)
- area: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- attachment: barnacled, encrustation (affliction), tow (in tow)
- attainment: sail (sail to victory, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: showboat (v)
- avoidance & separation: berth (a wide berth), steer (steer clear of something)
- bases: anchor (n), boat (boat of science, etc.), mainstay (n), ship (ship of state, etc.)
- behavior: overboard (behavior), showboat (v)
- certainty & uncertainty: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- character & personality: buccaneer (person), pirate (person), showboat (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: ship (abandon ship / jump ship)
- commitment & determination: hand (all hands on deck)
- computer: navigation (cyberspace)
- concealment & lack of concealment: dredge up (v)
- condition & status: dead (dead in the water)
- conflict: broadside (n), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: leeway (n)
- control & lack of control: adrift (adj), drift (control), helm (at the helm), helm (v), helm (take the helm), helmsman (the Great Helmsman, etc.), rudderless, ship (tight ship, etc.)
- danger: coast (coast is clear), lighthouse (protection), rock (on the rocks), Scylla and Charybdis, shoal (n), strait (dire straits, etc.), waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- decline: ship (a sinking ship)
- destruction: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shipwreck (n), shoal (n), sink (destroy), *Titanic* (the ship), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sail (sail to victory, etc.), sailing (smooth sailing)
- directing: pilot (v), steer (v)
- direction: adrift (adj), chart (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), drift (control), jibe (v), lighthouse (protection), navigate (v), navigating, navigation, rudderless, sea (at sea), steer (v), tack (v), tack (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: jettison (v), jettisoned, overboard (throw somebody overboard), ship out (remove)
- disruption: boat (rock the boat)
- division & connection: adrift (adj), anchored, drift (drift apart), unmoored
- driving force: figurehead (n)
- empathy & lack of empathy: boat (in the same boat)
- epithet: helmsman (the Great Helmsman, etc.), pirate (*Il Pirata*, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: boat (rock the boat), keel (even keel), righted, ship (right the ship, etc.)
- experience: rope (learn the ropes, etc.), salt (sailor), sea legs, wheelhouse (n)
- extent & scope: leeway (n), stem (from stem to stern)
- failure, accident & impairment: aground (run aground), founder (v), rock (on the rocks), ship (a sinking ship), shipwreck (n), shoal (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: *Titanic* (the ship)
- feeling, emotion & effect: navigate (feelings, emotions), stack (blow one's stack)
- force: headwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- government: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- group, set & collection: armada (n), fleet (amount), flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.)
- help & assistance: steward (role), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- initiation: ship (launched a thousand ships)
- knowledge & intelligence: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)

- mental health: distress (mental, etc.), navigate (feelings, emotions)
- movement: anchored, swamp (v)
- obstacles & impedance: headwind (n), shoal (n)
- person: buccaneer (person), mutineer (person), pirate (person)
- progress & lack of progress: adrift (adj), anchored, dead (dead in the water), doldrums (n), headway (n), headwind (n), moored, wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: batten (batten down), harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor), haven (safety), lighthouse (protection)
- pursuit, capture & escape: trawl (v)
- readiness & preparedness: batten (batten down)
- representation: figurehead (n), flag (flag of convenience)
- resemblance: barnacle (resemblance), flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: mutineer (person), mutinous (adj), mutiny (n)
- responsibility: wheelhouse (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: overboard (behavior)
- reversal: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), course (reverse course), row (row back), ship (turn the ship, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: boat (rock the boat)
- searching & discovery: dredge up (v), naut (Argonaut, etc.), trawl (v)
- sequence: wake (in the wake of)
- situation: boat (in the same boat), strait (dire straits, etc.)
- society: boat (rock the boat)
- speech: broadside (n), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- speed: boat (slow boat to China), speed (full speed ahead)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), embark (embark on something), set sail (v), underway
- superlative: flagship (superlative)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bailout (n), bail out (save), bailed out, batten (batten down), hand (all hands on deck), lifeline (n), life raft, ride out (v), storm (weather the storm)
- taking & removing: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- time: wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: boat (slow boat to China), ship (ship has sailed, etc.)
- transportation: ship (ship of the desert)
- unanimity & consensus: board (on board), boat (in the same boat), boat (rock the boat), row (row in the same direction, etc.)
- warning: shot (shot across the bow, etc.)
- worth & lack of worth: bilge (n)

BODILY REACTION (2) (see also breathing; gesture)

- acceptance & rejection: choke (v), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up)
- action, inaction & delay: shrug (gesture)
- admiration & contempt: laughed out (of court, etc.)
- affliction: choke (v)
- amelioration & renewal: breath (catch one's breath, etc.)
- appearance & disappearance: swallow (disappearance)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: flinch (v), shrug (gesture), shudder (v)
- consumption: choke (v), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), swallow (disappearance)
- courage & lack of courage: cower (v), flinch (v), shudder (v)
- creation & transformation: spit out (v)

- danger: exhale (v), sigh (sigh of relief)
- decline: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- destruction: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sweat (work)
- eagerness & reluctance: chops (lick one's chops), drool (v), juicy (adj), lips (lick one's lips), mouthwatering (adj), salivate (v)
- extent & scope: yawning (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: hiccup (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: breath (hold one's breath), laugh (last laugh)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ASMR, blush (embarrassment), breath (take a breath, etc.), breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), cringe (v), cringe-worthy (adj), cringey (adj), exhale (v), face (red face, red-faced, etc.), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), goosebumps, juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting (fingernails), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), shiver (n), sigh (sigh of relief), sit up (sit up and take notice, etc.), startling (adj), sweat (feeling), tears (crying), teeth (gnash one's teeth), yawn (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: hiccup (n)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: cough up (v)
- hyperbole: horribly, horrific (adj), horrifically, horrified, horrifying (adj), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up)
- obstacles & impedance: choke (v)
- relationship: sneeze (v)
- resemblance: belch (v), breathe (caves breathe, etc.), spit (spit down), spit (v), swallow (disappearance), yawn (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- revenge: laugh (last laugh)
- speech: diarrhea (and diarrhoea / speech), spew (speech)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- throwing, putting & planting: spew (speech), spit out (v)
- transmission: sneeze (v)
- work & duty: sweat (work)

BODY (2)

- bases: body (body of the plane, etc.), body (body economic, etc.), body (body of literacy, etc.), body politic
- government: body politic, organ (of government, etc.)

BOOKS & READING (2) (see also letters & characters; writing & spelling)

- ability & lack of ability: illiteracy (n), illiterate (adj), literacy (n), literate (adj)
- allusion: Arthurian (adj), Big Brother (oppression), brave new world, Brobdingnagian (adj), Byron (epithet), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Catch-22, Chekhov (Chekhov's gun, etc.), Cinderella, Colonel Blimp, curiouser and curiouser, Dantesque (adj), Darwinian (adj), Dickensian (adj), Don Juan, Faust (n), Faustian (adj), Frankenstein (product), Frankenstein (a monster), gargantuan (size), Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.), Good Earth (Pearl Buck), Great Gatsby, Hamlet (Hamlet on the Hudson, etc.), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), Kafkaesque (adj), Kipling (the Canadian Kipling, etc.), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Lawrence (T.E.), Lilliputian (adj), lily (gild the lily), Looking Glass, love (love that dare not speak its name), Lord of the Flies, Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Mark Twain (the Yiddish Mark Twain, etc.), monster (create a monster, etc.), never-never land; nineteen eighty four (and 1984), O. Henry, Orwell, Orwellian (adj), Panglossian (adj), Peter Pan, pied piper, pitchfork (oppression), Pollyanna, Pollyannaish, profile in courage (JFK), Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Rip Van Winkle, Robin Hood, Robinson Crusoe, Romeo and Juliet (epithet), Shakespeare ("hillbilly Shakespeare," etc.), Shakespearean (adj), Shangri-la, Sherlock Holmes, Sisyphian (adj), shot (shot heard round the world), sleeping beauty, soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), story

- (Just-so story), Svengali (allusion), Tale of Two Cities, Voldemort, Walter Mitty, whale (White Whale), windmill (tilt at windmills, etc.), wolf (cry wolf), world (lost world)
- alternatives & choices: Catch-22
 - amount: encyclopedia (amount), library (amount), trilogy (n)
 - analysis, interpretation & explanation: biography (non-human, etc.), misread (v), read (read something into something), read (analyze)
 - appearance: book (books and covers)
 - appearance & reality: book (books and covers)
 - certainty & uncertainty: open-and-shut (adj)
 - character & personality: book (open book), book (by the book), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan, Hamlet (Hamlet on the Hudson, etc.), profile in courage (JFK)
 - concealment & lack of concealment: love (love that dare not speak its name), tell-all (book)
 - consciousness & awareness: sleeping beauty
 - constraint & lack of constraint: book (rule book), book (by the book)
 - creation & transformation: author (person)
 - curtailment: book (close the book)
 - death & life: book (life is a book)
 - development: book (close the book), book (life is a book), bookend (development), chapter (other), page (development), plot (n), plot line (development)
 - dismissal, removal & resignation: shelve (v)
 - enthusiasm: bookworm (person)
 - experience: story (war story)
 - extent & scope: encyclopedic (adj)
 - fantasy & reality: curiouser and curiouser, fairy tale (fantasy, delusion), fantasy (fairy tale, etc.), Looking Glass, never-never land, rabbit hole (fantasy)
 - fictive communication: read (the sign read don't enter, etc.)
 - flaws & lack of flaws: story (horror story), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
 - gossip: tell-all (book)
 - group, set & collection: library (tool library, etc.)
 - importance & significance: Who's Who
 - judgment: book (books and covers)
 - knowledge & intelligence: encyclopedia (knowledge), encyclopedic (adj), textbook (n)
 - message: manifesto (n)
 - mind: read (read a mind)
 - oppression: brave new world, Cyclops (creature), nineteen eighty four (and 1984), Voldemort
 - person: author (person), bookworm (person), character (non-human)
 - punishment & recrimination: book (throw the book at somebody)
 - reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: book (close the book), chapter (close a chapter, etc.), page (turn the page), slate (a clean slate, etc.), word (the last word)
 - resemblance: fairy tale (happy), fantasy (fairy tale, etc.), story (horror story), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
 - restraint & lack of restraint: tell-all (book)
 - reversal: O. Henry
 - script: book (by the book), book (rule book), handbook (script), playbook (n), textbook (n)
 - sex: Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan
 - sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: book (open book)
 - situation: Catch-22
 - success & failure: story (success story)

- starting, going, continuing & ending: book (close the book), bookend (development), chapter (close a chapter, etc.), word (the last word)
- superlative: Shakespeare (“hillbilly Shakespeare,” etc.), Shakespearean (adj), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: page (on the same page)

BOTTLE (2)

- access & lack of access: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions), lid (keep the lid on something)
- commitment & determination: bottle (British English / noun)
- courage & lack of courage: bottle (British English / noun)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions)
- geography: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.)
- initiation: uncork (v)
- mental health: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions)
- obstacles & impedance: bottled up (emotions), bottleneck (n), bottle up (emotions)
- proper name: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.)
- shape: bottleneck (n)
- success & failure: bottle (British English / verb)

BOUNDARY (2) (see also line)

- amount: boundless
- behavior: backstop (n), belt (below the belt), boundary (behavior), bounds (no bounds, etc.), edge (over the edge), guardrail (behavior), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (out of line), line (over the line / behavior), line (behavior), line (cross the line), line (red line), line (line in the sand), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v), overstretch (v)
- configuration: border (proximity), bounded
- constraint & lack of constraint: backstop (n), border (doctors without borders, etc.), boundary (behavior), bounds (no bounds, etc.), guardrail (behavior), limits (push something to its limits), line (line in the sand), open (open marriage, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v), overstretch (v), space (personal space)
- destruction: edge (push something over the edge)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: limits (push something to its limits)
- division & connection: borderland (n), boundary (division), corner (corner cases, etc.), edge (edge cases, etc.), fuzzy (boundaries, etc.), intersect (v), intersection (n), line (n), line (division), line (categories)
- extent & scope: boundless (adj), bounds (no bounds, etc.), compass (within / outside the compass)
- fate, fortune & chance: line (tread a line, etc.)
- possession: claim (stake a claim), reclaim (his place, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: guardrail (behavior)
- proximity: border (proximity), borderland (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: belt (below the belt), boundary (behavior), limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v), overstretch (v)
- speech: fuzzy (boundaries, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: limits (push something to its limits)

BOXING (2) (see also sports & games)

- ability & lack of ability: shape (in fighting shape, etc.)
- accusation & criticism: come (come out swinging), jab (n), pummel (v), punching bag (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: corner (in one's corner)
- behavior: belt (below the belt), glove (the gloves are off), punch (sucker punch / verb), punch (sucker punch / noun)
- condition & status: shape (in fighting shape, etc.)

- conflict: bare-knuckle (fight, etc.), bare-knuckled (adj), brawl (n), come (come out swinging), glove (the gloves are off), jab (n), punch (punch back, trade punches), rumble (v), spar (v), square off (v), swing (take a swing, etc.), slug (slug something out), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), uppercutting
- constraint & lack of constraint: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- curtailment: knock out (v)
- destruction: blow (knockout blow)
- development: round (boxing)
- effect: punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blow (body blow, etc.), chin (take something on the chin), knockout (knockout voice, etc.), knock over (v), pummeled, punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- force: chin (take something on the chin), hitter (heavy hitter), knockout (knockout blow, etc.), punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- help & assistance: sparring partner (role)
- involvement: weigh in (v)
- power: heavyweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: guard (lower one's guard, drop one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up)
- punishment & recrimination: punching bag (n)
- readiness & preparedness: guard (lower one's guard, drop one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up), punch (beat somebody to the punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), punch (sucker punch / noun)
- resiliency: get up (and get back up, etc.), punch (take a punch), punch (roll with the punches)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: come (come out swinging), counted out (boxing), fighter (person), punch (punch back, trade punches), towel (throw in the towel)
- restraint & lack of restraint: belt (below the belt), glove (the gloves are off), punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), punch (sucker punch / noun)
- sequence: blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.), punch (beat somebody to the punch)
- situation: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- speech: blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.), come (come out swinging), jab (n), punch (pull a punch)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: counted out (boxing)
- strength & weakness: glass jaw
- substance & lack of substance: heavyweight (n), lightweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- subterfuge: punch (sucker punch / verb), punch (sucker punch / noun)
- superlative: Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: punch (take a punch), punch (roll with the punches), rope (on the ropes)
- time: round (boxing)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: round (boxing)

BRANCHING SYSTEM (1) (see also division; taxonomy & classification)

- animal: multipronged, prong (river), prong (part)
- back: backbone (branching system), spine (branching)
- bird: wing (building)
- blood: artery (route), system (circulatory system)
- family: family tree
- horn: multipronged, prong (part)
- horse: spur (shape)
- mechanism: hub (branching system)
- plant: offshoot, tendril (growth)
- river: confluence (n), feed (feed into), prong (river), stream (bloodstream, etc.), tributary (n)
- shape: fork (the Forks of the Ohio, etc.)

- tent: tentpole (movies, etc.)
- tree: branch (taxonomy), branch out (v), family tree, tree (branching system), trunk (branching system)
- verb: branch out (v), feed (feed into)
- water: stream (bloodstream, etc.)

BREADTH (2) (see also fatness & thinness)

- amount: thick (adj), thin (thin on the ground, etc.)
- appearance & reality: cosmetic (adj), patina (appearance), veneer (appearance)
- comparison & contrast: hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.), pancake-flat (comparison), razor (razor-thin), skin-deep
- danger: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- extent & scope: broad (adj), knife (knife edge), pancake-flat (comparison), patina (appearance), razor (razor-thin), thin (substance), skin-deep, veneer (appearance)
- mind: narrow-minded (adj), narrowness (n)
- presence & absence: thin (thin on the ground, etc.)
- proximity: hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.), whisker (come within a whisker, etc.)
- size: narrow (breadth), razor (razor-thin), slim (small), thin (size)
- situation: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: patina (appearance), thin (substance), skin-deep, veneer (appearance)
- subterfuge: patina (appearance), veneer (appearance)

BREATHING (2) (see also bodily reaction; gesture; throat)

- absorption & immersion: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), inhale (v), live (live and breathe, live to)
- acceptance & rejection: choke (v)
- affliction: choke (v)
- amelioration & renewal: breath (catch one's breath, etc.), breathing space (and breathing room), life (breathe life)
- amount & effect: smother (amount & effect)
- biodiversity, nature & life: lung (atmosphere)
- commitment & determination: eat (eat and breathe, etc.)
- condition & status: wheezing (condition)
- constraint & lack of constraint: choke chain (n)
- consumption: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), choke (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), inhale (v), live (live and breathe, live to)
- cover: smother (cover)
- danger: exhale (v), sigh (sigh of relief)
- death & life: breath (last breath, final breath, etc.)
- decline: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- destruction: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), strangle (v), strangled, strangulation, suffocated
- dismissal, removal & resignation: blow off (v)
- enthusiasm: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to)
- fate, fortune & chance: breath (hold one's breath)
- feeling, emotion & effect: breath (take a breath, etc.), breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), exhale (v), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), hyperventilate (v), hyperventilation (n), sigh (sigh of relief), suffocating
- identity & nature: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to)
- obstacles & impedance: choke (v), choked, chokepoint (n)
- oppression: chokehold (n), smother (oppress), stifle (v), stifling (adj), strangle (v), strangled, stranglehold (n), strangulation, strangled, suffocate (v), suffocating

- resemblance: breathe (caves breathe, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- success & failure: choke (fail)
- survival, persistence & endurance: life (breathe life), lung (life), oxygen (life), strangle (v)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: aspirational (adj)

BRIDGE (2)

- amelioration & renewal: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- confronting, dealing with & avoiding things: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- division & connection: bridge (n), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone
- fate, fortune & chance: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- future: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- help & assistance: stepping stone
- past & present: bridge (water under the bridge)
- presence & absence: bridgehead (n)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge (water under the bridge)
- restraint & lack of restraint: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)
- route: bridge (air bridge, etc.)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bridge (a bridge to sell)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bridgehead (n)
- time: bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- timeliness & lack of timelessness: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- transportation: bridge (air bridge, etc.)

BUBBLE (2)

- activity: bubble (v), bubble (activity), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v)
- avoidance & separation: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- character & personality: bubbly (personality), effervescent (personality)
- initiation: bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- isolation & remoteness: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- protection & lack of protection: bubble (quarantine)
- resemblance: bubble (bubble canopy, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: bubble (activity)

BULLET (2) (see also military; weapon)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
- amelioration & renewal: magic bullet, silver bullet
- commitment & determination: bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bullet (bite the bullet)
- fate, fortune & chance: bullet (dodge a bullet)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bulletproof (adj)
- shape: bullet (shape)
- speed: bullet (velocity)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bullet (bite the bullet)

BURDEN (2) (see also weight)

- affliction: barnacle (affliction), bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), cross (bear that cross, etc.), encrustation (affliction), heavy (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: pull (pull for someone)
- amelioration & renewal: barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), get out (get out from under)
- attachment: barnacled, encrustation (affliction)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: back (carry something on one's back), drag (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: pull out (v)
- eagerness & reluctance: drag (drag somebody into something)
- failure, accident & impairment: strain (v)
- flaws & lack of flaws: overload (n), overloaded
- help & assistance: back (carry something on one's back), carry (assist)
- history: baggage (n), freighted, loaded (loaded word, etc.)
- involvement: drag (drag somebody into something)
- obstacles & impedance: drag (drag on the economy, etc.)
- oppression: baggage (n), bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), cross (bear that cross, etc.), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), loaded (loaded word, etc.), overload (n), overloaded, weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- resemblance: barnacle (resemblance)
- resiliency: carry on (v)
- speech: freighted, loaded (loaded word, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: carry on (v), drag on (v), pull out (v)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: overload (n), overloaded
- survival, persistence & endurance: bear (a weight, etc.), carry on (v), cross (bear that cross, etc.)
- time: drag on (v), haul (long haul)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: drag on (v)
- unanimity & consensus: pull together (v)
- work & duty: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), pull together (v), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)

BURIAL (2)

- absorption & immersion: bury (bury oneself in something, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: ghost (bury the ghost)
- appearance & disappearance: exhume (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: bury (conceal), exhume (v)
- condition & status: buried (dead and buried, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: graveyard (whistle past the graveyard)
- curtailment: bury (kill), knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- death & life: cemetery (people), graveyard (people)
- destruction: buried (dead and buried, etc.), bury (kill), coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), epitaph (n), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (of diplomacy, etc.), knell (death knell / destruction)
- fate, fortune & chance: coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave)
- feeling, emotion & effect: funereal (adj), lament (v), pall (cast a pall)
- involvement: buried (buried in debt, etc.)
- oppression: pall (cast a pall)
- place: cemetery (things), grave (place), graveyard (things), place (resting place)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: ghost (bury the ghost), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)

- searching & discovery: exhume (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: grave (end point), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)

CAMPAIGN (1)

- Middle Ages: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- military: blitz (campaign), offensive (charm offensive, etc.)
- person: crusader (role)
- religion: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- sound: drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.)
- weapon: blitz (campaign)

CANAL (2)

- route: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- shape: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- transportation: canal (birth canal, etc.)

CARDS (2) (see also gambling; sports & games)

- action, inaction & delay: double down (v), in (all in), pass (cards)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: in (all in)
- amount: spade (in spades)
- amount & effect: spade (in spades)
- appearance: poker-faced (adj)
- behavior: wild card (person)
- certainty & uncertainty: bet (all bets are off)
- character & personality: card (hold one's cards close), wild card (person)
- commitment & determination: bet (hedge one's bets), double down (v), in (all in), pass (cards)
- computer: wildcard (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: card (hold one's cards close), card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), poker-faced (adj), tip (tip one's hand), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- curtailment: fold (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: discard (v), fold (v)
- disruption: deck (re-shuffle the deck)
- failure, accident & impairment: hand (overplay one's hand), overplay (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), draw (luck of the draw), hand (dealt a hand), odds (fate), wild card (other)
- feeling, emotion & effect: poker-faced (adj)
- obstacles & impedance: card (the cards are stacked against us, a stacked deck, etc.)
- position, policy & negotiation: bluff (v), bluff (n), hand (overplay one's hand)
- power: hand (strengthen one's hand)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: fold (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: hand (overplay one's hand)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (cards on the table)
- strategy: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (guilt card, etc.), card (play one's cards), move (chess move, etc.), poker (game)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: fold (v)
- strength & weakness: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- substance & lack of substance: house of cards
- subterfuge: aboveboard (adj), bluff (v), bluff (n)
- success & failure: ace (n), flush (busted flush), hand (hot hand)

- unanimity & consensus: suit (follow suit)

CARPETS & RUGS (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: rug (pull the rug out)
- concealment & lack of concealment: carpet (under the carpet, etc.), rug (under the rug)
- configuration: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- cover: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- identity & nature: tapestry (n)
- mixture: tapestry (n)
- proper name: carpet (Operation Magic Carpet, etc.)
- resemblance: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- superiority & inferiority: red carpet (treatment)
- transportation: carpet (magic carpet / other)
- welcome: mat (welcome mat), red carpet (treatment)

CAT (2) (see also animal)

- competition: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), game (game of cat and mouse)
- concealment & lack of concealment: cat (cat out of the bag, etc.)
- money: fat cat
- person: fat cat
- pursuit, capture & escape: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), cat (cat out of the bag, etc.), game (game of cat and mouse)
- repetition: copycat (n)

CENTER & PERIPHERY (1) (see also attention, scrutiny & promotion; importance & significance; priority; superiority & inferiority)

- cloth: fringe (edge), fringe (versus mainstream), fringe (on the fringe)
- container: outside (outside world, etc.)
- direction: background (background noise, etc.), fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), foreground (n), netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- earth & world: outside (outside world, etc.)
- earthquake: epicenter (n)
- ground, terrain & land: coast (n)
- heart: heart (center), heartland (n), heartwood
- mechanism: hub (center)
- picture: background (background noise, etc.), foreground (n)
- position: background (background noise, etc.), foreground (n), front (front and center), middle-of-the-road, middle-of-the-roader
- prep, adv, adj, particle: outside (outside world, etc.)
- river: backwater (n), mainstream (society)
- society: fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), mainstream (society), netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- sports & games: sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement), sidelined (adj)
- storm: storm (eye / center of the storm)
- theater: stage (attention), stage (center stage), wing (in the wings)

CENTER & PERIPHERY (2)

- acceptance & rejection: outside (society)
- appearance & disappearance: background (background noise, etc.), foreground (n)
- area: corner (in remote corners, etc.), corner (area)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: background (background noise, etc.), center (center her family, etc.), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), foreground (n), front (front and center)
- bases: core (basis)
- importance & significance: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), background (background noise, etc.), burner (front burner), centerpiece (n), central (adj), foreground (n), sideshow (n)
- inclusion & exclusion: centered (survivor-centered, etc.), centering (white centering, etc.), centric (Afro-centric, etc.), centrality (heterocentricity, etc.), decenter (decenter norms, etc.), decentering (decentering whiteness, etc.)
- involvement: sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement)
- perception, perspective & point of view: background (background noise, etc.), foreground (n), outside (perspective)
- power: inner circle (n), insider (person), outsider (person)
- priority: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), burner (front burner)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: outlier (n)
- society: center (society), fit in (v), fringe (on the fringes), fringe (versus mainstream), inner circle (n), insider (person), mainstream (society), margin (on the margins), netherworld (n), outlier (n), outside (society), outsider (person), underground (n), underworld (n)
- situation: middle (in the middle)
- superiority & inferiority: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), burner (front burner)

CERTAINTY & UNCERTAINTY (1)

- air: air (up in the air)
- allusion: Bermuda Triangle
- atmosphere: air (up in the air)
- basketball: jump ball (n), layup (n), slam-dunk
- boat: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- books & reading: open-and-shut (adj)
- cards: bet (all bets are off)
- cloud: cloudy (certainty)
- color: gray (gray area)
- container: bag (in the bag)
- direction: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- eye: clear (crystal clear), clear (unambiguous), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj)
- gambling: bet (all bets are off)
- ground, terrain & land: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (in uncharted territory), uncharted (adj)
- hand: grab (up for grabs)
- head: no-brainer (n)
- history: Bermuda Triangle
- horse: hands down (certainty)
- journeys & trips: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- justice: jury (the jury is out)
- letters & characters: question mark
- light & dark: clear (crystal clear), clear (unambiguous), cloudy (certainty), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), open-and-shut (adj), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.), twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- map: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)

- money: deal (done deal)
- movement: shifting (adj), teetertotter (v)
- picture: sketchy (adj)
- position: shifting (adjective)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: air (up in the air)
- religion: agnostic (adj), limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- sea: uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- shadow: shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)
- speech: riddle (n)
- sports & games: bet (all bets are off), game (guessing game), jump ball (n), layup (n), slam-dunk
- verb: teetertotter (v), waters (muddy the waters)
- water: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- weapon: surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)

CHAIN (2)

- configuration: chain (configuration)
- constraint & lack of constraint: chain (oppression), choke chain (n), fetter (n), fettered, unfettered, unshackle (v)
- functioning: fetter (n), fettered, unfettered
- hierarchy: chain of command (and chain), food chain
- oppression: chain (oppression)
- sequence: chain (chain of events), chain (other), chain reaction
- strength & weakness: link (weak link)

CHARACTER & PERSONALITY (1) (see also behavior; identity & nature, person)

- allusion: Byron (epithet), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Colonel Blimp, Don Juan, Hamlet (Hamlet on the Hudson, etc.), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Machiavellian (adj), Panglossian (adj), Pollyanna, Pollyannaish (adj), Rasputin (epithet), stoic (adj), Svengali (allusion)
- animal: animal (party animal, etc.), bear (mama bear), beast (power), black sheep, bloodthirsty (adj), bulldog (person), chameleon (change), chameleonic (adj), coyote (predation), creature (creature of habit, etc.), donkey (insult), dove (person), feather (ruffle feathers), feisty (adj), ferocious (other), gadfly (person), grub (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj), hyena (person), jackal (n), jackass, leech (person), leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), lone wolf (person), maneater (female), maverick (person), mule-headed, pack rat (person), piranha (predation), pit bull (person), predator (people), rogue (n), rooster (person), scavenger (n), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.), shark (predation), snake (insult), stud (male), whine (v), whiner (person), wolf (predation)
- arm: pushy (people, etc.), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.)
- astronomy: eye (stars in one's eyes)
- baby: apron strings, baby (insult), brat (insult), child (spoiled child, etc.), crybaby (person), mama's boy (and mummy's boy, etc.)
- back: backstabber (person)
- bird: dove (person), feather ruffle feathers), hawk (person), hawkish (adj), rooster (person)
- blood: bloodthirsty (adj), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), hot-blooded (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.)
- boat: buccaneer (person), pirate (person), showboat (v)
- books & reading: book (open book), book (by the book), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan, profile in courage (JFK), Hamlet (Hamlet on the Hudson, etc.)
- bubble: bubbly (personality), effervescent (personality)
- cards: card (hold one's cards close), wild card (person)
- circus: clown (person), daredevil (person)
- cloth: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.)

- clothing & accessories: boot (too big for one's boots)
- color: black sheep, colorful (politician, etc.), plain (plain people, etc.)
- cows & cattle: maverick (person)
- creature: angel (behavior), creature (creature of habit, etc.), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), giant (gentle giant), monster (affliction), monster (power), nerd (word nerd, etc.), ogre (person), sphinx (n), troll (noun / computers), witch (insult)
- crime: buccaneer (person), made man (experience), pirate (person)
- depth: deep (person), shallow (person)
- direction: buoyant (personality), crooked (adj), down to earth (adj), ground (moral high ground, etc.), high-minded (adj), shifty (adj), straight (honest), straight (the straight and narrow), straightforward, straight arrow, twisted (character), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- dog: feisty (adj), hot dog (person)
- earth & world: down to earth (adj), earthiness (character), eye (stars in one's eyes), mother (earth mother)
- electricity: incandescent (character), live wire (person)
- engine: driven (adj)
- epithet: British (British of South America, etc.), bulldozer (epithet), Byron (epithet), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan, Harvey Weinstein (epithet), iron (Iron Lady, etc.), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Napoleon (the Napoleon of surgery, etc.), Rasputin (epithet), tiger (tiger mother, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: levelheaded, steady (character)
- explosion: fuse (n), grenade (person), hotshot (person), self-destructive (v), time bomb (person)
- eye: eye (stars in one's eyes)
- family: mother (earth mother)
- feeling, emotion & effect: irritating
- film & TV: guy (good guy, etc.), hero (character), villain (character), white hat (good)
- fire: fiery (character), fire (through the fire, etc.), incandescent (character)
- fish: piranha (predation)
- fist: fist (a boss with an iron fist, etc.)
- food & drink: bitter (person), marmite (n), sour (personality), spoiled (spoiled child, etc.), sweet (personality)
- foot: doormat (person), toe (step on toes)
- force: bulldozer (epithet), pushy (people, etc.)
- fruits & vegetables: apple (bad apple / rotten apple), nut (person)
- gambling: card (hold one's cards close)
- gesture: elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), handwringer (person)
- government: Rasputin (epithet)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (both feet on the ground), grounded
- hand: clingy (adj), handwringer (person)
- hardness & softness: hard (character), hardheaded (and hard-headed), hard man (character), hard-nosed, snowflake (person), softheaded (and soft-headed), teacup (person), teddy bear
- hat: black hat (bad), helmet (pith helmet), white hat (good)
- head: coolheaded (and cool-headed), hardheaded (and hard-headed), hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed), mule-headed, softheaded (and soft-headed), wrongheaded
- health & medicine: incurable (adj), pain (pain in the neck, etc.)
- heart: bighearted (and big-hearted), good-hearted, hardhearted (and hard-hearted), heart (young at heart, etc.), kindhearted (and kind-hearted), softhearted (and soft-hearted)
- height: cavalier (adj), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- history: Caligulan, carpetbagger (person), Colonel Blimp, cowboy (person), gladiator (n), helmet (pith helmet), warrior (other)
- horse: cavalier (adj), gadfly (person), hard-charging (adj), maverick (person), stud (noun)

- hunting: hotshot (person)
- hygiene: hot mess (person), mess (person)
- insect: butterfly (social butterfly), gadfly (person), grub (person)
- journeys & trips: easygoing (adj)
- knife: backstabber (person)
- light & dark: brilliant (superlative), incandescent (character), light (shining light), light up (a room, etc.), scintillating (adj)
- love, courtship & marriage: odd couple
- magic: charming
- mark: streak (violent streak, etc.)
- materials & substances: behavior (fire, etc.), clay (n), flexible (character), fragile (feelings), hard (character), hard man (character), inflexible (character), made of (character), mercurial (adj), putty (n), rigid (character), rough (personality), slimy (personality), slippery (character), smooth (character), solid (character)
- mechanism: full on (personality), wound (tightly wound)
- mental health: crazy (behavior), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), nut (person)
- military: cannon (loose cannon), general (floor general, etc.), gladiator (n), strongman (power), warrior (other), wingman (person)
- mining: gold digger (person)
- money: mercenary
- mouth: loudmouth (person)
- movement: flexible (character) / inflexible (character), rigid (character)
- neck: pain (pain in the neck, etc.)
- nose: hard-nosed (adj)
- part of speech: crazy (as noun), rugged (as noun)
- person: backstabber (person), badass (power), bad boy (person), big boy (person), boy (blue-eyed boy), buccaneer (person), butterfly (social butterfly), cannon (loose cannon), carpetbagger (person), clown (person), cowboy (person), coyote (predation), cruel (adj), dandelion (character), daredevil (person), diva (person), doormat (person), dove (person), firebrand (person), flower (wilting flower, etc.), gadfly (person), girl (big girl), girl (mean girl), gladiator (n), gold digger (person), golden boy, golden girl, good girl (person), goods (damaged goods), grub (person), guy (good guy, etc.), handwinger (person), hawk (person), hero (character), hot dog (person), hothead (person), hot mess (person), ingenue (person), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), killjoy (person), leech (person), live wire (person), maneater (female), maverick (person), mercenary (person), nerd (word nerd, etc.), nut (person), orchid (character), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), pirate (person), predator (people), prima donna (person), scold (person), shrinking violet (person), snake (insult), snowflake (person), straight arrow (person), strongman (power), stud (male), teacup (person), villain (character), warrior (other), whiner (person), wild card (person), witch (insult)
- plane: helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.), pants (fly by the seat of one's pants), wingman (person)
- plant: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character), shrinking violet (person)
- predation: coyote (predation), dove (person), ferocious (other), hawk (person), hawkish (adj), leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), lone wolf (person), maneater (female), piranha (predation), predator (people), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.), shark (predation), wolf (predation)
- product: goods (damaged goods)
- religion: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), evil (non-human), public-spirited
- ruins: self-destructive (adj)
- sea: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- sensation: abrasive (adj), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), irritating, nerveless (adj), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), rough (personality), sensitive (feelings), slimy (personality), smooth (character), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), toe (step on toes), touchy (personality)
- shark: piranha (predation), shark (predation)

- sheep: black sheep
- sign, signal, symbol: Barbie (and Barbie Doll), black hat (bad), doormat (person), helmet (pith helmet), white hat (good), wolf (predation)
- size: boot (too big for one's boots), giant (gentle giant)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: nerveless (adj), sensitive (feelings), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), touchy (personality)
- snake: snake (insult)
- snow & ice: snowflake (person)
- sound: whine (v), whiner (person)
- speech: loudmouth (person), whine (v)
- sports & games: card (hold one's cards close)
- statue: sphinx (n)
- storm: nature (force of nature)
- taste: bitter (person), flavor (regional flavor, etc.), salt (flavor), sour (personality), sweet (personality)
- temperature: cold (feeling), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), coolheaded (and cool-headed), fiery (character), firebrand (person), hot-blooded (adj), hot dog (person), hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed), hot mess (person), incandescent (character), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.), warmhearted (adj)
- theater: diva (person), drama (and drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), hero (character), on (performing), prima donna (person), showboat (v), villain (character)
- tools & technology: bulldozer (epithet)
- verb: card (hold one's cards close), feather (ruffle feathers), light up (a room, etc.), swagger (v), toe (step on toes), whine (v)
- walking, running & jumping: highway (my way or the highway), swagger (n), swagger (v), toe (step on toes)
- waste: trashy (adj)
- water: bubbly (personality), buoyant (personality), deep (person), effervescent (personality), shallow (person)
- weapon: cannon (loose cannon), fuse (n), gunslinger (person), hotshot (person), time bomb (person)
- wolf: ferocious (other), lone wolf (person), wolf (predation)

CHARACTERIZATION (1)

- animal: pigeonhole (n), pigeonholed
- bird: pigeonhole (n), pigeonholed
- clothing & accessories: cameo (n), shoe (shoe fits)
- color: mark (black mark)
- container: box (labeling)
- creature: demonization (n), demonize (v), demonized
- fire: brand (v), stigma (n), stigmatization (oppression), stigmatize (groups), stigmatized, stigmatizing
- health & medicine: victim (groups), victimization (or victimisation)
- infrastructure: frame (n), frame (characterize)
- manufacturing: cast (characterize), cast (characterized), recast (v), recast
- mark: brand (v), mark (black mark), stigma (n), stigmatization (oppression), stigmatize (groups), stigmatized, stigmatizing, trademark (n)
- part of speech: special (as noun)
- person: boy (type), girl (type), guy (good guy, etc.), joe (average joe, etc.), lady (crazy lady, etc.), man (big man, little man, etc.), Mister (and Mr., Missus, Mrs.), people (little people, etc.)
- picture: brush (characterization), cameo (n), caricature (n), frame (n), frame (characterize), framed (characterized), illustrate (v), illustration (n), paint (characterize), painted (characterized), picture (view), portrait (view), profile, reframe (characterize), snapshot (picture)
- religion: christen (v)

- verb: brand (v), cast (characterize), christen (v), demonize (v), frame (characterize), illustrate (v), paint (characterize), recast (v), reframe (characterize), stigmatize (groups)

CHEMISTRY (2)

- accusation & chemistry: vitriol (n)
- activity: ferment (v), ferment (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: distill (v), essence (n)
- attachment: bond (n)
- attraction & repulsion: valence (attraction)
- bases: essence (n)
- creation & transformation: alchemical (adj), alchemist (n), alchemy (n)
- division & connection: bond (n)
- evidence: litmus test (n)
- experimentation: experiment (n), litmus test (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), vitriol (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: rust (functioning), rusty (adj)
- functioning: chemistry, rust (functioning), rusty (adj)
- growth & development: oxygen (fuel)
- increase & decrease: oxygen (fuel)
- initiation: catalyst (n), catalyze (v), oxygen (fuel), precursor (n)
- mixture: chemistry
- person: alchemist (n)
- presence & absence: residue (n)
- resemblance: rust (resemblance)
- script: formula (script)
- speech: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically, vitriol (n)

CHESS (2) (see also sports & games)

- control & lack of control: check (in check)
- power: pawn (n)
- progress & lack of progress: stalemate (n)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: checkmate (v), checkmate (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: endgame (n)
- strategy: chess (n), chessboard (n), chess match (n), endgame (n), gambit (n), game (chess game), move (chess move, etc.)
- strength & weakness: pawn (n)

CIRCUS (2) (see also theater)

- ability & lack of ability: acrobat (person), acrobatic (adj), juggle (v), juggling
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: Barnum (and P.T. Barnum), carnival (n), circus (media circus, etc.), freak show (n)
- behavior: circus (media circus, etc.), clown (v)
- character & personality: clown (person), daredevil (person)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: acrobat (person), acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), high wire (fate), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), tightrope (fate)
- directing: ringmaster (person)
- fate, fortune & chance: daredevil (person), high wire (fate), tightrope (fate)
- importance & significance: sideshow (n)
- insult: clown (person)
- obstacles & impedance: hoop (jump through hoops, etc.)

- performance: carnival (n), circus (media circus, etc.), freak show (n)
- person: acrobat (person), clown (person), ringmaster (role)
- protection & lack of protection: safety net (and net)
- resemblance: carnival (n), circus (media circus, etc.), freak show (n)

CITY (2) (see place)

CLICHE (2)

- death & life: soul (death)
- language: best life (and best lives), never (you've never heard of, etc.), nothing-burger, there (let's not go there), there (there is no there there, etc.), title (love, live, eat, etc.)

CLOCK (2)

- action, inaction & delay: clock (run the clock, etc.)
- competition: clock (race with the clock)
- direction: clock (around the clock)
- fate, fortune & chance: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- past & present: clock (turn back the clock), moment (this moment), moment (that moment), moment (other), wind back (v)
- shape: hourglass (shape)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: tick on (and tick by), tick-tock (n), wind down (v)
- time: clock (turn back the clock), clock (types), clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.), clock (reset the clock), clock (run the clock, etc.), moment (this moment), moment (that moment), moment (other), stroke (stroke of midnight, etc.), tick on (and tick by), tick-tock (n), wind back (v), wind down (v)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.), clock (reset the clock), countdown (n), hourglass (time), midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), minute (last minute)

CLOTH (2) (see also clothing & accessories)

- amelioration & renewal: iron out (v), patch (and patch up), patched, untangle (v)
- amount: shred (shred of hope, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: curtain (pull back the curtain, look behind the curtain, etc.), pick apart (analyze), tease out (v), thread (investigation), unpick (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), unraveled (explained), unspool (v), untangle (v), unwind (analyze)
- attachment: dyed-in-the-wool, entwined, ingrained, pin (attach), pinned, pinned (pinned down)
- avoidance & separation: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- basis: fabric (fabric of society)
- center & periphery: fringe (edge), fringe (versus mainstream), fringe (on the fringe)
- character & personality: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.)
- complexity: detangle (v), skein (entanglement), tangle (n), tangled
- concealment & lack of concealment: bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), cloak (conceal), cloak (under a cloak), cloak (in a cloak), cloak (cloak of secrecy, etc.), cloaked (concealed), come out (the truth, etc.), cover (under cover), covered up, cover up (v), coverup (n), curtain (pull back the curtain, look behind the curtain, etc.), shrouded (concealment), wrap (under wraps), wrap (take the wraps off something / concealment)
- condition & status: tatters (in tatters), threadbare (adj)
- configuration: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, fringe (configuration), fringed, laced (adj), overlapped, shrouded (covered), tucked, wraparound
- conflict: velvet (Velvet Revolution)
- cover: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, shroud (n), shrouded (covered), wrapped (covered)

- creation & transformation: embroider (v), patch (patch together), patchwork (n), stitch together (v), stitched together, weave (create)
- destruction: shred (v), undoing (destruction), undone (destruction)
- development: unfold (develop), unfolding (developing), unspool (v), unwind (analyze)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: needle (thread the needle, etc.), needle (eye of the needle, needle's eye)
- division & connection: entwined, intertwined, interwoven, knit (knit together), knit (tightly knit), seamless, seamlessly, strand (connection), thread (connection), thread (v), tight-knit, weave together (v), woven
- environment: fabric (fabric of society, etc.)
- extent & scope: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: thread (by a thread)
- failure, accident & impairment: fray (v), frayed (degraded), tatters (in tatters), thread (lose the thread), undoing (destruction), undone (destruction), unravel (fail)
- feeling, emotion & effect: pall (cast a pall)
- fictive motion: weave (a trail can weave, etc.), thread (a trail can thread, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: fray (v), frayed (degraded), ragged (adj), seamless (adj), tatters (in tatters), wrinkle (n)
- identity & nature: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.), dyed-in-the-wool, tapestry (n)
- impression: dyed-in-the-wool, ingrained
- inauguration: wrap (take the wraps off something / inauguration)
- involvement: detangle (v), entwined, skein (entanglement), tangle (n), tangled, web (entanglement), wrapped (wrapped up in something)
- mixture: lace (v), tapestry (n), weave (mixture)
- money: rope (velvet rope), threadbare (adj)
- movement: weave (move)
- oppression: pall (cast a pall)
- proper name: needle (the Needles, etc.), ribbon (Ribbon Reef, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: curtain (curtain wall, etc.)
- relationship: entwined, tight-knit
- resemblance: curtain (curtain wall, etc.), strand (strand of hair, etc.), unfolding (opening), wrapped (covered)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: done and dusted, sewn up, sew up (v), wrap up (v)
- searching & discovery: curtain (pull back the curtain, look behind the curtain, etc.), thread (investigation), unfold (discover), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.)
- shape: needle (shape), ribbon (ribbon of moonlight, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: done and dusted, wrap up (v)
- subterfuge: covered up, cover up (v), coverup (n), curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.), Wizard of Oz
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: threadbare (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: rope (velvet rope)
- taxonomy & classification: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.), strand (n), stripe (of all stripes)

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES (2) (see also cloth)

- affliction: shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: hang (hang somebody out to dry), hung (hung out to dry)
- amount: laundry (laundry list)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: strip (strip something down)
- appearance: robe (n)
- appearance & reality: dressed (dressed up, etc.), dress up (v), clothes (deception), fashion (n), naked (unadorned), nakedly, wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- area: belt (area)
- attachment: buckle (attachment)
- character & personality: boot (too big for one's boots)

- characterization: cameo (n), shoe (shoe fits)
- computer: search (digital strip search, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: aired (and aired out), bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), bootleg (adj), cloak (conceal), cloak (under a cloak), cloak (in a cloak), cloak (cloak of secrecy, etc.), cloaked (concealed), dirty laundry, dress up (v), fig leaf, launder (v), lay (lay bare), naked (unadorned), nakedly, sleeve (on one's sleeve), sleeve (up one's sleeve), unmask (v), veil (concealment), veil (under a veil), veiled, wash (straightwash, etc.)
- condition & status: tatters (in tatters), threadbare (adj)
- configuration: belt (area), buckle (attachment), cloaked (covered), girdled, necklace (configuration), skirt (configuration)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- cover: cloaked (covered), veil (covering)
- creation & transformation: cobble together (v), one-size-fits-all, procrustean (adj), size (one size fits all), tailor (v), tailored, tailor-made (adj)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: boot (get the boot), boot out (v)
- dominance & submission: trousers (wear the trousers, etc.)
- empathy & lack of empathy: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- experience: belt (under one's belt), hat (old hat)
- failure, accident & impairment: clotheslined, shirt (lose one's shirt), tatters (in tatters)
- fate, fortune & chance: shoe (a shoe can drop or fall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: boot (shake in one's boots), pearl (clutch one's pearls), shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- flaws & lack of flaws: ragged (adj), tatters (in tatters)
- help & assistance: eye (naked eye)
- hyperbole: pants (scare the pants off somebody)
- inauguration: unveil (make public)
- money: shoestring (n), threadbare (adj), rags-to-riches
- oppression: boot (oppression), procrustean (adj), size (one size fits all), wringer (through the wringer)
- perception, perspective & point of view: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- person: skirt (woman)
- possession: pocket (in the pocket)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: fashion (out of fashion), hat (old hat)
- proper name: Necklace (Necklace Nebula, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: naked (protection)
- readiness & preparedness: pants (caught with one's pants down)
- removal: strip (v), stripped
- representation: hat (role), mantle (n)
- resemblance: robe (n), veil (covering)
- reversal: shoe (the shoe is on the other foot)
- role: mantle (n), pants (big girl pants, etc.), hat (role), trousers (wear the trousers, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mantle (n)
- searching & discovery: search (digital strip search, etc.)
- sex: pants (get in somebody's pants)
- shape: belt (area), boot (Italy's boot, etc.), washboard (bumpy)
- size: seam (burst at the seams)
- substance & lack of substance: clothes (the emperor has no clothes), dress up (v), fashion (n), fig leaf, naked (substance), strip (strip something down)
- subterfuge: bootleg (adj), cloak and dagger, clothes (deception), dressed (dressed up, etc.), launder (v), sleeve (up one's sleeve), wash (straightwash, etc.), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: shoestring (n), threadbare (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: shoe (big shoes), trousers (wear the trousers, etc.)
- taking & removing: strip (v)
- work & duty: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)

LOUD (2)

- certainty & uncertainty: cloudy (certainty)
- consciousness & awareness: cloud (v), cloud (consciousness), clouded, cloudy (consciousness)
- evidence: cloud (sign)
- feeling, emotion & effect: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- resemblance: cloud (resemblance), nimbus (cloud)

COERCION & MOTIVATION (1)

- allusion: hector (v)
- animal: bone (throw a bone to someone), bulldog (person), dog (attack dog), goad (v), herd (ride herd), herded, pit bull (person)
- arm: arm (twist arms, etc.), arm (long arm), arm-twisting, dangle (v), nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (coercion and motivation), pushed around, pushy (people, etc.), shove (n), strong-arm (v)
- blade: hatchet man (person)
- blood: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- cooking: grill (v), grilled
- courtship & marriage: marriage (shotgun marriage)
- crime: kneecap (v), kneecapped, strong-arm (v)
- dog: bulldog (person), dog (attack dog), pit bull (person)
- finger: prod (v)
- fire: feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire up (v), grill (v), grilled
- food & drink: bone (throw a bone to someone)
- force: push (coercion and motivation), pushed around, pushy (people, etc.), press (v), prod (v)
- fruits & vegetables: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- gesture: nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- hand: hand (force someone's hand), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeezed (oppressed), whip hand (n), wring (coerce)
- head: head (hold something over one's head)
- history: hatchet man (person)
- horse: spur (v)
- Iliad & Odyssey: hector (v)
- knee: kneecap (v), kneecapped
- nose: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- nuclear energy: option (nuclear option)
- person: bully (person), hatchet man (person)
- plant: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- pressure: clampdown (n), clamp down (v), press (v), pressure (under pressure), pressured, screw (tighten / loosen the screws), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeezed (oppressed), wring (coerce)
- school & education: bullied, bully (v), bully (person)
- sign, signal, symbol: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- speech: cudgel (n), goad (v), stick (n)
- temperature: heat (turn up the heat, etc.)

- tools & technology: screw (tighten / loosen the screws)
- train: railroad (v), railroaded
- verb: arm (twist arms, etc.), bully (v), clamp down (v), crack down (v), dangle (v), feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire up (v), goad (v), grill (v), gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.), hand (force someone's hand), head (hold something over one's head), hector (v), herd (ride herd), kneecap (v), lean on (coercion), nudge (v), press (v), prod (v), push (coercion and motivation), railroad (v), screw (tighten / loosen the screws), spur (v), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), strong-arm (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), wring (coerce)
- violence: arm-twisting, billy club, crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), goad (v), hatchet man (person), kneecap (v), kneecapped, stick (n), strong-arm (v), waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- weapon: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.), hatchet man (person), stick (n)
- weight: lean on (coercion)
- whip: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)

COLLOCATION (2)

- language: collocation (language)

COLOR (2)

- acceptance & rejection: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- access & lack of access: black box (n), black hole
- accusation & criticism: pot (pot calls the kettle black)
- affliction: bete noire (black beast)
- alternatives & choices: palette (n)
- amount: palette (n)
- appearance & disappearance: black swan (rarity), blue (out of the blue, etc.), blue whale, bolt from the blue
- attachment: dyed-in-the-wool, ingrained
- attraction & repulsion: pasture (greener pastures)
- biodiversity, nature & life: green (environment)
- certainty & uncertainty: gray (gray area)
- character & personality: black sheep, colorful (politician, etc.), plain (plain people, etc.)
- characterization: mark (black mark)
- concealment & lack of concealment: black (covert), black box (n), black hole
- consciousness & awareness: black hole, black out (v)
- constraint & lack of constraint: color (color outside the lines, etc.)
- danger: zone (red zone, etc.)
- death & life: evergreen (adj), red (blood)
- epithet: eye (the Blue Eye of Siberia, etc.), gold (black gold, etc.)
- experience: green (experience), greenhorn (person)
- fate, fortune & chance: black swan (rarity), blue (out of the blue, etc.), blue whale, bolt from the blue
- feeling, emotion & effect: black (feeling), black (black day, etc.), blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), blue (feeling), blues (the blues), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), dog (black dog / mental health), face (red face, red-faced, etc.), green (green with envy), livid (adj), mist (red mist), red (see red), sanguine (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: black eye
- geography: black (Black Sea, etc.), rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- group, set & collection: palette (n)
- hierarchy: blue blood
- identity & nature: blue (politics), chocolate (African Americans), red (politics)

- impression: dyed-in-the-wool, ingrained
- inclusion & exclusion: color (communities of color, etc.), colorism (groups), rainbow (groups)
- isolation & remoteness: black hole
- occurrence: black swan (rarity), blue whale
- oppression: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- origin: blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue
- person: greenhorn (person)
- proper name: black (Black Sea, etc.), rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- readiness & preparedness: red alert (on red alert)
- reputation: black eye, mark (black mark)
- resemblance: rainbow (color)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: white flag (surrender)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: amber (traffic light), black sheep, green (green list, etc.), green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit), red (red list, etc.), traffic light (or traffic signal)
- speech: colorful (language)
- subterfuge: black (covert), greenwash (n), greenwashing (n)
- superiority & inferiority: blue blood, red carpet (treatment)
- violence: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), mist (red mist), red (see red)
- warning: black (warning), red flag (warning)
- welcome: red carpet (treatment)
- worth & lack of worth: black tulip (rarity), white elephant

COMING, ARRIVING, STAYING, LEAVING & RETURNING (1) (see also starting, going, continuing & ending)

- allusion: migration (#TwitterMigration, etc.)
- animal: roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.)
- ball: rebound (rebound headache, etc.)
- bell: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- Bible: exodus (vacation, etc.)
- bird: blow-in (n)
- boat: ship (abandon ship / jump ship)
- bridge: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- day: day (day has arrived, etc.), sunset (ride into the sunset)
- development: enter (enter a new era, etc.)
- direction: arrive (a time can arrive), arrive (the equator is arriving, etc.), circle back (return), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (occur, develop), come and go (currency), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), comeback (n), day (day has arrived, etc.), go back (and get back), intervening (adj), return (and return to), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), turnover (work), upcoming (adj)
- doors & thresholds: exit (n), revolving door, usher in (v)
- engine: parked (movement)
- explosion: burst on / onto the scene, etc.
- film & TV: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- foot: footstep (retrace one's footsteps)
- head: head (rear its head, etc.)
- history: migration (#TwitterMigration, etc.)
- horse: cavalcade (n), sunset (ride into the sunset)
- infrastructure: ramp (on ramp and off ramp, etc.)
- insect: descend (descend on)

- journeys & trips: bag (pack one's bags), circle back (return), get (get somewhere), nomad (person), nomadic (adj), reach (the news reached him, etc.), refugee (person)
- light & dark: fade away (v)
- mechanism: conveyor belt, parked (movement)
- military: last hurrah
- movement: arrive (a time can arrive), arrive (the equator is arriving, etc.), cavalcade (n), circle back (return), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (occur, develop), come and go (currency), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), conga line, conveyor belt, day (day has arrived, etc.), footstep (retrace one's footsteps), go (not go anywhere, etc.), coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: go away (v), go back (and get back), here (here to stay, etc.), hover (other), intervening (adj), linger (v), lingering, loiter (v), musical chairs, pageant (n), parade (n), parked (movement), reach (the news reached him, etc.), remain (v), return (and return to), return (n), revisit (v), revolving door, time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), upcoming (adj), waltz in (v)
- music: musical chairs, waltz in (v)
- place: here (here to stay, etc.)
- plane: bail out (leave), land (arrive, affect, decide), landing (landing spot, etc.), parachute (drop in), parachute (golden parachute), parachute (v), parachuted
- plant: transplant (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: back (return)
- religion: exodus (vacation, etc.)
- river: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- royalty: herald (v), herald (n)
- sea: wash up (v)
- sound: last hurrah, ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.)
- sports & games: carrousel (n), merry-go-round, musical chairs
- sun: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- surveying: stake (pull up stakes)
- table: table (come back to the table)
- tent: tent (fold one's tent)
- theater: bow out (v), curtain call, encore (n), exit (n), usher in (v)
- time: enter (enter a new era, etc.)
- verb: arrive (a time can arrive), arrive (the equator is arriving, etc.), bag (pack one's bags), bail out (leave), bow out (v), burst on / onto the scene, etc., circle back (return), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (occur, develop), come and go (currency), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), descend (descend on), fade away (v), footstep (retrace one's footsteps), get (get somewhere), go (not go anywhere, etc.), go away (v), go back (and get back), head (rear its head, etc.), herald (v), hit (arrive), hover (other), jump (leave), land (arrive, affect, decide), linger (v), loiter (v), reach (the news reached him, etc.), remain (v), return (and return to), revisit (v), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roar back (v), ship (abandon ship / jump ship), stake (pull up stakes), stay around (v), table (come back to the table), tent (fold one's tent), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), usher in (v), walk (walk away from something), waltz in (v), wash up (v)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (leave), pageant (n), parade (n)
- water: bridge (burn one's bridges), wash up (v)
- wave: wash up (v)
- weapon: boomerang (n)
- wind: blow-in (n)

COMMITMENT & DETERMINATION (1)

- allusion: believer (true believer), boat (burn one's boats), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), shield (on one's shield)
- animal: badger (v), bulldog (person), dogged (determined), pit bull (person)
- arm: embrace (v), pushing (keep on pushing, etc.)
- baseball: home run (swing for a home run, etc.), plate (step up to the plate)
- basketball: full-court (full-court press, etc.)
- boat: hand (all hands on deck)
- bottle: bottle (British English / noun)
- breathing: eat (eat and breathe, etc.)
- bullet: bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bullet (bite the bullet)
- cards: bet (hedge one's bets), double down (v), in (all in), pass (cards)
- container: out (all out, etc.)
- depth: dig deep (determination)
- death & life: live (live and die / commitment)
- direction: down (down for something), go for it (and go for broke, etc.), live up to (something), up (up for something)
- dog: bulldog (person), dogged (determined), pit bull (person)
- engine: gas (step on the gas / step off the gas), pedal (pedal to the metal), tank (empty the tank, etc.), throttle (full throttle, etc.)
- epithet: badger (The Badger, etc.), iron (Iron Lady, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: waver (v), unwavering (adj), wobble (commitment), wobbly (commitment)
- eye: blind (disregarding evidence, logic), blindly
- face: game (game face)
- fire: fire (fire and desire, etc.)
- flags & banners: flag (plant one's flag)
- food & drink: eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)
- force: pushing (keep on pushing, etc.)
- gambling: bet (hedge one's bets), double down (v), in (all in)
- gesture: embrace (v), lean into (v), step into (v)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring (bring it), leave it (leave it all on the field, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: dig deep (determination), flag (plant one's flag), last-ditch (adj)
- hand: hand (all hands on deck)
- hardness & softness: hard (hard "no," etc.)
- heart: half-hearted, heart (heart on one's sleeve), heart (commitment), heart and soul
- history: boat (burn one's boats), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), shield (on one's shield)
- horse: bit (bit between its teeth), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.)
- journeys & trips: boat (burn one's boats), return (point of no return), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- materials & substances: grit (political grit, etc.), hard (hard "no," etc.)
- mechanism: full on (adj), full out (adj), gas (step on the gas / step off the gas), pedal (pedal to the metal), tank (empty the tank, etc.), throttle (full throttle, etc.)
- military: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), flag (plant one's flag), gung ho (and gung-ho), hill (resistance), last-ditch (adj), locked in (target), mission (on a mission), mission (other), shield (on one's shield), warrior through (v)
- mining: dig deep (determination)
- money: buy-in (n), cost (at all costs, etc.), invest (v), investment (n), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)

- movement: budge (v), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), go for it (and go for broke, etc.), immovable (adj), leap (leap into action, etc.), move (not move an inch, etc.), waver (v), unwavering (adj), wobble (commitment), wobbly (commitment)
- music: stop (pull out all the stops)
- number: percent (one hundred and ten percent)
- person: hand (all hands on deck)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (down for something), in (all in), out (all out, etc.), up (up for something)
- religion: agnostic (adj), born-again, heart and soul, heaven (move heaven and earth), hellbent, vow (v), vow (n)
- river: boat (burn one's boats), heart and soul, Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- size: go big (v)
- sleep: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- speech: hard (hard "no," etc.), talk (talk the talk)
- sports & games: bet (hedge one's bets), full-court (full-court press, etc.), game (game face), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), plate (step up to the plate)
- standing, sitting & lying: lean into (v), stand (stand firm)
- stomach: gut out (v), guts (courage)
- table: table (bring everything to the table)
- target: locked in (target)
- tent: tent (fold one's tent)
- throwing, putting & planting: throw (throw oneself into something), throw (throw it all, etc.)
- verb: all (give something one's all, etc.), badger (v), bit (bit between its teeth), bring (bring it), budge (v), bullet (bite the bullet), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), dig deep (determination), do (let's do this, etc.), double down (v), dive in (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), embrace (v), go big (v), go for it (and go for broke, etc.), gut out (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), invest (v), lean into (v), leap (leap into action, etc.), leave it (leave it all on the field, etc.), live up to (something), move (not move an inch, etc.), pass (cards), plate (step up to the plate), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), stand (stand firm), step into (v), stop (pull out all the stops), table (bring everything to the table), talk (talk the talk), tent (fold one's tent), throw (throw oneself into something), throw (throw it all, etc.), vow (v), walk (walk the walk), warrior through (v), waver (v), wobble (commitment)
- walking, running & jumping: leap (leap into action, etc.), leap (leap of faith, etc.), step into (v), walk (walk the walk)
- water: dive in (v), throw (throw oneself into something)
- weapon: bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bullet (bite the bullet), gun (stick to one's guns), locked in (target)

COMPARISON & CONTRAST (1)

- affix: acrobatic (adj), alchemical (adj), anthemic (adj), Arthurian (adj), astronomical (adj), balletic (adj), bestial (adj), California (California of Europe, etc.), Caligulan, cavernous (adj), chameleonic (adj), cherubic (adj), Churchillian (adj), combative (adj), Cromwellian (adj), Dantesque (adj), Darwinian (adj), demonic (adj), Dickensian (adj), diplomatic (adj), draconian (adj), Edenic (adj), elegiac (adj), encyclopedic (adj), Faustian (adj), fetishistic (adj), foundational (adj), freakish (adj), funereal (adj), Gandhian (adj), glacial (adj), hellish (adj), Homeric (adj), herculean (adj), iconic (adj), ish (androgyny-ish, etc.), Kafkaesque (adj), Krakatoan (adj), Lawrence of Arabia-esque, like (Svengali-like, etc.), Machiavellian (adj), magnetic (adj), Manichean (adj), Martian (adj), McCarthyite, meteoric (adj), motherly (adj), mountainous (adj), murderous (murderous hail of bullets, etc.), mutinous (adj), Napoleonic (adj), nightmarish (adj), nomadic (adj), Odyssean (adj), O. Henry-esque (adj), Orwellian (adj), palatial (adj), Panglossian (adj), paradisiacal (and paradisa), parasitical (adj), pesty (adj), piratical (adj), Pollyannaish (adj), procrustean (adj), promethean (adj), quixotic (adj), robotic (movement), Shakespearean (adj), shaped (anvil-shaped, etc.), Sisyphean (adj), size (and sized / affix), skeletal (adj), Solomonic (adj), spartan (adj), steely (adj), talismanic (adj), thunderous (adj), torturous, vampiric (adj), volcanic, y (pulpy, etc.)

- analogy: analogy (and analogize, etc.)
- animal: bestial (adj)
- atmosphere: sky-high
- breadth: hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.), pancake-flat (comparison), razor (razor-thin), skin-deep
- epithet: Academy Awards (epithet), Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.), Amazon (epithet / biodiversity), Amazon (epithet / the company), answer (Britain's answer to Bill Gates, etc.), Appalachia (and Pineapplachia, etc.), Bhopal (Australia's Bhopal, etc.), black tulip (rarity), Caesar (Chinese Caesar, etc.), Carnegie Hall (epithet), Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.), Chicago (China's Chicago, etc.), Chris Farley (Chris Farley of silent cinema, etc.), Detroit (India's Detroit, etc.), "El Chapo" (Asia's El Chapo, etc.), Ellis Island (Ellis Island of the West, etc.), Freud (sex), Fuji (Mount Fuji of the US, etc.), Galen (Galen of Islam, etc.), google (China's google, etc.), Grand Canyon (Grand Canyon of the South, etc.), Hannibal (American Hannibal, etc.), Harvey Weinstein (epithet), Hawaii (China's Hawaii, etc.), Hugo Chavez (Gallic Hugo Chavez, etc.), Jerusalem (Jerusalem of the North, etc.), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), Kansas (Kansas of China, etc.), Kipling (the Canadian Kipling, etc.), Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Leonardo da Vinci, Madeleine McCann (Ireland's Madeleine McCann, etc.), Madonna (Russian Madonna, etc.), Mark Twain (the Yiddish Mark Twain, etc.), *Mayflower* (*Mayflower* of the Third Aliyah, etc.), Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.), Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East), Mother Teresa (epithet), new (new Floyd Mayweather, etc.), Niagara (Niagara of the South, etc.), Nile (America's Nile, etc.), Nobel (Nobel Prize of the Arab World, etc.), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.), Pablo Escobar (of the Middle East, etc.), Panama Canal (of its day, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Pirlo (the Yorkshire Pirlo, etc.), Ptolemy (Chinese Ptolemy, etc.), Romeo and Juliet (epithet), Ruhr Valley (new Ruhr Valley, etc.), Sahara (Sahara of snow, etc.), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.), Sicily (Mexico's Sicily, etc.), Silicon Valley (of China, etc.), Singapore (Singapore of the Middle East), Spartan (Spartans of Australasia, etc.), Stonehenge (America's Stonehenge, etc.), Uber (the Uber of towing, etc.), Vietnam (Egypt's Vietnam, etc.), Woodstock (whitewater Woodstock, etc.), Yosemite (Yosemite of the East, etc.), Zuckerberg (the Russian Mark Zuckerberg, etc.)
- family: akin (adjective)
- film & TV: screen (split screen)
- hair: hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.)
- hand: hand (on the one / other hand)
- history: Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.)
- light & dark: night (night and day and day and night)
- materials & substances: rock (rock-solid)
- negation: Einstein (intelligence, or lack), like (not like), no (no Jack Kennedy, etc.), nobody (and no one / sarcasm), not (sarcasm), not (so not / sarcasm), not (not so much / sarcasm), not (not happy, not good, not OK, etc.), not (not Churchill, etc.)
- nuclear energy: Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.)
- number: equate (v), equivalent (n)
- object: postage stamp (size), shaped (anvil-shaped, etc.), size (and sized / affix)
- place: Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.)
- royalty: queen-size (and queen sized)
- shape: shaped (anvil-shaped, etc.)
- size: queen-size (and queen sized), size (and sized / affix)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin-deep
- sky: sky-high
- verb: equate (v)

COMPETITION (1) (see also hierarchy; society; superiority & inferiority)

- allusion: Darwinian (adj), Hunger Games (film), race (arms race)

- animal: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), dog-eat-dog, dogfight (n), game (game of cat and mouse), heel (nip at somebody's heels), jockey (v), law (law of the jungle, etc.), minnow (n), pack (competition), rat race, sardine (n), underdog (competition)
- astronomy: outshine (v)
- blade: cutthroat (competition)
- cat: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), game (game of cat and mouse)
- clock: clock (race with the clock)
- direction: ahead (competition), behind (competition), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fall behind (competition and progress), front (in front / competition), outrun (v), slipstream (in a slipstream), trail (competition and progress)
- distance: further (further along, etc.), light year (light years ahead)
- dog: dog-eat-dog, dogfight (n), pack (competition), heel (nip at somebody's heels), underdog (competition)
- film & TV: Hunger Games (film)
- fish: minnow (n), sardine (n)
- football: football (conflict)
- ground, terrain & land: turf (turf war, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: jungle (competition)
- history: joust (v), jousting (conflict), race (arms race), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.)
- horse: close (and close-run), dead heat, dust (leave somebody in the dust), jockey (v), leg up (help, advantage), neck and neck (adj)
- hunting: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), game (game of cat and mouse)
- journeys & trips: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), pass (progress), trail (competition and progress)
- jungle: himself (every man for himself), jungle (competition), law (law of the jungle, etc.)
- knife: cutthroat (competition)
- leg: leg up (help, advantage)
- light & dark: outshine (v), overshadow (v), shadow (attention)
- Middle Ages: joust (v), jousting (conflict), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.)
- military: race (arms race)
- money: marketplace (n)
- movement: ahead (competition), behind (competition), catch up (catch up to something), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fall behind (competition and progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), pass (progress), race (competition), race (hurry), slipstream (in a slipstream), trail (competition and progress), wake (in a wake)
- neck: neck and neck (adj)
- person: front-runner (n), pace-setter (n)
- plane: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- position: ahead (competition), behind (competition), front (in front / competition), outrun (v), pole position (n), slipstream (in a slipstream), underdog (competition)
- predation: dog-eat-dog, heel (nip at somebody's heels), law (law of the jungle, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (competition), behind (competition), outgunned, outrun (v), outshine (v), outweigh (power)
- proximity: light year (light years ahead)
- rat: rat race
- shadow: overshadow (v), shadow (attention)
- sports & games: ahead (competition), behind (competition), cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), catch up (catch up to something), contest (n), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fall behind (competition and progress), football (conflict), front (in front / competition), front-runner (n), game (game of cat and mouse), jockey (v), keep up (progress), lose out (v), outrun (v), pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj), playing field (uneven playing field, etc.),

playing field (level the playing field), pole position (n), race (politics), race (arms race), race (competition), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), right (bragging rights), trail (competition and progress), winner (n)

- verb: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), front (in front / competition), heel (nip at somebody's heels), jockey (v), joust (v), keep up (progress), lag (progress), lose out (v), outrun (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), pass (progress), playing field (level the playing field), race (hurry), trail (competition and progress)
- violence: cutthroat (competition)
- walking, running & jumping: ahead (competition), behind (competition), catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), front (in front / competition), front-runner (n), jump (get the jump), keep up (progress), lag (progress), outpace (v), outrun (v), pace-setter (n), pacesetter (adj), race (arms race), race (politics), race (competition), race (hurry), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), step (a step ahead / competition), trail (competition and progress)
- water: wake (in a wake)
- weapon: duel (n), dueling (adj)
- wind: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- wolf: heel (nip at somebody's heels), pack (competition)

COMPLEXITY (1)

- allusion: Gordian knot, labyrinth (n)
- animal: warren (n)
- bird: nest (mare's nest)
- cloth: detangle (v), skein (entanglement), tangle (n), tangled
- creature: worm (can of worms)
- food & drink: spaghetti (snarl)
- ground, terrain & land: morass (n)
- history: baroque (adj), byzantine
- horse: nest (mare's nest)
- infrastructure: labyrinth (n), latticework (n), maze (terrain), maze (structures), maze (bureaucracy, etc.), warren (n)
- mechanism: part (moving parts)
- music: note (one note)
- picture: puzzle (problem)
- puzzle: puzzle (problem)
- rope: detangle (v), Gordian knot, knotty (adj), tangle (n), tangled
- sound: note (one note)
- sports & games: jigsaw puzzle (n)
- verb: detangle (v)

COMPREHENSION & INCOMPREHENSION (1) (see also consciousness & awareness)

- allusion: babel (n), Delphic (adjective), eureka (moment, etc.), Rosetta Stone
- arm: arm (get one's arms around something)
- container: take in (comprehend)
- day: dawn (verb / comprehension)
- depth: fathom (v), unfathomable (adj)
- electricity: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- exclamation: Aha! (Aha! moment), eureka (moment, etc.)
- eye: clear (crystal clear), clear (perception), eye (believe one's eyes), eye (roll one's eyes), eye-roll (dismissal), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), see (comprehension)
- fist: hit (comprehension)

- food & drink: digest (v), digestible (adj)
- force: hit (comprehension)
- gesture: eye (roll one's eyes), eye-roll (dismissal), head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head-scratching
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: get (and get it / understand), take in (comprehend)
- hand: grasp (comprehend)
- head: head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head / comprehension), head (get one's head around something, etc.), head-scratching, mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), mind-bending (adj)
- history: Latin (Latin of Korea, etc.), Rosetta Stone
- journeys & trips: follow (argument), go (argument)
- light & dark: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), clarify (v), clear (crystal clear), clear (perception), clear (unambiguous), dark (in the dark), dawn (verb / comprehension), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb), lighthouse (illumination), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), opacity (n), opaque (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- lightning: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- manufacturing: process (v)
- movement: follow (argument), go (argument)
- physics: dark (Dark Matter, etc.)
- picture: puzzle (problem)
- puzzle: puzzle (problem), puzzling (adj)
- religion: Delphic (adj)
- sea: fathom (v), unfathomable (adj)
- sign, signal, symbol: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)
- speech: Aha! (Aha! moment), joke (you must be joking, etc.)
- storm: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- verb: arm (get one's arms around something), clarify (v), dawn (verb / comprehension), digest (v), eye (roll one's eyes), follow (argument), get (and get it / understand), go (argument), grasp (comprehend), head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head / comprehension), head (get one's head around something, etc.), hit (comprehension), illuminate (v), mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), process (v), see (comprehension), sink in (v), take in (comprehend), waters (muddy the waters)
- water: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), sink in (v), sunk in, unfathomable (adj), waters (muddy the waters)

COMPUTER (1)

- animal: worm (computers)
- astronomy: metaverse (n), Twitterverse (n)
- blade: hack (break into), hack (fix), hack (a fix), scrape (v), scraped
- biology: virus (computers)
- boat: navigation (cyberspace)
- cards: wildcard (computers)
- clothing & accessories: search (digital strip search, etc.)
- container: locker (computer)
- creature: troll (verb / computers), troll (noun / computers), unicorn (tech "Unicorn," etc.), zombie (computers)
- doors & thresholds: door (back door / computer), trapdoor (computers)
- earth & world: blogosphere (in the blogosphere), blogosphere (other)
- epithet: google (China's google, etc.), Silicon Valley (of China, etc.)
- explosion: bomb (review-bomb, etc.), bomb (code bomb)
- farming & agriculture: farm (computers), harvest (harvest data, etc.)

- fire: firewall (computers), war (flame war)
- food & drink: menu (computer), rot (computer)
- force: hit (computer)
- health & medicine: disinfect (v), hallucinate (computer), hallucination (computer), infect (computers), infected, quarantine (v), viral (computers), virus (computers)
- hunting: clickbait (n)
- hygiene: clean (computer / verb), disinfect (v)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Trojan horse (computers)
- infrastructure: warehousing (data)
- knife: scrape (v), scraped
- light & dark: darknet
- military: bomb (review-bomb, etc.), war (flame war)
- mining: mine (bitcoin mine, etc.)
- money: paywall (obstacle)
- number: two point zero, two point oh (2.0)
- person: stalker (person)
- place: blogosphere (in the blogosphere), blogosphere (other), Silicon Valley, etc., water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- plant: root (root server)
- puppet: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- sports & games: surf (computers)
- tree: hole (tree hole)
- verb: bomb (review-bomb, etc.), clean (computer / verb), disinfect (v), hack (break into), hack (fix), hallucinate (computer), harvest (harvest data, etc.), infect (computers), quarantine (v), scrape (v), surf (computers), troll (verb / computers)
- wall: firewall (computers), paywall (obstacle)
- warehouse: warehousing (data)
- weapon: bomb (review-bomb, etc.), bomb (code bomb)

CONCEALMENT & LACK OF CONCEALMENT (1) (see also appearance & reality)

- air: air (expose)
- alcohol: bootleg (adj), bootlegger
- allusion: love (love that dare not speak its name), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), Streisand (Streisand effect)
- animal: burrow (burrow into), ground (go to ground), mole (n)
- astronomy: black hole
- atmosphere: air (expose)
- boat: dredge up (verb)
- books & reading: love (love that dare not speak its name), tell-all (book)
- burial: bury (conceal), exhume (v)
- cards: card (hold one's cards close), card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), poker-faced (adj), tip (tip one's hand), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- carpets & rugs: carpet (under the carpet, etc.), rug (under the rug)
- cat: cat (cat out of the bag, etc.)
- cloth: bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), cloak (conceal), cloak (under a cloak), cloak (in a cloak), cloak (cloak of secrecy, etc.), cloaked (concealed), come out (the truth, etc.), cover (under cover), covered up, cover up (v), coverup (n), curtain (pull back the curtain, look behind the curtain, etc.), shrouded (concealment), wrap (under wraps), wrap (take the wraps off something / concealment)

- clothing & accessories: aired (and aired out), bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), bootleg (adj), cloak (conceal), cloak (under a cloak), cloak (in a cloak), cloak (cloak of secrecy, etc.), cloaked (concealed), dirty laundry, dress up (v), fig leaf, launder (v), lay (lay bare), naked (unadorned), nakedly, sleeve (on one's sleeve), sleeve (up one's sleeve), unmask (v), veil (concealment), veil (under a veil), veiled, wash (straightwash, etc.)
- color: black (covert), black box (n), black hole
- container: beans (spill the beans), cat (cat out of the bag, etc.), genie (initiation), open (honest), out (reveal), out (gay), outed (concealment), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)
- creature: genie (initiation), ghostwriter (n), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- crime: omerta (n)
- death & life: bury (conceal), exhume (v), life (hidden life, hidden lives), life (secret life, secret lives)
- direction: basement (concealment), hide (hide behind something), netherworld, underground (n), underworld (n)
- doors & thresholds: door (behind closed doors), trapdoor (computers)
- earth & world: netherworld (n), secret (secret world, etc.), underworld (n)
- engine: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- eye: clarity (adjective), hidden, see (see through something), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), sight (in plain sight), transparency (n), transparent (adj)
- face: mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- fire: smoke out (v), smokescreen (concealment)
- fox: ground (go to ground)
- gambling: card (hold one's cards close), card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), poker-faced (adj), tip (tip one's hand), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- gesture: tight-lipped (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: bury (conceal), buried (concealment), dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), ground (go to ground), open (in the open / into the open), out (and out there), there (out there, etc.), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- hand: hold (close held, etc.), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- history: history (secret history)
- hole: ground (go to ground)
- house: basement (concealment), closet (secret), room (back room, etc.), skeleton (secret)
- hunting: Easter egg, footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), ground (go to ground), track (cover one's tracks, etc.)
- hygiene: aired (and aired out), artwash (v), clean (come clean), dirty laundry, launder (v), pasteurized, sanitize (v), sanitized, sanitizing, scrub (remove), scrubbed (removed), sportswash (v), sportswashing (n), wash (straightwash, etc.)
- infrastructure: airbrushed, astroturf (v), astroturf (n), astroturfer (n), astroturfing, ceiling (glass ceiling), facade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- key: lock (lock something away), lock (under lock and key), unlock (v)
- light & dark: black hole, bury (conceal), clarity (adj), dark (in the dark), dark (concealment), day (the light of day), gloss (appearance), gloss over (v), light (shed light), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), shadow (concealment), shadowy, sunlight (concealment), transparency (n), transparent (adj)
- love, courtship and marriage: infidelity (n)
- magic: sleight of hand
- materials & substances: airbrushed, gloss (appearance), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), stone-faced (adj), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), unvarnished (adj), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- military: camouflage (v), camouflage (concealment), infiltrate (v), smokescreen (concealment)
- mining: dig up (v), excavate (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- mixture: blend in (v)

- music: undertone (n)
- orientation: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- part of speech: air (expose), reveal (big reveal, etc.), tell-all (book)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: dredge up (v), out (gay)
- puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- religion: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), soul (bare one's soul)
- river: undercurrent (n)
- shadow: shadow (concealment), shadowy
- skeleton: skeleton (secret)
- society: room (back room, etc.), netherworld (n), scene (behind the scenes), underworld (n)
- sound: silent (silent epidemic, etc.), undertone (n)
- speech: filter (honesty), filtered, omerta (n), tight-lipped (adj)
- sports & games: cards (hold one's cards close), card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), tip (tip one's hand), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- standing, sitting & lying: sit (sit on something)
- stomach: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- sun: sunlight (concealment)
- taste: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- theater: backstage (adj), behind-the-scenes, curtain (pull back the curtain, look behind the curtain, etc.), scene (behind the scenes)
- tools & technology: black box (n)
- tree: hole (tree hole)
- verb: artwash (v), astroturf (v), bare (lay bare), bare (v), betray (reveal, show), blend in (v), bury (conceal), camouflage (v), card (hold one's cards close), clean (come clean), cloak (conceal), come out (the truth, etc.), cover up (v), dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), gloss over (v), ground (go to ground), exhume (v), hide (hide behind something), infiltrate (v), launder (v), lay (lay bare), light (shed light), lock (lock something away), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), out (reveal), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), reveal (v), sanitize (v), scrub (remove), see (see through something), sit (sit on something), smoke out (v), sportswash (v), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), surface (intransitive), surface (bring to the surface), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), uncover (v), unearth (v), unlock (v), unmask (v), wash (straightwash, etc.), whitewash (v), wrap (take the wraps off something / concealment)
- water: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), surface (intransitive), surface (under the surface), surface (bring to the surface)
- weapon: weapon (secret weapon)

CONDITION & STATUS (1)

- animal: belly-up (adj)
- blade: honed, sharp
- blood: hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n), pulse (n)
- boat: dead (dead in the water)
- boxing: shape (in fighting shape, etc.)
- breathing: wheezing (condition)
- burial: buried (dead and buried, etc.)
- cloth: tatters (in tatters), threadbare (adj)
- clothing & accessories: tatters (in tatters), threadbare (adj)
- death & life: alive (status), alive (alive and well), belly-up (adj), brain-dead (adj), buried (dead and buried, etc.), dead (status), dead (dead on arrival), death (decline and death), deathbed (n), die (non-human), dying (dying industry, etc.), flatline (v), last rites (n), life support (on life support), live (alive / non-human), moribund (adj), obituary (n), pulse (n), spiral (death spiral), throe (death throes)

- direction: down (functioning), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees), laid low (condition, etc.), spiral (death spiral)
- engine: hum along (v), neutral (in neutral), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- equilibrium & stability: rickety (condition), shaky (condition), stable (condition), unstable (adj), wobbly (condition)
- fish: belly-up (adj)
- flying & falling: spiral (death spiral)
- health & medicine: ailing (adj), anemic (adj), atrophy (v), basket case, bill of health, brain-dead (adj), brain death (n), comatose (adj), dead (dead on arrival), deathbed (n), diseased, exhausted (condition), exhaustion (other), fatigue (internet fatigue, etc.), fit (adj), handicapped, health (in good health / in bad health), health (condition), healthy (condition), hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n), hurting, ill (ills of society, etc.), last rites (n), life support (on life support), malaise (decline), moribund (adj), prognosis (n), pulse (n), robust (adj), sclerotic (adj), shape (condition), sick (condition), sluggish (adj), temperature (the political temperature, etc.), test (stress test), throe (death throes), tired (condition), unhealthy (condition), unscathed (adj), well (health), well-being (status), wellness (status), wheezing (condition), wounded (condition)
- knee: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- knife: honed, sharp
- leg: leg (last legs)
- mark: unscathed (adj)
- materials & substances: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other)
- mechanism: broken (failure), comatose (adj), down (functioning), hum along (v), neutral (in neutral), speed (up to speed), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- mental health: troubled
- military: AWOL, hors de combat, missing in action (MIA)
- movement: dead (dead in the water), handicapped, limp (v), ongoing (investigation, etc.), sluggish (adj), speed (up to speed), spiral (death spiral), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- place: place (situation), place (place where), where (situation / development)
- plane: spiral (death spiral)
- position: laid low (condition, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (functioning)
- pressure: test (pressure test)
- religion: last rites (n)
- shape: spiral (death spiral)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: atrophy (v)
- sleep: comatose (adj)
- sound: hum along (v), sputter (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees), leg (last legs)
- temperature: temperature (the political temperature, etc.)
- verb: die (non-human), flatline (v), hemorrhage (v), hum along (v), knee (bring to one's knees), limp (v), sputter (v), stall (v)
- walking, running & jumping: limp (v)
- wounds & scars: unscathed (adj)

CONFIGURATION (1)

- animal: dovetail (v), honeycomb (v), honeycombed, nestled, perch (v), perched, piggyback (v), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.), sardined
- arm: arm (configuration), hug (configuration)
- astronomy: constellation (n), orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)

- bird: dovetail (v), nestled, perch (v), perched
- birth: umbilical (connection)
- blanket: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed
- boundary: border (proximity), bounded
- carpets & rugs: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- chain: chain (configuration)
- cloth: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, fringe (configuration), fringed, laced (adj), overlapped, shrouded (covered), tucked, wraparound
- clothing & accessories: belt (area), buckle (attachment), cloaked (covered), girdled, necklace (configuration), skirt (configuration)
- cooking: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- container: package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- doors & thresholds: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- epithet: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- fish: sardined
- flying & falling: hover (numbers)
- food & drink: pancake (v), pancake (n), pancaked, sandwiched, spaghetti (snarl)
- health & medicine: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked
- hole: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- horse: astride (position), bridle (mechanical bridle, etc.), saddle (support), straddle (configuration)
- house: neighbor (v), neighbor (n), neighboring (adj)
- infrastructure: built, built in, built-in
- insect: honeycomb (v), honeycombed, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- island: archipelago (n)
- key: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- leg: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- letters & characters: punctuate (configuration)
- light & dark: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)
- line: straddle (configuration)
- map: map (v)
- mark: dot (v), dotted (arrangement), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, speckled (configuration)
- materials & substances: encrusted, marbled
- movement: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- pendulum: suspended
- person: neighbor (n)
- picture: mosaic (configuration), wallpaper (configuration)
- plant: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- pressure: sardined, squeeze (fit), squeezed (fitted)
- rain: sprinkle (v), sprinkled (configuration)
- sea: archipelago (n), pearl (string of pearls)
- shadow: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)
- shape: belt (area), girdled, ringed (circled)
- sports & games: jigsaw puzzle (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: astride (position), sprawl (n), sprawling (adj), straddle (configuration)
- stomach: waist (n)

- verb: blanket (v), dot (v), dovetail (v), fold in (v), honeycomb (v), hover (numbers), hug (configuration), map (v), neighbor (v), pancake (v), perch (v), piggyback (v), pockmark (v), punctuate (v), revolve (revolve around something), skirt (configuration), sprinkle (v), squeeze (fit), straddle (configuration)
- weapon: scattershot (adj)
- wedge: wedged
- waste: littered

CONFLICT (1) (see also accusation & criticism; punishment & recrimination; resistance, opposition & defeat)

- air: turbulence (disruption)
- allusion: cold war, Gandhian (adj)
- animal: back (get off my back, etc.), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v), bait (antagonize / verb), baiting (antagonizing / Jew-bating, etc.), bearbaiting, blink (conflict), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), blood sport (n), bone (bone of contention), chest (beat one's chest, etc.), claw (v), corral (v), dogfight (n), game (game of chicken), growl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns), hornet's nest, jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), pit (bear pit), rear (v), roll over (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), snake pit, teeth (danger), throat (predation), tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.), wound (lick one's wounds), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- atmosphere: turbulence (disruption)
- back: back (get off my back, etc.), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v)
- bird: game (game of chicken)
- blade: hatchet job (n), stab (v)
- blood: blood (bad blood), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), bloodbath (n), bloodletting (n), blood sport (n), bloody (conflict), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), pit (bear pit)
- boat: broadside (n), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.)
- boxing: bare-knuckle (fight, etc.), bare-knuckled (adj), come (come out swinging), glove (the gloves are off), jab (n), punch (punch back, trade punches), rumble (v), spar (v), square off (v), swing (take a swing, etc.), slug (slug something out), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), uppercutting
- cows & cattle: beef (conflict)
- cloth: velvet (Velvet Revolution)
- cows & cattle: corral (v), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- crashes & collisions: collide (v), collision (n), course (on a collision course), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- crime: drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), hit job (n)
- day: day (win the day, carry the day)
- death & life: drive-by (conflict), fight to the death (verb / conflict), hit (mob hit, etc.), hit job (n)
- direction: side (conflict)
- dog: back (get one's back up, etc.), dogfight (n), hackles (raise hackles), roll over (v)
- epithet: war (epithet / figurative)
- explosion: blowup (conflict), fireworks (conflict)
- eye: blink (conflict)
- face: face (conflict), face (in one's face)
- farming & agriculture: slash-and-burn (adj)
- film & TV: match (death match), wagon (circle the wagons)
- fire: fire (conflict), flame (conflict), scorched-earth (and scorched earth), slash-and-burn (adj)
- fist: assault (n), bare-knuckle (fight, etc.), bare-knuckled (adj), brawl (n), tit-for-tat (adj), trounce (v), trounced
- football: football (conflict)
- fortification: battering ram, parapet (n), siege (under siege)
- gesture: blink (conflict), chest (beat one's chest, etc.)

- ground, terrain & land: last-ditch (adj), turf (turf war, etc.)
- hair: hackles (raise hackles)
- hardness & softness: velvet (Velvet Revolution)
- head: head (butt heads), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- history: arena (in / inside the arena), cold war, joust (v), jousting (conflict), match (death match), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.), wagon (circle the wagons), warpath (on the warpath)
- hole: pit (bear pit), snake pit
- horn: head (butt heads), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- horse: corral (v), rear (v), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- infrastructure: arena (in / inside the arena)
- insect: hornet's nest
- light & dark: Manichean (adj)
- love, courtship & marriage: honeymoon (n)
- Middle Ages: gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet, etc.), joust (v), jousting (conflict), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.)
- military: ally (other), attack (v), attack (under attack, etc.), barracked, battering ram, battle (v), battle (n), battle cry, battleground (conflict), battle line (conflict), broadside (n), ceasefire (n), civil war (n), combat (v), combat (n), combative (adj), counterattack (n), day (win the day, carry the day), embattled, enemy (conflict), fight (n), fight (v), firefight (and fire fight), force (show of force), fray (above the fray), fray (conflict), front (conflict), front line (on the front line), front line (other), hostile (adjective), last-ditch (adj), line (line of defense, etc.), outgunned, partisan (n), rebellion (n), reprisal (n), saboteur (person), salvo (n), scorched-earth (and scorched earth), shot (warning shot), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), siege (under siege), skirmish (n), truce (n), wagon (circle the wagons), war (at war), war (conflict), warfare (n), war zone, zone (combat zone)
- person: black belt (person), enemy (conflict), gun (hired gun), partisan (n), saboteur (person), wrangler (person)
- physics: friction (conflict)
- predation: backbiting, blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), blood sport (n), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), pit (bear pit), teeth (danger), throat (predation), tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.), wound (lick one's wounds)
- pressure: blowup (conflict)
- religion: Manichean (adj), picnic (church picnic)
- school & education: fight (food fight)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: war of nerves
- smell: stink (n), stink (raise a stink)
- snake: snake pit
- society: hostile (adj), tribal (groups), tribalism (groups)
- sound: barracked, bewail (v), clamor (v), clash (n), clash (v), decry (v), din (attention), fireworks (conflict), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), moan (v), moaning, noisy (debate, etc.), noise (attention, conflict, and controversy), outcry (n), quiet (adj), scream (v), scream (scream for action, etc.), tumult (disruption), uproar (controversy), volume (turn up the volume, etc.), wail (v)
- speech: fireworks (conflict)
- sports & games: arena (in / inside the arena), beat (defeat / verb), black belt (person), blood sport (n), football (conflict), game (game of chicken), match (death match), pit (bear pit), rumble (v), tug of war
- standing, sitting & lying: back down (v), chest (beat one's chest, etc.), standoff (n)
- storm: storm (eye / center of the storm), storm (in the storm), storm (conflict)
- sword: cross (cross someone), sword (cross swords), sword (at swords' points)
- teeth: teeth (danger)
- temperature: cold war
- throat: jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), throat (predation)
- toe: toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.)

- verb: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), bait (antagonize / verb), barb (trade barbs, etc.), battle (v), beat (defeat / verb), bewail (v), blink (conflict), blood (smell blood), clamor (v), clash (v), claw (v), collide (v), combat (v), corral (v), cross (cross someone), decry (v), feud (v), fight (v), fight to the death (verb / conflict), gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet, etc.), growl (v), howl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), horn (lock horns), joust (v), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), moan (v), punch (punch back, trade punches), rear (v), roll over (v), rumble (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), scream (v), scream (scream for action, etc.), slug (slug something out), spar (v), square off (v), stink (raise a stink), swing (take a swing, etc.), sword (cross swords), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), thrash (v), trounce (v), wagon (circle the wagons), wail (v), wrangle (v)
- violence: assault (n), bearbaiting, bloodbath (n), bloodletting (n), blood sport (n), brawl (n), drive-by (conflict), feud (v), feud (n), fighter (fighter), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), hit job (n), pit (bear pit), reprisal (n), thrash (v), thrashed, thrashing, vendetta (n), warpath (on the warpath)
- water: turbulence (disruption)
- weapon: arm (up in arms), attack (under attack, etc.), barb (trade barbs, etc.), blowup (conflict), broadside (n), crossfire (n), duel (n), dueling (adj), gun (hired gun), hatchet job (n), outduel (v), outgunned, shoot-out (n), salvo (n), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot), shot (warning shot), shot (shot across the bow, etc.)
- whip: thrash (v), thrashed, thrashing

CONFRONTING, DEALING WITH & IGNORING THINGS (1) (see also action, inaction & delay)

- animal: blink (conflict), duck (avoid), head-on, sand (stick one's head in the sand), teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- ball: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), toss back (v)
- bird: duck (avoid), sand (stick one's head in the sand)
- bodily reaction: flinch (v), shrug (gesture), shudder (v)
- bridge: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- clothing & accessories: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- crashes & collisions: head-on
- desert: sand (stick one's head in the sand)
- direction: come forward (v), face up (face up to something), man up (v), retreat (withdraw), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
- ear: ear (turn a deaf ear), deaf (fall on deaf ears)
- eye: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blind spot, blink (conflict), eye (turn a blind eye), look (look the other way / look away), stare (stare at defeat, etc.)
- face: face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face (in the face of), face (in one's face), face up (face up to something)
- football: punt (v), punt (n), tackle (v)
- gesture: blink (conflict), lean in (v), shrug (gesture)
- hand: go (let something go), grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), hand (wash one's hands of something), handle (deal with), handled, handling
- head: head-on
- health & medicine: triage (n)
- height: rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
- horn: head-on
- horse: shy (and shy away)
- hygiene: hand (was one's hands)
- journeys & trips: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), road (go down that road, etc.), there (let's not go there)
- light & dark: gloss over (v)
- military: retreat (withdraw)

- movement: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), can (kick the can down the road), hand (sit on one's hands), road (go down that road, etc.), sidestep (v), there (let's not go there)
- place: there (let's not go there)
- river: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- shoulder: shrug (gesture)
- speech: address (v)
- sports & games: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), field (v), grapple (v), tackle (v), wrestle (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: hand (sit on one's hands), lean in (v), sit by (v)
- teeth: teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- verb: address (v), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), blink (conflict), can (kick the can down the road), come forward (v), dance (dance around something), duck (avoid), eye (turn a blind eye), face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face up (face up to something), flinch (v), gloss over (v), go (let something go), grapple (v), grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), hand (sit on one's hands), hand (wash one's hands of something), handle (deal with), lean in (v), look (look the other way / look away), meet (meet the moment, etc.), put up with (v), punt (v), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.), road (push something down the road), shudder (v), shy (and shy away), sidestep (v), sit by (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v), toss back (v), wrestle (v)
- walking, running & jumping: can (kick the can down the road), dance (dance around something), road (push something down the road), sidestep (v), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v)
- wrestling: grapple (v), wrestle (v)

CONSCIOUSNESS & AWARENESS (1) (see also comprehension & incomprehension; perception, perspective & point of view)

- addiction: opiate (n), opium (n)
- alcohol: black out (v)
- allusion: frog (frog in boiling water), road (road to Damascus)
- animal: frog (frog in boiling water), lemming (consciousness), sheep (consciousness)
- astronomy: black hole
- atmosphere: cloud (v), cloud (consciousness), clouded, cloudy (consciousness), drift (consciousness)
- ball: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- bell: bell (ring a bell)
- Bible: road (road to Damascus)
- blood: pulse (anyone with a pulse, etc.)
- books & reading: sleeping beauty
- burial: graveyard (whistle past the graveyard)
- cloud: cloud (v), cloud (consciousness), clouded, cloudy (consciousness)
- color: black hole, black out (v)
- creature: giant (sleeping giant), zombie (behavior)
- day: dawn (verb / comprehension)
- death & life: pulse (anyone with a pulse, etc.)
- depth: deep (deep sleep, etc.)
- direction: fall (fall into a coma, etc.), see (see something coming), sink (sink into a coma, etc.)
- door: open up (consciousness)
- ear: deaf (adj), ear (fall on deaf ears), tone-deaf (adj)
- exclamation: Aha! (Aha! moment)
- eye: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blinded, blinder (n), blindfold (n), blindness (face blindness, etc.), blindsided (v), blindsided, blind spot, clear-eyed (adj), envision (envision the future, etc.), eye (open eyes, etc.), eye (closed eyes, etc.), eye-opening, eye-opener, eye-opening, farsighted (adj), myopic (adj), nearsighted (adj),

see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), view (out of view), view (long view), vision (n)

- face: slap (awareness)
- fog: fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy (adj)
- frog: frog (frog in boiling water)
- fruits & vegetables: potato (couch potato), vegetable (consciousness)
- gesture: slap (awareness)
- ground, terrain & land: open (in the open / into the open)
- hand: hand (the right hand vs. the left hand)
- head: head (clear head), mindful (adj), mindfully, mindfulness (n), purposeful (adj)
- health & medicine: amnesia (n), brain-dead (adj), chloroform (n), comatose (adj), conscious (aware), dream (fever dream, etc.), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), opiate (n), opium (n)
- heating water: frog (frog in boiling water)
- horse: blinder (n), blinkered (adj), blinkers (n)
- journeys & trips: find (find oneself in a place, etc.), road (road to Damascus)
- light & dark: black hole, bulb (dim bulb, etc.), dark (in the dark), dawn (verb / comprehension), haze (perception), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb), opaque (adj)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- mechanism: automata (n), comatose (adj), metronomic (operation), robot (n), wheel (asleep at the wheel)
- military: fog (fog of war, etc.)
- mirror: mirror (n)
- movement: drift (consciousness), see (see something coming)
- music: tone-deaf (adj)
- nose: nose (under somebody's nose)
- part of speech: know (in the know)
- place: find (find oneself in a place, etc.)
- plane: autopilot (on autopilot), blind (fly blind)
- proximity: nose (under somebody's nose)
- radio: tune (stayed tuned)
- religion: road (road to Damascus)
- sensation: daze (in a daze), numb (adj), slap (awareness)
- sheep: sheep (consciousness)
- sign, signal, symbol: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)
- size: giant (sleeping giant)
- sleep: arouse (v), asleep (adj), asleep (at the switch, etc.), awake (adj), awaken (awareness), awakened (adj), awakening, call (wake-up call), comatose (adj), dream (fever dream, etc.), giant (sleeping giant), nap (n), sleeping (consciousness), sleepwalk (v), slumber (n), wake up (awareness)
- snow & ice: blizzard (consciousness)
- sound: bell (ring a bell)
- speech: Aha! ("Aha" moment), tone-deaf (adj)
- sports & games: ball (take one's eye off the ball), game (get one's head into the game)
- temperature: frog (frog in boiling water), shower (cold shower)
- tools & technology: antenna (n), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen), radar (other)
- train: asleep (asleep at the switch)
- verb: arouse (v), awaken (awareness), ball (take one's eye off the ball), bell (ring a bell), black out (v), blindside (v), cloud (verb), dawn (verb / comprehension), drift (consciousness), envision (envision the future, etc.), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), illuminate (v), keep up (awareness), light (come to light), light (bring something to

light), map (drop off the map, etc.), open up (consciousness), radar (drop off the radar), see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), sink (sink into a coma, etc.), slap (awareness), sleepwalk (v), tuned (stay tuned), wake up (awareness)

- walking, running & jumping: keep up (awareness), sleepwalk (v)
- warning: wake-up call
- water: deep (deep sleep, etc.), frog (frog in boiling water), shower (cold shower), sink (sink into a coma, etc.)
- weather: blizzard (consciousness), fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy (adj)

CONSTRAINT & LACK OF CONSTRAINT (1) (see also control & lack of control; restraint & lack of restraint)

- affix: overreach (v)
- allusion: envelope (push the envelope)
- animal: cage (a gilded cage, etc.), choke chain (n), hamstring (v), hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, hogtie (v), leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.), muzzle (v), pen (constraint), penned (penned into, etc.), rein (free rein), shackle (n), wild (run wild)
- arm: hold back (obstacle), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v)
- bird: cooped up, fly (constraint), wing (clip / stretch one's wings)
- boat: leeway (n)
- books & reading: book (rule book), book (by the book)
- boundary: backstop (n), border (doctors without borders, etc.), boundary (behavior), bounds (no bounds, etc.), guardrail (behavior), limits (push something to its limits), line (line in the sand), open (open marriage, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v), overstretch (v), space (personal space)
- boxing: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- breathing: choke chain (n)
- chain: chain (oppression), choke chain (n), fetter (n), fettered, unfettered, unshackle (v)
- color: color (color outside the lines, etc.)
- container: box (in / out / outside the box), boxed (boxed in, boxed into), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), open-minded (adj), openness (n), penned (penned into, etc.), pent-up (constrained), room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.)
- corner: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- crime: captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), fetter (n), fettered, Geneva Convention (cyber, etc.), handcuff (v), handcuffed, hostage (held hostage), hostage (other), imprisoned, manacle (n), prison (constraint), prisoner (constraint), riot (run riot), riot (other), shackle (n), unfettered, unshackle (v)
- dam: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- distance: overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v)
- dog: choke chain (n), leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.), unleash (v), unleashed
- doors & thresholds: lockdown (n)
- farming & agriculture: siloed
- flood: floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- flying & falling: fly (constraint)
- ground, terrain & land: room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.)
- hand: hand (tie one's hands, etc.), handcuff (v), handcuffed
- health & medicine: hamstring (v), hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled
- history: Geneva Convention (cyber, etc.)
- horse: bit (bit between its teeth), bridle (v), rein (free rein), unbridled
- infrastructure: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), guardrail (behavior), lane (experience), outlet (n), road (rules of the road)
- justice: Geneva Convention (cyber, etc.)
- key: lockdown (n)

- leg: fetter (n), fettered, hamstring (v), hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, unfettered
- line: color (color outside the lines, etc.), line (line in the sand)
- manufacturing: mold (fit a mold, etc.)
- map: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- materials & substances: elastic (adj), flexible (adj), rigid (constraint), supple (adj)
- mental health: straitjacket (n)
- military: Geneva Convention (cyber, etc.)
- money: budget (attention budget, etc.)
- movement: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), fetter (n), fettered, flexible (adj), hamstring (v), hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.), jump (transmission), outlet (n), rigid (constraint), spot (tight spot, etc.), supple (adj), unfettered
- picture: color (color outside the lines, etc.)
- place: spot (tight spot, etc.)
- plane: envelope (push the envelope)
- pressure: choke chain (n), outlet (n), tight (constraint)
- river: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- rope: bind (constraint), bind (constrain), binding (adj), bound (constraint), hand (tie one's hands, etc.), loose (get looser, etc.), slack (n), tied (constraint)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: hidebound (adj)
- sky: sky (blue sky thinking)
- snow & ice: ice (put on ice)
- space: room (opportunity), room (space)
- speech: gag (gag order, etc.), muffled
- sports & games: book (rule book), box (box somebody into a corner), no-holds-barred (and no holds barred)
- temperature: ice (put on ice)
- verb: bind (constrain), bit (bit between its teeth), box (box somebody into a corner), bridle (v), color (color outside the lines, etc.), envelope (push the envelope), fly (constraint), hamstring (v), hand (tie one's hands, etc.), handcuff (v), hobble (v), hogtie (v), hold back (obstacle), jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.), jump (lines), jump (transmission), limits (push something to its limits), muzzle (v), overreach (v), overstep (v), overstretch (v), unleash (v), unshackle (v), wild (run wild), wing (clip / stretch one's wings)
- violence: choke chain (n)
- walking, running & jumping: fetter (n), fettered, hamstring (v), hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.), jump (lines), overstep (v), unfettered
- wall: wall (constraint)
- walking, running & jumping: hobble (v), hobbled, jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.), jump (transmission), jump (lines)
- water: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), outlet (n), outpouring, spigot (open / close, etc.)
- wrestling: no-holds-barred (and no holds barred)

CONSUMPTION (1)

- animal: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), food (meat), ground feeding ground, lap up (v), meat (fresh meat, etc.), meat (red meat, etc.)
- bodily reaction: choke (v), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), swallow (disappearance)
- breathing: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), choke (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), inhale (v), live (live and breathe, live to)
- death & life: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to)
- farming & agriculture: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), commodity (n)
- fire: burn through (v)

- fish: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- food & drink: appetite (appetite for fur, etc.), bellyful (amount), bitter (a bitter blow, etc.), candy (n), chew (and chew up), chew over (v), choke (v), comfort food (n), consume (consumption), consumer (of information, etc.), consumption (n), delicious (adj), devour (devour the classics, etc.), diet (n), digest (v), digestible (adj), drink in (v), eat (endure), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), eat up (consume), eye candy (n), famine (n), feast (v), feast (n), fed up (adj), feed (fuel), feed (supply), feed (satisfy), feed (feed on / off something), food (food for thought), force-feed (and force feed), gobble up (v), go down (digestion), glutton (person), gluttonous (adj), gorge (gorge on), hook (hook, line and sinker), hunger (n), hungry (adj), imbibe (v), ingest (v), insatiable (adj), juicy (adj), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.), lap up (v), lunch (destruction), mouthwatering (adj), omnivorous (adj), palatable (adj), piquancy (n), potato chip, ravenous (adj), ravenously, regurgitate (v), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), serve up (v), side (food), sour (adj), spicy (adj), stomach (accept), sustenance (n), swallow (accept), swallowed, sweet (sweet dreams, etc.), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.), taste (taste for violence, etc.), taste (a bad taste, etc.), tasty (adj), thirst (n), thirsty (adj), unpalatable (adj), unsavory (adj), voracious (adj), voraciously
- health & medicine: pill (bitter pill, etc.)
- meat: food (meat), meat (fresh meat, etc.), meat (red meat, etc.), meat (piece of meat)
- military: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), food (meat)
- person: consumer (of information, etc.), glutton (person), gluttonous (adj)
- plant: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- predation: food (meat), ground (feeding ground), meat (fresh meat, etc.), meat (red meat, etc.)
- sleep: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- speech: saccharine (adj)
- stomach: bellyful (amount), fed up (adj), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), stomach (accept), swallow (accept)
- taste: bitter (a bitter blow, etc.), cake (icing on the cake, etc.), candy (n), delicious (adj), eye candy (n), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), palatable (adj), piquancy (n), saccharine (adj), salt (with a grain of salt), sour (adj), spicy (adj), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (a bad taste, etc.), tasty (adj), unpalatable (adj), unsavory (adj)
- throat: choke (v), swallow (accept), sweet (sweet dreams, etc.), throat (ram something down the throat)
- tongue: lap up (v)
- verb: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), burn through (v), chew (and chew up), chew over (v), choke (v), consume (consumption), devour (devour the classics, etc.), digest (v), eat (endure), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), eat up (consume), feed (fuel), feed (supply), force-feed (and force feed), gobble up (v), go down (digestion), gorge (gorge on), imbibe (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), live (live and breathe, live to), regurgitate (v), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), run out (of gas, etc.), serve up (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept), swallow (disappearance), throat (ram something down the throat)
- walking, running & jumping: run out (of gas, etc.)
- water: thirst (n), thirsty (adj)

CONSUMPTION (2)

- creation & transformation: cannibalism (n)
- death & life: bill (butcher's bill, etc.), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), meat grinder (military)
- destruction: cannibalism (n)
- environment: meat grinder (military)
- experience: meat grinder (military)
- mental health: devoured (by an emotion, etc.), eat (mental health), eaten alive (by debt, rage, etc.)
- military: bill (butcher's bill, etc.), cannon fodder (military), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), meat grinder (military)
- speech: eat (eat one's words, etc.)
- taking & removing: cannibalized

- time: time (borrowed time), time (steal time, etc.), time (give time), time (run out of time), time (time left), time (waste time), time (use time), time (time off), time (take your time), time (take time, etc.), time (lose time, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (time left), time (lose time, etc.)

CONTAINER (2)

- acceptance & rejection: in (inclusion), left out (excluded), out (exclusion)
- access & lack of access: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions), lid (keep the lid on something), open up (access)
- affliction: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: out (want out)
- amount: bag (collection), bottomless (adj), brim (v), full (adj), package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial), truckload (amount)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: unpack (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: showcase (v), showcase (n)
- avoidance & separation: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine), out (want out), stay out (v)
- center & periphery: outside (outside world, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: bag (in the bag)
- characterization: box (labeling)
- commitment & determination: out (all out, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: take in (comprehend)
- computer: locker (computer)
- concealment & lack of concealment: beans (spill the beans), cat (cat out of the bag, etc.), genie (initiation), open (honest), out (reveal), out (gay), outed (concealment), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)
- configuration: package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- constraint & lack of constraint: box (in / out / outside the box), boxed (boxed in, boxed into), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), open-minded (adj), openness (n), penned (penned into, etc.), pent up (constrained), room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.)
- danger: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- death & life: life (container)
- enthusiasm: into (be into something)
- epithet: cauldron (the Cauldron, etc.), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- environment: cauldron (n), crucible (n), oven (the Oven, etc.), pressure cooker (in a pressure cooker, etc.), pressure cooker (other)
- extent & scope: full (adj)
- fate, fortune & chance: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions), drained (feeling), emptiness (depression), empty (depression), hold in (emotions), in (in pain, in anger, etc.), inside (emotions), open (honest), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pent-up (constrained), place (mental), space (mental), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)
- future: future (in the future), hold (the future can hold something), tap (on tap), time (in time / future)
- group, set & collection: bag (collection), package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- heart: heart (container)
- idea: box (in / out / outside the box)
- identity & nature: in (the cowboy in me, etc.), inner (inner sloth, etc.), melting pot (n)
- initiation: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- involvement: get in / get into (involvement), hole (situation), in (involvement), into (involvement)
- isolation & remoteness: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)

- mental health: bottle up (emotions), emptiness (depression), empty (depression), husk (mental health), mind (out of one's mind), open (honest), shell (mental health)
- mind: close-minded (adj), mind (out of one's mind), mind (container), mind (open mind), open-minded (adj)
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- money: coffer (n)
- obstacles & impedance: bottle up (impede)
- past & present: past (in the past), time (in our time, etc.), time capsule
- perception, perspective & point of view: outside (perspective)
- possession: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: time capsule
- protection & lack of protection: bubble (quarantine)
- pursuit, capture & escape: bag (in the bag), cat (cat out of the bag, etc.), exit (n), genie (initiation), get out (and get out of), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), trap (in a trap), way (way out / escape), toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)
- responsibility: lap (responsibility)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: open (honest)
- situation: bind (in a bind), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), drawn in, drawn into, exit (n), get out (and get out of), hole (situation), in (situation), jam (situation), lap (lap of luxury), limbo (in limbo), out (want out), pulled in, pulled into, purgatory (n), room (wiggle room), space (in a space, etc.), spot (tight spot, etc.), stay out (v), stuck (adj), trap (in a trap), trap (Chinese finger trap), trouble (in trouble), way (way out / escape)
- speech: chatterbox (person), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: brim (v)
- taxonomy & classification: basket (category), bucket (category)
- time: future (in the future), hold (the future can hold something), past (in the past), time (in our time, etc.), time (in time / future), time capsule (n)
- worth & lack of worth: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)

CONTEMPO-SPEAK (1) (see also inclusion & exclusion, language)

- adverb: absolutely (contempo-speak), actually (contempo-speak), basically (contempo-speak), definitely (contempo-speak), even (contempo-speak), exactly (contempo-speak), extremely (contempo-speak), kind of (contempo-speak), maybe (contempo-speak), obviously (contempo-speak), pretty (contempo-speak), really (gushing), so (gushing), sort of (contempo-speak), totally (contempo-speak), very (contempo-speak)
- affix: adjacent (pop-adjacent, etc.), centered (survivor-centered, etc.), centric (Afro-centric, etc.), centrality (heterocentricity, etc.), core (cottagecore, etc.), ery (badassery, etc.), curious (bi-curious, etc.), fication (adultification, etc.), giga (Gigafactory, etc.), hyper (hypersexualized, etc.), ify (mainstreamify, etc.), informed (trauma-informed, etc.), ish (androgyny-ish, etc.), ista (barista, etc.), ization (marginalization, etc.), ize (racialize, etc.), ized (invisibilized, etc.), meta (affix), over (overshare, etc.), self (self-love, etc.), self (best self, best selves, better self), self (best version of oneself), uber (uber-interesting, etc.), ultra (ultra-conservative, etc.), y (websites, drug names, etc.), y (pulpy, etc.)
- filler: everything (and everything), feel like (feels like, felt like), freaking (F, effing, fricking, frickin', friggin', etc.), I mean (filler), I think (filler), just (filler), kind of (contempo-speak), kind of like (filler), like (filler), sort of like (filler), stuff (like vampires and stuff, etc.), you know (filler)
- introductory: right (introductory), so (introductory), sure (introductory), well (filler), yeah (and yah / introductory)
- language: about (it's about, it's all about, etc.), aesthetic (and aesthetics), agnostic (adj), artisanal (adj), clap back (contempo-speak / verb), clap back (contempo-speak / noun), cognitive dissonance, concretize (v), concretized, curate (v), curated, curation (n), did (emphasizer), dive (deep dive), do (emphasizer), do (do history, etc.), does (emphasizer), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), heavy (serious), intention (n), intentional (adj), intentionality (n), interrogation (questioning), intersection (n), intersectional (groups), intersectionality

(groups), land (arrive, affect, decide), landscape (n), like (not like), look like (resemble), mindful (adj), navigate (v), not (not not, not un-, never not, etc.), plus-one (boyfriend, girlfriend, etc.), point (decision point, etc.), purposeful (adj), rando (person), space (groups, etc.), thing (a matter, issue), thing (fad, etc.), transactional (adj), zeitgeist (n)

- mental health: intentional (adj), intentionality (n), intentionally, mindful (adj), mindfully, mindfulness (n), purposeful (adj), vulnerable (emotionally, etc.)
- mixture: word salad
- part of speech: architect (as verb), architected, ified (Principified, etc.), ify (mainstreamify, etc.), platform (as verb), surface (as transitive verb)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: about (it's about, it's all about, etc.), on (brag on, etc.), out (nerd out, etc.), up (science up, etc.)
- reported speech: like (reported speech)
- upspeak: upspeak (contempo-speak)
- vocal fry (contempo-speak)

CONTENT (1)

- animal: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)
- food & drink: filling (content), food (food for thought)
- ground, terrain & land: dirt (political dirt, etc.)
- house: furniture (contents)
- manufacturing: mill (grist for the mill), mill (gossip / rumor mill)
- object: stuff (content)
- plant: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)
- wheat: grist (grist for the mill, etc.)

CONTEXT (1) (see also analysis, interpretation & explanation; picture)

- part of speech: picture (big picture / verb), whataboutism, etc.
- picture: backdrop (against a backdrop), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture / noun), step back (perspective)
- position: step back (perspective)
- theater: backdrop (against a backdrop)
- verb: step back (perspective)

CONTROL & LACK OF CONTROL (1) (see also constraint & lack of constraint; restraint & lack of restraint)

- alcohol: drunk (adj)
- allusion: King Canute, Lady Macbeth (epithet), Rasputin (epithet)
- animal: calm (v), corral (v), corralled, harness (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), horse (hold your horses), lead (restraint), leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in, rogue, rope in (v), runaway (control), run away (v), tame (v), tiger (n), wild (control), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- arm: arm (get one's arms around something)
- atmosphere: drift (move), drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- boat: adrift (adj), drift (control), helm (at the helm), helm (v), helm (take the helm), helmsman (the Great Helmsman, etc.), rudderless, ship (tight ship, etc.)
- chess: check (in check)
- cows & cattle: corral (v), corralled, herd (v), rope in (v), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- creature: zombie (control)
- crime: captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), hijack (v), hijacked, usurp (v)

- death & life: hand (dead hand)
- direction: adrift (adj), hand (upper hand), helm (at the helm), helm (v), helm (take the helm), top (on top / control)
- dog: leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.)
- doors & thresholds: gatekeeper (person)
- electricity: circuit breaker (n)
- engine: seat (in the driver's seat)
- epithet: general (Bobby Knight, "The General," etc., helmsman (the Great Helmsman, etc.), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Rasputin (epithet)
- equilibrium & stability: lurch (v)
- film & TV: sheriff (new sheriff in town)
- fist: fist (a boss with an iron fist, etc.)
- force: rage (v), raging (adj)
- gate: gatekeeper (person)
- government: Rasputin (epithet)
- ground, terrain & land: badlands (environment), colonialism (data, etc.), demesne (control), turf (control), wild West
- hand: grip (v), grip (in the grip), grip (control), hand (dead hand), hand (get out of hand), hand (upper hand), hand (in hand), hand (control), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), handled, handling, hands-off, hands-on
- head: head (keep / lose one's head), hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed)
- health & medicine: incontinent (fiscally incontinent, etc.)
- history: badlands (environment), cowboy (person), wild West
- horse: bit (bit between its teeth), bridle (v), corral (v), corralled, harness (v), horse (hold your horses), lead (restraint), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in, rope in (v), runaway (control), run away (v), saddle (in the saddle), unbridled, wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- infrastructure: faucet (n), tap (n)
- justice: police (v)
- magic: hypnotize (v)
- materials & substances: putty (n)
- mechanism: accelerator (control), brake (control), bus (control / allegiance), lever (levers of power, etc.), steering wheel (control), truck (control), wheel (control), wheel (asleep at the wheel)
- mental health: amok (run amok), berserk, crazy (behavior), flow (go with the flow, etc.), rage (v), raging (adj)
- Middle Ages: fiefdom (control)
- military: cannon (loose cannon), general (floor general, etc.), no man's land (danger), no man's land (regulatory, etc.)
- movement: accelerator (control), brake (control), carried away, check (in check), rage (v), raging (adj), spin (out of control), spiral (out of control)
- part of speech: puppet (as verb), puppeteer (as verb)
- person: cannon (loose cannon), chaperon (person), cowboy (person), gatekeeper (person), hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed), police (and cop, etc.)
- plane: spin (spin out of control), spiral (spiral out of control, etc.)
- possession: lose it (mentally)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: hands-off, hands-on
- puppet: puppet (control), puppet (as verb), puppeteer (n), puppeteer (as verb), string (pull strings)
- purses & wallets: pocket (in the pocket)
- religion: god (perspective)
- rope: lead (restraint)
- royalty: kingdom (control), rule (v), ruled, usurp (v)

- sea: King Canute
- society: gatekeeper (person)
- sex: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: knee-jerk (adj), reflex (n), twitch (quick-twitch)
- sleep: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- speech: tongue (hold one's tongue)
- sports & games: check (in check), free-for-all (control)
- storm: whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- temperature: hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed)
- theater: puppet (control)
- tide: King Canute
- tiger: tiger (n)
- tongue: tongue (hold one's tongue)
- tools & technology: circuit breaker (n)
- train: rail (off the rails), train (runaway train)
- verb: arm (get one's arms around something), bit (bit between its teeth), calm (v), colonize (take), corral (v), drift (move), grip (v), hand (get out of hand), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), harness (v), head (keep / lose one's head), helm (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), hijack (v), horse (hold your horses), lurch (v), police (v), rage (v), rein (rein in), rope in (v), run away (v), rule (v), shot (call the shots), spin (spin out of control), spiral (spiral out of control, etc.), string (pull strings), tame (v), usurp (v), wrangle (v)
- walking, running & jumping: highway (my way or the highway), lurch (v), runaway (control), run away (v)
- water: faucet (n), fluid (adj), tap (n)
- weapon: cannon (loose cannon), shot (call the shots)
- wind: drift (move), drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)

CONTROL & LACK OF CONTROL (2)

- behavior: control (behavior)
- fate, fortune & chance: control (out of one's control), random (society), randomly (society)
- feeling, emotion & effect: control (in control)
- restraint & lack of restraint: control (out of control), control (in control), control (under control)

COOKING (2) (see also food & drink; fruits & vegetables; meat; taste)

- accusation & criticism: grill (v), grilled, pot (pot calls the kettle black), skewer (v), skewered
- affliction: skewer (v), skewered
- amelioration & renewal: reheat (v)
- attachment: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- coercion & motivation: grill (v), grilled
- configuration: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- creation & transformation: concoct (v), concoction (n), cook up (v), cooked up, kitchen (creation), stir up (v)
- effect: stir (effect)
- fate, fortune & chance: frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)
- feeling, emotion & effect: stir (effect)
- flaws & lack of flaws: half-baked (adj)
- identity & nature: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- initiation: sizzle (v), sizzle (n), sizzling (economy, etc.), stir (v), stir up (v)
- insult: skewer (v), skewered
- mixture: concoction (n), fold in (v)

- relationship: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- resemblance: stir up (resemblance)
- situation: frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)
- speech: grill (v), grilled, mince (v), roast (v), skewer (v), skewered
- starting, going, continuing & ending: toast (finished)

CORNER (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: corner (in one's corner)
- area: corner (in remote corners, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- development: corner (turn the corner)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: corner (cut corners)
- future: corner (spring is just around the corner)
- movement: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: corner (turn the corner)
- proximity: corner (spring is just around the corner)
- situation: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- time: corner (spring is just around the corner)

CORRUPTION (1)

- air: miasma (n)
- apple: apple (bad apple / rotten apple)
- atmosphere: miasma (n)
- direction: twist (twist the truth, etc.), twisted (corruption)
- environment: cesspool (n)
- food & drink: apple (bad apple / rotten apple), curdle (v), fresh (fresh evidence, etc.), rancid (adj), rot (v), rot (n), rotten (adj), sour (adj), sour (v), spoil (v), spoiled (spoiled child, etc.), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp), swamp (swamp of cliches, etc.)
- health & medicine: contagion (n), corrupting, corruption (n), fester (v), festering (adj), ill (ills of society, etc.), infect (corrupt), infected, infection (corruption), malignant (adj), sickness (n)
- hygiene: filthy (corruption)
- light & dark: shady (adj), tarnish (v), tarnished
- materials & substances: contaminate (v), contaminated, contamination, poison (v), taint (n), taint (v), tainted
- plant: blight (v), blight (n), blighted
- shadow: shady (adj)
- size: stunted
- smell: cesspit (n), cesspool (n), miasma (n), noxious (adj), reek (v), rot (n), sewer (n), smell (corruption), stink (v)
- swamp: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp), swamp (swamp of cliches, etc.)
- taste: sour (v), sour (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- verb: blight (v), contaminate (v), curdle (corruption), fester (v), infect (corrupt), poison (v), pollute (v), reek (v), rot (v), sour (v), spoil (v), stink (v), swamp (drain the swamp), taint (v), tarnish (v), twist (twist the truth, etc.), water (poison the water / waters)
- water: pollute (v), polluted, pollution (n), swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp), swamp (swamp of cliches, etc.), water (poison the water / waters), well (poison the well)

COST & BENEFIT (1) (see also worth & lack of worth)

- allusion: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose), Pyrrhic victory (figurative)

- animal: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose)
- bird: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose)
- distance: mileage, way (go a long way)
- explosion: boom (jade boom, etc.), bust (oil bust, etc.)
- food & drink: gravy (n), gravy train, meal ticket (n)
- gift: gift (benefit)
- history: gold rush, Pyrrhic victory (figurative)
- letters & characters: box (tick a box, etc.), plus (benefit)
- military: Pyrrhic victory (figurative)
- mining: bonanza (n), gold rush
- money: afford (v), bonanza (n), bottom line, capital (value), cash in (v), cost (v), cost (at a cost), cost (at all costs, etc.), costly (adj), currency (worth), dividend (pay dividends, etc.), expense (at the expense), gold rush, pay (benefit), pay (pay a price), pay off, payoff, price (n), price tag, prize (n), prized, profit (v), reward (v), reward (n), rewarding, spend (energy, etc.), toll (take a toll, etc.), toll (other), worth (benefit)
- religion: blessed, blessing (benefit), graced, miracle (other)
- scale: outweigh (cost and benefit)
- sound: bang (bang for the buck, etc.)
- ticket: meal ticket (n), pass (free pass), ticket (and punch one's ticket, etc.)
- train: gravy train
- verb: afford (v), cash in (v), cost (v), outweigh (cost and benefit), pay (benefit), pay (pay a price), pay off (v), profit (v), reward (v), spend (spend energy, etc.), toll (take a toll, etc.)
- weight: outweigh (cost and benefit)

COUNTRY (see place)

COURAGE & LACK OF COURAGE (1)

- animal: chicken-hearted, chicken out (v), game (game of chicken), lion (courage, aggression)
- back: back (courage), backbone (courage), spine (courage), spineless (courage)
- bird: chicken-hearted, chicken out (v), game (game of chicken)
- bodily reaction: cower (v), flinch (v), shudder (v)
- bottle: bottle (British English / noun)
- epithet: lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.)
- heart: chicken-hearted, faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)
- lion: lion (courage, aggression)
- military: warrior through (v)
- person: brave (the brave), lion (courage, aggression)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: nerve (courage)
- sports & games: game (game of chicken)
- stomach: gut out (v), guts (courage)
- verb: brave (v), chicken out (v), cower (v), flinch (v), gut out (v), pants (scare the pants off somebody), shudder (v), warrior through (v)

COURSE (1) (see also direction; route)

- direction: adrift (adj), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), direction (a new direction, etc.), direction (course / on a course), direction (purpose), direction (symbol)
- flying & falling: trajectory (n)
- geometry: arc (n)
- infrastructure: road (road from / to something), road (along / on the road)
- journeys & trips: adrift (adj), detour (n), direction (course / on a course), direction (purpose), direction (symbol), journey (in one's journey), journey (on a journey), journey (n), passage (journey), path (path of

peace, etc.), road (road from / to something), road (along / on the road), road (long road), route (course), trajectory (n), way (along the way)

- movement: journey (n), passage (journey)
- path: path (path of peace, etc.)
- physics: trajectory (n)
- shape: trajectory (n)

COVER (1)

- blanket: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed
- breathing: smother (cover)
- carpets & rugs: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- cloth: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, shroud (n), shrouded (covered), wrapped (covered)
- clothing & accessories: cloaked (covered), veil (covering)
- materials & substances: encrusted
- umbrella: umbrella (under an umbrella)
- verb: blanket (v), carpet (v), smother (cover)

COWS & CATTLE (2) (see also animal)

- amelioration & renewal: beefed up, beef up (v)
- behavior: stampede (n)
- character & personality: maverick (person)
- conflict: beef (conflict), corral (v), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- control & lack of control: corral (v), corralled, herd (v), rope in (v), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- creation & transformation: calve (v), calving
- directing: herd (v)
- direction: cow (bell cow)
- force: bull (bull in a china shop)
- idea: sacred cow
- movement: stampede (n)
- person: cowboy (person), wrangler (person)
- product: ranch (enterprise)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: maverick (person), sacred cow
- strength & weakness: beefed up, beef up (v)
- taking & removing: milk (v)
- worth & lack of worth: cow (cash cow)

CRASHES & COLLISIONS (2)

- attraction & repulsion: hit it off (v)
- conflict: collide (v), collision (n), course (on a collision course), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: head-on
- destruction: crash (crash and burn), crash (car crash), shipwreck (n), train wreck, wreck (v), wreck (person), wreckage (n), wrecked
- failure, accident & impairment: crash (population crash, etc.), crash (car crash), crash-land (v), shipwreck (n), T-bone (v), T-boned, train wreck, wreck (v), wreck (person)
- feeling, emotion & effect: whiplash (n), wreck (person)
- functioning: crash (population crash, etc.)
- haste: crash (crash course, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: run (run into something), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: wall (hit a wall, etc.)

- relationship: knock-on (effect, etc.)

CREATION & TRANSFORMATION (1)

- affix: Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.)
- allusion: chimera (n), chimeric (and chimerical), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), Frankenstein (product), muse (person), Phoenix (myth), procrustean (adj)
- animal: breed (create), breeding ground, calve (v), calving, chameleon (change), chameleonic (adj), rookery (n), spawn (v), spawned, web (spin a web)
- biology: mutate (v)
- bird: incubator (n), rookery (n)
- birth: anniversary (creation), beget (v), birth (create), birth (creation), birthday (creation), birthed (created), born (creation), born-on (adj), calve (v), calving, conceived, germinate (v), gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), labor pains, midwife (person), midwife (as verb), old (a year old, etc.), pregnant (adj), seminal (adj), spawn (v), spawned
- blade: carved out, carve out (v), scissor (genetic scissors, etc.)
- bodily reaction: spit out (v)
- books & reading: author (person)
- chemistry: alchemical (adj), alchemist (n), alchemy (n)
- cloth: embroider (v), patch (patch together), patchwork (n), stitch together (v), stitched together, weave (create)
- clothing & accessories: cobble together (v), one-size-fits-all, procrustean (adj), size (one size fits all), tailor (v), tailored, tailor-made (adj)
- consumption: cannibalism (n)
- cooking: concoct (v), concoction (n), cook up (v), cooked up, kitchen (creation), stir up (v)
- cows & cattle: calve (v), calving
- creature: chimera (n), chimeric (and chimerical), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), Frankenstein (product)
- direction: turn (transform), turn out (create)
- epithet: Edison (Edison of the Internet, etc.), Elon Musk (epithet), father (father of India, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), Gutenberg, mother (mother of NPR, etc.)
- family: beget (v), brainchild (n), father (v), father (father of India, etc.), founding father (n), mother (mother of NPR, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: hothouse (n), nursery (n), plant (create), pruned, seed (n), sow (v)
- finger: finger (snap one's fingers, etc.)
- fire: ashes (from the ashes, etc.), Phoenix (myth)
- fish: spawn (v), spawned
- food & drink: concoction (n), hash out (v)
- gesture: finger (snap one's fingers, etc.)
- glacier: calve (v), calving
- hammer: hammer out (v), hammered out
- hand: artisanal (adj), fashion (v), shape (v), shape (form), shaped (shaped by coal, etc.), reshape (v)
- head: brainchild (n)
- health & medicine: doctored
- house: house (house that somebody built, etc.)
- infrastructure: architect (as verb), architect (creator), architected, build (create), drawing board (on the drawing board), drawing board (other), engineered, engineering (n)
- insect: web (spin a web)
- knife: carved out, carve out (v)
- magic: finger (snap one's fingers, etc.), magic up (v)
- manufacturing: artisanal (adj), assembly line (n), byproduct (n), churn out (v), conveyor belt, fabricate (v), fabricated, fabrication, factory (creation), forge (v), forged, grind out (v), hammered out, hammer out (v),

industry (n), machine (publicity machine, etc.), making (creation), manufacture (v), manufactured, mill (n), mold (v), product (n), recast (v), recast, reshape (v), shape (v), shape (form), shaped (shaped by coal, etc.), strike (strike a deal, etc.), turn out (create)

- materials & substances: clay (n), putty (n)
- meat: meat grinder (other)
- mechanism: machine (publicity machine, etc.), meat grinder (other)
- military: drum up (v)
- money: coin (v), coined, mint (v), minted
- movement: spin-off (n), spin up (v), spun up
- nuclear energy: breeder reactor (n)
- part of speech: architect (as verb), architected, Frankenstein (as verb), midwife (as verb)
- person: alchemist (n), architect (creator), author (person), midwife (person), muse (person)
- picture: art (work of art), masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- plant: germinate (v), hothouse (n), kernel (n), nursery (n), planted (create), pruned, seed (n), shoot (plant), sow (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: cook up (v), drum up (v), make up (v)
- pressure: squeeze (squeeze something from / out of something), wring (create)
- religion: born-again, muse (person), reincarnation (n)
- sea: change (sea change)
- sign, signal, symbol: Phoenix (myth)
- snow & ice: calve (v), calving
- sound: drum up (v)
- speech: translate (v)
- spider: web (spin a web)
- tools & technology: churn out (v), grind out (v), scissor (genetic scissors, etc.)
- tree: pruned
- verb: architect (as verb), beget (v), birth (create), breed (create), build (create), calve (v), carve out (v), churn out (v), cobble together (v), coin (v), concoct (v), cook up (v), drum up (v), edit (v), embroider (v), excite (v), fabricate (v), father (v), forge (v), Frankenstein (as verb), germinate (v), gestate (v), grind out (v), hammer out (verb), hash out (v), make up (v), manufacture (v), midwife (as verb), mint (v), mold (v), mutate (v), patch (patch together), plant (create), recast (v), reshape (v), shape (v), sow (v), spawn (v), spin up (v), spit out (v), squeeze (squeeze something from / out of something), stitch together (v), strike (strike a deal, etc.), tailor (v), translate (v), turn (transform), turn out (create), weaponize (v), weave (create), wring (create)
- weapon: weaponization (n), weaponize (v), weaponized
- writing & spelling: edit (v), edited (genes, etc.), editing (n), rewritten (changed), write (create)

CREATURE (2)

- ability & lack of ability: genie (knowledge), ninja (person), wizard (person), wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.), wizardry (n)
- affliction: devil (evil), Frankenstein (product), Minotaur, monster (create a monster, etc.), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- accusation & criticism: demonization (n), demonize (v), demonized
- achievement, recognition & praise: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- activity: ghost town
- affliction: bedevil (v), bedeviled, bogeyman (and boogeyman), demon (affliction), Dracula (n), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), Frankenstein (a monster), fury (creature), genie (initiation), ghost (memory), gremlin (n), haunt (v), haunted, Kraken (n), monster (affliction), pursue (afflict), specter (n), troll (verb / computers), vampire (n)
- amelioration & renewal: exorcise (v), ghost (bury the ghost)

- appearance: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- appearance & disappearance: ghost (verb), ghost (abandoned, etc.), ghosted, phantom
- behavior: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), fiend (behavior), nerd (word nerd, etc.), troll (noun / computers), zombie (behavior)
- character & personality: angel, creature (creature of habit, etc.), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), giant (gentle giant), monster (affliction), monster (power), ogre (person), sphinx (n), troll (noun / computers), witch (insult)
- characterization: demonization (n), demonize (v), demonized
- complexity: worm (can of worms)
- computer: troll (verb / computers), troll (noun / computers), unicorn (tech “Unicorn,” etc.), zombie (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: genie (initiation), ghostwriter (n), Pandora’s box (open a Pandora’s box, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: giant (sleeping giant), zombie (behavior)
- control & lack of control: zombie (control)
- creation & transformation: chimera (n), chimeric (and chimerical), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), Frankenstein (product)
- destruction: heart (stake through the heart, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: exorcise (v)
- enthusiasm: nerd (word nerd, etc.)
- epithet: angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), Angel of Death (actual death), devil (Lady Devils, etc.), unicorn (unicorns of the sea, etc.), unicorn (tech “Unicorn,” etc.), wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: ghost (fantasy and delusion), heffalump (creature), phantom
- feeling, emotion & effect: demonic (adj), haunt (v), haunted, haunting (adj), spook (v), spooked (feeling), zombie (behavior)
- force: Godzilla (force), monster (power),
- geography: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- group, set & collection: devil (Lady Devils, etc.)
- help & assistance: angel (guardian angel), angel (help and assistance), godmother (fairy godmother)
- identity & nature: creature (creature of habit, etc.), unicorn (Scotland, etc.)
- importance & significance: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- initiation: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora’s box, etc.), worm (can of worms)
- insult: devil (evil), monster (affliction), witch (insult)
- knowledge & intelligence: genie (knowledge), wizardry (n)
- mental health: demon (mental health)
- oppression: Cyclops (creature), pitchfork (oppression)
- oppression: pitchfork (oppression), witch hunt
- person: angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), devil (behavior), genie (knowledge), ninja (person), ogre (person), troll (noun / computers), wizard (person)
- power: giant (sleeping giant), monster (power)
- presence & absence: ghost town, phantom
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: ghost (ghost signs, etc.)
- product: Frankenstein (product)
- proper name: angel (the Los Angeles Angels, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), dragon (Dragon's Jaw, etc.), elf (Elves Chamber, etc.), fairy (Fairy Bridge, etc.), Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.), giant (Giants Causeway, etc.), monster (Monster.com, etc.), Titan (Tennessee Titans, etc.), troll (Troll Wall, etc.), Wizards (Washington Wizards, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: angel (guardian angel)
- pursuit, capture & escape: genie (initiation), Pandora’s box (open a Pandora’s box, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bury (bury the ghosts, etc.), exorcise (v), ghost (bury the ghost), haunt (v)

- resemblance: dragon (resemblance)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ghost (unregistered, etc.)
- shape: angel (snow angel)
- size: behemoth (n), giant (size), Godzilla (force), leviathan (n), monster (size), titan (n)
- society: ghost (unregistered, etc.)
- subterfuge: ghostwriter (n)
- superlative: angel (superlative)
- survival, persistence & endurance: zombie (can't kill it, back from the dead)
- taking & removing: vampire (n)
- taxonomy & classification: creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: creature comfort
- worth & lack of worth: unicorn (tech "Unicorn," etc.)

CRIME (2) (see also justice)

- access & lack of access: door (back door / illegality)
- accusation & criticism: drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), hit job (n), hot seat (n), mugged (mugged by the officials, etc.)
- amount: mob (group)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: steal (steal the show, etc.)
- behavior: mob (group), riot (run riot), riot (other)
- character & personality: buccaneer (person), made man (experience), pirate (person)
- coercion & motivation: kneecap (v), kneecapped, strong-arm (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: omerta (n)
- conflict: drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), hit job (n)
- constraint & lack of constraint: captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), fetter (n), fettered, Geneva Convention (cyber, etc.), handcuff (v), handcuffed, hostage (held hostage), hostage (other), imprisoned, manacle (n), prison (constraint), prisoner (constraint), riot (run riot), riot (other), shackle (n), unfettered, unshackle (v)
- control & lack of control: hijack (v), usurp (v)
- death & life: murderous (murderous hail of bullets, etc.)
- destruction: arson (n), cide (ecocide, etc.), vandal (n), vandalism (n)
- epithet: pirate (*Il Pirata*, etc.)
- experience: made man (experience), OG (and original gangster)
- functioning: fetter (n), fettered, unfettered
- group, set & collection: mafia (group), mob (group), posse (group)
- hyperbole: hijack (v), murder (v), murderer (shame is a murderer, etc.)
- judgment: crime (fashion crime, etc.), hot seat (n)
- escape (mental health / verb), escape (mental health / noun), escapism (n)
- person: bandit (n), buccaneer (person), OG (and original gangster), pirate (person), police (and cop, etc.)
- possession: captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), hijack (v), hijacked, loot (v), time (steal time, etc.), usurp (v)
- punishment & recrimination: drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit job (n)
- pursuit, capture & escape: poach (v)
- resemblance: riot (riot of color, etc.)
- role: cop (good cop, bad cop)
- subterfuge: cop (good cop, bad cop), stealth (stealth ad, etc.), stealthily
- taking & removing: bandit (n), buccaneer (person), captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), heist (n), hijack (v), hijacked, hold up (rob), loot (v), piracy (n), pirate (person), piratical (adj), plunder (v), plundered, poach (v), poached, rob (v), robbed, robbery (n), Robin Hood, steal (steal the show, etc.), steal (steal customers, etc.), steal (steal dreams, etc.), stolen (taken), strip-mine (v), thief (thief of joy, etc.), usurp (v)

CURTAILMENT (1) (see also dismissal, removal & resignation; starting, going, continuing & ending)

- ax: ax (n), axed (curtailed), cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.)
- baby: cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)
- bell: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- blade: ax (n), axed (curtailed), cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v)
- books & reading: book (close the book)
- boxing: knock out (v)
- burial: bury (kill), knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- cards: fold (v)
- death & life: bury (kill), kill (hope, etc.), kill off (v), knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- doors & thresholds: door (closure), lockdown (n)
- electricity: circuit breaker (n)
- farming & agriculture: cut short (v)
- fire: snuff (v)
- fist: knock out (v)
- hand: break off (v)
- infrastructure: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- journeys & trips: track (stop something in its tracks)
- key: lockdown (n)
- knife: cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v)
- light & dark: dark (go dark, etc.)
- mechanism: shut down (v), shut off (v), switch (kill switch)
- movement: end (come to an end, etc.), track (stop something in its tracks)
- plant: bud (nipped in the bud), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.)
- sound: knell (death knell / obsolescence), silent (fall silent)
- sports & games: sidelined (adj)
- tools & technology: ax (n), circuit breaker (n)
- tree: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.)
- verb: book (close the book), break off (v), bury (kill), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v), dark (go dark, etc.), dismantle (v), dissolve (terminate), fold (v), kill (hope, etc.), kill off (v), plug (pull the plug), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), shut down (v), shut off (v), snuff (v), track (stop something in its tracks)
- walking, running & jumping: track (stop something in its tracks)
- water: dissolve (terminate), dissolved (ended), plug (pull the plug)
- window: shuttered (adj)

DAM (2)

- amount: reservoir (amount)
- amount & effect: floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgates (other)
- constraint & lack of constraint: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- driving force: powerhouse (n)
- obstacles & impedance: dam (psychological dam, etc.)
- past & present: dam (water over the dam)
- power: powerhouse (n)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: dam (water over the dam)
- source: reservoir (source)
- strength & weakness: powerhouse (n)

- time: dam (water over the dam)

DANGER (1)

- allusion: kryptonite (n), Scylla and Charybdis
- animal: hornet's nest, lurking (lurking danger, etc.), predation (n), predatory (adj), sitting duck, snake pit, teeth (in / into the teeth of), tiger (n), wolf (predation)
- back: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- bird: sitting duck
- blade: close shave
- boat: coast (coast is clear), lighthouse (protection), rock (on the rocks), Scylla and Charybdis, shoal (n), strait (dire straits, etc.), waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- bodily reaction: exhale (v), sigh (sigh of relief)
- breadth: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- breathing: exhale (v), sigh (sigh of relief)
- color: zone (red zone, etc.)
- container: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- direction: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- electricity: rail (third rail)
- epithet: Mount Everest (and Everest), savage (Savage Mountain, etc.)
- explosion: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, landmine (and land mine), minefield (n), powder keg, time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (danger)
- eye: evil eye
- fire: fire (five alarm fire, etc.)
- forest: clear (in the clear / into the clear), patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- ground, terrain & land: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), jungle (competition), precipice (at / on the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope), terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)
- hair: close shave
- hole: pitfall (n)
- hunting: ensnare (v), pitfall (n), sitting duck, snare (v), snare (n), trap (v), trap (other)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Scylla and Charybdis
- insect: hornet's nest
- journeys & trips: clear (in the clear / into the clear), patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- jungle: jungle (competition)
- knife: back (stab in the back)
- military: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, firing line (n), landmine (and land mine), line of fire, milk run (n), minefield (n), no man's land (danger), powder keg, tripwire (danger)
- mountains & hills: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), Mount Everest (and Everest), precipice (at / on the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- position: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- predation: lurking (lurking danger, etc.), predation (n), predatory (adj), wolf (predation)
- proximity: close call (danger), close shave
- rope: ensnare (v)
- route: way (in harm's way), way (out of harm's way)
- sea: coast (coast is clear), lighthouse (protection), rock (on the rocks), shoal (n), strait (dire straits, etc.), Scylla and Charybdis, waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: wolf (predation), zone (red zone, etc.)
- snake: snake pit
- speech: tongue (danger)
- teeth: teeth (in / into the teeth of)

- tiger: tiger (n)
- tongue: tongue (danger)
- train: rail (third rail)
- verb: ensnare (v), back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), exhale (v), tread (tread carefully, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: landmine (and land mine), minefield (n), pitfall (n), snare (v), step (watch one's step), tread (tread carefully, etc.)
- water: waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- weapon: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, firing line (n), kryptonite (n), landmine (and land mine), line of fire, minefield (n), powder keg, Russian roulette, time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (danger)
- wolf: wolf (predation)

DAY (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: heyday (n)
- amount: Christmas (Christmas list)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: day (at the end of the day)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: day (day has arrived, etc.), sunset (ride into the sunset)
- comprehension & lack of comprehension: dawn (verb / comprehension)
- conflict: day (win the day, carry the day)
- death & life: day (last day / final day / death), night (death / actual)
- decline: evening (decline), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- epithet: Christmas
- fantasy & reality: Groundhog Day (film)
- fate, fortune & chance: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), noon (high noon), strike (his hour had struck, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: day (dark day)
- future: dawn (verb / start), day (the day after), day (a new day), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (day after tomorrow), tomorrow (future)
- growth & development: day (early days), evening (decline)
- past & present: day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (of one's day / of its day), day (of the day), day (these days), day (those days), day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (modern day), day (latter-day), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), minute (at this minute), old (of old), old-fashioned (adj), outdated (adj), today (the present), yesterday (the past), yesteryear
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (of one's day / of its day), day (of the day), day (those days), day (have one's day), day (glory days, etc.), day (modern day), evening (decline), future (the future), future (of the future), heyday (n), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), latest (the latest / most recent), moment (have a moment / attention), old-fashioned (adj), outdated (adj), sun (currency and obsolescence), sunset (sunset years, etc.), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.), yesterday (the past)
- proximity: eve (on the eve, etc.)
- repetition: Groundhog Day (film)
- speed: overnight
- starting, going, continuing & ending: dawn (verb / start), dawn (from / since the dawn), dawn (n), day (a new day), day (early days), day (call it a day)
- success & failure: day (today is my day, etc.), day (win the day, carry the day)
- superlative: Christmas
- time: dawn (n), dawn (verb / start), day (the day after), day (a new day), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (day after tomorrow), day (of one's day / of its day), day (of the day), day (these days), day (those days), day (latter-day), evening (decline), hour

(of one's hour / of the hour), minute (at this minute), old (of old), old-fashioned (adj), outdated (adj), today (the present), tomorrow (future), twilight (in into the twilight, etc.), yesterday (the past), yesteryear

- timeliness and lack of timeliness: day (early / late in the day), day (early days), early (timeliness), eve (on the eve, etc.), late (timeliness), midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), morning (early in the morning), noon (high noon), yesterday (I need it yesterday, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: Christmas (Christmas list)

DEATH & LIFE (1)

- blood: blood (death), blood (blood represents life), red (blood)
- book: book (life is a book)
- breathing: breath (last breath, final breath, etc.)
- burial: cemetery (people), graveyard (people)
- cliché: soul (death)
- color: evergreen (adj), red (blood)
- consumption: bill (butcher's bill, etc.), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), meat grinder (military)
- container: life (container)
- crime: murderous (murderous hail of bullets, etc.)
- day: day (last day / final day / death), night (death / actual)
- direction: fallen (dead), fallen (the fallen), give up (give up one's life, etc.), laid low (killed)
- epithet: alley (Ambush Alley, etc.), alley (Death Alley / U.S. 61, etc.), Angel of Death (actual death), butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Golgotha (Golgotha of Norilisk, etc.), graveyard (people), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), killer (silent killer, etc.)
- euphemism: board (off the board / euphemism), carried off (died), claim (kill), demise (death / actual), disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.), encounter (kill), ended (his life was ended, etc.), expire (die), fallen (dead), fallen (the fallen), feet (feet first), gone (dead), laid low (killed), leave (death), life (life was cut short), life (lose one's life), life (take one's life), life (give one's life, etc.), life (give up one's life, etc.), life (steal a life), liquidate (kill), liquidated (killed), lose (through death), loss (death), lost (death), make it (didn't make it), neutralize (kill), neutralized (shot, killed, etc.), pass (die), pass away (v), passing (death / actual), remove (kill), rest (laid to rest / death), soul (death), succumb (die / actual), take down (kill), taken (through death), take out (kill), terminated (killed), transition (die), west (go west / obsolete), with us (no longer with us)
- exclamation: farewell (death)
- farming & agriculture: cut down (killed), Grim Reaper (death), reaper (Reaper drone, etc.), sickle (death)
- fire: flame (life is a flame)
- infrastructure: life (life is a building)
- journeys & trips: dead (dead and gone), journey (life is a journey), road (fork in the road, etc.), way (along the way)
- justice: death sentence (literal), death warrant (literal)
- meat: bill (butcher's bill, etc.), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), meat grinder (military)
- mechanism: meat grinder (military)
- military: body count (actual)
- money: bill (butcher's bill, etc.), cheap (life is cheap, etc.), precious (life is precious, etc.)
- movement: dead (dead and gone), gone (dead), leave (death), pass (die), pass away (v), passing (death / actual)
- position: laid low (killed), succumb (die / actual)
- possession: life (give one's life, etc.), life (give up one's life, etc.), life (lose one's life), life (take one's life), life (steal a life)
- presence & absence: disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.), gone (dead), leave (death), lose (through death), with us (no longer with us)
- proper name: Predator (the Predator drone, etc.), reaper (Reaper drone, etc.)
- religion: god (play god / actual life and death), Golgotha (Golgotha of Norilisk, etc.)

- season: autumn (in the autumn), season (life), winter (decline)
- sign, signal, symbol: blood (death), blood (blood represents life), coffin (death / actual), cradle (symbol), grave (symbol), Grim Reaper (death), night (death / actual), red (blood), sickle (death)
- speech: farewell (death)
- sports & games: game (social interaction / life)
- standing, sitting & lying: succumb (die / actual)
- theater: stage (life is a stage)
- tree: evergreen (adj)
- verb: encounter (kill), killed (by disease, etc.), life (lose one's life), life (take one's life), life (give one's life, etc.), life (give up one's life, etc.), life (steal a life), lose (through death), pass (die), pass away (v), remove (kill), succumb (die / actual), take down (kill), take out (kill)
- violence: murderous (murderous hail of bullets, etc.)
- weapon: Russian roulette (you could actually die)

DEATH & LIFE (2) (see also destruction)

- absorption & immersion: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to)
- accusation & criticism: drive-by (conflict), hit (mob hit, etc.), hit job (n)
- activity: alive (activity), alive (come alive), dead (activity), dormant (adj), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), life (spring to life), suspended animation, zone (dead zone, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: alive (come alive), Fountain of Youth, invigorate (v), Lazarus (Bible), life (give life), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), newborn, reinvigorate (v), resurrect (v), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: autopsy (analysis), biopsy (analysis), dissect (v), post-mortem (analysis), vivisect (v)
- appearance & disappearance: disappear (extinction), exhume (v), lose (through extinction), lost (extinction), vanish (extinction), vanishing (disappearance)
- appearance & reality: reality (real, truth, lies, facts, etc.)
- bases: lifeblood (n)
- behavior: vulture (behavior)
- commitment & determination: live (live and die / commitment)
- concealment & lack of concealment: bury (conceal), exhume (v), life (hidden life, hidden lives), life (secret life, secret lives)
- condition & status: alive (status), alive (alive and well), belly-up (adj), brain-dead (adj), buried (dead and buried, etc.), dead (status), dead (dead on arrival), death (decline and death), deathbed (n), die (non-human), dying (dying industry, etc.), flatline (v), last rites (n), life support (on life support), live (alive / non-human), moribund (adj), obituary (n), pulse (n), spiral (death spiral), throe (death throes)
- conflict: drive-by (conflict), fight to the death (verb / conflict), hit (mob hit, etc.), hit job (n)
- consciousness & awareness: pulse (anyone with a pulse, etc.)
- consumption: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to)
- control & lack of control: hand (dead hand)
- curtailment: bury (kill), kill (hope, etc.), kill off (v), knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- decline: death (decline and death), death rattle, die down (v), doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), life support (on life support), passing (death / figurative), requiem (n), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- destruction: buried (dead and buried, etc.), bury (kill), cide (ecocide, etc.), coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deadly (adj), dead man walking, death (decline and death), deathblow (n), death rattle, death sentence (figurative), demise (political demise, etc.), epitaph (n), fatal (adj), fatally (fatally wounded, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (of diplomacy, etc.), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (stake through the heart, etc.), kill (hope, etc.), kill off (v),

kiss of death, knell (death knell / destruction), knife (knife in the heart), martyrdom (n), martyred, mortal (adj), mortally (mortally wounded, etc.), noose (fate), roadkill (n), spiral (death spiral), suicide (career suicide, etc.), sword (put someone to the sword, etc.), valley of death (figurative)

- dismissal, removal & resignation: body count (figurative)
- enthusiasm: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to)
- epithet: undertaker (The Undertaker, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: belly-up (adj), casualty (n), dust (bite the dust)
- fate, fortune & chance: death (cheat death), doomed, funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), kiss of death, live (live and die / fate), noose (fate), stand (stand and fall / fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), dead (feeling), deadening (effect), funereal (adj), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), killjoy (person), knife (knife in the heart)
- functioning: dead (functioning)
- help & assistance: rescue (v), rescue (n)
- hyperbole: death (to death), death (death by PowerPoint, etc.), die (hyperbole), executed (animals, etc.), murder (v), murderer (shame is a murderer, etc.)
- identity & nature: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to)
- initiation: life (spring to life)
- mental health: dead (feeling)
- neck: neck (save one's neck)
- oppression: disappear (oppression / transitive verb), disappearance (oppression)
- person: vulture (behavior)
- place: cemetery (things), dwell (location), grave (place), graveyard (things), live (location), reside (v), residence (n), place (resting place)
- presence & absence: exist (v), life (hidden life, hidden lives), life (secret life, secret lives), live (location), live (that's where I live, etc.), reside (v), residence (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: demise (political demise, etc.), doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), knell (death knell / obsolescence), live on (v), living (adj), old (traditional), passing (death / figurative), shelf life (and sell-by date), vanishing (disappearance)
- punishment & recrimination: drive-by (conflict), hit job (n)
- relationship: grow up (grow up together, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- searching & discovery: exhume (v)
- speech: elegy (n), eulogy (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: alive (status), death rattle, die (non-human), die out (end), dying (dying industry, etc.), gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), grave (end point), life (begin life), life (spring to life), life (things), life (hidden life, hidden lives), life (secret life, secret lives), live (alive / non-human), live on (v), requiem (n), suspended animation
- substance & lack of substance: flesh and blood, life (bring to life)
- success & failure: crush (verb / accomplishment), flatline (v), kill (verb / accomplishment), killer (killer story, etc.)
- superlative: killer (killer story, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: alive (keep something alive), die (non-human), Lazarus (Bible), life (survival), life (give life), life (breathe life), life (life of its own), lifeline (n), life raft, live (survive), live (live and die / fate), live (live with something), live on (v), perish (v), rescue (v), rescue (n), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), save (v), shelf life (and sell-by date), stand (stand and fall / fate), stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- time: dying (dying seconds, etc.), time (dead time)

DECLINE (1) (see also increase & decrease)

- animal: breed (dying breed, etc.)
- astronomy: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), star (decline), wane (on the wane), wane (v)
- blade: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- boat: ship (a sinking ship)
- bodily reaction: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- breathing: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- day: evening (decline), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- death & life: death (decline and death), death rattle, die down (v), doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), life support (on life support), passing (death / figurative), requiem (n), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- direction: basement (basement price, etc.), bottom (hit bottom), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crater (v), descend (v), descent (decline), dip (decrease), dip (n), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), dive (n), down (decline), downfall (n), downhill (go downhill, etc.), downturn (n), fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (n), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall on / upon), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), falloff (n), free fall (in free fall), free fall (other), go down (decrease), grace (fall from grace), gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees), low (decline), nadir (at the nadir), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), race (race to the bottom), rock-bottom (adj), sag (v), sink (decline), slide (slide to perdition, etc.), slide (v), slip (fail), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), south (go south, etc.), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), spiral (in a spiral), spiral (into a spiral), spiral (on a downward spiral), spiral (downward spiral, etc.), spiral (other), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
- erosion: crumble (v), erode, eroding, erosion (n)
- farming & agriculture: haywire (go haywire, etc.)
- fire: burn out (v), burnout (n), die (die down), flame (life is a flame)
- flying & falling: crater (v), free fall (in free fall), free fall (other), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), spiral (in a spiral), spiral (into a spiral), spiral (on a downward spiral), spiral (downward spiral, etc.), spiral (other)
- ground, terrain & land: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), rock-bottom (adj)
- health & medicine: fall (fall ill, etc.), life support (on life support)
- history: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other)
- infrastructure: gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)
- journeys & trips: direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.)
- knife: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- ground, terrain & land: precipitous (adj), sinkhole (n)
- house: basement (basement price, etc.)
- knee: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- leg: leg (last legs)
- light & dark: dim (decline), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), fade (v), star (decline), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- moon: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- mountains & hills: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), downhill (go downhill, etc.), hill (over the hill), precipitous (adj)
- movement: passing (death / figurative), slide (slide to perdition, etc.), slide (v), stagnant (adj), stagnate (v) tailspin (in a tailspin)
- music: requiem (n)
- plane: crater (v), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin)
- plant: bloom (bloom has faded, etc.), shrivel (v), vine (wither on the vine), wilt (v), wither (v)

- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (decline), go down (decrease)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: fall (n)
- ruins: crumble (v)
- sea: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb), ship (a sinking ship), washed-up (adj)
- season: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- shadow: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- shape: trough (direction)
- size: shrink (decline), shrivel (v)
- sound: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), requiem (n)
- sports & games: race (race to the bottom)
- standing, sitting & lying: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees), leg (last legs)
- star: star (decline)
- sun: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- tide: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb)
- verb: burn out (v), crater (v), crumble (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), descend (v), die down (v), dim (decline), dip (decrease), ebb (decline), eclipse (v), erode (v), fade (v), fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), go down (decrease), haywire (go haywire, etc.), knee (bring to one's knees), nosedive (verb / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), sag (v), shrink (decline), shrivel (v), sink (decline), slide (v), slip (fail), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), south (go south, etc.), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), stagnate (v), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), vine (wither on the vine), wane (v), wilt (v), wither (v)
- walking, running & jumping: race (race to the bottom), slip (fail), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
- water: stagnant (adj), stagnate (v), washed-up (adjective)
- wave: washed-up (adj)

DEPENDENCY (1)

- addiction: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency)
- allusion: banana republic
- animal: lapdog (n)
- baby: babysit (v), babysitter (role), nanny (person), wean (v)
- dog: lapdog (n)
- family: babysit (v), babysitter (role), nanny (person)
- health & medicine: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency)
- history: banana republic, satrapy (n)
- lap: lapdog (n)
- mechanism: wheel (training wheels)
- person: babysitter (role), nanny (person), slave (slave to fashion, etc.)
- riding: ride (ride on something)
- standing, sitting & lying: crutch (n), lean on (support)
- verb: babysit (v), lean on (support), ride (ride on something), wean (v)

DEPTH (2)

- ability & lack of ability: depth (out of one's depth)
- absorption & immersion: end (deep end)
- amount: bottomless (adj)
- bases: deep-rooted (adj)
- character & personality: deep (person), shallow (person)
- commitment & determination: dig deep (determination)
- comprehension & incomprehension: fathom (v), unfathomable (adj)
- consciousness & awareness: deep (deep sleep, etc.)

- experience: depth (out of one's depth)
- extent & scope: bottom (no bottom), bottomless (adj), deep (situation), deep (extent and scope), deepen (v), deeply, depth (extent), shallow (adj), sound (measure)
- feeling, emotion & effect: deep (emotion)
- involvement: deep (situation), deep (in deep), end (deep end), head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: depth (out of one's depth)
- measurement: sound (measure)
- person: deep (person), shallow (person)
- situation: deep (situation), deep (in deep), depth (out of one's depth), head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: deep (extent and scope), depth (substance), shallow (adj)
- survival, persistence & endurance: head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- time: deep (deep past, etc.), depth (depths of winter, etc.)

DESERT (2)

- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sand (stick one's head in the sand)
- environment: desert (environment), oasis (environment), Sahara (Sahara of snow, etc.), sand (political sands, etc.)
- epithet: ship (ship of the desert)
- fantasy & reality: mirage (n)
- proper name: oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)
- resemblance: desert (environment), Sahara (Sahara of snow, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: mirage (n)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: desert (food desert, etc.)

DESTRUCTION (1) (see also failure, accident & impairment)

- affix: breaker (deal-breaker, etc.), geddon (chipageddon, etc.), pocalypse (gas-pocalypse, etc.)
- air: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v), strangle (v)
- allusion: apocalypse (n), Armageddon, geddon (chipageddon, etc.), heart (stake through the heart, etc.), kiss of death, kryptonite (n), Phoenix (myth), pocalypse (gas-pocalypse, etc.), *Titanic* (the ship), vandal (n), vandalism (n)
- animal: carcass (n), devour (destroy), eat (mental health), eat (destroy), ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), gored, lamb (lamb to the slaughter), mangle (v), nibble (nibble at, etc.), roadkill (n), sheep (predation), slaughtered, snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.), teeth (danger), trample (v), trampled
- astronomy: meteorite (n)
- atmosphere: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v)
- ax: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- baby: cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)
- back: back (break the back)
- balloon: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- bell: knell (death knell / destruction)
- Bible: apocalypse (n), Armageddon, geddon (chipageddon, etc.), kiss of death, pocalypse (gas-pocalypse, etc.)
- blade: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), decapitate (v), gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed), head (heads will roll, etc.), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), knife (sharpen one's knife), sword (put someone to the sword, etc.)
- boat: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shipwreck (n), shoal (n), sink (destroy), *Titanic* (the ship), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)
- bodily reaction: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- boundary: edge (push something over the edge)
- boxing: blow (knockout blow)
- breathing: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), strangle (v), strangled, strangulation, suffocated

- burial: buried (dead and buried, etc.), bury (kill), coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), epitaph (n), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (of diplomacy, etc.), knell (death knell / destruction)
- cloth: shred (v), undoing (destruction), undone (destruction)
- consumption: cannibalism (n)
- crashes & collisions: crash (crash and burn), crash (car crash), shipwreck (n), train wreck, wreck (v), wreck (person), wreckage (n), wrecked
- creature: heart (stake through the heart, etc.)
- crime: arson (n), cide (ecocide, etc.), vandal (n), vandalism (n)
- death & life: buried (dead and buried, etc.), bury (kill), cide (ecocide, etc.), coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deadly (adj), dead man walking, death (decline and death), deathblow (n), death rattle, death sentence (figurative), demise (political demise, etc.), epitaph (n), fatal (adj), fatally (fatally wounded, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (of diplomacy, etc.), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (stake through the heart, etc.), kill (hope, etc.), kill off (v), kiss of death, knell (death knell / destruction), knife (knife in the heart), martyrdom (n), martyred, mortal (adj), mortally (mortally wounded, etc.), noose (fate), roadkill (n), spiral (death spiral), suicide (career suicide, etc.), sword (put someone to the sword, etc.), valley of death (figurative)
- direction: bring down (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crash (crash down), downfall (n), fell (v), grind down (v), spiral (death spiral), takedown (n), topple (v)
- engine: flameout (n), flame out (v)
- epithet: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.), Hiroshima (epithet), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: topple (v)
- erosion: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration
- explosion: atomic bomb, blasted apart, blast radius (n), blown away (destruction), blow up (destroy / disrupt), explode (destroy / disrupt), implode (v), implosion (n), self-destructive (adj)
- farming & agriculture: rake (destroy), slash-and-burn (adj)
- fire: arson (n), ashes (from the ashes, etc.), auto da fe, consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), crash (crash and burn), extinguish (v), extinguished, flame (in flames), holocaust (destruction), Phoenix (myth), scorched-earth (and scorched earth), slash-and-burn (adj), snuff (v)
- fist: blow (knockout blow), crush (destroy), pound (pound targets, etc.)
- flying & falling: crash (crash and burn), shot down (and shot down in flames), spiral (death spiral)
- food & drink: consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), devour (destroy), devoured (by an emotion, etc.), eat (mental health), eat (destroy), eaten alive (by debt, rage, etc.), eat up (destroy), lunch (destruction), nibble (nibble at, etc.)
- foot: stamp out (v), trample (v), trampled
- force: crushed (destroyed), crushing (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: abyss (n), cliff (glass cliff), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (push something over the edge)
- hand: crush (destroy)
- head: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.)
- health & medicine: chalice (poisoned chalice), dismember (v), dismembered, dismemberment (n), dissection (n), eviscerate (v), eviscerated, evisceration (n), fatal (adj), fatally (fatally wounded, etc.), lacerate (v), mangle (v), mortal (adj), mortally (mortally wounded, etc.), pill (poison pill), poisonous (adj), toxic (adj)
- heart: heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (stake through the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- history: Chernobyl, genocidal (adj), genocide (groups), Hiroshima (epithet), *Titanic* (the ship), vandal (n), vandalism (n)
- hole: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v)
- horse: founder (v)

- house: roof (a roof can cave in)
- hunting: gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed)
- infrastructure: buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), crash (crash down), demolition (n), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), roadkill (n), ruin (verb), ruin (in ruins, etc.), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, tear down (v), tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v)
- justice: dead man walking, death sentence (figurative), death warrant (figurative), wheel (break someone on the wheel, etc.)
- knife: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), knife (sharpen one's knife)
- line: edge (push something over the edge)
- manufacturing: unmaking (destruction)
- materials & substances: meltdown (failure), poison (n), poison (v), radioactive (adj), shatter (destroy), shattered (destroyed), shattering (ear-shattering, etc.), toxic (adj)
- mechanism: break (destroy / disrupt), break down (destroy), breaker (deal-breaker, etc.), grind down (v)
- Middle Ages: wheel (break someone on the wheel, etc.)
- military: attacked, blast radius (n), carnage (n), collateral damage (n), death march (n), invader (n), sabotage (v), sabotage (n), sabotaged, saboteur (person), scorched-earth (and scorched earth), shot down (and shot down in flames), strike (preemptive strike, etc.), trail of tears (suffering), waste (lay waste), water (blow something out of the water), weapon (political weapon, etc.)
- mountains & hills: abyss (n), cliff (glass cliff), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (push something over the edge)
- movement: spiral (death spiral)
- neck: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), neck (save one's neck)
- nuclear energy: atomic bomb, Chernobyl, Hiroshima (epithet), meltdown (failure), radioactive (adj)
- person: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), invader (n), vandal (n), wreck (person)
- physics: implode (v), implosion (n)
- place: Chernobyl, Hiroshima (epithet)
- plane: crash (crash and burn), flameout (n), flame out (v), shoot down (v), shot down (and shot down in flames), spiral (death spiral)
- plant: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), uproot (v)
- predation: consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), devour (destroy), devoured (by an emotion, etc.), eat (mental health), eat (destroy), eaten alive (by debt, rage, etc.), ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), lamb (lamb to the slaughter), sheep (predation), nibble (nibble at, etc.), teeth (danger)
- religion: apocalypse (n), kiss of death, martyrdom (n), martyred, perdition (n)
- river: swept away (removal)
- roof: roof (a roof can cave in)
- rope: undoing (destruction), undone (destruction)
- ruins: bring down (v), buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), collateral damage (n), crash (crash down), crumble (v), damage (n), debris (n), demolition (n), destruction (n), flatten (v), roof (a roof can cave in), rubble (in the rubble), rubble (other), ruin (v), ruin (financial ruin, etc.), ruin (in ruins, etc.), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, self-destructive (adj), smash (smash a record, etc.), topple (v), tumble down (v), waste (lay waste), wreck (v), wreck (persons), wreckage (n), wrecked
- sea: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shoal (n), sink (destroy), swept away (removal), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)
- season: winter (nuclear winter, etc.)
- shape: spiral (death spiral)
- sheep: lamb (lamb to the slaughter), sheep (predation)
- sign, signal, symbol: Phoenix (myth)

- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: dismember (v), dismembered, dismemberment (n), dissection (n), eviscerate (v), eviscerated, evisceration (n), lacerate (v)
- snake: snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.)
- sound: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), knell (death knell / destruction)
- speech: shoot down (v)
- stomach: gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed)
- sword: sword (put someone to the sword, etc.)
- taking & removing: take (destroy)
- teeth: teeth (danger)
- tools & technology: blowtorch (n), bulldoze (v), bulldozer (n), buzz saw (n), chainsaw (n), demolition (n), rake (destroy), run over (v), sledgehammer (n), steamroll (v), steamrolled (and steamrollered), wrecking ball (n)
- train: train wreck
- tree: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), uproot (v)
- verb: back (break the back), blow up (destroy / disrupt), break (destroy / disrupt), brink down (v), buckle (give way), break down (destroy), bury (kill), bulldoze (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), collapse (v), consume (destroy), crash (crash and burn), crash (crash down), crumble (v), crush (destroy), decapitate (v), devour (destroy), disintegrate (v), dismember (v), drain (go down the drain), eat (mental health), eat (destroy), eat up (destroy), eviscerate (v), extinguish (v), fell (v), flame out (v), flatten (v), grave (dig one's grave), grind down (v), gut (destroy), implode (v), kill (hope, etc.), kill off (v), lacerate (v), mangle (v), nibble (nibble at, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), poison (v), pound (pound targets, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), rake (destroy), root out (v), ruin (v), run over (v), sabotage (v), scupper (v), scuttle (v), shatter (destroy), shoot down (v), shred (v), sink (destroy), smash (smash a record, etc.), snuff (v), squash (v), stamp out (v), steamroll (v), strangle (v), tear apart (v), tear down (v), tear up (v), topple (v), torpedo (v), trample (v), tube (go down the tubes), uproot (v), waste (lay waste), water (blow something out of the water), wreck (v)
- violence: coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), genocidal (adj), genocide (groups), head (heads will roll, etc.), pound (pound targets, etc.), rape (v), rape (n), slaughtered, wheel (break someone on the wheel, etc.)
- water: pop (bubble popped, etc.), swept away (removal), underwater (adj)
- weapon: attacked, blown away (destruction), coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deathblow (n), kryptonite (n), shoot down (v), shot down (and shot down in flames), strike (preemptive strike, etc.), weapon (political weapon, etc.), weaponization (n)
- weight: squash (v)
- wolf: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)

DESTRUCTION (2) (see also death & life)

- amelioration & renewal: piece (pick up the pieces)
- division & connection: torn (divided)
- feeling, emotion & effect: destroy (emotion), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), shatter (emotions), shattered (mentally, etc.), shattering (emotions), torn up, wreck (person)
- oppression: crush (confidence, spirit, etc.)
- mental health: destroy (emotions), shatter (emotions), shattered (mentally, etc.), shattering (emotions)
- resiliency: piece (pick up the pieces)

DEVELOPMENT (1)

- astronomy: wane (v), wax and wane
- baseball: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)
- books & reading: book (close the book), book (life is a book), bookend (development), chapter (other), page (development), plot (n), plot line (development)
- boxing: round (boxing)
- cloth: unfold (develop), unfolding (developing), unspool (v), unwind (analyze)

- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: enter (enter a new era, etc.)
- corner: corner (turn the corner)
- direction: come (occur, develop), follow (it follows that, etc.), fulcrum (n), go (develop), head (development), hinge (hinge event, etc.), inflection point, lead (one thing leads to another), pivot (n), pivot (v), pivotal (adj), point (decision point, etc.), point (tipping point), point (pivot point), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), swing (swing around), turn (take a turn), turn (development), turning point (n), turn out (develop), twist (n), twist (twist and turn / twists and turns), upon (tragedy upon tragedy, etc.), ups and downs, way (go the other way, etc.)
- distance: along (further along), come (come a long way)
- eye: see (see something coming)
- film & TV: unspool (v), unwind (analyze)
- flying & falling: trajectory (n)
- food & drink: appetizer (n), hors d'oeuvres (n), main course (and main dish), table (set the table)
- football: quarter (the fourth quarter, etc.)
- force: wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- geometry: arc (n), circle (a circle can close), circle (full circle)
- health & medicine: head (come to a head)
- horse: homestretch (n)
- journeys & trips: come (come a long way), course (development), crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), get (get somewhere), go (where are we going, etc.), journey (n), odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other), passage (journey), path (a path can turn / development), reach (a place on a journey), return (point of no return), road (turn in the road, etc.), saga (n), take (take somebody somewhere), trajectory (n), turn (take a turn), turn (development), way (to the other way, etc.)
- mechanism: fulcrum (n), pivotal (adj), point (tipping point), point (pivot point), turning point (n)
- military: shot (warning shot)
- moon: wane (v), wax and wane
- mountains & hills: watershed (n)
- movement: along (further along), come (occur, develop), come (come a long way), come to (development), enter (enter a new era, etc.), follow (it follows that, etc.), get (not get anywhere, get nowhere), go (go wrong, etc.), go (go right, etc.), go (not go anywhere, go nowhere), go (develop), go (where are we going, etc.), head (development), here (go from here), hinge (hinge event, etc.), journey (n), lead (one thing leads to another), move on (development), pendulum (reversal), pivot (v), pivot (n), progress (v), reach (a place on a journey), roller coaster (development), see (see something coming), seesaw (n), stand still (progress), swing (swing around), swing (development), turn (take a turn), turn (development), turning point (n), twist (n), where (situation / development)
- music: crescendo (n)
- number: point (decision point, etc.), zero (from hero to zero, etc.)
- odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other)
- path: path (a path can turn / development)
- pendulum: pendulum (reversal), swing (development)
- physics: trajectory (n)
- place: here (situation), here (go from here), place (situation), place (place where), point (point where), point (at a point), where (situation / development)
- position: upon (tragedy upon tragedy, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: upon (tragedy upon tragedy, etc.)
- radio: tuned (stay tuned)
- religion: hejira (and hejira)
- river: watershed (n)
- rope: play out (v)

- route: course (development)
- scale: balance (tip the balance), scale (tip the scales)
- sea: ebb (development), ebb and flow (v), ebb and flow (n), tide (turn the tide, etc.), wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- season: season (life)
- shape: circle (a circle can close), circle (full circle), trajectory (n)
- snow & ice: frozen (development)
- sound: crescendo (n)
- sports & games: game (game-changer), homestretch (n), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), quarter (the fourth quarter, etc.), roller coaster (development), round (boxing), seesaw (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand still (development)
- storm: storm (calm before the storm)
- table: table (set the table)
- theater: act (development), anticlimax (n), climax (n), finale (n), intermission (n), plot (n), plot line (development), script (to script), script (off script, etc.), stage (set the stage, etc.)
- tide: ebb (development), ebb and flow (v), ebb and flow (n), tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- verb: balance (tip the balance), come (occur, develop), come to (development), corner (turn the corner), ebb and flow (v), enter (enter a new era, etc.), follow (it follows that, etc.), get (get somewhere), go (develop), head (development), lead (one thing leads to another), pivot (v), play out (v), progress (v), reach (a place on a journey), scale (tip the scales), see (see something coming), stage (set the stage, etc.), take (take somebody somewhere), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tuned (stay tuned), turn (take a turn), turn out (develop), unfold (develop), unspool (v), unwind (analyze), wane (v), wax and wane
- water: wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- wave: wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- weapon: shot (warning shot), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot)
- weight: balance (tip the balance), camel (break the camel's back), scale (tip the scales), stand still (development), straw (last straw / final straw)

DIFFICULTY, EASINESS & EFFORT (1) (see also work & duty)

- allusion: hard (space is hard), herculean (adj), Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, New Deal (Green New Deal, etc.), promethean (adj), Sisyphean (adj)
- animal: beaver (v), canter (n), canter (v), claw (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), trot (on the trot)
- arm: push (summit push, etc.), pushover (n)
- astronomy: moonshot (n)
- back: back (carry something on one's back), backbreaking (adj)
- baseball: home run (swing for a home run, etc.)
- basketball: full-court (full-court press, etc.), layup (n), slam-dunk
- blood: blood (effort)
- boat: hand (all hands on deck), sail (sail to victory, etc.), sailing (smooth sailing)
- bodily reaction: sweat (work)
- boundary: limits (push something to its limits)
- burden: back (carry something on one's back), drag (v)
- circus: acrobat (person), acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), high wire (fate), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), juggle (v), juggling, tightrope (fate)
- cloth: needle (thread the needle, etc.), needle (eye of the needle, needle's eye)
- clothing & accessories: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- corner: corner (cut corners)
- direction: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), downhill (easy), hill (difficulty), uphill (difficult), upstream (swim upstream)

- distance: corner (cut corners), length (go to any lengths, etc.), marathon (effort and time), mile (go the extra mile), shortcut (v), shortcut (n)
- engine: gear up (v)
- epithet: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- farming & agriculture: plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- finger: finger (lift a finger)
- food & drink: cakewalk (dance), picnic (no picnic), picnic (other), platter (silver platter)
- force: push (summit push, etc.), pushover (n)
- forest: patch (rough patch)
- fruits & vegetables: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- gesture: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- ground, terrain & land: last-ditch (adj), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)
- hand: finger (lift a finger), hand (have one's hands full), hand (all hands on deck)
- head: no-brainer (n)
- history: Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, New Deal (Green New Deal, etc.), slave (v), trail of tears (suffering), via dolorosa
- horse: canter (n), canter (v), hands down (easily), trot (on the trot)
- hunting: turkey shoot
- journeys & trips: corner (cut corners), mile (go the extra mile), patch (rough patch), path (tough / easy path, etc.), path (clear a path), road (long road), road (tough / easy road, etc.), shortcut (v), shortcut (n), slog (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), trail of tears (suffering), via dolorosa, way (go out of one's way), yellow brick road
- materials & substances: hard (space is hard), platter (silver platter), slippery (difficult)
- mechanism: gear up (v), grind (daily grind, etc.), grind away (v), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), maintenance (high maintenance, etc.)
- military: battle (uphill battle, etc.), Dunkirk (digital Dunkirk, etc.), Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.), last-ditch (adj), Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, milk run (n), slog (lang hard slog, etc.)
- money: taxing (adj)
- moon: moonshot (n)
- mountains & hills: downhill (easy), hill (difficulty), mountain (difficulty), Mount Everest (and Everest), uphill (difficult)
- movement: acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), coast (coast to victory, etc.), canter (n), canter (v), drag (v), gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), park (walk in the park), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scramble (v), shortcut (v), shortcut (n), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), trot (on the trot), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- music: stop (pull out all the stops), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- orientation: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), upstream (swim upstream)
- party: party (garden party)
- path: path (tough / easy path, etc.), path (clear a path), yellow brick road
- person: acrobat (person), hand (all hands on deck)
- pressure: hard-pressed (adj)
- religion: heaven (move heaven and earth), promethean (adj), via dolorosa
- river: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), upstream (swim upstream)
- sign, signal, symbol: blood (effort), platter (silver platter), sweat (work)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: sinew (effort)
- snow & ice: sledding (tough sledding)
- sports & games: acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), bar (bar is set high, etc.), eight ball (behind the eight ball, etc.), full-court (full-court press, etc.), gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), juggle (v), juggling, knuckle down (v), layup (n), marathon (effort and time), slam-dunk, softball (n), whack-a-mole (and whack a mole)

- speech: tongue twister, tongue-twisting
- speed: canter (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: bend (bend over backwards)
- stomach: gut out (v)
- target: target (moving target), target (hard target, etc.), target (easy target, soft target, etc.)
- tongue: tongue twister, tongue-twisting
- tree: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- verb: beaver (v), bend (bend over backwards), canter (v), claw (v), coast (coast to victory, etc.), drag (v), finger (lift a finger), gear up (v), grind away (v), gut out (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), juggle (v), knuckle down (v), limits (push something to its limits), path (clear a path), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scramble (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), shortcut (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), slave (v), slog (v), stop (pull out all the stops), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.), way (go out of one's way)
- walking, running & jumping: canter (n), canter (v), downhill (easy), marathon (effort and time), park (walk in the park), scramble (v), slog (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), trail of tears (suffering), uphill (difficult), walkover (n)
- weapon: shot (best shot), target (hard target, etc.), target (easy target, soft target, etc.), turkey shoot
- weight: back (carry something on one's back), lift (heavy lift)

DIRECTION (1) (see also course; route)

- air: weather vane (n)
- allusion: breadcrumb (evidence)
- animal: bellwether (n), cow (bell cow)
- astronomy: lodestar (n), lodestone (n), star (north star)
- atmosphere: drift (control)
- boat: adrift (adj), chart (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), drift (control), jibe (v), lighthouse (protection), navigate (v), navigating, navigation, sea (at sea), rudderless, steer (v), tack (v), tack (n)
- clock: clock (around the clock)
- cows & cattle: cow (bell cow)
- fire: beacon (n)
- foot: footstep (in the footsteps)
- ground, terrain & land: landmark (n), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), uncharted (adj), way (know one's way around)
- infrastructure: lighthouse (protection)
- journeys & trips: beacon (n), bearing (direction), bound (destination), chart (v), course (on course), course (off course), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), course (course of action, etc.), crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), detour (n), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footstep (in the footsteps), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), go (direction), guide (v), guide (person), guide (nonperson), head (development), headed, landmark (n), lead (one thing leads to another), light (guiding light), lodestar (n), lodestone (n), lost (direction), mislead (v), misleading (adj), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.) plot (v), road (turn in the road, etc.), stray (direction), uncharted (adj), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way), way (the wrong way), way (know one's way around), way (part ways)
- light & dark: beacon (n), light (guiding light), lighthouse (protection)
- map: chart (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), navigate (v), plot (v), uncharted (adj)
- mechanism: steer (v)
- mountains & hills: watershed (n)

- movement: approach (a better approach, etc.), bound (destination), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footstep (in the footsteps), head (development), lead (one thing leads to another), meander (v), move (direction), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), stray (direction), wind (wind its way)
- number: neighborhood (numbers), north (numbers), south (numbers)
- person: guide (person)
- river: meander (v), watershed (n), wind (wind its way)
- sea: lighthouse (protection), sea (at sea), uncharted (adj)
- shape: corkscrew (v), corkscrew (shape)
- sheep: bellwether (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: weather vane (n)
- star: star (north star)
- tools & technology: bearing (direction), compass (moral compass), compass (other), lodestone (n), weather vane (n)
- train: track (direction), track (on track)
- verb: chart (v), corkscrew (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), go (direction), guide (v), head (development), jibe (v), meander (v), mislead (v), move (direction), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), plot (v), steer (v), stray (direction), tack (v), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way), way (part ways), wind (wind its way)
- weather & climate: weather vane (n)
- wind: drift (control), weather vane (n)

DIRECTION (2) (see also height; position)

- acceptance & rejection: turn down (v)
- accusation & criticism: come down on (v), takedown (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: apex (achievement), elevate (v), elevation (n), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rising (rising star, etc.), top (excellence)
- activity: time (down time / activity)
- admiration & contempt: below (behavior), beneath (behavior), high (noble), look down on (something), look up to (somebody), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), nose (look down one's nose), talk down to somebody)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: back (support / verb), bring around (v), down (down for something), lean towards (v), side (on one's side / person), side with (v), time (time on one's side), turn (turn against / turn on something), up (up for something)
- alternatives & choices: turn (turn to something, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.), straighten out (v), turn around (turn things around, etc.)
- amount: bottomless (adj), low (low on food, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: boil down to (v), bottom (get to the bottom of something), come down to (v), drill (analysis), follow (it follows that, etc.), follow (the facts, etc.)
- appearance & disappearance: arise (v), come (occur, develop), come back (from extinction, etc.), come forward (v), come up (appear), fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.), pop up (v), turn out (rally), turnout
- appearance & reality: underneath (basis)
- area: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- attainment: climb (scale), scale (climb), sights (lower one's sights)
- attempt: go for it (and go for broke, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), forward (bring something forward, etc.), forwardness (n), front (front and center), heighten (v), raise (attention), skyrocket (to attention, etc.)

- attenuation: tone down (v)
- avoidance & separation: inward (turn inward, etc.)
- bases: behind (basis), boil down to (v), bottom (get to the bottom of something), come down to (v), underlie, underlying (adj), underneath (basis)
- behavior: above (above the fray, etc.), astray (direction), below (behavior), beneath (behavior), crooked (adj), descend (v), fall down (v), fray (above the fray), go (behavior), ground (moral high ground, etc.), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), raise (your image, etc.), rise (rise above something), road (the high road / the low road), shifty (adj), sink (behavior), standard (higher standard), stoop (behavior), straight (the straight and narrow), straight arrow (person), stray (behavior), top (over the top), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- center & periphery: background (background noise, etc.), foreground (n), fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- character & personality: buoyant (personality), crooked (adj), down to earth (adj), ground (moral high ground, etc.), high-minded (adj), shifty (adj), straight (honest), straight (the straight and narrow), straightforward, straight arrow, twisted (character), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- cloth: weave (move)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: arrive (a time can arrive), arrive (the equator is arriving, etc.), circle back (return), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (occur, develop), come and go (currency), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), comeback (n), day (day has arrived, etc.), go back (and get back), intervening (adj), return (and return to), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), turnover (work), upcoming (adj)
- commitment & determination: down (down for something), go for it (and go for broke, etc.), live up to (something), up (up for something)
- competition: ahead (competition), behind (competition), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fall behind (competition and progress), front (in front / competition), outrun (v), slipstream (in a slipstream), trail (competition and progress)
- concealment & lack of concealment: basement (concealment), hide (hide behind something), netherworld (n), underground (n), underworld (n)
- condition & status: down (functioning), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees), laid low (condition, etc.), spiral (death spiral)
- conflict: side (conflict)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: come forward (v), face up (face up to something), man up (v), retreat (withdraw), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: fall (fall into a coma, etc.), see (see something coming), sink (sink into a coma, etc.)
- control & lack of control: adrift (adj), hand (upper hand), helm (at the helm), helm (v), helm (take the helm), top (on top / control)
- corruption: twist (twist the truth, etc.), twisted (corruption)
- course: adrift (adj), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), direction (a new direction, etc.), direction (course / on a course), direction (purpose), direction (symbol)
- creation & transformation: turn (transform), turn out (create)
- danger: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- death & life: fallen (dead), fallen (the fallen), laid low (killed), life (lay down one's life, etc.)
- decline: basement (basement price, etc.), bottom (hit bottom), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crater (v), descend (v), descent (decline), dip (decrease), dip (n), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), dive (n), down (decline), downfall (n), downhill (go downhill, etc.), downturn (n), drop, fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (n), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall on / upon), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), falloff (n), free fall (in free fall), free fall

- (other), go down (decrease), grace (fall from grace), gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees), low (decline), nadir (at the nadir), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), race (race to the bottom), rock-bottom (adj), sag (v), sink (decline), slide (slide to perdition, etc.), slide (v), slip (fail), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), south (go south, etc.), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), spiral (in a spiral), spiral (into a spiral), spiral (on a downward spiral), spiral (downward spiral, etc.), spiral (other), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
- destruction: bring down (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crash (crash down), downfall (n), fell (v), grind down (v), spiral (death spiral), takedown (n), topple (v)
 - development: come (occur, develop), follow (it follows that, etc.), fulcrum (n), go (develop), head (development), hinge (hinge event, etc.), inflection point, lead (one thing leads to another), pivot (n), pivot (v), pivotal (adj), point (decision point, etc.), point (tipping point), point (pivot point), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), swing (swing around), turn (take a turn), turn (development), turning point (n), turn out (develop), twist (n), twist (twist and turn / twists and turns), ups and downs, way (go the other way, etc.)
 - difficulty, easiness & effort: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), downhill (easy), hill (difficulty), uphill (difficult), upstream (swim upstream)
 - dismissal, removal & resignation: drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, step down (v), strike down (v), struck down, take down (v), topple (v)
 - disruption: flipped, head (turn something on its head, etc.), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v), topsy-turvy (upside down), upend (v), upside down
 - division & connection: polarizing (adj), side (conflict)
 - dominance & submission: bow (and bow down), hand (upper hand), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), talk (talk over somebody), top (dominance / winning), unbowed (adj)
 - eagerness & reluctance: look forward to (v)
 - enthusiasm: follower (on social media, etc.)
 - environment: netherworld (n), underground (n), underworld (n)
 - extent & scope: bottomless (adj), direction (in every direction), left and right, roof (through the roof), stratospheric (adj)
 - failure, accident & impairment: astray (direction), circle (go in circles), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), downhill (go downhill, etc.), fall through (v), let down (fail), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), south (go south, etc.), step (a step in the wrong direction), stray (behavior), stray (direction), toilet (in the toilet, etc.), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), turn (wrong turn), west (go west / obsolete)
 - fate, fortune & chance: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), rise and fall (v)
 - feeling, emotion & effect: ballistic (go ballistic), buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyant (personality), buoyed, depression (mental illness), descent (decline), down (feeling), downhearted, fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fall (an emotion can fall), fall (fall in love), feeling (sinking feeling), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), heart (heart sank), high (on a high), high (emotion), high-spirited, lay low (emotion), lift (feeling), lift (v), low (emotion), point (low point / emotion), raise (feeling), soar (a heart can soar), retreat (withdraw), roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.), sink (sink into despair, etc.), sinking (sinking feeling, etc.), slide (v), up (feeling), upbeat (adj), world (on top of the world, etc.)
 - fictive motion: dip (a route can dip), wind (wind its way)
 - fictive transportation: back (in time), take (take us back / time)
 - flaws & lack of flaws: downside (n), over (overshare, etc.), sag (v), slump (v), twisted (corruption), under (underdeliver, etc.), upside (n), warp (v), warped
 - force: march (march ahead, etc.)
 - functioning: down (functioning)

- future: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching, arrive (a time can arrive), before (at a future time), come (to come), come (for a time to come), come (come after / at a later time), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), facing (future-facing, etc.), forerunner (n), foresight (n), forward (every year forward, etc.), forward-looking, front (the future is in front of us), head (head into the future, etc.), headed, lie (lie ahead), look forward to (v), near (v), on (30 years on, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), see (see something coming), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), train (future), up-and-coming (and up and coming), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), turn in (give)
- growth & development: apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), arise (v), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the ascent), ascent, fall behind (competition and progress), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rise (on the rise), rise and fall (n), trail (competition and progress)
- heart: downhearted, heart (heart sank), soar (a heart can soar)
- help & assistance: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.), pick up (pick somebody up, etc.), turn (turn to something, etc.)
- hierarchy: above (hierarchy), apex (apex animal, etc.), basement (hierarchy), bottom (at the bottom), chain of command (and chain), head (go over one's head / hierarchy), higher-up (person), ladder (hierarchy), mountain (at the top of the mountain), move (move up), pyramid (hierarchy), tier (hierarchy), top (hierarchy), top dog (hierarchy), totem pole, under (hierarchy)
- importance & significance: burner (front burner), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), breakthrough (n), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), hinge (hinge event, etc.), mind (top of mind), mind (front of mind), mind (back of mind)
- increase & decrease: boost (v), boost (n), ceiling (high point), climb (increase), dial (dial down), dip (decrease), dip (n), drop (prices dropped, etc.), drop (drop in sales, etc.), elevated, fall off (v), falloff (n), floor (low point), free fall (in free fall), go down (decrease), go up (increase), heighten (v), jack up (v), jump (increase / verb), jump (n), ladder (increase), level (take something to a higher level), level off (v), level up (as verb), nosedive (noun / decrease), notch (take something up a notch), pick up (increase), pile up (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), ratchet up (v), rise (prices rise, etc.), rise (increase / noun), rise (on the rise), rocket (increase), roller coaster (development), roof (through the roof), sag (v), shoot up (v), soar (v), skyrocket (increase), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), spiral (downward or upward), spiraling (increase), stratospheric (adj), surge (intransitive verb / increase), up (increase / verb), up (higher), upsurge (n), uptick (n), upturn (n), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- initiation: dial up (order)
- involvement: get in / get into (involvement), leave (leave something alone)
- judgment: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), thumbs-down, upvote (and downvote)
- mental health: depression (mental illness), down (feeling), lay low (emotion), meltdown (emotions), melt down (emotions), pick up (pick somebody up, etc.)
- mind: high-minded (adj)
- movement: bounce (v), cascade (v), oscillate (v), ping-pong (v), ping-pong (n), retreat (glaciers, etc.), roll (move), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), weave (move), yo-yo (v), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.), zig-zag (v)
- obstacles & impedance: breakthrough (n), hump (n), sink (sink into the mud, etc.)
- occurrence: arise (v), come (occur, develop), fall (on Friday, etc.), fall (night fell, etc.), fall (silence fell, etc.), go down (happen), up (what's up, etc.)
- oppression: come down on (v), fall (weight)
- orientation: belly (orientation), current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), floor (pelvic floor, etc.), foot (orientation), head (orientation), lower (river, etc.), nose (orientation), snout

(orientation), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.), tail (orientation), upper (river, etc.), upstage (v), upstream (swim upstream)

- past & present: ancestor (go before), back (in time), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), behind (in the past), circle back (return), clock (turn back the clock), come (a time comes along), come (come before / at an earlier time), day (day has arrived, etc.), descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), forefather (n), forerunner (n), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), gone (those days are gone, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hindsight (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), look back (v), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), pass (its time has passed, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), predecessor (go away before), present (up to the present), revisit (v), take (take us back / time), throwback (n), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (a man out of time, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.), walk (walk somebody back)
- perception, perspective & point of view: facing (future-facing, etc.), forward-looking, slanted (news, etc.)
- performance: top (over the top)
- person: follower (on social media, etc.), guide (person), leader (person)
- position, policy & negotiation: back (back and forth), give-and-take
- possession: fall (fall into the hands, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: accession (n), apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), arrive (attainment), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the descent), ascent (other), bottom (hit bottom), bring down (v), come and go (currency), comer (up-and-comer, etc.), downfall (n), fall (fall from power, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), grace (fall from grace), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), in (and in thing, etc.), low (decline), nadir (at the nadir), out (fashion), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, pass (its time has passed, etc.), peak (careers, etc. / verb), plunge (noun / decline), return (animals, etc.), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rise and fall (n), rising (upcoming), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), throwback (n), time (time has passed), time (a man out of time, etc.), topple (v), up (time is finished, etc.), up-and-coming (and up and coming), up and down
- priority: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), front burner, line (at the front / back of the line), mind (top of mind), mind (front of mind), mind (back of mind)
- progress & lack of progress: adrift (adj), advance (v), advance (n), ahead (progress), ahead (adv), backwards (progress), behind (progress), breakthrough (n), circle (go in circles), climb (scale), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), fall behind (competition and progress), forward (path forward, etc.), forward (move forward, go forward, etc.), left (left behind), look up (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move (move up), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), runaround, scale (climb), set back (v), setback (progress), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the right direction), step (a step forward), step (a step back / backwards), tail (chase one's tail), trail (competition and progress), wheel (hamster wheel), wind (wind its way)
- protection: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- proximity: front (in front / proximity)
- punishment & recrimination: hand down / out (punishment, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: behind (put something behind), bottom (get to the bottom of something)
- relationship: behind (basis), come (occur, develop), feedback (n), feedback loop (n), follow (result, sequence), follow (it follows that, etc.), guide (person), lead (one thing leads to another), underlying (adj), underneath (basis)
- reputation: raise (your image, etc.)
- resiliency: behind (put something behind), chin (chin up, etc.), comeback (n), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), feet (get back on one's feet, etc.), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), pick (pick oneself up), positive (sex positive, etc.)

- resistance, opposition & defeat: backlash (n), bow (and bow down), fall (defeat), heel (on one's heels), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), lie down (and lay down), retreat (reverse / verb), step (not one step back), unbowed (adj), uprising (resistance)
- responsibility: behind (responsibility), fall (devolve), live up to (something), man up (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: over-the-top (adj), top (over the top)
- reversal: about-face (in an about-face), about-face, about-turn, back (no way back, etc.), backlash (n), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), boomerang (v), climb down (v), climbdown (n), course (reverse course), flip (v), flip-flop (v), flip-flop (v), flip-flopping (reversal), flipped, hinge (hinge event, etc.), oscillate (v), overturn (v), overturned, pivot (n), pivot (v), retreat (reverse / verb), retreat (reverse / noun), row (row back), turnabout (reversal), turn around (turn things around, etc.), turnaround, U-turn (n)
- route: climb (roads, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: high (from on high)
- searching & discovery: bottom (get to the bottom of something), come up with (discovery), turned up (discovered)
- sequence: after (at a later time), ancestor (go before), before (at an earlier time), descendant (come after / down), follow (result, sequence), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forefather (n), forenoon (at an earlier time), forerunner (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), train (in one's train / at a later time), upon (tragedy upon tragedy, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- shape: bell curve (shape), dogleg (shape), elbow (shape), hairpin (shape), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), trough (direction), valley (n), U-turn (n), zig-zag (v)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: crooked (adj), straight (honest), straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- situation: go back (and get back), return (and return to)
- social interaction: get along (v), go along (v), give-and-take, street (two-way street)
- society: fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), netherworld (n), underground (n), underworld (n)
- sound: fall (silence fell, etc.)
- speech: straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, talk down to (somebody), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), drop out, level off (v), march (march ahead, etc.), step down (v)
- strength & weakness: sag (v), slump (v)
- subterfuge: aboveboard (adj), shifty (adj), table (under the table), underhanded (or underhand)
- success & failure: fall (fall short), fall down (v), fall through (v), let down (fail), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), rise and fall (v)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: over (overshare, etc.), top (over the top), under (underdeliver, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: above (above the law, etc.), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), highbrow (and lowbrow, middlebrow), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), low (base, bad / adjective), mind (top of mind), mind (front of mind), mind (back of mind), slipstream (in a slipstream), top (dominance / winning), top dog (hierarchy)
- survival, persistence & endurance: buoyed, come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), comeback (n), return (animals, etc.), sink (sink into debt, etc.)
- taxonomy & classification: fall (fall into a category, etc.)
- time: advance (in advance, etc.), advance (a day can advance, etc.), after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), ancestor (go before), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approaching (adj), arrive (a time can arrive), back (in time), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), before (at a future time), behind (in the past), clock (turn back the clock), come (to come), come (a time comes along), come (come before / at an earlier time), come (come after / at a later time), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), descendant (come after / down), down (down

through the centuries, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), facing (future-facing, etc.), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forenoon (at an earlier time), forefather (n), forerunner (n), foresight (n), forward (every year forward, etc.), forward-looking, front (the future is in front of us), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), gone (those days are gone, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), hindsight (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), lie (lie ahead), look back (v), look forward to (v), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), near (v), next (at a later time), on (30 years on, etc.), onrushing (future, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), revisit (v), road (come down the road / pike), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), see (see something coming), take (take us back / time), throwback (n), time (down time / activity), time (a man out of time, etc.), time (time on one's side), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time), up (up to now, up to date, etc.), up-and-coming (and up and coming), wake (in the wake of / at a later time), walk (walk somebody back), way (autumn is on the way, etc.), yesterday

- timeliness & lack of timeliness: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (past time), up (time finished, etc.)
- transmission: handed down (by ancestors, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: fellow traveler (n)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: sights (lower one's sights)
- warning: heads-up (warning)

DIRECTING (1) (see also supplying)

- animal: drive (v), goad (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), herded, husband (v), shepherd (v)
- boat: pilot (v), steer (v)
- circus: ringmaster (role)
- cows & cattle: herd (v)
- food & drink: fed (supplied), feed (direct)
- health & medicine: inject (put), injection (n)
- infrastructure: pipe (n), pipeline (other)
- journeys & trips: (guide (v), guide (person), shepherd (v), take (take somebody somewhere)
- mechanism: steer (v)
- music: orchestrate (v), orchestrated
- person: guide (person), ringmaster (role)
- pumped: pumped (directed)
- sea: lighthouse (protection)
- sheep: shepherd (v)
- speech: goad (v)
- sports & games: coach (n), coach (v)
- theater: choreographed, parade (v), stage (v), staged (directed), stage-manage (v), stage-managed
- tide: surge (transitive verb)
- verb: coach (v), channel (direct), drive (v), feed (direct), funnel (v), goad (v), guide (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), husband (v), infuse (v), inject (put), orchestrate (v), parade (v), pilot (v), plow (put), pour (put), pump (direct), shepherd (v), steer (v), shot (call the shots), siphon (v), stage (v), stage-manage (v), surge (transitive verb), take (take somebody somewhere), whip (violence)
- violence: goad (v), whip (violence)
- water: channel (direct), channeled, drip-fed, funnel (direct), funneled (directed), infuse (v), infused, infusion (n), pipe (n), pipeline (other), pour (put), pump (direct), pumped (directed), siphon (v), surge (transitive verb)
- weapon: shot (call the shots)
- whip: whip (violence)

DISMISSAL, REMOVAL & RESIGNATION (1) (see also curtailment; starting, gong, continuing & ending)

- air: filter (v)
- animal: cull (n), cull (v), factory (glue factory), flense (v), pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture), perch (knock something off its perch), shed (v), slough (and sluff / verb)
- arm: cast aside (v), elbowed (elbowed out, etc.), pushed out, throw out (v), toss out (v)
- atmosphere: wind (throw something to the wind)
- ax: ax (n), chop (get the chop, etc.), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (a person from a team, etc.), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), slash (v), slash-and-burn (adj), trim (trim the fat, etc.)
- bird: perch (knock something off its perch)
- blade: ax (n), chop (get the chop, etc.), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (a person from a team, etc.), cut off (v), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), scrape (v), scraped, shave (removal), slash (v), trim (trim the fat, etc.), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- boat: jettison (v), jettisoned, overboard (throw somebody overboard), ship out (remove)
- books & reading: shelve (v)
- breathing: blow off (v)
- burden: pull out (v)
- cards: discard (v), fold (v)
- clothing & accessories: boot (get the boot), boot out (v), strip (v), stripped
- creature: exorcise (v)
- death & life: body count (figurative)
- direction: drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, step down (v), strike down (v), struck down, take down (v), topple (v)
- disruption: overturned
- doors & thresholds: door (shown the door, etc.), door (check something at the door, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v), unseat (v)
- farming & agriculture: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), prune (v), weed out (v), slash-and-burn (adj), winnow (v)
- fire: slash-and-burn (adj)
- foot: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)
- force: pushed out
- government: oust (v), ousted (removed)
- hair: shave (removal), shed (v), slough (and sluff / verb)
- hand: brush aside (v), brush off (v), brush-off
- head: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- health & medicine: amputate (remove)
- horn: shed (v)
- horse: factory (glue factory), pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture), unseat (v)
- hygiene: clean out (v), cleanse (make clean), filter (v), flush (remove), scrub (remove), scrubbed
- infrastructure: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- insect: mothball (v), mothballed
- knife: bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), cut (a person from a team, etc.), cut off (v), pare (v), pared (pared to the bone), scrape (v), scraped, slash (v), trim (trim the fat, etc.), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- leg: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)
- manufacturing: factory (glue factory), scrap (v), scrapped
- military: body count (figurative), coup (power), drummed out, guard (changing of the guard)

- movement: shake (remove)
- neck: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- person: outcast (person)
- picture: crop (remove)
- pile: dump (v), dumped
- plane: bail out (leave)
- plant: prune (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), weed out (v), uprooted
- prep, adv, adj, particle: kick out (v)
- religion: exorcise (v)
- river: swept away (removal)
- royalty: dethrone (v), dethroned
- ruins: topple (v)
- sea: swept away (removal)
- sign, signal, symbol: door (shown the door, etc.), hang up (hang up the gloves, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: amputate (remove), bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), flense (v), pared (pared to the bone)
- snake: shed (v), slough (and sluff / verb)
- snow & ice: ice (put on ice / constrained)
- society: banish (v), banished, banishment (n), cold (in the cold), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, outcast (person), Siberia (exile), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- sports & games: bench (v), sidelined (adj)
- table: table (off the table)
- temperature: ice (put on ice / constrained)
- theater: bow out (v), curtain (lower the curtain, etc.), curtains (the end)
- throwing, putting & planting: eject (v), outcast (person)
- tools & technology: ax (n), chop (get the chop, etc.)
- tree: prune (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), uprooted
- verb: amputate (remove), bail out (leave), banish (v), bow out (v), bench (v), blow off (v), boot out (v), brush aside (v), brush off (v), cast aside (v), chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), clean out (v), cleanse (make clean), crop (remove), cull (v), cut off (v), decapitate (v), dethrone (v), discard (v), dismantle (v), drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), dump (v), eject (v), exorcise (v), flense (v), flush (remove), fold (v), jettison (v), kick out (v), leach (v), lift (amelioration), mothball (v), oust (v), overboard (throw somebody overboard), overthrow (v), overturn (v), pare (v), plug (pull the plug), pull out (v), prune (v), retire (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), scrap (v), scrape (v), scrub (remove), shake (remove), shave (removal), shed (v), shelve (v), ship out (remove), slash (v), slough (and sluff / verb), step aside (v), step away (v), step down (v), strike down (v), strip (v), take down (v), throw out (v), topple (v), toss out (v), trim (trim the fat, etc.), unseat (v), weed out (v), wind (throw something to the wind), winnow (v)
- violence: head (heads will roll, etc.), overboard (throw somebody overboard)
- walking, running & jumping: run out (of town on a rail, etc.), step aside (v), step away (v), step down (v)
- waste: curb (kick somebody to the curb)
- water: cleanse (make clean), dissolve (terminate), filter (v), flush (remove), leach (v), plug (pull the plug), swept away (removal)
- weight: lift (amelioration)
- wheat: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)
- wind: wind (throw something to the wind)
- window: window (out the window)
- work & duty: retire (v), retired

- writing & spelling: write (write out / off), written off

DISRUPTION (1)

- affix: breaker (deal-breaker, etc.)
- air: turbulence (disruption)
- allusion: Bolshevik, Che Guevara, Danton, Jacobin
- animal: feather (ruffle feathers), rattle (disrupt), ruffled (feathers)
- area: zone (one's comfort zone)
- atmosphere: turbulence (disruption)
- bird: feather (ruffle feathers), ruffled (feathers)
- boat: boat (rock the boat)
- cards: deck (re-shuffle the deck)
- direction: flipped, head (turn something on its head, etc.), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v), topsy-turvy (upside down), upend (v), upside down
- earthquake: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- engine: gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), destabilize (v), destabilizing (adj), earthquake (effect), foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), head (turn something on its head, etc.), imbalanced, overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, rattle (disrupt), reel (v), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shaken (disruption), shake up (v), shake-up (n), stagger (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (n), topple (v), topsy-turvy (upside down), trip up (v), unseat (v), upend (v), upheaval (disruption), upset (upset the apple cart, etc.), upside down, wrong-foot (v)
- explosion: blow up (destroy / disrupt), grenade (disruption), Molotov cocktail
- fire: Molotov cocktail
- foot: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), toe (step on toes), wrong-foot (v)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- head: head (turn something on its head, etc.)
- history: Bolshevik, Che Guevara, Danton, Jacobin, revolution (n), revolutionary (person), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v)
- horse: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), unseat (v)
- house: broom (broom of reform, etc.), house (clean house)
- hygiene: broom (broom of reform, etc.), house (clean house)
- infrastructure: tear down (v)
- mechanism: break (destroy / disrupt), breaker (deal-breaker, etc.), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), wrench (throw a wrench into something), gum up (v), misbehave (machine)
- military: grenade (disruption), sabotage (v), sabotage (n), sabotaged, saboteur (person)
- mixture: scramble (disrupt)
- movement: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- music: cognitive dissonance, discordant (adj)
- person: revolutionary (person)
- ruins: smash (smash a record, etc.), topple (v)
- scale: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), imbalanced
- sea: wave (make waves, etc.)
- sensation: toe (step on toes)
- sound: cognitive dissonance, discordant (adj), rattle (disrupt), tumult (disruption)
- sports & games: game (throw somebody off their game), game (game-changer), wrong-foot (v)
- table: table (turn the tables)
- theater: script (off script, etc.)
- toe: toe (step on toes)

- verb: blow up (destroy / disrupt), break (destroy / disrupt), destabilize (v), feather (ruffle feathers), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), gum up (v), head (turn something on its head, etc.), house (clean house), misbehave (machine), overthrow (v), overturn (v), rattle (disrupt), reel (v), revolutionize (v), rock (v), roil (v), sabotage (v), scramble (disrupt), shake (disrupt), shake up (v), smash (smash a record, etc.), stagger (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), table (turn the tables), tear down (v), toe (step on toes), topple (v), trip up (v), unseat (v), upend (v), upset (upset the apple cart, etc.), wave (make waves, etc.), wrench (throw a wrench into something), wrong-foot (v)
- violence: Bolshevik, Danton, Jacobin
- walking, running & jumping: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), reel (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (n), toe (step on toes), trip up (v), wrong-foot (v)
- water: roil (v), turbulence (disruption), wave (make waves, etc.)
- wave: wave (make waves, etc.)

DISTANCE (2) (see also proximity)

- amount: few and far between
- attainment: far (progress), mile (the last mile)
- avoidance & separation: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), distance (v)
- behavior: far (too far), go (behavior), length (go to any lengths, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v), ski (over one's skis, etc.), stop (stop at nothing)
- competition: further (further along, etc.), light year (light years ahead)
- constraint & lack of constraint: overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v)
- cost & benefit: mileage, way (go a long way)
- development: along (further along), come (come a long way)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: corner (cut corners), length (go to any lengths, etc.), marathon (effort and time), mile (go the extra mile), shortcut (v), shortcut (n)
- division & connection: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), close (feeling), distance (v), distance (n), distant (separation), tight (relationship)
- extent & scope: distant (a distant second, etc.), far-flung (adj), far-reaching, length (go to any lengths, etc.), mile (by a mile, etc.), mile (go the extra mile), span (v), way (go a long way)
- failure, accident & impairment: far (too far), ski (over one's skis, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: close (feeling), detached (emotions), tight (relationship)
- future: away (a week away, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), day (day after tomorrow), distant (future), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), future (in the distant future), go (a month to go, etc.), horizon (on the horizon), near (near future, etc.), near (v), remote (future), road (down the road, etc.), run (in / over the long run), sight (in sight), way (a long way off)
- measurement: span (lifespan, etc.), span (v)
- past & present: deep (deep past, etc.), distance (time), distant (past), far (farther on / time), far-off (time), past (in the distant past, etc.), past (distant past, etc.), remote (past)
- perception, perspective & point of view: farsighted (adj), myopic (adj), view (long view)
- progress & lack of progress: come (come a long way), far (progress), go (a distance to go, etc.), way (come a long way, etc.)
- proximity: away (a week away, etc.), close (feeling), close (close to, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), far (far from, etc.), light year (light years away, etc.), mile (by a mile), near (near future, etc.), way (a long way from, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- relationship: close (feeling), distant (relationship), tight (relationship)
- restraint & lack of restraint: far (too far), length (go to any lengths, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v), ski (over one's skis, etc.), stop (stop at nothing)
- social interaction: close (feeling), tight (relationship)

- starting, gong, continuing & ending: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: distance (go the distance)
- time: advance (in advance, etc.), away (a week away, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), day (day after tomorrow), deep (deep past, etc.), dim (the dim past, etc.), distance (time), distant (past), distant (future), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), far (farther on / time), far (far from, etc.), far-off (time), future (in the distant future), go (a month to go, etc.), haul (long haul), horizon (on the horizon), long (a long time, etc.), long-run (adj), longtime (adj), marathon (effort and time), near (near future, etc.), near (v), passage (passage of time), past (in the distant past, etc.), past (distant past, etc.), remote (past), remote (future), road (down the road, etc.), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), short (a short time, etc.), sight (in sight), span (lifespan, etc.), time (over time), time (course of time), time (long time / short time), way (a long way off)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: advance (in advance)

DIVISION (1) (see also branching system; taxonomy & classification)

- arm: arm (arm of an organization)
- bird: wing (division)
- family: parent (parent company, etc.)
- military: camp (division)

DIVISION & CONNECTION (1) (see also attachment; avoidance & separation)

- allusion: apartheid (separation), iron curtain, Maginot Line, Paradise Lost (allusion), Yugoslavia (Asian Yugoslavia, etc.)
- arm: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), embrace (v), embraced, reach out (v)
- astronomy: cusp (on the cusp), orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- atmosphere: drift (drift apart)
- ax: sever (v)
- birth: umbilical (connection)
- blade: sever (v)
- blood: blood brother (connection)
- boat: adrift (adj), anchored, drift (drift apart), unmoored
- boundary: borderland (n), boundary (division), corner (corner cases, etc.), edge (edge cases, etc.), fuzzy (boundaries, etc.), intersect (v), intersection (n), line (division), line (categories)
- bridge: bridge (n), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone
- chemistry: bond (n)
- cloth: entwined, intertwined, interwoven, knit (knit together), knit (tightly knit), seamless, seamlessly, strand (connection), thread (connection), thread (v), tight-knit, weave together (v), woven
- destruction: torn (divided)
- direction: polarizing (adj), side (conflict)
- distance: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), close (feeling), distance (v), distance (n), distant (separation), tight (relationship)
- doors & thresholds: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- earthquake: fault (fault line)
- electricity: insulated, plugged in / into
- epithet: iron curtain, Yugoslavia (Asian Yugoslavia, etc.), wall (blue wall, etc.)
- family: blood brother (connection), brother (brother in arms, etc.), brotherhood (n), kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), orphaned, parent (cat parents, etc.), sister (redneck sisters, etc.), sisterhood (n), twin (relationship)
- farming & agriculture: silo (v), silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- fence: fence (division)

- finger: touch (lose touch), touch (other)
- foot: foot (one foot / the other foot), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.)
- fortification: drawbridge (protection), moat (n), moated
- gate: gate (society)
- geometry: intersect (v), intersection (n)
- gesture: embrace (v)
- ground, terrain & land: balkanization (n), Balkanized, barrier (n), chasm (n), crack (division), divide (n), fault (fault line), fissure (n), gap (n), ground (common ground), ground (middle ground), isthmus (shape), rift (division), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- hand: hand in hand (go hand in hand, etc.), handshake (n)
- health & medicine: amputate (remove), hip (joined at the hip)
- history: apartheid (separation), balkanization (n), Balkanized, Ceuta and Melilla, iron curtain, Maginot Line, Yugoslavia (Asian Yugoslavia, etc.)
- infrastructure: wall (obstacle)
- insect: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- island: insular (adj), island (society), island (island of affluence, etc.), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- journeys & trips: stepping stone, traverse (v), way (part ways)
- key: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- knife: sever (v)
- leg: foot (one foot / the other foot), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- light & dark: daylight (division)
- line: borderland (n), edge (edge cases, etc.), foot (one foot / the other foot), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), line (division), line (categories), straddle (connect)
- love, courtship & marriage: divorce (n), divorce (v), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married, marry (v), matchmaker (person), wedded
- materials & substances: fractured (separated), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.)
- military: drawbridge (protection), moat (n), Maginot Line
- mechanism: rupture (n)
- mountains & hills: traverse (v), watershed (n)
- movement: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- number: common denominator
- part of speech: together (as noun)
- pendulum: suspended
- person: tribe (group)
- physics: atomization (n)
- place: cloister (v), cloistered
- prep, adv, adj, particle: apart (division), between (come between, etc.)
- proximity: close (feeling), daylight (division), distance (v), distance (n), tight (relationship)
- religion: cloister (v), cloistered, Paradise Lost (allusion), schism (n)
- river: bridge (n), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone, watershed (n)
- rope: bind (connect), entwined, tie (v), tied, tie together (v)
- school & education: breakout (breakout sessions, etc.)
- sea: gulf (division), insular (adj), island (society), island (island of affluence, etc.), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- sensation: fuzzy (boundaries, etc.), limb (phantom limb)
- shadow: daylight (division)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: amputate (remove), limb (phantom limb)
- snow & ice: ice (break the ice)

- society: caste (n), meet (connect)
- sports & games: team (side)
- standing, sitting & lying: foot (one foot / the other foot), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- star: cusp (on the cusp)
- stomach: waist (n)
- temperature: ice (break the ice)
- tools & technology: connect (v), coupled, disconnect (n), hook up (connect), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- train: track (across the tracks, etc.)
- verb: amputate (remove), bind (connect), bridge (v), cloister (v), cocoon (v), connect (v), distance (v), divorce (v), drift (drift apart), embrace (v), hook up (connect), ice (break the ice), intersect (v), knit (knit together), marry (v), reach out (v), revolve (revolve around something), sever (v), silo (v), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), straddle (connect), thread (v), tie (v), tie together (v), touch (lose touch), traverse (v), way (part ways), weave together (v), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- wall: barrier (n), wall (obstacle)
- water: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- wedge: wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- wind: drift (drift apart)

DIVISION AND CONNECTION (2)

- inclusion & exclusion: apartheid (separation), criminalization (groups), criminalize (groups), criminalized (groups), destigmatize (groups), destigmatized (groups), equality (groups), inequality (groups), marginalization (groups), marginalize (groups), marginalized (groups), marginalizing (guilty of, etc.), minoritize (groups), minoritized (groups), moral panic (n), normalize (groups), other (the other, etc.), other (verb / groups, etc.), othered, othering, otherism (n), otherization (groups), otherize (groups), otherized (groups), otherness (n), race (groups), racial (groups), racialize (groups), racialized (groups), racially (groups), racism (groups), racist (groups)

DOCUMENT (2)

- amelioration & renewal: lease (lease on life)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: license (n), passport (n)

DOG (2) (see also animal)

- achievement, recognition & praise: head (pat on the head)
- affliction: bird-dog (v), dog (afflict), dog (dogs of war), dogged (hounded), hound (v), hounded (dogged)
- attachment: bulldog (person), pit bull (person), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- avoidance & separation: bay (at bay)
- behavior: bulldog (person), dog (mad dog / epithet), pit bull (person), rabid behavior, rabidly
- character & personality: bulldog (person), feisty (adj), hot dog (person), pit bull (person)
- coercion & motivation: bulldog (person), dog (attack dog), pit bull (person)
- commitment & determination: bulldog (person), dogged (determined), pit bull (person)
- competition: dog-eat-dog, dogfight (n), pack (competition), heel (nip at somebody's heels), underdog (competition)
- conflict: back (get one's back up, etc.), dogfight (n), hackles (raise hackles), roll over (v)
- constraint & lack of constraint: choke chain (n), leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.), unleash (v), unleashed
- control & lack of control: leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.)
- dependency: lapdog (n)
- dominance & submission: dog (big dog), lapdog (n), poodle (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- eagerness & reluctance: bay (bay for blood, etc.), dog (dog won't hunt)
- enthusiasm: hound (autograph hound, etc.)
- epithet: dog (mad dog / epithet), pack (the Rat Pack, etc.)

- feeling, emotion & effect: bristle (emotional arousal), hackles (raise hackles)
- hierarchy: top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- initiation: unleash (v), unleashed
- insult: dog (insult), lapdog (n)
- involvement: dog (dog in the fight)
- person: dog (big dog), dog (mad dog / epithet), dog (attack dog), dog (insult), dog (sex)
- progress & lack of progress: tail (chase one's tail)
- protection & lack of protection: watchdog (n)
- punishment & recrimination: doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.), bird-dog (v), bloodhound (n), hound (v), hounded (dogged)
- relationship: lapdog (n)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back (get one's back up, etc.), howl (n), howl (v), roll over (v), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- reversal: tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- searching & discovery: bloodhound (n)
- sex: dog (sex)
- shape: dogleg (shape)
- situation: doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.)
- sound: bark (v)
- speech: bark (v), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), snarl (speech), whining (n), whiny (adj), yapping (n)
- strength & weakness: underdog (competition)
- substance & lack of substance: bark (more bark than bite, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: tail (tail between one's legs), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- success & failure: dog (dog won't hunt)
- surveillance: watchdog (n)
- warning: watchdog (n)

DOMINANCE & SUBMISSION (1) (see also resistance, opposition & defeat; superiority & inferiority)

- animal: back down (v), blink (conflict), dog (big dog), dunk (dunk on someone), game (game of chicken), ground (hold / stand one's ground), lapdog (n), poodle (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs), top (dominance / winning)
- back: back down (v)
- basketball: dunk (dunk on someone)
- bird: game (game of chicken)
- clothing & accessories: trousers (wear the trousers, etc.)
- direction: bow (and bow down), hand (upper hand), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), top (dominance / winning), talk (talk over somebody), unbowed (adj)
- dog: dog (big dog), lapdog (n), poodle (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- eye: blink (conflict)
- farming & agriculture: field hand (person)
- fist: knuckle under (v)
- foot: doormat (person)
- gesture: blink (conflict)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (hold / stand one's ground)
- hand: hand (upper hand)
- insult: doormat (person)

- knee: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v)
- lap: lapdog (n)
- mountains & hills: overhang (n)
- person: dog (big dog), doormat (person), field hand (person), servant (dominated), slave (slave to fashion, etc.), slave (dominated)
- position: knuckle under (v), over (dominance), top (dominance / winning)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: over (dominance), talk (talk over somebody)
- religion: bow (and bow down), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), unbowed (adj)
- sign, signal, symbol: doormat (person)
- size: dog (big dog)
- speech: talk (talk over somebody)
- sports & games: dunk (dunk on someone), game (game of chicken)
- standing, sitting & lying: back down (v), bow (and bow down), cower (v), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (rise from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), prostrate (v), supine (adj), supinely, unbowed (adj)
- verb: back down (v), blink (conflict), bow (and bow down), cower (v), dunk (dunk on someone), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), knuckle under (v), kowtow (v), prostrate (v), tail (turn tail)
- violence: knuckle under (v)

DOORS & THRESHOLDS (2) (see also gate; house; roof)

- acceptance & rejection: shut out (adj), shut out (v)
- access & lack of access: camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.), door (kick open the door, etc.), door (back door / front door), door (and doorway / access), foot (foot in the door), gatekeeper (person), key (access), shut out (adj), shut out (v)
- amelioration & renewal: open (after lockdown, etc.)
- attachment: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny and promotion: door (behind closed doors)
- computer: door (back door / computer), trapdoor (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: door (behind closed doors), trapdoor (computers)
- configuration: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: lockdown (n)
- control & lack of control: gatekeeper (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: exit (n), revolving door, usher in (v)
- consciousness & awareness: open up (consciousness)
- curtailment: door (closure), lockdown (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: door (shown the door, etc.), door (check something at the door, etc.)
- division & connection: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- epithet: keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: unhinged (adj)
- inauguration: usher in (v)
- measurement: threshold (below the threshold), threshold (measurement)
- mind: open up (consciousness)
- movement: revolving door
- opportunities & possibilities: door (opportunity), door (hold the door open, etc.), door (leave the door open), door (get one's foot in the door), door (close a door, etc.)
- person: doormat (person), gatekeeper (person)
- portal: door (portal), portal (entrance), threshold (cross the threshold), threshold (portal)
- proper name: door (Durdle Door, etc.), keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.)
- proximity: door (knock at / on the door), doorstep (on / at the doorstep), threshold (on the threshold)

- responsibility: door (at someone's door, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: gatekeeper (person)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.), door (get one's foot in the door), door (close a door, etc.)
- subterfuge: trapdoor (computers)

DRIVING FORCE (1)

- atmosphere: wind (wind of change, etc.)
- blade: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)
- boat: figurehead (n)
- dam: powerhouse (n)
- electricity: dynamo (driving force), powerhouse (n)
- engine: drive (v), engine (engine room), engine (person), engine (driving force), motor (driving force), seat (in the driver's seat)
- fist: fist (armored fist, etc.)
- horse: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), outrider (n)
- journeys & trips: pathbreaking (adj), pathfinder (person), pioneer (person), way (lead the way)
- military: advance guard, charge (lead the charge, etc.), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), fist (armored fist, etc.), march (on the march), march (n), point man (and point person), spear (tip of the spear), vanguard, vanguard (in the vanguard), vanguard (other)
- movement: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), march (on the march), march (n)
- path: pathbreaking (adj), pathfinder (person)
- person: pace-setter (n), pathfinder (person), pioneer (person), point man (and point person)
- river: powerhouse (n)
- sports & games: pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj)
- tools & technology: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- verb: charge (lead the charge, etc.), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), drive (v), spearhead (v), way (lead the way)
- walking, running & jumping: march (on the march), march (n), pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj)
- weapon: spear (tip of the spear), spearhead (v), spearhead (n)
- wedge: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- wind: wind (wind of change, etc.)

EAGERNESS & RELUCTANCE (1)

- animal: bay (bay for blood, etc.), chops (lick one's chops), dog (dog won't hunt), horse (hold your horses), lips (lick one's lips), pounce (v)
- bodily reaction: chops (lick one's chops), drool (v), lips (lick one's lips), mouthwatering (adj), salivate (v)
- burden: drag (drag somebody into something)
- direction: look forward to (v)
- dog: bay (bay for blood, etc.), dog (dog won't hunt)
- eye: look forward to (v)
- food & drink: drool (v), hungry (adj), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), stomach (eagerness)
- foot: feet (cold feet), foot-dragging, heel (dig in one's heels), kicking and screaming
- gesture: hand (rub one's hands), nose (hold one's nose)
- hand: hand (rub one's hands), handwringing (n)
- heart: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted), heart (eagerness and reluctance)
- heel: heel (dig in one's heels)
- horse: balk (v), bit (chomp at the bit), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), go (raring to go, etc.), horse (hold your horses), skittish (adj)
- hunting: bay (bay for blood, etc.), dog (dog won't hunt), pounce (v)
- insect: itchy (adj)

- journeys & trips: path (beat a path), road (go down that road, etc.), there (let's not go there)
- leg: kicking and screaming
- love, courtship & marriage: coy (adj), marriage (shotgun marriage), shy (adj)
- military: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.)
- mouth: chops (lick one's chops), lips (lick one's lips), salivate (v)
- movement: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), road (go down that road, etc.), spring (spring into action, etc.), there (let's not go there)
- nose: nose (hold one's nose)
- path: path (beat a path)
- place: there (let's not go there)
- predation: pounce (v)
- sensation: itch (v), itchy (adj)
- sex: slut (enthusiasm), whore (attention whore, etc.)
- smell: nose (hold one's nose)
- sound: bay (bay for blood, etc.), kicking and screaming
- sports & games: gun (jump the gun)
- stomach: stomach (eagerness)
- taste: juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj)
- temperature: cold feet, lukewarm (feeling), shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)
- verb: balk (v), bay (bay for blood, etc.), bit (champ at the bit), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), drag (drag somebody into something), drool (v), gun (jump the gun), heel (dig in one's heels), horse (hold your horses), itch (v), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), path (beat a path), pounce (v), salivate (v), spring (spring into action, etc.), water (throw cold water on something)
- walking, running & jumping: foot-dragging, jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), spring (spring into action, etc.)
- water: shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)
- weapon: gun-shy (adj)

EAR (2)

- amount: earful (amount)
- attachment: earworm (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ear (have somebody's ear), ear (attention), listen (as noun)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ear (turn a deaf ear), ear (fall on deaf ears)
- consciousness & awareness: deaf (adj), ear (fall on deaf ears), tone-deaf (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ear (music to one's ears)
- flaws & lack of flaws: tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- proper name: ear (Ear of the Wind, etc.)
- resemblance: ear (ear of corn, etc.)
- surveillance: ear (surveillance)

EARTH & WORLD (2)

- amount & effect: tectonic (adj)
- area: sphere (in the sphere), world (exploration)
- bases: earth (close to the earth, etc.), tectonic (adj)
- center & periphery: outside (outside world, etc.)
- character & personality: down to earth (adj), earthiness (character), eye (stars in one's eyes), mother (earth mother)
- computer: blogosphere (in the blogosphere), blogosphere (other)
- concealment & lack of concealment: netherworld (n), secret (secret world, etc.), underworld (n)
- enthusiasm: Kingdom (Chiefs Kingdom, etc.)

- environment: netherworld (n), sphere (in the sphere), world (in the world, in her world, etc.), world (into a world), world (exploration), world (other), underworld (n)
- experience: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- extent & scope: earth (to the ends of the earth, etc.), polar (polar opposite, etc.), tectonic (adj), world (a world of difference, etc.), world (the whole world, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: world (on top of the world, etc.), world (means the world to me, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: earth (close to the earth, etc.), world (fantasy)
- past & present: world (lost world)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: world (lost world)
- proper name: world (Disney World, etc.)
- searching & discovery: earth (to the ends of the earth, etc.)
- time: world (lost world)

EARTHQUAKE (2) (see also volcano)

- amount & effect: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), seismic (adj), seismically, tectonic (adj), tremor (n)
- bases: tectonic (adj)
- center & periphery: epicenter (n)
- disruption: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- division & connection: fault (fault line)
- effect: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave (n), tremor (n), upheaval (disruption)
- equilibrium & stability: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj)
- evidence: tremor (n)
- extent & scope: earthshaking (adj), seismic (adj), seismically, tectonic (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave (n), upheaval (disruption)
- initiation: tremor (n)
- location: epicenter (n)
- place: epicenter (n)

EFFECT (1)

- air: air (take the air out of a room, etc.)
- atmosphere: air (take the air out of a room, etc.), fallout (effect)
- blade: sword (double-edged sword)
- boxing: punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- cooking: stir (effect)
- earthquake: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave (n), tremor (n), upheaval (disruption)
- equilibrium & stability: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- explosion: blast radius (n), ground zero, shock wave (n)
- fist: hit (affect), hit (affected), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), struck (affected)
- force: hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), strike (affect), struck (affected)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- house: home (hit home)
- military: blast radius (n)
- nuclear energy: fallout (effect), ground zero
- mark: mark (effect)
- sea: wave (make waves, etc.)
- sensation: hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), strike (affect), struck (affected)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: nerve (strike a nerve, etc.)

- sound: chord (strike a chord), echo (noun / effect), resonate (v), repercussion (n), reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- sports & games: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- sword: sword (double-edged sword)
- tools & technology: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- verb: chord (strike a chord), hit (affect), home (hit home), impact (affect), needle (move the needle, etc.), resonate (v), reverberate (v), reverberation (n), roil (v), strike (affect), wave (make waves, etc.)
- violence: punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- volcano: tremor (n)
- water: ripple (v), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), roil (v), splash (effect), splashy (effect), wake (effect), wave (make waves, etc.)
- wave: ripple (v), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), splash (effect), splashy (effect), wake (effect), wave (make waves, etc.)

ELECTRICITY (2)

- accusation & criticism: hot seat (n)
- amelioration & renewal: battery (recharge one's batteries, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: lightning rod
- avoidance & separation: insulated
- character & personality: incandescent (character), live wire (person)
- comprehension & incomprehension: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- control & lack of control: circuit breaker (n)
- curtailment: circuit breaker (n)
- danger: rail (third rail)
- division & connection: insulated, plugged in / into
- driving force: dynamo (driving force), powerhouse (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: short-circuit (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue, lightning (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: amped (feeling), charged (highly charged, etc.), current (feeling), electric (feeling), electricity (feeling), electrified, electrify (v), galvanize (v), jolt (n), lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), shock (v), shock (in shock), shock (feeling), shocked (adj), shocker (n), shocking (feeling, emotion and effect), thunderstruck (adj)
- identity & nature: wired (and hardwired)
- increase & decrease: amp up (v), step up (increase)
- initiation: galvanize (v), spark plug
- insult: bulb (dim bulb, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: insulate (v), insulated, insulation (n)
- judgment: hot seat (n)
- operation: wired (and hardwired)
- person: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), live wire (person)
- power: powerhouse (n)
- protection & lack of protection: insulate (v), insulated, insulation (n)
- strength & weakness: amped (strength), powerhouse (n)
- superlative: incandescent (character)

EMPATHY & LACK OF EMPATHY (1)

- animal: ruthless (sun, etc.)
- boat: boat (in the same boat)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- feeling, emotion & effect: stone (heart of stone)

- heart: coldhearted (adj), heart (empathy), heartless, kindhearted (and kind-hearted), stone-hearted
- sensation: feel (I feel you, etc.)
- shoulder: shoulder (a shoulder to cry on)
- temperature: coldhearted (adj), coldly

ENGINE (2) (see also manufacturing; mechanism; tools & technology)

- action, inaction & delay: bus (park the bus)
- activity: gear (kick into gear, etc.), hum along (v), neutral (in neutral), overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- amelioration & renewal: tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: hood (look under the hood, etc.), test-drive (v)
- bases: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- character & personality: driven (adj)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: parked (movement)
- commitment & determination: gas (step on the gas / step off the gas), pedal (pedal to the metal), tank (empty the tank, etc.), throttle (full throttle, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- condition & status: hum along (v), neutral (in neutral), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- control & lack of control: seat (in the driver's seat)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: gear up (v)
- disruption: gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- destruction: flameout (n), flame out (v)
- driving force: drive (v), engine (engine room), engine (person), engine (driving force), motor (driving force), seat (in the driver's seat)
- failure, accident & impairment: flameout (n), flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- feeling, emotion & effect: gasket (blow a gasket, etc.), go (go from zero to one hundred, etc.), revved (revved up)
- functioning: cylinder (fire on all cylinders, etc.), gear (high gear, low gear, etc.), hum along (v), hyperdrive (into hyperdrive), neutral (in neutral), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), throttle (full throttle, etc.)
- increase & decrease: gear up (v), rev up (v), supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v), turbocharged
- initiation: gear (kick into gear, etc.), jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v)
- movement: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- person: motormouth (person / speech)
- power: supercharge (v), supercharged, tank (empty the tank, etc.), turbocharge (v), turbocharged
- progress & lack of progress: stall (v), stalled (progress)
- readiness & preparedness: tune (and tune up), tune-up (n), warmed-up
- reversal: gear (switch gears, shift gears, etc.)
- searching & discovery: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- speech: motormouth (person / speech)
- speed: downshift (v), go (go from zero to one hundred, etc.), supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v), turbocharged
- starting, going, continuing & ending: downshift (v), flameout (n), flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), gear (kick into gear, etc.), jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v), parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress), warmed-up
- strength & weakness: supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v), turbocharged
- verb: supercharge (v), turbocharge (v)

ENTHUSIASM (1)

- addiction: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), addictive (adj), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), fix (daily fix, etc.), habit (enthusiasm), high (enthusiasm), hooked, junkie (game junkie, etc.), withdrawal (feeling)
- affix: head (Deadhead, etc.), maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.)
- alcohol: intoxicating (adj)
- animal: bookworm (person), hound (autograph hound, etc.), pet (pet cause, etc.), rat (lab rat, etc.)
- baby: baby (relationship)
- Bible: bible (enthusiasm)
- blood: bleed (bleed black and gold, etc.)
- books & reading: bookworm (person)
- breathing: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to)
- container: into (be into something)
- creature: nerd (word nerd, etc.)
- death & life: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to)
- direction: follower (on social media, etc.)
- dog: hound (autograph hound, etc.)
- enthusiasm: Kingdom (Chiefs Kingdom, etc.)
- fish: hooked
- food & drink: crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), glutton (person), gluttonous (adj), taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- government: ambassador (role)
- health & medicine: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), delirious (adj), delirium (n), disease (enthusiasm), fever (enthusiasm), flu (enthusiasm), infection (enthusiasm), junkie (game junkie, etc.), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.), rabid (enthusiasm), sickness (enthusiasm), withdrawal (feeling)
- hunting: hound (autograph hound, etc.)
- insect: bitten (enthusiasm), bug (enthusiasm), itch (enthusiasm)
- love, courtship & marriage: fall (fall in love), infatuated (enthusiasm), love (fall in love), love (enthusiasm / noun), love (enthusiasm / verb), lover (enthusiasm / person), romance (n)
- mental health: craze (n), crazed (crazed fans, etc.), crazy (enthusiasm), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), mania (n), maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.), obsessed, obsession (n), rabid (enthusiasm), rage (enthusiasm), rave (v), rave (rave review, etc.)
- military: army (Arnie's Army, etc.)
- movement: follower (on social media, etc.)
- music: Woodstock (whitewater Woodstock, etc.)
- object: thing (one's thing)
- person: acolyte (person), addict (chess addict, etc.), ambassador (role), bookworm (person), cheerleader (person), convert (person), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), fanatic (person), fanboy (person), follower (on social media, etc.), glutton (person), head (Deadhead, etc.), hound (autograph hound, etc.), junkie (game junkie, etc.), lover (enthusiasm / person), maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.), missionary (person), nation (Who Dat Nation, etc.), nerd (word nerd, etc.), rat (lab rat, etc.)
- place: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: into (be into something)
- rat: rat (lab rat, etc.)
- religion: acolyte (person), bible (enthusiasm), cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), church (n), convert (person), cult (cult following, etc.), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), fanatic (person), fanaticism (enthusiasm), faithful (the faithful, etc.), fanatic (person), fanboy (person), follower (on social media,

etc.), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), pilgrimage (trip), religion (enthusiasm), religiously, shrine (reverence), temple (n), worship (v), worship (n)

- school & education: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
- sensation: bitten (enthusiasm), itch (enthusiasm)
- sex: lust (n), passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately, slut (enthusiasm), whore (attention whore, etc.)
- sleep: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- sound: cheer on (v)
- speech: pitch (promote)
- taste: distaste (n), taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- temperature: shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)
- verb: bleed (bleed black and gold, etc.), breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), cheer on (v), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to), pitch (promote), rave (v), water (throw cold water on something), worship (v)
- water: shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)

ENVIRONMENT (1) (see also area; location; place)

- affix: dom (memedom, etc.), land (clubland, etc.), scape (threatscape, etc.), sphere (cryptosphere, etc.), verse (metaverse, etc.)
- air: air (environment), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), weather (environment)
- allusion: Dantesque (adj), Dickensian (adj), frog (frog in boiling water), never-never land, Promised Land
- animal: frog (frog in boiling water), hornet's nest, jungle (environment), snake pit, zoo (environment)
- astronomy: firmament (n), metaverse (n), multiverse (n), Twittersverse (n), universe (n)
- atmosphere: air (environment), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), weather (environment)
- Bible: Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Garden of Eden, Promised Land
- bird: incubator (n)
- cloth: fabric (fabric of society, etc.)
- consumption: meat grinder (military)
- container: cauldron (n), crucible (n), oven (the Oven, etc.), pressure cooker (in a pressure cooker, etc.), pressure cooker (other)
- desert: desert, oasis (environment), Sahara (Sahara of snow, etc.), sand (political sands, etc.)
- direction: netherworld (n), underground (n), underworld (n)
- earth & world: netherworld (n), sphere (in the sphere), underworld (n), world (in the world, in her world, etc.), world (into a world), world (exploration), world (other)
- fire: cauldron (n), crucible (n), furnace (n), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- fish: fish (fish out of water), fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other)
- frog: frog (frog in boiling water)
- ground, terrain & land: badlands (environment), borderland (n), contour (n), desert (environment), ecosystem (n), here (out here), jungle (environment), land (clubland, etc.), landscape (n), lay of the land, morass (n), oasis (environment), sand (political sands, etc.), scape (threatscape, etc.), swamp (fever swamp), swamp (swamp of clichés, etc.), terrain (area), territory (area), wasteland (environment), wild West
- heating water: cauldron (n), frog (frog in boiling water)
- history: badlands (environment), wild West
- hole: hellhole, pit (bear pit), snake pit
- hygiene: cesspit (n), cesspool (n), sewer (n)
- infrastructure: warehouse (neglect)
- insect: beehive (activity), hornet's nest
- island: island (island of affluence, etc.)

- jungle: jungle (competition), jungle (environment)
- manufacturing: crucible (n), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- meat: meat grinder (military), meat grinder (other)
- mechanism: meat grinder (military), meat grinder (other)
- mental health: asylum (insane asylum, etc.), bedlam (n), madhouse (place), snake pit, warehouse (neglect)
- military: no man's land (danger), war zone, zone (combat zone)
- moon: moonscape (n)
- picture: scape (threatscape, etc.)
- pressure: pressure cooker (in a pressure cooker, etc.), pressure cooker (other)
- religion: Dantesque (adj), Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Garden of Eden, heaven (environment, food, etc.), hell (violence, etc.), hell (personal, traffic, etc.), hellhole, limbo (in limbo), paradise (n), Promised Land, purgatory (n)
- school & education: playground (n)
- sea: island (island of affluence, etc.), sea (in a sea), sea (environment)
- sky: firmament (n)
- snake: snake pit
- society: netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- swamp: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (swamp of cliches, etc.)
- temperature: cauldron (n), crucible (n), frog (frog in boiling water), furnace (n), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- warehouse: warehouse (neglect)
- water: fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other), frog (frog in boiling water), pond (environment), sea (in a sea), sea (environment), swamp (fever swamp), swamp (swamp of cliches, etc.)
- weather & climate: atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), microclimate, weather (environment)
- zoo: zoo (environment)

EPISTEMOLOGY (2)

- inclusion & exclusion: authentic (groups), authentically (live authentically, etc.), authenticity (groups), construct (social construct, etc.), constructed (socially constructed, etc.), construction (of gender, etc.), fluid (gender fluid, etc.), fluidity (gender fluidity, etc.), gender (groups), hood (personhood, etc.), identify (identify as, etc.), inauthentic (groups), inauthenticity (groups), intersection (n), intersectional (groups), intersectionality (groups), lived experience (groups, etc.), lived in (groups, etc.), lived reality (groups, etc.), me (like me, look like me, speak like me, be like me, etc.), ness (Asian-ness, etc.), norm (groups), normal (groups), normalcy (groups), normalization (groups), normalize (groups), normalized (groups), normalizing (groups), normative (groups), normativity (groups), right (and rights / groups), self (authentic self, authentic selves), self (true self and true selves), true (true to oneself, etc.), truth (speak one's truth, etc. / groups), victimhood (groups), voice (groups), woke (groups), wokeness (groups)

EPITHET (1)

- animal: badger ("The Badger, etc.), bear (Soviet Bear, etc.), beast ("The Beast" Mugabi, etc.), dog (mad dog / epithet), lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.), lioness (England's Lionesses, etc.), pack (the Rat Pack, etc.), savage (Savage Mountain, etc.), tiger (Arkan's Tigers, etc.), tiger (tiger mother, etc.), whale (epithet)
- arm: elbow (the Elbow of the Andes, etc.)
- astronomy: big bang ("Big Bang" of country music, etc.)
- baby: cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- birth: birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.)
- boat: helmsman (the Great Helmsman, etc.), pirate (*Il Pirata*, etc.)
- color: eye (the Blue Eye of Siberia, etc.), gold (black gold, etc.)
- container: cauldron (the Cauldron, etc.), oven (the Oven, etc.)

- creature: angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), Angel of Death (actual death), devil (Lady Devils, etc.), unicorn (unicorns of the sea, etc.), unicorn (tech “Unicorn,” etc.), wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- crime: pirate (*Il Pirata*, etc.)
- day: Christmas
- dog: dog (mad dog / epithet), pack (the Rat Pack, etc.)
- death & life: undertaker (The Undertaker, etc.)
- eye: eye (the Blue Eye of Siberia, etc.)
- explosion: dynamite (Michael “Dynamite” Dokes, etc.)
- family: father (Father of Waters, etc.), father (father of India, etc.), Father Time, godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), mother (mother of NPR, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.), mother (Mother Nature)
- fire: cauldron (the Cauldron, etc.), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- force: bulldozer (epithet)
- heating water: cauldron (the Cauldron, etc.), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- history: Luddite (allusion)
- lion: lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.), lioness (England’s Lionesses, etc.)
- love, courtship & marriage: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.)
- magic: wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- materials & substances: gold (black gold, etc.), iron (Iron Lady, etc.), jewel (jewel of Syria, etc.), oil (new oil, etc.), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), rock (Rock of Chickamauga, etc.)
- military: general (Bobby Knight, “The General,” etc.), Waterloo (figurative)
- mountains & hills: Mariana Trench (epithet), Mount Everest (and Everest)
- part of speech: wet (the wet, the dry, etc.)
- person: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.)
- religion: angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), Angel of Death (actual death), devil (Lady Devils, etc.), Golgotha (Golgotha of Norilisk, etc.), hell (Green Hell, etc.), Mother Teresa (epithet), Prometheus (epithet)
- royalty: king (king cobra, etc.), king (products), king (person), monarch (MS *Monarch*, etc.), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), Versailles (Russian Versailles, etc.)
- school & education: dean (person), West Point (epithet)
- sea: pirate (*Il Pirata*, etc.)
- season: spring (Arab Spring, etc.)
- shape: fork (the Forks of the Ohio, etc.), keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.), pipeline (Mexican Pipeline, etc.), slot (the Slot, etc.)
- size: great (the Great Resignation, etc.)
- spider: spider (Eljif “the Spider” Elmas, etc.)
- temperature: cauldron (the Cauldron, etc.), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- tiger: tiger (tiger mother, etc.)
- tools & technology: Luddite (allusion), machine (the Swiss Machine, etc.)
- wall: wall (blue wall, etc.), wall (red wall, etc.)
- weather & climate: tornado (Tartan Tornado, etc.)
- wolf: pack (the Rat Pack, etc.)

EPITHET (2)

- ability & lack of ability: wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- access & lack of access: gate (Gates of Hell, etc.)
- achievement, recognition & praise: Academy Awards (epithet), America (America’s sweetheart, etc.), Baryshnikov (Baryshnikov of football, etc.), Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.), Elvis (Afghanistan’s Elvis, etc.), Harvard (epithet), Hollywood (Hollywood of Africa, etc.), Messi (Messi of Matadors, etc.), Michael Jordan (Michael Jordan of the dog-show world, etc.), Mozart (Mozart of Rock, etc.), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali

of her generation, etc.), Napoleon (the Napoleon of surgery, etc.), nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.), Nobel (Nobel Prize of the Arab World, etc.), Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), savior (the savior of mothers, etc.), Springsteen (epithet), teacher (teacher's teacher, etc.)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- amelioration & renewal: spring (Arab Spring, etc.)
- amount: Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia of coal, etc.)
- amount & effect: wall (red wall, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: Barnum (and P.T. Barnum)
- attraction & repulsion: pied piper
- bases: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- behavior: Lady Macbeth (epithet), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Rasputin (epithet), tiger (tiger mother, etc.), Trump (Trump of the Tropics, etc.)
- biodiversity, nature & life: Amazon (epithet / biodiversity), Galapagos (Galapagos of Europe, etc.), lung (atmosphere), mother (Mother Nature), Noah's Ark, rainforest (rainforests of the sea, etc.), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)
- character & personality: British (British of South America, etc.), bulldozer (epithet), Byron (epithet), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan, Harvey Weinstein (epithet), iron (Iron Lady, etc.), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Napoleon (the Napoleon of surgery, etc.), Rasputin (epithet), tiger (tiger mother, etc.)
- commitment & determination: badger (The Badger, etc.), iron (Iron Lady, etc.)
- comparison & contrast: Academy Awards (epithet), Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.), Amazon (epithet / biodiversity), Amazon (epithet / the company), answer (Britain's answer to Bill Gates, etc.), Appalachia (and Pineapplachia, etc.), Bhopal (Australia's Bhopal, etc.), black tulip (rarity), Caesar (Chinese Caesar, etc.), California (California of Europe, etc.), Carnegie Hall (epithet), Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.), Chicago (China's Chicago, etc.), Chris Farley (Chris Farley of silent cinema, etc.), Detroit (India's Detroit, etc.), "El Chapo" (Asia's El Chapo, etc.), Ellis Island (Ellis Island of the West, etc.), Freud (sex), Fuji (Mount Fuji of the US, etc.), Galen (Galen of Islam, etc.), google (China's google, etc.), Grand Canyon (Grand Canyon of the South, etc.), Hannibal (American Hannibal, etc.), Harvey Weinstein (epithet), Hawaii (China's Hawaii, etc.), Hugo Chavez (Gallic Hugo Chavez, etc.), Jerusalem (Jerusalem of the North, etc.), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), Kansas (Kansas of China, etc.), Kipling (the Canadian Kipling, etc.), Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Leonardo da Vinci, Madeleine McCann (Ireland's Madeleine McCann, etc.), Madonna (Russian Madonna, etc.), Mark Twain (the Yiddish Mark Twain, etc.), *Mayflower* (*Mayflower* of the Third Aliyah, etc.), Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East), Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.), Mother Teresa (epithet), new (new Floyd Mayweather, etc.), Niagara (Niagara of the South, etc.), Nile (America's Nile, etc.), Nobel (Nobel Prize of the Arab World, etc.), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.), Pablo Escobar (of the Middle East, etc.), Panama Canal (of its day, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Pirlo (the Yorkshire Pirlo, etc.), Ptolemy (Chinese Ptolemy, etc.), Romeo and Juliet (epithet), Ruhr Valley (new Ruhr Valley, etc.), Sahara (Sahara of snow, etc.), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.), Sicily (Mexico's Sicily, etc.), Silicon Valley (of China, etc.), Singapore (Singapore of the Middle East), Spartan (Spartans of Australasia, etc.), Stonehenge (America's Stonehenge, etc.), Uber (the Uber of towing, etc.), Vietnam (Egypt's Vietnam, etc.), Woodstock (whitewater Woodstock, etc.), Yosemite (Yosemite of the East, etc.), Zuckerberg (the Russian Mark Zuckerberg, etc.)
- computer: google (China's google, etc.), Silicon Valley (of China, etc.)
- configuration: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.)
- control & lack of control: general (Bobby Knight, "The General," etc.), helmsman (the Great Helmsman, etc.), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Rasputin (epithet)
- conflict: war (epithet / figurative)
- courage & lack of courage: lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.)

- creation & transformation: Edison (Edison of the Internet, etc.), Elon Musk (epithet), father (father of India, etc.), Gutenberg, mother (mother of NPR, etc.)
- danger: Mount Everest (and Everest), savage (Savage Mountain, etc.)
- death & life: alley (Ambush Alley, etc.), alley (Death Alley / U.S. 61, etc.), Angel of Death (actual death), butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Golgotha (Golgotha of Norilisk, etc.), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), killer (silent killer, etc.)
- destruction: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.), Hiroshima (epithet), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- division & connection: iron curtain, Yugoslavia (Asian Yugoslavia, etc.), wall (blue wall, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: Bhopal (Australia's Bhopal, etc.), Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.), bowl (America's salad bowl, etc.), breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.), garden (the Garden of France, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.), Kansas (Kansas of China, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: curse (Curse of Caricola, etc.), miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.), miracle (Miracle of Istanbul, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: sorrow (China's Sorrow, etc.), tears (grief)
- force: beast ('The Beast' Mugabi, etc.), dynamite (Michael "Dynamite" Dokes, etc.), express (Pineapple Express, etc.), tornado (Tartan Tornado, etc.)
- functioning: machine (the Swiss Machine, etc.)
- geography: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.), Amazon (epithet / biodiversity), Appalachia (and Pineapplachia, etc.), California (California of Europe, etc.), capital (capital of the world, etc.), capital (Black Bear capital, etc.), crossroad (Crossroads of the World, etc.), door (Durdle Door, etc.), eye (the Blue Eye of Siberia, etc.), father (Father of Waters, etc.), fork (the Forks of the Ohio, etc.), Fuji (Mount Fuji of the US, etc.), Grand Canyon (Grand Canyon of the South, etc.), Hawaii (China's Hawaii, etc.), little (Little Moscow, etc.), key (the Keyhole, etc.), Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Niagara (Niagara of the South, etc.), Nile (America's Nile, etc.), Norway (the Norway of Arabia, etc.), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), pipeline (Mexican Pipeline, etc.), Pompeii (Pompeii of the east, etc.), riviera (Riviera of the Midwest, etc.), roof (Roof of the World, etc.), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.), Singapore (Singapore of the Middle East), slot (the Slot, etc.), sorrow (China's Sorrow, etc.), town (Chinatown, etc.), Venice (Venice of the North, etc.), Versailles (Russian Versailles, etc.), Yosemite (Yosemite of the East, etc.)
- government: Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.)
- group, set & collection: devil (Lady Devils, etc.), Noah's Ark
- help & assistance: godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.)
- history: Caesar (Chinese Caesar, etc.), Columbus (Chinese Columbus, etc.), Galen (Galen of Islam, etc.), Lexington (of China, etc.), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Marco Polo (Muslim Marco Polo, etc.), nine eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.)
- identity & nature: British (British of South America, etc.), teacher (teacher's teacher, etc.)
- importance & significance: Alexander (Muslim Alexander, etc.), great (the Great Resignation, etc.), pharmacy (Pharmacy of the World, etc.), Pope (Pope of Beaujolais, etc.), Ptolemy (Chinese Ptolemy, etc.), Zuckerberg (the Russian Mark Zuckerberg, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: hermit (the Hermit Kingdom, etc.), North Korea (epithet), Robinson Crusoe, Timbuktu (remoteness)
- judgment: sword (*Sayf* Allah, etc.), Supreme Court
- knowledge & intelligence: Athens (Athens of Asia, etc.), Florence (Florence on the Elbe, etc.), Harvard (epithet), Leonardo da Vinci, Oxford (Oxford of China, etc.)
- message: apostle (Apostle of the Sioux, etc.)
- migration: British (British of South America, etc.), Ellis Island (Ellis Island of the West, etc.), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), *Mayflower* (*Mayflower* of the Third Aliyah, etc.), tears (trail of tears, etc. / migration)

- military: Alexander (Muslim Alexander, etc.), alley (Ambush Alley, etc.), angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Caesar (Chinese Caesar, etc.), Churchillian (adj), death (Death Valley, etc.), Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.), express (Tokyo Express, etc.), Florence Nightingale (our Florence Nightingale, etc.), Gandhi (Gandhi of the Balkans, etc.), general (General Winter, etc.), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), Hannibal (American Hannibal, etc.), heartbreak (Heartbreak Hotel, etc.), Iliad (Japanese Iliad, etc.), Lawrence (T.E.), Lexington (of China, etc.), lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.), Napoleon (the Black Napoleon, etc.), nine eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Patton (the Patton of Asia, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Quisling (Quisling of China, etc.), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / war), Sparta (Sparta of the North, etc.), Spartacus (the Black Spartacus, etc.), Spartan (Spartans of Australasia, etc.), Stalingrad (Stalingrad of the East, etc.), Thermopylae (Britain's Thermopylae, etc.), tiger (Arkan's Tigers, etc.), war (the war to end all wars, etc.), West Point (epithet)
- money: Great Gatsby, Lucullus (epithet), Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- oppression: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.)
- origin: big bang ("Big Bang" of country music, etc.), birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.), cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.), father (father of India, etc.), founding father (n)
- portal: gate (Gates of Hell, etc.)
- place: epithet: crossroad (Crossroads of the World, etc.), graveyard (things)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: last (the last / epithet), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: Houdini
- relationship: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.)
- resemblance: spider (Eljif "the Spider" Elmas, etc.), unicorn (unicorns of the sea, etc.), washing machine
- route: road (Whale Road, etc.), Silk Road (maritime Silk Road, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East)
- searching & discovery: Columbus (Chinese Columbus, etc.), grail (holy grail)
- sequence: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
- sex: Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan, Freud (sex)
- shape: elbow (the Elbow of the Andes, etc.), pipeline (Mexican Pipeline, etc.)
- size: Amazon (epithet / the company), bear (Soviet Bear, etc.), Facebook (the Facebook of knitting, etc.), king (king cobra, etc.), mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.), Mount Everest (and Everest), Uber (the Uber of towing, etc.), whale (epithet)
- strength & weakness: iron (Iron Lady, etc.), mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.), rock (Rock of Chickamauga, etc.)
- subterfuge: Belichick (the racing Bill Belichick, etc.), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.)
- superlative: Academy Awards (epithet), Baryshnikov (Baryshnikov of football, etc.), capital (capital of the world, etc.), Carnegie Hall (epithet), Christmas, Harvard (epithet), jewel (jewel of Syria, etc.), king (products), king (person), Messi (Messi of Matadors, etc.), monarch (MS *Monarch*, etc.), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.), Paris (epithet), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), Shakespeare ("hillbilly Shakespeare," etc.), Shakespearean (adj), Shangri-la, Super Bowl, teacher (teacher's teacher, etc.), team (A-team, A team), team (dream team)
- time: Father Time
- transmission: apostle (Apostle of the Sioux, etc.), Johnny Appleseed
- transportation: Panama Canal (of its day, etc.), ship (ship of the desert)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: grail (holy grail)
- wheat: breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.)
- worth & lack of worth: Amazon (epithet / the company), black tulip (rarity), gold (black gold, etc.), Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.), oil (new oil, etc.), unicorn (tech "Unicorn," etc.)

EQUILIBRIUM & STABILITY (1)

- boat: boat (rock the boat), keel (even keel), righted, ship (right the ship, etc.)

- earthquake: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj)
- foot: footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), footing (find one's footing, etc.), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.)
- scale: balance (v), balance (out of balance), balance (off balance), balance (work & job, etc.), balance (tip the balance), balance (n), balanced, balance of power, counterbalance (v), counterbalance (n), counterweight (n), disequilibrium (n), equilibrium (n), imbalanced, scale (tip the scales), scale (put one's finger on the scale, etc.)
- sports & games: playing field (level the playing field)
- standing, sitting & lying: face (fall on one's face, etc.), poise (balance)
- verb: balance (v), balance (tip the balance), counterbalance (v), playing field (level the playing field), scale (tip the scales), scale (put one's finger on the scale, etc.), ship (right the ship, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: footing (find one's footing, etc.), sea legs, stride (in stride)
- weight: balance (tip the balance), scale (tip the scales), scale (put one's finger on the scale, etc.)

EQUILIBRIUM & STABILITY (2)

- amelioration & renewal: counterbalance (v), counterbalance (n), counterweight (n), right (right a wrong, etc.), stabilize (v)
- amount & effect: earthquake (effect)
- bases: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), footing (solid footing, etc.)
- character & personality: levelheaded, steady (character)
- commitment & determination: waver (v), unwavering (adj), wobble (commitment), wobbly (commitment)
- condition & status: rickety (condition), shaky (condition), stable (condition), unstable (adj), wobbly (condition)
- control & lack of control: lurch (v)
- destruction: topple (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v), unseat (v)
- disruption: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), destabilize (v), destabilizing (adj), earthquake (effect), foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), head (turn something on its head, etc.), imbalanced, overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, rattle (disrupt), reel (v), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shaken (disruption), shake up (v), shake-up (n), stagger (v), stumble (n), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), topple (v), topsy-turvy (upside down), trip up (v), unseat (v), upend (v), upheaval (disruption), upset (upset the apple cart, etc.), upside down, wrong-foot (v)
- effect: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- failure, accident & impairment: misstep (n), slip (n), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), stumble (n), trip up (v), unseat (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: balance (in the balance), teeter (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: destabilize (v), destabilizing (adj), dizzying (adj), earthquake (effect), edge (on edge), feet (knock somebody off their feet), flattened, flooded (emotion), head-spinning, knock over (v), rattled (feeling), reel (v), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shaken (feeling), stagger (v), upheaval (disruption)
- flaws & lack of flaws: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), balanced, disequilibrium (n), imbalanced, misstep (n), rickety (condition), shaky (condition), slip (n), solid (adj), stable (condition), stumble (v), stumble (n), sure-footed (adj), unstable (adj), wobbly (condition)
- functioning: stability (n)
- mental health: balance (work and job, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v)
- readiness & preparedness: balance (off balance), brace (v), braced, poised (adj)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: settle down (v)
- reversal: overturn (v), overturned
- strength & weakness: solid (adj)

- substance & lack of substance: solid (adj)

EROSION (2)

- decline: crumble (v), erode, eroding, erosion (n)
- destruction: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration
- failure, accident & impairment: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration, erode (v), eroding, erosion (n)

EUPHEMISM (1)

- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin (save one's skin)
- verb: skin (save one's skin)

EUPHEMISM (2)

- death & life: board (off the board / euphemism), carried off (died), claim (kill), demise (death / actual), disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.), encounter (kill), ended (his life was ended, etc.), expire (die), fallen (dead), fallen (the fallen), feet (feet first), gone (dead), laid low (killed), leave (death), life (life was cut short), life (lose one's life), life (take one's life), life (give one's life, etc.), life (give up one's life, etc.), life (steal a life), liquidate (kill), liquidated (killed), lose (through death), loss (death), lost (death), make it (didn't make it), neutralize (kill), neutralized (shot, killed, etc.), pass (die), pass away (v), passing (death / actual), remove (kill), rest (laid to rest / death), soul (death), succumb (die / actual), take down (kill), taken (through death), take out (kill), terminated (killed), transition (die), west (go west / obsolete), with us (no longer with us)
- language: complex (euphemism / adjective), plus-one (boyfriend, girlfriend, etc.)
- mental health: damaged (mental illness), dog (black dog / mental health), mental (adj), mental health (n), mentally (mentally unwell, etc.), mental wellbeing (and mental well-being), mental wellness (groups), nut (person), nuts (crazy), pieces (go to pieces), self-care (and self care), sick (mentally ill), there (not all there), unhinged (adj), welfare (mental, etc.), wellbeing (n), wellness (groups)
- oppression: disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.), encounter (kill), neutralize (kill), neutralized (shot, killed, etc.)
- sex: bedroom (sex), birds and the bees, couch (casting couch), easy (sex), junk (euphemism), loose (loose woman), pants (get in somebody's pants)
- violence: cleanse (violence), cleansing (ethnic cleansing), cleanup (military), sterile (sterile security zone, etc.), sterilize (v)

EVALUATION (see judgment)

EVIDENCE (1) (see also message; suspicion; warning)

- activity: alight
- allusion: breadcrumb (evidence)
- animal: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave), fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat)
- atmosphere: cloud (sign), glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- bird: auger (v), auspicious (adj), canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- chemistry: litmus test (n)
- cloud: cloud (sign)
- earthquake: tremor (n)
- finger: fingerprint (n)
- fire: fire (evidence), smoke (evidence), smoking gun
- fish: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.)
- foot: footprint (n)
- ground, terrain & land: footprint (n)
- health & medicine: symptom (n)
- hunting: sign (evidence), trail (digital trail, etc.)
- infrastructure: signpost (as verb), signpost (n)
- journeys & trips: signpost (as verb), signpost (n)

- light & dark: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- mark: fingerprint (n), hallmark, trademark (n)
- materials & substances: taint (n)
- mining: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- music: undertone (n)
- object: calling card
- picture: illustrate (v), illustration (n), picture (view), portrait (view), show (the data show, etc.)
- rat: rat (smell a rat)
- religion: auger (v), auspicious (adj), sign (evidence)
- sign, signal, symbol: sign (sign of the times, etc.), signal (v), signpost (as verb), signpost (n), symptom (n)
- sound: chord (evidence), silence (deafening silence, etc.), tenor (n), undertone (n)
- smell: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), off (not right), rat (smell a rat), scent (evidence), smell (evidence), sniff out (v), stench (n), test (smell test), whiff (n), wind (get / catch wind of something)
- speech: hint (v), hint (n), hint at (v), lie (tell an untruth), scream (scream “premium,” etc.), speak for (speak for itself, etc.), suggest (indicate), suggestion (evidence), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), telling (revealing), testimony (n)
- verb: auger (v), betray (reveal, show), hint (v), hint at (v), illustrate (v), lie (tell an untruth), reveal (v), scream (scream “premium,” etc.), show (the data show, etc.), sign (v), signal (v), signpost (as verb), sniff out (v), speak for (speak for itself, etc.), suggest (indicate), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), wind (get / catch wind of something)
- volcano: tremor (n)
- weapon: smoking gun
- wind: wind (get / catch wind of something)
- writing & spelling: sign (v), signature (evidence), written (written on it, etc.)

EXCLAMATION (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: exclamation point
- comprehension & incomprehension: Aha! (Aha! moment), eureka (moment, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: Aha! (Aha! moment)
- death & life: farewell (death)
- feeling, emotion & effect: gasp (very “gasp,” etc.), meh (n), oops (exclamation), ouch (exclamation), sweet (exclamation), welcome (welcome news, etc.), whoa (exclamation), wow (v), wow (as noun)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: farewell (leaving), goodbye (say goodbye, etc.), valedictory (farewell)
- welcome: welcome (v)

EXPERIENCE (1)

- animal: cub (n), greenhorn (person), rodeo (first rodeo)
- baby: baby (novice), grownup (person)
- blood: blood (young blood, etc.)
- boat: rope (learn the ropes, etc.), salt (sailor), sea legs, wheelhouse (n)
- books & reading: story (war story)
- clothing & accessories: belt (under one's belt), hat (old hat)
- color: green (experience), greenhorn (person)
- consumption: meat grinder (military)
- crime: made man (experience), OG (and original gangster)
- depth: depth (out of one's depth)
- earth & world: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- education: freshman (adj)
- eye: see (see action, etc.)
- film & TV: ingenue (person)

- fire: fire (through the fire, etc.), trial (trial by fire)
- food & drink: chew (and chew up), diet (n), eat (endure), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.), treat (in for a treat)
- ground, terrain & land: proving ground, there (been there, etc.)
- hand: hand (work), old hand (experience)
- hardness & softness: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)
- hat: hat (old hat)
- health & medicine: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- horizon: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- horn: greenhorn (person)
- horse: mustang (n), ride (rough ride, etc.), rodeo (first rodeo), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.)
- house: armchair (armchair traveller, etc.)
- infrastructure: alley (up one's alley), block (around the block), lane (experience)
- journeys & trips: to through (endure, etc.), journey (n), passage (journey), road (down a road before), there (been there, etc.)
- life span: grownup (person), grow up (grow up! etc.)
- love, courtship & marriage: bride (war), coming out (party, etc.), debutant (n), ingenue (person), innocence (n), maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- materials & substances: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)
- mechanism: meat grinder (military), meat grinder (other), mill (through the mill), wringer (through the wringer)
- meat: meat grinder (military), meat grinder (other), raw (raw recruit, etc.)
- mechanism: meat grinder (other)
- money: pay (pay one's dues)
- military: boot camp (education, etc.), doyen (squad leader), front line (on the front line), lifer (person), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.), story (war story), stripe (earn one's stripes, etc.), trench (in the trenches), trench (other), veteran (n), veteran (adj)
- mining: coalface (and coal face)
- movement: been through (endure, etc.), go through (endure, etc.), journey (n), passage (journey), ride (rough ride, etc.), road (down a road before)
- music: chops (expertise)
- person: adult (and adult in the room), chaperon (person), debutant (n), doyen (squad leader), greenhorn (person), grownup (person), ingenue (person), neophyte (n), new (new teacher, etc.), stranger (and no stranger)
- place: road (down a road before), there (been there, etc.)
- plant: neophyte (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in for (a ride, etc.)
- religion: baptism, baptized
- riding: ride (rough ride, etc.)
- rope: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)
- school & education: school (v), school (experience), schooled, university (experience)
- sea: rope (learn the ropes, etc.), salt (sailor), salty (experience)
- season: seasoned (experienced)
- sex: coming out (party, etc.), debutant (n), maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- sky: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- sports & games: varsity (and junior varsity, JV)
- taste: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), salt (sailor), salty (experience), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- verb: chew (and chew up), eat (endure), go through (endure, etc.), grow up (grow up! etc.), see (see action, etc.), pay (pay one's dues), taste (taste freedom, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: sea legs

- water: baptism, baptized, depth (out of one's depth), feet (get one's feet wet)
- wolf: cub (n)

EXPERIMENTATION (1)

- animal: guinea pig
- atmosphere: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon
- balloon: float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon
- chemistry: experiment (n), litmus test (n)
- flags & banners: flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- foot: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- place: laboratory
- toe: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- verb: float (a plan, etc.), toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), waters (test the waters)
- water: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), waters (test the waters)

EXPLOSION (2) (see also military)

- accusation & criticism: blast (criticize), incoming (criticism)
- activity: boom (jade boom, etc.), boom (increase), burst (activity), bust (oil bust, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: defuse (v)
- amount & effect: blockbuster (n), blow up (attention /verb), bomb (drop a bomb), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombed (love bombed, etc.), bombing (n), bombshell (n), firebomb (n), Krakatoan (adj)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blockbuster (n), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blowup (attention / noun), bombshell (n), burst on / onto the scene, etc., dynamite (n), explode (onto the scene, etc.), Krakatoan (adj)
- behavior: self-destructive (adj)
- character & personality: fuse (n), grenade (person), hotshot (person), self-destructive (adj), time bomb (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: burst on / onto the scene, etc.
- computer: bomb (review-bomb, etc.), bomb (code bomb)
- conflict: blowup (conflict), fireworks (conflict)
- cost & benefit: boom (jade boom, etc.), bust (oil bust, etc.)
- danger: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, landmine (and land mine), minefield (n), powder keg, time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (danger)
- destruction: atomic bomb, blasted apart, blast radius (n), blown away (destruction), blow up (destroy / disrupt), explode (destroy / disrupt), implode (v), implosion (n), self-destructive (adj)
- disruption: blow up (destroy / disrupt), grenade (disruption), Molotov cocktail
- effect: blast radius (n), ground zero, shock wave (n)
- explosion: dynamite (Michael "Dynamite" Dokes, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: dud (n), fizzle (and fizzle out)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blockbuster (n), blown away (feeling), blow up (emotion), bombshell (n), burst (burst into tears, etc.), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), erupt (feeling), explode (emotion), gasket (blow a gasket, etc.), go off (v), outburst (n), set off (feeling and emotion), shellshocked (and shell-shocked), shock wave (n), stack (blow one's stack), steam (v), top (blow one's top)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bombproof (adj)
- force: blast radius (n)
- growth & development: explode (increase)
- increase & decrease: boom (increase), booming (adj), explode (increase), exploding (adj), explosion (increase), explosive (increase), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blowup (attention / noun)
- initiation: blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blowup (attention / noun), blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), burst (burst into violence, etc.), critical mass (n), detonate (v), detonator (n), explode (emotion), explode (initiation), explode (increase), explosion (violence, etc.), explosive (violence, etc.), fuse (n), go off (v), match

(light / strike a match, etc.), powder keg, prime (v), primed (ready), set off (initiate), time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (initiation), volatile

- mental health: explode (emotion), time bomb (person)
- person: grenade (person), time bomb (person)
- power: explosive (power)
- readiness & preparedness: prime (v), primed (ready)
- resemblance: bomb (roach bomb, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: blowback (n)
- reversal: blowback (n), blow up (blow up in one's face), face (blow up in one's face)
- situation: time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)
- sound: explosion (sound)
- speech: blast (criticize), bomb (F-bomb, etc.), fireworks (conflict)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: fizzle (and fizzle out)
- success & failure: blockbuster (n), bomb (fail), dud (n)
- warning: tripwire (warning)

EXTENT & SCOPE (1)

- animal: octopus (n), tentacle (n)
- arm: arm (long arm), far-reaching, octopus (n), reach (extent and scope), tentacle (n)
- atmosphere: sky-high, stratosphere, stratospheric (adj)
- blade: hilt (to the hilt)
- blanket: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)
- boat: leeway (n), stem (from stem to stern)
- bodily reaction: yawning (adj)
- books & reading: encyclopedic (adj)
- boundary: boundless (adj), bounds (no bounds, etc.), compass (within / outside the compass)
- breadth: broad (adj), knife (knife edge), pancake-flat (comparison), patina (appearance), razor (razor-thin), thin (substance), skin-deep, veneer (appearance)
- cloth: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)
- container: full (adj)
- depth: bottom (no bottom), bottomless (adj), deep (situation), deep (extent and scope), deepen (v), deeply, depth (extent), shallow (adj), sound (measure)
- direction: bottomless (adj), direction (in every direction), left and right, roof (through the roof), stratospheric (adj)
- distance: distant (a distant second, etc.), far-flung (adj), far-reaching, span (v), length (go to any lengths, etc.), mile (by a mile, etc.), mile (go the extra mile), way (go a long way)
- earth & world: earth (to the ends of the earth, etc.), polar (polar opposite, etc.), tectonic (adj), world (a world of difference, etc.), world (the whole world, etc.)
- earthquake: earthshaking (adj), seismic, tectonic
- fan: fan out (v)
- fish: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- flood: high-water (high-water mark)
- flying & falling: roof (through the roof)
- food & drink: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- ground, terrain & land: earthshaking (adj), ground (cover ground), high and low, tectonic (adj)
- hand: span (v)
- health & medicine: epidemic (n), pandemic (n)
- height: high and low, roof (through the roof), stratospheric (adj)
- horizon: horizon (extent and scope)

- house: roof (through the roof)
- journeys & trips: ground (cover ground), mile (go the extra mile)
- map: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- materials & substances: patina (appearance), stretch (extent), veneer (appearance)
- mechanism: full on (adj), full out (adj)
- movement: sweeping, swing (in full swing)
- neck: neck (up to one's neck), neck-deep (in debt, etc.)
- pendulum: sweeping, swing (in full swing)
- plant: tendril (growth)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: full (adj)
- river: catchment (n), run (run deep / high / strong)
- roof: roof (through the roof)
- school & education: extracurricular
- sea: high tide
- sign, signal, symbol: octopus (n), tentacle (n)
- size: big (big fan, etc.), Big (comprehension, scope), go big (v), hugely, small-minded
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin-deep, surface (scratch the surface)
- sky: horizon (extent and scope), sky-high
- snow & ice: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- standing, sitting & lying: sprawl (n), sprawling (adj)
- sword: hilt (to the hilt)
- teeth: teeth (to the teeth)
- theater: dramatic (extent), dramatically
- throwing, putting & planting: far-flung (adj)
- tide: high tide
- tools & technology: bandwidth (capacity), compass (within / outside the compass)
- verb: deepen (v), go big (v), ground (cover ground), sound (measure), surface (scratch the surface)
- wall: wall (wall-to-wall)
- walking, running & jumping: way (every step of the way)
- water: bottom (no bottom), catchment (n), deep (situation), deep (extent and scope), deepen (v), deeply, depth (extent), shallow (adj), sound (measure), stretch (extent)
- weapon: full-bore (and full bore), hilt (to the hilt), scattershot (adj)

EYE (2)

- admiration & contempt: look down on (something), look up to (somebody), nose (look down one's nose)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: look at (analysis), look into (v), look like (analysis), microscope (under a microscope)
- appearance: eye (for the eyes), eye (on the eyes), eye candy (n), eyesore (n), look like (resemble)
- appearance & disappearance: disappear (from the scene, etc.), peek (v), view (out of view)
- appearance & reality: eye (more than meets the eye), optics (n), see (see through something)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye (catch one's eyes), eye (public eye), eye (attention), eye (eyes and ears / attention), eyeball (attention), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eye-catching, disappear (from the scene, etc.), focus (v), focus (n), focused, lens (through a lens), lens (other), look at (analysis), look into (v), microscope (under a microscope), overlook (v), view (out of view), view (attention), watcher (Royal watcher, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: clear (crystal clear), clear (unambiguous), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj)
- character & personality: eye (stars in one's eyes)
- commitment & determination: blind (disregarding evidence, logic), blindly

- comprehension & incomprehension: clear (crystal clear), clear (perception), eye (believe one's eyes), eye (roll one's eyes), eye-roll (dismissal), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), see (comprehension)
- concealment & lack of concealment: clarity (adj), hidden, murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), see (see through something), sight (in plain sight), transparency (n), transparent (adj)
- conflict: blink (conflict)
- consciousness & awareness: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blinded, blindfold (n), blindness (face blindness, etc.), blindside (v), blindsided, blind spot, blinder (n), blinkered (adj), blinkers (n), clear-eyed (adj), envision (envision the future, etc.), eye (open eyes, etc.), eye (closed eyes, etc.), eye-opener, eye-opening, farsighted (adj), myopic (adj), nearsighted (adj), see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), view (out of view), view (long view), vision (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blind spot, blink (conflict), eye (turn a blind eye), look (look the other way / look away), stare (stare at defeat, etc.)
- danger: evil eye
- development: see (see something coming)
- dominance & submission: blink (conflict)
- eagerness & reluctance: look forward to (v)
- epithet: eye (the Blue Eye of Siberia, etc.)
- experience: see (see action, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: blind (not controlled by intelligence)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blink (conflict), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eyebrow (raise eyebrows, etc.), eyebrow-raising (adj), eyebrow-raising (n), eye-popping
- fictive communication: nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- fictive meeting & seeing: eye (met our eyes, etc.), see (fictive), see (a date can see something, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), witness (n), witness (v)
- flaws & lack of flaws: beautiful (adj), black eye, eyesore (n), pretty (adj), ugly (adj)
- future: end (no end in sight, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), facing (future-facing, etc.), farsighted (adj), foresight (n), forward-looking, horizon (on the horizon), look forward to (v), look like (future), myopia (n), myopic (adj), nearsighted (adj), see (see something coming), see (future), seen (future), seer (person), shortsighted, sight (in sight), view (long view), vision (n), visionary (adj), visionary (person)
- geography: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- involvement: eyeball (up to one's eyeballs)
- judgment: eye (side eye, stink eye, etc.)
- message: seer (person)
- oppression: Cyclops (creature)
- past & present: hindsight (n), look back (v)
- perception, perspective & point of view: blinded, blinder (n), blind spot, blinkered (adj), blinkers (n), clear (perception), eye (perception), facing (future-facing, etc.), farsighted (adj), fisheye (fisheye view, etc.), forward-looking, God's-eye, hindsight (n), lens (through a lens), lens (other), Martian's-eye, murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), myopia (n), myopic (adj), nearsighted (adj), optics (n), see (perceive), seen (perceived), shortsighted, tunnel vision, view (perspective), view (perceive), view (in somebody's view), view (opinion), view (long view), viewed (perceived), viewpoint (perspective), vision (n), visionary (adj), visionary (person), worm's-eye (adj)
- progress & lack of progress: look up (v)
- proper name: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- proximity: sight (in sight)
- punishment & recrimination: eye (poke someone in the eye, etc.)
- readiness & preparedness: blindside (v), blindsided
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: end no end in sight, etc.)
- reference: see (refer to)

- relationship: view (in view of)
- reputation: black eye
- resemblance: blink (light), eye (resemblance), peek (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: blink (conflict), stare down (v), stare-down (n)
- revenge: eye (an eye for an eye)
- searching & discovery: look for (v), look into (v)
- shape: eye (resemblance)
- sight: blind (hard to see, hidden), blind date, blinding, blind side (from the blind side), eye (v), eye (met our eyes, etc.), eyeball (sight)
- social interaction: see (visit / meet)
- speed: blink (in the blink of an eye)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- subterfuge: eye (subterfuge), nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- surveillance: eagle eye, eye (surveillance), eye (eyes and ears / surveillance)
- time: dim (the dim past, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), facing (future-facing, etc.), foresight (n), forward-looking, hindsight (n), horizon (on the horizon), look back (v), look forward to (v), look like (future), myopia (n), see (see something coming), see (future), seen (future), seer (person), sight (in sight)
- unanimity & consensus: eye (see eye to eye, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: eye (goal)

FACE (2)

- amelioration & renewal: facelift (n)
- appearance: baby (baby face, etc.), face (appearance), game (game face), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- appearance & disappearance: face (in the face of)
- appearance & reality: face (brave face, etc.), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v)
- commitment & determination: game (game face)
- concealment & lack of concealment: mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- conflict: face (conflict), face (in one's face)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face (in the face of), face (in one's face), face up (face up to something)
- consciousness & awareness: slap (awareness)
- feeling, emotion & effect: face (red face, red-faced, etc.), face (face-palm, face palm), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- fictive meeting & seeing: face (face anger, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: face (egg on one's face, etc.)
- identity & nature: face (identity and nature), faceless (adj)
- insult: slap (slap in the face, etc.), spit (spit in the face / noun)
- judgment: frown (v), frowned upon, smile (v)
- punishment & recrimination: slap (punish)
- representation: face (public face, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: face (in one's face), face (in the face of)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: frown (v), frowned upon, smile (v)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: face (concept)
- social interaction: face (concept), face-saving
- society: face (concept), face-saving (concept)
- subterfuge: mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v)
- success & failure: face (fall on one's face, etc.)

FAILURE, ACCIDENT & IMPAIRMENT (1) (see also destruction)

- affix: mis (misbehave, etc.)
- air: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- animal: astray (direction), belly-up (adj), stray (behavior), stray (direction)
- atmosphere: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- baby: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- ball: ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), caught out, fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- balloon: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- baseball: bat (bat zero, bat a thousand, etc.), error (unforced error), strike out (v)
- birth: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- boat: aground (run aground), founder (v), rock (on the rocks), ship (a sinking ship), shipwreck (n), shoal (n)
- bodily reaction: hiccup (n)
- burden: strain (v)
- cards: hand (overplay one's hand), overplay (v)
- cloth: fray (v), frayed (degraded), tatters (in tatters), thread (lose the thread), undoing (destruction), undone (destruction), unravel (fail)
- clothing & accessories: clotheslined, shirt (lose one's shirt), tatters (in tatters)
- crashes & collisions: crash (population crash, etc.), crash (car crash), crash-land (v), shipwreck (n), T-bone (v), T-boned, train wreck, wreck (v), wreck (person)
- death & life: belly-up (adj), casualty (n), dust (bite the dust)
- direction: astray (direction), circle (go in circles), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), down (functioning), downhill (go downhill, etc.), fall through (v), let down (fail), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), south (go south, etc.), step (a step in the wrong direction), stray (behavior), stray (direction), toilet (in the toilet, etc.), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), turn (wrong turn), west (go west / obsolete)
- distance: far (too far), ski (over one's skis, etc.)
- electricity: short-circuit (v)
- engine: flameout (n), flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- epithet: Bhopal (Australia's Bhopal, etc.), Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: misstep (n), slip (n), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), stumble (n), trip up (v), unseat (v)
- erosion: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration, erode (v), eroding, erosion (n)
- explosion: dud (n), fizzle (and fizzle out)
- farming & agriculture: haywire (go haywire, etc.)
- film & TV: dust (bite the dust)
- fire: fizzle (and fizzle out), flame (in flames)
- fish: belly-up (adj), get away (escape)
- foot: shoot (shoot oneself in the foot)
- football: fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- fruits & vegetables: banana (n), lemon (n)
- ground, terrain & land: crack (fall through the cracks, etc.), sink (sink into the mud, etc.)
- hand: ball (drop the ball), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- head: head (come down on one's head, etc.)
- health & medicine: injure (v), malpractice (n), miscarriage (of justice, etc.), misdiagnose (v), mutilate (v)
- history: Chernobyl
- hole: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- horse: founder (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), unseat (v)
- house: roof (a roof can cave in)

- infrastructure: buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), pothole (noun), toilet (in the toilet, etc.), tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v)
- journeys & trips: circle (go in circles), cul-de-sac, dead end, direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), mislead (v), misleading (adj), pothole (n), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the wrong direction), turn (wrong turn), way (lose one's way), way (the wrong way)
- letters & characters: T-bone (v), T-boned
- light & dark: tarnish (v), tarnished
- manufacturing: unmaking (destruction)
- materials & substances: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), crack (v), fracture (failure), meltdown (failure), snap (v), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), unglued (emotionally)
- meat: butcher (v)
- mechanism: break down (functioning), broken (failure), down (functioning), fall apart (v), gum up (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), malfunction (v), rupture (n), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.)
- mental health: pieces (go to pieces), unhinged (adj)
- military: casualty (n), wound (self-inflicted wound)
- mining: cave in (v), undercut (v), undermine (v)
- mountains & hills: downhill (go downhill, etc.)
- movement: circle (go in circles), falter (v), flounder (v), go (go wrong, etc.), go (go right, etc.), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), momentum (lose momentum), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stalled (progress), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), turn (wrong turn)
- nuclear energy: Chernobyl, meltdown (failure)
- part of speech: fail (a big fail, etc.)
- person: wreck (person)
- place: Chernobyl
- plane: crash-land (v), flameout (n), flame out (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: break down (functioning), down (functioning)
- roof: roof (a roof can cave in)
- rope: snap (v), undoing (destruction), undone (destruction), unravel (fail)
- ruins: buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), crumble (v), roof (a roof can cave in), tumble down (v), wreck (v), wreck (person)
- sea: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), ship (a sinking ship), shoal (n)
- shape: pear (pear-shaped / failure), T-bone (v), T-boned
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: shot (nerves are shot, etc.), strain (v), stretch (v), stretched (stretched thin, etc.), mutilate (v)
- sleep: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- sound: sputter (v), stutter (v), stuttering (adj)
- speech: tongue (slip of the tongue)
- sports & games: ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), bat (bat zero, bat a thousand, etc.), baton (drop the baton), belly flop (n), caught out, error (unforced error), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled, goal (own goal), miscue (n), overplay (v), strike out (v)
- target: fall (fall short)
- tongue: tongue (slip of the tongue)
- tools & technology: screw up (v)
- train: derail (v), derailed, rail (off the rails), sidetracked, train (failure), train wreck
- verb: aground (run aground), ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), bat (bat zero, bat a thousand, etc.), betray (fail), break down (functioning), circle (go in circles), collapse (v), crack (v), crack (fall through the cracks, etc.), buckle (give way), butcher (v), cave (cave in), crack (v), crash-land (v), crumble (v), derail (v),

drain (go down the drain, etc.), erode (v), fall apart (v), fall down (v), fall through (v), fizzle (and fizzle out), flame out (v), flounder (v), founder (v), fray (v), fumble (v), gas (run out of gas), get away (escape), gum up (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), hand (overplay one's hand), haywire (go haywire, etc.), injure (v), jump (jump a curb, etc.), let down (fail), malfunction (v), misdiagnose (v), mislead (v), momentum (lose momentum), mutilate (v), overplay (v), pipe (go down the pipes), screw up (v), shoot (shoot oneself in the foot), short-circuit (v), sideways (go sideways), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), slip up (fail), split (split apart / up, etc.), snap (v), south (go south, etc.), split (v), sputter (v), stall (v), strain (v), stray (behavior), stray (direction), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), strike out (v), stumble (v), stutter (v), tarnish (v), thread (lose the thread), trip up (v), tube (go down the tubes), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), tumble down (v), undercut (v), undermine (v), unravel (v), unseat (v), west (go west / obsolete), wreck (v)

- walking, running & jumping: fall down (v), falter (v), flounder (v), jump (jump a curb, etc.), misstep (n), slip (n), slip up (fail), slip-up (failure), step (a step in the wrong direction), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), stumble (n), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), trip up (v)
- waste: garbage (garbage fire / dumpster fire)
- water: belly flop (n)
- weapon: dud (n), flash in the pan, misfire (failure), shoot (shoot oneself in the foot), wound (self-inflicted wound)

FAMILY (2)

- acceptance & rejection: adopt (v), adopted (adopted state, etc.), adopted
- accusation & criticism: scold (v)
- achievement, recognition & praise: America (America's sweetheart, etc.), boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son
- amount: twin (two)
- bases: mother (mother of NPR, etc.)
- biodiversity, nature & life: mother (Mother Nature)
- branching system: family tree
- character & personality: mother (earth mother)
- comparison & contrast: akin (adjective)
- creation & transformation: beget (v), brainchild (n), father (v), father (father of India, etc.), founding father (n), mother (mother of NPR, etc.)
- dependency: babysit (v), babysitter (role), nanny (person)
- division: parent (parent company, etc.)
- division & connection: blood brother (connection), brother (brother in arms, etc.), brotherhood (n), kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), orphaned, parent (cat parents, etc.), sister (redneck sisters, etc.), sisterhood (n), twin (relationship)
- epithet: father (Father of Waters, etc.), father (father of India, etc.), Father Time, godfather (God father of Soul, etc.), mother (mother of NPR, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.), mother (Mother Nature)
- feeling, emotion & effect: kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n)
- geography: mother (Mother Mountain, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- group, set & collection: brotherhood (n), family (gang / group), sisterhood (n)
- help & assistance: brother (big brother, etc.), godfather (v), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc., godmother (fairy godmother), mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, sister (big sister, etc.)
- history: pedigree (n)
- idea: brainchild (n)
- identity & nature: child (child of the Soviet Union, etc.), daughter (daughter of Brooklyn, etc.), pedigree (n), son (son of the South, etc.)
- importance & significance: big daddy (authority)

- language: mother tongue
- origin: ancestor (go before), background, brainchild (n), father (father of India, etc.), founding father (n), granddaddy (and grandfather), grandmother (n), grandparent
- person: boy (blue-eyed boy), brother (brother in arms, etc.), child (bastard child), cousin (relationship), father (father of India, etc.), favorite son, godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), mother (mother of NPR, etc.), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), sister (redneck sisters, etc.), stepchild (and stepson, etc.)
- possession: adopt (v)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: legacy (obsolescence)
- product: daughter (n), offspring, son (son of Concorde, etc.)
- proper name: mother (Mother Mountain, etc.), sister (the Seven Sisters, etc.), twin (the Twins, etc.)
- relationship: akin (adj), ancestor (go before), beget (v), big brother (relationship), blood brother (connection), brother (Instagram's brother, etc.), brother (brother in arms, etc.), brotherhood (n), child (bastard child), cousin (relationship), daughter (n), descendant (n), family (group), father (father of progress, etc.), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), hip (joined at the hip), incestuous (adj), incestuousness (n), kin (n), kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.), offspring, orphan (n), orphaned, parent (parent company, etc.), parent (cat parents, etc.), paternity (n), relative (relationship), Siamese twins, sibling, sister (redneck sisters, etc.), sister (sister ship, etc.), sisterhood (n), stepchild (and stepson, etc.), stepmother (cruelty), twin (relationship)
- reputation: legacy (reputation)
- role: mother (den mother, etc.)
- speech: mother tongue
- superlative: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, granddaddy (and grandfather), grandmother (n), mother (mother of all battles, etc.)
- taxonomy & classification: family (plants), family (animals), family (viruses), family (products), family (languages), generation (products, etc.)
- time: Father Time
- transmission: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (obsolescence), legacy (history), legacy (reputation)
- weather & climate: mother (Mother Nature)
- worth & lack of worth: boy (blue-eyed boy), child (bastard child), favorite son, illegitimate (adj), stepchild (and stepson, etc.)

FAN (2)

- extent & scope: fan out (v)
- movement: fan out (v)
- resemblance: fan (shape)
- shape: fan (shape)

FANTASY & REALITY (1)

- addiction: opium (n), pipe dream (and pipedream), rabbit hole (fantasy)
- allusion: Arthurian (adj), Bermuda Triangle, Black Mirror, curiouser and curiouser, El Dorado, Groundhog Day (film), heffalump (creature), Kafkaesque (adj), never-never land, Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Star Wars (film), surreal (adj), Twilight Zone, Walter Mitty, windmill (tilt at windmills, etc.)
- animal: brainworm (obsession), rabbit hole (fantasy)
- books & reading: curiouser and curiouser, fairy tale (fantasy, delusion), fantasy (fairy tale, etc.), Looking Glass, never-never land, rabbit hole (fantasy)
- creature: ghost (fantasy and delusion), heffalump (creature), phantom
- day: Groundhog Day (film)
- desert: mirage (n)

- doors & thresholds: unhinged (adj)
- earth & world: earth (close to the earth, etc.), world (fantasy)
- film & TV: Groundhog Day (film), Hollywood (Hollywood ending, etc.), Star Wars (film)
- ground, terrain & land: La-La land
- head: brainworm (obsession)
- health & medicine: demented, dream (fever dream, etc.), opium (n), swamp (fever swamp)
- history: Arthurian (adj), Bermuda Triangle, El Dorado
- hole: rabbit hole (fantasy), wormhole (n)
- magic: magic (versus reality), magical (versus reality), make-believe (n), make-believe (adj)
- mental health: delusion (under a delusion), delusion, demented, fantasy (delusion), pipe dream (and pipedream), rabbit hole (fantasy), world (fantasy)
- person: Arthurian (adj), Kafkaesque, Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Walter Mitty
- physics: wormhole (n)
- sleep: dream (fever dream, etc.)
- theater: theater of the absurd

FARMING & AGRICULTURE (1)

- epithet: bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.), bowl (America's salad bowl, etc.), breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.), garden (the Garden of France, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.), Kansas (Kansas of China, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.), bowl (America's salad bowl, etc.), breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.)

FARMING & AGRICULTURE (2) (see also plant; wheat)

- amount: bumper (bumper crop)
- appearance & disappearance: crop up (v)
- attraction & repulsion: pasture (greener pastures)
- biodiversity, nature & life: monoculture (n)
- computer: farm (computers), harvest (harvest data, etc.)
- configuration: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- conflict: slash-and-burn (adj)
- constraint & lack of constraint: siloed
- consumption: commodity (n), fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- content: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)
- creation & transformation: hothouse (n), nursery (n), plant (create), pruned, seed (n), sow (v)
- curtailment: cut short (v)
- death & life: cut down (killed), Grim Reaper (death), reaper (Reaper drone, etc.), sickle (death)
- decline: haywire (go haywire, etc.)
- destruction: rake (destroy), slash-and-burn (adj)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), prune (v), weed out (v), slash-and-burn (adj), winnow (v)
- division & connection: silo (v), silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- dominance & submission: field hand (person)
- failure, accident & impairment: haywire (go haywire, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: barn burner, harrowing (adj)
- gossip: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- growth & development: crop (n), cultivate (v), cultivated, cultivation (n), drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), fallow (adj), fertile (adj), field (fertile field, etc.), fruition (n), green shoots, ground (fertile ground), grow (develop), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed (n), hothouse (n), nursery (n), plant (create),

plow (plow a field, etc.), rainmaker (person), seed (n), seed money, soil (fertile soil, etc.), sow (v), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)

- importance & significance: ground (break ground), groundbreaking
- isolation & remoteness: silo (v), silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- military: cannon fodder (military), harvest (war's chief harvest, etc.), mill (military)
- product: commodity (n), crop (n), farm (computers), farm (enterprise), fruit (product), reap (v), harvest (v), harvest (war's chief harvest, etc.), harvested
- proper name: reaper (Reaper drone, etc.)
- searching & discovery: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), glean (v), gleaned, sieve (n), winnow (v)
- speech: straw man (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ground (break ground), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.)
- subterfuge: straw man (n)
- superiority & inferiority: field hand (person)
- throwing, putting & planting: plant (put), plow (put), sow (v), sown (planted)
- work & duty: plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- worth & lack of worth: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), commodity (n), fruit (product), fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj), wheat (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)

FATE, FORTUNE & CHANCE (1)

- air: sky (the sky can fall)
- allusion: boat (burn one's boats), chalice (poisoned chalice), Chinatown (the film), devil (deal with the devil), Faust (n), Faustian (adj), kiss of death, midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), Sword of Damocles, *Titanic* (the ship)
- animal: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), black swan (rarity), blue whale, chicken (come home to roost), jaw (jaws of defeat, jaws of victory, etc.), snake (snake-bit)
- astronomy: star (fate), star-crossed (adj)
- atmosphere: sky (the sky can fall)
- ax: axe (ax to fall, etc.), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- Bible: handwriting (handwriting on the wall), kiss of death, writing (writing on the wall)
- bird: auger (v), auspicious (adj), black swan (rarity), chicken (come home to roost)
- blade: ax (ax to fall, etc.), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.), close shave, stab (stab in the dark), sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- boat: *Titanic* (the ship)
- bodily reaction: breath (hold one's breath), laugh (last laugh)
- boundary: line (tread a line, etc.)
- breathing: breath (hold one's breath)
- bridge: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- bullet: bullet (dodge a bullet)
- burial: coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave)
- cards: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), draw (luck of the draw), hand (dealt a hand), odds (fate), wild card (other)
- circus: daredevil (person), high wire (fate), tightrope (fate)
- clock: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- cloth: thread (by a thread)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (a shoe can drop or fall)
- color: black swan (rarity), blue (out of the blue), blue whale
- container: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- cooking: frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)

- control & lack of control: control (out of one's control), random (society), randomly (society)
- day: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), noon (high noon), strike (his hour had struck, etc.)
- death & life: death (cheat death), doomed, funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), kiss of death, live (live and die / fate), noose (fate), stand (stand and fall / fate)
- direction: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), rise and fall (v)
- electricity: blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue, lightning (fate)
- epithet: curse (Curse of Caricola, etc.), miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.), miracle (Miracle of Istanbul, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (in the balance), teeter (v)
- eye: blind (not controlled by intelligence)
- film & TV: Chinatown (the film), noon (high noon)
- finger: finger (cross one's fingers, etc.)
- fire: fire (play with fire), frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)
- food & drink: chalice (poisoned chalice), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- football: go (go long), Hail Mary
- gambling: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), dice (n), die (the die is cast, etc.), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (n), gamble (v), lot (lot in life, etc.), lottery (win the lottery, etc.), odds (fate), roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)
- geometry: circle (a circle can close)
- gesture: finger (cross one's fingers, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (from the brink), brinksmanship (n), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), last-ditch (adj), precipice (at / on the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope), territory (come with the territory, etc.)
- hair: close shave
- hand: hand (fate)
- head: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- health & medicine: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- height: rise and fall (v)
- history: boat (burn one's boats), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), *Titanic* (the ship)
- hunting: jaw (jaws of defeat, jaws of victory, etc.)
- infrastructure: highway (highway to hell)
- justice: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), jury (the jury is out), reprieve (n), stay (stay of execution)
- journeys & trips: back (no way back, etc.), boat (burn one's boats), path (cross paths), return (point of no return), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- knife: stab (stab in the dark)
- lap: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- lightning: blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue, lightning (fate)
- line: line (tread a line, etc.), line (on the line)
- love, courtship & marriage: dance (dance with death, etc.), flirt (v)
- magic: charmed (charmed life, etc.), crystal ball, curse (n), cursed, evil eye, magic (trail magic, etc.), tea leaves
- mechanism: wheel (wheel of fate or fortune, etc.)
- military: last-ditch (adj)
- money: windfall (n)
- mountains & hills: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at / on the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- neck: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.), neck (save one's neck), neck (fate), neck (stick one's neck out)
- number: number (number is up, etc.), numbered (days are numbered, etc.)
- path: path (cross paths)

- person: daredevil (person)
- predation: jaw (jaws of defeat, jaws of victory, etc.)
- proximity: close (and close-run), close call (danger), close shave
- religion: auger (v), auspicious (adj), curse (n), cursed, devil (deal with the devil), evil eye, Faust (n), Faustian (adj), god (mountain gods, etc.), Hail Mary, handwriting (handwriting on the wall), karma (fate), kiss of death, miracle (other), miraculous (adj), original sin (other), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- river: boat (burn one's boats), bridge (burn one's bridges), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- scale: balance (in the balance)
- sea: blue whale
- shape: circle (a circle can close)
- sky: black swan (rarity), blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue, lightning (fate), sky (the sky can fall)
- snake: snake (snake-bit)
- snow & ice: ice (on thin ice)
- sound: laugh (last laugh)
- speech: time (time will tell)
- sports & games: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), cards (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), dice (n), die (the die is cast, etc.), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (v), gamble (n), game (guessing game), go (go long), Hail Mary, roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)
- star: star (fate), star-crossed (adj)
- storm: blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue, lightning (fate)
- sun: noon (high noon)
- sword: sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- target: shot (chance), shot (shot in the dark)
- taste: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- tree: chip (chips fall, etc.), limb (go out on a limb), windfall (n)
- verb: auger (v), balance (in the balance), bite (bite him in the end, etc.), breath (hold one's breath), bullet (dodge a bullet), chicken (come home to roost), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), finger (cross one's fingers, etc.), fire (play with fire), flirt (v), gamble (v), grave (dig one's grave), head (hold something over one's head), lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall), limb (go out on a limb), line (tread a line, etc.), path (cross paths), rise and fall (v), shoe (a shoe can drop or fall), spell (spell disaster, etc.), teeter (v)
- violence: head (heads will roll, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: leap (leap of faith, etc.), line (tread a line, etc.)
- water: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- weapon: bullet (dodge a bullet), gun (under the gun), long shot, Russian roulette, shot (chance), shot (shot in the dark), stab (stab in the dark)
- wind: windfall (n)
- writing & spelling: handwriting (handwriting on the wall), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)

FATNESS & THINNESS (2) (see also breadth)

- ability & lack of ability: flabby (adj), lean (size)
- flaws & lack of flaws: flabby (adj), lean (size)
- money: fat cat
- size: bloated (size), flabby (adj), lean (size), slender (adj), slim (small)
- strength & weakness: flabby (adj), lean (size)
- substance & lack of substance: skinny (adj)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: fat (adj), flabby (adj), lean (size), lean (lean times, etc.)

FEELING, EMOTION & EFFECT (1) (see also mental health)

- addiction: addictive (adj), narcotic (n), withdrawal (feeling)

- air: air (breath of fresh air), air (air of authority, etc.), air (take the air out of a room, etc.), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), aura (n), climate (work climate, etc.), deflate (emotion), deflated, pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- alcohol: drunk (adj), hangover (alcohol), intoxicate (v), intoxicated, intoxicating (adj), sober (v), sober (adj), sobering (adj)
- allusion: Chinatown (the film), stoic (adj)
- animal: bask (v), biting (adj), bristle (emotional arousal), calm (v), devoured (by an emotion, etc.), eat (mental health), eaten alive (by debt, rage, etc.), eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), hackles (raise hackles), ruffled (feathers), tears (crocodile tears), venom (n), venomous (adj), vulnerability (emotional, etc.), vulnerable (emotionally, etc.), wild (behavior)
- arm: arm (wrap one's arm around something / consolation), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), hold back (restraint)
- astronomy: moon (over the moon)
- atmosphere: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other), air (take the air out of a room, etc.), air (breath of fresh air), air (air of authority, etc.), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), aura (n), bask (v), climate (work climate, etc.), cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), deflate (emotion), deflated, fallout (effect), pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- baby: baby (relationship)
- bird: eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), ruffled (feathers)
- blade: cut (cut both ways), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), double-edged (sword), gutted (feeling), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), rapier (n), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- blood: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), blood (blood runs cold), blood (in cold blood), blush (embarrassment), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), hot-blooded (adj), livid (adj), mist (red mist), red (see red), sanguine (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.)
- boat: navigate (feelings, emotions), stack (blow one's stack)
- bodily reaction: ASMR, blush (embarrassment), breath (take a breath, etc.), breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), cringe (v), cringe-worthy (adj), cringey (adj), exhale (v), face (red face, red-faced, etc.), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), goosebumps, juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting (fingernails), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), shiver (n), sigh (sigh of relief), sit up (sit up and take notice, etc.), startling (adj), sweat (feeling), tears (crying), teeth (gnash one's teeth), yawn (n)
- bottle: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions)
- boxing: blow (body blow, etc.), chin (take something on the chin), knockout (knockout voice, etc.), knock over (v), pummeled, punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- breathing: breath (take a breath, etc.), breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), exhale (v), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), hyperventilate (v), hyperventilation (n), sigh (sigh of relief), suffocating
- burial: funereal (adj), lament (v), pall (cast a pall)
- cards: poker-faced (adj)
- chemistry: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), vitriol (n)
- cloth: pall (cast a pall)
- clothing & accessories: boot (shake in one's boots), pearl (clutch one's pearls), shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- cloud: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- color: black (feeling), black (black day, etc.), blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), blue (feeling), blues (the blues), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), dog (black dog / mental health), face (red face, red-faced, etc.), green (green with envy), livid (adj), mist (red mist), red (see red), sanguine (adj)
- container: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions), drained (feeling), emptiness (depression), empty (depression), hold in (emotions), in (in pain, in anger, etc.), inside (emotions), open (honest), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pent-up (constrained), place (mental), space (mental), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)
- control & lack of control: control (in control)
- cooking: stir (effect)

- crashes & collisions: whiplash (n), wreck (person)
- creature: demonic (adj), haunt (v), haunted, haunting (adj), spook (v), spooked (feeling), zombie (behavior)
- day: day (dark day)
- death & life: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), dead (feeling), deadening (effect), funereal (adj), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), killjoy (person), knife (knife in the heart)
- depth: deep (emotion)
- destruction: destroy (emotion), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), shatter (emotions), shattered (mentally, etc.), shattering (emotions), torn up, wreck (person)
- direction: ballistic (go ballistic), buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyant (personality), buoyed, depression (mental illness), descent (decline), down (feeling), downhearted, fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fall (an emotion can fall), fall (fall in love), feeling (sinking feeling), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), heart (heart sank), high (on a high), high (emotion), high-spirited, lay low (emotion), lift (feeling), lift (v), low (emotion), point (low point / emotion), raise (feeling), retreat (withdraw), roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.), sink (sink into despair, etc.), sinking (sinking feeling, etc.), soar (a heart can soar), slide (v), up (feeling), upbeat (adj), world (on top of the world, etc.)
- distance: close (feeling), detached (emotions), tight (relationship)
- dog: bristle (emotional arousal), hackles (raise hackles)
- ear: ear (music to one's ears)
- earthquake: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave (n), upheaval (disruption)
- earth & world: world (on top of the world, etc.), world (means the world to me, etc.)
- electricity: amped (feeling), charged (highly charged, etc.), current (feeling), electric (feeling), electricity (feeling), electrified, electrify (v), galvanize (v), jolt (n), lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), shock (v), shock (in shock), shock (feeling), shocked (adj), shocker (n), shocking (feeling, emotion and effect), thunderstruck (adj)
- engine: gasket (blow a gasket), go (go from zero to one hundred, etc.), revved (revved up)
- epithet: sorrow (China's Sorrow, etc.), tears (grief)
- equilibrium & stability: destabilize (v), destabilizing (adj), dizzying (adj), earthquake (effect), edge (on edge), feet (knock somebody off their feet), flattened (emotion), floored (emotion), head-spinning, knock over (v), rattled (feeling), reel (v), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shaken (feeling), stagger (v), upheaval (disruption)
- exclamation: gasp (very "gasp," etc.), meh (n), oops (exclamation), ouch (exclamation), sweet (exclamation), welcome (welcome news, etc.), whoa (exclamation), wow (v), wow (as noun)
- explosion: blockbuster (n), blown away (feeling), blow up (emotion), bombshell (n), burst (burst into tears, etc.), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), erupt (feeling), explode (emotion), gasket (blow a gasket, etc.), go off (v), outburst (n), set off (feeling and emotion), shellshocked (and shell-shocked), shock wave (n), stack (blow one's stack), steam (v), top (blow one's top)
- eye: blink (conflict), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eyebrow (raise eyebrows, etc.), eyebrow-raising (adj), eyebrow-raising (n), eye-popping
- face: face (red face, red-faced, etc.), face (face-palm, face palm), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- family: kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n)
- farming & agriculture: barn burner, harrowing (adj)
- film & TV: Chinatown (the film), scratch (record scratch)
- finger: nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting, pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched, touch (verb / emotion), touching (adj)
- fire: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), barn burner, burn (reputational burn, etc.), burned (hurt), burned-out (and burnt-out), burning (burning desire, etc.), burn out (v), burnout (n), consume (emotions), consumed (emotion), fire (on fire / feeling), fire (fire and desire, etc.), fired up, firebrand (person), fume (v), hair (hair on fire), incendiary, inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), scorching (adj), searing (adj)

- fist: beating (take a beating, etc.), blow (body blow, etc.), blow (bitter blow, etc.), hit (take a hit, etc.), hit (affect), hit (affected), hit (affect), knockout (knockout voice, etc.), knock over (v), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), pummeled, smitten (effect), strike (tragedy, etc.), striking (adj), struck (affected), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj)
- flying & falling: ballistic (go ballistic), depression (mental illness), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), soar (a heart can soar)
- food & drink: bellyful (amount), bitter (person), bitter (bitter weather, etc.), bitter (a bitter blow, etc.), bittersweet (adj), comfort food (n), devoured (by an emotion, etc.), eat (mental health), eaten alive (by debt, rage, etc.), fed up (adj), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), savor, sour (v), sweet (exclamation), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- foot: kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), teeth (kick in the teeth), toe (step on toes)
- force: crush (love), crushed (feeling), daze (in a daze), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), feet (knock somebody off their feet), flattened (emotion), floored (emotion), hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), jolt (n), knock over (v), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), rage (v), raging (adj), shock (v), shock (in shock), shock (feeling), shocked (adj), shocking (feeling, emotion and effect), smitten (effect), strike (affect), striking (adj), struck (affected), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj), surge (surge of anger, etc.)
- functioning: broken (feeling), broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (broken heart), heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken, paralyzed (feeling)
- gambling: poker-faced (adj)
- gesture: arm (wrap one's arm around something / consolation), cringe (verb), cringe-worthy (adj), cringey (adj), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eyebrow (raise eyebrows, etc.), eyebrow-raising (adj), eyebrow-raising (n), face (face-palm, face palm), flex (bragging), hand (wring one's hand), hat (hold on to your hat), head (turn heads), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), jaw-dropper, jaw-dropping, mic drop (n), nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting (fingernails), whoa (exclamation)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: give (give a start, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- hair: bristle (emotional arousal), hackles (raise hackles), hair (hair on fire), hair-raising
- hand: clingy (adj), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), face (face-palm, face palm), gripped, gripping (adj), hand (wring one's hand), handwringing (n), hold (noun / emotion), hold in (emotions), possess (v), possessed (emotion), seized (by an emotion), whoa (exclamation)
- hardness & softness: hard (feelings, etc.), harden (feelings), hardened
- hat: hat (hold on to your hat)
- head: coolheaded (and cool-headed), head (keep / lose one's head), head (turn heads), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), headspace (frame of mind), head-spinning, hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed)
- health & medicine: addictive (adj), anodyne (adj), anxiety (n), apoplectic (adj), bromide (n), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), contagious (emotion), crippling, elixir (effect), exhausting (mental health), febrile (adj), heartsick, hurt (feeling and emotion / verb), hurt (damage, injure), hyperventilate (v), hyperventilation (n), hysteria (n), inject (fresh blood, etc.), injury (other), lacerating (adj), moral injury (n), moral panic (n), narcotic (n), nostrum (n), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (emotional / groups), painful (adj), panic (bisexual panic, etc.), paralyzed (feeling), paroxysm (emotion), pill (bitter pill, etc.), sanguine (adj), scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, shock (in shock), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), sick (disgusted), sick (with anxiety, etc.), sick and tired (feeling), soothe (sensation), tonic (effect), toxic (adj), traumatic (mental health), withdrawal (feeling), wound (figurative wounds of Vietnam, etc.), wounded (emotionally)
- heart: broken-hearted, coldhearted (adj), downhearted, heart (miscellaneous), heart (heart sank), heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (heavy heart), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (romance, love), heartache (n), heartbreak

- (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartfelt, heartsick, heart-stopping, heartthrob, heartwarming (adj), heart-wrenching, heavy-hearted (adj), knife (knife in the heart), light-hearted (adj), soar (a heart can soar)
- heating water: boiling point, boil over (v), seethe (v)
 - height: depression (mental illness), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), low (emotion), moon (over the moon), point (low point / emotion), raise (feeling)
 - history: trail of tears (suffering), via dolorosa
 - hole: depression (mental illness), hole (feeling)
 - horse: whoa (exclamation)
 - house: home (feel at home), home (hit home), home (close to home), welcome (welcome news, etc.)
 - hunting: gutted (feeling)
 - insect: butterfly (butterflies in stomach), sting (n), stinging (adj), stung (feeling)
 - journeys & trips: follow (follow a feeling or emotion), trail of tears (suffering), via dolorosa
 - key: lock (lock something away)
 - knife: stab (stab of pain, etc.), stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.)
 - leg: kick (kick one's butt, etc.)
 - knife: cut (cut both ways), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), gutted (feeling), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), lacerating (adj), stab (sensation)
 - leg: kick (kick in the teeth, etc.)
 - light & dark: brighten (v), cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), darkness (depression), day (dark day), dazzle (v), dim (hope, etc.), gloom (n), gloomy (adj), illuminating (adj), scintillating (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under a shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.), sunny (adj)
 - lightning: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)
 - love, courtship & marriage: crush (love), honeymoon (n), swoon (v)
 - magic: bewitch (v), bewitched, bewitching (adj), charm (v), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), enthralled, enthralling (adj), entranced, entrancing (adj), magic (effect), magic (magic moment, etc.), magical (effect), mesmerize (v), mesmerizing (adj), spell (under a spell), spell (cast a spell), spellbinding (adj), spellbound (adj), thrall (n)
 - manufacturing: process (v)
 - mark: bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), dent (n), mark (effect), scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, wound (figurative wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
 - materials & substances: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), crack (verb / emotion), eggshell (walking on eggshells), fragile (feelings), fragility (feelings), hard (feelings, etc.), noxious (adj), poisonous (adj), shatter (emotions), shattered (mentally, etc.), shattering (emotions), snap (v), stone-faced (adj), toxic (adj), shatter (destroy), unglued (emotionally), vitriol (n)
 - mechanism: automata (n), breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.), break down (emotionally), broken (feeling), button (push a button / emotion), button (panic button), button (hot button), fall apart (emotionally), gasket (blow a gasket, etc.), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), heart (a broken heart, etc.), metronomic (operation), pump up (v), revved (revved up), robot (n), switch (emotions), turn off (turn people off, etc.), turned off, turned on (sex), turn on (excite), turn-off (disgust), turn-on, wind down (relax), wound (tightly wound)
 - military: bombshell (n), combative (adj), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), hostile (adj), PTSD (and post-traumatic stress disorder), retreat (withdraw), shellshocked (and shell-shocked)
 - moon: moon (over the moon)
 - mouth: jaw-dropper, jaw-dropping, lip (stiff upper lip)
 - movement: carried away, carry (carry me away, etc.), cartwheel (do cartwheels, etc.), follow (follow a feeling or emotion), frozen (emotion), paralyzed (feeling), paroxysm (emotion), petrified (adj), pulsating (adj), rage (v), raging (adj), roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.), send (emotion or effect), slide (v), wall (ricochet off the wall)

- music: blues (the blues), cognitive dissonance, ear (music to one's ears), lament (v), note (note of caution, etc.)
- nuclear energy: fallout (effect), meltdown (emotions), melt down (emotions)
- part of speech: cringe (as adjective), feel (as noun), funny (as noun), happy (as noun), horrible (as noun), hurt (as noun), overwhelm (as noun), sad (as noun), scary (as noun), wow (as noun)
- person: firebrand (person), hothead (person), killjoy (person)
- picture: baroque (adj), grotesque (adj), surreal (adj)
- place: come from (emotion), map (all over the map / emotions), place (mental), space (mental)
- plane: autopilot (on autopilot), land (arrive, affect, decide)
- plant: withering (adj)
- position: lay low (emotion)
- possession: hold (noun / emotion), lose (one's temper, etc.), lose it (mentally), possess (v), possessed (emotion)
- predation: devoured (by an emotion, etc.), eat (mental health), eaten alive (by debt, rage, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: break down (emotionally), down (feeling), hate on (something), inside (emotions), love on (something), love up (and love up on, etc.), pump up (v), up (feeling)
- pressure: blow up (emotion), decompression (n), explode (emotion), gasket (blow a gasket, etc.), pressure (under pressure), pressure (n), pressured, pressure-filled, relax (feeling), steam (v), steam (blow / let off steam), valve (relief valve), vent (v)
- proximity: close (feeling), cozy (adj), detached (emotions), distance (feeling), distant (feeling), tight (relationship)
- pump: pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- religion: calvary (suffering), dispirited (adj), godforsaken, hell (hell hath no fury), hellish (adj), miraculous (adj), paradisiacal (and paradisa), possess (v), possessed (emotion), spirit (feeling), via dolorosa
- river: run (run deep / high / strong), swept away (emotion)
- rocket: ballistic (go ballistic)
- rope: frayed (emotions), loosen up (feelings), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), rope (at the end of one's rope), snap (v), strain (pressure), strained, taut (nerves, etc.), tension (n)
- ruins: destroy (emotion), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), wreck (person)
- sea: swept away (emotion), wave (make waves, etc.)
- sensation: abrasive (adj), biting (adj), blistering (adj), blow (body blow, etc.), blow (bitter blow, etc.), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), burned (hurt), burned-out (and burnt-out), burning (burning desire, etc.), buzz (sensation), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), dizzying (adj), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), grate (v), gut-wrenching (adj), hair (hair on fire), heartache (n), heartfelt, heartthrob, heart-wrenching, hit (affect), hit (affected), hurt (feeling and emotion / verb), hurt (damage, injure), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), irritant (n), irritated, irritating, irritation, jolt (n), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), lacerating (adj), nerveless adj, nerve-racking, numb (adj), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (emotional / groups), painful (adj), palpable (adj), pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched, pins and needles, prickle (prickle of anxiety, etc.), pummeled, punch (punch in the gut, etc.), raw (emotions, etc.), raw nerve (feeling), rub (rub somebody the wrong way, scorching (adj), searing (adj), sensitive (adj), sensitivity (n), shoe (a stone in the shoe), smart (v), soothe (sensation), sore (sensation), sorely, stab (stab of pain, etc.), stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.), sting (n), stinging (adj), strike (affect), struck (affected), striking (adj), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj), stung (feeling), teeth (kick in the teeth), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), toe (step on toes), touchy (adj), whiplash (n), wrenching (adj)
- sex: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately, turned on (sex)
- shadow: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: tears (crying)
- size: enormously (exciting, etc.), great (great hatred, etc.), huge (huge gratitude, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: anxiety (n), blistering (adj), blush (embarrassment), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), chill (feeling), crawl (skin can crawl, etc.), flex (bragging), gutted (feeling), lacerating (adj), loosen up

(feelings), nerve (anxiety), nerve (strike a nerve, etc.), nerveless (adj), nerve-racking, raw (emotions, etc.), raw nerve (feeling), sensitive (adj), shiver (n), shot (nerves are shot, etc.), skin (feeling), skin (jump out of one's skin), sore (sensation), sorely, startling (adj), strain (pressure), strained, taut (nerves, etc.), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), touchy (adj)

- sky: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other)
- sleep: exhausting (mental health), nightmare (n), nightmare (worst nightmare), nightmarish (adj), sick and tired (feeling), tired (feeling), weary (feeling)
- smell: noxious (adj)
- snake: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- snow & ice: frostily, frosty (adj), frozen (emotion), ice (break the ice), ice-cold (adj)
- society: hostile (adj), rage (road rage, etc.)
- sound: alarm (feeling), bang (with a bang), bang (bang for the buck, etc.), bombshell (n), buzz (sensation), chord (strike a chord), cognitive dissonance, din (attention), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), lament (v), moan (v), moaning, noise (attention, conflict, and controversy), noisy (debate, etc.), note (on a note), note (note of caution, etc.), outcry (n), repercussion (n), resonate (v), reverberate (v), reverberation (n), scratch (record scratch), thunderstruck (adj), wail (v)
- speech: welcome
- sports & games: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- stomach: bellyful (amount), butterfly (butterflies in stomach), fed up (adj), gut (n), gutted (feeling), gut-wrenching (adj), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), stomach (turn one's stomach), stomach (the pit of one's stomach)
- storm: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: insecure (insecure work, etc.), insecurity (food insecurity, etc.)
- sun: sunny (adj)
- sword: double-edged (sword), rapier (n), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- taste: bitter (person), bitter (bitter weather, etc.), bittersweet (adj), cake (icing on the cake, etc.), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), saccharine (adj), salty (slang), savor (v), sour (v), sweet (exclamation), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- teeth: biting (adj), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), teeth (gnash one's teeth), teeth (kick in the teeth)
- temperature: barn burner, bask (v), boil (initiation), blood (blood runs cold), blood (in cold blood), blood (blood boils), boiling point, boil over (v), button (hot button), chill (feeling), chilling (adj), chilly (adj), cold (feeling), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), coldhearted (adj), coldly, cool (feeling), cool down (v), coolly (adverb), cool off (v), cozy (adj), febrile (adj), fire (on fire / feeling), frigid (adj), frostily, frosty (adj), frozen (emotion), heartwarming (adj), heat (in the heat of passion, etc.), heated (emotion), heatedly, hot (controversial), hot (emotion), hot-blooded (adj), hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed), hotly, ice (break the ice), ice-cold (adj), incendiary (speech), lukewarm (feeling), overheated (adj), scorching (adj), seethe (v), shower (cold shower), steam (v), temperature (raise / lower the temperature), tepid (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.), warm (v), warm (adj), warmly, warmth, water (throw cold water on something)
- theater: drama (tense drama, etc.), dramatic (the dramatic), dramatic (effect), farce (n), melodrama (n), melodramatic (adj), operatic (adj), theater of the absurd, tragedy (n), travesty (n), vaudeville (n)
- toe: toe (step on toes)
- tongue: acid-tongued
- tools & technology: rivet (v), riveted, riveting (adj), valve (relief valve)
- verb: bask (v), beating (take a beating, etc.), bewitch (v), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), bottle up (emotions), break down (emotionally), breath (take one's breath away), breath (take a breath, etc.), bristle (emotional arousal), brighten (v), bruise (v), buoy (v), burn out (v), burst (burst into tears, etc.), button (push a button / emotion), calm (v), carry (carry me away, etc.), cartwheel (do cartwheels, etc.), charm (v), chord (strike a chord), come from (emotion), consume (emotions), cool down (v), cool off (v), crack (verb / emotion), crawl (skin can crawl, etc.), cringe (v), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), dampen (v), darken (v), dazzle

(v), deflate (emotion), destabilize (v), dim (hope, etc.), dissolve (emotions), drain (an emotion, etc.), eat (mental health), electrify (v), erupt (feeling), excite (v), exhale (v), explode (emotion), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fall apart (emotionally), feather (ruffle feathers), feet (knock somebody off their feet), fire up (v), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), follow (follow a feeling or emotion), fume (v), galvanize (v), give (give a start, etc.), gnaw (v), go off (v), grate (v), hackles (raise hackles), hand (wring one's hand), harden (feelings), hat (hold on to your hat), haunt (v), head (keep / lose one's head), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), hit (take a hit, etc.), hit (affect), hold in (emotions), hold back (restraint), home (hit home), home (feel at home), hurt (feeling and emotion / verb), hurt (damage, injure), hyperventilate (v), ice (break the ice), impact (affect), inflame (v), intoxicate (v), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), lament (v), land (arrive, affect, decide), lay low (emotion), lift (v), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), lock (lock something away), loosen up (feelings), love on (something), love up (and love up on, etc.), melt down (emotions), moan (v), moment (have a moment / emotion), nail (bite one's nails), nerve (strike a nerve, etc.), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pall (cast a pall), possess (v), process (v), rage (v), raise (feeling), reel (v), resonate (v), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), reverberate (v), ripple (v), rock (v), roil (v), rub (rub somebody the wrong way), savor (v), scar (psychologically / verb), seethe (v), send (emotion or effect), set off (feeling and emotion), shake (disrupt), shatter (emotions), shock (v), sink (sink into despair, etc.), skin (jump out of one's skin), slide (v), smart (v), snap (v), sober (v), soothe (sensation), sour (v), spell (cast a spell), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), spook (v), stack (blow one's stack), stagger (v), steam (v), steam (blow / let off steam), stomach (turn one's stomach), strike (affect), strike (tragedy, etc.), stun (v), stung (feeling), swoon (v), teeth (gnash one's teeth), temperature (raise / lower the temperature), toe (step on toes), top (blow one's top), touch (verb / emotion), turn off (turn people off, etc.), turn on (excite), unwind (relax), vent (v), wail (v), warm (v), wall (ricochet off the wall), water (throw cold water on something), wave (make waves, etc.), wind down (relax), wow (v)

- violence: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), tortured, torturous
- volcano: erupt (feeling), top (blow one's top), vent (v), volcanic (adj)
- walking, running & jumping: reel (v), toe (step on toes), trail of tears (suffering)
- wall: wall (emotions)
- water: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyed, calm (emotion), dampen (v), deep (emotion), dissolve (emotions), drain (an emotion, etc.), drained (feeling), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), frozen (emotion), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), ripple (v), roil (v), seethe (v), shower (cold shower), sink (sink into despair, etc.), sinking (sinking feeling, etc.), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), splash (effect), splashy (effect), surge (surge of anger, etc.), swept away (emotion), wake (effect), water (throw cold water on something), wave (make waves, etc.)
- wave: ripple (v), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), splash (effect), splashy (effect), swept away (emotion), wake (effect), wave (make waves, etc.)
- weapon: blockbuster (n), blown away (feeling), blow up (emotion), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), explode (emotion), shrapnel (n), smitten (effect), trigger (emotion, memory, etc.)
- weather & climate: atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.)
- weight: heart (heavy heart), heavy (emotion), heavy-hearted (adj), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), light-hearted (adj)
- whip: whiplash n)
- wind: air (breath of fresh air), calm (emotion), hat (hold on to your hat)
- wounds & scars: scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, wound (figurative wounds of Vietnam, etc.)

FENCE (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: fence (on the fence, etc.), fence (straddle the fence), fence (fence-sitting), fence (fence-straddling)

- amelioration & renewal: fence (mend fences)
- division & connection: fence (division)
- position, policy & negotiation: fence (on the fence, etc.), fence (straddle the fence), fence (fence-sitting), fence (fence-straddling)
- protection & lack of protection: backstop (v)

FICTIVE COMMUNICATION (1)

- books & reading: read (the sign read don't enter, etc.)
- eye: nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- gesture: beckon (v), nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- hand: beckon (v)
- house: welcome (v)
- military: interrogate (v)
- money: beg (v)
- picture: illustrate (v), show (the data show, etc.)
- sound: call (the mountains are calling, etc.), whisper (not shout)
- speech: ask (ask for it, etc.), address (v), answer (respond), answer (response), answer (solution), boast (v), call (Orwell called, etc. / sarcasm), call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call for (a recipe can call for something), command (deserve and get), cry (v), cry out (v), declare (v), demand (v), demand (n), dictate (v), encouraging (adj), groan (amount), hint (v), hint (n), hint at (v), inform (v), introduce (v), invitation (n), interrogate (v), interrogated, interrogating (questioning), interrogation (questioning), invite (v), lie (tell an untruth), listen (listen to something), nag (v), nagging (adj), offer (v), permission (n), remind (v), say (a sign can say something, etc.), scream (scream "premium," etc.), shout (use all caps, etc.), shriek (v), speak for (speak for itself, etc.), speak to (speak to something), suggest (indicate), suggestion (evidence), talk (money talks, etc.), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), telling (revealing), testimony (n), threaten (v), time (time will tell), warn (a sign can warn, etc.), welcome (v), whisper (not shout)
- tools & technology: telegraph (v), telegraphed
- verb: address (v), answer (respond), ask (ask for it, etc.), beckon (v), beg (v), betray (reveal, show), boast (v), call (Orwell called, etc. / sarcasm), call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call for (a recipe can call for something), command (deserve and get), cry (v), cry out (v), declare (v), demand (v), dictate (v), groan (amount), hint (v), hint at (v), illustrate (v), inform (v), interrogate (v), introduce (v), invite (v), lie (tell an untruth), nag (v), offer (offer hope, etc.), read (the sign read don't enter, etc.), remind (v), say (a sign can say something, etc.), scream (scream "premium," etc.), shout (use all caps, etc.), show (the data show, etc.), shriek (v), speak for (speak for itself, etc.), speak to (speak to something), suggest (v), talk (money talks, etc.), telegraph (v), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), threaten (v), warn (a sign can warn, etc.), welcome (v), whisper (not shout)

FICTIVE MEETING & SEEING (1)

- eye: eye (met our eyes, etc.), see (fictive), see (a date can see something, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), witness (n), witness (v)
- face: face (face anger, etc.)
- house: welcome (v)
- speech: greet (v), greeted, welcome (v)
- verb: brush up against, encounter (difficulties, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), find (a date can find us, etc.), greet (v), meet (something can meet you), meet (non-human), met (met by anger, etc.), see (fictive), see (a date can see something, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), stumble (stumble across / on / upon), welcome (v), witness (v)
- walking, running & jumping: stumble (stumble across / on / upon)

FICTIVE MOTION (1) (see also leaking; movement)

- animal: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)

- blade: cut (road cuts, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.)
- cloth: thread (a trail can thread, etc.), weave (a train can weave, etc.)
- direction: dip (a route can dip), wind (wind its way)
- knife: cut (road cuts, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.)
- materials & substances: stretch (extent)
- river: meander (v)
- shape: fork (a trail can fork, etc.), funnel (a road can funnel through, etc.)
- snake: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- verb: climb (roads, etc.), cross (a bridge can cross a river, etc.), cut (road cuts, etc.), dip (a route can dip), draw alongside, follow (a road can follow, etc.), fork (a trail can fork, etc.), funnel (a road can funnel through, etc.), go (a road can go, etc.), meander (v), run (a road can run, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), stretch (extent), strike (a road can strike a river, etc.), thread (a trail can thread, etc.), weave (a trail can weave, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- walking, running & jumping: go (a road can go, etc.), run (a road can run, etc.)

FICTIVE POSITION (1)

- horse: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- leg: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- line: straddle (configuration)
- standing, sitting & lying: astride (position), lie (position), repose (position), sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)
- verb: lie (position), repose (position), sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)

FICTIVE POSSESSION (1) (see also possession)

- hand: capture (v), capture (n), captured, catch (catch the imagination, etc.), caught (other), claim (take), grab (v), grabbing (attention-grabbing), grip (v), grip (in the grip), gripped, gripping (adj), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold (noun / emotion), hold (take hold), possess (v), possessed (emotion), recapture (v), seize (v), seized (by an emotion), snatch (v)
- house: inhabit (v), occupy (v)
- verb: belong (v), capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), claim (take), grab (v), grip (v), hold (verb / possession), hold (take hold), inhabit (v), occupy (v), possess (v), recapture (v), seize (v), snatch (v)

FICTIVE TRANSPORTATION (1) (see also transportation)

- direction: back (in time), take (take us back / time)
- horse: ride (ride something to fame, etc.)
- journeys & trips: take (take somebody somewhere)
- movement: back (back in time), carried away, carry (carry me away, etc.), transport (in time)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: back (back in time)
- riding: ride (ride on something), ride (ride something to fame, etc.)
- verb: back (in time), bring (v), carry (carry me away, etc.), carry (transport), deliver (v), get across (v), ride (ride something to fame, etc.), send (transport), send (cause to move), take (take somebody somewhere), take (take us back / time), transport (in time), ride (ride on something)

FILLER (2)

- contempo-speak: everything (and everything), feel like (feels like, felt like), freaking (F, effing, fricking, frickin', friggin', etc.), I mean (filler), I think (filler), just (filler), kind of (contempo-speak), kind of like (filler), like (filler), sort of like (filler), stuff (like vampires and stuff, etc.), you know (filler)

FILM & TV (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: Academy Awards (epithet), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)

- allusion: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), Chinatown (the film), Chris Farley (Chris Farley of silent cinema, etc.), curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.), Dracula (n), game of thrones, Groundhog Day (film), Hunger Games (film), Mini-Me, Rashomon (point of view), Oh, my! (sarcasm), Rosebud (allusion), Star Wars (film), Twilight Zone, Wizard of Oz, yellow brick road, zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: unspool (v), unwind (analyze)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: it girl (and it drug, etc.), marquee (attention), screen (split screen)
- character & personality: guy (good guy, etc.), hero (character), villain (character), white hat (good)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- comparison & contrast: screen (split screen)
- competition: Hunger Games (film)
- conflict: match (death match), wagon (circle the wagons)
- control & lack of control: sheriff (new sheriff in town)
- development: unspool (v), unwind (analyze)
- experience: ingenue (person)
- failure, accident & impairment: dust (bite the dust)
- fantasy & reality: Groundhog Day (film), Hollywood (Hollywood ending, etc.), Star Wars (film)
- fate, fortune & chance: Chinatown (the film), noon (high noon)
- feeling, emotion & effect: Chinatown (the film), scratch (record scratch)
- force: Godzilla (force)
- importance & significance: marquee (attention)
- oppression: Hunger Games (film), Voldemort
- past & present: rewind (v), spool (spool back)
- perception, perspective & point of view: Rashomon (point of view), zoom out (v), zoom-out (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: it girl (and it drug, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: wagon (circle the wagons)
- relationship: Mini-Me
- repetition: Groundhog Day (film), loop (v)
- resemblance: Mini-Me, show (horror show)
- reversal: rewind (v), spool (spool back)
- sound: crickets (silence), scratch (record scratch)
- speech: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted)
- strategy: game of thrones
- subterfuge: curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted), Wizard of Oz
- superiority & inferiority: popcorn (n)
- superlative: Academy Awards (epithet), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)
- time: Groundhog Day (film), rewind (v), spool (spool back)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: noon (high noon)

FINGER (2)

- accusation & criticism: finger (point a finger), finger-pointing, finger-wagging
- affliction: pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched
- appearance & reality: manicured
- attainment: finger (slip through one's fingers), touch (nobody will touch this, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: point out (v)
- coercion & motivation: prod (v)
- creation & transformation: finger (snap one's fingers, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: finger (lift a finger)
- division & connection: touch (lose touch), touch (other)

- evidence: fingerprint (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: finger (cross one's fingers, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting, pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched, touch (verb / emotion), touching (adj)
- help & assistance: finger (lift a finger)
- identity & nature: fingertip (to one's fingertips)
- insult: finger (middle finger), flip off (v)
- location: finger (put one's finger on something)
- possession: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- proper name: finger (Finger Lakes, etc.)
- proximity: fingertip (at one's fingertips)
- punishment & recrimination: eye (poke someone in the eye, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- shape: finger (shape)
- speed: finger (in the snap of a finger)
- survival, persistence & endurance: pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched

FIRE (2) (see also temperature)

- accusation & criticism: grill (v), grilled
- activity: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), burning (slow-burning), smolder (v), smoldering (adj)
- amelioration & renewal: ashes (from the ashes, etc.), burn off (v)
- amount: scintilla (scintilla of doubt, etc.), spark (spark of hope, etc.)
- amount & effect: conflagration (n), fire (n), fire (flash fire), firestorm (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blaze (in a blaze of glory), fire (five alarm fire, etc.), flare (n)
- attraction & repulsion: moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- character & personality: firebrand (person), fire (through the fire, etc.), incandescent (character)
- characterization: brand (v), stigma (n), stigmatization (oppression), stigmatize (groups), stigmatized, stigmatizing
- coercion & motivation: feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire up (v), grill (v), grilled
- commitment & determination: fire (fire and desire, etc.)
- computer: firewall (computers), war (flame war)
- concealment & lack of concealment: smoke out (v), smokescreen (concealment)
- conflict: fire (conflict), flame (conflict), scorched-earth (and scorched earth), slash-and-burn (adj)
- consumption: burn through (v)
- creation & transformation: ashes (from the ashes, etc.), Phoenix (myth)
- curtailment: snuff (v)
- danger: fire (five alarm fire, etc.)
- death & life: flame (life is a flame)
- decline: burn out (v), burnout (n), die (die down), flame (life is a flame)
- destruction: arson (n), ashes (from the ashes, etc.), auto da fe, consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), crash (crash and burn), extinguish (v), extinguished, flame (in flames), holocaust (destruction), Phoenix (myth), scorched-earth (and scorched earth), slash-and-burn (adj), snuff (v)
- direction: beacon (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: slash-and-burn (adj)
- disruption: Molotov cocktail
- environment: cauldron (n), crucible (n), furnace (n), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- epithet: cauldron (the Cauldron, etc.), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- evidence: fire (evidence), smoke (evidence), smoking gun

- experience: fire (through the fire, etc.), trial (trial by fire)
- failure, accident & impairment: fizzle (and fizzle out), flame (in flames)
- fate, fortune & chance: fire (play with fire), frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), barn burner, burn (reputational burn, etc.), burned (hurt), burned-out (and burnt-out), burning (burning desire, etc.), burn out (v), burnout (n), consume (emotions), consumed (emotion), fire (on fire / feeling), fire (fire and desire, etc.), fired up, firebrand, fume (v), hair (hair on fire), incendiary, inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), scorching (adj), searing (adj)
- growth & development: oxygen (fuel)
- identity & nature: melting pot (n)
- impression: burned (impressed), seared
- increase & decrease: accelerant (n), fan (v), fire (fuel on the fire, etc.), flare-up (n), fuel (v), fuel (n), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), fueled, gas (pour gas on something, etc.), inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle (v), oil (pour oil), oxygen (fuel), stoke (v), stoked (increased)
- initiation: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), combustible (adj), fan (v), fiery (character), fiery (speech), fire (catch fire), flare (v), flare up (v), flare-up (n), flashpoint (n), fuel (v), fuel (n), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), fueled, gas (pour gas on something, etc.), ignite (v), incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle, match (light / strike a match, etc.), oxygen (fuel), re-ignite, rekindle, spark (v), spark (n), stoke (v), stoked (increased), tinderbox (violence, etc.), volatile
- mental health: burnout (n)
- message: flare (n)
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- origin: ashes (from the ashes, etc.), Phoenix (myth)
- person: firebrand (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: torch (pass the torch)
- proper name: furnace (Furnace Creek, etc.), hellfire (Hellfire missile, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: firewall (computers), firewall (other)
- pursuit, capture & escape: smoke out
- punishment & recrimination: coal (rake somebody over the coals)
- representation: torch (carry a torch), torch (other), torchbearer (person)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: smoke (smoke clears)
- resemblance: aflame (resemblance), tinderbox (resemblance)
- situation: frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)
- speech: coal (rake somebody over the coals), combustible (adj), fiery (speech), grill (v), grilled, incendiary (speech), inflammatory (adj), roast (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: aflame (adj), die out (end), fire (catch fire), fizzle (and fizzle out), ignite (v), rekindle (v), smolder (v), smoldering (adj), torch (pass the torch)
- substance & lack of substance: fire (substance)
- subterfuge: smokescreen (concealment)
- superlative: incandescent (character)
- survival, persistence & endurance: flame (keeper of the flame, etc.), Phoenix (myth), trial (trial by fire)
- transmission: torch (pass the torch), torch (other)
- warning: flare (n)

FISH (2) (see also animal)

- acceptance & rejection: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- affliction: piranha (predation)
- attraction & repulsion: bait (lure / verb), bait (awards bait, etc.), chum (n), lure (v), lure (n)
- character & personality: piranha (predation)
- competition: minnow (n), sardine (n)

- condition & status: belly-up (adj)
- configuration: sardined
- consumption: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- creation & transformation: spawn (v), spawned
- enthusiasm: hooked
- environment: fish (fish out of water), fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other)
- evidence: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.)
- extent & scope: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- failure, accident & impairment: belly-up (adj), get away (escape)
- growth & development: fry (small fry)
- importance & significance: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), sardine (n), whale (epithet)
- movement: fishtail (v), porpoising (movement)
- perception, perspective & point of view: fisheye (fisheye view, etc.)
- person: piranha (predation)
- power: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), sardine (n)
- punishment & recrimination: hook (off the hook)
- pursuit, capture & escape: bait (lure / verb), bait (awards bait, etc.), catch (catch and release), catch (marriage), dragnet (cast a dragnet), dragnet (n), expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), get away (escape), hook (off the hook), land (land a job, etc.), lure (v), lure (n), net (cast a net), nibble (n), reel in (v), trawl (v), troll (fish / verb)
- searching & discovery: expedition (fishing expedition), trawl (v)
- size: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), sardine (n), whale (epithet)
- strength & weakness: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow
- suspicion: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.)
- taxonomy & classification: fish (different kettle of fish)

FIST (2) (see also hand)

- accusation & criticism: backhand (v), bash (v), bashed (criticism), bashing (n), beaten (beaten up), clobber (v), pummel (v)
- achievement, recognition & praise: fist bump (n)
- affliction: smitten (afflicted)
- character & personality: fist (a boss with an iron fist, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: hit (comprehension)
- conflict: assault (n), bare-knuckle (fight, etc.), bare-knuckled (adj), brawl (n), tit-for-tat (adj), trounce (v), trounced
- curtailment: knock out (v)
- control & lack of control: fist (a boss with an iron fist, etc.)
- destruction: blow (knockout blow), crush (destroy), pound (pound targets, etc.)
- dominance & submission: knuckle under (v)
- driving force: fist (armored fist, etc.)
- effect: hit (affect), hit (affected), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), struck (affected)
- feeling, emotion & effect: beating (take a beating, etc.), blow (body blow, etc.), blow (bitter blow, etc.), hit (take a hit, etc.), hit (affect), hit (affected), hit (affect), knockout (knockout voice, etc.), knock over (v), pummeled, punch (punch in the gut, etc.), smitten (effect), strike (tragedy, etc.), striking (adj), struck (affected), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj)
- force: beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), buffeted, fist (armored fist, etc.), fist (a leader with an iron fist), hitter (heavy hitter), knockout (knockout blow, etc.), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), strike (forces of nature)
- mental health: beat (beat oneself up)
- occurrence: strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)

- oppression: beat down (v), fist (a leader with an iron fist), ironfisted
- power: clout (n)
- punishment & recrimination: beat (beat oneself up)
- readiness & preparedness: punch (sucker punch / verb), punch (sucker punch / noun)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: beat back (v), fist (wave one's fist), hit back (v), knuckle under (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), punch (sucker punch / noun)
- revenge: tit-for-tat (adj)
- social interaction: tit-for-tat (adj)
- speech: backhand (v), bash (v), bashed (criticism), bashing (n)
- subterfuge: punch (sucker punch / verb), punch (sucker punch / noun)
- success & failure: crush (verb / accomplishment), smash (smash a record, etc.)
- violence: fist (a leader with an iron fist)

FLAGS & BANNERS (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: banner (under the banner), banner (behind the banner), banner (banner of Islam, etc.), flag (rally around the flag), rally (v)
- assembling: rally (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: flag (raise a flag, etc.), flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- commitment & determination: flag (plant one's flag)
- experimentation: flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- identity & nature: colors (true colors, etc.)
- person: flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- possession: flag (plant one's flag)
- representation: banner (carry a banner, etc.), flag (raise a flag, etc.), flag (flag of convenience), flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- resistance, opposition & defeat: flag (plant one's flag), stand (last stand, etc.), white flag (surrender)
- size: banner (size)
- subterfuge: false flag (subterfuge)
- warning: red flag (warning)

FLAWS & LACK OF FLAWS (1)

- affix: over (overshare, etc.), under (underdeliver, etc.)
- air: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), tempestuous (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- allusion: Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.), Panglossian (adj)
- animal: fly (fly in the ointment), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- atmosphere: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), tempestuous (adjective), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- ball: roll (on a roll)
- Bible: Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Garden of Eden
- blade: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- bodily reaction: hiccup (n)
- books & reading: story (horror story), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
- bullet: bulletproof (adj)
- burden: overload (n), overloaded
- chemistry: rust (functioning), rusty (adj)
- cloth: fray (v), frayed (degraded), ragged (adj), seamless (adj), tatters (in tatters), wrinkle (n)
- clothing & accessories: ragged (adj), tatters (in tatters)
- color: black eye
- cooking: half-baked (adj)
- direction: downside (n), over (overshare, etc.), sag (v), slump (v), twisted (corruption), under (underdeliver, etc.), upside (n), warp (v), warped

- ear: tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), balanced, disequilibrium (n), imbalanced, misstep (n), rickety (condition), shaky (condition), slip (n), solid (adj), stable (condition), stumble (v), stumble (n), sure-footed (adj), unstable (adj), wobbly (condition)
- explosion: bombproof (adj)
- eye: beautiful (adj), black eye, eyesore (n), pretty (adj), ugly (adj)
- face: face (egg on one's face, etc.)
- fatness & thinness: flabby (adj), lean (size)
- food & drink: palatable (adj), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- foot: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot)
- fruits & vegetables: lemon (n), peach (n), plum (desirable)
- ground, terrain & land: bumpy (adj), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.), mired (stuck), pit (money pit, etc.), rocky (adj), terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)
- hardness & softness: edge (rough edges, etc.), smooth (lack of flaws)
- health & medicine: fit (adj), fitness (ability), flabby (adj), lean (size), lethargic (adj), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, surgical (adj)
- hole: chink (flaw), hole (flaw), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.), Swiss cheese (n)
- hygiene: chaotic (adj), clean (a clean record, etc.), dirty (dirty energy, etc.), hot mess (situation, etc.), mess (n), messy (adj), sloppy (adj)
- insect: fly (fly in the ointment), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- journeys & trips: bump (speed bump), bump (bump in the road, etc.), path (the right / wrong path, etc.), path (tough / easy path, etc.), road (tough / easy road, etc.)
- knife: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- light & dark: bright (bright side), polished (adj), shine (n), side (dark side), tarnish (v), tarnished
- mark: blemish (n), black eye, blot (n), mark (black mark), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (blemish / noun), scar (blemish / verb), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.), smear (n), smear (v), smeared, stain (n), stain (v), unblemished
- materials & substances: coarse (speech), crack (flaw), crude (speech), flawed (adj), flawless (adj), flimsy (adj), ironclad (adj), jewel (n), lapidary (adj), lily (gild the lily), polish (v), polished (adj), rough (adj), sag (v), slump (v), smooth (lack of flaws), solid (adj), sound (solid), sticky (a sticky situation, etc.), warp (v), warped, unpolished, weak (fragile)
- mechanism: broken (failure), misbehave (machine), point (sticking / friction point)
- mining: lapidary (adj)
- movement: roll (on a roll)
- music: note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj), tune (out of tune)
- orientation: downside (n), side (dark side), underbelly (concealment), underside (n), upside (n)
- part of speech: bad (my bad, etc.), good (good crazy, etc.)
- path: path (the right / wrong path, etc.), path (tough / easy path, etc.)
- person: goods (damaged goods)
- picture: picture (picture-perfect), sketchy (adj)
- plant: thorny (adj)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: off (not right)
- religion: Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Garden of Eden, heaven (environment, food, etc.), paradise (n)
- rope: kink (n), strain (pressure), strained
- scale: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), balanced, imbalanced
- sensation: rough (adj), smooth (lack of flaws), thorny (adj)
- shape: warp (v), warped
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: strain (pressure), strained, stretch (v), stretched (stretched thin, etc.)

- smell: reek (v), stink (v)
- speech: broken (English, etc.), clumsy (speech), note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), stumble (stumble over one's words), tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- sports & games: level (fairness), playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), track record (bad)
- stomach: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- storm: stormy (adj), tempestuous (adj)
- taste: palatable (adj), sweet spot, taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- teeth: teething
- verb: fray (v), pockmark (v), polish (v), reek (v), sag (v), scar (blemish / verb), slump (v), smear (v), stink (v), stretch (v), stumble (v), stumble (stumble over one's words), tarnish (v), warp (v), water (hold water)
- walking, running & jumping: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), lame (lame excuse, etc.), misstep (n), slip (n), stumble (v), stumble (n), stumble (stumble over one's words), sure-footed (adj)
- water: water (hold water), waterproof (adj), watertight (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- weight: overload (n), overloaded
- wind: tempestuous (adj)
- weapon: bulletproof (adj), surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)
- wounds & scars: scar (blemish / noun), scar (blemish / verb), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.)

FLOOD (2)

- amount & effect: deluge (n), deluged, flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flood (amount / verb), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, inundate (v), inundated
- constraint & lack of constraint: floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- extent & scope: high-water (high-water mark)
- movement: deluge (n), flood (move)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: high-water (high-water mark)

FLYING & FALLING (2)

- activity: flurry (activity), fly (activity)
- amount & effect: flurry (activity)
- condition & status: spiral (death spiral)
- configuration: hover (numbers)
- constraint & lack of constraint: fly (constraint)
- course: trajectory (n)
- decline: crater (v), free fall (in free fall), free fall (other), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), spiral (in a spiral), spiral (into a spiral), spiral (on a downward spiral), spiral (downward spiral, etc.), spiral (other)
- destruction: crash (crash and burn), shot down (and shot down in flames), spiral (death spiral)
- development: trajectory (n)
- extent & scope: roof (through the roof)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ballistic (go ballistic), depression (mental illness), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), soar (a heart can soar)
- growth & development: ground (get off the ground), take off (v)
- heart: soar (a heart can soar)
- inauguration: drop (product launch), launch (n)
- increase & decrease: nosedive (verb / decrease), nosedive (noun / decrease), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), rocket (increase), roof (through the roof), soar (v), take off (v)
- initiation: launch (n), take off (v)
- involvement: plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement)
- movement: swoop (v)

- speed: fly (activity)

FOG (2)

- consciousness & awareness: fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy (adj)

FOOD & DRINK (2) (see also cooking; fruits & vegetables; meat; taste)

- absorption & immersion: drink in (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), imbibe (v), ingest (v), lap up (v), pickled
- acceptance & rejection: choke (v), go down (digestion), hook (hook, line and sinker), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), stomach (accept), swallow (accept)
- affliction: choke (v), eat (mental health), eat (destroy)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)
- alternatives & choices: buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), menu (computer), menu (other), smorgasbord (n)
- amelioration & renewal: beefed up, beef up (v), fresh (fresh evidence, etc.), spice up (v), thirst (quench one's thirst, etc.)
- amount: bellyful (amount), buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), crumb (amount), dollop (n), fed up (adj), helping (amount), lion's share, menu (other), morsel (amount), pie (piece of the pie, etc.), plate (full plate), scrap (n), smorgasbord (n), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: nutshell (in a nutshell)
- appearance & reality: chalice (poisoned chalice)
- attainment: cakewalk (dance)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: candy (n), delicious (adj), eye candy (n), honeypot (attraction), juicy (adj), marmite (n), mouthwatering (adj), tasty (adj), tea (cup of tea)
- bases: bread and butter (livelihood), bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk)
- behavior: spoiled (spoiled child, etc.), trough (greed), wolf down (food)
- character & personality: bitter (person), marmite (n), sour (personality), spoiled (spoiled child, etc.), sweet (personality)
- commitment & determination: eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)
- complexity: spaghetti (snarl)
- comprehension & incomprehension: digest (v), digestible (adj)
- computer: menu (computer), rot (computer)
- configuration: pancake (v), pancake (n), pancaked, sandwiched, spaghetti (snarl)
- consumption: appetite (appetite for fur, etc.), bellyful (amount), bitter (a bitter blow, etc.), candy (n), chew (and chew up), chew over (v), choke (v), comfort food (n), consume (consumption), consumer (of information, etc.), consumption (n), delicious (adj), devour (devour the classic, etc.), diet (n), digest (v), digestible (adj), drink in (v), eat (endure), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), eat up (consume), eye candy (n), famine (n), feast (v), feast (n), fed up (adj), feed (fuel), feed (supply), feed (satisfy), feed (feed on / off something), food (food for thought), force-feed (and force feed), glutton (person), gluttonous (adj), gobble up (v), go down (digestion), gorge (gorge on), hook (hook, line and sinker), hunger (n), hungry (adj), imbibe (v), ingest (v), insatiable (adj), juicy (adj), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.), lap up (v), lunch (destruction), mouthwatering (adj), omnivorous (adj), palatable (adj), piquancy (n), potato chip, ravenous (adj), ravenously, regurgitate (v), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), serve up (v), side (food), sour (adj), spicy (adj), stomach (accept), sustenance (n), swallow (accept), swallowed, sweet (sweet dreams, etc.), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.), taste (taste for violence, etc.), taste (a bad taste), tasty (adj), thirst (n), thirsty (adj), unpalatable (adj), unsavory (adj), voracious (adj), voraciously
- content: filling (content), food (food for thought)

- corruption: apple (bad apple / rotten apple), curdle (v), fresh (fresh evidence, etc.), rancid (adj), rot (v), rot (n), rotten (adj), sour (adj), sour (v), spoil (v), spoiled (spoiled child, etc.), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- cost & benefit: gravy (n), gravy train, meal ticket (n)
- creation & transformation: concoction (n), hash out (v)
- destruction: consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), devour (destroy), devoured (by an emotion, etc.), eat (mental health), eat (destroy), eaten alive (by debt, rage, etc.), eat up (destroy), lunch (destruction), nibble (nibble at, etc.)
- development: appetizer (n), hors d'oeuvres (n), main course (and main dish), table (set the table)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: cakewalk (dance), picnic (no picnic), picnic (other), platter (silver platter)
- directing: fed (supplied), feed (direct)
- eagerness & reluctance: drool (v), hungry (adj), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), stomach (eagerness)
- enthusiasm: crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), glutton (person), gluttonous (adj), taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- experience: chew (and chew up), diet (n), eat (endure), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.), treat (in for a treat)
- extent & scope: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- fate, fortune & chance: chalice (poisoned chalice), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bitter (person), bitter (bitter weather, etc.), bitter (a bitter blow, etc.), bittersweet (adj), comfort food (n), eat (mental health), fed up (adj), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), savor (v), sour (v), sweet (exclamation), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory
- flaws & lack of flaws: palatable (adj), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: dish out (v), fork over (v), pepper (v), peppered
- gossip: dish (gossip / verb), tea (gossip)
- group, set & collection: buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), menu (other), smorgasbord (n)
- hyperbole: retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), supersizing (linguistic supersizing)
- identity & nature: bowl (salad bowl / mixture), gumbo (mixture), jambalaya (mixture), pie (apple pie)
- importance & significance: bread and butter (livelihood), bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk), nothing-burger
- increase & decrease: feed (fuel), feed (feed on / off something), supersize (v), supersizing (linguistic supersizing)
- initiation: pot (stir the pot)
- judgment: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- mixture: alphabet (letters), bouillabaisse (mixture), bowl (salad bowl / mixture), brew (mixture), cocktail (n), concoction (n), farrago (confused mixture), gumbo (mixture), ingredient (n), jambalaya (mixture), soup (mixture), stew (mixture)
- money: platter (silver platter)
- oppression: force-feed (and force feed)
- person: glutton (person)
- possession: fork over (v)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: expiration date, shelf life (and sell-by date)
- proper name: punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.)
- relationship: feed (fuel)
- resemblance: pie (shape), spaghetti (snarl)
- revenge: dish (revenge is a dish best served cold)
- reversal: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- sacrifice: belt (tighten one's belt), belt-tightening
- script: recipe (vaccine recipe, etc.), recipe (for conflict, etc.)
- sequence: table (set the table)

- shape: burrito (shape), doughnut (doughnut-shaped), pancake (pancake ice, etc.), pie (shape), punch bowl (shape)
- size: supersized (adj)
- speech: fat (chew the fat)
- strength & weakness: beefed up, beef up (v)
- substance & lack of substance: food (food for thought), gruel (thin gruel, etc.), meat (substance), meaty (substance), nothing-burger, puff (puff piece), tea (weak tea)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: bellyful (amount), belt (tighten one's belt), belt-tightening, cornucopia (variety), famine (n), feast (n), fed up (adj), glut (n), glutton (person), gluttonous (adj), gorge (gorge on), insatiable (adj), lean (lean times, etc.), starvation (n), starvation wages (n)
- superlative: bread (sliced bread), cream (superlative), feast (n)
- supplying: fed (supplied), feed (fuel), feed (direct), feed (supply), feed (feed on / off something), force-feed (and force feed), serve up (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: hand-to-mouth (live hand to mouth, etc.), shelf life (and sell-by date)
- taxonomy & classification: fish (different kettle of fish), vintage (similar vintage, etc.)
- transmission: feed (video, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: crave (v), feed (satisfy), hunger (n), hungry (adj), ravenous (adj), starved, stomach (food), taste (taste for violence, etc.), thirst (n), thirsty (adj)
- work & duty (plate (on one's plate)
- worth & lack of worth: meal ticket (n)

FOOT (2) (see also heel; leg; toe)

- access & lack of access: foot (foot in the door)
- action, inaction & delay: feet (drag one's feet), foot-dragging
- admiration & contempt: doormat (person), feet (wipe one's feet on somebody)
- amelioration & renewal: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- bases: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- character & personality: doormat (person), toe (step on toes)
- coercion & motivation: bone (throw a bone to someone)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: footstep (retrace one's footsteps)
- destruction: stamp out (v), trample (v), trampled
- direction: footstep (in the footsteps)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)
- disruption: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), toe (step on toes)
- division & connection: foot (one foot / the other foot), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.)
- dominance & submission: doormat (person)
- eagerness & reluctance: feet (cold feet), foot-dragging, heel (dig in one's heels), kicking and screaming
- equilibrium & stability: footing (find one's footing, etc.), wrong-foot (v)
- evidence: footprint (n)
- experimentation: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: shoot (shoot oneself in the foot)
- feeling, emotion & effect: kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), teeth (kick in the teeth), toe (step on toes)
- flaws & lack of flaws: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: kickback (corruption)
- haste: feet (think on one's feet)
- initiation: kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n), kick up (v)
- insult: doormat (person), feet (wipe one's feet on somebody)
- involvement: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- oppression: foot (under the foot), heel (under the heel), trample (v)

- orientation: foot (orientation)
- position, policy & negotiation: footing (position)
- presence & absence: foothold (n), footprint (n), toehold (n)
- punishment & recrimination: kick (kick oneself)
- readiness & preparedness: feet (think on one's feet), flatfooted (caught flatfooted), foot (on the back foot / on the front foot), foot (back foot / front foot), toe (on one's toes)
- representation: foot (put a foot forward)
- resiliency: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: foot (put one's foot down), heel (dig in one's heels), kicking and screaming
- responsibility: feet (lay blame at the feet, etc.)
- social interaction: kickback (corruption)
- speed: pace (at a pace), pace (speed)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- superiority & inferiority: doormat (person), feet (wipe one's feet on somebody)
- survival, persistence & endurance: toehold (n), foothold (n)

FOOTBALL (2)

- ability & lack of ability: triple threat
- action, inaction & delay: clock (run the clock, etc.), tackle (v)
- avoidance & separation: end run (n)
- competition: football (conflict)
- conflict: football (conflict)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: punt (v), punt (n), tackle (v)
- development: quarter (the fourth quarter, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- fate, fortune & chance: go (go long), Hail Mary
- help & assistance: interference (run interference)
- initiation: kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- protection & lack of protection: interference (run interference)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- success & failure: football (spike the football), fumble (n), goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line)
- superlative: Super Bowl
- target: goalpost (target)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: quarter (the fourth quarter, etc.)
- transmission: handoff (football)

FORCE (1) (see also power)

- air: downdraft (n)
- allusion: zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- animal: bear (a bear of an epidemic, etc.), beast (power), bull (bull in a china shop), ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), paper tiger, roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.), savage (adj), savagery (n), teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- arm: elbow (force), nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (force), push (push comes to shove), push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- atmosphere: downdraft (n), headwind (n), wind (wind of change, etc.)
- boat: headwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- boxing: chin (take something on the chin), hitter (heavy hitter), knockout (knockout blow, etc.), punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- cows & cattle: bull (bull in a china shop)

- creature: Godzilla (force), monster (power)
- direction: march (march ahead, etc.)
- epithet: beast ('The Beast' Mugabi, etc.), dynamite (Michael "Dynamite" Dokes, etc.), express (Pineapple Express, etc.), tornado (Tartan Tornado, etc.)
- explosion: blast radius (n)
- film & TV: Godzilla (force)
- fist: beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), buffeted, fist (armored fist, etc.), fist (a leader with an iron fist), hitter (heavy hitter), knockout (knockout blow, etc.), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), strike (forces of nature)
- gesture: nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- hammer: hammer (hammer of the law, etc.)
- health & medicine: castrated, castration (n), emasculated (adj), emasculating (adj), eunuch (n), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj), steroids (on steroids)
- height: wave (crest of a wave)
- horse: hard-charging (adj)
- love, courtship & marriage: crush (love)
- military: blast radius (n), force (show of force), hot (come in hot, go in hot), onslaught (n)
- movement: barrel (v), churn (move), hurtle (v), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), momentum (n), muscle (muscle its ways through, etc.), rip through (v), tear through (v), traction (gain / build / get traction), unstoppable (force, etc.)
- number: times (times 1,000, etc.)
- plane: headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- predation: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)
- religion: juggernaut (n)
- river: current (n), Niagara (the river and falls), undercurrent (n)
- sea: floodtide (n), wave (crest of a wave)
- sensation: punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flex (power, etc.), muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- sound: roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.)
- sports & games: hitter (heavy hitter), wave (crest of a wave)
- teeth: teeth (take the teeth out), teeth (force), toothless (adj)
- tide: floodtide (n)
- tiger: paper tiger
- tools & technology: blowtorch (n), bulldoze (v), bulldozed, bulldozer (n), buzz saw (n), chainsaw (n), hammer (hammer of the law, etc.), leverage (n), leverage (v), run over (v), sledgehammer (n), steamroll (v), steamrolled (and steamrollered), steamroller (n), wrecking ball (n)
- train: freight train (force), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (full steam, etc.), steam (take the steam out, etc.), train (runaway train)
- verb: barrel (v), beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), bulldoze (v), churn (move), elbow (force), flex (power, etc.), hurtle (v), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), nudge (v), push (force), push (coercion and motivation), rip through (v), roar back (v), run over (v), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), steamroll (v), storm (v), strike (forces of nature), tear through (v), teeth (take the teeth out), traction (gain / build / get traction)
- violence: beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), brutality (n), buffeted, punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: march (march ahead, etc.)
- water: floodtide (n), Niagara (the river and falls), wave (crest of a wave)
- wave: buffeted, wave (crest of a wave)
- weapon: hot (come in hot, go in hot)
- weather & climate: tornado (Tartan Tornado, etc.), tornado (force)

- wind: buffeted, downdraft (n), headwind (n), tailwind (n), tornado (force), wind (wind of change, etc.), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- wolf: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)

FORCE (2)

- accusation & criticism: backhand (v), blast (criticize), hammer (criticize), lay (lay into), slam (v)
- activity: rage (v), raging (adj)
- behavior: pushy (people, etc.), rage (v), raging (adj)
- character & personality: bulldozer (epithet), pushy (people, etc.)
- coercion & motivation: push (coercion and motivation), pushed around, pushy (people, etc.), press (v), prod (v)
- commitment & determination: pushing (keep on pushing, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: hit (comprehension)
- computer: hit (computer)
- control & lack of control: rage (v), raging (adj)
- destruction: crushed (destroyed), crushing (adj)
- development: wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: push (summit push, etc.), pushover (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: pushed out
- effect: hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), strike (affect), struck (affected)
- epithet: bulldozer (epithet)
- feeling, emotion & effect: crush (love), crushed (feeling), daze (in a daze), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), feet (knock somebody off their feet), flattened (emotion), floored (emotion), hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), jolt (n), knock over (v), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), rage (v), raging (adj), shock (v), shock (in shock), shock (feeling), shocked (adj), shocking (feeling, emotion and effect), smitten (effect), strike (affect), striking (adj), struck (affected), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj), surge (surge of anger, etc.)
- heart: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)
- increase & decrease: boost (v), boost (n)
- movement: barrel (v), churn (move), hurtle (v), muscle (muscle its way through), rip through (v), tear through (v)
- person: badass (power), bad boy (person), big shot (person)
- relationship: drive (drive somebody to do something)
- resiliency: push on (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: push (push comes to shove), push (push against, etc.), push back (v), pushback (n), pushed around
- speech: backhand (v), blunt (speech), fulminate (speech), lay (lay into), slam (v), strong (language, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: push on (v)
- storm: batter (the hurricane battered the city), beat up (storm), blast (blasted the Bahamas, etc.), clobbered (by rain, etc.), hammer (blizzards hammered the Karakoram, etc.), knock out (v), lash (a storm lashed the Philippines), maul (a storm mauled the Bahamas, etc.), nature (force of nature), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.), pummel (the storm pummeled the island, etc.), punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.), storm (v), storm (by storm), strike (forces of nature), thrash (Nicole is thrashing the Bahamas, etc.)
- success & failure: crush (verb / accomplishment), destroy (verb / accomplishment), smash (smash a record, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: push on (v), stubborn (non-human)
- time: onrushing (future, etc.)

FOREST (2) (see also tree)

- amount: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- area: woods (neck of the woods)

- danger: clear (in the clear / into the clear), patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: patch (rough patch)
- group, set & collection: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- identity & nature: rainforest (society is a rainforest)
- location: woods (neck of the woods)
- mixture: rainforest (society is a rainforest)
- obstacles & impedance: clear (in the clear / into the clear), patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- resemblance: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: clear (in the clear / into the clear), patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)

FORTIFICATION (2) (see also military)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: insider (insider attack, etc.)
- amount & effect: besiege (v), besieged, siege (under siege), siege (other)
- bases: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- conflict: battering ram, parapet (n), siege (under siege)
- division & connection: drawbridge (protection), moat (n), moated
- importance & significance: salient (important)
- isolation & remoteness: moated
- proper name: castle (Castle Peaks, etc.), citadel (the Citadel, etc.), rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: bastion (n), breach (v), breach (n), breached, bristle (with security, etc.), bulwark (protection), bunker (n), castle (protection), citadel (n), dig in (v), drawbridge (protection), dug in, entrenched, fort (hold down the fort), fortress, harden (protect), loophole (n), moat (n), moated, parapet (n), rampart (protection), redoubt (n), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative), stronghold (n)
- resemblance: bulwark (resemblance), palisade (n), rampart (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, siege (under siege), siege (other)
- strength & weakness: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- survival, persistence & endurance: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched

FOUNTAIN (2)

- amelioration & renewal: Fountain of Youth
- resemblance: fountain (resemblance)
- source: fountain (source), fountainhead

FOX (2) (see also animal)

- appearance & disappearance: ground (go to ground)
- behavior: fox (subterfuge), outfox (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: ground (go to ground)
- military: foxhole (military)
- protection & lack of protection: foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.), ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
- pursuit, capture & escape: ground (go to ground)
- subterfuge: fox (subterfuge), outfox (v)

FROG (2) (see also animal)

- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water)
- environment: frog (frog in boiling water)
- situation: frog (frog in boiling water)

FRUITS & VEGETABLES (2) (see also cooking; food & drink; meat; taste)

- activity: potato (couch potato)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: layer (analysis), onion (n), peel (peel back the layers, etc.)

- behavior: nuts (crazy)
- character & personality: apple (bad apple / rotten apple), nut (person)
- coercion & motivation: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- consciousness & awareness: potato (couch potato), vegetable (consciousness)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- failure, accident & impairment: banana (n), lemon (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: lemon (n), peach (n), plum (desirable)
- growth & development: bloomer (late bloomer), fruition (n), ripe (adj)
- person: potato (couch potato)
- product: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.), bear (bear fruit, etc.), fruit (product)
- proper name: turnip (Turnip Rock, etc.)
- relationship: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- superlative: peach (n), plum (desirable)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bloomer (late bloomer), ripe (adj)
- worth & lack of worth: fruit (product), fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj), peach (n), plum (desirable)

FUNCTIONING (1) (see also operation)

- animal: hamstring (v), hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled
- blade: honed, sharp (skills, etc.)
- chain: fetter (n), fettered, unfettered
- chemistry: chemistry, rust (functioning), rusty (adj)
- crashes & collisions: crash (population crash, etc.)
- crime: fetter (n), fettered, unfettered
- death & life: dead (functioning)
- direction: down (functioning)
- engine: cylinder (fire on all cylinders, etc.), gear (high gear, low gear, etc.), hum along (v), hyperdrive (into hyperdrive), neutral (in neutral), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), throttle (full throttle, etc.)
- epithet: machine (the Swiss Machine, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: stability (n)
- health & medicine: atrophy (v), basket case, comatose (adj), cripple (v), crippled, hamstring (v), hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), paralyze (v), paralyzed (functioning), paralysis (n), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- knife: honed, sharp (skills, etc.)
- leg: fetter (n), fettered, hamstring (v), hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, unfettered
- manufacturing: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- mechanism: break down (functioning), broken (failure), cog (cog in the machine, etc.), comatose (adj), cylinder (fire on all cylinders, etc.), down (functioning), full on (adj), full out (adj), gear (high gear, low gear, etc.), gum up (v), hum along (v), hyperdrive (into hyperdrive), machine (publicity machine, etc.), machinery (government, etc.), malfunction (v), misbehave (machine), neutral (in neutral), speed (up to speed), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), throttle (full throttle, etc.)
- military: hors de combat
- movement: cripple (v), crippled, fetter (n), fettered, hamstring (v), hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, paralysis (n), paralyze (v), paralyzed (functioning), speed (up to speed), stall (v), unfettered
- possession: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: break down (functioning), down (functioning)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: atrophy (v), shot (nerves are shot, etc.)
- sleep: comatose (adj)
- snow & ice: freeze (computers, etc.)
- sound: click (v), hum (v), sputter (v)

- speech: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- sports & games: game (at the top of one's game), game (A-game), marble (marbles)
- tongue: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- tools & technology: mechanics (n), mechanism (n)
- verb: break down (functioning), click (v), cripple (v), freeze (computers, etc.), gum up (v), hamstring (v), hobble (v), hum along (v), malfunction (v), misbehave (machine), paralyze (v), sputter (v), stall (v)
- walking, running & jumping: fetter (n), fettered, hamstring (v), hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, unfettered

FUNCTIONING (2)

- feeling, emotion & effect: broken (feeling), broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (broken heart), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken, paralyzed (feeling)
- heart: broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbeat (n), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- mental health: breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.)
- speech: broken (English, etc.), clumsy (speech)

FUNNY LANGUAGE (2)

- language: funny language

FUTURE (1) (see also past & present, time)

- bridge: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- container: future (in the future), hold (the future can hold something), tap (on tap), time (in time / future)
- corner: corner (spring is just around the corner)
- day: dawn (verb / start), day (a new day), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (day after tomorrow), day (the day after), tomorrow (future)
- direction: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching (adj), arrive (a time can arrive), before (at a future time), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (to come), come (for a time to come), come (come after / at a later time), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), facing (future-facing, etc.), forerunner (n), foresight (n), forward (every year forward, etc.), forward-looking, front (the future is in front of us), head (head into the future, etc.), headed, intervening (adj), lie (lie ahead), look forward to (v), near (v), on (30 years on, etc.), onrushing (future, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), see (see something coming), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), train (future), up-and-coming (and up and coming), upcoming (adj), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)
- distance: away (a week away, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), day (day after tomorrow), distant (future), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), future (in the distant future), go (a month to go, etc.), horizon (on the horizon), near (near future, etc.), near (v), remote (future), road (down the road, etc.), run (in / over the long run), sight (in sight), way (a long way off)
- eye: end (no end in sight, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), facing (future-facing, etc.), farsighted (adj), foresight (n), forward-looking, horizon (on the horizon), look forward to (v), look like (future), myopia (n), myopic (adj), nearsighted (adj), see (see something coming), see (future), seen (future), seer (person), shortsighted, sight (in sight), view (long view), vision (n), visionary (adj), visionary (person)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: future (the future can bring something)
- health & medicine: prognosis (n)
- horizon: horizon (on the horizon)
- journeys & trips: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), end (no end in sight, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), lie (lie ahead), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.)
- magic: crystal ball, fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), tea leaves

- mechanism: time machine
- movement: approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching (adj), arrive (a time can arrive), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (to come), come (for a time to come), come (come after / at a later time), come and go (time), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), forward (every year forward, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), go (a month to go, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), headed, intervening (adj), near (v), on (30 years on, etc.), onrushing (future, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), see (see something coming), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), train (future), up-and-coming (and up and coming), upcoming (adj), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)
- person: fortuneteller (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), visionary (person)
- place: future (where the future lies, etc.), hereafter (from now onwards)
- position: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), ahead (before a future event), before (at a future time), day (day after tomorrow), forerunner (n), front (the future is in front of us), hereafter (from now onwards), intervening (adj), near (near future, etc.), past (look past to the future), time (ahead of his time, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), ahead (before a future event), away (a week away, etc.), before (at a future time), day (day after tomorrow), forerunner (n), foresight (n), forward (every year forward, etc.), front (the future is in front of us), hereafter (from now onwards), near (near future, etc.), on (30 years on, etc.), time (ahead of his time, etc.)
- religion: handwriting (handwriting on the wall), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- river: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- sky: horizon (on the horizon)
- speech: time (time will tell)
- train: train (future)
- verb: approach (winter is approaching, etc.), arrive (a time can arrive), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (come after / at a later time), come and go (time), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), dawn (verb / start), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), future (the future can bring something), head (head into the future, etc.), hold (the future can hold something), lie (lie ahead), look forward to (v), near (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), see (see something coming), see (future), spell (spell disaster, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed)
- walking, running & jumping: run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run)
- water: tap (on tap)

GAMBLING (2) (see also cards; sports & games)

- action, inaction & delay: double down (v), in (all in), pass (cards)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: horse (back the wrong horse), in (all in)
- appearance: poker-faced (adj)
- certainty & uncertainty: bet (all bets are off)
- character & personality: card (hold one's cards close)
- commitment & determination: bet (hedge one's bets), double down (v), in (all in)
- concealment & lack of concealment: card (hold one's cards close), card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), poker-faced (adj), tip (tip one's hand), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), dice (n), die (the die is cast, etc.), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (n), lot (lot in life, etc.), lottery (win the lottery, etc.), odds (fate), roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: poker-faced (adj)

- importance & significance: stake (importance), stake (high stakes)
- obstacles & impedance: card (the cards are stacked against us, a stacked deck, etc.)
- position, policy & negotiation: bluff (v), bluff (n), chip (bargaining chip)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (cards on the table)
- strategy: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), chip (bargaining chip), gamble (v), gamble (n), poker (game)
- strength & weakness: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- subterfuge: bluff (v), bluff (n)
- success & failure: ace (n), flush (busted flush), jackpot (hit the jackpot), lottery (win the lottery, etc.), sweepstakes (win the sweepstakes)

GATE (2) (see also doors & thresholds; house; roof)

- access & lack of access: gateway (gateway to India, etc.), gate (society), gatekeeper (person)
- control & lack of control: gatekeeper (person)
- division & connection: gate (society)
- geography: gate (Iron Gate, etc.), gateway (gateway to India, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: gate (obstacle), gate (society)
- person: gatecrasher (person), gatekeeper (person)
- portal: gate (portal), gateway (portal), portal (entrance)
- proper name: gate (Iron Gate, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: gate (beat at the gate, etc.)
- route: gateway (gateway to India, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gatecrasher (person), gatekeeper (person)
- society: gate (society)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: gate (out of the gate)

GEOGRAPHY (1)

- allusion: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- animal: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- arm: elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)
- astronomy: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)
- atmosphere: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- bird: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.)
- bottle: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.)
- color: black (Black Sea, etc.), rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- creature: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- epithet: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.), alley (Bat Alley, etc.), Amazon (epithet / biodiversity), Appalachia (and Pineapplachia, etc.), California (California of Europe, etc.), capital (capital of the world, etc.), capital (Black Bear capital, etc.), Chicago (China's Chicago, etc.), crossroad (Crossroads of the World, etc.), door (Durdle Door, etc.), eye (the Blue Eye of Siberia, etc.), father (Father of Waters, etc.), fork (the Forks of the Ohio, etc.), Fuji (Mount Fuji of the US, etc.), Grand Canyon (Grand Canyon of the South, etc.), Hawaii (China's Hawaii, etc.), key (the Keyhole, etc.), Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), little (Little Moscow, etc.), Niagara (Niagara of the South, etc.), Nile (America's Nile, etc.), Norway (the Norway of Arabia, etc.), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), pipeline (Mexican Pipeline, etc.), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.), riviera (Riviera of the Midwest, etc.), roof (Roof of the World, etc.), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.), Singapore (Singapore of the Middle East), slot (the Slot, etc.), sorrow (China's Sorrow, etc.), town (Chinatown, etc.), Venice (Venice of the North, etc.), Versailles (Russian Versailles, etc.), Yosemite (Yosemite of the East, etc.)
- eye: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- family: mother (Mother Mountain, etc.)

- gate: gate (Iron Gate, etc.), gateway (gateway to India, etc.)
- geometry: triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- horn: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.)
- infrastructure: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.), buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.), corridor (Siliguri Corridor, etc.)
- insect: spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- moon: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)
- neck: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.)
- proper name: battleground (Battle Ground, Indiana, etc.), beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), black (Black Sea, etc.), bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.), buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.), cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.), Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.), gap (the Monastir Gap, etc.), hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.), horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), lion (Lion Rock, etc.), moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.), mother (Mounter Mountain, etc.), pulpit (Devils pulpit, etc.), punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.), rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), scar (the Scar, etc.), shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.), spider (Spider Rock, etc.), triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- religion: cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.), pulpit (Devils pulpit, etc.)
- shape: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.), beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), boot (Italy's boot, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.), eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.), gap (the Monastir Gap, etc.), horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.), panhandle (area), pulpit (Devils pulpit, etc.), punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.), shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.), triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- sky: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- spider: spider (Spider Rock, etc.)

GEOMETRY (2)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: angle (from an angle), curve (behind / ahead of the curve)
- course: arc (n)
- development: arc (n), circle (a circle can close), circle (full circle)
- division & connection: intersect (v), intersection (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: circle (a circle can close)
- geography: triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: angle (from an angle), slanted (news, etc.)
- proper name: triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: circle (a circle can close)
- relationship: triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- speech: tangent (on a tangent)

GESTURE (2) (see also bodily reaction; breathing)

- acceptance & rejection: embrace (v)
- accusation & criticism: finger (point a finger), finger-pointing, finger-wagging
- achievement, recognition & praise: applaud (v), applauded, back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun), bow (take a bow), cap (tip one's cap), fist bump (n), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.), head (pat on the head), high five (n), nod (acknowledge), nod (acknowledgement), salute (v), toast (v), toast (acknowledgment), thumbs-up
- action, inaction & delay: hand (throw up one's hands), shrug (shrug one's shoulders), shrug (gesture)
- admiration & contempt: look down on (something), look up to (somebody), nose (look down one's nose)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: embrace (v), hand (raise one's hand)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: tire (kick the tires)
- attachment: embrace (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), eyeball (eyeball-popping), head (turn heads), point out (v)

- attraction & repulsion: beckon (v), embrace (v)
- avoidance & separation: shrug off (v)
- character & personality: elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), handwringer (person)
- coercion & motivation: nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- commitment & determination: embrace (v), lean into (v), step into (v)
- comprehension & incomprehension: eye (roll one's eyes), eye-roll (dismissal), head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head-scratching
- concealment & lack of concealment: tight-lipped (adj)
- conflict: blink (conflict), chest (beat one's chest, etc.)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: blink (conflict), lean in (v), shrug (gesture)
- consciousness & awareness: slap (awareness)
- creation & transformation: finger (snap one's fingers, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- division & connection: embrace (v)
- dominance & submission: blink (conflict)
- eagerness & reluctance: hand (rub one's hands), nose (hold one's nose)
- eye: eye (roll one's eyes), eye (side eye, stink eye, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: finger (cross one's fingers, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: arm (wrap one's arm around something / consolation), cringe (v), cringe-worthy (adj), cringey (adj), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eyebrow (raise eyebrows, etc.), eyebrow-raising (adj), eyebrow-raising (n), face (face-palm, face palm), flex (bragging), hand (wring one's hand), hat (hold on to your hat), head (turn heads), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), jaw-dropper, jaw-dropping, mic drop (n), nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting (fingernails), whoa (exclamation)
- fictive communication: beckon (v), nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- force: nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: give (give a wink, etc.)
- insult: finger (middle finger), flip off (v), nose (thumb one's nose), slap (slap in the face, etc.), spit (spit in the face / noun), tongue (stick one's tongue out, etc.)
- judgment: frown (v), frowned upon, smile (v), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- location: finger (put one's finger on something)
- performance: chest (beat one's chest, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: head (keep one's head down)
- punishment & recrimination: slap (punish)
- resiliency: head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), shake (shake something off)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: blink (conflict), clap back (contempo-speak / verb), clap back (contempo-speak / noun), fist (wave one's fist), nose (thumb one's nose)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: applaud (v), applauded, frown (v), frowned upon, nod (permission), smile (v)
- speed: finger (in the snap of a finger)
- subterfuge: nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- transmission: give (give a wink, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: nod (agree)
- welcome: embrace (v)
- work & duty: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)

GIFT (2)

- ability & lack of ability: gift (gift for languages, etc.), gifted
- cost & benefit: gift (benefit)

- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: gift (as verb)
- worth & lack of worth: gift (benefit)

GIVING, RECEIVING, BRINGING & RETURNING (1) (see also taking & removing)

- bodily reaction: cough up (v)
- direction: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), turn in (give)
- family: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- food & drink: dish out (v), fork over (v), pepper (v), peppered
- foot: kickback (corruption)
- gesture: give (give a wink, etc.)
- gift: gift (as verb)
- hand: handed (given), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hand over (v), handed over (possession), handover (n), hold out (offer)
- history: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- justice: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.)
- money: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history), lend (lend a hand, etc.)
- part of speech: get (a big get, etc.), gift (as verb)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: handed over (possession), hand over (v), handover (n)
- speech: command (deserve and get)
- tools & technology: rake in (v)
- verb: bring (v), command (deserve and get), deliver (v), dish out (v), fork over (v), furnish (give), gift (as verb), give (give a wink, etc.), give (give a start, etc.), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), hand over (v), hold out (offer), inherit (v), leave (leave a mark, etc.), lend (lend a hand, etc.), offer (v), pepper (v), rake in (v), turn in (give)

GIVING, RECEIVING, BRINGING & RETURNING (2)

- amelioration & renewal: bring back (restore)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: come away with (v), get across (v), take (and hot take), takeaway (n), take away (a message, etc.)
- commitment & determination: bring (bring it), leave it (leave it all on the field, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: get (and get it / understand), take in (comprehend)
- feeling, emotion & effect: give (give a start, etc.)
- future: future (the future can bring something)
- position, policy & negotiation: give-and-take
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: bring back (restore)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bring back (restore)
- time: future (the future can bring something)
- transmission: received (wisdom, etc.)

GLACIER (2) (see also snow & ice)

- creation & transformation: calve (v), calving
- speed: glacial (adj)

GOSSIP (1) (see also social interaction; society)

- animal: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- books & reading: tell-all (book)
- farming & agriculture: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- food & drink: dish (gossip / verb), tea (gossip)
- manufacturing: mill (gossip / rumor mill), mill (grist for the mill)
- part of speech: talk (as transitive verb), tell-all (book)
- place: water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)

- plant: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grapevine (through / over the grapevine), grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- verb: dish (gossip / verb)
- wheat: grist (grist for the mill, etc.)

GOVERNMENT (1)

- boat: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- body: body politic, organ (of government, etc.)
- epithet: Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.)
- mechanism: apparatus (government), machinery (government, etc.), wheel (wheels of justice, etc.)
- person: strongman (power), czar (and tsar)
- sports & games: race (politics)

GOVERNMENT (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: statesman (elder statesman, etc.), stateswoman (elder stateswoman, etc.)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: vote (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ambassador (role)
- behavior: diplomacy (n), diplomatic (adj), Rasputin (epithet)
- character & personality: Rasputin (epithet)
- control & lack of control: Rasputin (epithet)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: oust (v), ousted (removed)
- enthusiasm: ambassador (role)
- group, set & collection: parliament (group)
- oppression: edict (n), tyrant (n)
- person: ambassador (role), baron (power), diplomat (n)
- power: baron (power), emperor (power), tyrant (n)
- representation: ambassador (role), diplomat (n), tribune (person)
- role: ambassador (role), diplomacy (n), diplomatic (adj)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: embargo (n), franchise (n), license (n), magisterial (adj), passport (n)
- superlative: first lady (of Brazilian jazz, etc.)

GRAMMAR (2)

- language: grammar (language)

GROUND, TERRAIN & LAND (2)

- ability: way (know one's way around)
- accusation & criticism: dirt (political dirt, etc.), mud (drag something through the mud), mud (dragged through the mud), mudslinging (n), stone (throw stones, etc.), sully (v)
- achievement, recognition & praise: height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: dust (collect dust)
- amelioration & renewal: swamp (drain the swamp)
- amount: acre (amount), pasture (amount)
- amount & effect: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other), tectonic (adj)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: contour (n), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig up (v), drill (drill down, etc.), excavate (v), lay of the land, unearth (v), unearthed
- appearance & disappearance: dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), ground (go to ground), turn up (appear), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- appearance & reality: fool's gold
- area: area (territory), borderland (n), contour (n), demesne (control), ecosystem (n), fiefdom (control), ground (area), land (clubland, etc.), lay of the land, landscape (n), scape (threatscape, etc.), terrain (known and

- unknown terrain), terrain (area), territory (area), territory (assigned area), topography (n), turf (control), wilderness (area)
- attachment: embed (v), embedded
 - bases: bedrock (n), footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (finding one's footing, etc.), grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), ground (prepare the ground), grounded, groundwork (n), monolith (n), monolithic (adj), outcrop (and outcropping), rock (support), rooted, tectonic (adj), underlie (v), underlying (adj)
 - behavior: badlands (environment), edge (over the edge), mud (in the mud), wild West
 - biodiversity, nature & life: ecosystem (n)
 - center & periphery: coast (n)
 - certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj)
 - character & personality: ground (both feet on the ground), grounded
 - commitment & determination: dig deep (determination), flag (plant one's flag), last-ditch (adj)
 - competition: jungle (competition), turf (turf war, etc.)
 - complexity: morass (n)
 - concealment & lack of concealment: bury (conceal), buried (concealment), dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), ground (go to ground), open (in the open / into the open), out (and out there), there (out there, etc.), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthed
 - conflict: last-ditch (adj), turf (turf war, etc.)
 - consciousness & awareness: open (in the open / into the open)
 - constraint & lack of constraint: room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.)
 - content: dirt (political dirt, etc.)
 - control & lack of control: badlands (environment), colonialism (data, etc.), demesne (control), turf (control), wild West
 - corruption: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp), swamp (swamp of cliches, etc.)
 - danger: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), jungle (competition), precipice (at / on the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope), terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)
 - decline: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), precipitous (adj), rock-bottom (adj), sinkhole (n)
 - destruction: abyss (n), edge (push something over the edge), cliff (glass cliff), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.)
 - difficulty, easiness & effort: last-ditch (adj), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)
 - direction: landmark (n), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), uncharted (adj), way (know one's way around)
 - disruption: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
 - division & connection: balkanization (n), Balkanized, barrier (n), chasm (n), crack (division), divide (n), fault (fault line), fissure (n), gap (n), ground (common ground), ground (middle ground), isthmus (shape), rift (division), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
 - dominance & submission: ground (hold / stand one's ground)
 - effect: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
 - environment: badlands (environment), borderland (n), contour (n), desert (environment), ecosystem (n), here (out here), jungle (environment), land (clubland, etc.), landscape (n), lay of the land, morass (n), oasis (environment), sand (political sands, etc.), scape (threatscape, etc.), swamp (fever swamp), swamp (swamp of cliches, etc.), terrain (area), territory (area), wasteland (environment), wild West
 - equilibrium & stability: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), footing (find one's footing, etc.), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.)
 - evidence: footprint (n)
 - experience: proving ground, there (been there, etc.)
 - extent & scope: earthshaking (adj), ground (cover ground), high and low, tectonic (adj)
 - fantasy & reality: La-La land

- fate, fortune & chance: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (from the brink), brinksmanship (n), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), last-ditch (adj), precipice (at / on the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope), territory (come with the territory, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- failure, accident & impairment: crack (fall through the cracks, etc.), sink (sink into the mud, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bumpy (adj), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.), mired (stuck), pit (money pit, etc.), rocky (adj), terrain (easy & difficult terrain)
- growth & development: ground (get off the ground), ground (fertile ground)
- identity & nature: embed (v), embedded
- importance & significance: ground (break ground), groundbreaking, landmark (n), salient (important)
- impression: embed (v), embedded
- involvement: thick (in the thick of things)
- isolation & remoteness: cold (in the cold), Mongolia (Outer Mongolia), Siberia (exile), wilderness (in / into the wilderness)
- knowledge & intelligence: way (know one's way around)
- mental health: La-La land
- obstacles & impedance: barrier (n), bog down (v), ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), bogged down, mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), quicksand (in / into the quicksand), rut (in a rut, etc.), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), stuck (adj), thicket (n)
- occurrence: outcrop (and outcropping)
- oppression: buried (buried in debt, etc.), rock (between a rock and a hard place)
- perception, perspective & point of view: grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), ground (on the ground, etc.), level (ground level, etc.), worm's-eye (adj)
- possession: claim (stake a claim), colonialism (data, etc.), flag (plant one's flag), reclaim (his place, etc.), soil (on one's soil), territory (stake out territory)
- position, policy & negotiation: brinksmanship (n)
- presence & absence: endemic (adj), footprint (n), ground (on the ground, etc.), territory (come with the territory, etc.), there (out there, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: bog down (v), ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), rut (in a rut, etc.), stuck (adj)
- protection & lack of protection: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
- proximity: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (back from the brink), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at / on the precipice), precipice (other), verge (on the verge), verge (to the verge)
- pursuit, capture & escape: ground (go to ground), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)
- readiness & preparedness: ground (prepare the ground)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: dust (dust settles)
- relationship: embed (v), embedded
- reputation: dirt (worthless), mud (drag something through the mud), mud (dragged through the mud)
- resemblance: canyon (resemblance), cavernous (adj), desert (environment)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, flag (plant one's flag), ground (hold / stand one's ground), ground (give ground), last-ditch (adj)
- searching & discovery: come up with (discovery), dig (search for), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig through (v), dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), fool's gold, frontier (n), ground (cover ground), pay dirt, rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), turned up (discovered), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- shape: isthmus (shape)
- situation: rock (between a rock and a hard place), room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.), trapped

- size: cavernous (adj)
- society: cold (in the cold), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, shore (far shore), Siberia (exile), stranded (separated), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- source: aquifer (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ground (break ground), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- success & failure: fool's gold, hole (dry hole), pay dirt
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: desert (food desert, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: heights (commanding heights, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: brink (back from the brink), dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, last-ditch (adj)
- taking & removing: colonialism (data, etc.)
- worth & lack of worth: dirt (worthless), fool's gold, pay dirt

GROUP, SET & COLLECTION (1) (see also assembling)

- allusion: cornucopia (variety), Noah's Ark
- animal: covey (group), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), herd (herd immunity, etc.), menagerie (group), nest (of vipers, etc.), pack (group), stable (group), zoo (group)
- astronomy: constellation (n), galaxy (n)
- baseball: bullpen (group)
- Bible: Noah's Ark
- bird: covey (group), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), nest (of vipers, etc.)
- boat: armada (n), fleet (amount), flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.)
- books & reading: library (tool library, etc.)
- center & periphery: inner circle (n)
- color: palette (n)
- container: bag (collection), package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- crime: mafia (group), mob (group), posse (group)
- creature: devil (Lady Devils, etc.)
- epithet: devil (Lady Devils, etc.), Noah's Ark
- family: brotherhood (n), family (gang / group), sisterhood (n)
- food & drink: buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), menu (other), smorgasbord (n)
- forest: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- government: parliament (group)
- history: horde (people)
- horse: cavalcade (n), posse (group), stable (group)
- house: house (hype house), nest (of vipers, etc.)
- infrastructure: suite (suite of tools, etc.)
- military: armada (n), armory (n), army (Arnie's Army, etc.), arsenal (amount), corps (group), fleet (amount), panoply (n)
- money: bank (tissue bank, etc.), brain trust, treasure trove (and trove), treasure house
- movement: cavalcade (n), pageant (n), parade (n)
- person: army (Arnie's Army, etc.), nation (Who Dat Nation, etc.), tribe (group)
- picture: curate (v), curated, curation (n)
- plant: bouquet (collection), garden (resemblance)
- religion: cult (n), devil (Lady Devils, etc.), Noah's Ark
- river: reservoir (group)
- school & education: boys' club (boy's club, boys club), fraternity (n), Old Boy (Old Boy network, etc.)
- sea: armada (n), fleet (amount)
- sports & games: all-star (adj), bullpen (group), scrum (reporters), team (A-team, A team), team (dream team), team (side), varsity (and junior varsity, JV)

- star: galaxy (n)
- theater: cast (cast of candidates, etc.), repertoire (n)
- tools & technology: set (skill set), toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- verb: curate (v), pool (v)
- walking, running & jumping: pageant (n), parade (n)
- water: pool (v), pool (people), pool (things), reservoir (group)
- weapon: armory (n), arsenal (amount), quiver (n)
- zoo: menagerie (group), zoo (group)

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT (1) (see also progress & lack of progress)

- air: oxygen (fuel)
- animal: fledgling (adj), fry (small fry), full-fledged (adj), lamb (n), rookery (n)
- astronomy: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), supernova (achievement)
- atmosphere: oxygen (fuel)
- baby: baby (development), baby (younger), infancy (in infancy), infancy (other), infant (n), nascent (beginning), newborn, nourished, nurture (v), nurtured, stillborn (adj), teeth (cut one's teeth), teething, wean (v), young (adj)
- biology: embryo (n), embryonic (adj), evolve (evolve the sport, etc.), evolution (n), Peter Pan, petri dish
- bird: fledgling (adj), full-fledged (adj), incubator (n), rookery (n)
- birth: embryo (n), embryonic (adj), germinate (v), gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), nascent (beginning), newborn, rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n), stillborn (adj)
- chemistry: oxygen (fuel)
- day: day (early days), evening (decline)
- direction: apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), arise (v), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the ascent), ascent, fall behind (competition and progress), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rise (on the rise), rise and fall (n), trail (competition and progress)
- explosion: explode (increase)
- farming & agriculture: crop (n), cultivate (v), cultivated, cultivation (n), drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), fallow (adj), fertile (adj), field (fertile field, etc.), fruition (n), green shoots, ground (fertile ground), grow (develop), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed (n), hothouse (n), nursery (n), plant (create), plow (plow a field, etc.), rainmaker (person), seed (n), seed money, soil (fertile soil, etc.), sow (v), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)
- fire: oxygen (fuel)
- fish: fry (small fry)
- flying & falling: ground (get off the ground), take off (v)
- fruits & vegetables: bloomer (late bloomer), fruition (n), ripe (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (get off the ground), ground (fertile ground)
- hand: hold (take hold)
- health & medicine: cancer (n), cancerous (adj), growth (cancerous, etc.), malignant (adj), metastasize (v), metastasizing (adj), tumor (n)
- height: rise (on the rise), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rise and fall (n)
- history: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), gilded (Gilded Age), golden age (and golden era), medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), Neanderthal, renaissance (n), revolution (n), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v), Stone Age
- insect: cross-pollination (cross pollination)
- journeys & trips: fall behind (competition and progress), lag (progress), passage (n), rite (rite of passage), trail (competition and progress)
- leg: leg (grow legs, have legs, etc.)

- life span: adolescence (n), adult (and adult in the room), age (come of age), anniversary (creation), apron strings, baby (development), big boy (person), birthday (creation), bloomer (late bloomer), boy (type), brat (insult), brought up, career (n), child (spoiled child, etc.), crisis (mid-life crisis), crybaby (person), dowager (old), embryo (n), embryonic (adj), feet (stand on one's own two feet), girl (big girl), grow (develop), grow up (grow up! etc.), growing pains, grownup (person), grow up (grow up together, etc.), infancy (in infancy), infancy (other), infant (n), innocence (n), life (begin life), life span (n), living (adj), mama's boy (and mummy's boy, etc.), mature (v), maturity, newborn, old (a year old, etc.), pants (big girl pants, etc.), raised (reared), reared (raised), stillborn (adj), walk (crawl, walk, run), youngster (n), youth (development)
- light & dark: supernova (achievement)
- mechanism: wheel (training wheels)
- money: seed money
- movement: fall behind (competition and progress), lag (progress), trail (competition and progress)
- part of speech: evolve (evolve the sport, etc.), grow (grow the economy, etc.)
- person: dowager (old), neophyte (n)
- plane: ground (get off the ground), take off (v)
- plant: bloom (v), bloomer (late bloomer), blossom (v), bud (nipped in the bud), budding, burgeoning (adj), cross-pollination (cross pollination), cultivate (v), cultivated, cultivation (n), drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), fallow (adj), field (fertile field, etc.), flourish (v), flower (v), flowering, fruition (n), germinate (v), ground (fertile ground), grow (develop), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed (n), hothouse (n), kernel (n), neophyte (n), nourished, nursery (n), nurture (v), nurtured, plant (create), plow (plow a field, etc.), rainmaker (person), root (growth), ripe (adj), seed (n), seed money, shoot (plant), soil (fertile soil, etc.), sow (v), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other), tendril (growth), thrive (v)
- predation: lamb (n)
- rain: drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), rainmaker (person), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)
- religion: rite (rite of passage)
- school: graduate (v)
- season: autumn (in the autumn), spring (Arab Spring, etc.), winter (decline)
- sheep: lamb (n)
- size: stunted
- sports & games: fall behind (competition and progress), trail (competition and progress)
- standing, sitting & lying: feet (stand on one's own two feet)
- star: supernova (achievement)
- teeth: teeth (cut one's teeth), teething
- tree: branch out (v), root (take root, etc.)
- verb: arise (v), bloom (v), blossom (v), branch out (v), cultivate (v), explode (increase), fall behind (competition and progress), flourish (v), flower (v), gestate (v), graduate (v), ground (get off the ground), grow (grow the economy, etc.), grow up (grow up together, etc.), grow up (grow up! etc.), hold (take hold), lag (progress), leg (grow legs, have legs, etc.), life (begin life), mature (v), metastasize (v), nurture (v), plant (create), plow (plow a field, etc.), revolutionize (v), sow (v), take off (v), thrive (v), trail (competition and progress), wean (v)
- walking, running & jumping: fall behind (competition and progress), lag (progress), trail (competition and progress)
- weather & climate: drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), rainmaker (person), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)

GUILT (1) (see also responsibility)

- blood: bloody (guilt), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- hand: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)

- hygiene: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- justice: get away (get away with something)
- light & dark: clear (clear conscience)

HAIR (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: scalp (n)
- comparison & contrast: hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.)
- conflict: hackles (raise hackles)
- danger: close shave
- dismissal, removal & resignation: shave (removal), shed (v), slough (and sluff / verb)
- fate, fortune & chance: close shave
- feeling, emotion & effect: bristle (emotional arousal), hackles (raise hackles), hair (hair on fire), hair-raising
- proximity: hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.), whisker (come within a whisker, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: scalp (n)
- repetition: rinse and repeat
- resemblance: hair (resemblance)
- searching & discovery: comb (v)
- sex: beard (relationship)
- shape: hairpin (shape)
- success & failure: scalp (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: scalp (save one's scalp)

HAMMER (2)

- accusation & criticism: hammer (criticize)
- creation & transformation: hammer out (v), hammered out
- force: hammer (hammer of the law, etc.)
- military: anvil (military), hammer (hammer and anvil, etc.)
- proper name: hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.)

HAND (2) (see also fist)

- achievement, recognition & praise: high five (n), thumbs-up
- action, inaction & delay: hand (throw up one's hands), hand (sit on one's hands), handle (deal with), handled, handwringing (n), hold (on hold), holdup (n)
- affliction: squeeze (pressure / noun)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: hand (raise one's hand)
- alternatives & choices: hand (on the one / other hand)
- amount: handful (amount)
- attachment: cling (v), clingy (adj), hold on to (v)
- attainment: empty-handed, fingers (slip through one's fingers), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (attainment), palm (in the palm of one's hand)
- attempt: hand (try one's hand)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: grabbing (attention-grabbing)
- attraction & repulsion: beckon (v)
- avoidance & separation: hands-on, hands-off
- certainty & uncertainty: grab (up for grabs)
- character & personality: clingy (adj), handwringer (person)
- coercion & motivation: hand (force someone's hand), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeezed (oppressed), whip hand (n), wring (coerce)
- commitment & determination: hand (all hands on deck)
- comparison & contrast: hand (on the one / other hand)

- comprehension & incomprehension: grasp (comprehend)
- concealment & lack of concealment: hold (close held, etc.), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: go (let something go), grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), hand (wash one's hands of something), handle (deal with), handled, handling
- consciousness & awareness: hand (the right hand vs. the left hand)
- constraint & lack of constraint: hand (tie one's hands, etc.), handcuff (v), handcuffed
- control & lack of control: grip (v), grip (in the grip), grip (control), hand (dead hand), hand (get out of hand), hand (upper hand), hand (in hand), hand (control), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), handled, handling, hands-off, hands-on
- creation & transformation: artisanal (adj), fashion (v), shape (v), shape (form), shaped (shaped by coal, etc.), reshape (v)
- curtailment: break off (v)
- destruction: crush (destroy)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: finger (lift a finger), hand (have one's hands full), hand (all hands on deck)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: brush aside (v), brush off (v), brush-off
- division & connection: hand in hand (go hand in hand, etc.), handshake (n)
- dominance & submission: hand (upper hand)
- eagerness & reluctance: hand (rub one's hands), handwringing (n)
- experience: hand (work), old hand (experience)
- extent & scope: span (v)
- failure, accident & impairment: ball (drop the ball), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- fate, fortune & chance: hand (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: clingy (adj), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), face (face-palm, face palm), gripped, gripping (adj), hand (wring one's hand), handwringing (n), hold (noun / emotion), hold in (emotions), possess (v), possessed (emotion), seized (by an emotion), whoa (exclamation)
- fictive communication: beckon (v)
- fictive possession: capture (v), capture (n), captured, catch (catch the imagination, etc.), caught (other), claim (take), grab (v), grabbing (attention-grabbing), grip (v), grip (in the grip), gripped, gripping (adj), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold (noun / emotion), hold (take hold), possess (v), possessed (emotion), recapture (v), seize (v), seized (by an emotion), snatch (v)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: handed (given), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), handed over (possession), hand over (v), handover (n), hold out (offer)
- growth & development: hold (take hold)
- guilt: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- help & assistance: finger (lift a finger), hand (bite the hand that feeds one), hand (help), handmaiden (help), handout (n)
- importance & significance: right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- involvement: hand (at the hands), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.), hand (hand in something)
- judgment: even-handed (adj), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- location: finger (put one's finger on something)
- measurement: span (v)
- mental health: hold (noun / emotion), possess (v), possessed (emotion)
- obstacles & impedance: hold up (obstruct), holdup (n)
- oppression: crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), grip (control), hand (iron hand, etc.), ham-handed, heavy-handed, squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeezed (oppressed), thumb (under the thumb), whip hand (n), wring (coerce)
- person: handmaiden (help)

- possession: cling (v), clingy (adj), empty-handed, fall (fall into the hands, etc.), finger (slip through one's fingers), go (let something go), grab (v), grab (up for grabs), grab (land grab, etc.), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (possession), grip (v), grip (in the grip), grip (control), gripped, gripping (adj), hand (possession), handed, handed over (possession), hand-me-down, hand over (v), handover (n), hang on to (v), hold (long-held), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold (noun / emotion), hold on to (v), palm (in the palm of one's hand), possess (v), possessed (emotion), seize (v), seized (by an emotion)
- presence & absence: hand (on hand)
- proper name: thumb (Devils Thumb, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: hand (hands off)
- proximity: fingertip (at one's fingertips), hand (at hand)
- punishment & recrimination: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), slap (punish), wrist (slap on the wrist)
- pursuit, capture & escape: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: go (let something go)
- relationship: hand in hand (go hand in hand, etc.), handmaiden (help)
- resiliency: go (let something go), hang in there, hang on (v), hold on (survival), pick (pick oneself up)
- responsibility: hand (at the hands), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- restraint & lack of restraint: hand (get out of hand), loose (let loose)
- shape: handle (shape)
- situation: hold (on hold)
- social interaction: hand (one hand washes the other)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: hand (wash one's hands of something)
- subterfuge: underhanded (or underhand)
- success & failure: ball (drop the ball), crush (verb / accomplishment), fumble (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: cling (v), hand (all hands on deck), hold on (survival)
- starting, stopping & continuing: break off (v)
- taking & removing: claim (take), grab (v), seize (v), seized (by an emotion), snatch (v)
- transmission: handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hand-me-down, passed down (by ancestors, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), pass on (v)
- work & duty: hand (work), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck)

HARDNESS & SOFTNESS (2)

- amelioration & renewal: cushion (v), cushion (n), smooth (v), soften (speech)
- attenuation: cushion (v), soften (v)
- character & personality: hard (character), hardheaded (and hard-headed), hard man (character), hard-nosed, snowflake (person), softheaded (and soft-headed), teacup (person), teddy bear
- commitment & determination: hard (hard "no," etc.)
- conflict: velvet (Velvet Revolution)
- experience: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: hard (feelings, etc.), harden (feelings), hardened
- flaws & lack of flaws: edge (rough edges, etc.), smooth (lack of flaws)
- heart: hardhearted (and hard-hearted), softhearted (and soft-hearted)
- increase & decrease: harden (increase)
- insult: softheaded (and soft-headed)
- protection & lack of protection: harden (protect)
- speech: soften (speech)
- strength & weakness: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.), soft (soft on crime, etc.), snowflake (person), teacup (person)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: soft (soft opening, etc.)

HASTE (1) (see also speed)

- animal: gallop (haste)
- bird: fly (on the fly), wing (wing it)
- crashes & collisions: crash (crash course, etc.)
- foot: feet (think on one's feet)
- health & medicine: rash (hasty)
- horse: gallop (haste), headlong, hoof (on the hoof), spur (spur of the moment)
- justice: rush (rush to judgment)
- movement: gallop (haste), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), run (on the run / haste), rush (oil rush, etc.), scramble (v)
- train: track fast track)
- verb: jump (jump at the chance, etc.), scramble (v)
- walking, running & jumping: gallop (haste), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), run (on the run / haste), scramble (v)

HAT (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: cap (tip one's cap), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.), cap (feather in one's cap)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: hat: hat (hang one's hat on something)
- character & personality: black hat (bad), helmet (pith helmet), white hat (good)
- experience: hat (old hat)
- feeling, emotion & effect: hat (hold on to your hat)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: hat (old hat)
- representation: hat (role)
- role: hat (role)

HEAD (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: head (pat on the head)
- amount & effect: head (come down on one's head, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: head (reason)
- appearance & disappearance: head (rear its head, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: head (turn heads)
- behavior: hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed)
- certainty & uncertainty: no-brainer (n)
- character & personality: coolheaded (and cool-headed), hardheaded (and hard-headed), hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed), mule-headed, softheaded (and soft-headed), wrongheaded
- coercion & motivation: head (hold something over one's head)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: head (rear its head, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head / comprehension), head (get one's head around something, etc.), head-scratching, mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), mind-bending (adj)
- conflict: head (butt heads), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: head-on
- consciousness & awareness: head (clear head), mindful (adj), mindfully, mindfulness (n), purposeful (adj)
- control & lack of control: head (keep / lose one's head), hothead (n), hotheaded (and hot-headed)
- creation & transformation: brainchild (n)
- destruction: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: no-brainer (n)

- dismissal, removal & resignation: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- disruption: head (turn something on its head, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: head (come down on one's head, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: brainworm (obsession)
- fate, fortune & chance: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: coolheaded (and cool-headed), head (keep / lose one's head), head (turn heads), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), headspace (frame of mind), head-spinning, hothead (n), hotheaded (and hot-headed)
- gesture: nod (agree)
- hierarchy: head (head of the school, etc.), head (go over one's head / hierarchy)
- idea: brainchild (n), brainstorm (v), brainstorm (n)
- insult: softheaded (and soft-headed)
- involvement: head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: brain (n), brain drain (and brain gain), brain trust, head (intelligence)
- leaking: brain drain (and brain gain)
- mental health: headspace (frame of mind), mind (out of one's mind)
- orientation: head (orientation)
- origin: brainchild (n)
- person: hothead (person)
- protection & lack of protection: head (keep one's head down)
- punishment & recrimination: head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.), head (put a head on a wall), head (put a head on a stake, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: head (put a head on a wall), head (put a head on a stake, etc.)
- resiliency: chin (chin up, etc.), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: nod (permission)
- situation: head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: head (get in over one's head, etc.), scalp (save one's scalp)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: head start
- violence: brainwash (v), brainwashed
- warning: heads-up (warning)

HEALTH & MEDICINE (2) (see also addiction) (wounds & scars; skin, muscle, nerves & bone)

- ability & lack of ability: fit (adj), fitness (ability), flabby (adj), handicapped, lean (size)
- acceptance & rejection: leper (person), quarantine (v)
- accusation & criticism: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- activity: comatose (adj), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), febrile (adj), fevered (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch (n), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), lethargic (adj), paroxysm (other), spasm (n), torpor (n)
- addiction: addict (sex addict, etc.)
- affliction: boil (affliction), cancer (n), cancerous (adj), complex (like syndrome), contagion (n), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), demic (infodemic, etc.), disease (affliction), epidemic (n), fester (v), festering (adj), gall (v), growth (cancerous, etc.), headache (n), hives (n), ill (ills of society, etc.), infection (corruption), malignant (adj), metastasize (v), metastasizing (adj), migraine (n), neck (pain in the neck), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), paroxysm (other), pathology (n), patient zero, plague (v), plague (n), plagued, pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, rash (affliction), scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), sickness (n), smitten (afflicted), sore (affliction), spasm

- (n), spasmodic (adj), syndrome (n), tumor (n), ulcer (n), virus (affliction), wound (figurative wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: anodyne (adj), antidote (n), balm (n), Band-Aid (n), bromide (n), cure (n), cure (v), cure-all, detox (and detoxification, etc.), disinfect (v), disinfectant (n), elixir (effect), heal (v), healing (n), inject (fresh blood, etc.), invigorate (v), lance (v), lanced, life (breathe life), mend (on the mend), nostrum (n), panacea, pill (miracle pill), prescribe (v), prescription (n), reinvigorate (v), remedy (v), remedy (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), salve (v), salve (n), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), soothe (sensation), surgery (n), tonic (effect)
 - amount: dose (amount), rash (affliction)
 - amount & effect: epidemic (n), plague (n), rash (affliction)
 - analysis, interpretation & explanation: autopsy (analysis), biopsy (analysis), diagnosis (n), dissect (v), misdiagnose (v), post-mortem, scalpel (n), surgeon (doesn't take a brain surgeon, etc.), vivisection (v), x-ray (n)
 - appearance: eyesore (n), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (resemblance / verb)
 - area: alley (Cancer Alley, etc.)
 - attenuation: atrophy (v), castrated, castration (n), emasculated (adj), emasculating (adj), eunuch (n), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj)
 - attraction & repulsion: antibody (n)
 - avoidance & separation: allergic (adj), allergy (n), quarantine (v)
 - behavior: addictive (adj), delirious (adj), delirium (n), demented, fever (behavior), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), mania (n), moral panic (n), panic (bisexual panic, etc.), rabid (behavior), rabidly, schizophrenic (adj)
 - characterization: victim (groups), victimization (or victimisation)
 - character & personality: incurable (adj), pain (pain in the neck, etc.)
 - computer: disinfect (v), hallucinate (computer), hallucination (computer), infect (computers), infected, quarantine (v), viral (computers), virus (computers)
 - condition & status: ailing (adj), anemic (adj), atrophy (v), basket case, bill of health, brain-dead (adj), brain death (n), comatose (adj), dead (dead on arrival), deathbed (n), diseased, exhausted (condition), exhaustion (other), fatigue (internet fatigue, etc.), fit (adj), handicapped, health (in good health / in bad health), health (condition), healthy (condition), hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n), hurting, ill (ills of society, etc.), last rites (n), life support (on life support), malaise (decline), moribund (adj), prognosis (n), pulse (n), robust (adj), sclerotic (adj), shape (condition), sick (condition), sluggish (adj), temperature (the political temperature, etc.), test (stress test), throe (death throes), tired (condition), unhealthy (condition), unscathed (adj), well (health), well-being (status), wellness (status), wheezing (condition), wounded (condition)
 - configuration: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked
 - confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: triage (n)
 - consciousness & awareness: amnesia (n), brain-dead (adj), chloroform (n), comatose (adj), conscious (aware), dream (fever dream, etc.), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), opiate (n), opium (n)
 - constraint & lack of constraint: hamstring (v), hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled
 - consumption: pill (bitter pill, etc.)
 - control & lack of control: incontinent (fiscally incontinent, etc.)
 - corruption: contagion (n), corrupting, corruption (n), fester (v), festering (adj), ill (ills of society, etc.), infect (corrupt), infected, infection (corruption), malignant (adj), sickness (n)
 - creation & transformation: doctored
 - decline: fall (fall ill, etc.), life support (on life support)
 - dependency: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency)
 - destruction: chalice (poisoned chalice), dismember (v), dismembered, dismemberment (n), dissection (n), eviscerate (v), eviscerated, evisceration (n), fatal (adj), fatally (fatally wounded, etc.), lacerate (v), mangle (v), mortal (adj), mortally (mortally wounded, etc.), pill (poison pill), poisonous (adj), toxic (adj)
 - development: head (come to a head)
 - directing: inject (put), injection (n)

- dismissal, removal & resignation: amputate (remove)
- division & connection: amputate (remove), hip (joined at the hip)
- enthusiasm: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), delirious (adj), delirium (n), disease (enthusiasm), fever (enthusiasm), flu (enthusiasm), infection (enthusiasm), junkie (game junkie, etc.), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.), rabid (enthusiasm), sickness (enthusiasm), withdrawal (feeling)
- euphemism: apoplectic (adj)
- evidence: symptom (n)
- experience: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- extent & scope: epidemic (n), pandemic (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: injure (v), malpractice (n), miscarriage (of justice, etc.), misdiagnose (v), mutilate (v)
- fantasy & reality: demented, dream (fever dream, etc.), opium (n), swamp (fever swamp)
- fate, fortune & chance: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- feeling, emotion & effect: addictive (adj), anodyne (adj), anxiety (n), apoplectic (adj), bromide (n), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), contagious (emotion), crippling, elixir (effect), exhausting (mental health), febrile (adj), heartsick, hurt (feeling and emotion / verb), hurt (damage, injure), hyperventilate (v), hyperventilation (n), hysteria (n), inject (fresh blood, etc.), injury (other), lacerating (adj), moral injury (n), moral panic (n), narcotic (n), nostrum (n), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (emotional / groups), painful (adj), panic (bisexual panic, etc.), paralyzed (feeling), paroxysm (emotion), pill (bitter pill, etc.), sanguine (adj), scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, shock (in shock), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), sick (disgusted), sick (with anxiety, etc.), sick and tired (feeling), soothe (sensation), tonic (effect), toxic (adj), traumatic (mental health), withdrawal (feeling), wound (figurative wounds of Vietnam, etc.), wounded (emotionally)
- flaws & lack of flaws: fit (adj), fitness (ability), flabby (adj), lean (size), lethargic (adj), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, surgical (adj)
- force: castrated, castration (n), emasculated (adj), emasculating (adj), eunuch (n), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj), steroids (on steroids)
- functioning: atrophy (v), basket case, comatose (adj), cripple (v), crippled, hamstring (v), hamstring, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), paralyze (v), paralyzed (functioning), paralysis (n), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- future: prognosis (n)
- growth & development: cancer (n), cancerous (adj), growth (cancerous, etc.), malignant (adj), metastasize (v), metastasizing (adj), tumor (n)
- haste: rash (hasty)
- heart: heartsick
- identity & nature: incurable (adj)
- inclusion & exclusion: anxiety (n), atrocity (n), despair (groups), distress (mental, etc.), exhausted (groups), exhausting (groups), exhaustion (groups), fear (of criticism, etc.), grief (groups), harm (groups / noun), harm (groups / verb), harmed (groups), harmful (groups), healing (n), horrific (adj), insecure (insecure work, etc.), insecurity (food insecurity, etc.), mental (adj), mental health (n), mentally (mentally unwell, etc.), mental wellbeing (and mental well-being), mental wellness (groups), pain (emotional / groups), panic (bisexual panic, etc.), retraumatize (v), re-traumatizing (groups), revictimization (or revictimisation), revictimized (groups), self-care (and self care), shame (period shame, etc.), shame (body-shame / verb, etc.), shamed (groups), shaming (slut shaming, etc.), suffer (groups), survivor (groups), tired (groups), trauma (groups, etc.), traumatic (groups), traumatization (groups), traumatize (v), traumatized (groups), traumatizing (groups), trigger (groups / verb), triggered (groups), triggering (groups), trigger warning (groups), victim (groups), victimhood (groups), victimization (or victimisation), victimize (groups), victimized (groups), vulnerability (emotional, etc.),

- vulnerable (emotionally, etc.), weariness (groups), weather (groups / verb), weathered (groups), weathering (groups), welfare (mental, etc.), wellbeing (n), wellness (groups)
- increase & decrease: demic (infodemic, etc.), steroids (on steroids), swell (v)
 - initiation: patient zero
 - judgment: triage (v), triage (n)
 - knowledge & intelligence: surgeon (doesn't take a brain surgeon, etc.)
 - leaking: bleed (v), bleed (n), bleeding, hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n)
 - measurement: pulse (n), temperature (the political temperature, etc.)
 - mental health: anxiety (n), detox (and detoxification, etc.), exhausting (mental health), fatigue (internet fatigue, etc.), FOMO (fear of missing out), heal (v), healing (n), hysteria (n), mania (n), mental health (n), mental wellness (groups), moral injury (n), pain (emotional / groups), painful (adj), recover (mental health), re-traumatizing (groups), scar (psychologically / verb), self-care (and self care), sick (disgusted), sick (with anxiety, etc.), sick and tired (feeling), syndrome (n), trauma (groups, etc.), traumatic (groups), traumatic (mental health), traumatization (groups), traumatize (v), traumatized (groups), traumatizing (groups), trigger warning (groups), welfare (mental, etc.), wellbeing (n), wellness (groups), wound (figurative wounds of Vietnam, etc.), wounded (emotionally)
 - power: potency (strength), potent (adj), steroids (on steroids)
 - proper name: fever (fever tree, etc.), scar (the Scar, etc.)
 - protection & lack of protection: antibody (n), immune (adj), immunity (n), inoculate (v), inoculation (n), quarantine (v)
 - reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: fester (v), festering (adj), heal (v), healing (n)
 - relationship: hip (joined at the hip), Siamese twins, sneeze (v)
 - resemblance: rash (road rash, etc.), scar (resemblance / noun), scar (resemblance / verb)
 - reversal: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
 - script: prescribe (v), prescription (n)
 - size: bloated (size), flabby (adj), lean (size)
 - society: leper (person)
 - speech: bromide (n), eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), scathing (adj), vivisection (n)
 - starting, going, continuing & ending: fester (v), festering (adj), heal (v), spasmodic (adj)
 - strength & weakness: anemic (adj), castrated, castration (n), emasculated (adj), emasculating (adj), eunuch (n), flabby (adj), healthy (strength), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), lean (size), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj), puny (adj), robust (adj), stalwart (n), steroids (on steroids)
 - substance & lack of substance: Band-Aid (n)
 - subterfuge: chalice (poisoned chalice), pill (poison pill), snake oil (n)
 - sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: flabby (adj), lean (size), overdose (n)
 - superlative: sick (slang)
 - survival, persistence & endurance: life (breathe life), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v)
 - taxonomy & classification: strain (type)
 - throwing, putting & planting: inject (put), injection (n)
 - time: prognosis (n)
 - timeliness & lack of timeliness: golden hour
 - transmission: contagion (n), contagious (emotion), infectious (adj), sneeze (v), viral, virulent (adj)
 - wants, needs, hopes & goals: crave (v)
 - worth & lack of worth: snake oil (n)

HEART (1)

- bird: chicken-hearted
- container: heart (container)
- direction: downhearted, heart (heart sank), soar (a heart can soar)

- flying & falling: soar (a heart can soar)
- force: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)
- functioning: broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbeat (n), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- hardness & softness: hardhearted (and hard-hearted), softhearted (and softhearted)
- health & medicine: heartsick
- materials & substances: heart (heart of stone, etc.), stone-hearted
- mechanism: broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- memorization: heart (by heart)
- person: sweetheart (other)
- size: bighearted (and big-hearted)
- sound: heartbeat (n)
- taste: sweetheart (other)
- temperature: coldhearted (adj), heartwarming (adj), warmhearted (adj)
- weight: heart (heavy heart), heavy (heavy heart, etc.), heavy-hearted, light-hearted (adj)

HEART (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: heart (allegiance), heart (change of heart), hearts and minds
- amount: heart (half-hearted, etc.)
- appeal: cri de coeur
- bases: heart (basis), heart (beating heart), heart and soul
- center & periphery: heart (center), heartland (n), heartwood
- character & personality: good-hearted, hardhearted (and hard-hearted), heart (young at heart, etc.), kindhearted (and kind-hearted), softhearted (and soft-hearted)
- commitment & determination: half-hearted, heart (heart on one's sleeve), heart (commitment), heart and soul
- courage & lack of courage: chicken-hearted, faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)
- destruction: heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (stake through the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- eagerness & reluctance: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted), heart (eagerness and reluctance)
- empathy & lack of empathy: coldhearted (adj), heart (empathy), heartless, kindhearted (and kind-hearted), stone-hearted
- feeling, emotion & effect: broken-hearted, coldhearted (adj), downhearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (heart sank), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (romance, love), heart (miscellaneous), heartache (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartfelt, heartsick, heart-stopping, heartthrob, heartwarming (adj), heart-wrenching, heavy-hearted (adj), knife (knife in the heart), light-hearted (adj), soar (a heart can soar)
- identity & nature: heart (young at heart, etc.), heart (identity), heart and soul, heartland (n)
- person: sweetheart (other)
- place: heartland (n)
- reversal: heart (change of heart)
- shape: heart (shape)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: cri de coeur, heart (sincerity), heart (heart on one's sleeve), heartfelt (adj), heart-to-heart
- size: bighearted (and big-hearted)
- speed: heartbeat (in a heartbeat)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: heart-stopping
- strength & weakness: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)
- vocative: sweetheart (vocative)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: heart (goal)

HEATING WATER (2)

- activity: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: boil down to (v)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- bases: boil down to (v)
- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water)
- environment: cauldron (n), frog (frog in boiling water)
- epithet: cauldron (the Cauldron, etc.), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: boiling point, boil over (v), seethe (verb)
- initiation: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- situation: frog (frog in boiling water), hot water (in hot water)

HEEL (2) (see also foot; leg; toe)

- eagerness & reluctance: heel (dig in one's heels)
- oppression: heel (under the heel)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: heel (dig in one's heels), heel (on one's heels)
- sequence: heel (on the heels)

HEIGHT (2) (see also direction; position)

- achievement, recognition & praise: elevate (v), elevation (n), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), lofty (adj), peak (at the peak), pinnacle (achievement), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rising (rising star, etc.), star (achievement), statue (n), summit (at the summit), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- admiration & contempt: high (noble), look up to (somebody), look down (look down on somebody), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), nose (look down one's nose), pedestal (on a pedestal, etc.), pedestaled, talk down to (somebody)
- amount: low (low on food, etc.)
- amount & effect: peak (peak sexy, etc.)
- attainment: peak (peak sexy, etc.), sights (lower one's sights)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: heighten (v), loom (loom large, etc.), low (lie low), profile (low profile), profile (high profile), profile (attention), raise (attention), relief (in bold relief)
- behavior: above (above the fray, etc.), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), mud (in the mud), raise (your image, etc.), rise (rise above something), road (the high road / the low road), stoop (behavior), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- character & personality: cavalier (adj), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
- extent & scope: high and low, roof (through the roof), stratospheric (adj)
- fate, fortune & chance: rise and fall (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: depression (mental illness), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), low (emotion), moon (over the moon), point (low point / emotion), raise (feeling)
- force: wave (crest of a wave)
- growth & development: rise (on the rise), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rise and fall (n)
- hierarchy: cavalier (adj), higher-up (person)
- importance & significance: capstone (n), paramount (adj), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- increase & decrease: ceiling (high point), elevated (level), floor (low point), heighten (v), peak (at the peak), rise (on the rise), roof (through the roof), stratospheric (adj)
- orientation: lower (river, etc.), upper (river, etc.)

- past & present: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hangover (relic), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: bird's-eye (bird's-eye view), grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), ground (on the ground, etc.), level (ground level, etc.), weed (in the weeds), worm's-eye (adj), zoom out (v)
- presence & absence: loom (loom large, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), peak (at the peak), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rise and fall (n), rising (upcoming), star (achievement), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- progress & lack of progress: point (low point / high point)
- protection & lack of protection: profile (low profile)
- pursuit, capture & escape: low (lie low)
- reputation: raise (you image, etc.), standing (reputation)
- resiliency: head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: pedestaled
- sequence: descendant (come after / down)
- speech: talk down to (somebody)
- success & failure: rise and fall (v)
- superiority & inferiority: cavalier (adj), dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), heights (commanding heights, etc.), horse (high horse), loom (loom large, etc.), low (base, bad / adjective)
- superlative: peak (peak experience, etc.), peak (peak sexy, etc.), star (achievement)
- survival, persistence & endurance: hangover (relic)
- time: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), fall (on Friday, etc.), fall (night fell, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hangover (relic), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: sights (lower one's sights)

HELP & ASSISTANCE (1) (see also allegiance, support & betrayal; resiliency; survival, persistence & endurance)

- allusion: Marshall Plan, New Deal (Green New Deal, etc.)
- animal: mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- baby: nursemaid (help)
- back: back (carry something on one's back)
- bird: mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- blade: hack (a fix), hacking (fixing)
- boat: steward (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- boxing: sparring partner (role)
- bridge: stepping stone
- burden: back (carry something on one's back), carry (assist)
- clothing & accessories: eye (naked eye)
- creature: angel (guardian angel), angel (help and assistance), godmother (fairy godmother)
- death & life: rescue (v), rescue (n)
- direction: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.), pick up (pick somebody up, etc.), turn (turn to something, etc.)
- epithet: godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.)
- family: brother (big brother, etc.), godfather (v), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), godmother (fairy godmother), mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, sister (big sister, etc.)
- finger: finger (lift a finger)
- football: interference (run interference)
- hand: finger (lift a finger), hand (bite the hand that feeds one), hand (help), handmaiden (help), handout (n)

- history: logroll (v), logrolling (n), Marshall Plan, New Deal (Green New Deal, etc.)
- horse: cavalry (n), leg up (help, advantage)
- infrastructure: caretaker (role), custodian (role), scaffold (v), scaffolding (n)
- journeys & trips: stepping stone
- ladder: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.)
- leg: leg up (help, advantage)
- magic: magic (trail magic, etc.)
- mechanism: hotline (988, etc.), wheel (training wheels)
- Middle Ages: knight (knight in shining armor), white knight
- military: ally (other), armed, armory (n), arrow (weapon), arsenal (amount), bow (weapon), cavalry (n), Marshall Plan, weapon (help), wingman (person)
- money: lend (lend a hand, etc.)
- mountains & hills: Sherpa (v), Sherpa (n)
- part of speech: thanks (thanks to something)
- person: caretaker (role), custodian (role), friend (n), friendly (adj), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), godmother (fairy godmother), gun (hired gun), handmaiden (help), knight (knight in shining armor), mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, nursemaid (help), servant (help), Sherpa (v), Sherpa (n), sparring partner (role), steward (n), white knight, wingman (person)
- plane: steward (role), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.), wingman (person)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: handout (n), pick up (pick somebody up, etc.)
- religion: angel (guardian angel), angel (help and assistance), godsend (n), patron saint, salvation (n), savior (n)
- river: stepping stone
- royalty: handmaiden (help)
- speech: thanks (thanks to something)
- sports & games: locker (sports)
- standing, sitting & lying: crutch (n), lean on (support)
- theater: repertoire (n)
- throwing, putting & planting: pitch in (help)
- tools & technology: instrument, tool (help)
- train: steward (role)
- tree: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- verb: carry (assist), finger (lift a finger), godfather (v), lean on (support), lend (lend a hand, etc.), logroll (v), pick up (pick somebody up, etc.), pitch in (help), rescue (v), scaffold (v), Sherpa (v)
- weapon: armed, armory (n), arrow (weapon), arsenal (amount), bow (weapon), gun (hired gun), weapon (help)
- weight: back (carry something on one's back), carry (assist)
- wind: tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)

HIERARCHY (1) (see also competition; society; superiority & inferiority)

- allusion: patrician
- animal: bee (queen bee), food chain, lion (liberal lion, etc.), lioness (lioness of the left, etc.), pecking order, top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- bird: pecking order
- blood: blue blood
- chain: chain of command (and chain), food chain
- color: blue blood
- direction: above (hierarchy), apex (apex animal, etc.), basement (hierarchy), bottom (at the bottom), chain of command (and chain), head (go over one's head / hierarchy), higher-up (person), ladder (hierarchy), mountain (at the top of the mountain), pyramid (hierarchy), tier (hierarchy), top (hierarchy), top dog (hierarchy), totem pole, under (hierarchy)

- dog: top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- head: head (head of the school, etc.), head (go over one's head / hierarchy)
- height: cavalier (adj), higher-up (person)
- history: patrician, pyramid (hierarchy)
- horse: cavalier (adj)
- house: basement (hierarchy)
- insect: bee (queen bee)
- ladder: ladder (hierarchy), rung (on the bottom rung), rung (bottom rung), rung (other)
- line: rank-and-file (adj)
- lion: lion (liberal lion, etc.), lioness (lioness of the left, etc.)
- materials & substances: brass (leader)
- military: brass (leader), chain of command (and chain), foot soldier (duty), rank-and-file (adj)
- mountains & hills: mountain (at the top of the mountain)
- movement: move (move up)
- person: higher-up (person), lion (liberal lion, etc.), lioness (lioness of the left, etc.), overlord (person), top dog (hierarchy)
- position: above (hierarchy), apex (apex animal, etc.), barrel (at the bottom of the barrel), bottom (at the bottom), head (go over one's head / hierarchy), mountain (at the top of the mountain), over (dominance), overlord (person), table (head of the table), tier (hierarchy), top (hierarchy), top dog (hierarchy), totem pole, under (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- predation: food chain
- prep, adv, adj, particle: above (hierarchy), over (dominance), under (hierarchy), work (work one's way up)
- royalty: bee (queen bee), blue blood
- school & education: boys' club (boy's club, boys club), Old Boy (Old Boy network, etc.)
- shape: pyramid (hierarchy)
- sign, signal, symbol: brass (leader)
- society: Brahmin (person), caste (n), untouchable (person)
- table: table (head of the table)
- ticket: second-class (adj)
- verb: head (go over one's head / hierarchy)

HISTORY (1)

- allusion: Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.)
- animal: pedigree (n)
- burden: baggage (n), freighted, loaded (loaded word, etc.)
- epithet: Caesar (Chinese Caesar, etc.), Columbus (Chinese Columbus, etc.), Galen (Galen of Islam, etc.), Lexington (of China, etc.), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Marco Polo (Muslim Marco Polo, etc.), nine eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.)
- family: pedigree (n)
- journeys & trips: baggage (n), freighted, loaded (loaded word, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: helmet (pith helmet)
- sports & games: track record (good), track record (bad)
- weight: baggage (n), freighted, loaded (loaded word, etc.)

HISTORY (2)

- accusation & criticism: tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred
- achievement, recognition & praise: belt (notch in a belt), laurels (praise), scalp (n)
- action, inaction & delay: fabius (Fabius Maximus), fiddle (while Rome burns, etc.), Gordian knot
- activity: gold rush

- allegiance, support & betrayal: fealty (n), river (sell somebody down the river), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- allusion: fiddle (while Rome burns, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: renaissance (n)
- amount: horde (people)
- amount & effect: gold rush
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: Rosetta Stone
- appearance & reality: Potemkin (potemkin meeting, etc.)
- behavior: badlands (environment), barbaric (behavior), Caligulan, cowboy (person), Roaring Twenties, wild West
- birth: renaissance (n)
- certainty & uncertainty: Bermuda Triangle
- character & personality: Caligulan, carpetbagger (person), Colonel Blimp, cowboy (person), gladiator (n), helmet (pith helmet), warrior (other)
- coercion & motivation: hatched man (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: migration (#TwitterMigration, etc.)
- commitment & determination: boat (burn one's boats), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), shield (on one's shield)
- comparison & contrast: Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.)
- competition: joust (v), jousting (conflict), race (arms race), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.)
- complexity: baroque (adj), byzantine
- comprehension & incomprehension: Latin (Latin of Korea, etc.), Rosetta Stone
- concealment & lack of concealment: history (secret history)
- conflict: arena (in / inside the arena), cold war, joust (v), jousting (conflict), match (death match), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.), wagon (circle the wagons), warpath (on the warpath)
- constraint & lack of constraint: Geneva Convention (cyber, etc.)
- control & lack of control: badlands (environment), cowboy (person), wild West
- cost & benefit: gold rush, Pyrrhic victory (figurative)
- decline: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other)
- dependency: banana republic, satrapy (n)
- destruction: Chernobyl, genocidal (adj), genocide (groups), Hiroshima (epithet), *Titanic* (the ship), vandal (n), vandalism (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, New Deal (Green New Deal, etc.), slave (v), trail of tears (suffering), via dolorosa
- disruption: Bolshevik, Che Guevara, Danton, Jacobin, revolution (n), revolutionary (person), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v)
- division & connection: apartheid (separation), balkanization (n), Balkanized, Ceuta and Melilla, iron curtain, Maginot Line, Yugoslavia (Asian Yugoslavia, etc.)
- environment: badlands (environment), wild West
- epithet: Luddite (allusion)
- failure, accident & impairment: Chernobyl
- fantasy & reality: Arthurian (adj), Bermuda Triangle, El Dorado
- fate, fortune & chance: boat (burn one's boats), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), *Titanic* (the ship)
- feeling, emotion & effect: trail of tears (suffering), via dolorosa
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- group, set & collection: horde (people)
- growth & development: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), gilded (Gilded Age), golden age (and golden era), medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), Neanderthal, renaissance (n), revolution (n), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v), Stone Age

- help & assistance: logroll (v), logrolling (n), Marshall Plan, New Deal (Green New Deal, etc.)
- hierarchy: patrician, pyramid (hierarchy)
- hyperbole: slave (v)
- identity & nature: carpetbagger (person), patrician, time (a man of his time, etc.)
- importance & significance: blaze (verb), pioneer (person), pioneering, revolution (n), revolutionary, revolutionize (v), triumvirate (n)
- judgment: auto da fe, inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob, star chamber (n)
- knowledge & intelligence: Dark Ages (in the Dark Ages), Dark Ages (other), medieval (adj), prehistoric (adj)
- migration: Lazarus (Emma Lazarus), trail of tears (migration), underground railroad
- money: gilded (Gilded Age)
- oppression: auto da fe, baggage (n), Cromwellian (adj), genocidal (adj), genocide (groups), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob, McCarthy, McCarthyism, McCarthyite, mob (society), puritanism (n), reign of terror / fear, etc., star chamber (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, tyrant (n), witch hunt
- past & present: ancien regime, dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), Neanderthal, passed down (by ancestors, etc.), prehistoric (adj), present (up to the present), Stone Age, up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- power: baron (power), complex (military-industrial complex, etc.), czar (and tsar), emperor (power), empire (enterprise), mogul (n), overlord (person), pharaoh (power), tyrant (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: ancien regime, gilded (Gilded Age), golden age (and golden era), legacy (obsolescence), medieval (adj), Neanderthal, old guard, prehistoric (adj), renaissance (n), Stone Age
- protection & lack of protection: Great Wall of China, praetorian guard, wagon (circle the wagons)
- punishment & recrimination: scalp (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred
- pursuit, capture & escape: underground railroad
- relationship: banana republic, satrapy (n)
- reputation: legacy (reputation)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: barricade (storm the barricades, etc.), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), underground railroad, Young Turk
- restraint & lack of restraint: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: Young Turk
- searching & discovery: El Dorado, trail (blaze a trail)
- sequence: descendant (come after / down)
- sex: puritanism (n)
- size: Pharaonic (adj)
- social interaction: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- speech: tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred
- success & failure: Pyrrhic victory (figurative), scalp (n)
- superlative: golden age (and golden era)
- survival, persistence & endurance: trail of tears (suffering), via dolorosa
- time: age (age of Trump, etc.), ancien regime, dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), era (time), gilded (Gilded Age), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), Neanderthal, passed down (by ancestors, etc.), prehistoric (adj), Roaring Twenties, Stone Age, time (a man of his time, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- transmission: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- violence: auto da fe
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: El Dorado
- work & duty: slave (v)
- worth & lack of worth: gold rush

HOLE (2)

- affliction: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- appearance: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked
- appearance & disappearance: ground (go to ground)
- concealment & lack of concealment: ground (go to ground)
- configuration: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- conflict: pit (bear pit), snake pit
- danger: pitfall (n)
- destruction: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v)
- environment: hellhole, pit (bear pit), snake pit
- failure, accident & impairment: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: rabbit hole (fantasy), wormhole (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: depression (mental illness), hole (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: chink (flaw), hole (flaw), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.), Swiss cheese (n)
- involvement: hole (situation)
- military: foxhole (military), spider hole (military)
- portal: rabbit hole (fantasy), wormhole (n)
- protection & lack of protection: bolt-hole (and bolthole), foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.), ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
- pursuit, capture & escape: ground (go to ground)
- situation: hole (situation), dig out (v)

HORIZON (2)

- experience: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- extent & scope: horizon (extent and scope)
- future: horizon (on the horizon)
- time: horizon (on the horizon)

HORN (2)

- branching system: multipronged, prong (part)
- conflict: head (butt heads), head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: head-on
- dismissal, removal & resignation: shed (v)
- experience: greenhorn (person)
- proper name: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.)
- shape: horn (shape)

HORSE (2) (see also animal)

- ability & lack of ability: pony (one-trick pony)
- achievement, recognition & praise: spur (earn one's spurs, etc.)
- affliction: gadfly (person), pester (v), saddle (a burr in the saddle)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: trotted out
- avoidance & separation: shy (and shy away)
- behavior: rear (v), skittish (adj), stampede (n), stud (male)
- branching system: spur (shape)
- certainty & uncertainty: hands down (certainty)
- character & personality: cavalier (adj), gadfly (person), hard-charging (adj), maverick (person), stud (male)

- coercion & motivation: spur (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: cavalcade (n), sunset (ride into the sunset)
- commitment & determination: bit (bit between its teeth), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.)
- competition: close (and close-run), dead heat, dust (leave somebody in the dust), jockey (v), leg up (help, advantage), neck and neck (adj)
- complexity: nest (mare's nest)
- configuration: astride (position), bridle (mechanical bridle, etc.), saddle (support), straddle (configuration)
- conflict: corral (v), rear (v), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- consciousness & awareness: blinder (n), blinkered (adj), blinkers (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: shy (and shy away)
- consciousness & awareness: blinkered (adj), blinkers (n)
- constraint & lack of constraint: bit (bit between its teeth)
- control & lack of control: bit (bit between its teeth), bridle (v), corral (v), corralled, harness (v), horse (hold your horses), lead (restraint), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in, rope in (v), runaway (control), run away (v), saddle (in the saddle), unbridled, wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- constraint & lack of constraint: bridle (v), rein (free rein), unbridled
- destruction: founder (v)
- development: homestretch (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: canter (n), canter (v), hands down (easily), trot (on the trot)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: factory (glue factory), pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture), unseat (v)
- disruption: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), unseat (v)
- driving force: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), outrider (n)
- eagerness & reluctance: balk (v), bit (champ at the bit), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), go (raring to go, etc.), horse (hold your horses), skittish (adj)
- experience: mustang (n), ride (rough ride, etc.), rodeo (first rodeo), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: whoa (exclamation)
- failure, accident & impairment: founder (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), unseat (v)
- fictive position: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- fictive transportation: ride (ride something to fame, etc.)
- force: hard-charging (adj)
- group, set & collection: cavalcade (n), posse (group), stable (group)
- haste: gallop (haste), headlong, hoof (on the hoof), spur (spur of the moment)
- help & assistance: cavalry (n), leg up (help, advantage)
- hierarchy: cavalier (adj)
- initiation: spur (v), spurred
- involvement: horse (horse in the race)
- military: cavalry (mechanized cavalry, etc.), mustang (n)
- movement: canter (n), canter (v), gallop (v), stampede (n), trot (on the trot)
- oppression: saddle (oppress), saddled
- perception, perspective & point of view: blinder (n), blinkered (adj), blinkers (n)
- performance: dog-and-pony show (n), pony (one-trick pony)
- person: cowboy (person), stud (male), wrangler (person)
- position, policy & negotiation: horse-trading
- progress & lack of progress: inroads (make inroads)
- power: oats (feel one's oats)
- proper name: saddle (Saddle Island, etc.), spur (Geneva Spur, etc.)
- readiness & preparedness: groom (prepare), hoof (on the hoof)
- resiliency: horse (get back on the horse), saddle (get back in the saddle)

- resistance, opposition & defeat: balk (v), bridle (v), buck (v), cavalry (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: bridle (v), unbridled
- role: saddle (acting saddle, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: buck (v), maverick (person)
- sequence: horse (cart before the horse)
- sex: stud (male)
- shape: horseshoe (shape), saddle (shape), spur (shape)
- sound: gallop (sound)
- speed: breakneck (adj), canter (n), canter (v), gallop (v), galloping (speed)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: balk (v), gate (out of the gate), homestretch (n), saddle (saddle up)
- strength & weakness: oats (feel one's oats), workhorse (n)
- subterfuge: stalking-horse (n)
- superiority & inferiority: cavalier (adj), dust (leave somebody in the dust), horse (high horse)
- superlative: thoroughbred (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: distance (go the distance)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: head start, wire (down to the wire)
- work & duty: harness (in harness), horse (the willing horse, etc.), warhorse (and war horse), workhorse (n)
- worth & lack of worth: horse (a gift horse), thoroughbred (n)

HOOR (2)

- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: hour (finest hour, etc.)
- superlative: hour (finest hour, etc.)
- time: hour (finest hour, etc.), hour (timeliness)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: golden hour, hour (timeliness), zero hour (n)

HOUSE (2) (see also doors & thresholds; gate; roof)

- acceptance & rejection: room (inclusivity), welcome (v), welcome (n)
- amelioration & renewal: broom (broom of reform, etc.), house (a house in order), house (clean house)
- appearance & disappearance: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- area: neighborhood (area)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: house (hype house), room (back room, etc.)
- bases: edifice (n), foundation (n), foundational (adj)
- concealment & lack of concealment: basement (hierarchy), closet (secret), room (back room, etc.), skeleton (secret)
- configuration: neighbor (v), neighbor (n), neighboring (adj)
- creation & transformation: house (house that somebody built, etc.)
- decline: basement (basement price, etc.)
- destruction: roof (a roof can cave in)
- disruption: broom (broom of reform, etc.), house (clean house)
- effect: home (hit home)
- extent & scope: roof (through the roof)
- failure, accident & impairment: roof (a roof can cave in)
- feeling, emotion & effect: home (hit home), home (feel at home), home (close to home), welcome (welcome news, etc.)
- fictive communication: welcome (v)
- fictive meeting & seeing: welcome (v)
- fictive possession: inhabit (v), occupy (v)
- group, set & collection: house (hype house), nest (of vipers, etc.)
- hierarchy: basement (hierarchy)
- house: furniture (contents)

- increase & decrease: ceiling (high point), floor (low point), roof (through the roof)
- judgment: bed (lie in one's bed / make one's bed)
- location: dwell (location), home (home of golf, etc.), home (home for the archive, etc.), home (home to), live (location), reside (v), residence (n)
- orientation: floor (pelvic floor, etc.), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)
- origin: home (home of golf, etc.), house (origin), house (house that somebody built, etc.)
- place: den (den of thieves, etc.), dwell (location), home (home for the archive, etc.), live (location), nest (empty nest), reside (v), residence (n)
- presence & absence: furniture (contents)
- proper name: nest (Bird's Nest, etc.), shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.), staircase (Devil's Staircase, etc.), stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: home (home in Islam, etc.)
- proximity: backyard (in somebody's backyard), backyard (other), doorstep (on / at the doorstep), home (hit home), home (close to home)
- resemblance: nest (resemblance)
- responsibility: bed (lie in one's bed, make one's bed)
- shape: nest (shape), shelf (ice shelf, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: house of cards
- welcome: home (feel at home), inhospitable (adj), welcome (v), welcome (n), welcoming (other)

HUNTING (2)

- accusation & criticism: go after (attack)
- affliction: bird-dog (v), follow (afflict), hound (v), hounded (dogged)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: find (discover), sign (evidence)
- appearance & disappearance: ground (go to ground)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: catchy (attention), low (lie low)
- attraction & repulsion: bait (lure / verb), bait (awards bait, etc.), chum (n), clickbait (n), dangle (v), lure (n), lure (v)
- behavior: deer (deer in the headlights), hotshot (person)
- character & personality: hotshot (person)
- competition: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), game (game of cat and mouse)
- computer: clickbait (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: Easter egg, footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), ground (go to ground), track (cover one's tracks, etc.)
- danger: ensnare (v), pitfall (n), sitting duck, snare (v), snare (n), trap (v), trap (other)
- destruction: gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: turkey shoot
- eagerness & reluctance: bay (bay for blood, etc.), dog (dog won't hunt), pounce (v)
- enthusiasm: hound (autograph hound, etc.)
- evidence: sign (evidence), trail (digital trail, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: jaw (jaws of defeat, jaws of victory, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: gutted (feeling)
- involvement: caught up (in or by something), dog (dog in the fight), ensnare (v), ensnared, snare (v), trap (v), trapped
- military: bait (noun / military), trap (military / noun)
- movement: lurk (v), pounce (v), stalk (v)
- past & present: catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.)
- person: hunter (plants), hunter (other), tracker (person)
- presence & absence: lurk (v)

- protection & lack of protection: ground (go to ground), sitting duck
- punishment & recrimination: head (put a head on a wall), head (put a head on a stake, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: bag (in the bag), bait (lure / verb), bait (awards bait, etc.), bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.), bird-dog (v), bloodhound (n), capture (v), capture (n), captured, cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), catch (marriage), catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.), caught, caught up (in or by something), claw (n), clickbait (n), come after (and come for), cornered (adj), elusive (adj), ensnare (v), ensnared, expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), follow (afflict), footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), game (game of cat and mouse), go after (attack), gotcha (contempo-speak), ground (go to ground), head (put a head on a wall), head (put a head on a stake, etc.), headhunter (n), hound (v), hounded (dogged), hunt (v), hunt (n), hunt (in the hunt), hunt down (v), hunter (plant), hunter (other), jaw (jaws of defeat, jaws of victory, etc.), low (lie low), lure (v), lure (n), octopus (n), out (leave somebody an out, etc.), pincer (n), pincer (n), predation (n), pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), pursuit (in pursuit), pursuit (other), recapture (v), scent (throw somebody off the scent), snare (v), snare (n), stalk (v), tentacle (n), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), track down (v), tracked (followed), tracker (person), tracking, trail (follow), trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.), trail (digital trail, etc.), trap (in a trap), trap (other), trapped
- searching & discovery: bloodhound (n), Easter egg, expedition (fishing expedition), find (discover), find (hope, etc.), search (for truth, cure, etc.), track down (v), trail (digital trail, etc.)
- situation: caught up (in or by something), ensnare (v), ensnared, trap (in a trap)
- speech: go after (attack)
- subterfuge: elusive (adj), footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), scent (throw somebody off the scent), stalking-horse, track (cover one's tracks, etc.), snare (n), trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.), trap (other)
- success & failure: dog (dog won't hunt)
- target: open season (n)

HYGIENE (2)

- accusation & criticism: trash (n)
- amelioration & renewal: act (clean up one's act), broom (broom of reform, etc.), clean (come clean), clean (v), cleanse (make clean), clean up (improve), disinfect (v), disinfectant (n), house (clean house), order (get something in order, etc.)
- amount: laundry (laundry list)
- appearance & reality: artwash (v), sportswash (v), sportswashing (n)
- behavior: act (clean up one's act), dirty (behavior)
- character & personality: hot mess (person), mess (person)
- computer: clean (computer / verb), disinfect (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: aired (and aired out), artwash (v), clean (come clean), dirty laundry, launder (v), pasteurized, sanitize (v), sanitized, sanitizing, scrub (remove), scrubbed, sportswash (v), sportswashing (n), wash (straightwash, etc.)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand (wash one's hands of something)
- corruption: filthy (corruption)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: clean out (v), cleanse (make clean), filter (v), flush (remove), scrub (remove), scrubbed
- disruption: broom (broom of reform, etc.), house (clean house)
- environment: cesspit (n), cesspool (n), sewer (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: chaotic (adj), clean (a clean record, etc.), dirty (dirty energy, etc.), hot mess (situation, etc.), mess (n), messy (adj), sloppy (adj)
- guilt: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- insult: dirty (dirty people, etc.), filth (insult), scum (insult), trash (n), vermin (insult)
- involvement: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- military: sterile (sterile security zone, etc.), sterilize (v)

- person: hot mess (person)
- responsibility: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- sex: dirty (sex), filthy (sex), nasty (sex), purity (sex)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: clean (come clean)
- situation: hot mess (situation, etc.), mess (n)
- speech: clean up (speech), dirty (dirty word), filthy (language)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: hand (wash one's hands of something)
- subterfuge: greenwash (n), greenwashing (n), launder (v), wash (straightwash, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: filthy (filthy rich)
- superlative: filthy (slang)
- violence: brainwash (v), brainwashed, cleanse (violence), cleansing (ethnic cleansing), cleanup (military), filth (insult), flush (remove), scum (insult), sterile (sterile security zone, etc.), sterilize (v), vermin (insult)
- worth & lack of worth: filth (insult), filthy (bad), scum (insult), trash (n), vermin (insult)

HYPERBOLE (1)

- bodily reaction: horribly, horrific (adj), horrifically, horrified, horrifying (adj), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up)
- clothing & accessories: pants (scare the pants off somebody)
- crime: hijack (v), murder (v), murderer (shame is a murderer, etc.)
- death & life: die (hyperbole), death (to death), death (death by PowerPoint, etc.), executed (animals, etc.), murder (v), murderer (shame is a murderer, etc.)
- food & drink: retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), supersizing (linguistic supersizing)
- history: slave (v)
- money: soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- person: murderer (shame is a murderer, etc.)
- size: supersizing (linguistic supersizing)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin (jump out of one's skin)
- stomach: retch (and puke, vomit, throw up)
- verb: colonize (take), hijack (v), pants (scare the pants off somebody), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), skin (jump out of one's skin), slave (v), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)

IDEA (1)

- animal: sacred cow
- container: box (in / out / outside the box)
- family: brainchild (n)
- head: brainchild (n), brainstorm (v), brainstorm (n)
- light & dark: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)
- religion: iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), piety (n), sacred cow, shibboleth
- sign, signal, symbol: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)
- sky: sky (blue sky thinking)
- storm: brainstorm (n), brainstorm (v)
- verb: brainstorm (v)

IDENTITY & NATURE (1) (see also behavior; character & personality)

- affix: ness (Asian-ness, etc.)
- air: air (environment)
- allusion: believer (true believer), no (no Jack Kennedy, etc.), not (not Churchill, etc.), patrician
- animal: animal (political animal, etc.), breed (type), chameleon (change), chameleonic (adj), creature (creature of habit, etc.), feral (behavior), leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), pedigree (n), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.), shape (form)

- atmosphere: air (environment)
- biology: DNA (in the DNA), DNA (other), gene (in one's genes), gene (other)
- birth: birthright (n), born (born teacher, etc.)
- blood: bleed (bleed black and gold, etc.), blood (in one's blood), blood (identity), vein (tap a vein)
- breathing: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to)
- carpets & rugs: tapestry (n)
- cloth: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.), dyed-in-the-wool, tapestry (n)
- color: blue (politics), chocolate (African Americans), red (politics)
- container: in (the cowboy in me, etc.), inner (inner sloth, etc.), melting pot (n)
- cooking: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- creature: creature (creature of habit, etc.), unicorn (Scotland, etc.)
- death & life: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to)
- electricity: wired (and hardwired)
- epithet: British (British of South America, etc.), teacher (teacher's teacher, etc.)
- face: face (identity and nature), faceless (adj)
- family: child (child of the Soviet Union, etc.), daughter (daughter of Brooklyn, etc.), pedigree (n), son (son of the South, etc.)
- finger: fingertip (to one's fingertips)
- fire: melting pot (n)
- flags & banners: colors (true colors, etc.)
- food & drink: bowl (salad bowl / mixture), gumbo (mixture), jambalaya (mixture), pie (apple pie)
- forest: rainforest (society is a rainforest)
- ground, terrain & land: embed (v), embedded
- health & medicine: incurable (adj)
- heart: heart (young at heart, etc.), heart (identity), heart and soul, heartland (n)
- history: carpetbagger (person), patrician, time (a man of his time, etc.)
- infrastructure: built in
- journeys & trips: ways (foodways, etc.)
- line: line (songline, etc.)
- manufacturing: product (n)
- mark: streak (violent streak, etc.)
- materials & substances: ersatz (substitute)
- mechanism: wired (and hardwired)
- mental health: identity crisis
- military: ersatz (substitute)
- mining: melting pot (n)
- mixture: rainforest (society is a rainforest)
- money: brand (non-product)
- music: anthem (n), anthemic (adj), symphony (identity)
- person: carpetbagger (person), child (child of the Soviet Union, etc.), daughter (daughter of Brooklyn, etc.), son (son of the South, etc.)
- plant: root (origin), transplant (n)
- predation: leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (the cowboy in me, etc.), inner (inner sloth, etc.)
- religion: born-again, heart and soul, soul (identity), soul (life)
- sign, signal, symbol: pie (apple pie), unicorn (Scotland, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: bone (racist bone, etc.)
- society: tribal (groups), tribalism (groups)

- taste: flavor (regional flavor, etc.)
- temperature: melting pot (n)
- time: time (a man of his time, etc.)
- tree: root (origin)
- verb: bleed (bleed black and gold, etc.), breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), define (v), fold in (v), live (live and breathe, live to)
- writing & spelling: define (verb)

ILIAD & ODYSSEY (2)

- affliction: hector (v)
- alternatives & choices: Scylla and Charybdis
- attraction & repulsion: siren (siren call / siren song), siren (other)
- coercion & motivation: hector (v)
- computer: Trojan horse (computers)
- danger: Scylla and Charybdis
- development: odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other)
- initiation: ship (launched a thousand ships)
- message: Cassandra
- oppression: Cyclops (creature)
- proper name: Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: Achilles' heel (n)
- speech: pander (v)
- strength & weakness: Achilles' heel
- subterfuge: Trojan horse (subterfuge)
- superlative: epic (n), Homeric (adj)

IMPORTANCE & SIGNIFICANCE (1) (see also attention, scrutiny & promotion; center & periphery; priority; superiority & inferiority)

- allusion: titan (n), triumvirate (n)
- animal: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), mole hill (and molehill), sardine (n), whale (epithet)
- arm: arm (right arm)
- astronomy: planet (n)
- birth: seminal (adj)
- books & reading: Who's Who
- center & periphery: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), background (background noise, etc.), burner (front burner), centerpiece (n), central (adj), foreground (n), sideshow (n)
- circus: sideshow (n)
- creature: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- direction: burner (front burner), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), breakthrough (n), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), hinge (hinge event, etc.), mind (top of mind), mind (front of mind), mind (back of mind)
- epithet: Alexander (Muslim Alexander, etc.), great (the Great Resignation, etc.), pharmacy (Pharmacy of the World, etc.), Pope (Pope of Beaujolais, etc.), Ptolemy (Chinese Ptolemy, etc.), Zuckerberg (the Russian Mark Zuckerberg, etc.)
- family: big daddy (authority)
- farming & agriculture: ground (break ground), groundbreaking
- film & TV: marquee (attention)
- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), sardine (n), whale (epithet)
- food & drink: bread and butter (livelihood), bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk), nothing-burger

- fortification: salient (important)
- gambling: stake (importance), stake (high stakes)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (break ground), groundbreaking, landmark (n), salient (important)
- hand: right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- height: capstone (n), paramount (adj), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- history: pioneer (person), pioneering, revolution (n), revolutionary, revolutionize (v), trail (blaze a trail), triumvirate (n)
- infrastructure: capstone (n), ground (break ground), milestone (n), monument (n), monumental (adj), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- journeys & trips: landmark (n), milestone (n), pathbreaking (adj), pioneer (person), pioneering, trail (blaze a trail), trailblazer (person), trailblazing
- key: key (important)
- light & dark: leading light (person), luminary (person)
- mark: trail (blaze a trail)
- mechanism: cog (cog in the machine, etc.), fulcrum (n), hinge (hinge event, etc.), kingpin (person), linchpin (n), pivotal (adj), point (tipping point), point (pivot point), turning point (n)
- military: big gun (and heavy gun), breakthrough (n), salient (important)
- money: million-dollar
- mountains & hills: paramount (adj), watershed (n)
- movement: breakthrough (n), hinge (hinge event, etc.), turning point (n)
- music: fiddle (second fiddle)
- number: fiddle (second fiddle), trinity (Holy Trinity), triumvirate (n), zero (place and time, etc.)
- object: thing (a matter, issue)
- part of speech: everything (my everything, etc.)
- path: pathbreaking (adj)
- person: big gun (and heavy gun), big shot (person), bigwig (person), guy (the guy), immortal (person), joe (an average joe, etc.), leading light (person), luminary (person), man (big man, little man, etc.), nobody (a nobody), people (little people, etc.), pioneer (person), somebody (a somebody), trailblazer (person), Who's Who
- picture: background (background noise, etc.), foreground (n)
- position: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), background (background noise, etc.), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), centerpiece (n), central (adj), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), foreground (n), front (front and center), mind (top of mind), mind (front of mind), mind (back of mind), right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- potato: potato (small potatoes)
- religion: fetish (n), fetishistic (adj), fetishistically, fetishize (v), fetishized, god (importance), hallowed (adj), idol (person), idolize (v), idolized, immortal (person), Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), sacred (adj), trinity (Holy Trinity), Valhalla (non-military), venerate (v), venerated, worship (v), worship (n)
- river: watershed (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: milestone (n)
- size: big (significance), big (big name, etc.), Big (comprehension, scope), Big One (earthquake, etc.), big daddy (authority), big gun (and heavy gun), big league (and big leagues), big shot (person), bigwig (person), blip (n), colossus (n), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (achievement), huge (significant), man (big man, little man, etc.), minnow (n), mole hill (and molehill), monumental (adj), people (little people, etc.), potato (small potatoes), sardine (n), teacup (storm in a teacup), titan (n), towering (towering figure, etc.), whale (epithet)
- sound: keynote (n)
- sports & games: big league (and big leagues), game (game-changer)
- statue: colossus (n)
- theater: role (function or part)

- tools & technology: blip (n)
- verb: background (background noise, etc.), fetishize (v), idolize (v), revolutionize (v), trail (blaze a trail), venerate (v), worship (v)
- weapon: big gun (and heavy gun), big shot (person)
- weight: gravity (substance), heavy (substance), weighty (substance)

IMPRESSION (1)

- cloth: dyed-in-the-wool, ingrained
- color: dyed-in-the-wool, ingrained
- fire: burned (impressed), seared
- ground, terrain & land: embed (v), embedded
- mark: burned (impressed), engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, imprint (n), inscribed, mark (effect), seared, stamp (impression), stamped
- materials & substances: plastered (impression)
- sensation: burned (impressed), rub (rub in, rub something in), sensation
- tools & technology: engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, inscribed, stamp (impression), stamped
- verb: embed (v), etch (v), rub (rub in, rub something in)

INAUGURATION (1)

- bell: ring in (the New Year, etc.)
- cloth: unveil (make public), wrap (take the wraps off something / inauguration)
- doors & thresholds: usher in (v)
- flying & falling: drop (product launch), launch (n)
- love, courtship & marriage: party (coming-out party)
- mechanism: drop (product launch), drop (a product, etc.), roll out (v), rollout (n)
- party: party (coming-out party)
- sound: ring in (the New Year, etc.)
- theater: usher in (v)
- verb: drop (a product, etc.), hit (hit the market, etc.), launch (v), ring in (the New Year, etc.), roll out (v), unveil (make public), usher in (v), wrap (take the wraps off something / inauguration)

INCLUSION & EXCLUSION (1) (see also contempo-speak, language)

- acceptance & rejection: ally (groups), allyship (groups), baiter (red-baiter, etc.), box (check the box, etc.), ceiling (glass ceiling), colorism (groups), dignity (groups), friendly (queer-friendly, etc.), full (and fully, fullness / groups), gesture (groups), indignity (groups), intention (n), intentional (adj), intentionality (n), intentionally, microaggression (groups), misgender (groups), misgendered (groups), misgendering (groups), performance (groups), performative (groups), performative allyship, perform (perform values, etc.), performing (performing memory, etc.), right (and rights / groups), safe (groups), safe space (groups), safety (groups), uncomfortable (groups), underground (n), unwelcoming (groups), welcome (noun / groups), welcomed (groups), welcoming (groups)
- affirmation: agency (groups), amazing (groups), badass (power), beautiful (groups), bold (groups), boldly (groups), brave (girls and women, etc.), bravery (groups), cape (superhero), celebrate (groups), celebrated (groups), celebration (groups), community (groups), courage (groups), courageous (groups), courageously, empower (groups), empowered (groups), empowering (groups), empowerment (groups), fearless (girls and women, etc.), fearlessly, fearlessness (n), ferocious (groups), ferocity (groups), fierce (girls and women / groups, etc.), fiercely (girls and women / groups, etc.), fierceness (groups), fullness (groups), girlboss (and girl boss), hard (love hard, go hard, etc.), hero (person, child, queer, dog, rat, etc.), heroic (groups), heroism (groups), heroize (v), honor (noun / groups), honor (verb / groups), honored (groups), joy (groups), joyful (groups), joyfully (groups), joyous (groups), joyously (groups), liberation (groups), matter (Black lives matter, etc.), name (groups), panther (Polynesian Panthers, etc.), person (incarcerated person, etc.), positive (sex

positive, etc.), positivity (body positivity, etc.), power (power to the people, etc.), pride (groups), proud (groups), savage (groups), self (authentic self, authentic selves), self (true self and true selves), superhero (groups), superpower (groups), tribute (groups), unapologetic (groups), unapologetically (groups), warrior (girls and women)

- affix: anti (antiracist, etc.), ass (bougie-ass, etc.), centered (survivor-centered, etc.), centric (Afro-centric, etc.), centrality (heterocentricity, etc.), curious (bi-curious, etc.), de (defund, etc.), face (yellowface, etc.), fication (adultification, etc.), fishing (Latino-fishing, etc.), friendly (queer-friendly, etc.), hood (personhood, etc.), informed (trauma-informed, etc.), ism (racism, etc.), ist (racist, etc.), ity (intersectionality, etc.), ization (marginalization, etc.), ize (racialize, etc.), ized (invisibilized, etc.), ness (Asian-ness, etc.), phobe (vaxophobe, etc.), phobia (fatphobia, etc.), phobic (transphobic, etc.), ship (allyship, etc.), un (unhoused, etc.), wash (straightwash, etc.), x (Chicanx, etc.)
- center & periphery: centered (survivor-centered, etc.), centering (white centering, etc.), centric (Afro-centric, etc.), centrality (heterocentricity, etc.), decenter (decenter norms, etc.), decentering (decentering whiteness, etc.)
- color: color (communities of color, etc.), colorism (groups), rainbow (groups)
- division & connection: apartheid (separation), criminalization (groups), criminalize (groups), criminalized (groups), destigmatize (groups), destigmatized (groups), equality (groups), inequality (groups), marginalization (groups), marginalize (groups), marginalized (groups), marginalizing (guilty of, etc.), minoritize (groups), minoritized (groups), moral panic (n), normalize (groups), other (the other, etc.), other (verb / groups, etc.), othered, othering, otherism (n), otherization (groups), otherize (groups), otherized (groups), otherness (n), race (groups), racial (groups), racialize (groups), racialized (groups), racially (groups), racism (groups), racist (groups), stigma (n), stigmatization (oppression), stigmatize (groups), stigmatized, stigmatizing
- epistemology: authentic (groups), authentically (live authentically, etc.), authenticity (groups), construct (social construct, etc.), constructed (socially constructed, etc.), construction (of gender, etc.), fluid (gender fluid, etc.), fluidity (gender fluidity, etc.), gender (groups), me (like me, look like me, speak like me, be like me, etc.), hood (personhood, etc.), identify (identify as, etc.), inauthentic (groups), inauthenticity (groups), intersection (n), intersectional (groups), intersectionality (groups), lived experience (groups, etc.), lived in (groups, etc.), lived reality (groups, etc.), ness (Asian-ness, etc.), norm (groups), normal (groups), normalcy (groups), normalization (groups), normalize (groups), normalized (groups), normalizing (groups), normative (groups), normativity (groups), right (and rights / groups), self (authentic self, authentic selves), self (true self and true selves), true (true to oneself, etc.), truth (speak one's truth, etc. / groups), victimhood (groups), voice (groups), woke (groups), wokeness (groups)
- health & medicine: anxiety (n), atrocity (n), despair (groups), distress (mental, etc.), exhausted (groups), exhausting (groups), exhaustion (groups), fear (of criticism, etc.), grief (groups), harm (groups / noun), harm (groups / verb), harmed (groups), harmful (groups), healing (n), horrific (adj), insecure (insecure work, etc.), insecurity (food insecurity, etc.), mental (adj), mental health (n), mentally (mentally unwell, etc.), mental wellbeing (and mental well-being), mental wellness (groups), pain (emotional / groups), panic (bisexual panic, etc.), retraumatize (v), re-traumatizing (groups), revictimization (or revictimisation), revictimized (groups), self-care (and self care), shame (period shame, etc.), shame (body-shame / verb, etc.), shamed (groups), shaming (slut shaming, etc.), suffer (groups), survivor (groups), tired (groups), trauma (groups, etc.), traumatic (groups), traumatization (groups), traumatize (v), traumatized (groups), traumatizing (groups), trigger (groups / verb), triggered (groups), triggering (groups), trigger warning (groups), victim (groups), victimhood (groups), victimization (or victimisation), victimize (groups), victimized (groups), vulnerability (emotional, etc.), vulnerable (emotionally, etc.), weariness (groups), weather (groups / verb), weathered (groups), weathering (groups), welfare (mental, etc.), wellbeing (n), wellness (groups)
- judgment: cancel (groups, etc.), cancel culture (groups, etc.), cancellation (groups, etc.), cancelled (groups, etc.), drag (contempo-speak / verb), dragged (contempo-speak), dragging (contempo-speak), justice (groups), original sin (groups), reckoning (groups)

- language: alphabet (LGBTQ+), LGBTQ+, political correctness (groups), politically correct (groups), pronoun (groups), queer (collocations), right (right? / polemical), vocabulary (and language / words / groups), word (P-word, etc.), x (Chicanx, etc.)
- mental health: anxiety (n), despair (groups), distress (mental, etc.), grief (groups), rage (black rage, feminine rage, etc.), sensitive (adj), sensitivity (n)
- messaging: agenda (n), anthem (n), center (center their voices, etc.), centered (survivor-centered, etc.), centric (Afro-centric, etc.), centrality (heterocentricity, etc.), conversation (groups, etc.), folk (and folks / folx / groups), loud (attention), narrative (groups, etc.), political correctness (groups), politically correct (groups), prioritize (groups), prioritized (groups), queer (collocations), say (say his name, etc.), story (groups), storytelling (groups), talk (the talk / groups), talk (talk about something / groups, etc.), voice (groups)
- objectification: black (while black, female, brown, Muslim, etc.), body (black bodies, etc.), fetishization (n), fetishize (v), fetishized, fragile (groups), fragility (white fragility, etc.), gaze (male gaze, white gaze, etc.), objectified (groups), privilege (groups / verb), privilege (groups / noun), privileged, skin (groups), supremacist (white supremacist, etc.), supremacy (white supremacy, etc.)
- part of speech: ball (as verb), citizen (as verb), George Floyd (as verb), hoop (as verb), orchestra (as verb)
- polemics: just because (polemical), right (right? / polemical)
- possession: appropriate (groups), appropriation (groups), capital (value), claim (groups / verb), colonial (groups), colonialism (groups), colonialization (groups), colonization (groups), colonize (groups), colonized, colonizer (groups), coopt (and co-opt), decolonization (groups), decolonize (v), decolonized, decolonizing (n), face (yellowface, etc.), fishing (Latino-fishing, etc.), misappropriate (groups), misappropriated, misappropriation (groups, etc.), reappropriate (groups), reappropriation (groups), reclaim (groups), reclaimed (groups), reclaiming (groups), space (groups, etc.), steal (groups), stolen (stolen generation, etc.), take back (take back one's life, etc.)
- presence & absence: deleted (groups), disappear (as transitive verb), diverse (groups), diversity (groups), equity (groups), erase (groups, etc.), erased (groups, etc.), erasure (groups, etc.), exist (groups), existence (groups), genocidal (adj), genocide (groups), heard (groups), here (here to stay / groups), holocaust (not the Shoah), inclusion (groups), inclusive (groups), inequity (groups), invisibility (groups), invisibilize (groups), invisibilized (groups), invisible (groups), missing (groups, etc.), presence (groups), present (groups), recovered (groups), recovering (groups), represent (groups), representation (groups), represented (groups), seen (groups), see you (hear you, love you, etc.), silenced (groups), straightwash (groups), table (groups), tent (inclusivity), visibility (groups), visible (groups, etc.), wash (straightwash, etc.), whitewash (groups)
- sign, signal, symbol: cape (superhero), knee (take a knee), rainbow (groups)
- subterfuge: baiting (luring / queerbaiting, etc.), greenwash (n), greenwashing (n), pinkwash (v), pinkwashing, sportswash (v), sportswashing (n), wash (straightwash, etc.)
- verb: appropriate (groups), cancel (groups, etc.), celebrate (groups), center (center their voices, etc.), claim (groups / verb), colonize (groups), come out (as nonmonogamous, etc.), criminalize (groups), decenter (decenter norms, etc.), destigmatize (groups), disappear (as transitive verb), empower (groups), erase (groups, etc.), fetishize (v), harm (groups / verb), heroize (v), honor (verb / groups), identify (identify as, etc.), invisibilize (groups), knee (take a knee), marginalize (groups), minoritize (groups), misappropriate (groups), misgender (groups), normalize (groups), other (verb / groups, etc.), otherize (groups), perform (perform values, etc.), pinkwash (v), prioritize (groups), privilege (groups / verb), racialize (groups), reappropriate (groups), reclaim (groups), represent (groups), retraumatize (v), say (say his name, etc.), shame (body-shame / verb, etc.), sportswash (v), stigmatize (groups), straightwash (groups), suffer (groups), take back (take back one's life, etc.), talk (talk about something / groups, etc.), traumatize (v), trigger (groups / verb), truth (speak one's truth, etc. / groups), whitewash (groups)

INCREASE & DECREASE (1) (see also decline)

- affix: besity (infobesity, etc.), demic (infodemic, etc.), flation (lunchflation, etc.)

- air: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), flation (lunchflation, etc.), inflate (v), inflated (expectations, etc.), inflation (n), overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v)
- astronomy: wane (v), wax and wane
- atmosphere: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), flation (lunchflation, etc.), inflate (v), inflated (expectations, etc.), inflation (n), overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v), stratospheric (adj)
- ball: rebound (numbers)
- balloon: balloon (as transitive verb), balloon (v), ballooning (adj), flation (lunchflation, etc.), inflate (v), inflated (expectations, etc.), inflation (n)
- blade: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- chemistry: oxygen (fuel)
- direction: boost (v), boost (n), ceiling (high point), climb (increase), dial down (and dial back), dial up (increase), dip (decrease), dip (n), drop (prices dropped, etc.), drop (drop in sales, etc.), elevated, fall off (v), falloff (n), floor (low point), free fall (in free fall), go down (decrease), go up (increase), heighten (v), jack up (v), jump (increase / verb), jump (n), ladder (increase), level (take something to a higher level), level off (v), level up (as verb), nosedive (noun / decrease), notch (take something up a notch), pick up (increase), pile up (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), ratchet up (v), rise (prices rise, etc.), rise (increase / noun), rise (on the rise), rocket (increase), roller coaster (development), roof (through the roof), sag (v), shoot up (v), sink (decline), skyrocket (increase), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), soar (v), spiral (downward or upward), spiraling (increase), stratospheric (adj), surge (intransitive verb / increase), up (increase / verb), up (higher), upsurge (n), uptick (n), upturn (n), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- electricity: amp up (v), step up (increase)
- engine: gear up (v), rev up (v), supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v), turbocharged
- explosion: blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blowup (attention / noun), boom (increase), booming (adj), explode (increase), exploding (adj), explosion (increase), explosive (increase)
- fire: accelerant (n), fan (v), fire (fuel on the fire, etc.), flare-up (n), fuel (v), fuel (n), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), fueled, gas (pour gas on something, etc.), inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle (v), oil (pour oil), oxygen (fuel), stoke (v), stoked (increased)
- flying & falling: nosedive (verb / decrease), nosedive (noun / decrease), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), rocket (increase), roof (through the roof), soar (v), take off (v)
- food & drink: feed (fuel), feed (feed on / off something), supersize (v), supersizing (linguistic supersizing)
- force: boost (v), boost (n)
- hardness & softness: harden (increase)
- health & medicine: demic (infodemic, etc.), steroids (on steroids), swell (v)
- height: ceiling (high point), elevated (level), floor (low point), heighten (v), peak (at the peak), rise (on the rise), roof (through the roof), stratospheric (adj)
- house: ceiling (high point), floor (low point), roof (through the roof)
- infrastructure: faucet (n), build up (v), tap (n)
- knife: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- ladder: ladder (increase)
- light & dark: burnish (v), burnished
- mechanism: accelerator (control), brake (control), crank up (v), dial down (and dial back), dial up (increase), gear up (v), pump up (v), ratchet up (v), rev up (v), supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v), turbocharged, turn up (increase)
- military: multiplier (force multiplier)
- money: enrich (v)
- moon: wane (v), wax and wane
- mountains & hills: peak (at the peak), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), plateau (v)

- movement: accelerate (v), accelerator (control), brake (control), creep (mission creep, etc.), escalate (v), fluctuate (v), jump (increase / verb), jump (n), momentum (n), rebound (numbers), roller coaster (development), surge (intransitive verb / increase), upsurge (n), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- number: climb (increase), crater (v), creep up (numbers), dip (decrease), dip (n), drop (prices dropped, etc.), drop (drop in sales, etc.), explode (increase), exploding (adj), explosion (increase), fall (numbers), fluctuate (v), free fall (in free fall), go down (decrease), go up (increase), grow (increase), hover (numbers), inflated (numbers), jack up (v), jump (increase / verb), jump (n), level off (v), mount (v), multiplier (force multiplier), nosedive (verb / decrease), nosedive (noun / decrease), peak (numbers / verb), peak (peak temperature, etc.), pick up (increase), plateau (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), rebound (v), rise (prices rise, etc.), rocket (increase), roof (through the roof), shoot up (v), skyrocket (increase), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), soar (v), spike (spike in business, etc.), spiraling (increase), times (times 1,000, etc.), tumble (decline)
- part of speech: balloon (as transitive verb), big up (as verb), level up (as verb)
- pile: mount (v), mounting, pile on (increase), pile up (v)
- plane: nosedive (noun / decrease), nosedive (verb / decrease), spiral (downward or upward), take off (v)
- plant: burgeoning (adj), grow (increase), growing (increasing)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: go down (decrease), go up (increase), level up (as verb), pick up (increase), pile up (v), pump up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v), up (higher), upsurge (n)
- pressure: loosen (loosen control, etc.), ratchet up (v), relax (relax control, etc.), tighten (tighten control, etc.)
- rocket: rocket (increase), skyrocket (increase)
- roof: roof (through the roof)
- sea: ebb and flow (v), ebb and flow (n), tide (rising tide)
- shape: bulge (shape), bump (increase), plateau (n), plateau (v), spike (increase), spike (spike in business, etc.)
- size: balloon (v), big up (as verb), shrink (downsize), supersize (v), supersizing (linguistic supersizing), swell (v)
- sky: skyrocket (increase)
- snow & ice: snowball (v), snowball (snowball effect)
- sound: amplification (n), amplified, amplify (v), boom (increase), booming (adj), fall (silence fell, etc.), tone down (v)
- sports & games: roller coaster (development), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: accelerate (v)
- tide: ebb and flow (v), ebb and flow (n), flow (increase), surge (intransitive verb / increase), tide (rising tide)
- tools & technology: jack up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v)
- verb: accelerate (v), amplify (v), balloon (as transitive verb), balloon (v), big up (as verb), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), boom (increase), boost (v), boost (n), build up (v), burnish (v), climb (increase), crank up (v), dial down (and dial back), dial up (increase), dip (decrease), drop (prices dropped, etc.), ebb and flow (v), enrich (v), escalate (v), explode (increase), fall off (v), fan (v), feed (fuel), flow (increase), fluctuate (v), fuel (v), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), gas (pour gas on something, etc.), gear up (v), go down (decrease), go up (increase), grow (increase), harden (increase), heighten (v), inflame (v), inflate (v), jack up (v), jump (increase / verb), kindle (v), level off (v), level up (as verb), loosen (loosen control, etc.), mount (v), nosedive (verb / decrease), notch (take something up a notch), oil (pour oil), pick up (increase), pile on (increase), pile up (v), plateau (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), pump up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v), rebound (verb), relax (relax control, etc.), rev up (v), rise (prices rise, etc.), rocket (increase), sag (v), sharpen (v), shoot up (v), shrink (downsize), skyrocket (increase), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), snowball (v), soar (v), spike (increase), spiral (downward or upward), step up (increase), stoke (v), supercharge (v), supersize (v), surge (intransitive verb / increase), swell (v), take off (v), tighten (tighten control, etc.), turbocharge (v), turn up (increase), wane (v), wax and wane
- walking, running & jumping: jump (increase / verb), jump (n), leaps and bounds

- water: buoyant (strong), faucet (n), flow (increase), fluctuate (v), surge (intransitive verb / increase), tap (n), tide (rising tide)
- wave: fluctuate (v), tide (rising tide)
- weapon: shoot up (v)

INFRASTRUCTURE (2)

- ability & lack of ability: alley (up one's alley)
- achievement, recognition & praise: milestone (n), pinnacle (achievement)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: prop (n), prop up (v)
- amelioration & renewal: bolster (v), bolstered, buttress (v), outlet (n), prop (n), prop up (v), put (put something back together), rebuild (v), reinforce (v), scaffolding, shored up, shore up (v), smooth (smooth the road, etc.)
- amount: suite (suite of tools, etc.), warehouse (amount)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: deconstruct (v), deconstruction (n), frame (n), frame (characterize), framed (characterized), reframe (characterize)
- appearance & reality: airbrushed, facade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- attachment: built in
- attainment: milestone (n)
- bases: architecture (non-building), building block, cornerstone, infrastructure (n), keystone, pillar (basis), plank (n), plumbing (n)
- behavior: guardrail (behavior), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)
- characterization: frame (n), frame (characterize)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: ramp (on ramp and off ramp, etc.)
- complexity: labyrinth (n), latticework (n), maze (terrain), maze (structures), maze (bureaucracy, etc.), warren (n)
- computer: warehousing (data)
- concealment & lack of concealment: airbrushed, astroturf (v), astroturf (n), astroturfer (n), astroturfing, ceiling (glass ceiling), facade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- configuration: built, built in, built-in
- conflict: arena (in / inside the arena)
- constraint & lack of constraint: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), guardrail (behavior), lane (experience), outlet (n), road (rules of the road)
- control & lack of control: faucet (n), tap (n)
- course: road (road from / to something), road (along / on the road)
- creation & transformation: architect (as verb), architect (creator), build (create), drawing board (on the drawing board), drawing board (other), engineered, engineering (n)
- curtailment: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- death & life: life (life is a building)
- decline: gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)
- destruction: buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), crash (crash down), demolition (n), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), roadkill (n), ruin (v), ruin (financial ruin, etc.), ruin (in ruins, etc.), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, tear down (v), tube (go down the tubes)
- directing: pipe (n), pipeline (other)
- direction: lighthouse (protection)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- disruption: tear down (v)
- division & connection: wall (obstacle)
- environment: warehouse (neglect)
- evidence: signpost (as verb), signpost (n)

- experience: alley (up one's alley), block (around the block), lane (experience)
- failure, accident & impairment: buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), pothole (n), toilet (in the toilet, etc.), tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: highway (highway to hell)
- geography: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.), buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.), corridor (Siliguri Corridor, etc.)
- group, set & collection: suite (suite of tools, etc.)
- help & assistance: caretaker (role), custodian (role), scaffold (v), scaffolding (n)
- identity & nature: built in
- importance & significance: ground (break ground), capstone (n), milestone (n), monument (n), monumental (adj), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- increase & decrease: faucet (n), build up (v), tap (n)
- obstacles & impedance: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), hump (n), pothole (n), stonewall (v), stopped up, wall (obstacle)
- past & present: memory lane (down memory lane)
- perception, perspective & point of view: tunnel vision
- person: architect (creator)
- place: bowels (n)
- portal: avenue (portal)
- power: corridor (corridors of power), hall (halls of academe, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: blind alley (n), milestone (n)
- proper name: buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.), corridor (Siliguri Corridor, etc.), courthouse (Devil's Courthouse, etc.), dome (Iron Dome, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), Hilton (Fontana Hilton, etc.), pillar (Pillar Rock, etc.), pipeline (Pipeline, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: bolster (v), bolstered, firewall (other), guardrail (behavior)
- readiness & preparedness: brace (v), braced
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)
- resemblance: buttress (n), pillar (resemblance), street (cloud street, etc.), tunnel (resemblance)
- resiliency: put (put something back together)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: barricade (storm the barricades, etc.), buckle (give way), stonewall (v)
- responsibility: lane (experience)
- route: alley (Death Alley / U.S. 61, etc.), avenue (route), bridge (air bridge, etc.), canal (birth canal, etc.), corridor (route), expressway, highway (iceberg highway, etc.), pipe (n), pipeline (other), road (road from / to something), superhighway
- script: blueprint
- shape: canal (birth canal, etc.), dome (shape), pipe (sports), pipeline (shape)
- situation: maze (bureaucracy, etc.)
- size: monumental (adj)
- social interaction: street (two-way street)
- society: forum (public forum, etc.), square (public square, etc.), marketplace (n), street (society), village (online village, etc.), water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ground (break ground)
- strength & weakness: bolster (v), buttress (v), shored up, shore up (v)
- substance & lack of substance: facade (n)
- subterfuge: airbrushed, astroturf (v), astroturf (n), astroturfer (n), astroturfing, façade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- success & failure: blind alley (n)
- supplying: spigot (open / close, etc.)
- time: memory lane (down memory lane)
- transmission: corridor (route)

- transportation: canal (birth canal, etc.)

INITIATION (1) (see also starting, going, continuing & ending)

- air: oxygen (fuel)
- allusion: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), ship (launched a thousand ships)
- atmosphere: oxygen (fuel)
- bird: hatch (v), hatched
- boat: ship (launched a thousand ships)
- bottle: uncork (v)
- bubble: bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- chemistry: catalyst (n), catalyze (v), oxygen (fuel), precursor (n)
- container: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- cooking: sizzle (v), sizzle (n), sizzling (economy, etc.), stir (v), stir up (v)
- creature: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), worm (can of worms)
- death & life: life (spring to life)
- direction: dial up (order)
- dog: unleash (v), unleashed
- earthquake: tremor (n)
- electricity: galvanize (v), spark plug
- engine: gear (kick into gear, etc.), jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v)
- explosion: blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blowup (attention / noun), blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), burst (burst into violence, etc.), critical mass (n), detonate (v), detonator (n), explode (increase), explode (emotion), explode (initiation), explosion (violence, etc.), explosive (violence, etc.), fuse (n), go off (v), match (light / strike a match, etc.), powder keg, prime (v), primed (ready), set off (initiate), time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (initiation), volatile
- fire: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), combustible (adj), fan (v), fiery (character), fiery (speech), fire (catch fire), flare (v), flare up (v), flare-up (n), flashpoint (n), fuel (v), fuel (n), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), fueled, gas (pour gas on something, etc.), ignite, incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle, match (light / strike a match, etc.), oxygen (fuel), re-ignite, rekindle, spark (v), spark (n), stoke (v), stoked (increased), tinderbox (violence, etc.), volatile
- flying & falling: launch (n), take off (v)
- food & drink: pot (stir the pot)
- foot: kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n), kick up (v)
- football: kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- health & medicine: patient zero
- heating water: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- horse: spur (v), spurred
- leg: kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), kick up (v)
- mechanism: button (push a button / action), button (push a button / emotion), dial up (order), gear (kick into gear, etc.), kick in (start), launching pad, prime (v), primed (ready), springboard (n), wheel (set the wheels in motion)
- military: tripwire (initiation)
- movement: pot (stir the pot), swirl (v), spin up (v), spun up
- nuclear energy: critical mass (n)
- plane: take off (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: bubble up (v)
- pressure: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), explode (emotion), uncork (v)
- pursuit, capture & escape: break out (v)

- religion: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- rocket: launching pad
- scale: balance (tip the balance), scale (tip the scales)
- sound: sizzle (v), sizzle (n), sizzling (economy, etc.)
- sports & games: kick off (v), kickoff (n), tee off (start)
- temperature: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), combustible (adj), fiery (character), fiery (speech), incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), percolate (v), pot (stir the pot), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- verb: balance (tip the balance), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), break out (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), burst (burst into violence, etc.), button (push a button / action), button (push a button / emotion), catalyze (v), detonate (v), dial up (order), erupt (v), explode (emotion), explode (initiation), explode (increase), fan (v), flare (v), flare up (v), fuel (v), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), galvanize (v), gas (pour gas on something, etc.), go off (v), hatch (v), ignite (v), inflame (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), kick up (v), kindle (v), launch (v), life (spring to life), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), percolate (v), pot (stir the pot), prime (v), re-ignite (v), rekindle (v), scale (tip the scales), seethe (v), set off (initiate), shoot (shoot first), simmer (v), simmering (activity), sizzle (v), spark (v), spin up (v), spur (v), stir (v), stir up (v), stoke (v), swirl (v), take off (v), tee off (start), trigger (a war, etc.), trigger (pull the trigger, etc.), unleash (v)
- volcano: erupt (v), eruption (n), tremor (n)
- water: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), springboard (n), swirl (v)
- weapon: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), draw (late / early on the draw), explode (emotion), fuse (n), hair trigger, prime (v), primed (ready), shoot (shoot first), time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), trigger (a war, etc.), trigger (a cause), trigger (emotion, memory, etc.), trigger (pull the trigger, etc.), tripwire (initiation)
- weight: balance (tip the balance), scale (tip the scales)

INSECT (2) (see also animal)

- activity: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), beehive (activity), buzz (activity), crawl (activity), hive (n), hornet's nest, hum (v), hum (n), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- affliction: gadfly (person), infest (v), infested, pest (person), pester (v), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- amount & effect: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- appearance & disappearance: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: buzz (attention), buzzed (buzzed about, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- avoidance & separation: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- behavior: bee (busy as a bee), descend (descend on), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- character & personality: butterfly (social butterfly), gadfly (person), grub (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: descend (descend on)
- configuration: honeycomb (v), honeycombed, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- conflict: hornet's nest
- creation & transformation: web (spin a web)
- danger: hornet's nest
- dismissal, removal & resignation: mothball (v), mothballed
- division & connection: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- eagerness & reluctance: itchy (adj)
- enthusiasm: bitten (enthusiasm), bug (enthusiasm), itch (enthusiasm)
- environment: beehive (activity), hornet's nest
- feeling, emotion & effect: butterfly (butterflies in stomach), sting (n), stinging (adj), stung (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: fly (fly in the ointment), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)

- geography: spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- growth & development: cross-pollination (cross pollination)
- hierarchy: bee (queen bee)
- insult: cockroach (n), grub (person), termite (n), worm (insult)
- involvement: web (entanglement)
- isolation & remoteness: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- military: spider hole (military)
- movement: flit (v), swarm (v)
- perception, perspective & point of view: worm's eye (adj)
- person: bee (queen bee), butterfly (social butterfly), gadfly (person), grub (person), parasite (person)
- presence & absence: fly (fly on the wall)
- proper name: beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.), spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- resemblance: cocoon (resemblance)
- searching & discovery: feeler (put out feelers, etc.)
- shape: butterfly (shape), honeycomb (shape), web (spider web and cobweb, etc.)
- situation: web (situation)
- size: mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)
- society: butterfly (social butterfly)
- sound: buzz (sound), cricket (sound), crickets (silence)
- strength & weakness: mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)
- subterfuge: web (spin a web)
- surveillance: fly (fly on the wall)
- transmission: cross-pollination (cross pollination)
- violence: cockroach (n), termite (n)

INSULT (1)

- animal: animal (insult), beast (insult), cockroach (n), dog (insult), donkey (insult), grub (person), hyena (person), jackal (n), jackass (n), lapdog (n), leech (person), monkey (insult), parasite (person), pig (insult), scavenger (n), snake (insult), swine (behavior), termite (n), worm (insult)
- baby: apron strings, baby (insult), brat (insult), child (spoiled child, etc.), crybaby (person), mama's boy (and mummy's boy, etc.)
- circus: clown (person)
- cooking: skewer (v), skewered
- creature: devil (evil), monster (affliction), witch (insult)
- dog: dog (insult), lapdog (n)
- electricity: bulb (dim bulb, etc.)
- face: slap (slap in the face, etc.), spit (spit in the face / noun)
- finger: finger (middle finger), flip off (v)
- foot: doormat (person), feet (wipe one's feet on somebody)
- gesture: finger (middle finger), flip off (v), nose (thumb one's nose), slap (slap in the face, etc.), spit (spit in the face / noun), tongue (stick one's tongue out, etc.)
- hardness & softness: softheaded (and soft-headed)
- head: softheaded (and soft-headed)
- hygiene: dirty (dirty people, etc.), filth (insult), scum (insult), trash (n), vermin (insult)
- insect: cockroach (n), grub (person), termite (n), worm (insult)
- lap: lapdog (n)
- life span: boy (insult), grow up (grow up! etc.)
- light & dark: bulb (dim bulb, etc.)

- nose: thumb (thumb one's nose)
- person: doormat (person), grub (person), parasite (person), snake (insult), witch (insult)
- religion: devil (evil), hell (go to hell)
- sign, signal, symbol: doormat (person)
- snake: snake (insult)
- speech: joke (it's a joke, etc.), punchline (joke), trash (n), trash talk (v), trash talk (n),
- tongue: tongue (stick one's tongue out, etc.)
- verb: feet (wipe one's feet on somebody), flip off (v), grow up (grow up! etc.), nose (thumb one's nose), skewer (v), trash talk (v), walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)
- walking, running & jumping: walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)
- waste: garbage (waste), rubbish (n), trash (n), trash talk (v), trash talk (n), trashy (adj)

INTRODUCTORY (2)

- contempo-speak: right (introductory), so (introductory), sure (introductory), well (filler), yeah (and yah / introductory)

INVOLVEMENT (1)

- animal: dog (dog in the fight), horse (horse in the race), wallow (v), web (entanglement)
- astronomy: drawn in, drawn into, pulled in, pulled into
- blood: hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- boxing: weigh in (v)
- burden: drag (drag somebody into something)
- burial: buried (buried in debt, etc.)
- center & periphery: sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement)
- cloth: detangle (v), entwined, skein (entanglement), tangle (n), tangled, web (entanglement), wrapped (wrapped up in something)
- container: get in / get into (involvement), hole (situation), in (involvement), into (involvement)
- depth: deep (situation), deep (in deep), end (deep end), head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- direction: get in / get into (involvement), leave (leave something alone)
- dog: dog (dog in the fight)
- eye: eyeball (up to one's eyeballs)
- flying & falling: plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement)
- foot: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: thick (in the thick of things)
- hand: hand (at the hands), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.), hand (hand in something)
- head: head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- hole: hole (situation)
- horse: horse (horse in the race)
- hunting: caught up (in or by something), dog (dog in the fight), ensnare (v), ensnared, snare (v), trap (v), trapped
- hygiene: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- insect: web (entanglement)
- mixture: mix (in / into the mix), mixed up
- movement: bound up, draw in (v), drawn in, drawn into, enmeshed, pulled in, pulled into, web (entanglement)
- neck: neck (up to one's neck), neck-deep (in debt, etc.)
- picture: frame (in the frame / involvement), picture (out of the picture), picture (in the picture)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (involvement), into (involvement)
- rope: bound up, detangle (v), enmeshed, ensnare (v), ensnared, ensnarled (involvement), entangled (involvement), entwined, string (attachment), tangle (n), tangled

- shape: loop (in the loop)
- sound: chime in (v)
- spider: web (entanglement)
- sports & games: game (in / into the game), horse (horse in the race), sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement), weigh in (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: sit out (v)
- throwing, putting & planting: throw (throw oneself into something)
- toe: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- verb: chime in (v), detangle (v), dive in (v), drag (drag somebody into something), draw in (v), ensnare (v), entwined, get in / get into (involvement), head (get in over one's head, etc.), jump (jump in), leave (leave something alone), plunge (plunge into something), sit out (v), snare (v), step in (v), stumble (stumble into a situation), sucked in / into (involved), throw (throw oneself into something), trap (v), wade (wade in / wade into), wallow (v), weigh in (v)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (jump in), step in (v), stumble (stumble into a situation), wade (wade in / wade into)
- water: deep (situation), deep (in deep), dive in (v), end (deep end), head (get in over one's head, etc.), immerse (v), immersed, immersion, plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement), sucked in / into (involved), throw (throw oneself into something), toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), wade (wade in / wade into), water (deep water)
- weight: weigh in (v)

ISLAND (2) (see also sea; tide; tsunami; wave)

- biodiversity, nature & life: Galapagos (Galapagos of Europe, etc.)
- configuration: archipelago (n)
- division & connection: insular (adj), island (society), island (island of affluence, etc.), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- environment: island (island of affluence, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned, Robinson Crusoe
- person: castaway (person)
- resemblance: island (beech island, etc.)
- society: castaway (person), island (society), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shore (far shore), stranded (separated)

ISOLATION & REMOTENESS (1)

- animal: carapace (protection), shell (protection)
- astronomy: black hole
- bird: cooped up
- bubble: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- color: black hole
- container: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- electricity: insulate (v), insulated, insulation (n)
- epithet: hermit (the Hermit Kingdom, etc.), North Korea (epithet), Robinson Crusoe, Timbuktu (remoteness)
- farming & agriculture: silo (v), silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- fortification: moated
- ground, terrain & land: cold (in the cold), Mongolia (Outer Mongolia), Siberia (exile), Timbuktu (remoteness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness)
- insect: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- island: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned, Robinson Crusoe
- journeys & trips: no man's land (people), path (off the beaten path), track (off the beaten track), way (out of the way / remote)
- light & dark: black hole

- map: no man's land (people)
- mountains & hills: cave (isolation)
- path: path (off the beaten path)
- person: castaway (person), hermit (person)
- place: cloister (v), cloistered
- religion: cloister (v), cloistered
- river: backwater
- sea: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shell (protection)
- throwing, putting & planting: castaway (person)
- verb: cloister (v), cocoon (v), insulate (v), silo (v)
- water: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine), shell (protection)

JOURNEYS & TRIPS (2) (see also movement)

- ability: way (know one's way around)
- achievement, recognition & praise: milestone (n)
- alternatives & choices: crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), path (alternatives and choices), road (fork in the road, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: path (clear a path), smooth (smooth the road, etc.), way (pave the way)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: arrive at (an answer, etc.), come from (analysis), come to (come to an answer, etc.), exploration (n), explore (analyze), follow (argument), get (get somewhere), go (argument), reach (reach an answer, etc.), take (take somebody somewhere)
- area: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.), wilderness (area)
- attachment: accompany (attachment), attend (v), come with (and come along with / attachment)
- attainment: arrive at (an answer, etc.), far (progress), get (get somewhere), mile (the last mile), milestone (n), reach (a place on a journey), way (all the way)
- certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- character & personality: easygoing (adj)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bag (pack one's bags), circle back (return), get (get somewhere), nomad (person), nomadic (adj), reach (the news reached him, etc.), refugee (person)
- commitment & determination: boat (burn one's boats), return (point of no return), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- competition: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), pass (progress), trail (competition and progress)
- comprehension & incomprehension: follow (argument), go (argument)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), road (go down that road, etc.), there (let's not go there)
- consciousness & awareness: find (find oneself in a place, etc.), road (road to Damascus)
- course: adrift (adj), detour (n), direction (course / on a course), direction (purpose), direction (symbol), journey (in one's journey), journey (on a journey), journey (n), passage (journey), path (path of peace, etc.), road (road from / to something), road (along / on the road), road (long road), route (course), trajectory (n), way (along the way)
- curtailment: track (stop something in its tracks)
- danger: clear (in the clear / into the clear), patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- death & life: dead (dead and gone), journey (life is a journey), road (fork in the road, etc.), way (along the way)
- decline: direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.)
- development: come (come a long way), course (development), crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), get (get somewhere), go (where are we going, etc.), journey (n), odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other), passage

(journey), path (a path can turn / development), reach (a place on a journey), return (point of no return), road (turn in the road, etc.), saga (n), trajectory (n), take (take somebody somewhere), turn (take a turn), turn (development), way (go the other way, etc.)

- difficulty, easiness & effort: corner (cut corners), mile (go the extra mile), patch (rough patch), path (tough / easy path, etc.), path (clear a path), road (long road), road (tough / easy road, etc.), shortcut (v), shortcut (n), slog (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), trail of tears (suffering), via dolorosa, way (go out of one's way), yellow brick road
- directing: guide (v), guide (person), shepherd (v), take (take somebody somewhere)
- direction: beacon (n), bearing (direction), bound (destination), chart (v), course (on course), course (off course), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), course (course of action, etc.), crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), detour (n), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footstep (in the footsteps), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), go (direction), guide (v), guide (person), guide (nonperson), head (development), headed, landmark (n), lead (one thing leads to another), light (guiding light), lodestar (n), lodestone (n), lost (direction), mislead (v), misleading (adj), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), plot (v), road (turn in the road, etc.), stray (direction), uncharted (adj), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way), way (the wrong way), way (know one's way around), way (part ways)
- division & connection: stepping stone, traverse (v), way (part ways)
- driving force: pathbreaking (adj), pathfinder (person), pioneer (person), way (lead the way)
- eagerness & reluctance: path (beat a path), road (go down that road, etc.), there (let's not go there)
- evidence: signpost (as verb), signpost (n)
- experience: been through (endure, etc.), go through (endure, etc.), journey (n), passage (journey), road (down a road before), there (been there, etc.)
- extent & scope: ground (cover ground), mile (go the extra mile)
- failure, accident & impairment: circle (go in circles), cul-de-sac, dead end, direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), mislead (v), misleading (adj), pothole (n), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the wrong direction), turn (wrong turn), way (lose one's way), way (the wrong way)
- fate, fortune & chance: back (no way back, etc.), boat (burn one's boats), path (cross paths), return (point of no return), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: follow (follow a feeling or emotion), trail of tears (suffering), via dolorosa
- fictive transportation: take (take somebody somewhere)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bump (speed bump), bump (bump in the road, etc.), path (the right / wrong path, etc.), path (tough / easy path, etc.), road (tough / easy road, etc.)
- future: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), end (no end in sight, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), lie (lie ahead), road (down the road, etc.)
- growth & development: fall behind (competition and progress), passage (n), lag (progress), rite (rite of passage), trail (competition and progress)
- help & assistance: stepping stone
- history: baggage (n), freighted, loaded (loaded word, etc.)
- identity & nature: ways (foodways, etc.)
- importance & significance: landmark (n), milestone (n), pathbreaking (adj), pioneer (person), pioneering, trail (blaze a trail), trailblazer (person), trailblazing
- isolation & remoteness: no man's land (people), path (off the beaten path), track (off the beaten track), way (out of the way / remote)
- knowledge & intelligence: way (know one's way around)
- migration: trail of tears (migration)
- movement: plod (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: bog down (v), bogged down, bump (speed bump), bump (bump in the road, etc.), clear (in the clear / into the clear), come through (v), get through (endure, etc.), gridlock (n), gridlocked, impasse (n),

patch (rough patch), path (clear a path), pothole (n), roadblock (n), way (in the way), way (out of the way / obstacles), woods (out of the woods)

- operation: course (course of justice, etc.)
- oppression: baggage (n), freighted, loaded (loaded word, etc.), path (force someone down a path, etc.)
- past & present: backtrack (go back in time), circle back (return), memory lane (down memory lane), revisit (v), road (down a road before), walk (walk somebody back)
- person: follower (on social media, etc.), guide (person), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), leader (person), nomad (person), pioneer (person), refugee (person), trailblazer (person), traveller (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: pass by (progress), way (on the way out), way (give way to something), way (go the way of something), wayside (fall by the wayside, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: beginning (just the beginning, etc.), blind alley (n), bog down (v), catch up (catch up to something), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), circle (go in circles), come (come a long way), cul-de-sac, dead end, direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), fall behind (competition and progress), far (progress), forward (path forward, etc.), forward (move forward, go forward, etc.), go (a distance to go, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), journey, keep up (progress), lag (progress), milestone (n), move (progress), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pass (progress), pass by (progress), path (tough / easy path, etc.), plod (v), road (road from / to something), set back (v), setback (progress), sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the right direction), step (a step forward), step (a step back / backwards), there (destination), trail (competition and progress), turn back (v), way (come a long way, etc.), way (in the way), wind (wind its way)
- proper name: Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.), pathfinder (Mars Pathfinder, etc.), Silk Road (maritime Silk Road, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: hegira (and hejira)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: end (no end in sight, etc.), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), move on (resiliency)
- relationship: accompany (attachment), attend (v), bedfellow (companion), come with (and come along with / attachment), guide (person), land (landed him in jail, etc.)
- resiliency: carry on (v), drive on (resiliency), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), go on (persist), move on (resiliency), push on (v), roll on (resiliency)
- reversal: backtrack (reversal), course (reverse course), turnabout (reversal)
- route: pathway (route), road (road from / to something), trail (campaign trail, etc.), trail (canoe trail, etc.), way (route)
- script: road map
- searching & discovery: exploration (n), explore (discover), explorer (person), ground (cover ground), pathfinder (person), trail (blaze a trail)
- sequence: way (give way to something)
- speech: freighted, loaded (loaded word, etc.)
- speed: plod (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ahead (go ahead), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), carry on (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), embark (embark on something), end (no end in sight, etc.), get on with (get on with something), go on (persist), head start, jumping-off place / point, move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), outset (from the outset), outset (at the outset / career, etc.), path (set out on this path, etc.), push on (v), road (end of the road), set out (and set off), set sail (v), strike out (start), underway, way (on the way), way (every step of the way)
- success & failure: blind alley (n), come through (v), cul-de-sac, dead end, nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), way (all the way), wayside (fall by the wayside, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: been through (endure, etc.), carry on (v), clear (in the clear / into the clear), come through (v), get by (v), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), go through (endure, etc.), go on (persist), patch (rough patch), push on (v), road (road from / to something), trail of tears (suffering), via dolorosa, wayside (fall by the wayside, etc.), woods (out of the woods)

- time: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), behind (in the past), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), course (over the course / time), end (no end in sight, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), here (we have been here before), lie (lie ahead), passage (passage of time), memory lane (down memory lane), outset (at the outset of 2020, etc.), revisit (v), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down a road before), road (down the road, etc.), time (passage of time), time (travel in / through time, etc.), walk (walk somebody back)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), head start
- transmission: hitchhike (v), hitchhiker (n)
- unanimity & consensus: fellow traveler (n)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: path (path to / toward something)

JUDGMENT (1)

- allusion: draconian (adj), nemesis (n), piper (pay the piper, etc.), Solomonic (adj)
- animal: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), kangaroo court
- astronomy: star (five stars, etc.)
- baseball: call (the right call), call (close call / judgment), scorecard (n), strike (three strikes, etc.)
- Bible: Solomonic (adj)
- bird: chicken (come home to roost)
- books & reading: book (books and covers)
- crime: crime (fashion crime, etc.), hot seat (n)
- direction: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), thumbs-down, upvote (and downvote)
- electricity: hot seat (n)
- epithet: sword (*Sayf* Allah, etc.), Supreme Court
- eye: eye (side eye, stink eye, etc.)
- face: frown (v), frowned upon, smile (v)
- food & drink: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- gesture: frown (v), frowned upon, eye (side eye, stink eye, etc.), smile (v), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- hand: even-handed (adj), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- health & medicine: triage (v), triage (n)
- history: auto da fe, inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob, star chamber (n)
- house: bed (lie in one's bed / make one's bed)
- justice: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), condemn (v), court (in the court), court (other), crime (fashion crime, etc.), firing squad, hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hanging (hanging offense), hot seat (n), judge (role), judged, jury (the jury is out), kangaroo court, nemesis (n), scale (scales of justice, etc.), sentence (life sentence), Supreme Court, trial (show trial), verdict (n), witch hunt
- letters & characters: box (tick a box, etc.)
- military: dressing down (n), firing squad, muster (pass muster), prisoner (take no prisoners, etc.), quarter (no quarter, etc.)
- money: cost (at a cost), cost (other), hell (hell to pay, etc.), pay (pay a price), pay (revenge), price (n), price tag, reckoning (judgment)
- music: music (face the music)
- person: judge (role), scold (person)
- religion: damning (adj), hell (judgment), hell (hell to pay, etc.), hell (hell hath no fury), nemesis (n), Solomonic (adj)
- scale: scale (scales of justice, etc.), scale (put one's finger on the scale, etc.), weigh (analyze)
- school & education: grade (failing grade), mark (high mark), quiz (v), report card

- sign, signal, symbol: frown (v), frowned upon, scale (scales of justice, etc.), seal of approval, star (five stars, etc.), smile (v), thumbs-down, thumbs-up, upvote (and downvote)
- society: reckoning (judgment)
- sound: boo (v), boo (n), cheer (v), cheer (n), tuning fork (n)
- speech: call out (v), callout (criticism), speak (the people have spoken, etc.)
- sports & games: call (close call / judgment), call (the right call), game (blame game), scorecard (n), strike (three strikes, etc.)
- star: star (five stars, etc.)
- stomach: gut (n)
- sword: sword (fall on one's sword)
- taste: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- temperature: hot seat (n)
- theater: review (n)
- thumb: thumbs-down, thumbs-up, upvote (and downvote)
- tools & technology: measure (measure up, etc.), tuning fork (n)
- verb: bed (lie in one's bed / make one's bed), bite (bite him in the end, etc.), boo (v), call out (v), cheer (v), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), condemn (v), frown (v), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), muster (pass muster), pay (pay a price), pay (revenge), piper (pay the piper, etc.), quiz (v), scale (put one's finger on the scale, etc.), smile (v), triage (v), weigh (analyze)
- violence: drag (contempo-speak / verb), dragged (contempo-speak), dragging (contempo-speak), hanging (hanging offense), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob, star chamber (n)
- weight: scale (put one's finger on the scale, etc.), weigh (analyze)

JUDGMENT (2)

- inclusion & exclusion: cancel (groups, etc.), cancel culture (groups, etc.), cancellation (groups, etc.), cancelled (groups, etc.), drag (contempo-speak / verb), dragged (contempo-speak), dragging (contempo-speak), justice (groups), original sin (groups), reckoning (groups)
- language: not (not in a good way), happy (not happy)

JUNGLE (2)

- competition: himself (every man for himself), jungle (competition), law (law of the jungle, etc.)
- danger: jungle (competition)
- environment: jungle (environment)

JUSTICE (2) (see also crime)

- accusation & criticism: firing squad, hot seat (n)
- action, inaction & delay: stay (stay of execution)
- affliction: ball and chain, nemesis (n)
- certainty & uncertainty: jury (the jury is out)
- constraint & lack of constraint: Geneva Convention (cyber, etc.)
- control & lack of control: police (v)
- death & life: death sentence (literal), death warrant (literal)
- destruction: dead man walking, death sentence (figurative), death warrant (figurative), wheel (break someone on the wheel, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), jury (the jury is out), reprieve (n), stay (stay of execution)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.)
- guilt: get away (get away with something)
- haste: rush (rush to judgment)

- judgment: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), condemn (v), court (in the court), court (other), crime (fashion crime, etc.), firing squad, hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hanging (hanging offense), hot seat (n), judge (role), judged, jury (the jury is out), kangaroo court, nemesis (n), scale (scales of justice, etc.), sentence (life sentence), Supreme Court, trial (show trial), verdict (n), witch hunt
- oppression: ball and chain, cage (jail, prison), kangaroo court, police (and cop, etc.), scapegoat (n), trial (show trial), witch hunt
- person: detective (person), judge (role), police (and cop, etc.), sleuth (person), vigilante (person)
- punishment & recrimination: capital punishment, hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hanging (hanging offense), hook (off the hook), jail (Twitter jail, etc.), nemesis (n), reprieve (n), scapegoat (n), sentence (life sentence), stay (stay of execution), Supreme Court
- pursuit, capture & escape: get away (get away with something), hook (off the hook)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: jury (the jury is out)
- responsibility: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), get away (get away with something)
- revenge: nemesis (n)
- reversal: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment)
- sacrifice: scapegoat (n)
- weight: ball and chain

KEY (2)

- access & lack of access: key (access)
- attachment: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: lock (lock something away), lock (under lock and key), unlock (v)
- configuration: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: lockdown (n)
- curtailment: lockdown (n)
- division & connection: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- epithet: keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: lock (lock something away)
- importance & significance: key (important)
- proper name: keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: key (throw away the key)
- searching & discovery: unlock (v)

KNEE (2)

- coercion & motivation: kneecap (v), kneecapped
- condition & status: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- decline: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- dominance & submission: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v)
- oppression: knee (oppression)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v)
- superiority & inferiority: knee (risen from its knees, etc.)

KNIFE (2) (see also ax; blade; military; sword; weapon)

- ability & lack of ability: edge (lose one's edge)
- affliction: cut (a thousand cuts)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), cutthroat (competition), stab (stab somebody in the back)
- amelioration & renewal: hone (v), sharpen (v)
- amount: slice (piece), sliver (piece)
- attempt: stab (attempt)
- behavior: backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), cutthroat (competition)
- character & personality: backstabber (person)
- competition: cutthroat (competition)
- computer: scrape (v), scraped
- condition & status: honed, sharp
- creation & transformation: carved out, carve out (v)
- curtailment: cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v)
- danger: back (stab in the back)
- decline: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- destruction: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), knife (sharpen one's knife)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), cut (a person from a team, etc.), cut off (v), pare (v), pared (pared to the bone), scrape (v), scraped, slash (v), trim (trim the fat, etc.), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- division & connection: sever (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: cut (cut both ways), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), gutted (feeling), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), lacerating (adj), stab (sensation), stab (stab of pain, etc.), stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.)
- fictive motion: cut (road cuts, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- functioning: honed, sharp (skills, etc.)
- increase & decrease: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- knife: stab (stab in the dark)
- person: backstabber (person)
- protection & lack of protection: back (stab in the back)
- proximity: edge (at the edge)
- punishment & recrimination: knife (sharpen one's knife)
- resemblance: cut (road cuts, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.)
- searching & discovery: scrape (v), scraped
- shape: knife-edged
- speech: barbed (speech), blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), pared (pared to the bone)
- survival, persistence & endurance: scrape by (v)
- taking & removing: scrape (v), scraped

KNOWLEDGE & INTELLIGENCE (1) (see also ability & lack of ability)

- allusion: Einstein (intelligence, or lack)
- books & reading: encyclopedia (knowledge), encyclopedic (adj), textbook (n)
- boat: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)
- creature: genie (knowledge), wizardry (n)
- depth: depth (out of one's depth)
- epithet: Athens (Athens of Asia, etc.), Florence (Florence on the Elbe, etc.), Harvard (epithet), Leonardo da Vinci, Oxford (Oxford of China, etc.)
- foot: feet (master / protégé)

- ground, terrain & land: way (know one's way around)
- head: brain (n), brain drain (and brain gain), brain trust, head (intelligence)
- health & medicine: surgeon (doesn't take a brain surgeon, etc.)
- history: Dark Ages (in the Dark Ages), Dark Ages (other), medieval (adj), prehistoric (adj)
- journeys & trips: way (know one's way around)
- light & dark: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), dark (in the dark), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)
- magic: genie (knowledge), wizardry (n)
- mechanism: brilliant (technology), dumb (technology), smart (technology, etc.)
- military: camp (math camp, etc.)
- music: chops (expertise)
- part of speech: know-how (n), smart (as noun), stupid (as noun)
- person: genie (knowledge), guru (person), maven (person), professor (n), pundit (person), savant (n), scientist (rock scientist), teacher (experience is the best teacher, etc.)
- position: feet (master / protégé)
- religion: guru (person)
- rocket: science (not rocket science)
- school & education: IQ (ability), learn (v), lesson (n), masterclass (n), note (compare notes), professor (n), school (v), school (experience), schooled, teacher (experience is the best teacher, etc.), textbook (n), university (experience)
- sign, signal, symbol: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), head (intelligence), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)
- sound: whisperer (horse whisperer, etc.)
- stomach: gut (n)
- transmission: feet (master / protégé)
- verb: illuminate (v), learn (v)
- water: depth (out of one's depth)

LADDER (2)

- help & assistance: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.)
- hierarchy: ladder (hierarchy), rung (on the bottom rung), rung (bottom rung), rung (other)
- increase & decrease: ladder (increase)

LANGUAGE (1) (see also contempo-speak; inclusion & exclusion; speech)

- adverb: hard (love hard, go hard, etc.)
- affix: ati (glitterati, etc.), cis (affix), complex (military-industrial complex, etc.), demic (infodemic, etc.), dom (memedom, etc.), enomics (and nomics), exit (and Brexit, etc.), flation (lunchflation, etc.), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), gate (Watergate, etc.), geddon (chipageddon, etc.), giga (Gigafactory, etc.), holic (shopaholic, etc.), hyper (hypersexualized, etc.), ish (androgyny-ish, etc.), ista (barista, etc.), land (clubland, etc.), mance (bromance, etc.), mega (mega-blogger, etc.), meta (affix), ocracy (gynocracy, etc.), over (overshare, etc.), sance (McConaissance, etc.), scape (threatscape, etc.), sphere (cryptosphere, etc.), super (superlawyer, etc.), tourism (slum tourism, etc.), uber (uber-interesting, etc.), ultra (ultra-conservative, etc.), verse (metaverse, etc.), whisperer (horse whisperer, etc.), y (pulpy, etc.), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- cliché: best life (and best lives), never (you've never heard of, etc.), nothing-burger, there (let's not go there), there (there is no there there, etc.), title (love, live, eat, etc.)
- collocation: collocation (language)
- euphemism: complex (euphemism / adjective), plus-one (boyfriend, girlfriend, etc.)
- family: mother tongue
- grammar: grammar (language)
- judgment: happy (not happy), not (not in a good way)
- letters & characters: quote (and quotes, quotation marks), word (P-word, etc.), x (Chicanx, etc.)

- part of speech: see *part of speech (2)*
- prep, adv, adj, particle: big (big love, etc.), by (death by chocolate, etc.), noun plus adjective, on (brag on, etc.)
- pronunciation: pronunciation (language)
- sarcasm: cough (snark / noun), damn (damn with faint praise), Duh! (exclamation), Einstein (intelligence, or lack), Jeopardy! (snark), much (sarcasm), memo (get the memo, etc.), nobody (and no one / sarcasm), not (sarcasm), not (so not / sarcasm), not (not so much / sarcasm), Oh (and wait a minute, etc. / sarcasm), Oh, my! (sarcasm), Please! (sarcasm), science (not rocket science), surgeon (doesn't take a brain surgeon, etc.), surprise (sarcasm), thanks (and thank you / sarcasm), Wheel of Fortune (snark), wrong (sarcasm), yawn (n)
- speech: boilerplate (n), buzzword (n), doublespeak (n), ese (legalese, etc.), gobbledygook (speech), language (types), lip service (pay lip service, etc.), newspeak (n), speak (NASA-speak, etc.), supersizing (linguistic supersizing), talk (mediator talk, etc.), word salad
- spelling: spelling (language)
- tongue: mother tongue, tongue (language)
- verb: need (she needs to, etc.), want (I want her home, etc.)
- vocabulary: vocabulary (language)

LANGUAGE (2)

- contempo-speak: about (it's about, it's all about, etc.), aesthetic (and aesthetics), agnostic (adj), artisanal (adj), clap back (contempo-speak / verb), clap back (contempo-speak / noun), cognitive dissonance, concretize (v), concretized, curate (v), curated, curation (n), did (emphasizer), dive (deep dive), do (emphasizer), do (do history, etc.), does (emphasizer), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), heavy (serious), intention (n), intentional (adj), intentionality (n), interrogation (questioning), intersection (n), intersectional (groups), intersectionality (groups), land (arrive, affect, decide), landscape (n), like (not like), look like (resemble), mindful (adj), navigate (v), not (not not, not un-, never not, etc.), plus-one (boyfriend, girlfriend, etc.), purposeful (adj), point (decision point, etc.), rando (person), space (groups, etc.), thing (a matter, issue), thing (fad, etc.), transactional (adj), yeah (and yah / introductory), zeitgeist (n)
- inclusion & exclusion: alphabet (LGBTQ+), LGBTQ+, political correctness (groups), politically correct (groups), pronoun (groups), queer (collocations), vocabulary (and language / words / groups), word (P-word, etc.), x (Chicanx, etc.)

LAP (2)

- dependency: lapdog (n)
- dominance & submission: lapdog (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- insult: lapdog (n)
- possession: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- relationship: lapdog (n)
- responsibility: lap (responsibility)
- situation: lap (lap of luxury)
- worth & lack of worth: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)

LEAKING (1) (see also fictive motion; movement)

- blood: bleed (v), bleed (n), bleeding, hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n)
- health & medicine: bleed (v), bleed (n), bleeding, hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n)
- knowledge & intelligence: brain drain (and brain gain)
- sound: drip (and drip-drip, etc.)
- verb: bleed (v), drain (remove), hemorrhage (v), leak (v), leak out (v), ooze (v), spill (and spill out, etc.)
- water: drain (remove), drain (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), leak (v), leak (n), leaked, leak out (v), ooze (v), spill (and spill out, etc.)

LEG (2) (see also foot; heel; toe)

- bases: leg (leg to stand on), leg (last legs)
- competition: leg up (help, advantage)
- condition & status: leg (last legs)
- configuration: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- constraint & lack of constraint: fetter (n), fettered, hamstring (v), hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, unfettered
- decline: leg (last legs)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)
- division & connection: foot (one foot / the other foot), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- eagerness & reluctance: kicking and screaming
- feeling, emotion & effect: kick (kick one's butt, etc.), kick (kick in the teeth, etc.)
- fictive position: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- functioning: fetter (n), fettered, hamstring (v), hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, unfettered
- growth & development: leg (grow legs, have legs, etc.)
- help & assistance: leg up (help, advantage)
- initiation: kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n), kick-start (v), kick up (v)
- resemblance: leg (table leg, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: kicking and screaming
- sequence: leg (first leg, etc.)
- standing, sitting & lying: leg (last legs)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n), kick-start (v), leg (grow legs, have legs, etc.)
- success & failure: flop (v), flop (n), leg (grow legs, have legs, etc.)

LETTERS & CHARACTERS (2) (see also books & reading; writing & spelling)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: spelled out, spell out (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: asterisk (attention), exclamation point, footnote (n), full stop, punctuate (v), underline (attention), underscore (attention)
- certainty & uncertainty: question mark
- configuration: punctuate (configuration)
- cost & benefit: box (tick a box, etc.), plus (benefit)
- failure, accident & impairment: T-bone (v), T-boned
- judgement: box (tick a box, etc.)
- language: quote (and quotes, quotation marks), word (P-word, etc.), x (Chicanx, etc.)
- mixture: alphabet (letters)
- money: dollar sign (n)
- movement: zig-zag (v)
- reversal: U-turn (n)
- shape: shaped (H-shaped, etc.), U-turn (n), zig-zag (v), zig-zag (n)
- substance & lack of substance: box (check the box, etc.)

LIFE SPAN (2)

- experience: grownup (person), grow up (grow up! etc.)
- growth & development: adolescence (n), age (come of age), anniversary (creation), apron strings, baby (development), big boy (person), birthday (creation), bloomer (late bloomer), boy (type), brat (insult), brought up, career (n), child (spoiled child, etc.), crisis (mid-life crisis), crybaby (person), dowager (old), embryo (n), embryonic (adj), feet (stand on one's own two feet), girl (big girl), grow (develop), growing pains, grownup (person), grow up (grow up together, etc.), grow up (grow up! etc.), infancy (in infancy), infancy (other), infant (n), innocence (n), life (begin life), life span (n), living (adj), mama's boy (and mummy's boy, etc.), mature (v),

maturity, newborn, old (a year old, etc.), pants (big girl pants, etc.), raised (reared), reared (raised), stillborn (adj), walk (crawl, walk, run), youngster (n), youth (development)

- insult: boy (insult), grow up (grow up! etc.)

LIGHT & DARK (2)

- access & lack of access: black hole
- accusation & criticism: shade (v), shade (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: leading light (person), luminary (person), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
- activity: alight (activity), light up (activity)
- amelioration & renewal: clarify (v), clear up (v), polish (v)
- amount: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.), scintilla (scintilla of doubt, etc.), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.), spark (spark of hope, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light (shed light), lighthouse (illumination), opacity (n), opaque (adj)
- appearance: bedazzled (decorated), gloss (appearance)
- appearance & disappearance: fade (v), fade away, light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light (see the light)
- appearance & reality: gloss (appearance)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blaze (in a blaze of glory), dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), flare (n), flash (n), glare (attention), highlight (v), light (shine a light), limelight (in the limelight), outshine (v), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), sunlight (concealment), supernova (attention)
- attenuation: shadow (devitalized), tarnish (v), tarnished
- attraction & repulsion: moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: clear (crystal clear), clear (unambiguous), cloudy (certainty), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), open-and-shut (adj), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.), twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- character & personality: brilliant (superlative), incandescent (character), light (shining light), light up (a room, etc.), scintillating (adj)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: fade away (v)
- comparison & contrast: night (night and day and day and night)
- competition: outshine (v), overshadow (v), shadow (attention)
- comprehension & incomprehension: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), clarify (v), clear (crystal clear), clear (perception), clear (unambiguous), dark (in the dark), dawn (verb / comprehension), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb), lighthouse (illumination), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), opacity (n), opaque (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- computer: darknet
- concealment & lack of concealment: black hole, bury (conceal), clarity (adj), dark (in the dark), dark (concealment), day (the light of day), gloss (appearance), gloss over (v), light (shed light), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), shadow (concealment), shadowy, sunlight (concealment), transparency (n), transparent (adj)
- configuration: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)
- conflict: Manichean (adj)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: gloss over (v)
- consciousness & awareness: black hole, bulb (dim bulb, etc.), clarity (adj), dark (in the dark), dawn (verb / comprehension), haze (perception), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb), opaque (adj)

- corruption: shady (adj), tarnish (v), tarnished
- curtailment: dark (go dark, etc.)
- decline: dim (decline), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), fade (v), star (decline), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- direction: beacon (n), light (guiding light), lighthouse (protection)
- division & connection: daylight (division)
- evidence: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: tarnish (v), tarnished
- feeling, emotion & effect: brighten (v), cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), darkness (depression), day (dark day), dazzle (v), dim (hope, etc.), gloom (n), gloomy (adj), illuminating (adj), scintillating (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.), sunny (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bright (bright side), polished (adj), shine (n), side (dark side), tarnish (v), tarnished
- growth & development: supernova (achievement)
- guilt: clear (clear conscience)
- idea: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)
- importance & significance: leading light (person), luminary (person)
- increase & decrease: burnish (v), burnished
- insult: bulb (dim bulb, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: black hole
- knowledge & intelligence: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), dark (in the dark), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)
- mental health: brighten (v), dark (dark mood, etc.), darkness (depression)
- message: flare (n)
- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), Dark Star, gloom (n), gloomy (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: clear (perception), haze (perception), light (in a same / different light, etc.), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- person: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), luminary (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), fade (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- proximity: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)
- relationship: light (in light of)
- repetition: shadow (shadow government, etc.)
- resiliency: bright (bright side)
- searching & discovery: light (come to light), light (bring something to light)
- situation: twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: shadow (devitalized), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- subterfuge: gloss (appearance), gloss over (v), shady (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- superlative: bright (adj), brilliance (superlative), brilliant (superlative), coruscating (adj), glittering (adj), gloss (add gloss, etc.), glowing (adj), incandescent (character), leading light (person), light (shining light), light up (a room, etc.), luminary (person), luster (n), outshine (v), scintillating (adj), shining (superlative), sparkling (superlative), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
- transmission: reflected
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: candle (candle of hope, etc.)
- warning: flare (n), light (warning light, etc.)

LIGHTNING (2) (see also rain; storm; weather & climate; wind)

- accusation & criticism: thunderbolt (n)
- appearance & disappearance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue
- attraction & repulsion: lightning rod
- fate, fortune & chance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue, lightning (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)
- military: lightning (military)
- origin: blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue
- resemblance: thunder (sound)
- sound: thunder (sound)
- speech: fulminate (speech)
- speed: lightning

LINE (2) (see also boundary)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks)
- attainment: line (over the line / finishing), line (finish line)
- behavior: edge (over the edge), line (out of line), line (over the line / behavior), line (behavior), line (cross the line), line (red line), line (line in the sand)
- configuration: straddle (configuration)
- constraint & lack of constraint: color (color outside the lines, etc.), line (line in the sand)
- division & connection: borderland (n), edge (edge cases, etc.), foot (one foot / the other foot), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), line (division), line (categories), straddle (connect)
- fate, fortune & chance: line (tread a line, etc.), line (on the line)
- fictive position: straddle (configuration)
- hierarchy: rank-and-file (adj)
- identity & nature: line (songline, etc.)
- position, policy & negotiation: line (a hard line, etc.), position (on an issue, etc.)
- priority: line (at the front / back of the line)
- protection & lack of protection: rank (close ranks)
- resemblance: strand (strand of hair, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (government line, etc.)
- sequence: queue (sequence), string (sequence)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: line (over the line / finishing), line (finish line), line (end of the line, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (toe a line, etc.), line (in line), line up (v), lockstep (in lockstep), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks)

LION (2) (see also animal)

- achievement, recognition & praise: lion (liberal lion, etc.), lioness (lioness of the left, etc.), lionized
- amount: lion's share
- courage & lack of courage: lion
- epithet: lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.), lioness (England's Lionesses, etc.)
- hierarchy: lion (liberal lion, etc.), lioness (lioness of the left, etc.)
- person: lion (courage, aggression)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: lion (liberal lion, etc.)
- proper name: lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), lioness (Lioness.co, etc.)

LOCATION (1) (see also area; environment; place)

- earthquake: epicenter (n)
- finger: finger (put one's finger on something)
- forest: woods (neck of the woods)

- gesture: finger (put one's finger on something)
- hand: finger (put one's finger on something)
- house: dwell (location), home (home for the archive, etc.), home (home of golf, etc.), home (home to), live (location), reside (v), residence (n)
- map: finger (put one's finger on something), map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.), map (all over the map, etc.), pinpoint (locate), pinpoint (accuracy, etc.)
- mechanism: hub (center)
- nuclear energy: ground zero
- place: home (home of golf, etc.), home (home to), where (conversations where, etc.)
- temperature: hotspot (place)
- verb: dwell (location), finger (put one's finger on something), live (location), map (drop off the map, etc.), pinpoint (locate), reside (v)

LOVE, COURTSHIP & MARRIAGE (2)

- acceptance & rejection: spurn (v), spurned
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bed (jump into bed with someone), infidelity (n)
- attachment: married, marry (v), wedded
- attraction & repulsion: alluring (adj), court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), flirt (v), seduced, seductive (adj), sexy (adj), swoon (v), woo (v), wooed
- behavior: infidelity (n)
- character & personality: odd couple
- coercion & motivation: marriage (shotgun marriage)
- concealment & lack of concealment: infidelity (n)
- conflict: honeymoon (n)
- division & connection: divorce (n), divorce (v), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married, marry (v), matchmaker (person), wedded
- eagerness & reluctance: coy (adj), marriage (shotgun marriage), shy (adj)
- enthusiasm: fall (fall in love), infatuated (enthusiasm), love (fall in love), love (enthusiasm / noun), love (enthusiasm / verb), lover (enthusiasm / person), romance (n)
- epithet: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.)
- experience: bride (war), coming out (party, etc.), debutant (n), ingenue (person), innocence (n), maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: dance (dance with death, etc.), flirt (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: crush (love), honeymoon (n), swoon (v)
- inauguration: party (coming-out party)
- military: bride (war)
- person: lover (enthusiasm / person), matchmaker (person), suitor (n)
- pursuit, capture & escape: catch (marriage), court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), seduce (v), seduced, suitor (n), trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.), woo (v), wooed
- relationship: divorce (n), divorce (v), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married, marry (v), matchmaker (person), odd couple, wedded
- starting, going, continuing & ending: divorce (n), honeymoon (n)
- subterfuge: infidelity (n)

MAGIC (2)

- ability & lack of ability: genie (knowledge), ninja (person), wizard (person), wizardry (n)
- affliction: curse (n), cursed, evil eye
- amelioration & renewal: dust (fairy dust, etc.), magic bullet, silver bullet, talisman (n), talismanic (adj), wand (magic wand, etc.)
- appearance & disappearance: magic up (v)

- attachment: spellbinding (adj), spellbound (adj)
- attraction & repulsion: charm (v), charm (n), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), charming (people), pied piper, spell (under a spell)
- character & personality: charming
- concealment & land of concealment: sleight of hand
- control & lack of control: hypnotize (v)
- creation & transformation: finger (snap one's fingers, etc.), magic up (v)
- epithet: wizard (wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: magic (versus reality), magical (versus reality), make-believe (n), make-believe (adj)
- fate, fortune & chance: charmed (charmed life, etc.), crystal ball, curse (n), cursed, evil eye, magic (trail magic, etc.), tea leaves
- feeling, emotion & effect: bewitch (v), bewitched, bewitching (adj), charm (v), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), enthralled, enthralling (adj), entranced, entrancing (adj), magic (effect), magic (magic moment, etc.), magical (effect), mesmerize (v), mesmerizing (adj), spell (under a spell), spell (cast a spell), spellbinding (adj), spellbound (adj), thrall (n)
- future: crystal ball, fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), tea leaves
- help & assistance: magic (trail magic, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: genie (knowledge), wizardry (n)
- message: fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- person: fortuneteller (person), genie (knowledge), ninja (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), wizard (person)
- proper name: carpet (Operation Magic Carpet, etc.), Magic (Magic Kingdom, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: charmed (charmed life, etc.)
- subterfuge: sleight of hand, smoke and mirrors
- time: crystal ball, fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- transportation: carpet (magic carpet / other)

MANUFACTURING (2) (see also engine; mechanism; tools & technology)

- amelioration & renewal: recycle (v), salvage (v)
- characterization: cast (characterize), cast (characterized), recast (v), recast
- comprehension & incomprehension: process (v)
- constraint & lack of constraint: mold (fit a mold, etc.)
- content: mill (grist for the mill), mill (gossip / rumor mill)
- creation & transformation: artisanal (adj), assembly line (n), byproduct (n), churn out (v), conveyor belt, fabricate (v), fabricated, fabrication, factory (creation), forge (v), forged, grind out (v), hammered out, hammer out (v), industry (n), machine (publicity machine, etc.), making (creation), manufacture (v), manufactured, mill (n), mold (v), product (n), recast (v), recast, reshape (v), shape (v), shape (form), shaped (shaped by coal, etc.), strike (strike a deal, etc.), turn out (create)
- destruction: unmaking (destruction)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: factory (glue factory), scrap (v), scrapped
- environment: crucible (n), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: unmaking (destruction)
- feeling, emotion & effect: process (v)
- gossip: mill (gossip / rumor mill), mill (grist for the mill)
- identity & nature: product (n)
- military: industrialize (industrialize death, etc.)
- operation: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- product: byproduct (n), product (n)
- relationship: byproduct (n), product (n)

- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mold (fit a mold, etc.)
- script: boilerplate (n), template (n)
- worth & lack of worth: run-of-the-mill

MAP (2)

- appearance & disappearance: map (drop off the map, etc.)
- area: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- configuration: map (v)
- consciousness & awareness: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- direction: chart (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), navigate (v), plot (v), uncharted (adj)
- extent & scope: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: no man's land (people)
- location: finger (put one's finger on something), map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.), map (all over the map, etc.), pinpoint (locate), pinpoint (accuracy, etc.)
- place: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- presence & absence: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- reversal: course (change course)
- script: road map
- searching & discovery: Dark Continent
- starting, going, continuing & ending: course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course)

MARK (2)

- acceptance & rejection: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- achievement, recognition & praise: belt (notch in a belt)
- affliction: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), wound (figurative wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- amount: speck (amount)
- appearance: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (resemblance / verb)
- character & personality: streak (violent streak, etc.)
- characterization: brand (v), mark (black mark), stigma (n), stigmatization (oppression), stigmatize (groups), stigmatized, stigmatizing, trademark (n)
- condition & status: unscathed (adj)
- configuration: dot (v), dotted (arrangement), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, speckled (configuration)
- effect: mark (effect)
- evidence: fingerprint (n), hallmark, trademark (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, dent (n), mark (effect), wound (figurative wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: blemish (n), black eye, blot (n), mark (black mark), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (blemish / noun), scar (blemish / verb), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.), smear (n), smear (v), smeared, stain (n), stain (v), unblemished
- identity & nature: streak (violent streak, etc.)
- importance & significance: trail (blaze a trail)

- impression: burned (impressed), engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, imprint (n), inscribed, mark (effect), seared, stamp (impression), stamped
- measurement: benchmark (at a benchmark), benchmark
- mental health: scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.)
- occurrence: streak (series)
- oppression: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- proper name: scar (the Scar, etc.)
- representation: touchstone
- reputation: black eye, blot (n), mark (black mark), smear (v), smear (n), smeared, stain (v), stain (n)
- resemblance: mark (resemblance), scar (resemblance / noun), scar (resemblance / verb)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: rubber stamp (n), stamp (stamp of approval)
- searching & discovery: trail (blaze a trail)
- speech: smear (v), smear (n), smeared
- survival, persistence & endurance: indelible (adj)

MATERIALS & SUBSTANCES (2)

- ability & lack of ability: brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), flexible (adj), flexible (character), inflexible (character), rigid (constraint), rigid (character), supple (adj)
- accusation & criticism: vitriol (n)
- affliction: wound (salt in a wound)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: stick (stick by / stick with somebody), stick together (v)
- amount: chunk (amount)
- appearance: gloss (appearance), stone-faced (adj)
- appearance & reality: airbrushed, cosmetic (adj), ersatz (substitute), gilded (other), gloss (appearance), imposter (n), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), patina (appearance), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), unvarnished (adj), veneer (appearance), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- attachment: adhere (adhere to something), attached (attributed), attachment (n), cement (v), cemented, encrusted, glued, mortar (n), stick (stick by / stick with somebody), stick (adhere to, follow), stick (persist), stick together (v), Teflon, Velcro (attachment), wall (throw something at a wall and see what sticks)
- behavior: brazen (adj)
- character & personality: behavior (fire, etc.), clay (n), flexible (character), fragile (feelings), hard (character), hard man (character), inflexible (character), made of (character), mercurial (adj), putty (n), rigid (character), rough (personality), slippery (character), slimy (personality), smooth (character), solid (character)
- commitment & determination: grit (political grit, etc.), hard (hard “no,” etc.)
- comparison & contrast: rock (rock-solid)
- concealment & lack of concealment: airbrushed, gloss (appearance), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), stone-faced (adj), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), unvarnished (adj), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- condition & status: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other)
- configuration: encrusted, marbled
- constraint & lack of constraint: elastic (adj), flexible (adj), rigid (constraint), supple (adj)
- control & lack of control: putty (n)
- corruption: contaminate (v), contaminated, contamination, poison (v), taint (n), taint (v), tainted
- cover: encrusted
- creation & transformation: clay (n), putty (n)
- destruction: meltdown (failure), poison (n), poison (v), radioactive (adj), shatter (destroy), shattered (destroyed), shattering (ear-shattering, etc.), toxic (adj)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: hard (space is hard), platter (silver platter), slippery (difficult)
- division & connection: fractured (separated), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.)

- epithet: gold (black gold, etc.), iron (Iron Lady, etc.), jewel (jewel of Syria, etc.), oil (new oil, etc.), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), rock (Rock of Chickamauga, etc.)
- evidence: taint (n)
- experience: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)
- extent & scope: patina (appearance), stretch (extent), veneer (appearance)
- failure, accident & impairment: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), crack (v), fracture (failure), meltdown (failure), snap (v), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), shatter (destroy), unglued (emotionally)
- feeling, emotion & effect: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), crack (v), eggshell (walking on eggshells), fragile (feelings), fragility (feelings), hard (feelings, etc.), noxious (adj), poisonous (adj), shatter (emotions), shattered (mentally, etc.), shattering (emotions), snap (v), stone-faced (adj), toxic (adj), unglued (emotionally), vitriol (n)
- fictive motion: stretch (extent)
- flaws & lack of flaws: coarse (speech), crack (flaw), crude (speech), flawed (adj), flawless (adj), flimsy (adj), ironclad (adj), jewel (n), lapidary (adj), lily (gild the lily), polish (v), polished (adj), rough (adj), sag (v), slump (v), smooth (lack of flaws), solid (adj), sound (solid), sticky (a sticky situation, etc.), unpolished, warp (v), warped, weak (fragile)
- heart: heart (heart of stone, etc.), stone-hearted
- hierarchy: brass (leader)
- identity & nature: ersatz (substitute)
- impression: plastered (impression)
- mental health: breaking point (other), fragile (feelings), fragility (feelings), shatter (emotions), shattered (mentally, etc.), shattering (emotions), snap (v), strong (after tragedy, etc.), unglued (emotionally)
- mind: mind-bending (adj), minded (steely-minded), tough-minded, weak-minded (adj)
- mixture: amalgam (n), blend (mixture)
- money: platter (silver platter), rope (velvet rope)
- oppression: hand (iron hand, etc.), ironfisted, rod (iron rod, etc.)
- proper name: oak (Royal Oak, etc.), shard (The Shard, etc.), stonewall (Operation Stonewall, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: dome (Iron Dome, etc.), Teflon
- pursuit, capture & escape: Teflon
- resiliency: flexible (character), strong (after tragedy, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: bend (v), break (resistance / verb)
- restraint & lack of restraint: brazen (adj)
- sex: purity (sex)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: sugarcoat (and candy-coat)
- situation: sticky (a sticky situation, etc.)
- speech: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically, coarse (speech), crude (speech), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), silver (speech), silver-tongued, slick (adj), slippery (words, etc.), smooth (speech), tongued (silver-tongued), talker (slick talker), vitriol (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: retread (n)
- strength & weakness: cement (v), cemented, eggshell (n), flimsy (adj), fragile (weak), glass jaw, granite (n), hardened (battle-hardened, etc.), iron (strength), iron and blood (effort, sacrifice), ironclad (adj), oak (strength), rock (rock-solid), sag (v), slump (v), solid (adj), sound (measure), steel (strength), steely (adj), strong (after tragedy, etc.), teak (wood), weak (fragile)
- substance & lack of substance: concrete (n), flimsy (adj), gilded (other), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), patina (appearance), solid (adj), veneer (appearance)
- subterfuge: airbrushed, gilded (other), gloss (appearance), imposter (n), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), patina (appearance), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), veneer (appearance), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)

- superiority & inferiority: rope (velvet rope)
- superlative: gem (n), golden (golden opportunity, etc.), lapidary (adj), jewel (n), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: cement (v), cemented, grit (political grit, etc.), stick (persist), wall (throw something at a wall and see what sticks)
- worth & lack of worth: gem (n), gold (black gold, etc.), jewel (n), karat (24-karat), oil (new oil, etc.), raw (unrefined, etc.)

MEASUREMENT (1)

- blood: pulse (n)
- depth: sound (measure)
- distance: span (lifespan, etc.), span (v)
- doors & thresholds: threshold (below the threshold), threshold (measurement)
- hand: span (v)
- health & medicine: pulse (n), temperature (the political temperature, etc.)
- mark: benchmark (at a benchmark), benchmark
- surveying: baseline (n)
- temperature: temperature (the political temperature, etc.), thermometer (n)
- tools & technology: barometer (n), calibrate (adjust), calibrated (adjusted), dashboard (n), gauge (n), thermometer (n), yardstick (n)
- verb: calibrate (adjust), sound (measure)
- water: sound (measure)

MEAT (2) (see also cooking; food & drink; fruits & vegetables; taste)

- amelioration & renewal: beefed up, beef up (v)
- consumption: food (meat), meat (fresh meat, etc.), meat (red meat, etc.), meat (piece of meat)
- creation & transformation: meat grinder (other)
- death & life: bill (butcher's bill, etc.), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), meat grinder (military)
- environment: meat grinder (military), meat grinder (other)
- experience: meat grinder (military), meat grinder (other), raw (raw recruit, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: butcher (v)
- military: bill (butcher's bill, etc.), Butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), butchery (war), carnage (n), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), meat grinder (military), slaughter (and slaughterhouse / military)
- product: meat (piece of meat)
- strength & weakness: beefed up, beef up (v)
- substance & lack of substance: meat (substance), meaty (substance)
- violence: butcher (n)
- worth & lack of worth: meat (piece of meat)

MECHANISM (2) (see also engine; manufacturing; tools & technology)

- ability & lack of ability: brilliant (technology), dumb (technology), smart (technology, etc.)
- accusation & criticism: wringer (through the wringer)
- action, inaction & delay: button (push a button / action), button (pause button), pause (v), pause (n)
- activity: comatose (adj), gear (kick into gear, etc.), hum (v), hum (n), hum along (v), neutral (in neutral), overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- affliction: mill (through the mill), put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bus (control / allegiance), truck (control)
- amelioration & renewal: fix (v), lubricant (social lubricant, etc.), mend (on the mend), mend (v), put (put something back together), repair (v), repair (n), tinker (v), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n), tweak (n), unwind (relax), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)
- amount & effect: full on (adj), full out (adj)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: break down (explain), sort out (analyze), tire (kick the tires)
- attachment: linchpin (n)
- attenuation: dampening (adj), damper (n)
- avoidance & separation: steer (steer clear of something)
- bases: kingpin (person), linchpin (n), nuts and bolts, workings (n)
- branching system: hub (branching system)
- center & periphery: hub (center)
- character & personality: full on (personality), wound (tightly wound)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: conveyor belt, parked (movement)
- commitment & determination: full on (adj), full out (adj), gas (step on the gas / step off the gas), pedal (pedal to the metal), tank (empty the tank, etc.), throttle (full throttle, etc.)
- complexity: part (moving parts)
- condition & status: broken (failure), comatose (adj), down (functioning), hum along (v), neutral (in neutral), speed (up to speed), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- consciousness & awareness: automata (n), comatose (adj), metronomic (operation), robot (n), wheel (asleep at the wheel)
- control & lack of control: accelerator (control), brake (control), bus (control / allegiance), lever (levers of power, etc.), steering wheel (control), truck (control), wheel (control), wheel (asleep at the wheel)
- creation & transformation: machine (publicity machine, etc.), meat grinder (other)
- curtailment: shut down (v), shut off (v), switch (kill switch)
- death & life: meat grinder (military)
- dependency: wheel (training wheels)
- destruction: break (destroy / disrupt), break down (destroy), breaker (deal-breaker, etc.), grind down (v)
- development: fulcrum (n), pivotal (adj), point (tipping point), point (pivot point), turning point (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: gear up (v), grind (daily grind, etc.), grind away (v), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), maintenance (high maintenance, etc.)
- directing: steer (v)
- direction: steer (v)
- disruption: break (destroy / disrupt), breaker (deal-breaker, etc.), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), gum up (v), misbehave (machine), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- division & connection: rupture (n)
- environment: meat grinder (military), meat grinder (other)
- experience: meat grinder (military), meat grinder (other), mill (through the mill), wringer (through the wringer)
- extent & scope: full on (adj), full out (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: break down (functioning), broken (failure), down (functioning), fall apart (v), gum up (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), malfunction (v), rupture (n), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: wheel (wheel of fate or fortune, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: automata (n), breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.), break down (emotionally), broken (feeling), button (push a button / emotion), button (panic button), button (hot button), fall apart (emotionally), gasket (blow a gasket, etc.), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), heart (a broken heart, etc.), metronomic (operation), pump up (v), revved (revved up), robot (n), switch (emotions), turn off (turn people off, etc.), turned off, turned on (sex), turn on (excite), turn-off (disgust), turn-on, wind down (relax), wound (tightly wound)
- flaws & lack of flaws: broken (failure), misbehave (machine), point (sticking / friction point)
- functioning: break down (functioning), broken (failure), cog (cog in the machine, etc.), comatose (adj), cylinder (fire on all cylinders, etc.), down (functioning), full on (adj), full out (adj), gear (high gear, low gear, etc.), gum up (v), hum along (v), machinery (government, etc.), malfunction (v), misbehave (machine), neutral (in

neutral), hyperdrive (into hyperdrive), speed (up to speed), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), throttle (full throttle, etc.)

- future: time machine
- government: apparatus (government), machinery (government, etc.), wheel (wheels of justice, etc.)
- growth & development: wheel (training wheels)
- heart: heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- help & assistance: hotline (988, etc.), wheel (training wheels)
- identity & nature: wired (and hardwired)
- importance & significance: cog (cog in the machine, etc.), fulcrum (n), hinge (hinge event, etc.), kingpin (person), linchpin (n), pivotal (adj), point (tipping point), point (pivot point), turning point (n)
- inauguration: drop (product launch), drop (a product, etc.), roll out (v), rollout (n)
- increase & decrease: accelerator (control), brake (control), crank up (v), dial down (and dial back), dial up (increase), gear up (v), pump up (v), ratchet up (v), rev up (v), supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v), turbocharged, turn up (increase)
- initiation: button (push a button / action), button (push a button / emotion), dial up (order), gear (kick into gear, etc.), kick in (start), launching pad, prime (v), primed (ready), springboard (n), wheel (set the wheels in motion)
- knowledge & intelligence: dumb (technology), brilliant (technology), smart (technology, etc.)
- location: hub (center)
- mental health: break down (emotionally), breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.), broken (feeling), robotic (feelings), switch (emotions)
- military: meat grinder (military)
- mind: mindset (n)
- movement: conveyor belt, parked (movement), robotic (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- obstacles & impedance: dampening (adj), damper (n)
- operation: apparatus (government), clockwork (n), cog (cog in the machine, etc.), machine (publicity machine, etc.), machinery, metronomic (operation), robot (n), train (legal train, Trump train, etc.), wheel (wheels of justice, etc.), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.), wired (and hardwired), workings (n)
- oppression: put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- past & present: mirror (in the rear-view mirror), time machine, wind back (v)
- person: kingpin (person)
- place: hub (center)
- power: supercharge (v), supercharged, tank (empty the tank, etc.), turbocharge (v), turbocharged
- progress & lack of progress: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel)
- pursuit, capture & escape: hatch (escape hatch)
- readiness & preparedness: buckle up (buckle in, strap in, etc.), prime (v), primed (ready), seatbelt (fasten your seatbelt / ironic), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- resiliency: put (put something back together)
- reversal: backpedal (v), gear (switch gears, shift gears, etc.), hinge (hinge event, etc.), pivot (n), pivot (v), roll back (v), unwind (reverse)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: fit in (v), misfit (person)
- sex: machine (sex machine), turned on (sex)
- shape: hub (center)
- social interaction: wheel (grease the wheels)
- speed: accelerator (control), brake (control), speed (up to speed), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: button (pause button), gear (kick into gear, etc.), grind away (v), grind on (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), kick in (start), parked (movement), pause (v), pause (n), reboot (v), reboot (n), reset (n), reset (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), treadmill (n), wheel (spin one's wheels), wind down (v)
- superlative: Rolls Royce

- supplying: feed (auto feed, etc.)
- taking & removing: hoovered up, hoover up (v)
- taxonomy & classification: break down (divide)
- throwing, putting & planting: catapult (v), catapulted, thrust (v), thrust
- time: hourglass (time), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), time machine, wind back (v), wind down (v)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: hourglass (time)
- unanimity & consensus: bus (get on the bus, etc.), bus (control / allegiance), truck (control)
- work & duty: grind (daily grind, etc.), treadmill (n)
- worth & lack of worth: cash machine (n)

MEMORIZATION (2)

- heart: heart (by heart)

MENTAL HEALTH (1) (see also feeling, emotion & effect)

- addiction: addict (sex addict, etc.), detox (and detoxification, etc.)
- animal: devoured (by an emotion, etc.), eat (mental health), eaten alive (by debt, rage, etc.), vulnerable (emotionally, etc.)
- blood: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), mist (red mist)
- boat: distress (mental, etc.), navigate (feelings, emotions)
- bottle: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions)
- consumption: devoured (by an emotion, etc.), eat (mental health), eaten alive (by debt, rage, etc.)
- container: bottle up (emotions), emptiness (depression), empty (depression), husk (mental health), mind (out of one's mind), open (honest), shell (mental health)
- creature: demon (mental health)
- crime: escape (mental health / verb), escape (mental health / noun), escapism (n)
- death & life: dead (feeling)
- destruction: destroy (emotions), shatter (emotions), shattered (mentally, etc.), shattering (emotions)
- direction: depression (mental illness), down (feeling), lay low (emotion), meltdown (emotions), melt down (emotions), pick up (pick somebody up, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (work and job, etc.)
- euphemism: damaged (mental illness), dog (black dog / mental health), mental (adj), mental health (n), mentally (mentally unwell, etc.), mental wellbeing (and mental well-being), mental wellness (groups), nut (person), nuts (crazy), pieces (go to pieces), self-care (and self care), sick (mentally ill), there (not all there), unhinged (adj), welfare (mental, etc.), wellbeing (n), wellness (groups)
- explosion: explode (emotion), time bomb (person)
- fire: burnout (n)
- fist: beat (beat oneself up)
- functioning: breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: La-La land
- hand: hold (noun / emotion), possess (v), possessed (emotion)
- head: headspace (frame of mind), mind (out of one's mind)
- health & medicine: addict (sex addict, etc.), anxiety (n), detox (and detoxification, etc.), exhausting (mental health), fatigue (internet fatigue, etc.), FOMO (fear of missing out), heal (v), healing (n), hysteria (n), mania (n), mental health (n), mental wellbeing (and mental well-being), mental wellness (groups), moral injury (n), pain (emotional / groups), painful (adj), recover (mental health), re-traumatizing (groups), scar (psychologically / verb), self-care (and self care), sick (disgusted), sick (with anxiety, etc.), sick and tired (feeling), syndrome (n), trauma (groups, etc.), traumatic (groups), traumatic (mental health), traumatization (groups), traumatize (v), traumatized (groups), traumatizing (groups), trigger warning (groups), welfare (mental, etc.), wellbeing (n), wellness (groups), wound (figurative wounds of Vietnam, etc.), wounded (emotionally)
- light & dark: brighten (v), dark (dark mood, etc.), darkness (depression)

- mark: scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.)
- materials & substances: breaking point (other), fragile (feelings), fragility (feelings), shatter (emotions), shattered (mentally, etc.), shattering (emotions), strong (after tragedy, etc.), unglued (emotionally), snap (v)
- mechanism: breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.), break down (emotionally), broken (feeling), robotic (feelings), switch (emotions)
- military: PTSD (and post-traumatic stress disorder)
- nuclear energy: meltdown (emotions), melt down (emotions)
- person: addict (sex addict, etc.)
- place: map (all over the map / emotions), place (mental), space (mental)
- plane: autopilot (on autopilot)
- position: lay low (emotion)
- possession: hold (noun / emotion), lose (one's temper, etc.), lose it (mentally), mind (lose one's mind), possess (v), possessed (emotion)
- predation: devoured (by an emotion, etc.), eaten alive (by debt, rage, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: break down (emotionally), down (feeling)
- pressure: explode (emotion), outlet (n), vent (v), unwind (relax), valve (relief valve)
- ruins: destroy (emotions)
- sensation: pain (emotional / groups), painful (adj)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: anxiety (n)
- sleep: exhausting (mental health), sick and tired (feeling), tired (feeling), weary (feeling)
- society: envy (self-promotion envy, etc.), rage (road rage, etc.)
- speech: word salad
- tools & technology: valve (relief valve)
- verb: beat (beat oneself up), bottle up (emotions), break down (emotionally), escape (mental health / verb), explode (emotion), lay low (emotion), melt down (emotions), pick up (pick somebody up, etc.), possess (v), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), scar (psychologically / verb), shatter (emotions), snap (v), traumatize (v), trigger (groups / verb), vent (v), unwind (v)
- violence: beat (beat oneself up), torture (affliction), tortured
- water: outlet (n)
- weapon: time bomb (person), trigger (emotion, memory, etc.), triggered (groups), triggering (groups), trigger warning (groups)
- wounds & scars: scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.)

MENTAL HEALTH (2) (see also health & medicine)

- activity: frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), rage (v), raging (adj)
- behavior: amok (run amok), bedlam (n), berserk, craze (n), crazed (crazed fans, etc.), crazy (behavior), crazy (enthusiasm), demented, fiend (behavior), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), mania (n), nuts (crazy), rage (v), raging (adj), schizophrenic (adj), wall (ricochet off the wall)
- character & personality: crazy (behavior), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), nut (person)
- condition & status: troubled
- constraint & lack of constraint: straitjacket (n)
- contempo-speak: intentional (adj), intentionality (n), intentionally, mindful (adj), mindfully, mindfulness (n), purposeful (adj), vulnerable (emotionally, etc.)
- control & lack of control: amok (run amok), berserk, crazy (behavior), flow (go with the flow, etc.), rage (v), raging (adj)
- enthusiasm: craze (n), crazed (crazed fans, etc.), crazy (enthusiasm), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), mania (n), maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.), obsessed, obsession (n), rabid (enthusiasm), rage (enthusiasm), rave (v), rave (rave review, etc.)
- environment: asylum (insane asylum, etc.), bedlam (n), madhouse (place), snake pit, warehouse (neglect)

- failure, accident & impairment: pieces (go to pieces), unhinged (adj)
- fantasy & reality: delusion (under a delusion), delusion, demented, fantasy (delusion), pipe dream (and pipedream), rabbit hole (fantasy), world (fantasy)
- identity & nature: identity crisis
- inclusion & exclusion: anxiety (n), despair (groups), distress (mental, etc.), grief (groups), rage (black rage, feminine rage, etc.), sensitive (adj), sensitivity (n)
- sex: crazed (sex-crazed)
- speech: rave (v), rave (rave review, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: insecure (insecure work, etc.), insecurity (food insecurity, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: fantasy (dream)

MESSAGE (1) (see also evidence; suspicion; warning)

- allusion: Cassandra, jeremiad (bitter lament), messenger (shoot the messenger)
- Bible: gospel (preach the gospel, etc.), jeremiad (bitter lament), messiah (n), messianic (adj), Moses (n), prophet (person), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message)
- books & reading: manifesto (n)
- epithet: apostle (Apostle of the Sioux, etc.)
- eye: seer (person)
- fire: flare (n)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Cassandra
- light & dark: flare (n)
- magic: fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- Middle Ages: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- military: call (call to arms), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), saber rattling
- money: sell (promote)
- movement: spin (message / verb), spin (message / noun), spin (spin control)
- person: apostle (person), convert (person), crusader (role), evangelist (person), fortuneteller (person), guru (person), messenger (shoot the messenger), messiah (n), missionary (person), Moses (n), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), tout (person), whistleblower (n)
- plane: barnstorm (v)
- religion: apostle (person), choir (preach to the choir), convert (person), crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role), evangelical (adj), evangelist (person), golden rule, gospel (preach the gospel, etc.), guru (person), high priest, jeremiad (bitter lament), mantra (message), messiah (n), messianic (adj), missionary (person), Moses (n), oracle (person), preach, prophet (person), proselytize (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), seer (person), sermon (message), soothsayer (person)
- school & education: lecture (v)
- sound: amplify (v), call (call to arms), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), saber rattling, signal and noise (n), whistle (dog whistle), whistleblower (n)
- speech: lecture (v), preach (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message), speak (carry a message), statement (statement victory, etc.), touted, voice (voice of reason)
- sword: saber rattling
- tools & technology: amplify (v), megaphone (n), message (send a message, etc.), signal (mixed signals), signal and noise (n)
- verb: amplify (v), barnstorm (v), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), lecture (v), proselytize (v), sell (promote), speak (carry a message), spin (message / verb), tout (v)

MESSAGING (2)

- inclusion & exclusion: agenda (n), anthem (n), center (center their voices, etc.), centered (survivor-centered, etc.), centric (Afro-centric, etc.), centrality (heterocentricity, etc.), conversation (groups, etc.), folk (and folks / folx / groups), loud (attention), narrative (groups, etc.), political correctness (groups), politically correct

(groups), prioritize (groups), prioritized (groups), queer (collocations), say (say his name, etc.), story (groups), storytelling (groups), talk (the talk / groups), talk (talk about something / groups, etc.), voice (groups)

MIDDLE AGES (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: champion (v), champion (n), championed, fealty (n), ring (kiss the ring)
- area: fiefdom (control)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: champion (v), champion (n), championed
- campaign: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- competition: joust (v), jousting (conflict), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.)
- conflict: gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet, etc.), joust (v), jousting (conflict), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.)
- control & lack of control: fiefdom (control)
- destruction: wheel (break someone on the wheel, etc.)
- help & assistance: knight (knight in shining armor), white knight
- message: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- Middle Ages: fest (gabfest, etc.)
- power: baron (power)
- proper name: Knight (Black Knights, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: armor (protection), chink (chink in one's armor)
- pursuit, capture & escape: quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
- searching & discovery: grail (holy grail), quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: grail (holy grail)

MIGRATION (1)

- allusion: Lazarus (Emma Lazarus), trail of tears (migration)
- Bible: exodus (war, immigration, etc.)
- epithet: British (British of South America, etc.), Ellis Island (Ellis Island of the West, etc.), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), *Mayflower* (*Mayflower* of the Third Aliyah, etc.), tears (trail of tears, etc. / migration)
- history: Lazarus (Emma Lazarus), trail of tears (migration), underground railroad
- journeys & trips: trail of tears (migration)
- person: Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), Lazarus (Emma Lazarus)
- place: Ellis Island (Ellis Island of the West, etc.)
- religion: exodus (war, immigration, etc.)

MILITARY (1)

- animal: cannon fodder (military), foxhole (military), leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), nest (military), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.), stealth (stealth bomber, etc.), tiger (Arkan's Tigers, etc.), trap (military / noun)
- bird: nest (military)
- consumption: bill (butcher's bill, etc.), cannon fodder (military), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), meat grinder (military)
- epithet: Alexander (Muslim Alexander, etc.), alley (Ambush Alley, etc.), angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Caesar (Chinese Caesar, etc.), Churchillian (adj), death (Death Valley, etc.), Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.), express (Tokyo Express, etc.), Florence Nightingale (our Florence Nightingale, etc.), Gandhi (Gandhi of the Balkans, etc.), general (General Winter, etc.), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), Hannibal (American Hannibal, etc.), heartbreak (Heartbreak Hotel, etc.), Iliad (Japanese Iliad, etc.), Lawrence (T.E.), Lexington (of China, etc.), lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.), Napoleon (the Black Napoleon, etc.), nine eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Patton (the Patton of Asia, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Quisling (Quisling of China, etc.), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / war), Sparta (Sparta of the North, etc.), Spartacus (the Black Spartacus, etc.), Spartan (Spartans of Australasia, etc.), Stalingrad (Stalingrad of the East, etc.), Thermopylae (Britain's Thermopylae, etc.), tiger (Arkan's Tigers, etc.), Vietnam (Egypt's Vietnam, etc.), war (the war to end all wars, etc.), West Point (epithet)

- farming & agriculture: cannon fodder (military), harvest (war's chief harvest, etc.), mill (military)
- fox: foxhole (military)
- hammer: anvil (military), hammer (hammer and anvil, etc.)
- hole: foxhole (military), spider hole (military)
- horse: cavalry (mechanized cavalry, etc.), mustang (n)
- hunting: bait (noun / military), trap (military / noun)
- hygiene: sterile (sterile security zone, etc.), sterilize (v)
- insect: spider hole (military)
- lightning: lightning (military)
- love, courtship & marriage: bride (war)
- manufacturing: industrialize (industrialize death, etc.)
- meat: bill (butcher's bill, etc.), Butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), butchery (war), carnage (n), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), meat grinder (military), slaughter (and slaughterhouse / military)
- mechanism: meat grinder (military)
- money: bill (butcher's bill, etc.)
- place: foxhole (military), spider hole (military)
- plant: cannon fodder (military)
- predation: leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.)
- proper name: Apache (Apache helicopter, etc.), battleground (Battle Ground, Indiana, etc.), carpet (magic carpet / proper name), hellfire (Hellfire missile, etc.), leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), Predator (the Predator drone, etc.), reaper (Reaper drone, etc.), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.)
- religion: angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), Fiddler's Green, Valhalla (military)
- sign, signal, symbol: boot (soldier), Colonel Blimp, dove (person), hawk (person)
- tools & technology: anvil (military), hammer (hammer and anvil, etc.)
- storm: lightning (military), storm (Desert Storm, etc.)

MILITARY (2) (see also bullet; explosion; fortification; knife; sword; weapon)

- accusation & criticism: ammunition (and ammo), attack (under attack, etc.), barracked, blast (criticize), broadside (n), dressing down (n), fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (fire back), firing squad, flak (criticism), fusillade (n), incoming (criticism), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), snipe (v), sniping (n), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- achievement, recognition & praise: badge (badge of honor), coup (achievement), medal (n), salute (v), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.), stripe (earn one's stripes, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: fabius (Fabius Maximus), stand down (v)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: conscript (n), desert (v), insurgency (n), insurrection (n), lifer (person), post (abandon one's post), rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), soldier (n), traitor (person), treason (n), troops (supporters), turncoat (person)
- allusion: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), Dunkirk (digital Dunkirk, etc.), ersatz (substitute), fabius (Fabius Maximus), Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.), Geneva Convention (cyber, etc.), Maginot Line, Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, Napoleon (the Napoleon of surgery, etc.), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative), Thermopylae (figurative), Waterloo (figurative)
- amelioration & renewal: damage control
- amount: armada (n), army (a large group), arsenal (amount), battalion (a large group), battery (amount), fleet (amount), host (host of questions, etc.), legion (n), panoply (n), phalanx (phalanx of lawyers, etc.)
- amount & effect: barrage (n), besiege (v), besieged, blitz (campaign), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombed (love bombed, etc.), bombing (n), bombshell (n), invade (v), invasion (n), onslaught (n), siege (under siege), siege (other)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: interrogate (v), interrogated, interrogating (questioning), interrogation (questioning)

- appeal: call (call to arms), cry (rallying cry)
- appearance & reality: ersatz (substitute), warrior (ironic)
- area: no man's land (danger)
- assembling: draft (v), muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blitz (campaign), bombshell (n), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), drum up (v), dynamite (n), shot (shot heard round the world), trumpet (v)
- bases: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- behavior: cannon (loose cannon), hostile (adj)
- campaign: blitz (campaign), offensive (charm offensive, etc.)
- character & personality: cannon (loose cannon), general (floor general, etc.), gladiator (n), strongman (power), warrior (other), wingman (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: last hurrah
- commitment & determination: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), flag (plant one's flag), gung ho (and gung-ho), hill (resistance), last-ditch (adj), locked in (target), mission (on a mission), mission (other), shield (on one's shield), warrior through (v)
- competition: race (arms race)
- computer: bomb (review-bomb, etc.), war (flame war)
- concealment & lack of concealment: camouflage (v), camouflage (concealment), infiltrate (v), smokescreen (concealment)
- condition & status: AWOL, hors de combat, missing in action (MIA)
- conflict: ally (other), attack (v), attack (under attack, etc.), barracked, battering ram, battle (v), battle (n), battle cry, battleground (conflict), battle line (conflict), broadside (n), ceasefire (n), civil war (n), combat (v), combat (n), combative (adj), counterattack (n), day (win the day, carry the day), embattled, enemy (conflict), firefight (and fire fight), force (show of force), fight (n), fight (v), fray (above the fray), fray (conflict), front (conflict), front line (on the front line), front line (other), hostile (adj), last-ditch (adj), line (line of defense, etc.), outgunned, partisan (n), rebellion (n), reprisal (n), saboteur (person), salvo (n), scorched-earth (and scorched earth), shot (warning shot), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), siege (under siege), skirmish (n), truce (n), wagon (circle the wagons), war (at war), war (conflict), warfare (n), war zone, zone (combat zone)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: retreat (withdraw)
- consciousness & awareness: fog (fog of war, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: Geneva Convention (cyber, etc.)
- consumption: food (meat)
- control & lack of control: cannon (loose cannon), general (floor general, etc.), no man's land (danger), no man's land (regulatory, etc.)
- cost & benefit: Pyrrhic victory (figurative)
- courage & lack of courage: warrior through (v)
- creation & transformation: drum up (v)
- danger: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, firing line (n), landmine (and land mine), line of fire, milk run (n), minefield (n), no man's land (danger), powder keg, tripwire (danger)
- death & life: body count (actual)
- destruction: attacked, blast radius (n), carnage (n), collateral damage (n), death march (n), invader (n), sabotage (v), sabotage (n), sabotaged, saboteur (person), scorched-earth (and scorched earth), shot down (and shot down in flames), strike (preemptive strike, etc.), trail of tears (suffering), waste (lay waste), water (blow something out of the water), weapon (political weapon, etc.)
- development: shot (warning shot)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: battle (uphill battle, etc.), Dunkirk (digital Dunkirk, etc.), Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.), last-ditch (adj), Manhattan Project, milk run (n), slog (long hard slog, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: body count (figurative), coup (power), drummed out, guard (changing of the guard)

- disruption: grenade (disruption), sabotage (v), sabotage (n), sabotaged, saboteur (person)
- division: camp (division)
- division & connection: drawbridge (protection), moat (n), Maginot Line
- driving force: advance guard, charge (lead the charge, etc.), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), fist (armored fist, etc.), march (on the march), march (n), point man (and point person), spear (tip of the spear), vanguard, vanguard (in the vanguard), vanguard (other)
- eagerness & reluctance: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.)
- effect: blast radius (n)
- enthusiasm: army (Arnie's Army, etc.)
- environment: no man's land (danger), war zone, zone (combat zone)
- epithet: general (Bobby Knight, "The General," etc.), war (epithet / figurative), Waterloo (figurative)
- experience: boot camp (education, etc.), doyen (squad leader), front line on the front line, lifer (person), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.), story (war story), stripe (earn one's stripes, etc.), trench (in the trenches), trench (other), veteran (n), veteran (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: casualty (n), wound (self-inflicted wound)
- fate, fortune & chance: last-ditch (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bombshell (n), combative (adj), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), hostile (adj), PTSD (and post-traumatic stress disorder), shellshocked (and shell-shocked), retreat (withdraw)
- fictive communication: interrogate (v)
- force: blast radius (n), force (show of force), hot (come in hot, go in hot), onslaught (n)
- functioning: hors de combat
- group, set & collection: armada (n), armory (n), army (Arnie's Army, etc.), arsenal (amount), corps (group), fleet (amount), panoply (n)
- help & assistance: ally (other), armed, armory (n), arrow (weapon), arsenal (amount), bow (weapon), cavalry (n), Marshall Plan, weapon (help), wingman (person)
- hierarchy: brass (leader), chain of command (and chain), foot soldier (duty), rank-and-file (adj)
- identity & nature: ersatz (substitute)
- importance & significance: big gun (and heavy gun), breakthrough (n), salient (important)
- increase & decrease: multiplier (force multiplier)
- initiation: tripwire (initiation)
- judgment: dressing down (n), firing squad, muster (pass muster), prisoner (take no prisoners, etc.), quarter (no quarter, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: camp (math camp, etc.)
- mental health: PTSD (and post-traumatic stress disorder)
- message: call (call to arms), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), saber rattling
- money: war chest
- movement: march (move), retreat (glaciers, etc.), slog (long hard slog, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: breakthrough (n)
- orientation: flank (protection)
- person: big gun (and heavy gun), cannon (loose cannon), doyen (squad leader), enemy (conflict), flag-bearer, foot soldier (duty), gladiator (n), honcho (leader), lifer (person), partisan (n), point man (and point person), rebel (person), saboteur (person), standard-bearer, traitor (person), turncoat (person), warrior (other), wingman (person)
- place: battleground (conflict), front line (on the front line), front line (other), trench (in the trenches), trench (other)
- possession: flag (plant one's flag), surrender (v)
- power: chieftain (n), coup (power), force (show of force)
- presence & absence: beachhead (n), bridgehead (n), hors de combat, missing in action (MIA), outpost (n), retreat (absence)

- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: guard (changing of the guard)
- progress & lack of progress: breakthrough (n), inroads (make inroads), march (on the march), march (n)
- protection & lack of protection: aegis (n), armor (protection), bastion (n), breach (v), breach (n), breached, bristle (with security, etc.), bulwark (protection), bunker (n), castle (protection), chink (chink in one's armor), citadel (n), dig in (v), drawbridge (protection), dug in, entrenched, flank (protection), foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.), fort (hold down the fort), fortress, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (lower one's guard, drop one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up), guardian (protection), head (keep one's head down), hedgehog (protection), loophole (n), moat (n), phalanx (phalanx of lawyers, etc.), praetorian guard, rampart (protection), rank (close ranks), redoubt (n), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative), shield (v), shield (n), stronghold (n), wagon (circle the wagons), wingman (person)
- punishment & recrimination: prisoner (take no prisoners, etc.), quarter (no quarter, etc.), reprisal (n)
- readiness & preparedness: ambush (v), ambush (n), ambush (n), ambushed, dry run, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (lower one's guard, drop one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up), locked and loaded, war room (strategy, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: ceasefire (n), hatchet (bury the hatchet), truce (n)
- relationship: march (together, etc.)
- representation: beret (Brown Beret, etc.), flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- resemblance: rampart (resemblance)
- resiliency: soldier on (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: cavalry (n), combat (v), combat (n), combative (adj), conquer (v), counterattack (v), counterattack (n), day (save the day), dig in (v), dug in, Dunkirk (digital Dunkirk, etc.), entrenched, fight (n), fight (v), flag (plant one's flag), Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.), give in (v), give up (stop trying), give way (and give way to), hill (resistance), insurgency (n), insurrection (n), last-ditch (adj), overrun (v), overrun (overwhelmed), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), rearguard (n), rebel (person), rebel (v), rebellion (n), retreat (reverse / verb), revolt (v), revolt (n), rout (defeat / noun), rout (defeat / verb), routed (defeated), siege (under siege), siege (other), Stalingrad (non-military), stand (last stand, etc.), surrender (v), Thermopylae (figurative), white flag (surrender)
- responsibility: watch (on one's watch)
- restraint & lack of restraint: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), cannon (loose cannon)
- reversal: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), about face, retreat (reverse / verb), retreat (reverse / noun)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: drummer (different drummer), rebel (person), rebel (v), step (in step), step (out of step)
- searching & discovery: scout (n), search (v)
- sequence: harbinger (n)
- speech: broadside (n), fire (draw fire, etc.), flak (criticism), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot), sniping (n), sound off (v), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- speed: cadence (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: beachhead (n), ceasefire (n), last hurrah, soldier on (v), stand down (v), truce (n)
- strategy: war room (strategy, etc.)
- strength & weakness: big gun (and heavy gun), outgunned, Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- subterfuge: camouflage (v), camouflage (concealment), smokescreen (concealment)
- success & failure: conquer (v), Dunkirk (digital Dunkirk, etc.), Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.), mission (mission accomplished), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), Waterloo (figurative)
- superiority & inferiority: heights (commanding heights, etc.), outgunned
- survival, persistence & endurance: beachhead (n), bridgehead (n), dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, last-ditch (adj), outpost (n), soldier on (v), warrior through (v)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: zero hour (n)
- transmission: infiltrate (v)

- unanimity & consensus: drummer (different drummer), lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), step (in step), step (out of step)
- violence: cleanup (military)
- warning: sentinel (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot), tripwire (warning)
- work & duty: foot soldier (duty), marching orders, mission (on a mission), mission (other), soldier (n), soldier on (v), tour of duty, troops (supporters), warhorse (and war horse)
- worth & lack of worth: cannon fodder (other), spoils (of war, etc.)

MIND (1)

- books & reading: read (read a mind)
- breadth: narrow-minded (adj), narrowness (n)
- container: close-minded (adj), mind (out of one's mind), mind (container), mind (open mind), open-minded (adj)
- direction: high-minded (adj)
- doors & thresholds: open up (consciousness)
- materials & substances: mind-bending (adj), minded (steely-minded), tough-minded (adj), weak-minded (adj)
- mechanism: mindset (n)
- movement: mind (go through one's mind, etc.), wander (mind, attention, etc.)
- platform: mind (platform)
- possession: mind (lose one's mind)
- size: small-minded (adj)
- space: mind (go through one's mind, etc.), mind (top of mind), mind (front of mind), mind (back of mind)
- verb: mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), open up (consciousness), read (read a mind)

MINING (2)

- activity: bonanza (n), gold rush
- allegiance, support & betrayal: prop (n), prop up (v)
- amelioration & renewal: buttress (resemblance), prop (n), prop up (v), shored up, shore up (v)
- amount: nugget (n)
- amount & effect: bonanza (n), gold rush
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig up (v), drill (drill down, etc.), excavate (v), layer (analysis), unearth (v), unearthed
- appearance & disappearance: dig up (v), excavate (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- appearance & reality: fool's gold
- behavior: gold-digging
- character & personality: gold digger (person)
- commitment & determination: dig deep (determination)
- computer: mine (bitcoin mine, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: dig up (v), excavate (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- cost & benefit: bonanza (n), gold rush
- evidence: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- experience: coalface (and coal face)
- failure, accident & impairment: cave (cave in), undercut (v), undermine (v)
- identity & nature: melting pot (n)
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- person: gold digger (person)
- place: coalface (and coal face)
- product: mine (bitcoin mine, etc.), miner (bitcoin miner, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: cave (cave in)

- searching & discovery: dig (search for), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig through (v), dig out, dig up, dry (come up dry), excavate (v), fool's gold, gold (strike gold), mine (search), mining (data, etc.), pay dirt, prospect (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- source: gold mine, mother lode, vein (source)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: vein (in that vein, etc.)
- strength & weakness: shored up, shore up (v)
- success & failure: dry (come up dry), fool's gold, gold (strike gold), hole (dry hole), pan out (v), pay dirt
- superlative: gem (n), golden (golden opportunity, etc.), gold standard (n), jewel (n), lapidary (adj)
- taking & removing: strip-mine (v)
- worth & lack of worth: bonanza (n), fool's gold, gem (n), gold (worth), gold (black gold, etc.), gold mine, gold rush, jewel (n), karat (24-karat), nugget (n), pan out (v), pay dirt

MIRROR (2)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: mirror (n)
- consciousness & awareness: mirror (n)
- past & present: mirror (in the rear-view mirror)
- repetition: mirror (v)
- time: mirror (in the rear-view mirror)

MIXTURE (1)

- alcohol: cocktail (n)
- atmosphere: rainbow (mixture)
- bird: cocktail (n)
- chemistry: chemistry
- cloth: lace (v), tapestry (n), weave (mixture)
- container: melting pot (n)
- cooking: concoction (n), fold in (v)
- fire: melting pot (n)
- food & drink: alphabet (letters), bouillabaisse (mixture), bowl (salad bowl / mixture), brew (mixture), cocktail (n), concoction (n), farrago (confused mixture), gumbo (mixture), ingredient (n), jambalaya (mixture), soup (mixture), stew (mixture)
- letters & characters: alphabet (letters)
- materials & substances: amalgam (n), blend (mixture)
- mining: melting pot (noun)
- music: symphony (identity)
- sky: rainbow (mixture)
- temperature: melting pot (n)
- verb: fold in (v), lace (v)

MIXTURE (2)

- amount: slurry (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blend in (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: blend in (v)
- contempo-speak: word salad
- disruption: scramble (disrupt)
- involvement: mix (in / into the mix), mixed up

MONEY (1)

- allusion: Great Gatsby, Lucullan (adj), Lucullus (epithet), Midas (Midas touch)
- animal: nest egg
- bird: nest egg

- cat: fat cat
- cloth: rope (velvet rope), threadbare (adj)
- clothing & accessories: rags-to-riches, shoestring (n), threadbare (adj)
- container: coffer (n)
- epithet: Great Gatsby, Lucullus (epithet), Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- fatness & thinness: fat cat
- food & drink: platter (silver platter)
- history: gilded (Gilded Age)
- letters & characters: dollar sign (n)
- materials & substances: rope (velvet rope), platter (silver platter)
- military: war chest
- part of speech: haves (and have-nots, etc.)
- person: loan shark, skinflint (person), spendthrift (person)
- place: Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- predation: loan shark
- purses & wallets: change (pocket change), piggybank (n), purse (money), purse strings, pocket (deep pockets), pocketbook (money), checkbook, wallet (money)
- rope: rope (velvet rope)
- sensation: tight (money)
- sign, signal, symbol: box office (n), champagne (money), checkbook, coffer (n), cookie jar (n), dollar sign (n), fat cat, meal ticket (n), piggybank (n), pocket (deep pockets), pocketbook (money), purse (money), purse strings, rags-to-riches, rope (velvet rope), platter (silver platter), treasure (money), wallet (money), Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.), war chest

MONEY (2)

- acceptance & rejection: buy (buy into something), buy (accept), buy-in (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: earn (v), tribute (pay tribute)
- activity: bonanza (n), gold rush
- allegiance, support & betrayal: buy (buy into something), buy-in (n), sell out (v)
- amount: catalogue (list), change (pocket change), rich (plentiful), tight (money), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount)
- amount & effect: bonanza (n), gold rush
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: bottom line
- attainment: deal (close the deal)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: brand (non-product), peddle (v), sell (promote)
- certainty & uncertainty: deal (done deal)
- character & personality: mercenary
- commitment & determination: buy-in (n), cost (at all costs, etc.), invest (v), investment (n), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- competition: marketplace (n)
- computer: paywall (obstacle)
- constraint & lack of constraint: budget (attention budget, etc.)
- cost & benefit: afford (v), bonanza (n), bottom line, capital (value), cash in (v), cost (v), cost (at a cost), cost (at all costs, etc.), costly (adj), currency (worth), dividend (pay dividends, etc.), expense (at the expense), gold rush, pay (benefit), pay (pay a price), pay off, payoff, price (n), price tag, prize (n), prized, profit (v), reward (v), reward (n), rewarding, spend (energy, etc.), toll (take a toll, etc.), toll (other), worth (benefit)
- creation & transformation: coin (v), coined, mint (v), minted
- death & life: bill (butcher's bill, etc.), cheap (life is cheap, etc.), precious (life is precious, etc.)
- experience: pay (pay one's dues)

- fate, fortune & chance: windfall (n)
- fictive communication: beg (v)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history), lend (lend a hand, etc.)
- group, set & collection: bank (tissue bank, etc.), brain trust, treasure trove (and trove), treasure house
- growth & development: seed money
- help & assistance: lend (lend a hand, etc.)
- hyperbole: soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- identity & nature: brand (non-product)
- importance & significance: million-dollar
- increase & decrease: enrich (v)
- judgment: cost (at a cost), hell (hell to pay, etc.), pay (pay a price), pay (revenge), price (n), price tag, reckoning (judgment)
- message: sell (promote)
- military: bill (butcher's bill, etc.)
- obligation: debt (in somebody's debt), debt (obligation), indebted, owe (obligation), pay (obligation), repaid (a debt, etc.), repay (v), tribute (pay tribute)
- obstacles & impedance: paywall (obstacle)
- person: gold digger (person), gun (hired gun), loan shark, mercenary (person), rainmaker (person)
- position, policy & negotiation: haggle (v), haggling, horse-trading, transactional (adj)
- possession: own (possess), own (make something one's own), ownership (n), trade (v)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: legacy (obsolescence)
- protection & lack of protection: insurance
- punishment & recrimination: hell (hell to pay, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: deal (close the deal)
- relationship: coin (side of a coin), coin (double-sided coin), owe (relationship)
- reputation: legacy (reputation)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: cost (at all costs, etc.), sell out (v)
- responsibility: own (responsibility), ownership (n)
- revenge: pay (revenge), payback (n), score (settle a score, etc.)
- sacrifice: treasure (money)
- searching & discovery: treasure trove (and trove)
- society: haves (and have-nots, etc.)
- speech: beg (v), cheap (words are cheap, etc.)
- success & failure: deal (close the deal), jackpot (hit the jackpot)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: deficit (n)
- superlative: gold standard (n), rich (superlative)
- superiority & inferiority: boutique (n)
- taxonomy & classification: brand (non-product)
- time: precious (time), time (buy time, etc.), time (spend time), time (have time), time (spend time), time (make time), time (find time), time (steal time, etc.), time (give time), time (lose time, etc.), time (cost time, etc.), time (a minute to spare, etc.), time (waste time)
- transmission: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: prize (n), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), stakeholder (interest)
- worth & lack of worth: bankrupt (adj), bonanza (n), capital (value), cash machine (n), cheap (life is cheap, etc.), cheap (words are cheap, etc.), currency (worth), dollar (million dollar question, etc.), enrich (v), gold rush, Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.), pay off (v), precious (life is precious, etc.), payoff, prize (n), prized, profit (v), rich (rich land, etc.), stock (worth), treasure (worth), treasure (v), treasured (worth), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount), windfall (n)

MOON (2) (see also astronomy; star; sun)

- appearance: moonscape (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- decline: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), wane (on the wane), wane (v)
- development: wane (v), wax and wane
- difficulty, easiness & effort: moonshot (n)
- environment: moonscape (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: moon (over the moon)
- geography: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)
- increase & decrease: wane (v), wax and wane
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax and wane
- proper name: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)
- resemblance: moonscape (n)
- shape: moon (shape)
- superiority & inferiority: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)

MOUNTAINS & HILLS (2)

- ability & lack of ability: Sherpa (v), Sherpa (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: peak (at the peak), summit (at the summit)
- amount: mountain (amount)
- amount & effect: landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other)
- appearance & reality: valley (the uncanny valley, etc.)
- attainment: climb (scale), Mariana Trench (epithet), Mount Everest (and Everest), scale (climb), sights (lower one's sights)
- bases: monolith (n), monolithic (adj), outcrop (and outcropping), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- behavior: edge (over the edge)
- danger: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), Mount Everest (and Everest), precipice (at / on the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- decline: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), downhill (go downhill, etc.), hill (over the hill)
- destruction: abyss (n), cliff (glass cliff), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (push something over the edge)
- development: watershed (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: downhill (easy), hill (difficulty), mountain (difficulty), Mount Everest (and Everest), uphill (difficult)
- direction: watershed (n)
- division & connection: traverse (v), watershed (n)
- dominance & submission: overhang (n)
- epithet: Mariana Trench (epithet), Mount Everest (and Everest)
- fate, fortune & chance: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at / on the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- help & assistance: Sherpa (v), Sherpa (n)
- hierarchy: mountain (at the top of the mountain)
- importance & significance: paramount (adj), watershed (n)
- increase & decrease: peak (at the peak), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), plateau (v)
- isolation & remoteness: cave (isolation)
- obstacles & impedance: overcome (v)
- occurrence: outcrop (and outcropping)
- past & present: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- presence & absence: foothold (n), toehold (n)

- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: hill (over the hill), peak (careers, etc. / verb), peak (at the peak), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: climb (scale), level off (v), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), scale (climb), valley (n)
- protection & lack of protection: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- proximity: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at / on the precipice), precipice (other)
- resemblance: mountainous (adj)
- sequence: descendant (come after / down)
- shape: peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), valley
- size: Himalayan (miscalculation, etc.), mountainous (adj), Mount Everest (and Everest), Olympian (size)
- source: watershed (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- strength & weakness: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- superlative: Mariana Trench (epithet), Mount Everest (and Everest), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), peak (peak experience, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: foothold (n), toehold (n)
- time: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: sights (lower one's sights)

MOUTH (2) (see also tongue, throat)

- character & personality: loudmouth (person)
- eagerness & reluctance: chops (lick one's chops), lips (lick one's lips), salivate (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: jaw-dropper, jaw-dropping, lip (stiff upper lip)
- orientation: mandible (n), mouth (entrance)
- person: motormouth (person / speech)
- repetition: mouthpiece (person)
- resemblance: jaw (jaws of life, etc.), mandible (n), mouth (entrance), spit (spit down), spit (v)
- resiliency: lip (stiff upper lip)
- restraint & lack of restraint: mouth (run one's mouth)
- shape: jaw (jaws of life, etc.), mandible (n)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: lip service (pay lip service, etc.), mouth (both sides of one's mouth), mouthpiece (person)
- speech: lip (speech), lip service (pay lip service, etc.), loudmouth (person), motormouth (person / speech), mouth (both sides of one's mouth), mouth (run one's mouth), mouthpiece (person), mouthy (adj), muzzle (v), tight-lipped (adj)
- survival, persistence & endurance: lip (stiff upper lip)

MOVEMENT (1) (see also fictive motion; leaking)

- animal: canter (n), canter (v), duck (v), fishtail (v), flit (v), flock (v), gallop (v), hop (v), leapfrog (v), lurk (v), porpoising (movement), pounce (v), prowl (on the prowl), slink (slink in, etc.), sluggish (adj), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), stalk (v), stampede (n), swan (v), swarm (v), swoop (v), trot (on the trot), weasel (v)
- astronomy: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- atmosphere: drift (move)
- ball: bounce (v), ping-pong (v), pinball (v), ping-pong (n), rebound (recover), rebound (v), roll (move), roll in (v), rolling (moving)
- boat: anchored, swamp (v)
- bird: duck (v), flit (v), flock (v), swan (v), swoop (v)
- blade: scissor (v), scissor (resemblance)
- cloth: weave (move)

- corner: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- cows & cattle: stampede (n)
- direction: bounce (v), cascade (v), oscillate (v), ping-pong (v), ping-pong (n), retreat (glaciers, etc.), roll (move), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), weave (move), yo-yo (v), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.), zig-zag (v)
- doors & thresholds: revolving door
- engine: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- fan: fan out (v)
- fish: fishtail (v), porpoising (movement)
- flood: deluge (n), flood (move)
- flying & falling: swoop (v)
- force: barrel (v), churn (move), hurtle (v), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), rip through (v), tear through (v)
- horse: canter (n), canter (v), gallop (v), stampede (n), trot (on the trot)
- hunting: lurk (v), pounce (v), stalk (v)
- insect: flit (v), swarm (v)
- journeys & trips: plod (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.)
- letters & characters: zig-zag (v)
- military: march (move), retreat (glaciers, etc.), slog (long hard slog, etc.)
- mechanism: conveyor belt, parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- predation: lurk (v), pounce (v), prowl (on the prowl), robotic (movement), stalk (v), swoop (v)
- river: flood (move), flow (flow of the lesson, etc.), flow (move), flow (n), river (river of hogs, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- rocket: rocket (speed), skyrocket (increase)
- sea: ebb (movement), ebb and flow (v), ebb and flow (n), tide (other), wave (amount and effect)
- shape: corkscrew (v), doughnut (cars, etc.), fan out (v), spiral (downward or upward)
- sheep: flock (v)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- snake: snake (a trail can snake, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- snow & ice: freeze (position of body), frozen (movement)
- sound: drift (sound), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), zip (v)
- speed: crawl (time can crawl, etc.), canter (n), canter (v), gallop (v), plod (v), race (hurry), rocket (speed), roll (slow-roll), skyrocket (increase), sluggish (adj)
- sports & games: carrousel (n), merry-go-round, pinball (v), ping-pong (v), ping-pong (n), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), yo-yo (v), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- tide: ebb (movement), ebb and flow (v), ebb and flow (n), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (other)
- verb: barrel (v), bounce (v), canter (v), churn (move), corkscrew (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), creep (v), dance (resemblance), dart (dart about), drift (move), duck (v), ebb and flow (v), fishtail (v), flee (v), flit (v), flock (v), flood (move), flow (move), fluctuate (v), gallop (v), hop (v), hurtle (v), jump (leave), jump (movement), leap (leap into action, etc.), leapfrog (v), loiter (v), lurch (v), lurk (v), march (move), migrate (v), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), oscillate (v), pinball (v), ping-pong (v), plod (v), pounce (v), pour (in, into, pour out, etc.), race (v), rebound (recover), rebound (v), reel (v), retreat (glaciers, etc.), ricochet (v), rip through (v), rocket (speed), roll (move), roll in (v), scissor (v), scramble (v), seep (v), slink (slink in, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), spill (and spill out, etc.), spiral (downward or upward), stalk (v), stall (v), stream (move), stride (hit one's stride), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swan (v), swarm (v), swoop (v), tear through (v), trickle (trickle in / out), vault (v), veer (v), wash in (v), weasel (v), weave (move), whip (movement), yo-yo (v), zig-zag (v)

- walking, running & jumping: canter (n), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), crawl (n), creep (v), dance (resemblance), flee (v), gallop (v), hop (v), jump (leave), jump (movement), leap (leap into action, etc.), leapfrog (v), lurch (v), lurk (v), march (move), plod (v), pounce (v), race (hurry), reel (v), scramble (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), stalk (v), stride (hit one's stride), vault (v), zip (v)
- water: cascade (v), deluge (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), flood (move), flow (flow of the lesson, etc.), flow (move), flow (n), flowing, fluctuate (v), fluid (adj), gush (n), outpouring, overflow (v), overflowing (adj), pour (in, into, pour out, etc.), river (river of hogs, etc.), seep (v), spill (v), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), trickle (trickle in / out), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)
- wave: fluctuate (v), swamp (v), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)
- weapon: dart (dart about), ricochet (v)
- whip: whip (movement)
- wind: drift (move)

MOVEMENT (2) (see also journeys & trips)

- ability & lack of ability: acrobatic (adj), agile (adj), agility (n) clumsy (speech), flexible (adj), flexible (character), footwork (n), gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), handicapped, inflexible (character), nimble (adj), rigid (constraint), rigid (character), supple (adj)
- action, inaction & delay: bus (park the bus), can (kick the can down the road), feet (drag one's feet), hand (sit on one's hands), inertia (n), move (take action), road (push something down the road), roll (slow-roll), slow (adj), stand by (v)
- activity: astir (adj), busy (active), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), dervish (activity), feverish (adj), feverishly, hop (v), jump (the place was jumping, etc.), paroxysm (other), potato (couch potato), rage (v), raging (adj), rush (oil rush, etc.), scramble (v), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj), swing (in full swing), swirl (v), thrum (v), whirl (n)
- affliction: convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), paroxysm (other), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj)
- amelioration & renewal: outlet (n), turn around (turn things around, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: arrive at (an answer, etc.), come to (come to an answer, etc.), follow (argument), follow (it follows that, etc.), go (argument), go on (what's going on, etc.), reach (reach an answer, etc.)
- appearance & disappearance: come (occur, develop), come along (appearance), come back (from extinction, etc.), go away (v)
- attachment: accompany (attachment), attend (v), come with (and come along with / attachment)
- attainment: arrive at (an answer, etc.), climb (scale), coast (coast to victory, etc.), far (progress), reach (secure), reach (a place on a journey), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scale (climb), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: draw (attract), draw in (v), drawn in, drawn into, drawn to, orbit (n), pulled in, pulled into, recoil (v), revolve (revolve around something), vortex (n)
- avoidance & separation: bypass (v), dodge (v), end run (n), go around (v), sidestep (v)
- attempt: go (have a go at something), go for it (and go for broke, etc.)
- bases: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- behavior: go (behavior), rage (v), raging (adj), wall (ricochet off the wall)
- certainty & uncertainty: shifting (adj), teeter totter (v)
- character & personality: flexible (character), inflexible (character), rigid (character)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: arrive (a time can arrive), arrive (the equator is arriving, etc.), cavalcade (n), circle back (return), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (occur, develop), come and go (currency), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), conga line, conveyor belt, day (day has arrived, etc.), footstep (retrace one's footsteps), go (not go anywhere, etc.), go away (v), go back (and get back), here (here to stay, etc.), hover (other), intervening (adj), linger (v), lingering, loiter (v), musical chairs, pageant

- (n), parade (n), parked (movement), reach (the news reached him, etc.), remain (v), return (and return to), return (n), revisit (v), revolving door, time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), upcoming (adj), waltz in (v)
- commitment & determination: budge (v), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), go for it (and go for broke, etc.), immovable (adj), leap (leap into action, etc.), move (not move an inch, etc.), waver (v), unwavering (adj), wobble (commitment), wobbly (commitment)
 - competition: ahead (competition), behind (competition), catch up (catch up to something), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fall behind (competition and progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), pass (progress), race (competition), race (hurry), slipstream (in a slipstream), trail (competition and progress), wake (in a wake)
 - comprehension & incomprehension: follow (argument), go (argument)
 - condition & status: dead (dead in the water), handicapped, limp (v), ongoing (investigation, etc.), sluggish (adj), speed (up to speed), spiral (death spiral), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (spin one's wheels)
 - configuration: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
 - confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), can (kick the can down the road), hand (sit on one's hands), road (go down that road, etc.), sidestep (v), there (let's not go there)
 - consciousness & awareness: drift (consciousness), see (see something coming)
 - constraint & lack of constraint: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), fetter (n), fettered, flexible (adj), hamstring (v), hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.), jump (transmission), outlet (n), rigid (constraint), spot (tight spot, etc.), supple (adj), unfettered
 - control & lack of control: accelerator (control), brake (control), carried away, check (in check), rage (v), raging (adj), spin (out of control), spiral (out of control)
 - course: journey (n), passage (journey)
 - creation & transformation: spin-off (n), spin up (v), spun up
 - curtailment: end (come to an end, etc.), track (stop something in its tracks)
 - death & life: dead (dead and gone), gone (dead), leave (death), pass (die), pass away (v), passing (death / actual)
 - decline: passing (death / figurative), slide (slide to perdition, etc.), slide (v), stagnant (adj), stagnate (v), tailspin (in a tailspin)
 - destruction: spiral (death spiral)
 - development: along (further along), come (occur, develop), come (come a long way), come to (development), enter (enter a new era, etc.), follow (it follows that, etc.), get (not get anywhere, get nowhere), go (go wrong, etc.), go (go right, etc.), go (not go anywhere, go nowhere), go (develop), go (where are we going, etc.), head (development), here (go from here, etc.), hinge (hinge event, etc.), journey (n), lead (one thing leads to another), move on (development), pendulum (reversal), pivot (v), pivot (n), progress (v), reach (a place on a journey), roller coaster (development), see (see something coming), seesaw (n), stand still (development), swing (swing around), swing (development), turn (take a turn), turn (development), turning point (n), twist (n), where (situation / development)
 - difficulty, easiness & effort: acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), canter (n), canter (v), coast (coast to victory, etc.), drag (v), gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), park (walk in the park), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scramble (v), shortcut (v), shortcut (n), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), trot (on the trot), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
 - direction: approach (a better approach, etc.), bound (destination), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footstep (in the footsteps), go (direction), head (development), lead (one thing leads to another), meander (v), move (direction), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), stray (direction), wind (wind its way)
 - dismissal, removal & resignation: shake (remove)
 - disruption: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
 - division & connection: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
 - driving force: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), march (on the march), march (n)

- eagerness & reluctance: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), road (go down that road, etc.), spring (spring into action, etc.), there (let's not go there)
- enthusiasm: follower (on social media, etc.)
- experience: been through (endure, etc.), go through (endure, etc.), journey (n), passage (journey), ride (rough ride, etc.), road (down a road before)
- extent & scope: sweeping, swing (in full swing)
- failure, accident & impairment: circle (go in circles), falter (v), flounder (v), go (go wrong, etc.), go (go right, etc.), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), momentum (lose momentum), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stalled (progress), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), turn (wrong turn)
- feeling, emotion & effect: carried away, cartwheel (do cartwheels, etc.), follow (follow a feeling or emotion), frozen (emotion), paralyzed (feeling), paroxysm (emotion), petrified (adj), rage (v), raging (adj), roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.), send (emotion or effect), slide (v), wall (ricochet off the wall)
- fictive transportation: back (in time), carried away, carry (carry me away, etc.), take (take us back / time), transport (in time)
- flaws & lack of flaws: roll (on a roll)
- force: barrel (v), churn (move), hurtle (v), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), momentum (n), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), rip through (v), tear through (v), traction (gain / build / get traction), unstoppable (force, etc.)
- functioning: cripple (v), crippled, fetter (n), fettered, hamstring (v), hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, paralysis (n), paralyze (v), paralyzed (functioning), speed (up to speed), stall (v), stalled (progress), unfettered
- future: approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching (adj), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), arrive (a time can arrive), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (to come), come (for a time to come), come (come after / at a later time), come and go (time), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), forward (every year forward, etc.), go (a month to go, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), headed, intervening (adj), near (v), on (30 years on, etc.), onrushing (future, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), see (see something coming), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), train (future), up-and-coming (and up and coming), upcoming (adj), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)
- group, set & collection: cavalcade (n), pageant (n), parade (n)
- growth & development: fall behind (competition and progress), lag (progress), trail (competition and progress)
- haste: gallop (haste), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), run (on the run / haste), rush (oil rush, etc.), scramble (v)
- importance & significance: breakthrough (n), hinge (hinge event, etc.), turning point (n)
- increase & decrease: accelerate (v), accelerator (control), brake (control), creep (mission creep, etc.), escalate (v), fluctuate (v), jump (increase / verb), jump (n), momentum (n), rebound (numbers), roller coaster (development), surge (intransitive verb / increase), upsurge (n), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- initiation: pot (stir the pot), swirl (v), spin up (v), spun up
- involvement: bound up, draw in (v), drawn in, drawn into, enmeshed, pulled in, pulled into, web (entanglement)
- message: spin (message / verb), spin (message / noun), spin (spin control)
- mind: mind (go through one's mind, etc.), wander (mind, attention, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: breakthrough (n), ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), drag (drag on the economy, etc.), impasse (n), stopped up, stuck (adj), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- occurrence: come (occur, develop), go on (what's going on, etc.), spin up (v), spun up
- past & present: ago (two days ago / gone by), ancestor (go before), back (in time), backtrack (go back in time), backwards (past), bridge (water under the bridge), bygone (adj), circle back (return), come (a time comes along), come (come before / at an earlier time), come and go (time), dam (water over the dam), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), gone (those days are gone, etc.), here (go from here, etc.), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), pass (its time has passed, etc.), predecessor (go away before), revisit

- (v), road (down a road before), stand still (time), take (take us back / time), time warp, time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), walk (walk somebody back)
- person: follower (on social media, etc.), guide (person), leader (person)
 - position, policy & negotiation: budge (v), immovable (adj), maneuvering (strategy), move (not move an inch, etc.), shift (change)
 - possession: gone (absent)
 - power: momentum (gain momentum, etc.), momentum (n), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
 - prep, adv, adj, particle: gone (absent)
 - presence & absence: gone (absent), here (here to stay, etc.), remain (v)
 - primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: arrive (attainment), bygone (adj), come and go (currency), comer (up-and-comer, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass by (progress), passing (death / figurative), pendulum (reversal), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin), time (time has passed), up-and-coming (and up and coming), up and down, way (go the way of something)
 - product: outcome (n), spin-off (n)
 - progress & lack of progress: advance (v), backwards (progress), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), behind (progress), breakthrough (n), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), circle (go in circles), climb (scale), come (come a long way), dead (dead in the water), ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), fall behind (competition and progress), far (progress), forward (move forward, get (not get anywhere, get nowhere), go forward, etc.), go (not go anywhere, go nowhere), go (a distance to go, etc.), go (go places, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), inertia (n), jump (progress), jump (in jumps), keep up (progress), lag (progress), limp (v), limp (n), march (march ahead, etc.), march (on the march), march (n), momentum (n), moored, move (progress), move (move up), movement (progress), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), parked (movement), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), progress (v), roll (v), roll (on a roll), rut (in a rut, etc.), scale (climb), set back (v), setback (progress), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stalled (progress), stand still (progress), standstill (n), step (step by step, etc.), stuck (adj), there (destination), trail (competition and progress), wall (hit a wall, etc.), way (come a long way, etc.), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel), wind (wind its way)
 - pursuit, capture & escape: stalk (v)
 - reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam), move on (resiliency)
 - relationship: accompany (attachment), attend (v), bring (v), come (occur, develop), come with (and come along with / attachment), draw (attract), follow (result, sequence), follow (it follows that, etc.), lead (one thing leads to another), orbit (n), outcome (n), revolve (revolve around something)
 - resiliency: bounce back (v), bounce back (n), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), flexible (character), forge on (resiliency), go on (persist), move on (resiliency), rebound (recover), roll on (resiliency), soldier on (v)
 - resistance, opposition & defeat: budge (v), come out (against something), immovable (adj), move (not move an inch, etc.)
 - reversal: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), flip (v), flip-flop (v), flip-flop (v), hinge (hinge event, etc.), oscillate (v), pendulum (reversal), pivot (v), pivot (n), swing (swing around), turnabout (reversal)
 - sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: go-ahead
 - sequence: ancestor (go before), follow (result, sequence), follow (at a later time), following (sequence), following (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
 - situation: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), drawn in, drawn into, go back (and get back), pulled in, pulled into, return (and return to), spot (tight spot, etc.), stuck (adj)
 - social interaction: back (back and forth), get along (v), go along (v)

- speed: accelerate (v), accelerator (control), brake (control), canter (n), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), gallop (v), leaps and bounds, lethargic (adj), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), plod (v), race (hurry), slow (adj), sluggish (adj), speed (up to speed), speed (supersonic speed, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: accelerate (v), ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), course (run its course, etc.), creep (mission creep, etc.), end (come to an end, etc.), escalate (v), falter (v), follow-through (investigation, etc.), go on (persist), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), inertia (n), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (n), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), ongoing (investigation, etc.), onwards (from a time onwards), parked (movement), pass (end), roll (on a roll), roll (v), rolling (movement), set out (and set off), spasmodic (adj), stall (v), stalled (progress), strike out (start), swing (in full swing), tick on (and tick by), tick-tock (n), traction (gain / build / get traction), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- strategy: maneuvering (strategy)
- strength & weakness: muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- subterfuge: slink (slink in, etc.), spin (message / verb), spin (message / noun), spin (spin control)
- success & failure: nowhere (go nowhere, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: overflow (v)
- superiority & inferiority: dust (leave somebody in the dust), slipstream (in a slipstream), wake (in a wake)
- survival, persistence & endurance: been through (endure, etc.), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), go (not go anywhere, etc.), gone (absent), go through (endure, etc.), go on (persist), here (here to stay, etc.), immovable (adj), remain (v), soldier on (v)
- time: advance (a day can advance, etc.), ago (two days ago / gone by), ancestor (go before), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approaching (adj), arrive (a time can arrive), back (in time), backtrack (go back in time), behind (in the past), bygone (adj), backwards (past), bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), come (to come), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (a time comes along), come (come before / at an earlier time), come (come after / at a later time), come and go (time), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), course (over the course / time), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), dam (water over the dam), day (day has arrived, etc.), drag on (v), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), enter (enter a new era, etc.), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forward (every year forward, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), go (a month to go, etc.), go by (an hour can go by, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), haul (long haul), head (head into the future, etc.), here (go from here, etc.), intervening (adj), long-run (adj), march (March of Time, etc.), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), move on (time has moved on, etc.), near (v), on (30 years on, etc.), ongoing (investigation, etc.), onrushing (future, etc.), onwards (from a time onwards), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass (time can pass, etc.), passage (passage of time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), revisit (v), road (come down the road / pike), road (down a road before), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), see (see something coming), slip away (time), stand still (time), take (take us back / time), tick on (and tick by), tick-tock (n), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), time (passage of time), time (over time), time (course of time), time (dead time), time (time flies), time warp, train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time), transport (in time), upcoming (adj), wake (in the wake of / at a later time), walk (walk somebody back), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), head start, lethargic (adj), move on (time has moved on, etc.), ship (ship has sailed, etc.), slow (adj), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), train (train has left the station, etc.)
- transmission: hitchhike (v), hitchhiker (n), hop (hop across, etc.), jump (transmission), slink (slink in, etc.), stay (what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, etc.)

MUSIC (2)

- ability & lack of ability: chops (expertise), maestro (person)

- achievement, recognition & praise: hymn (n), Mozart (Mozart of Rock, etc.), nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.), paean (n), praise (sing someone's praises), unsung (praise)
- amount & effect: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), crescendo (n)
- amelioration & renewal: fine-tune (v), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- attainment: waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: bandwagon (n), fanfare (attention)
- complexity: note (one note)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: musical chairs, waltz in (v)
- commitment & determination: stop (pull out all the stops)
- concealment & lack of concealment: undertone (n)
- consciousness & awareness: tone-deaf (adj)
- decline: requiem (n)
- development: crescendo (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: stop (pull out all the stops), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- directing: orchestrate (v), orchestrated
- disruption: cognitive dissonance, discordant (adj)
- enthusiasm: Woodstock (whitewater Woodstock, etc.)
- evidence: undertone (n)
- experience: chops (expertise)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blues (the blues), cognitive dissonance, ear (music to one's ears), lament (v), note (note of caution, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj), tune (out of tune)
- identity & nature: anthem (n), anthemic (adj), symphony (identity)
- importance & significance: fiddle (second fiddle)
- judgment: music (face the music)
- knowledge & intelligence: chops (expertise)
- mixture: symphony (identity)
- person: maestro (person)
- priority: fiddle (second fiddle)
- readiness & preparedness: tune (and tune up), tune-up (noun)
- relationship: dance (coordination), pas de dux, tango (v)
- repetition: refrain (common refrain, etc.)
- representation: anthem (n), anthemic (adj)
- resemblance: chorus (resemblance), opera (n), symphony (resemblance)
- restraint & lack of restraints: stop (pull out all the stops)
- reverence: hymn (n)
- reversal: tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: offbeat (adj), tune (dance to the tune)
- sound: opera (n), symphony
- starting, going, continuing & ending: dance (last dance), requiem (n), waltz (last waltz)
- superiority & inferiority: fiddle (second fiddle)
- superlative: nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: bandwagon (n), chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), harmony (in harmony), tune (in tune, etc.), tune (out of tune), tune (dance to the tune), tune (different tune)

NAIL (2)

- pursuit, capture & escape: nail (nail somebody)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: nail down (settle)

- success & failure: nail (nail something), nail down (gain)

NECK (2)

- affliction: neck (pain in the neck), pain (pain in the neck, etc.)
- character & personality: pain (pain in the neck, etc.)
- competition: neck and neck (adj)
- death & life: neck (save one's neck)
- destruction: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), neck (save one's neck)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- extent & scope: neck (up to one's neck), neck-deep (in debt, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.), neck (save one's neck), neck (fate), neck (stick one's neck out)
- geography: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.)
- involvement: neck (up to one's neck), neck-deep (in debt, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: bottleneck (n)
- oppression: neck (oppression)
- proper name: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.), neck (Throggs Neck, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)
- shape: bottleneck (n), neck (area)
- survival, persistence & endurance: neck (save one's neck)

NEGATION (2)

- comparison & contrast: Einstein (intelligence, or lack), like (not like), no (no Jack Kennedy, etc.), nobody (and no one / sarcasm), not (sarcasm), not (so not / sarcasm), not (not so much / sarcasm), not (not happy, not good, not OK, etc.), not (not Churchill, etc.)

NOSE (2)

- ability & lack of ability: nose (ability)
- admiration & contempt: nose (look down one's nose)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: nose (attention)
- character & personality: hard-nosed (adjective)
- coercion & motivation: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: nose (under somebody's nose)
- eagerness & reluctance: nose (hold one's nose)
- insult: nose (thumb one's nose)
- orientation: nose (orientation), snout (orientation)
- proper name: Nose (Devil's Nose, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: nose (thumb one's nose)
- shape: nose (shape)

NUCLEAR ENERGY (2)

- affliction: fallout (effect)
- alternatives & choices: option (nuclear option)
- avoidance & separation: radioactive (adj)
- coercion & motivation: option (nuclear option)
- comparison & contrast: Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.)
- creation & transformation: breeder reactor (n)
- destruction: atomic bomb, Chernobyl, Hiroshima (epithet), meltdown (failure), radioactive (adj)

- effect: fallout (effect), ground zero
- failure, accident & impairment: Chernobyl, meltdown (failure)
- feeling, emotion & effect: fallout (effect), meltdown (emotions), melt down (emotions)
- initiation: critical mass (n)
- location: ground zero
- mental health: meltdown (emotions), melt down (emotions)
- place: ground zero
- punishment & recrimination: option (nuclear option)

NUMBER (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: count on (count on me, etc.)
- amount: trident (three), trilogy (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: add up (v), arithmetic, equation (n), calculus (n)
- attainment: approach (a number, etc.), hit (hit \$30, etc.), notch (a number), push (a number), reach (a number)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: first (metaverse-first, etc.)
- commitment & determination: percent (one hundred and ten percent)
- comparison & contrast: equate (v), equivalent (n)
- computer: two point zero, two point oh (2.0)
- development: point (decision point, etc.), zero (from hero to zero, etc.)
- direction: neighborhood (numbers), north (numbers), south (numbers)
- division & connection: common denominator
- fate, fortune & chance: number (number is up, etc.), numbered (days are numbered)
- force: times (times 1,000, etc.)
- importance & significance: fiddle (second fiddle), trinity (Holy Trinity), triumvirate (n)
- increase & decrease: climb (increase), crater (v), creep up (numbers), dip (decrease), dip (n), drop (prices dropped, etc.), drop (drop in sales, etc.), explode (increase), exploding (adj), explosion (increase), fall (numbers), fluctuate (v), free fall (in free fall), go down (decrease), go up (increase), grow (increase), hover (numbers), inflated (numbers), jack up (verb), jump (increase / verb), jump (n), level off (v), mount (v), multiplier (force multiplier), nosedive (verb / decrease), nosedive (noun / decrease), peak (numbers / verb), peak (peak temperature, etc.), pick up (increase), plateau (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), rebound (v), rise (prices rise, etc.), rocket (increase), roof (through the roof), shoot up (v), skyrocket (increase), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), soar (v), spike (spike in business, etc.), spiraling (increase), times (times 1,000, etc.), tumble (decline)
- origin: zero (place and time, etc.)
- power: times (times 1,000, etc.)
- priority: fiddle (second fiddle)
- progress & lack of progress: two point zero, two point oh (2.0)
- proximity: neighborhood (numbers)
- resiliency: positive (sex positive, etc.)
- script: formula (script)
- speed: zero (from hero to zero, etc.)
- strategy: arithmetic, calculus (n), equation (n), game (numbers game)
- superiority & inferiority: fiddle (second fiddle)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: countdown (n), zero hour (n)

OBJECT (2)

- appearance: Barbie (and Barbie Doll)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: it girl (and it drug, etc.), moment (have a moment / attention), new (orange is the new black, etc.), thing (fad, etc.), thing (the next big thing)
- comparison & contrast: postage stamp (size), shaped (anvil-shaped, etc.), size (and sized / affix)

- content: stuff (content)
- enthusiasm: thing (one's thing)
- evidence: calling card
- importance & significance: thing (a matter, issue)
- person: guy (nonhuman)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: it girl (and it drug, etc.), new (versus traditional), new (orange is the new black, etc.), old (traditional), thing (fad, etc.), thing (the next big thing)
- proper name: punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.)
- resemblance: doughnut (doughnut-shaped)
- searching & discovery: search (n)
- shape: punch bowl (shape), slot (shape)
- size: postage stamp (size)
- taxonomy & classification: label (n), labeled

OBJECTIFICATION (2)

- objectification: black (while black, female, brown, Muslim, etc.), body (black bodies, etc.), fetishization (n), fetishize (v), fetishized, fragile (groups), fragility (white fragility, etc.), gaze (male gaze, white gaze, etc.), objectified (groups), privilege (groups / verb), privilege (groups / noun), privileged, skin (groups), supremacist (white supremacist, etc.), supremacy (white supremacy, etc.)

OBLIGATION (1)

- money: debt (in somebody's debt), debt (obligation), indebted, owe (obligation), pay (obligation), repaid (a debt, etc.), repay (v), tribute (pay tribute)
- verb: owe (obligation), pay (obligation), repay (v)

OBSTACLES & IMPEDANCE (1)

- arm: drag down (v), hold back (obstacle), hold off (v)
- atmosphere: headwind (n)
- boat: headwind (n), shoal (n)
- bodily reaction: choke (v)
- bottle: bottleneck (n), bottle up (impede)
- breathing: choke (v), choked, chokepoint (n)
- burden: drag (drag on the economy, etc.)
- cards: card (the cards are stacked against us, a stacked deck, etc.)
- circus: hoop (jump through hoops, etc.)
- container: bottle up (impede)
- crashes & collisions: run (run into something), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- dam: dam (psychological dam, etc.)
- direction: breakthrough (n), hump (n), sink (sink into the mud, etc.)
- forest: clear (in the clear / into the clear), woods (out of the woods)
- gambling: card (the cards are stacked against us, a stacked deck, etc.)
- gate: gate (obstacle), gate (society)
- ground, terrain & land: barrier (n), bog down (v), bogged down, ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), quicksand (in / into the quicksand), rut (in a rut, etc.), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), stuck (adj), thicket (n)
- hand: hold up (obstruct), holdup (n)
- infrastructure: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), hump (n), pothole (n), stonewall (v), stopped up, wall (obstacle)
- journeys & trips: bog down (v), bogged down, bump (speed bump), bump (bump in the road, etc.), clear (in the clear / into the clear), come through (v), get through (endure, etc.), gridlock (n), gridlocked, impasse (n), patch

(rough patch), path (clear a path), pothole (n), roadblock (n), way (in the way), way (out of the way / obstacles), woods (out of the woods)

- mechanism: dampening (adj), damper (n)
- military: breakthrough (n)
- money: paywall (obstacle)
- mountains & hills: overcome (v)
- movement: breakthrough (n), ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), drag (drag on the economy, etc.), impasse (n), stuck (adj), wall (hit a wall, etc.), stopped up
- neck: bottleneck (n)
- path: path (clear a path)
- physics: drag (drag on the economy, etc.), friction (impedance), frictionless (adj)
- plane: headwind (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: against (up against)
- pressure: stopped up
- river: dam (psychological dam, etc.), jam (situation), logjam (n), snag (n)
- rope: knot (n), snarl (v), snarl (impedance)
- sea: shoal (n)
- shape: bottleneck (n), hump (n)
- sound: din (attention), noise (worthlessness), noise (attention, conflict, and controversy), noisy (data, etc.), static (n)
- sports & games: hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), hurdle (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand in the way)
- throat: choke (v), throat (stick in one's throat, etc.)
- verb: bog down (v), bottle up (impede), get through (endure, etc.), hold back (obstacle), hold off (v), hold up (obstruct), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), jump (lines), mud (sink in the mud), path (clear a path), run (run into something), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), snarl (v), stand (stand in the way), stonewall (v), wall (hit a wall, etc.), way (get out of the way)
- walking, running & jumping: hurdle (n), jump (lines), run (run into something), stumbling block, way (get out of the way)
- wall: barrier (n), block (obstacle), paywall (obstacle), stonewall (v), wall (obstacle), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- water: clog (n), clogged, dam (psychological dam, etc.), stopped up
- wind: headwind (n)

OCCURRENCE (1) (see also appearance & disappearance; presence & absence; searching & discovery)

- animal: black swan (rarity), blue whale
- bird: black swan (rarity)
- color: black swan (rarity), blue whale
- direction: arise (v), come (occur, develop), fall (on Friday, etc.), fall (night fell, etc.), fall (silence fell, etc.), go down (happen), up (what's up, etc.)
- fist: strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: outcrop (and outcropping)
- mark: streak (series)
- mountains & hills: outcrop (and outcropping)
- movement: come (occur, develop), go on (what's going on, etc.), spin up (v), spun up
- plant: black tulip (rarity)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: up (what's up, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: break out (v), outbreak (n)
- sea: blue whale

- sky: black swan (rarity)
- storm: strike (forces of nature)
- verb: arise (v), come (occur, develop), erupt (v), go down (happen), go on (what's going on, etc.), happen (stuff happens, etc.), spin up (v), strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)
- volcano: erupt (v), eruption (n)

OPERATION (1) (see also functioning)

- body: organ (of government, etc.)
- electricity: wired (and hardwired)
- journeys & trips: course (course of justice, etc.)
- manufacturing: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- mechanism: apparatus (government), clockwork (n), cog (cog in the machine, etc.), machine (publicity machine, etc.), machinery, metronomic (operation), robot (n), train (legal train, Trump train, etc.), wheel (wheels of justice, etc.), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.), wired (and hardwired), workings (n)
- train: train (legal train, Trump train, etc.)

OPPORTUNITIES & POSSIBILITIES (1)

- doors & thresholds: door (opportunity), door (open the door, etc.), door (hold the door open, etc.), door (leave the door open), door (get one's foot in the door), door (close a door, etc.)

OPPRESSION (1)

- allusion: Big Brother (oppression), Cinderella, Cyclops (creature), Cromwellian (adj), Dark Star, draconian (adj), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), Hunger Games (film), inquisition (n), Lord of the Flies, McCarthy, McCarthyism, McCarthyite, nineteen eight four (and 1984), Orwell, Orwellian (adj), pitchfork (oppression), procrustean (adj), reign of terror / fear, etc., star chamber (n), Voldemort, witch hunt
- animal: back (get off my back, etc.), cage (jail, prison), goad (v), kangaroo court, lighten (v), scapegoat (n), shackle (n), trample (v), yoke (under the yoke), yoke (from the yoke), yoke (other)
- astronomy: Dark Star
- atmosphere: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), cloud (cast a cloud)
- back: back (get off my back, etc.)
- books & reading: brave new world, Cyclops (creature), nineteen eighty four (and 1984), Voldemort
- breathing: chokehold (n), smother (oppress), stifle (v), stifling (adj), strangle (v), strangled, stranglehold (n), strangulation, strangled, suffocate (v), suffocating
- burden: baggage (n), bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), cross (bear that cross, etc.), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), loaded (loaded word, etc.), overload (n), overloaded, weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- burial: buried (buried in debt, etc.), pall (cast a pall)
- chain: chain (oppression)
- cloth: pall (cast a pall)
- clothing & accessories: boot (oppression), procrustean (adj), wringer (through the wringer)
- cloud: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- color: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- creature: Cyclops (creature), pitchfork (oppression), witch hunt
- death & life: disappear (oppression / transitive verb), disappearance (oppression)
- destruction: crush (confidence, spirit, etc.)
- direction: come down on (v), fall (weight)
- epithet: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.)
- euphemism: disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.), encounter (kill), liquidate (kill), liquidated (killed), neutralize (kill), neutralized (shot, killed, etc.)
- eye: Cyclops (creature)

- film & TV: Hunger Games (film), Voldemort
- fist: beat down (v), fist (a leader with an iron fist), ironfisted
- food & drink: force-feed (and force feed)
- foot: foot (under the foot), heel (under the heel), trample (v)
- government: edict (n), tyrant (n)
- ground, terrain & land: buried (buried in debt, etc.), rock (between a rock and a hard place)
- hand: crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), grip (control), hand (iron hand, etc.), ham-handed, heavy-handed, squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeezed (oppressed), thumb (under the thumb), whip hand (n), wring (coerce)
- heel: heel (under the heel)
- history: auto da fe, baggage (n), Cromwellian (adj), genocidal (adj), genocide (groups), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob, McCarthy, McCarthyism, McCarthyite, mob (society), puritanism (n), reign of terror / fear, etc., star chamber (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, tyrant (n), witch hunt
- horse: saddle (oppress), saddled
- Iliad & Odyssey: Cyclops (creature)
- journeys & trips: baggage (n), freighted, loaded (loaded word, etc.), path (force someone down a path, etc.)
- justice: ball and chain, cage (jail, prison), kangaroo court, police (and cop, etc.), scapegoat (n), trial (show trial), witch hunt
- knee: knee (oppression)
- light & dark: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), Dark Star, gloom (n), gloomy (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- mark: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- materials & substances: hand (iron hand, etc.), ironfisted, rod (iron rod, etc.)
- mechanism: put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- neck: neck (oppression)
- path: path (force someone down a path, etc.)
- person: bully (person), cruel (adj), man (the man / oppression), ogre (person), police (and cop, etc.), tyrant (n)
- presence & absence: disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.)
- pressure: clampdown (n), clamp down (v), hard-pressed (adj), rock (between a rock and a hard place), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeezed (oppressed), vise (pressure), wring (coerce), wringer (through the wringer)
- religion: cross (bear that cross, etc.), puritanism (n), scapegoat (n)
- royalty: edict (n), lord over (v), reign of terror / fear, etc.
- school & education: bullied, bully (v), bully (person)
- shadow: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under a shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- shoulder: shoulder (weight on one's shoulder, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: cage (jail, prison), pitchfork (oppression)
- size: ham-handed
- society: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted, mob (society)
- speech: cudgel (n), goad (v), stick (n)
- temperature: chill (oppression)
- throat: throat (ram something down the throat)
- thumb: thumb (under the thumb)
- verb: bear (burden), beat down (v), blackball (v), blacklist (v), bully (v), burden (v), clamp down (v), come down on (v), crack down (v), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), darken (v), disappear (oppression / transitive verb), encounter (kill), force-feed (and force feed), get out (get out from under), goad (v), liquidate (kill), lord over

(v), neutralize (kill), pall (cast a pall), railroad (v), saddle (oppress), smother (oppress), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), stifle (v), strangle (v), suffocate (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (ram something down the throat), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), wring (coerce)

- violence: beat down (v), billy club, crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), genocidal (adj), genocide (groups), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), goad (v), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob, mob (society), reign of terror / fear, etc., star chamber (n), stick (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n), witch hunt
- walking, running & jumping: run out (of town on a rail, etc.)
- weapon: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (under the gun), rod (iron rod, etc.), stick (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip)
- weight: baggage (n), ball and chain, bear (a weight, etc.), burden (n), burden (v), cross (bear that cross, etc.), fall (weight), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), heavy-handed, loaded (loaded word, etc.), millstone (n), overload (n), overloaded, rock (between a rock and a hard place), saddle (oppress), saddled, shoulder (weight on one's shoulder, etc.), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- whip: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)

ORIENTATION (1)

- animal: flank (side), nose (orientation), snout (orientation), tail (orientation)
- direction: belly (orientation), current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), floor (pelvic floor, etc.), foot (orientation), head (orientation), lower (river, etc.), nose (orientation), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.), snout (orientation), tail (orientation), upper (river, etc.), upstage (v), upstream (swim upstream)
- foot: foot (orientation)
- head: head (orientation)
- height: lower (river, etc.), upper (river, etc.)
- house: floor (pelvic floor, etc.), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)
- military: flank (protection)
- mouth: mandible (n), mouth (entrance)
- nose: nose (orientation), snout (orientation)
- river: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), downstream (orientation), upper (river, etc.), upstream (swim upstream), upstream (orientation)
- roof: roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flesh (inside), skin (outside)
- stomach: belly (orientation), guts (insides), underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- theater: upstage (v)
- verb: upstage (v)

ORIENTATION (2)

- amelioration & renewal: right (right a wrong, etc.)
- appearance & reality: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), upstream (swim upstream)
- flaws & lack of flaws: downside (n), side (dark side), underbelly (concealment), underside (n), upside (n)
- protection & lack of protection: underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: end (the end)

ORIGIN (1) (see also source)

- air: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue

- allusion: Phoenix (myth)
- astronomy: big bang (“Big Bang” of country music, etc.)
- atmosphere: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue
- baby: cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- birth: birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.), cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- color: blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue
- epithet: big bang (“Big Bang” of country music, etc.), birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.), cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.), father (father of India, etc.), founding father (n)
- family: ancestor (go before), background, brainchild (n), father (father of India, etc.), founding father (n), granddaddy (and grandfather), grandmother (n), grandparent
- fire: ashes (from the ashes, etc.), Phoenix (myth)
- head: brainchild (n)
- house: home (home of golf, etc.), house (origin), house (house that somebody built, etc.)
- lightning: blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue
- number: zero (place and time, etc.)
- place: home (home of golf, etc.)
- plant: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- religion: original sin (other)
- royalty: house (origin)
- sign, signal, symbol: cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.), Phoenix (myth)
- sky: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue
- tree: root (origin), root (root of the problem, etc.)
- verb: come from (origin)

PART OF SPEECH (2)

- ability & lack of ability: can do (ability)
- acceptance & rejection: other (verb / groups, etc.), othered, othering, otherism (n)
- action, inaction & delay: fabius (Fabius Maximus)
- amelioration & renewal: law enforcement (as verb)
- amount & effect: everything (everything Taylor Swift, etc.), peak (peak sexy, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture (big picture / verb), science (as verb)
- appearance & reality: look (a bad look, etc.)
- attainment: peak (peak sexy, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: listen (as noun), platform (as verb)
- attraction & repulsion: sexy (as noun)
- character & personality: crazy (as noun), rugged (as noun)
- characterization: special (as noun)
- concealment & lack of concealment: reveal (big reveal, etc.), tell-all (book)
- consciousness & awareness: know (in the know)
- contempo-speak: architect (as verb), architected, ified (Principified, etc.), ify (mainstreamify, etc.), platform (as verb), surface (as transitive verb)
- context: picture (big picture / verb), whataboutism, etc.
- control & lack of control: puppet (as verb), puppeteer (as verb)
- creation & transformation: architect (as verb), architected, Frankenstein (as verb), midwife (as verb)
- division & connection: together (as noun)
- epithet: wet (the wet, the dry, etc.)
- evidence: signpost (as verb)
- failure, accident & impairment: fail (a big fail, etc.)

- feeling, emotion & effect: cringe (as adjective), feel (as noun), funny (as noun), happy (as noun), horrible (as noun), hurt (as noun), overwhelm (as noun), sad (as noun), scary (as noun), wow (as noun)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bad (my bad, etc.), good (good crazy, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: get (a big get, etc.), gift (as verb)
- gossip: talk (as transitive verb), tell-all (book)
- growth & development: grow (grow the economy, etc.), evolve (evolve the sport, etc.)
- help & assistance: thanks (thanks to something)
- importance & significance: everything (my everything, etc.)
- inclusion & exclusion: ball (as verb), citizen (as verb), George Floyd (as verb), hoop (as verb), orchestra (as verb)
- increase & decrease: balloon (as transitive verb), big up (as verb), level up (as verb)
- knowledge & intelligence: know-how (n), smart (as noun), stupid (as noun)
- language: bad (my bad, etc.)
- money: haves (and have-nots, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: picture (big picture / verb)
- person: has been (person), nobody (a nobody), somebody (a somebody), wannabe (and want-to-be / person)
- possession: grab (land grab, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: new (as noun)
- restraint & lack of restraint: tell-all (book)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: go-ahead, OK (and okay / verb)
- searching & discovery: reveal (big reveal, etc.)
- size: big (as noun)
- society: normal (as noun), normal (new normal)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: quit (as noun)
- strength & weakness: healthy (as noun)
- superiority & inferiority: haves (and have-nots, etc.)
- superlative: crazy (and mad / as adverbs), peak (peak sexy, etc.), wicked (as adverb), wonderful (as noun)
- survival, persistence & endurance: forever (forever chemicals, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: ask (big ask), good (as noun), impossible (as noun), must-have (n)

PARTY (2)

- acceptance & rejection: floor (dance floor), party (invited to the party, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: party (garden party)
- inauguration: party (coming-out party)
- resemblance: party (celebration)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: party (party is over)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: party (late to the party, etc.)

PAST & PRESENT (1) (see also future; time)

- allusion: ancien regime
- animal: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur (n), dodo (n), extinct (adj), fossil (n), fossilize (v), fossilized
- antiques: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- Bible: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- bridge: bridge (water under the bridge)
- clock: clock (turn back the clock), moment (this moment), moment (that moment), moment (other), wind back (v)
- container: past (in the past), time (in our time, etc.), time capsule
- dam: dam (water over the dam)
- day: day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (of one's day / of its day), day (of the day), day (these days), day (those days), day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (modern day), day

(latter-day), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), minute (at this minute), old (of old), old-fashioned (adj), outdated (adj), today (the present), yesterday (the past), yesteryear

- direction: ancestor (go before), back (in time), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), behind (in the past), bygone (adj), circle back (return), clock (turn back the clock), come (a time comes along), come (come before / at an earlier time), day (day has arrived, etc.), descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), forefather (n), forerunner (n), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), gone (those days are gone, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hindsight (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), look back (v), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), pass (its time has passed, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), predecessor (go away before), present (up to the present), revisit (v), take (take us back / time), throwback (n), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (a man out of time, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.), walk (walk somebody back)
- distance: deep (deep past, etc.), distance (time), distant (past), far (farther on / time), far-off (time), past (in the distant past, etc.), past (distant past, etc.), remote (past)
- earth & world: world (lost world)
- eye: hindsight (n), look back (v)
- film & TV: rewind (v), spool (spool back)
- height: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hangover (relic), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- history: ancien regime, dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), Neanderthal, passed down (by ancestors, etc.), prehistoric (adj), present (up to the present), Stone Age, up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- hunting: catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.)
- infrastructure: memory land (down memory lane)
- journeys & trips: backtrack (go back in time), circle back (return), memory land (down memory lane), revisit (v), road (down a road before), walk (walk somebody back)
- mechanism: mirror (in the rear-view mirror), time machine, wind back (v)
- mirror: mirror (in the rear-view mirror)
- mountains & hills: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- movement: ago (two days ago / gone by), ancestor (go before), back (in time), backtrack (go back in time), backwards (past), bridge (water under the bridge), circle back (return), come (a time comes along), come (come before / at an earlier time), come and go (time), dam (water over the dam), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), gone (those days are gone, etc.), here (go from here, etc.), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), pass (its time has passed, etc.), predecessor (go away before), revisit (v), road (down a road before), stand still (time), take (take us back / time), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time warp, walk (walk somebody back)
- place: go back (verb / time), here (we have been here before), here (go from here, etc.), here (the present), moment (moment where), revisit (v), road (down a road before)
- position: ancestor (go before), before (at an earlier time), behind (in the past), forefather (n), forerunner (n), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), predecessor (go away before), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), time (with the times, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ago (two days ago / gone by), back (in time), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), bygone (adj), down (down through the centuries, etc.), forefather (n), forerunner (n), gone (those days are gone, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hindsight (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), take (take us back / time), time (in our time, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- religion: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)

- river: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- school & education: new school, old school
- snow & ice: frozen (frozen in time)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand still (time)
- verb: back (in time), backtrack (go back in time), circle back (return), clock (turn back the clock), come (a time comes along), come (come before / at an earlier time), come and go (time), day (day has arrived, etc.), fossilize (v), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), look back (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), revisit (v), stand still (time), take (take us back / time), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), walk (walk somebody back)
- walking, running & jumping: walk (walk somebody back), wind back (v)
- water: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)

PATH (2)

- alternatives & choices: path (alternatives & choices)
- amelioration & renewal: path (clear a path)
- course: path (path of peace, etc.)
- development: path (a path can turn / development)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: path (tough / easy path, etc.), path (clear a path), yellow brick road
- driving force: pathbreaking (adj), pathfinder (person)
- eagerness & reluctance: path (beat a path)
- fate, fortune & chance: path (cross paths)
- flaws & lack of flaws: path (the right / wrong path, etc.), path (tough / easy path, etc.)
- importance & significance: pathbreaking (adj)
- isolation & remoteness: path (off the beaten path)
- obstacles & impedance: path (clear a path)
- oppression: path (force someone down a path, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: path (tough / easy path, etc.)
- proper name: pathfinder (Mars Pathfinder, etc.)
- route: pathway (route)
- searching & discovery: pathfinder (person)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: path (set out on this path, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: path (path to / toward something)

PENDULUM (2)

- activity: swing (in full swing)
- configuration: suspended
- development: pendulum (reversal), swing (development)
- division & connection: suspended
- extent & scope: sweeping, swing (in full swing)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: pendulum (reversal)
- reversal: oscillate (v), pendulum (reversal), swing (swing around)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: swing (in full swing)

PERCEPTION, PERSPECTIVE & POINT OF VIEW (1) (see also consciousness & awareness)

- allusion: elephant (“The Blind Men and the Elephant”), Rashomon (point of view), Rorschach (test)
- animal: bird’s-eye (bird’s-eye view)
- apple: apple (proverb)
- bird: bird's eye (bird's-eye view)
- center & periphery: background (background noise, etc.), foreground (n), outside (perspective)

- clothing & accessories: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- container: outside (perspective)
- direction: facing (future-facing, etc.), forward-looking, slanted (news, etc.)
- distance: farsighted (adj), myopic (adj), view (long view)
- eye: blinded, blinder (n), blind spot, blinkered (adj), blinkers (n), clear (perception), eye (perception), facing (future-facing, etc.), farsighted (adj), fisheye (fisheye view, etc.), forward-looking, God's-eye, hindsight (n), lens (through a lens), lens (other), Martian's-eye, murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), myopia (n), myopic (adj), nearsighted (adj), optics (n), see (perceive), seen (perceived), shortsighted, tunnel vision, view (perspective), view (perceive), view (in somebody's view), view (opinion), view (long view), viewed (perceived), viewpoint (perspective), vision (n), visionary (adj), visionary (person), worm's-eye (adj)
- fish: fisheye (fisheye view, etc.)
- film & TV: Rashomon (point of view), zoom out (v), zoom-out (n)
- geometry: angle (from an angle), slanted (news, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), ground (on the ground, etc.), level (ground level, etc.), worm's-eye (adj)
- height: bird's-eye (bird's-eye view), grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), ground (on the ground, etc.), level (ground level, etc.), weed (in the weeds), worm's-eye (adj), zoom out (v)
- horse: blinker (n), blinkered (adj), blinkers (n)
- infrastructure: tunnel vision
- insect: worm's-eye (adj)
- light & dark: clear (perception), haze (perception), light (in a same / different light, etc.), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adjective), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- part of speech: picture (big picture / verb)
- picture: background (background noise, etc.), back up (v), color (v), colored, foreground (n), foreground (v), inkblot (Rorschach), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture / noun), Rorschach (test), step back (perspective)
- position: back up (v), background (background noise, etc.), bird's-eye (bird's-eye view), fisheye (fisheye view, etc.), foreground (n), grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), perspective (from a perspective), perspective (in perspective), perspective (into perspective), perspective (other), point of view (from somebody's point of view), point of view (other), standpoint (perspective), step back (perspective), vantage point (from a vantage point), view (perspective), viewpoint (perspective), worm's-eye (adj), zoom out (v), zoom-out (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: hindsight (n), out (viewpoint), outside (perspective), zoom out (v)
- religion: God's-eye, Olympian (perspective)
- size: granular (adj)
- sound: ring (ring false, etc.), ring (ring of truth, etc.), sound (perception), tenor (n)
- speech: greet (v), greeted
- standing, sitting & lying: standpoint (perspective)
- tools & technology: lens (through a lens), lens (other), microscope (through a microscope), optics (n), periscope (n), prism (through the prism), prism (other), telescope (n)
- verb: background (background noise, etc.), back up (v), color (v), greet (v), meet (something can meet you), ring (ring false, etc.), see (perceive), step back (perspective), view (perceive), waters (muddy the waters), zoom out (v)
- water: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)

PERFORMANCE (1)

- animal: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), dog-and-pony show (n), pony (one-trick pony)
- circus: carnival (n), circus (media circus, etc.), freak show (n)
- direction: top (over the top)
- gesture: chest (beat one's chest, etc.)

- horse: dog-and-pony show (n), pony (one-trick pony)
- person: diva (person), prima donna (person), ringmaster (role)
- sports & games: charade (n), game (project, scheme, plan)
- standing, sitting & lying: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), posture (performance), posturing
- theater: act (performance), act (insincere show), choreographed, dog-and-pony show (n), diva (person), drama (and drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), gallery (play to the gallery), grandstanding (n), on (performing), parade (v), play (play to the audience, etc.), pony (one-trick pony), prima donna (person), repertoire (n), role (act), set piece (n), show (nature, etc.), show (performance), show business (performance), stage (v), staged (directed), stage-manage (v), stage-managed, stunt (n), theater (performance), theatrics (n), trial (show trial)
- verb: parade (v), play (play to the audience, etc.), stage (v), stage-manage (v)

PERSON (1) (see also character & personality)

- addiction: addict (chess addict, etc.), junkie (game junkie, etc.)
- animal: backbiter (person), bee (queen bee), cowboy (person), dog (insult), dog (big dog), dog (mad dog / epithet), dog (attack dog), dog (sex), dove (person), fat cat, gadfly (person), greenhorn (person), grub (person), hawk (person), hyena (person), leech (person), lion (courage, aggression), magpie (bird), maneater (female), maverick (person), morning lark (person), night owl (person), parasite (person), piranha (predation), predator (people), rooster (person), shark (predation), snake (insult), stalker (person), stud (male), vulture (behavior), whiner (person), wolf (predation), wrangler (person)
- astronomy: star (rock star), star (person)
- ax: hatchet man (person)
- baby: adult (and adult in the room), apron strings, baby (insult), babysitter (role), big boy (person), brat (insult), child (spoiled child, etc.), crybaby (person), grownup (person), mama's boy (and mummy's boy, etc.), nanny (person)
- back: backbiter (person), backstabber (person)
- bird: dove (person), hawk (person), magpie (bird), morning lark (person), night owl (person), rooster (person), vulture (behavior)
- blade: hatchet man (person)
- boat: buccaneer (person), mutineer (person), pirate (person)
- books & reading: author (person), bookworm (person), character (non-human)
- boxing: fighter (person)
- cat: fat cat
- chemistry: alchemist (n)
- circus: acrobat (person), clown (person), ringmaster (role)
- clothing & accessories: skirt (woman)
- color: greenhorn (person)
- cows & cattle: cowboy (person), wrangler (person)
- creature: angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), devil (behavior), genie (knowledge), ninja (person), ogre (person), troll (noun / computers), wizard (person)
- crime: bandit (n), buccaneer (person), OG (and original gangster), pirate (person), police (and cop, etc.)
- death & life: vulture (behavior)
- depth: deep (person), shallow (person)
- direction: follower (on social media, etc.), guide (person), leader (person)
- dog: dog (big dog), dog (mad dog / epithet), dog (attack dog), dog (insult), dog (sex)
- doors & thresholds: doormat (person), gatekeeper (person)
- electricity: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), live wire (person)
- engine: motormouth (person / speech)
- epithet: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)

- explosion: grenade (person), time bomb (person)
- family: boy (blue-eyed boy), brother (brother in arms, etc.), child (bastard child), cousin (relationship), father (father of India, etc.), favorite son, godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), mother (mother of NPR, etc.), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), sister (redneck sisters, etc.), stepchild (and stepson, etc.)
- fire: firebrand (person)
- fish: piranha (predation)
- force: badass (power), bad boy (person), big shot (person)
- flags & banners: flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- food & drink: glutton (person)
- fruits & vegetables: potato (coach potato)
- gate: doorkeeper (person)
- government: ambassador (role), baron (power), diplomat (n)
- hand: handmaiden (help)
- head: hothead (person)
- heart: sweetheart (other)
- health & medicine: maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.)
- horse: cowboy (person), stud (male), wrangler (person)
- hunting: hunter (plants), hunter (other), tracker (person)
- hygiene: hot mess (person)
- infrastructure: architect (creator)
- insect: bee (queen bee), butterfly (social butterfly), gadfly (person), grub (person), parasite (person)
- island: castaway (person)
- journeys & trips: follower (on social media, etc.), guide (person), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), leader (person), nomad (person), pioneer (person), refugee (person), trailblazer (person)
- justice: detective (person), judge (role), police (and cop, etc.), sleuth (person), vigilante (person)
- knife: backstabber (person)
- light & dark: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), luminary (person)
- lion: lion (courage, aggression)
- love, courtship & marriage: lover (enthusiasm / person), matchmaker (person), suitor (n)
- magic: fortuneteller (person), genie (knowledge), ninja (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), wizard (person)
- mechanism: kingpin (person)
- mental health: maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.)
- military: cannon (loose cannon), doyen (squad leader), enemy (conflict), flag-bearer, foot soldier (duty), gladiator (n), honcho (leader), lifer (person), partisan (n), point man (and point person), rebel (person), saboteur (person), standard-bearer, traitor (person), turncoat (person), warrior (other), wingman (person)
- mining: gold digger (person)
- money: gold digger (person), gun (hired gun), loan shark, mercenary (person), rainmaker (person)
- mouth: motormouth (person / speech)
- movement: follower (on social media, etc.), guide (person), leader (person)
- music: maestro (person)
- object: guy (nonhuman)
- part of speech: has been (person), nobody (a nobody), somebody (a somebody), wannabe (and want-to-be / person)
- plane: wingman (person)
- plant: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), neophyte (n), shrinking violet (person)
- predation: maneater (female), piranha (predation), predator (people), shark (predation), stalker (person), wolf (predation)

- rain: rainmaker (person)
- religion: acolyte (person), angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), apostle (person), choirboy (behavior), convert (person), crusader (role), dervish (activity), devil (behavior), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), guru (person), hell-raiser (person), heretic (person), iconoclast (person), immortal (person), martyr (person), messiah (n), missionary (person), muse (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- royalty: bee (queen bee), handmaiden (help), king (person), Lady Macbeth (epithet), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (role), Rasputin (epithet), whipping boy (person)
- school & education: bully (person), chaperone (role), cheerleader (person), dean (person)
- sea: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- shark: shark (predation)
- sign, signal, symbol: boot (soldier), eyeball (attention), hand (worker), skirt (woman)
- sleep: morning lark (person), night owl (person)
- snake: snake (insult)
- snow & ice: snowflake (person)
- society: bigwig (person), Brahmin (person), butterfly (social butterfly), castaway (person), gatekeeper (person), golden boy, golden girl, hermit (person), insider (person), leper (person), non-person, outcast (person), outsider (person), pariah (person), rando (person), stranger (other), untouchable (person)
- sound: whiner (person)
- speech: chatterbox (person), motormouth (person / speech)
- sports & games: acrobat (person), black belt (person)
- star: star (rock star), star (person)
- temperature: firebrand (person), hothead (person), hot mess (person)
- theater: diva (person), prima donna (person)
- water: deep (person), shallow (person)
- weapon: big shot (person), cannon (loose cannon), gunslinger (person), hatchet man (person)
- whip: whipping boy (person)
- wolf: wolf (predation)

PERSON (2)

- ability & lack of ability: acrobat (person), black belt (person), genie (knowledge), maestro (person), ninja (person), Sherpa (v), Sherpa (n), wizard (person)
- acceptance & rejection: heretic (person), hermit (person), leper (person), non-person, outcast (person), pariah (n), stranger (other)
- access & lack of access: gatekeeper (person)
- achievement, recognition & praise: boy (blue-eyed boy), dean (person), favorite son, golden boy, golden girl, leading light (person), lion (liberal lion, etc.), lioness (lioness of the left, etc.), luminary (person), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), statesman (elder statesman, etc.), stateswoman (elder stateswoman, etc.)
- activity: dervish (activity), potato (couch potato)
- admiration & contempt: doormat (person)
- affliction: backbiter (person), gadfly (person), leech (person), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), parasite (person), pest (person)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: backstabber (person), rat (a snitch), renegade (person), turncoat (person)
- appearance & reality: imposter (n), warrior (ironic)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ambassador (role), cheerleader (person), namecheck (and name-check), namechecked, pusher (drug pusher, etc.), showman (person), tout (person)
- attraction & repulsion: darling (n), golden boy, golden girl, sweetheart (other)
- avoidance & separation: hermit (person)

- behavior: backstabber (person), bad boy (person), cannon (loose cannon), choirboy (behavior), cowboy (person), diva (person), girl (mean girl), good girl (person), gunslinger (person), hell-raiser (person), hothead, hotshot (person), predator (people), prima donna (person), straight arrow (person), stud (male), vulture (culture vulture), wild card (person)
- campaign: crusader (role)
- character & personality: backstabber (person), badass (power), bad boy (person), big boy (person), boy (blue-eyed boy), buccaneer (person), butterfly (social butterfly), cannon (loose cannon), carpetbagger (person), clown (person), cowboy (person), coyote (predation), cruel (adj), dandelion (character), daredevil (person), diva (person), doormat (person), dove (person), firebrand (person), flower (wilting flower, etc.), gadfly (person), girl (big girl), girl (mean girl), gladiator (n), gold digger (person), golden boy, golden girl, good girl (person), goods (damaged goods), grub (person), guy (good guy, etc.), handwringer (person), hawk (person), hero (character), hot dog (person), hothead (n), hot mess (person), hotshot (person), ingenue (person), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), killjoy (person), leech (person), live wire (person), maneater (female), maverick (person), mercenary (person), nerd (word nerd, etc.), nut (person), orchid (character), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), pirate (person), predator (people), prima donna (person), scold (person), shrinking violet (person), snake (insult), snowflake (person), straight arrow (person), strongman (power), stud (male), teacup (person), villain (character), warrior (other), whiner (person), wild card (person), witch (insult)
- characterization: boy (type), girl (type), guy (good guy, etc.), joe (average joe, etc.), lady (crazy lady, etc.), man (big man, little man, etc.), Mister (and Mr., Missus, Mrs.), people (little people, etc.)
- coercion & motivation: bully (person), hatchet man (person)
- commitment & determination: hand (all hands on deck)
- competition: front-runner (n), pace-setter (n)
- computer: stalker (person)
- configuration: neighbor (n)
- conflict: black belt (person), enemy (conflict), gun (hired gun), partisan (n), saboteur (person), wrangler (person)
- consumption: consumer (of information, etc.), glutton (person), gluttonous (adj)
- control & lack of control: cannon (loose cannon), chaperon (person), cowboy (person), gatekeeper (person), hothead (n), hotheaded (and hot-headed), police (and cop, etc.)
- courage & lack of courage: brave (the brave), lion (courage, aggression)
- creation & transformation: alchemist (n), architect (creator), author (person), midwife (person), muse (person)
- dependency: babysitter (role), nanny (person), slave (slave to fashion, etc.)
- destruction: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), invader (n), vandal (n), wreck (person)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: acrobat (person), hand (all hands on deck)
- directing: guide (person), ringmaster (role)
- direction: guide (person)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: outcast (person)
- disruption: revolutionary (person)
- division & connection: tribe (group)
- dominance & submission: dog (big dog), doormat (person), field hand (person), servant (dominated), slave (slave to fashion, etc.), slave (dominated)
- driving force: pace-setter (n), pathfinder (person), pioneer (person), point man (and point person)
- enthusiasm: acolyte (person), addict (chess addict, etc.), ambassador (role), bookworm (person), cheerleader (person), convert (person), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), fanatic (person), fanboy (person), follower (on social media, etc.), glutton (person), head (Deadhead, etc.), hound (autograph hound, etc.), junkie (game junkie, etc.), lover (enthusiasm / person), maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.), missionary (person), nation (Who Dat Nation, etc.), rat (lab rat, etc.)
- epithet: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.)

- experience: adult (and adult in the room), chaperon (person), debutant (n), doyen (squad leader), greenhorn (person), grownup (person), ingenue (person), neophyte (n), new (new teacher, etc.), stranger (and no stranger)
- failure, accident & impairment: wreck (person)
- fantasy & reality: Arthurian (adj), Kafkaesque, Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Walter Mitty
- fate, fortune & chance: daredevil (person)
- feeling, emotion & effect: firebrand (person), hothead (n), killjoy (person)
- flaws & lack of flaws: goods (damaged goods)
- future: fortuneteller (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), visionary (person)
- government: strongman (power), czar (and tsar)
- group, set & collection: army (Arnie's Army, etc.), nation (Who Dat Nation, etc.), tribe (group)
- growth & development: dowager (old), neophyte (n)
- heart: sweetheart (other)
- help & assistance: caretaker (role), custodian (role), friend (n), friendly (adj), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), godmother (fairy godmother), gun (hired gun), handmaiden (help), knight (knight in shining armor), mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, nursemaid (help), servant (help), Sherpa (v), Sherpa (n), sparring partner (role), steward (role), white knight, wingman (person)
- hierarchy: higher-up (person), lion (liberal lion, etc.), lioness (lioness of the left, etc.), overlord (person), top dog (hierarchy)
- hyperbole: murderer (shame is a murderer, etc.)
- identity & nature: carpetbagger (person), child (child of the Soviet Union, etc.), daughter (daughter of Brooklyn, etc.), son (son of the South, etc.)
- importance & significance: big shot (person), bigwig (person), guy (the guy), immortal (person), joe (an average joe, etc.), leading light (person), luminary (person), man (big man, little man, etc.), nobody (a nobody), people (little people, etc.), pioneer (person), somebody (a somebody), trailblazer (person), Who's Who
- insult: doormat (person), grub (person), parasite (person), snake (insult), witch (insult)
- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person), hermit (person)
- journeys & trips: pioneer (person), traveller (person)
- judgment: judge (role), scold (person)
- knowledge & intelligence: genie (knowledge), guru (person), maven (person), professor (n), pundit (person), savant (n), scientist (rocket scientist), teacher (experience is the best teacher, etc.)
- mental health: addict (sex addict, etc.)
- message: apostle (person), convert (person), crusader (role), evangelist (person), fortuneteller (person), guru (person), messenger (shoot the messenger), messiah (n), missionary (person), Moses (n), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), tout (person), whistleblower (n)
- migration: Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), Lazarus (Emma Lazarus)
- money: loan shark, skinflint (person), spendthrift (person)
- oppression: bully (person), cruel (adj), man (the man / oppression), ogre (person), police (and cop, etc.), tyrant (n)
- performance: diva (person), prima donna (person), ringmaster (role)
- position, policy & negotiation: middle-of-the-roader
- power: baron (power), big shot (person), bigwig (person), chieftain (n), czar (and tsar), emperor (power), honcho (leader), insider (person), kingpin (person), mogul (n), nobody (a nobody), outsider (person), overlord (person), somebody (a somebody), suit (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: has been (person), lion (liberal lion, etc.), star (achievement)
- product: miner (bitcoin miner, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: guardian (protection), wingman (person)
- proximity: neighbor (n)

- punishment & recrimination: fall guy (n), whipping boy (person)
- pursuit, capture & escape: darling (n), hunter (plants), hunter (other), suitor (n), tracker (person)
- relationship: companion (n), enemy (conflict), friend (n), handmaiden (help), muse (person), partner (n),
- repetition: mouthpiece (person)
- representation: ambassador (role), standard-bearer, torchbearer (person), tribune (person)
- resiliency: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: fighter (person), martyr (person), mutineer (person), rebel (person), renegade (person)
- restraint & lack of restraint: cannon (loose cannon)
- role: mother (den mother, etc.)
- sacrifice: fall guy (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: bad boy (person), gatekeeper (person), good girl (person), heretic (person), iconoclast (person), maverick (person), misfit (person), police (and cop, etc.), rebel (person), renegade (person)
- searching & discovery: detective (person), explorer (person), pathfinder (person), scout (n), sleuth (person), talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
- sex: dog (sex), maneater (female), stud (male)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: mouthpiece (person), straight shooter (speech)
- size: Brobdingnagian (adj), dwarf (size), pygmy (size)
- social interaction: hermit (person)
- society: Brahmin (person), butterfly (social butterfly), castaway (person), caste (n), climber (social climber, etc.), haves (and have-nots, etc.), hermit (person), insider (person), leper (person), misfit (person), mob (society), nobody (a nobody), outcast (person), outsider (person), pariah (n), rando (person), somebody (a somebody), stranger (other), untouchable (person)
- speech: blowhard (person), chatterbox (person), loudmouth (person), motormouth (person / speech), mouthpiece (person), scold (person), straight shooter (speech), talker (slick talker), tout (person)
- strength & weakness: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character), stalwart (n), snowflake (person), teacup (person)
- subterfuge: imposter (n)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: glutton (person)
- superiority & inferiority: doormat (person), field hand (person), servant (dominated), slave (dominated), top dog (hierarchy)
- superlative: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, grande dame (n), immortal (person), king (person), leading light (person), luminary (person), man (the man / approving), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement)
- survival, persistence & endurance: hand (all hands on deck)
- taking & removing: bandit (n), buccaneer (person), pirate (person), thief (thief of joy, etc.)
- time: fortuneteller (person), Methuselah, oracle (person), prophet (person), Rip Van Winkle, seer (person), soothsayer (person), time traveller (person)
- unanimity & consensus: fellow traveler (n)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: wannabe (and want-to-be / person)
- warning: sentinel (n), whistleblower (n)
- work & duty: foot soldier (duty), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck), servant (help)
- worth & lack of worth: boy (blue-eyed boy), child (bastard child), favorite son, goods (damaged goods), stepchild (and stepson, etc.), rainmaker (person)

PHYSICS (2)

- comprehension & incomprehension: dark (Dark Matter, etc.)
- conflict: friction (conflict)

- course: trajectory (n)
- destruction: implode (v), implosion (n)
- development: trajectory (n)
- division & connection: atomization (n)
- fantasy & reality: wormhole (n)
- obstacles & impedance: drag (drag on the economy, etc.), friction (impedance), frictionless (adj)
- portal: wormhole (n)

PICTURE (2) (see also analysis, interpretation & explanation; context)

- achievement, recognition & praise: art (work of art), masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: backdrop (against a backdrop), dot (connect the dots), frame (n), frame (characterize), framed (characterized), illustration (n), mosaic (analysis), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture / noun), picture (view), portrait (view), puzzle (problem), reframe (characterize), show (the data show, etc.), x-ray (n)
- appearance & disappearance: background (background noise, etc.), foreground (n), foreground (v)
- area: scape (threatscape, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: background (background noise, etc.), billboard (n), foreground (n), foreground (v), photobomb (v)
- center & periphery: background (background noise, etc.), foreground (n)
- certainty & uncertainty: sketchy (adj)
- characterization: brush (characterization), cameo (n), caricature (n), frame (n), frame (characterize), framed (characterized), illustrate (v), illustration (n), paint (characterize), painted (characterized), picture (view), portrait (view), profile, reframe (characterize), snapshot (picture)
- complexity: puzzle (problem)
- comprehension & incomprehension: puzzle (problem)
- configuration: mosaic (configuration), wallpaper (configuration)
- constraint & lack of constraint: color (color outside the lines, etc.)
- context: backdrop (against a backdrop), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture / noun), step back (perspective)
- creation & transformation: art (work of art), masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: crop (remove)
- environment: scape (threatscape, etc.)
- evidence: illustrate (v), illustration (n), picture (view), portrait (view), show (the data show, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: baroque (adj), grotesque (adj), surreal (adj)
- fictive communication: illustrate (v), show (the data show, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: picture (picture-perfect), sketchy (adj)
- group, set & collection: curate (v), curated, curation (n)
- importance & significance: background (background noise, etc.), foreground (n)
- involvement: frame (in the frame / involvement), picture (out of the picture), picture (in the picture)
- perception, perspective & point of view: background (background noise, etc.), back up (v), color (v), colored, foreground (n), foreground (v), inkblot (Rorschach), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture / noun), Rorschach (test), step back (perspective)
- presence & absence: picture (out of the picture)
- representation: billboard (n), face (public face, etc.), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), poster (poster child, etc.), totem (n)
- resemblance: paint (resemblance)
- sign, signal, symbol: icon (graphic)
- superlative: art (work of art), masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.), Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.)

PILE (2)

- accusation & criticism: pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on)
- amount: backlog (amount), pile (pile of money, etc.)
- amount & effect: heap (v), heaped
- dismissal, removal & resignation: dump (v), dumped
- increase & decrease: mount (v), mounting, pile on (increase), pile up (v)
- punishment & recrimination: pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on)
- throwing, putting & planting: heap (v), lay (put)
- unanimity & consensus: pile-on (noun), pile on (gang up on)

PLACE (1) (see also area; environment; location)

- animal: den (den of thieves, etc.), nest (empty nest), perch (n), rookery (n)
- bird: nest (empty nest), perch (n), rookery (n)
- burial: cemetery (things), grave (place), graveyard (things), place (resting place)
- death & life: cemetery (things), dwell (location), grave (place), graveyard (things), live (location), place (resting place), reside (v), residence (n)
- earthquake: epicenter (n)
- epithet: crossroad (Crossroads of the World, etc.), graveyard (things)
- heart: heartland (n)
- house: den (den of thieves, etc.), dwell (location), home (home for the archive, etc.), live (location), nest (empty nest), reside (v), residence (n)
- infrastructure: bowels (n)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- mechanism: hub (center)
- military: battleground (conflict), front line (on the frontline), front line (other), trench (in the trenches), trench (other)
- mining: coalface (and coal face)
- nuclear energy: ground zero
- temperature: hotspot (place)
- tools & technology: Silicon Valley, etc.
- verb: map drop off the map, etc.)

PLACE (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: hall of fame (HOF), hall of shame (HOS), pantheon (n)
- area: place (destination)
- attraction & repulsion: mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), pilgrimage (trip)
- avoidance & separation: cloister (v), cloistered
- biodiversity, nature & life: Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Galapagos (Galapagos of Europe, etc.), Garden of Eden, Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: here (here to stay, etc.)
- comparison & contrast: Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.)
- computer: blogosphere (in the blogosphere), blogosphere (other), water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- condition & status: place (situation), place (place where), where (situation / development)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: there (let's not go there)
- consciousness & awareness: find (find oneself in a place, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: spot (tight spot, etc.)
- destruction: Chernobyl, Hiroshima (epithet)
- development: here (situation), here (go from here, etc.), place (situation), place (place where), point (point where), point (at a point), where (situation / development)
- disruption: zone (one's comfort zone)

- division & connection: cloister (v), cloistered
- eagerness & reluctance: there (let's not go there)
- enthusiasm: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.)
- experience: road (down a road before), there (been there, etc.)
- experimentation: laboratory
- failure, accident & impairment: Chernobyl
- feeling, emotion & effect: come from (emotion), map (all over the map / emotions)
- future: future (where the future lies, etc.), hereafter (from now onwards)
- gossip: water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: cloister (v), cloistered
- location: home (home of golf, etc.), home (home to), where (conversations where, etc.)
- mental health: map (all over the map / emotions), place (mental), space (mental)
- military: foxhole (military), spider hole (military)
- money: Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- nuclear energy: ground zero
- origin: home (home of golf, etc.)
- past & present: go back (verb / time), here (we have been here before), here (go from here, etc.), here (the present), moment (moment where), revisit (v), road (down a road before)
- presence & absence: here (here to stay, etc.), there (there is no there there, etc.)
- proper name: Amazon (the company)
- protection & lack of protection: cloister (v), cloistered, haven (safety), refuge (n), shelter (v)
- pursuit, capture & escape: getaway (n)
- reverence: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.)
- situation: here (situation), place (situation), place (place where), point (in a point), spot (tight spot, etc.), where (situation / development)
- social interaction: water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: jumping-off place / point
- substance & lack of substance: there (there is no there there, etc.)
- superlative: hall of fame (HOF), hall of shame (HOS), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Paris (epithet), Valhalla (non-military)
- survival, persistence & endurance: here (here to stay, etc.)
- time: breathing space (and breathing room), future (where the future lies, etc.), go back (verb / time), here (we have been here before), here (go from here, etc.), here (the present), hereafter (from now onwards), look like (future), moment (moment where), place (situation), place (place where), point (point where), revisit (v), road (down a road before), throughout (time), time (space of time), time (at the time, etc.)

PLANE (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: parachute (golden parachute)
- action, inaction & delay: pattern (holding pattern)
- appearance & disappearance: parachute (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: barnstorm (v)
- behavior: autopilot (on autopilot), helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.), helicopter (v)
- character & personality: helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.), pants (fly by the seat of one's pants), wingman (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bail out (leave), land (arrive, affect, decide), landing (landing spot, etc.), parachute (drop in), parachute (golden parachute), parachute (v), parachuted
- competition: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- condition & status: spiral (death spiral)
- consciousness & awareness: autopilot (on autopilot), blind (fly blind)

- control & lack of control: spin (spin out of control), spiral (spiral out of control, etc.)
- decline: crater (v), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin)
- destruction: crash (crash and burn), flameout (n), flame out (v), shoot down (v), shot down (and shot down in flames), spiral (death spiral)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: bail out (leave)
- force: headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: crash-land (v), flameout (n), flame out (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: autopilot (on autopilot), land (arrive, affect, decide)
- growth & development: ground (get off the ground), take off (v)
- help & assistance: steward (role), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.), wingman (person)
- increase & decrease: nosedive (noun / decrease), nosedive (verb / decrease), spiral (downward or upward), take off (v)
- initiation: take off (v)
- message: barnstorm (v)
- obstacles & impedance: headwind (n)
- person: wingman (person)
- progress & lack of progress: headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: wingman (person)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: land (arrive, affect, decide)
- restraint & lack of restraint: envelope (push the envelope)
- speed (supersonic speed, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: flameout (n), flame out (v)
- superiority & inferiority: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- surveillance: helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.), helicopter (v)

PLANT (2) (see also farming & agriculture; wheat)

- affliction: bane (n), thorn (n), thorny (adj)
- amount: kernel (amount)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: root (root cause)
- appearance & disappearance: bud (nipped in the bud), budding, crop up (v), emerge (v), emerging (adj), mushroom (v), pop up (v), spring up (v), sprout (v)
- attenuation: husk (husk of its former self, etc.)
- bases: deep-rooted (adj), root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.), rooted
- branching system: offshoot, tendril (growth)
- character & personality: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character), shrinking violet (person)
- coercion & motivation: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: transplant (n)
- computer: root (root server)
- configuration: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- consumption: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- content: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)
- corruption: blight (v), blight (n), blighted
- creation & transformation: germinate (v), hothouse (n), kernel (n), nursery (n), plant (create), pruned, seed (n), shoot (plant), sow (v)
- curtailment: bud (nipped in the bud), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.)
- decline: bloom (bloom has faded, etc.), shrivel (v), vine (wither on the vine), wilt (v), wither (v)
- destruction: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), uproot (v)

- dismissal, removal & resignation: prune (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), weed out (v), uprooted
- experience: neophyte (n)
- extent & scope: tendril (growth)
- feeling, emotion & effect: withering (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: thorny (adj)
- gossip: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grapevine (through / over the grapevine), grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- group, set & collection: bouquet (collection), garden (resemblance)
- growth & development: bloom (v), bloomer (late bloomer), blossom (v), bud (nipped in the bud), budding, burgeoning (adj), cross-pollination (cross pollination), cultivate (v), cultivated, cultivation (n), drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), fallow (adj), field (fertile field, etc.), flourish (v), flower (v), flowering, fruition (n), ground (fertile ground), grow (develop), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed (n), hothouse (n), kernel (n), neophyte (n), nourished, nursery (n), nurture (v), nurtured, plant (create), plow (plow a field, etc.), rainmaker (person), ripe (adj), root (take root, etc.), seed (n), seed money, shoot (plant), soil (fertile soil, etc.), sow (v), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other), tendril (growth), thrive (v)
- identity & nature: root (origin), transplant (n)
- increase & decrease: burgeoning (adj), grow (increase), growing (increasing)
- military: cannon fodder (military)
- occurrence: black tulip (rarity)
- origin: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- person: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), neophyte (n), shrinking violet (person)
- product: fruit (product), reap (v)
- proper name: garden (Cactus Garden, etc.)
- relationship: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- resemblance: garden (resemblance), tendril (resemblance), wilt (v)
- resiliency: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character)
- shape: mushroom (shape)
- strength & weakness: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character), root (take root, etc.)
- superlative: black tulip (rarity)
- survival, persistence & endurance: root (take root, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: husk (husk of its former self, etc.)
- throwing, putting & planting: plant (put), plant (create), planted, sow (v), sown (planted)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bloomer (late bloomer), ripe (adj)
- transmission: cross-pollination (cross pollination)
- worth & lack of worth: black tulip (rarity), fruit (product), fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj)

PLATFORM (2)

- mind: mind (platform)

POLEMICS (2)

- inclusion & exclusion: just because (polemical), right (right? / polemical)

PORTAL (1)

- doors & thresholds: door (portal), portal (entrance), threshold (cross the threshold), threshold (portal)
- epithet: gate (Gates of Hell, etc.)
- gate: gate (portal), gateway (portal), portal (entrance)
- hole: rabbit hole (fantasy), wormhole (n)
- infrastructure: avenue (portal)

- physics: wormhole (n)
- verb: threshold (cross the threshold)
- window: window (window to the West, etc.)

POSITION (2) (see also direction; height)

- achievement, recognition & praise: top (excellence)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: against (opposition), back (support / verb), backed, backing (support), beside (support), side (on one's side / person), side with (v), time (time on one's side)
- appearance & disappearance: background (background noise, etc.), foreground (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: background (background noise, etc.), center (center her family, etc.), first (metaverse-first, etc.), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), foreground (n), forward (bring something forward, etc.), forward (future forward, etc.), front (front and center)
- basis: behind (basis)
- behavior: duck (ducks in a row)
- center & periphery: background (background noise, etc.), foreground (n), front (front and center), middle-of-the-road, middle-of-the-roader
- certainty & uncertainty: shifting (adj)
- competition: ahead (competition), behind (competition), front (in front / competition), outrun (verb), pole position (n), slipstream (in a slipstream), underdog (competition)
- condition & status: laid low (condition, etc.)
- context: step back (perspective)
- danger: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- death & life: laid low (killed), succumb (die / actual)
- development: upon (tragedy upon tragedy, etc.)
- dominance & submission: knuckle under (v), over (dominance), top (dominance / winning)
- feeling, emotion & effect: lay low (emotion)
- future: ahead (before a future event), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), before (at a future time), day (day after tomorrow), forerunner (n), front (the future is in front of us), hereafter (from now onwards), intervening (adj), near (near future, etc.), past (look past to the future), time (ahead of his time, etc.)
- hierarchy: above (hierarchy), apex (apex animal, etc.), barrel (at the bottom of the barrel), bottom (at the bottom), head (go over one's head / hierarchy), mountain (at the top of the mountain), over (dominance), overlord (person), table (head of the table), tier (hierarchy), top (hierarchy), top dog (hierarchy), totem pole, under (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- importance & significance: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), background (background noise, etc.), burner (front burner), centerpiece (n), central (adj), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), foreground (n), front (front and center), mind (top of mind), mind (front of mind), mind (back of mind), right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: feet (master / protégé)
- mental health: lay low (emotion)
- past & present: ancestor (go before), before (at an earlier time), behind (in the past), forefather (n), forerunner (n), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), predecessor (go away before), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), time (with the times, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: background (background noise, etc.), back up (v), bird's-eye (bird's-eye view), fisheye (fisheye view, etc.), foreground (n), grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), perspective (from a perspective), perspective (in perspective), perspective (into perspective), perspective (other), point of view (from somebody's point of view), point of view (other), standpoint (perspective), step back (perspective), vantage point (from a vantage point), view (perspective), viewpoint (perspective), worm's-eye (adj), zoom out (v), zoom-out (n)

- position, policy & negotiation: middle-of-the-road, middle-of-the-roader, position (on an issue, etc.), shift (change)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), time (with the times, etc.)
- priority: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), line (at the front / back of the line), mind (top of mind), mind (front of mind), mind (back of mind)
- protection & lack of protection: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- proximity: near (near future, etc.)
- relationship: behind (basis)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: against (opposition), knuckle under (v)
- responsibility: behind (responsibility)
- sequence: after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ancestor (go before), before (at an earlier time), follow (at a later time), forefather (n), forenoon (at an earlier time), forerunner (n), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), upon (tragedy upon tragedy, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- situation: middle (in the middle)
- social interaction: side (on the good side, etc.), side (on the wrong side, etc.)
- strength & weakness: underdog (competition)
- success & failure: face (fall on one's face, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: above (above the law, etc.), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), mind (top of mind), mind (front of mind), mind (back of mind), over (dominance), slipstream (in a slipstream), table (head of the table), top (dominance / winning), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- time: advance (in advance, etc.), after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ahead (before a future event), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), ancestor (go before), before (at an earlier time), before (at a future time), behind (in the past), day (day after tomorrow), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forefather (n), forenoon (at an earlier time), forerunner (n), front (the future is in front of us), hereafter (from now onwards), intervening (adj), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), near (near future, etc.), next (at a later time), past (look past to the future), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), time (time on one's side), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), time (with the times, etc.), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), front (get in front of an announcement, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: duck (ducks in a row)

POSITION, POLICY & NEGOTIATION (1) (see also strategy)

- ball: ball (the ball is in somebody's court)
- baseball: hardball (n)
- cards: bluff (v), bluff (n), hand (overplay one's hand)
- direction: back (back and forth), give-and-take
- fence: fence (on the fence, etc.), fence (straddle the fence), fence-straddling)
- foot: footing (position)
- gambling: bluff (v), bluff (n), chip (bargaining chip)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: give-and-take
- ground, terrain & land: brinksmanship (n)

- horse: horse-trading
- line: line (a hard line, etc.), position (on an issue, etc.)
- money: haggle (v), haggling, horse-trading, transactional (adj)
- movement: budge (v), immovable (adj), maneuvering (strategy), move (not move an inch, etc.), shift (change)
- person: middle-of-the-roader
- position: middle-of-the-road, middle-of-the-roader, position (on an issue, etc.), shift (change)
- sound: table (loudest seat at the table)
- sports & games: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), hardball (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: footing (position), posture (position), posturing, sit down (v), sit-down (other), stand (position), stance (take a stance), stand (a tough stand, etc.)
- table: sit down (v), sit-down (other), table (on the table), table (come back to the table), table (off the table), table (turn the tables), table (loudest seat at the table)
- verb: bluff (v), budge (v), fence (straddle the fence), haggle (v), hand (overplay one's hand), move (not move an inch, etc.), sit down (v), stance (take a stance), stand (position), table (come back to the table), table (turn the tables)

POSSESSION (1) (see also fictive possession)

- arm: reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach)
- boundary: claim (stake a claim), reclaim (his place, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: pocket (in the pocket)
- container: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- crime: captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), hijack (v), hijacked, loot (v), time (steal time, etc.), usurp (v)
- direction: fall (fall into the hands, etc.)
- family: adopt (v)
- finger: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- flags & banners: flag (plant one's flag)
- food & drink: fork over (v)
- ground, terrain & land: claim (stake a claim), colonialism (data, etc.), flag (plant one's flag), reclaim (his place, etc.), soil (on one's soil), territory (stake out territory)
- hand: cling (v), clingy (adj), empty-handed, fall (fall into the hands, etc.), finger (slip through one's fingers), go (let something go), grab (v), grab (up for grabs), grab (land grab, etc.), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (possession), grip (v), grip (in the grip), grip (control), gripped, gripping (adj), hand (possession), handed over (possession), hand-me-down, hand over (v), handover (n), hang on to (v), hold (long-held), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold (noun / emotion), hold on to (v), palm (in the palm of one's hand), possess (v), possessed (emotion), seize (v), seized (by an emotion)
- lap: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- military: flag (plant one's flag), surrender (v)
- money: own (possess), own (make something one's own), ownership (n), trade (v)
- movement: gone (absent)
- part of speech: grab (land grab, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: gone (absent), handed over (possession), hand over (v), handover (n)
- purses & wallets: pocket (in the pocket)
- royalty: usurp (v)
- surveying: claim (stake a claim), reclaim (his place, etc.), stake out (v), territory (stake out territory)
- verb: adopt (v), cling (v), colonize (take), fall (fall into the hands, etc.), finger (slip through one's fingers), fork over (v), go (let something go), grab (v), grip (v), hand over (v), hang on to (v), hijack (v), hold (verb / possession), hold on to (v), loot (v), own (possess), own (make something one's own), reclaim (his place, etc.), seize (v), stake out (v), surrender (v), time (steal time, etc.), time (give time), trade (v), usurp (v)

POSSESSION (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: floor (have the floor / attention)
- control & lack of control: lose it (mentally)
- death & life: life (give one's life, etc.), life (give up one's life, etc.), life (lose one's life), life (take one's life), life (steal a life)
- feeling, emotion & effect: hold (noun / emotion), lose (one's temper, etc.), lose it (mentally), possess (v), possessed (emotion)
- functioning: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- inclusion & exclusion: appropriate (groups), appropriation (groups), capital (value), claim (groups / verb), colonial (groups), colonialism (groups), colonialization (groups), colonization (groups), colonize (groups), colonized, colonizer (groups), coopt (and co-opt), decolonization (groups), decolonize (v), decolonized, decolonizing (n), face (yellowface, etc.), fishing (Latino-fishing, etc.), misappropriate (groups), misappropriated, misappropriation (groups, etc.), reappropriate (groups), reappropriation (groups), reclaim (groups), reclaimed (groups), reclaiming (groups), space (groups, etc.), steal (groups), stolen (stolen generation, etc.), take back (take back one's life, etc.)
- mental health: hold (noun / emotion), lose (one's temper, etc.), lose it (mentally), mind (lose one's mind), possess (v), possessed (emotion)
- mind: mind (lose one's mind)
- presence & absence: lose (a limb, etc.)
- responsibility: own (responsibility)
- speech: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- time: time (have time), time (lose time, etc.), time (lost time), time (give time)

POTATO (2)

- activity: potato (couch potato)
- importance & significance: potato (small potatoes)

POWER (1) (see also force)

- allusion: complex (military-industrial complex, etc.)
- animal: beast (power), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats), sardine (n)
- boxing: heavyweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- cards: hand (strengthen one's hand)
- center & periphery: inner circle (n), insider (person), outsider (person)
- chess: pawn (n)
- creature: giant (sleeping giant), monster (power)
- dam: powerhouse (n)
- electricity: powerhouse (n)
- engine: supercharge (v), supercharged, supersize (v), tank (empty the tank, etc.), turbocharge (v), turbocharged
- explosion: explosive (power)
- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), sardine (n)
- fist: clout (n)
- government: baron (power), emperor (power), tyrant (n)
- health & medicine: potency (strength), potent (adj), steroids (on steroids)
- history: baron (power), complex (military-industrial complex, etc.), czar (and tsar), emperor (power), empire (enterprise), mogul (n), overlord (person), pharaoh (power), tyrant (n)
- horse: oats (feel one's oats)
- infrastructure: corridor (corridors of power), hall (halls of academe, etc.)
- mechanism: supercharge (v), supercharged, tank (empty the tank, etc.), turbocharge (v), turbocharged
- Middle Ages: baron (power)

- military: chieftain (n), coup (power), force (show of force)
- movement: momentum (gain momentum, etc.), momentum (n), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- number: times (times 1,000, etc.)
- person: baron (power), big shot (person), bigwig (person), chieftain (n), czar (and tsar), emperor (power), honcho (leader), insider (person), kingpin (person), mogul (n), nobody (a nobody), overlord (person), outsider (person), somebody (a somebody), suit (person)
- river: powerhouse (n)
- royalty: dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), lord over (v), monarch (primacy), overlord (person), throne (power)
- sign, signal, symbol: corridor (corridors of power), hall (halls of academe, etc.), suit (person)
- size: big shot (person), bigwig (person), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (sleeping giant), minnow (n), sardine (n)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flex (power, etc.), muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- sleep: giant (sleeping giant)
- sports & games: pawn (n)
- storm: nature (force of nature)
- tools & technology: high-powered (adj), leverage (n), leverage (v)
- verb: flex (power, etc.), hand (strengthen one's hand), leverage (v), lord over (v), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), supercharge (v), turbocharge (v), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- violence: clout (n)
- weapon: big shot (person)
- weight: heavyweight (n), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)

PREDATION (2) (see also animal)

- accusation & criticism: savage (v)
- activity: frenzy (feeding frenzy)
- affliction: backbiter (person), eat (mental health), eat (destroy), piranha (predation), shark (predation), wolf (predation)
- appearance & reality: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- behavior: backbiting, bloodthirsty (adj), circle (verb / predation), frenzy (feeding frenzy), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), lone wolf (person), predator (people), prey (prey on something), prowl (on the prowl), savage (v), shark (predation), stalker (person), wolf (predation), wound (lick one's wounds)
- blood: bloodthirsty (adj)
- character & personality: coyote (predation), dove (person), ferocious (other), hawk (person), hawkish (adj), leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), lone wolf (person), maneater (female), piranha (predation), predator (people), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.), shark (predation), wolf (predation)
- competition: dog-eat-dog, heel (nip at somebody's heels), law (law of the jungle, etc.)
- conflict: backbiting, blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), blood sport (n), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), pit (bear pit), teeth (danger), throat (predation), tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.), wound (lick one's wounds)
- consumption: food (meat), ground (feeding ground), meat (fresh meat, etc.), meat (red meat, etc.)
- danger: lurking (lurking danger, etc.), predation (n), predatory (adj), wolf (predation)
- destruction: consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), devour (destroy), eat (mental health), eat (destroy), ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), lamb (lamb to the slaughter), nibble (nibble at, etc.), sheep (predation), teeth (danger)
- eagerness & reluctance: pounce (v)

- fate, fortune & chance: jaw (jaws of defeat, jaws of victory, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: eat (mental health)
- fish: piranha (predation)
- flying & falling: swoop (v)
- force: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)
- growth & development: lamb (n)
- hierarchy: food chain
- identity & nature: leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.)
- mental health: devoured (by an emotion, etc.), eaten alive (by debt, rage, etc.)
- military: leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.)
- money: loan shark
- movement: lurk (v), pounce (v), prowl (on the prowl), stalk (v), swoop (v)
- person: maneater (female), predator (people), piranha (predation), shark (predation), stalker (person), wolf (predation)
- presence & absence: lurk (v), lurking (lurking danger, etc.), wait (in wait)
- proper name: leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), Predator (the Predator drone, etc.), raptor (Raptor Technologies, etc.), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: blood (out for blood)
- pursuit, capture & escape: claw (n), jaw (jaws of defeat, jaws of victory, etc.), octopus (n), pincer (n), pincer, predation (n), prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), prey (prey and predator, etc.), stalk (v), tentacle (n), victim (fall victim to something)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.)
- sex: maneater (female)
- society: lone wolf (person)
- speech: savage (v)
- strength & weakness: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), sheep (predation)
- subterfuge: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- violence: dove (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj)

PREP, ADV, ADJ, PARTICLE (2)

- acceptance & rejection: in (inclusion), left out (excluded), out (exclusion)
- action, inaction & delay: in (all in)
- activity: bubble up (v)
- admiration & contempt: below (behavior), beneath (behavior)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: against (opposition), behind (support), beside (support), down (down for something), for (support), in (all in), out (want out), side with (v), stand (stand behind something, etc.), there (there for me, etc.), up (up for something), with (support)
- amount: full (adj)
- amount & effect: full (full Sarah Brightman, etc.)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v), come up (appear), crop up (v), dredge up (v), pop up (v), show up (v), spring up (v)
- appearance & reality: underneath (basis)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: drum up (v), forward (bring something forward, etc.), play down (v)
- attenuation: play down (v), tone down (v), water down (v)
- avoidance & separation: apart (division), hands-off, hands-on, inward (turn inward, etc.)
- bases: behind (basis), underneath (basis)
- behavior: above (above the fray, etc.), below (behavior), beneath (behavior), line (over the line / behavior)
- center & periphery: outside (outside world, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: air (up in the air), grab (up for grabs)

- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: back (return)
- commitment & determination: down (down for something), in (all in), out (all out, etc.), up (up for something)
- competition: ahead (competition), behind (competition), outgunned, outrun (v), outshine (v), outweigh (power)
- concealment & lack of concealment: dredge up (v), out (gay)
- condition & status: down (functioning)
- contempo-speak: about (it's about, it's all about, etc.), on (brag on, etc.), out (nerd out, etc.), up (science up, etc.)
- control & lack of control: hands-off, hands-on
- creation & transformation: cook up (v), drum up (v), make up (v)
- decline: down (decline), go down (decrease)
- development: upon (tragedy upon tragedy, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: kick out (v)
- division & connection: apart (division), between (come between, etc.)
- dominance & submission: over (dominance), talk (talk over somebody)
- enthusiasm: into (be into something)
- experience: in for (a ride, etc.)
- extent & scope: full (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: break down (functioning), down (functioning)
- feeling, emotion & effect: break down (emotionally), down (feeling), hate on (something), inside (emotions), love on (something), love up (and love up on, etc.), pump up (v), up (feeling)
- fictive transportation: back (in time), take (take us back / time)
- flaws & lack of flaws: off (not right)
- functioning: break down (functioning), down (functioning)
- future: ahead (before a future event), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), away (a week away, etc.), before (at a future time), day (day after tomorrow), forerunner (n), foresight (n), forward (every year forward, etc.), front (the future is in front of us), hereafter (from now onwards), near (near future, etc.), on (30 years on, etc.), time (ahead of his time, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: handed over (possession), hand over (v), handover (n)
- help & assistance: handout (n), pick up (pick somebody up, etc.)
- hierarchy: above (hierarchy), over (dominance), under (hierarchy), work (work one's way up)
- identity & nature: in (the cowboy in me, etc.), inner (inner sloth, etc.)
- increase & decrease: go down (decrease), go up (increase), level up (as verb), pick up (increase), pile up (v), pump up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v), up (higher), upsurge (n)
- initiation: bubble up (v)
- involvement: in (involvement), into (involvement)
- language: big (big love, etc.), by (death by chocolate, etc.), noun plus adjective, on (brag on, etc.)
- mental health: break down (emotionally), down (feeling)
- obstacles & impedance: against (up against)
- occurrence: up (what's up, etc.)
- past & present: ago (two days ago / gone by), back (in time), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), bygone (adj), down (down through the centuries, etc.), forefather (n), forerunner (n), gone (those days are gone, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hindsight (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), take (take us back / time), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), time (with the times, etc.), time (in our time, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: hindsight (n), out (viewpoint), outside (perspective), zoom out (v)
- possession: gone (absent), handed over (possession), hand over (v), handover (n)
- presence & absence: around (still around, etc.), gone (absent), with us (with us forever, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: bygone (adj), done (over), finished (over), gone (those days are gone, etc.), in (and in thing, etc.), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.), out (fashion), over (finished), time (ahead of his

time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), time (with the times, etc.), up (time is finished, etc.), way (on the way out)

- progress & lack of progress: ahead (progress), behind (progress), left (left behind), there (destination)
- proximity: away (a week away, etc.), front (in front / proximity), near (near future, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: behind (put something behind)
- relationship: behind (basis), light (in light of), on (it's on you, etc.), underlying (adj), underneath (basis), view (in view of)
- resiliency: behind (put something behind), carry on (v), chin (chin up, etc.), forge on (resiliency), hang on (v), push on (v), roll on (resiliency), soldier on (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: against (opposition), against (up against)
- responsibility: behind (responsibility), on (it's on you, etc.)
- searching & discovery: dredge up (v)
- sequence: after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), before (at an earlier time), following (at a later time), forefather (n), forenoon (at an earlier time), forerunner (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), late (late Stone Age, etc.), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.), next (at a later time), preceding (at an earlier time), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), upon (tragedy upon tragedy, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- situation: in (situation), trouble (in trouble)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ahead (progress), carry on (v), done (over), drag on (v), finished (over), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), push on (v), off (cancelled, postponed, etc.), on (be on, etc.), over (finished), soldier on (v)
- strength & weakness: water down (v), watered down
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: over (overshare, etc.), under (underdeliver, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: above (above the law, etc.), over (dominance)
- survival, persistence & endurance: around (still around, etc.), been through (endure, etc.), carry on (v), gone (absent), go through (endure, etc.), hang on (v), push on (v), soldier on (v), with us (with us forever, etc.)
- time: advance (in advance, etc.), after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ago (two days ago / gone by), ahead (before a future event), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), away (a week away, etc.), back (in time), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), before (at a future time), behind (in the past), bygone (adj), day (day after tomorrow), down (down through the centuries, etc.), following (at a later time), forefather (n), forenoon (at an earlier time), forerunner (n), foresight (n), forward (every year forward, etc.), front (the future is in front of us), gone (those days are gone, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hereafter (from now onwards), hindsight (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), late (late Stone Age, etc.), near (near future, etc.), next (at a later time), on (30 years on, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), preceding (at an earlier time), take (take us back / time), throughout (time), time (at the time, etc.), time (over time), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), time (with the times, etc.), time (in our time, etc.), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), up (up to now, up to date, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), front (get in front of an announcement, etc.), time (past time), time (it's time, etc.), up (time is finished, etc.)
- work & duty: soldier on (v)

PRESENCE & ABSENCE (1) (see also appearance & disappearance; occurrence; searching & discovery)

- air: air (anger in the air, etc.), vacuum (n), void (n)
- animal: elephant (elephant in the room, etc.), fly (fly on the wall), gorilla (800-pound gorilla), lurk (v), lurking (lurking danger, etc.), wait (in wait)
- atmosphere: air (anger in the air, etc.), vacuum (n), void (n)

- biology: endemic (adj)
- breadth: thin (thin on the ground, etc.)
- bridge: bridgehead (n)
- chemistry: residue (n)
- creature: ghost town, phantom
- death & life: exist (v), life (hidden life, hidden lives), live (secret life, secret lives), live (location), live (that's where I live, etc.), reside (v), residence (n)
- foot: foothold (n), footprint (n), toehold (n)
- ground, terrain & land: endemic (adj), footprint (n), ground (on the ground, etc.), territory (come with the territory, etc.), there (out there, etc.)
- hand: hand (on hand)
- height: loom (loom large, etc.)
- house: furniture (contents)
- hunting: lurk (v)
- insect: fly (fly on the wall)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- military: beachhead (n), bridgehead (n), hors de combat, outpost (n), missing in action (MIA), retreat (absence)
- mountains & hills: foothold (n), toehold (n)
- movement: gone (absent), here (here to stay, etc.), remain (v)
- picture: picture (out of the picture)
- place: here (here to stay, etc.), there (there is no there there, etc.)
- possession: lose (a limb, etc.)
- predation: lurk (v), lurking (lurking danger, etc.), wait (in wait)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: around (still around, etc.), gone (absent), with us (with us forever, etc.)
- religion: reincarnation (n)
- river: bridgehead (n)
- sensation: limb (phantom limb), palpable (adj)
- size: blip (n)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: limb (phantom limb)
- toe: toehold (n)
- tools & technology: blip (n), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- verb: exist (v), have (you have, etc.), live (location), loom (loom large, etc.), lose (a limb, etc.), lurk (v), map (drop off the map, etc.), radar (drop off the radar), remain (v), reside (v)
- walking, running & jumping: lurk (v)

PRESENCE & ABSENCE (2)

- death & life: disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.), gone (dead), leave (death), lose (through death), with us (no longer with us)
- inclusion & exclusion: deleted (groups), disappear (as transitive verb), diverse (groups), diversity (groups), equity (groups), erase (groups, etc.), erased (groups, etc.), erasure (groups, etc.), exist (groups), existence (groups), genocidal (adj), genocide (groups), heard (groups), here (here to stay / groups), holocaust (not the Shoah), inclusion (groups), inequity (groups), inclusive (groups), invisibility (groups), invisibilize (groups), invisibilized (groups), invisible (groups), missing (groups, etc.), presence (groups), present (groups), recovered (groups), recovering (groups), represent (groups), representation (groups), represented (groups), seen (groups), see you (hear you, love you, etc.), silenced (groups), straightwash (groups), table (groups), tent (inclusivity), visibility (groups), visible (groups, etc.), wash (straightwash, etc.), whitewash (groups)
- oppression: disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.)

PRESSURE (1)

- temperature: heat (pressure)
- tools & technology: clampdown (n), clamp down (v), screw (tighten / loosen the screws), vise (pressure)
- verb: clamp down (v), screw (tighten / loosen the screws), wall (walls close in)
- volcano: volcano (pressure)
- wall: wall (walls close in)

PRESSURE (2)

- accusation & criticism: wringer (through the wringer)
- affliction: squeeze (pressure / noun), wringer (through the wringer)
- amelioration & renewal: decompression (n), outlet (n), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), valve (relief valve), vent (v)
- attenuation: deflate (pressure)
- coercion & motivation: clampdown (n), clamp down (v), press (v), pressure (under pressure, pressured, screw (tighten / loosen the screws), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeezed (oppressed), wring (coerce)
- condition & status: test (pressure test)
- configuration: sardined, squeeze (fit), squeezed (fitted)
- conflict: blowup (conflict)
- constraint & lack of constraint: choke chain (n), outlet (n), tight (constraint)
- creation & transformation: squeeze (squeeze something from / out of something), wring (create)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: hard-pressed (adj)
- environment: pressure cooker (in a pressure cooker, etc.), pressure cooker (other)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blow up (emotion), explode (emotion), gasket (blow a gasket, etc.), pressure (under pressure), pressure (n), pressured, pressure-filled, steam (blow / let off steam), valve (relief valve), vent (v)
- increase & decrease: loosen (loosen control, etc.), ratchet up (v), relax (relax control, etc.), tighten (tighten control, etc.)
- initiation: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), explode (emotion), uncork (v)
- mental health: explode (emotion), outlet (n), valve (relief valve), vent (v), unwind (relax)
- obstacle & impedance: stopped up
- oppression: clampdown (n), clamp down (v), hard-pressed (adj), rock (between a rock and a hard place), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeezed (oppressed), vise (pressure), wring (coerce), wringer (through the wringer)
- situation: crunch (crunch time), rock (between a rock and a hard place), trap (Chinese finger trap)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: crunch (cash crunch, etc.)
- taking & removing: wring (create)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: crunch (crunch time), crunch (cash crunch, etc.)

PRIMACY, CURRENCY, DECLINE & OBSOLESCENCE (1)

- allusion: ancien regime, it girl (and it drug, etc.), Methuselah, old guard, Rip Van Winkle
- animal: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur (n), dodo (n), extinct (adj), fossil (n), fossilize (v), fossilized, lion (liberal lion, etc.), species (endangered species), species (vanishing species)
- antiques: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- astronomy: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), outshine (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax and wane, zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- bell: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- Bible: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- birth: rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n)
- blade: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)

- burial: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- clothing & accessories: fashion (out of fashion), hat (old hat)
- container: time capsule
- creature: ghost (ghost signs, etc.)
- day: day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (have one's day), day (of one's day / of its day), day (of the day), day (those days), day (glory days, etc.), day (modern day), evening (decline), future (the future), future (of the future), heyday (n), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), latest (the latest / most recent), moment (have a moment / attention), old-fashioned (adj), outdated (adj), sun (currency and obsolescence), sunset (sunset years, etc.), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.), yesterday (the past)
- death & life: demise (political demise, etc.), doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), knell (death knell / obsolescence), live on (v), living (adj), old (traditional), passing (death / figurative), shelf life (and sell-by date), vanishing (disappearance)
- decline: fall (n)
- direction: accession (n), apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), arrive (attainment), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the descent), ascent (other), bottom (hit bottom), bring down (v), come and go (currency), comer (up-and-comer, etc.), downfall (n), fall (fall from power, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), grace (fall from grace), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), in (and in thing, etc.), low (decline), nadir (at the nadir), out (fashion), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, pass (its time has passed, etc.), peak (careers, etc. / verb), plunge (noun / decline), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), return (animals, etc.), rise and fall (n), rising (upcoming), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), throwback (n), time (time has passed), time (a man out of time, etc.), topple (v), up (time is finished, etc.), up-and-coming (and up and coming), up and down
- earth & world: world (lost world)
- epithet: last (the last / epithet), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v)
- family: legacy (obsolescence)
- film & TV: it girl (and it drug, etc.)
- fire: torch (pass the torch)
- flood: high-water (high-water mark)
- food & drink: expiration date, shelf life (and sell-by date)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring back (restore)
- ground, terrain & land: height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.)
- hat: hat (old hat)
- height: dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), height (at the height), peak (at the peak), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rise and fall (n), rising (upcoming), star (achievement), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- history: ancien regime, gilded (Gilded Age), golden age (and golden era), legacy (obsolescence), medieval (adj), Neanderthal, old guard, prehistoric (adj), renaissance (n), Stone Age
- hour: hour (finest hour, etc.)
- journeys & trips: pass by (progress), way (on the way out), way (give way to something), way (go the way of something), wayside (fall by the wayside, etc.)
- light & dark: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), fade (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- lion: lion (liberal lion, etc.)
- military: guard (changing of the guard)
- money: legacy (obsolescence)
- moon: wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax and wane
- mountains & hills: hill (over the hill), peak (careers, etc. / verb), peak (at the peak), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.)

- movement: arrive (attainment), bygone (adj), come and go (currency), comer (up-and-comer, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass by (progress), passing (death / figurative), pendulum (reversal), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin), time (time has passed), up-and-coming (and up and coming), up and down, way (go the way of something)
- object: it girl (and it drug, etc.), new (versus traditional), new (orange is the new black, etc.), old (traditional), thing (fad, etc.), thing (the next big thing)
- part of speech: new (as noun)
- pendulum: pendulum (reversal)
- person: has been (person), lion (liberal lion, etc.), star (achievement)
- plane: nosedive (noun / decline), nosedive (verb / decline), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin)
- position: time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), time (with the times, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: bygone (adj), done (over), finished (over), gone (those days are gone, etc.), in (and in thing, etc.), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.), out (fashion), over (finished), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), time (with the times, etc.), up (time is finished, etc.), way (on the way out)
- religion: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- royalty: accession (n), crown (superlative), dethrone (v), dethroned, dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), heir apparent, king (person), monarch (primacy), reign (v), reign (n), reigning, throne (in line for the throne), throne (pretender to the throne), throne (primacy)
- ruins: topple (v)
- school & education: old school, new school, test (test of time)
- sea: high tide, washed-up (adj)
- season: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- shadow: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v)
- sound: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- sports & games: lose out (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: longstanding (adj), stand (endure)
- star: star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement)
- sun: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), sun (currency and obsolescence), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- taste: flavor (flavor of the month)
- temperature: cold (cold case, etc.)
- tide: high tide
- verb: bring back (restore), bring down (v), come and go (currency), dethrone (v), dim (overshadow), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), fade (v), fossilize (v), live on (v), lose out (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass by (progress), reign (v), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), time (time has passed), topple (v), torch (pass the torch), wane (v), wax and wane, way (give way to something), way (go the way of something)
- walking, running & jumping: step down (v)
- waste: dustbin (n)
- water: washed-up (adj)
- wave: washed-up (adj)

PRIORITY (1) (see also attention, scrutiny & promotion; center & periphery; importance & significance; superiority & inferiority)

- center & periphery: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), burner (front burner)

- direction: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), line (at the front / back of the line), mind (top of mind), mind (front of mind), mind (back of mind)
- line: line (at the front / back of the line)
- music: fiddle (second fiddle)
- number: fiddle (second fiddle)
- position: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), line (at the front / back of the line), mind (top of mind), mind (front of mind), mind (back of mind)

PRODUCT (1)

- allusion: Frankenstein (product)
- apple: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- cows & cattle: ranch (enterprise)
- creature: Frankenstein (product)
- family: daughter (n), offspring, son (son of Concorde, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: commodity (n), crop (n), farm (computers), farm (enterprise), fruit (product), reap (v), harvest (v), harvest (war's chief harvest, etc.), harvested
- fruits & vegetables: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.), bear (bear fruit, etc.), fruit (product)
- manufacturing: byproduct (n), product (n)
- meat: meat (piece of meat)
- mining: mine (bitcoin mine, etc.), miner (bitcoin miner, etc.)
- movement: outcome (n), spin-off (n)
- person: miner (bitcoin miner, etc.)
- plant: fruit (product), reap (v)
- verb: bear (bear fruit, etc.), come from (origin), harvest (v), reap (v)

PROGRESS & LACK OF PROGRESS (1) (see also growth & development)

- animal: leapfrog (v), tail (chase one's tail)
- atmosphere: headwind (n)
- baby: step (baby steps, etc.)
- ball: roll (v), roll (on a roll)
- boat: adrift (adj), anchored, dead (dead in the water), doldrums (n), headway (n), headwind (n), moored, wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- chess: stalemate (n)
- corner: corner (turn the corner)
- crashes & collisions: wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- direction: adrift (adj), advance (v), advance (n), ahead (progress), ahead (adv), backwards (progress), behind (progress), breakthrough (n), circle (go in circles), climb (scale), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), fall behind (competition and progress), forward (path forward, etc.), forward (move forward, go forward, etc.), left (left behind), look up (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move (move up), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), runaround, scale (climb), set back (v), setback (progress), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the right direction), step (a step forward, tail (chase one's tail), trail (competition and progress), wheel (hamster wheel), wind (wind its way)
- distance: come (come a long way), far (progress), go (a distance to go, etc.), way (come a long way, etc.)
- dog: tail (chase one's tail)
- engine: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- eye: look up (v)
- ground, terrain & land: bog down (v), ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), rut (in a rut, etc.), stuck (adj)

- height: point (low point / high point)
- horse: inroads (made inroads)
- infrastructure: blind alley (n), milestone (n)
- journeys & trips: beginning (just the beginning, etc.), blind alley (n), bog down (v), catch up (catch up to something), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), circle (go in circles), come (come a long way), cul-de-sac, dead end, direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), fall behind (competition and progress), far (progress), forward (path forward, etc.), forward (move forward, go forward, etc.), go (a distance to go, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), keep up (progress), lag (progress), milestone (n), move (progress), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pass (progress), pass by (progress), path (tough / easy path, etc.), plod (v), road (road from / to something), set back (v), setback (progress), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the right direction), step (a step forward), step (a step back / backwards), there (destination), trail (competition and progress), turn back (v), way (come a long way, etc.), way (in the way), wind (wind its way)
- mechanism: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel)
- military: breakthrough (n), inroads (make inroads), march (on the march), march (n)
- mountains & hills: climb (scale), level off (v), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), scale (climb), valley (n)
- movement: advance (v), advance (n), backwards (progress), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), behind (progress), breakthrough (n), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), circle (go in circles), climb (scale), come (come a long way), dead (dead in the water), ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), fall behind (competition and progress), far (progress), forward (path forward, etc.), forward (move forward, go forward, etc.), get (not get anywhere, get nowhere), go (not go anywhere, go nowhere), go (a distance to go, etc.), go (go places, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), inertia (n), jump (progress), jump (in jumps), keep up (progress), lag (progress), limp (v), limp (n), march (march ahead, etc.), march (on the march), march (n), momentum (n), moored, move (progress), move (move up), movement (progress), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), parked (movement), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), progress (v), roll (v), roll (on a roll), rut (in a rut, etc.), scale (climb), set back (v), setback (progress), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stalled (progress), stand still (progress), standstill (n), step (step by step, etc.), stuck (adj), there (destination), traction (gain / build / get traction), trail (competition and progress), wall (hit a wall, etc.), way (come a long way, etc.), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel), wind (wind its way)
- number: two point zero, two point oh (2.0)
- path: path (tough / easy path, etc.)
- plane: headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (progress), behind (progress), left (left behind), there (destination)
- religion: limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- river: backwater (n)
- sea: doldrums (n)
- shape: plateau (n), trough (direction)
- sign, signal, symbol: milestone (n)
- sound: stutter (v), stuttering (adj)
- sports & games: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), keep up (progress), trail (competition and progress)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand still (progress), standstill (n)
- tools & technology: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- train: sidetracked, track (on track)
- verb: advance (v), bog down (v), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), circle (go in circles), climb (scale), corner (turn the corner), fall behind (competition and progress), forward (move forward, go forward, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), jump (progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), leapfrog (v), level off (v), limp (v), look up (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move

(progress), move (move up), mud (sink in the mud), needle (move the needle, etc.), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), progress (v), roll (v), scale (climb), set back (v), sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stand still (progress), stutter (v), tail (chase one's tail), traction (gain / build / get traction), trail (competition and progress), turn back (v), vault (v), wall (hit a wall, etc.), wind (wind its way)

- walking, running & jumping: behind (progress), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), fall behind (competition and progress), jump (progress), jump (in jumps), keep up (progress), lag (progress), leap (n), leapfrog (v), limp (v), limp (n), march (on the march), march (n), march (march ahead, etc.), plod (v), step (a step forward), step (a step back / backwards), step (a step in the right direction), step (baby steps, etc.), step (step by step, etc.), stride (progress), stumbling block, trail (competition and progress), vault (v)
- wall: wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- wind: doldrums (n), headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)

PRONUNCIATION (2)

- language: pronunciation (language)

PROPER NAME (1)

- allusion: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- animal: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), lioness (Lioness.co, etc.), nest (Bird's Nest, etc.), Predator (the Predator drone, etc.), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.), spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- arm: elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)
- astronomy: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.)
- atmosphere: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- bird: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), nest (Bird's Nest, etc.), raptor (Raptor Technologies, etc.)
- bottle: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.)
- carpets & rugs: carpet (Operation Magic Carpet, etc.)
- cloth: needle (the Needles, etc.), ribbon (Ribbon Reef, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: Necklace (Necklace Nebula, etc.)
- color: black (Black Sea, etc.), rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- creature: angel (the Los Angeles Angels, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), dragon (Dragon's Jaw, etc.), elf (Elves Chamber, etc.), fairy (Fairy Bridge, etc.), Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.), giant (Giants Causeway, etc.), monster (Monster.com, etc.), Titan (Tennessee Titans, etc.), troll (Troll Wall, etc.), Wizards (Washington Wizards, etc.)
- desert: oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)
- doors and thresholds: door (Durdle Door, etc.), keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.)
- ear: ear (Ear of the Wind, etc.)
- earth & world: world (Disney World, etc.)
- eye: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- family: mother (Mother Mountain, etc.), sister (the Seven Sisters, etc.), twin (the Twins, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: reaper (Reaper drone, etc.)
- finger: finger (Finger Lakes, etc.)
- fire: furnace (Furnace Creek, etc.), hellfire (Hellfire missile, etc.)
- food & drink: punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.)
- fortification: castle (Castle Peaks, etc.), citadel (the Citadel, etc.), rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.)
- fruits & vegetables: turnip (Turnip Rock, etc.)
- gate: gate (Iron Gate, etc.)
- geometry: triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- hammer: hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.)

- hand: thumb (Devils Thumb, etc.)
- health & medicine: fever (fever tree, etc.), scar (the Scar, etc.)
- horn: Horn of Africa, etc.
- horse: saddle (Saddle Island, etc.), spur (Geneva Spur, etc.)
- house: nest (Bird's Nest, etc.), shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.) staircase (Devil's Staircase, etc.), stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.)
- infrastructure: buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.), corridor (Siliguri Corridor, etc.), courthouse (Devil's Courthouse, etc.), dome (Iron Dome, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), Hilton (Fontana Hilton, etc.), pillar (Pillar Rock, etc.), pipeline (Pipeline, etc.)
- insect: beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.), spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- journeys & trips: Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.), pathfinder (Mars Pathfinder, etc.), Silk Road (maritime Silk Road, etc.)
- key: keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.)
- lion: lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), lioness (Lioness.co, etc.)
- mark: scar (the Scar, etc.)
- materials & substances: oak (Royal Oak, etc.), shard (The Shard, etc.), stonewall (Operation Stonewall, etc.)
- magic: carpet (Operation Magic Carpet, etc.), magic (Magic Kingdom, etc.)
- Middle Ages: knight (Black Knights, etc.)
- moon: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)
- neck: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.), neck (Throggs Neck, etc.)
- nose: nose (Devil's Nose, etc.)
- object: punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.)
- path: pathfinder (Mars Pathfinder, etc.)
- place: Amazon (the company)
- plant: garden (Cactus Garden, etc.)
- predation: leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), Predator (the Predator drone, etc.), raptor (Raptor Technologies, etc.), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.)
- religion: angel (the Los Angeles Angels, etc.), apostle (Twelve Apostles, etc.), cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.), hell (Hell's Gate, etc.), hellfire (Hellfire missile, etc.), oracle (Oracle Corporation, etc.), pulpit (Devils pulpit, etc.)
- roof: dome (Iron Dome, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.)
- rope: knot (the Pamir Knot, etc.)
- royalty: emperor (Exmoor Emperor, etc.), king (king cobra, etc.), kingdom (Magic Kingdom, etc.), monarch (MS Monarch, etc.), queen (Dairy Queen, etc.), throne (Blondie's Throne, etc.)
- sea: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- shape: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.), bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.), dome (Iron Dome, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.), eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.), gap (the Monastir Gap, etc.), hook (Hook of Holland, etc.), horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.), moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.), punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.), pyramid (the Black Pyramid, etc.), shard (The Shard, etc.), shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.), slot (the Slot, etc.), spur (Geneva Spur, etc.), staircase (Devil's Staircase, etc.), stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.), table (Table Mountain, etc.), triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.), turnip (Turnip Rock, etc.), wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- size: giant (Giants Causeway, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: jaw (Dragon's Jaw, etc.), nipple (Mollie's Nipples, etc.)
- sky: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- spider: spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- stair: staircase (Devil's Staircase, etc.), stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)
- star: (Silver Star, etc.)

- storm: storm (Desert Storm, etc.)
- table: table (Table Mountain, etc.)
- teeth: tooth (The Tooth, etc.)
- temperature: furnace (Furnace Creek, etc.)
- throat: throat (Devil's Throat, etc.)
- thumb: thumb (Devils Thumb, etc.)
- tools & technology: telegraph (Daily Telegraph, etc.)
- tree: Oak (Royal Oak, etc.)
- wall: stonewall (Operation Stonewall, etc.)
- water: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- wave: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- weapon: aegis (Aegis Insurance, etc.), tomahawk (Tomahawk cruise missile, etc.)
- wounds & scars: scar (the Scar, etc.)

PROPER NAME (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.)
- death & life: Predator (the Predator drone, etc.), reaper (Reaper drone, etc.)
- geography: battleground (Battle Ground, Indiana, etc.), beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), black (Black Sea, etc.), bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.), buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.), cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.), Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.), gap (the Monastir Gap, etc.), hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.), horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), lion (Lion Rock, etc.), moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.), mother (Mother Mountain, etc.), pulpit (Devils pulpit, etc.), punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.), rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), scar (the Scar, etc.), shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.), spider (Spider Rock, etc.), triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- military: Apache (Apache helicopter, etc.), battleground (Battle Ground, Indiana, etc.), carpet (Operation Magic Carpet, etc.), hellfire (Hellfire missile, etc.), leopard (HMS *Leopard*, etc.), Predator (the Predator drone, etc.), reaper (Reaper drone, etc.), scorpion (HMS *Scorpion*, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: aegis (Aegis Insurance, etc.), dome (Iron Dome, etc.)
- reputation: name (reputation)
- shape: nest (Bird's Nest, etc.)

PROTECTION & LACK OF PROTECTION (1)

- allusion: Achilles' heel (n), Great Wall of China
- animal: bolt-hole (and bolthole), bristle (with security, etc.), carapace (protection), foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.), ground (go to ground), hedgehog (protection), holed up, hole up (v), shell (protection), sitting duck, underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.), vulnerability (emotional, etc.), vulnerable (emotionally, etc.), watchdog (n), wolf (wolf at the door)
- back: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- bird: sitting duck
- blade: hack (break into)
- boat: batten (batten down), harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor), haven (safety), lighthouse (protection)
- boundary: guardrail (behavior)
- boxing: guard (lower one's guard, drop one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up)
- bubble: bubble (quarantine)
- circus: safety net (and net)
- cloth: curtain (curtain wall, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: naked (protection)
- container: bubble (quarantine)
- creature: angel (guardian angel)
- direction: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)

- dog: watchdog (n)
- electricity: insulate (v), insulated, insulation (n)
- fence: backstop (v)
- film & TV: wagon (circle the wagons)
- fire: firewall (computers), firewall (other)
- football: interference (run interference)
- fox: foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.), ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
- fortification: bastion (n), breach (v), breach (n), breached, bristle (with security, etc.), bulwark (protection), bunker (n), castle (protection), citadel (n), dig in (v), drawbridge (protection), dug in, entrenched, fort (hold down the fort), fortress (n), harden (protect), loophole (n), moat (n), moated, parapet (n), rampart (fortification), redoubt (n), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative), stronghold (n)
- gate: gate (beat at the gate, etc.)
- gesture: head (keep one's head down)
- ground, terrain & land: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
- hand: hand (hands off)
- hardness & softness: harden (protect)
- head: head (keep one's head down)
- health & medicine: antibody (n), immune (adj), immunity (n), inoculate (v), inoculation (n), quarantine (v)
- height: profile (low profile)
- history: Great Wall of China, praetorian guard, wagon (circle the wagons)
- hole: bolt-hole (and bolthole), foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.), ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
- house: home (home in Islam, etc.)
- hunting: ground (go to ground), sitting duck
- Iliad & Odyssey: Achilles' heel (n)
- infrastructure: bolster (v), bolstered, firewall (other), guardrail (behavior)
- insect: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- knife: back (stab in the back)
- line: rank (close ranks)
- magic: charmed (charmed life, etc.)
- materials & substances: dome (Iron Dome, etc.), Teflon
- Middle Ages: armor (protection), chink (chink in one's armor)
- military: aegis (n), bastion (n), armor (protection), breach (v), breach (n), breached, bristle (with security, etc.), bulwark (protection), bunker (n), castle (protection), chink (chink in one's armor), citadel (n), dig in (v), drawbridge (protection), dug in, entrenched, flank (protection), foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.), fort (hold down the fort), fortress, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (keep one's guard up), guard (lower one's guard, drop one's guard, etc.), guardian (protection), head (keep one's head down), hedgehog (protection), loophole (n), moat (n), phalanx (phalanx of lawyers, etc.), praetorian guard, rampart (protection), rank (close ranks), redoubt (n), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative), shield (v), shield (n), stronghold (n), wagon (circle the wagons), wingman (person)
- money: insurance
- mountains & hills: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- orientation: underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.)
- person: guardian (protection), wingman (person)
- place: cloister (v), cloistered, haven (safety), refuge (n), shelter (v)
- plane: wingman (person)
- position: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- proper noun: dome (Iron Dome, etc.), aegis (Aegis Insurance, etc.)
- religion: angel (guardian angel), cloister (v), cloistered, sanctuary (n)

- royalty: castle (protection)
- sea: batten (batten down), harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor), haven (safety)
- sign, signal, symbol: lighthouse (protection)
- dome (Iron Dome, etc.)
- stomach: underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.)
- storm: batten (batten down)
- target: profile (low profile), target (hard target, etc.), target (easy target, soft target, etc.)
- umbrella: umbrella (protection)
- verb: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), batten (batten down), bolster (v), breach (v), bristle (with security, etc.), cloister (v), cocoon (v), dig in (v), ground (go to ground), guard (lower one's guard, drop one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up), hack (break into), harbor (v), harden (protect), head (keep one's head down), hole up (v), inoculate (v), insulate (v), quarantine (v), rank (close ranks), shelter (v), shield (v), wagon (circle the wagons)
- wall: firewall (computers), firewall (other)
- water: bubble (quarantine), waterproof (adj)
- weapon: aegis (n), armor (protection), chink (chink in one's armor), shield (v), shield (n), target (hard target, etc.), target (easy target, soft target, etc.)
- wolf: wolf (wolf at the door)

PROXIMITY (1) (see also distance)

- arm: reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach), stone's throw
- astronomy: cusp (on the cusp), light year (light years away, etc.)
- blade: edge (at the edge)
- boundary: border (proximity), borderland (n)
- breadth: hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.), whisker (come within a whisker, etc.)
- corner: corner (spring is just around the corner)
- day: eve (on the eve, etc.)
- direction: front (in front / proximity)
- distance: close (feeling), close (close to, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), far (far from, etc.), light year (light years away, etc.), mile (by a mile), near (near future, etc.), way (a long way from, etc.)
- doors & thresholds: door (knock at / on the door), doorstep (on / at the doorstep), threshold (on the threshold)
- eye: sight (in sight)
- finger: fingertip (at one's fingertips)
- ground, terrain & land: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (back from the brink), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at / on the precipice), precipice (other), verge (on the verge), verge (to the verge)
- hair: hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.), whisker (come within a whisker, etc.)
- hand: fingertip (at one's fingertips), hand (at hand)
- house: backyard (in somebody's backyard), backyard (other), doorstep (on / at the doorstep), home (close to home), home (hit home), neighbor (v), neighbor (n), neighboring (adj)
- knife: edge (at the edge)
- light & dark: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- mountains & hills: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at / on the precipice), precipice (other)
- number: neighborhood (numbers)
- person: neighbor (n)
- position: near (near future, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: front (in front / proximity), near (near future, etc.)
- shadow: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- shoulder: shoulder (rub shoulders)

- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: bone (close to the bone, etc.)
- star: cusp (on the cusp), light year (light years away, etc.)
- theater: seat (front seat), seat (front-row seat)
- verb: door (knock at / on the door), home (hit home), neighbor (v), shadow (follow), shoulder (rub shoulders)
- walking, running & jumping: step (a step away), step (a step closer)

PROXIMITY (2) (see also distance)

- avoidance & separation: distance (v)
- competition: light year (light years ahead)
- consciousness & awareness: nose (under somebody's nose)
- danger: close call (danger), close shave
- distance: away (a week away, etc.)
- division & connection: close (feeling), daylight (division), distance (v), distance (n), tight (relationship)
- fate, fortune & chance: close (and close-run), close call (danger), close shave
- feeling, emotion & effect: close (feeling), cozy (adj), detached (emotions), distance (feeling), distant (feeling), tight (relationship)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: away (a week away, etc.)
- relationship: close (feeling), cozy (adj), distant (relationship), tight (relationship)
- responsibility: door (at someone's door, etc.), feet (lay blame at the feet, etc.)
- social interaction: close (feeling), cozy (adj), shoulder (rub shoulders), tight (relationship)
- temperature: cozy (adj)

PUMP (2)

- directing: pumped (directed)
- feeling, emotion & effect: pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- increase & decrease: pump up (v)

PUNISHMENT & RECRIMINATION (1) (see also accusation & criticism; conflict; resistance, opposition & defeat)

- allusion: nemesis (n)
- animal: blood (out for blood), doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.), scapegoat (n)
- ax: ax (ax to grind, axe to grind), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)
- baseball: one-strike-and-you're-out
- blade: ax (ax to grind, axe to grind), hatchet job (n), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.), knife (sharpen one's knife)
- blood: blood (out for blood), nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- books & reading: book (throw the book at somebody)
- boxing: punching bag (n)
- crime: drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit job (n)
- death & life: drive-by (conflict), hit job (n)
- direction: hand down / out (punishment, etc.)
- dog: doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.)
- eye: eye (poke someone in the eye, etc.)
- face: slap (punishment)
- finger: eye (poke someone in the eye, etc.)
- fire: coal (rake somebody over the coals)
- fish: hook (off the hook)
- fist: beat (beat oneself up)
- foot: kick (kick oneself)
- gesture: slap (punish)

- hand: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), slap (punish), wrist (slap on the wrist)
- hair: scalp (n)
- head: head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.), head (put a head on a wall), head (put a head on a stake, etc.)
- history: scalp (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred
- hunting: head (put a head on a wall), head (put a head on a stake, etc.)
- justice: capital punishment, hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hanging (hanging offense), hook (off the hook), jail (Twitter jail, etc.), nemesis (n), reprieve (n), scapegoat (n), sentence (life sentence), stay (stay of execution), Supreme Court
- key: key (throw away the key)
- knife: knife (sharpen one's knife)
- military: prisoner (take no prisoners, etc.), quarter (no quarter, etc.), reprisal (n)
- money: hell (hell to pay, etc.)
- neck: head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)
- nose: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- nuclear energy: option (nuclear option)
- person: fall guy (n), whipping boy (person)
- pile: pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on)
- predation: blood (out for blood)
- religion: crucified, crucifixion (n), crucify (v), hell (hell to pay, etc.), hell (hell hath no fury), nail (nail someone to the cross), nemesis (n), original sin (other), scapegoat (n)
- royalty: whipping boy (person)
- sacrifice: scapegoat (n)
- sensation: eye (poke someone in the eye, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- speech: flog (criticize), pilloried, pillory (v)
- sports & games: one-strike-and-you're-out, penalty box (n), pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on)
- temperature: heat (criticism)
- verb: beat (beat oneself up), book (throw the book at somebody), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crack down (v), crucify (v), drag (contempo-speak / verb), flog (criticize), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), key (throw away the key), kick (kick oneself), nail (nail someone to the cross), pile on (gang up on), pillory (v), slap (punish), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- violence: crackdown (n), crack down (v), crucified, crucifixion (n), crucify (v), drag (contempo-speak / verb), dragged (contempo-speak), dragging (contempo-speak), drive-by (conflict), flagellation (n), flog (criticize), hanging (hanging offense), hatchet job (n), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.), hit (mob hit, etc.), hit job (n), nail (nail someone to the cross), nose (bloody nose, etc.), pilloried, pillory (v), reprisal (n), scalp (n), stick it to (stick it to somebody, etc.), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred
- weapon: hatchet job (n)
- whip: crackdown (n), crack down (v), flagellation (n), flog (criticize), whipping boy (person)

PUPPET (2)

- computer: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- concealment & lack of concealment: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- control & lack of control: puppet (control), puppet (as verb), puppeteer (n), puppeteer (as verb), string (pull strings)
- subterfuge: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- unanimity & consensus: puppet (control)

PURSES & WALLETS (2)

- money: change (pocket change), piggybank (n), purse (money), purse strings, pocket (deep pockets), pocketbook (money), checkbook, wallet (money)
- possession: pocket (in the pocket)

PURSUIT, CAPTURE & ESCAPE (1) (see also searching & discovery)

- allusion: Houdini, Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- animal: bait (awards bait, etc.), bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.), bird-dog (v), bloodhound (n), cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), claw (n), dragnet (n), dragnet (cast a dragnet), expedition (fishing expedition), game (game of cat and mouse), ground (go to ground), hound (v), hounded (dogged), jaw (jaws of defeat, jaws of victory, etc.), land (land a job, etc.), low (lying low), octopus (n), pincer (n), pincer, poach (v), poached, predation (n), prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), prey (prey and predator, etc.), stalk (v), tentacle (n), victim (fall victim to something)
- boat: trawl (v)
- cat: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), cat (cat out of the bag, etc.)
- container: bag (in the bag), cat (cat out of the bag, etc.), exit (n), genie (initiation), get out (and get out of), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), trap (in a trap), way (way out / escape), toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)
- control & lack of control: pocket (in the pocket)
- creature: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- crime: poach (v)
- dog: bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.), bird-dog (v), bloodhound (n), hound (v), hounded (dogged)
- epithet: Houdini
- finger: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- fire: smoke out
- fish: bait (lure / verb), bait (awards bait, etc.), catch (marriage), catch (catch and release), dragnet (cast a dragnet), dragnet (n), expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), get away (escape), hook (off the hook), land (land a job, etc.), lure (v), lure (n), net (cast a net), nibble (n), reel in (v), troll (fish / verb)
- fox: ground (go to ground)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (go to ground), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)
- hand: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- head: head (put a head on a wall), head (put a head on a stake, etc.)
- height: low (lying low)
- history: underground railroad
- hole: ground (go to ground)
- hunting: bag (in the bag), bait (lure / verb), bait (awards bait, etc.), bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.), bird-dog (v), bloodhound (n), capture (v), capture (n), captured, cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), catch (marriage), catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.), caught, caught up (in or by something), claw (n), clickbait (n), come after (and come for), cornered (adj), elusive (adj), ensnare (v), ensnared, expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), follow (afflict), footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), game (game of cat and mouse), go after (attack), gotcha (contempo-speak), ground (go to ground), head (put a head on a wall), head (put a head on a stake, etc.), headhunter (n), hound (v), hounded (dogged), hunt (v), hunt (n), hunt (in the hunt), hunt down (v), hunter (plant), hunter (other), jaw (jaws of defeat, jaws of victory, etc.), low (lying low), lure (v), lure (n), octopus (n), out (leave somebody an out, etc.), pincer (n), pincer, predation (n), pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), pursuit (in pursuit), pursuit (other), recapture (v), scent (throw somebody off the scent), snare (v), snare (n), stalk (v), tentacle (n), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), track down (v), tracked (followed), tracker (person), tracking, trail (follow), trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.), trail (digital trail, etc.), trap (in a trap), trap (other), trapped

- initiation: break out (v)
- journeys & trips: hegira (and hejira)
- justice: get away (get away with something), hook (off the hook)
- love, courtship & marriage: catch (marriage), court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), seduce (v), seduced, suitor (n), trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.), woo (v), wooed
- materials & substances: Teflon
- mechanism: hatch (escape hatch)
- Middle Ages: quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
- movement: stalk (v)
- nail: nail (nail somebody)
- occurrence: break out (v), outbreak (n)
- person: darling (n), hunter (plants), hunter (other), suitor (n), tracker (person)
- place: getaway (n)
- predation: claw (n), jaw (jaws of defeat, jaws of victory, etc.), octopus (n), pincer (n), pincer, predation (n), prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), prey (prey and predator, etc.), stalk (v), tentacle (n), victim (fall victim to something)
- religion: hegira (and hejira), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- rope: ensnare (v), ensnared
- sex: seduce (v), seduced
- smell: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- sound: bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.)
- sports & games: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), game (game of hide and seek), game (game of cat and mouse), hide-and-seek
- standing, sitting & lying: low (lying low)
- verb: bait (lure / verb), capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), catch (catch and release), catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.), chase (v), come after (and come for), court (v), dragnet (cast a dragnet), ensnare (v), finger (slip through one's fingers), fish (v), follow (afflict), get away (escape), go after (attack), ground (go to ground), hound (v), hunt (v), hunt down (v), low (lie low), lure (v), nail (nail somebody), net (cast a net), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), poach (v), prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), recapture (v), reel in (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scent (throw somebody off the scent), seduce (v), smoke out (v), snare (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), stalk (v), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), track down (v), trail (follow), trawl (v), troll (fish / verb), victim (fall victim to something), woo (v)
- walking, running & jumping: chase (v), stalk (v), step (step ahead / pursuit)

PUZZLE (2)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: fall (fall into place), puzzle (problem), put (put something together), piece (missing pieces), piece together (v)
- complexity: puzzle (problem)
- comprehension & incomprehension: puzzle (problem), puzzling (adj)

RADIO (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: tuned (stay tuned)
- consciousness & awareness: tuned (stay tuned)
- development: tuned (stay tuned)
- unanimity & consensus: wavelength (on the same wavelength)

RAIN (2) (see also lightning; storm; weather & climate; wind)

- activity: flurry (activity)
- amount & effect: flurry (activity), rain (amount & effect), rain (rain down), shower (v)

- configuration: sprinkle (v), sprinkled (configuration)
- growth & development: drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), rainmaker (person), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)
- person: rainmaker (person)
- resemblance: rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down)
- throwing, putting & planting: shower (v), showered
- worth & lack of worth: rainmaker (person)

RAT (2) (see also animal)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: rat (betray), rat (a snitch), rat (sinking ship)
- competition: rat race
- enthusiasm: rat (lab rat, etc.)
- evidence: rat (smell a rat)
- resemblance: rat (tunnel rat, etc.)
- suspicion: rat (smell a rat)
- work & duty: rat race

READINESS & PREPAREDNESS (1) (see also warning)

- animal: groom (prepare)
- bird: fly (on the fly), wing (wing it)
- boat: batten (batten down)
- boxing: guard (lower one's guard, drop one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up), punch (beat somebody to the punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), punch (sucker punch / noun)
- color: red alert (on red alert)
- clothing & accessories: pants (caught with one's pants down)
- engine: tune (and tune up), tune-up (n), warmed-up
- equilibrium & stability: balance (off balance), brace (v), braced, poised (adj)
- eye: blindside (v), blindsided
- explosion: prime (v), primed (ready)
- fist: punch (sucker punch / verb), punch (sucker punch / noun)
- foot: feet (think on one's feet), flatfooted (caught flatfooted), foot (on the back foot / on the front foot), foot (back foot / front foot), toe (on one's toes)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (prepare the ground)
- horse: groom (prepare), hoof (on the hoof)
- infrastructure: brace (v), braced
- mechanism: buckle up (buckle in, strap in, etc.), prime (v), primed (ready), seatbelt (fasten your seatbelt / ironic), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- military: ambush (v), ambush (n), ambushed, dry run, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (lower one's guard, drop one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up), locked and loaded (adj), war room (strategy, etc.)
- music: tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- rocket: strap yourself in
- scale: balance (off balance)
- school & education: homework (n)
- sea: batten (batten down)
- standing, sitting & lying: brace (v), braced, flatfooted (caught flatfooted), foot (on the back foot / on the front foot), foot (back foot / front foot), posture (position), toe (on one's toes)
- storm: batten (batten down)
- temperature: warmed-up
- theater: rehearsal (n), rehearse, wing (in the wings)
- toe: toe (on one's toes)

- verb: ambush (v), batten (batten down), blindside (v), brace (v), groom (prepare), ground (prepare the ground), ground (hit the ground running), guard (lower one's guard, drop one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up), pants (caught with one's pants down), prime (v), punch (beat somebody to the punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), rehearse (v), tune (and tune up)
- walking, running & jumping: ground (hit the ground running)
- weapon: locked and loaded (adj), prime (v), primed (ready)

RECONCILIATION, RESOLUTION & CONCLUSION (1) (see also starting, going, continuing & ending)

- blade: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- books & reading: book (close the book), chapter (close a chapter, etc.), page (turn the page), slate (a clean slate, etc.), word (the last word)
- burial: ghost (bury the ghost), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- bridge: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- cloth: done and dusted, sewn up, sew up (v), wrap up (v)
- creature: bury (bury the ghosts, etc.), exorcise (v), ghost (bury the ghost), haunt (v)
- dam: dam (water over the dam)
- direction: behind (put something behind), bottom (get to the bottom of something)
- distance: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: settle down (v)
- exclamation: farewell (leaving), goodbye (say goodbye, etc.), valedictory (farewell)
- eye: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- fire: smoke (smoke clears)
- geometry: circle (a circle can close)
- ground, terrain & land: dust (dust settles)
- hand: go (let something go)
- health & medicine: fester (v), festering (adj), heal (v), healing (n)
- infrastructure: tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)
- journeys & trips: end (no end in sight, etc.), get through (endure, etc.), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), move on (resiliency)
- justice: jury (the jury is out)
- light & dark: tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)
- military: ceasefire (n), hatchet (bury the hatchet), truce (n)
- money: deal (close the deal)
- movement: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam), move on (resiliency)
- nail: nail down (settle)
- plane: land (arrive, affect, decide)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: behind (put something behind)
- religion: exorcise (v)
- river: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- rope: loose ends
- shape: circle (a circle can close)
- sleep: bed (put something to bed), bed (put to bed), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- speech: farewell (leaving), goodbye (say goodbye, etc.), valedictory (farewell)
- storm: blow over (v)
- train: train (train is pulling into the station, etc.)
- tree: olive branch

- verb: behind (put something behind), book (close the book), bed (put something to bed), blow over (v), deal (close the deal), exorcise (v), go (let something go), get on with (get on with something), get through (endure, etc.), get over (overcome), ghost (bury the ghost), goodbye (say goodbye, etc.), hatchet (bury the hatchet), haunt (v), heal (v), land (arrive, affect, decide), move on (resiliency), nail down (settle), rest (put / lay something to rest), settle down (v), sew up (v), sleep (put something to sleep), wrap up (v)
- water: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- weapon: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- wind: blow over (v)
- writing & spelling: word (the last word)

REFERENCE (1)

- eye: see (refer to)
- verb: see (perceive)

RELATIONSHIP (1)

- allusion: banana republic, Mini-Me, muse (person)
- animal: breed (create), lapdog (n), pet (pet cause, etc.)
- apple: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- astronomy: orbit (n), pull (tidal pull), pull (attraction), revolve (revolve around something), satellite (n)
- baby: baby (relationship)
- bird: chicken and egg
- birth: beget (v)
- blade: double-edged (sword)
- blood: blood brother (connection)
- bodily reaction: sneeze (v)
- cloth: entwined, tight-knit
- cooking: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- crashes & collisions: knock-on (effect, etc.)
- death & life: grow up (grow up together, etc.)
- direction: behind (basis), come (occur, develop), feedback (n), feedback loop (n), follow (result, sequence), follow (it follows that, etc.), guide (person), lead (one thing leads to another), underlying (adj), underneath (basis)
- distance: close (feeling), distant (relationship), tight (relationship)
- dog: lapdog (n)
- epithet: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.)
- eye: view (in view of)
- family: akin (adj), ancestor (go before), big brother (relationship), blood brother (connection), brother (Instagram's brother, etc.), brother (brother in arms, etc.), brotherhood (n), child (bastard child), cousin (relationship), daughter (n), descendant (n), family (group), father (father of progress, etc.), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), hip (joined at the hip), incestuous (adj), incestuousness (n), kin (n), kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.), offspring, orphan (n), orphaned, parent (parent company, etc.), parent (cat parents, etc.), paternity (n), relative (relationship), Siamese twins, sibling, sister (redneck sisters, etc.), sister (sister ship, etc.), sisterhood (n), stepchild (and stepson, etc.), stepmother (cruelty), twin (relationship)
- film & TV: Mini-Me
- food & drink: feed (fuel)
- force: drive (drive somebody to do something)
- fruits & vegetables: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- geometry: triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)

- ground, terrain & land: embed (v), embedded
- hand: hand in hand (go hand in hand, etc.), handmaiden (help)
- health & medicine: hip (joined at the hip), Siamese twins, sneeze (v)
- history: banana republic, satrapy (n)
- journeys & trips: accompany (attachment), attend (v), bedfellow (companion), come with (and come along with / attachment), guide (person), land (landed him in jail, etc.)
- lap: lapdog (n)
- light & dark: light (in light of)
- love, courtship & marriage: divorce (n), divorce (v), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married, marry (v), matchmaker (person), odd couple, wedded
- manufacturing: byproduct (n), product (n)
- military: march (together, etc.)
- money: coin (side of a coin), coin (double-sided coin), owe (relationship)
- movement: accompany (attachment), attend (v), bring (v), come (occur, develop), come with (and come along with / attachment), draw (attract), follow (result, sequence), follow (it follows that, etc.), lead (one thing leads to another), orbit (n), outcome (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- music: dance (coordination), pas de deux, tango (v)
- person: companion (n), enemy (conflict), friend (n), handmaiden (help), muse (person), partner (n)
- plant: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- position: behind (basis)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: behind (basis), light (in light of), on (it's on you, etc.), underlying (adj), underneath (basis), view (in view of)
- proximity: close (feeling), cozy (adj), distant (relationship), tight (relationship)
- religion: muse (person)
- riding: ride (ride on something)
- rope: entwined
- royalty: handmaiden (help)
- sea: pull (tidal pull)
- sex: incestuous (adj), incestuousness (n)
- shape: circle (virtuous circle, etc.), feedback loop (n), loop (noun / other), spiral (other), triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.), vicious circle
- sign, signal, symbol: triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- size: Mini-Me
- sleep: bedfellow (companion)
- snow & ice: snowball (v), snowball (snowball effect)
- speech: answer (respond), answer (response), thanks (thanks to something)
- sports & games: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- sword: double-edged (sword)
- temperature: cozy (adj)
- tide: pull (tidal pull)
- tools & technology: coupled
- tree: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- verb: accompany (attachment), answer (respond), attend (v), beget (v), breed (create), bring (v), come (occur, develop), come from (origin), come with (and come along with / attachment), divorce (v), draw (attract), drive (drive somebody to do something), feed (fuel), fold in (v), follow (result, sequence), follow (it follows that, etc.), grow up (grow up together, etc.), lead (one thing leads to another), leave (leave a mark, etc.), march (together, etc.), marry (v), owe (relationship), revolve (revolve around something), ride (ride on something), sneeze (v), snowball (v), tango (v), trigger (a war, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: march (together, etc.)

- weapon: trigger (a war, etc.), trigger (a cause), trigger (emotion, memory, etc.)

RELIGION (2) (see also Bible)

- acceptance & rejection: heretic (person)
- accusation & criticism: crucified, crucifixion (n), crucify (v), jeremiad (bitter lament), nail (nail someone to the cross)
- achievement, recognition & praise: hymn (n), pantheon (n)
- action, inaction & delay: limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- activity: dervish (activity)
- affliction: bedevil, bedeviled, cross (bear that cross, etc.), curse (n), cursed, devil (evil), evil eye, fury (creature), nemesis (n), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: faith (n), Judas (betrayal), recant (v), renegade (person), ring (kiss the ring)
- amelioration & renewal: dead (rise from the dead), exorcise (v), Lazarus (Bible), panacea (n), resurrect (v), resurrection (n), salvation (n)
- amount: litany (long list)
- amount & effect: juggernaut (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: navel gazing (omphaloskepsis), sign (evidence), soul-searching
- appearance: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- attraction & repulsion: charisma (attraction), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), pilgrimage (trip)
- avoidance & separation: cloister (v), cloistered
- bases: heart and soul, mythology (n)
- behavior: angel (behavior), choirboy (behavior), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), hagiographic (superlative), halo (n), hell (raise hell), hell-raiser (person), hell-raising, picnic (church picnic), religiously, ritual (n), saint (superlative)
- biodiversity, nature & life: Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Garden of Eden, Noah's Ark
- campaign: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- certainty & uncertainty: agnostic (adj), limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- character & personality: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), evil (non-human), public-spirited
- characterization: christen (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: exodus (vacation, etc.)
- commitment & determination: agnostic (adj), born-again, heart and soul, heaven (move heaven and earth), hellbent, vow (v), vow (n)
- comprehension & incomprehension: Delphic (adj)
- concealment & lack of concealment: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), soul (bare one's soul)
- condition & status: last rites (n)
- conflict: Manichean (adj), picnic (church picnic)
- consciousness & awareness: road (road to Damascus)
- control & lack of control: god (perspective)
- cost & benefit: blessed, blessing (benefit), graced, miracle (other)
- creation & transformation: born-again, muse (person), reincarnation (n)
- death & life: god (play god / actual life and death), Golgotha (Golgotha of Norilisk, etc.)
- destruction: apocalypse (n), kiss of death, martyrdom (n), martyred, perdition (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: promethean (adj), via dolorosa
- dismissal, removal & resignation: exorcise (v)
- division & connection: cloister (v), cloistered, Paradise Lost (allusion), schism (n)
- dominance & submission: bow (and bow down), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), unbowed (adj)
- easiness, difficulty & effort: heaven (move heaven and earth)
- enthusiasm: acolyte (person), bible (enthusiasm), cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), church (n), convert (person), cult (cult following, etc.), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), faithful (the

- faithful, etc.), fanatic (person), fanaticism (enthusiasm), fanboy (person), follower (on social media, etc.), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), missionary (person), pilgrimage (trip), religion (enthusiasm), religiously, shrine (reverence), temple (n), worship (v), worship (n)
- environment: Dantesque (adj), Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Garden of Eden, heaven (environment, food, etc.), hell (violence, etc.), hell (personal, traffic, etc.), hellhole, limbo (in limbo), paradise (n), Promised Land, purgatory (n)
 - epithet: Angel of Death (actual death), devil (Lady Devils, etc.), Golgotha (Golgotha of Norilisk, etc.), hell (Green Hell, etc.), Mother Teresa (epithet), Prometheus (epithet)
 - evidence: auger (v), auspicious (adj), sign (evidence)
 - experience: baptism, baptized
 - fate, fortune & chance: auger (v), auspicious (adj), curse (n), cursed, devil (deal with the devil), evil eye, Faust (n), Faustian (adj), god (mountain gods, etc.), Hail Mary, handwriting (handwriting on the wall), karma (fate), kiss of death, miracle (other), miraculous (adj), original sin (other), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
 - feeling, emotion & effect: calvary (suffering), dispirited (adj), godforsaken, hell (hell hath no fury), hellish (adj), miraculous (adj), paradisiacal (and paradisaical), possess (v), possessed (emotion), spirit (feeling), via dolorosa
 - flaws & lack of flaws: Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Garden of Eden, heaven (environment, food, etc.), paradise (n)
 - force: juggernaut (n)
 - future: handwriting (handwriting on the wall), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
 - geography: cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.), pulpit (Devils pulpit, etc.)
 - group, set & collection: cult (n), devil (Lady Devils, etc.), Noah's Ark
 - growth & development: rite (rite of passage)
 - help & assistance: angel (guardian angel), angel (help and assistance), godsend (n), patron saint, salvation (n), savior (n)
 - idea: iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), piety (n), sacred cow, shibboleth
 - identity & nature: born-again, heart and soul, soul (identity), soul (life)
 - importance & significance: fetish (n), fetishistic (adj), fetishistically, fetishize (v), fetishized, god (importance), hallowed (adj), idol (person), idolize (v), idolized, immortal (person), Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), sacred (adj), trinity (Holy Trinity), Valhalla (non-military), venerate (v), venerated, worship (v), worship (n)
 - initiation: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
 - insult: devil (evil), hell (go to hell)
 - isolation & remoteness: cloister (v), cloistered
 - judgment: damning (adjective), hell (judgment), hell (hell to pay, etc.), hell (hell hath no fury), nemesis (n), Solomonic (adj)
 - knowledge & intelligence: guru (person)
 - message: apostle (person), choir (preach to the choir), convert (person), crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role), evangelical (adj), evangelist (person), golden rule, gospel (preach the gospel, etc.), guru (person), high priest, jeremiad (bitter lament), messiah (n), messianic (adj), missionary (person), mantra (message), Moses (n), oracle (person), preach (v), prophet (person), proselytize (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), seer (person), sermon (message), soothsayer (person)
 - migration: exodus (war, immigration, etc.)
 - military: angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), Fiddler's Green, Valhalla (military)
 - oppression: cross (bear that cross, etc.), puritanism (n), scapegoat (n)
 - origin: original sin (other)
 - past & present: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
 - perception, perspective & point of view: God's-eye, Olympian (perspective)

- person: acolyte (person), angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), apostle (person), choirboy (behavior), convert (person), crusader (role), dervish (activity), devil (behavior), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), guru (person), hell-raiser (person), heretic (person), iconoclast (person), immortal (person), martyr (person), messiah (n), missionary (person), muse (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- presence & absence: reincarnation (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- progress & lack of progress: limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- proper name: angel (the Los Angeles, Angels, etc.), apostle (Twelve Apostles, etc.), cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.), hell (Hell's Gate, etc.), hellfire (Hellfire missile, etc.), oracle (Oracle Corporation, etc.), pulpit (Devils pulpit, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: angel (guardian angel), cloister (v), cloistered, sanctuary (n)
- punishment & recrimination: crucified, crucifixion (n), crucify (v), hell (hell to pay, etc.), hell (hell hath no fury), nail (nail someone to the cross), nemesis (n), original sin (other), scapegoat (n)
- pursuit, capture & escape: hegira (and hejira), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: exorcise (v)
- relationship: muse (person)
- repetition: mantra (message)
- representation: avatar (n), embody (v), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), incarnation (character), patron saint, Pope (Pope of Beaujolais, etc.), second coming (of Steve Jobs, etc.), simulacrum (n), totem (n)
- resemblance: cathedral (resemblance), hell (rhododendron hell, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: bow (and bow down), holy war (n), jihad (n), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), martyr (person), renegade (person), unbowed (adj)
- revenge: karma (fate), nemesis (n), tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- reverence: adore (v), adored (reverence), cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), church (n), cult (n), enshrine (v), enshrined, hagiographic (superlative), hallowed (adj), halo (n), hymn (n), idol (person), idolize (v), idolized, irreverent (adj), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), reverential (adj), saint (superlative), sanctum (and inner sanctum), shrine (reverence), temple (n), venerate (v), venerated, worship (v), worship (n)
- sacrifice: altar (at / on / upon the altar), lamb (sacrificial lamb), sacrifice (give up something), sacrifice (n), scapegoat (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: anathema, anoint (v), anointed, apostasy (n), beatification (n), beatify (v), Bible (authority), blasphemy, blessing (sanction), canon (literature), canon (other), canonical (adj), canonize (v), defrock (v), dogma (n), ecclesiastical (adj), enshrine (v), enshrined, excommunicated, heresy (n), heretic (person), heretical (adj), high priest, iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), immortal (person), immortality (n), imprimatur, Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East), myth (n), Olympus (Mount Olympus), orthodox (adj), orthodoxy (n), pantheon (n), piety (n), priesthood (n), promethean (adj), renegade (person), sacred cow, sacrilegious (adj), shibboleth (n), sin (n), taboo (n), theology (n), Valhalla (non-military)
- script: catechism (n), hymnal (n)
- searching & discovery: grail (holy grail)
- sex: puritanism (n)
- shape: angel (snow angel)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bible (hand on the bible, etc.), soul (bare one's soul)
- situation: Dantesque (adj), hell (violence, etc.), hell (personal, traffic, etc.), limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- size: behemoth (n), David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible), leviathan, monkish (adj), Olympian (size)
- speech: pontificate (v), preach (v), proselytize (v)
- strength & weakness: David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: monkish (adj)

- superlative: angel (superlative), Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Garden of Eden, goddess, halo (n), hagiographic (superlative), heaven (environment, food, etc.), immortal (person), Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), paradise (n), Promised Land, saint (superlative), sainthood (n), Valhalla (non-military)
- survival, persistence & endurance: cross (bear that cross, etc.), hell (personal, traffic, etc.), Lazarus (Bible), Methuselah, via dolorosa
- time: antediluvian (old), grace (grace period), handwriting (handwriting on the wall), Methuselah, oracle (person), prophet (person), relic (n), seer (person), soothsayer (person), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: grace (grace period)
- unanimity & consensus: amen (n), catechism (n), choir (preach to the choir)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: grail (holy grail), pray (v)

REPETITION (1)

- allusion: Groundhog Day (film)
- animal: ape (v), parrot (v)
- bird: parrot (v)
- cat: copycat (n)
- day: Groundhog Day (film)
- film & TV: Groundhog Day (film), loop (v)
- hair: rinse and repeat
- light & dark: shadow (shadow government, etc.)
- mirror: mirror (v)
- mouth: mouthpiece (person)
- music: refrain (common refrain, etc.)
- person: mouthpiece (person)
- religion: mantra (message)
- shadow: shadow (shadow government, etc.)
- sound: echo (verb / effect), echo (noun / effect), echo (repeat), echo (in an echo), echo chamber, echoed, parrot (v), rhyme (v)
- speech: parrot (v)
- theater: cue (n)
- verb: ape (v), echo (verb / effect), echo (repeat), mirror (v), parrot (v), rhyme (v)

REPORTED SPEECH (2)

- contempo-speak: like (reported speech)

REPRESENTATION (1) (see also role)

- boat: figurehead (n), flag (flag of convenience)
- clothing & accessories: hat (role), mantle (n)
- face: face (public face, etc.)
- fire: torch (carry a torch), torch (other), torchbearer (person)
- flags & banners: banner (carry a banner, etc.), flag (raise a flag, etc.), flag (flag of convenience), flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- foot: foot (put a foot forward)
- government: ambassador (role), diplomat (n), tribune (person)
- hat: hat (role)
- mark: touchstone
- military: beret (Brown Beret, etc.), flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- music: anthem (n), anthemic (adj)
- person: ambassador (role), standard-bearer, torchbearer (person), tribune (person)

- picture: billboard (n), face (public face, etc.), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), poster (poster child, etc.), totem (n)
- religion: avatar (n), embody (v), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), incarnation (character), patron saint, Pope (Pope of Beaujolais, etc.), second coming (of Steve Jobs, etc.), simulacrum (n), totem (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: badge (representation), beret (Brown Beret, etc.), billboard (n), emblem (emblem of freedom, etc.), emblematic (adj), face (public face, etc.), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), poster (poster child, etc.), torch (other), totem (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand for (v)
- verb: banner (carry a banner, etc.), embody (v), flag (raise a flag, etc.), stand for (v), torch (carry a torch)

REPUTATION (1)

- color: black eye, mark (black mark)
- direction: raise (your image, etc.)
- eye: black eye
- family: legacy (reputation)
- ground, terrain & land: dirt (worthless), mud (drag something through the mud), mud (dragged through the mud)
- height: raise (your image, etc.), standing (reputation)
- history: legacy (reputation)
- mark: black eye, mark (black mark), smear (v), smear (n), smeared, stain (v), stain (n)
- money: legacy (reputation)
- proper name: name (reputation)
- size: big (big name, etc.)
- standing, sitting & lying: standing (reputation)
- verb: mud (drag something through the mud), raise (your image, etc.), smear (v), stain (v)

RESEMBLANCE (1) (see also appearance)

- affix: boyish (adj), doughnut (doughnut-shaped)
- allusion: Mini-Me, proverbial (adj)
- animal: barnacle (resemblance), bite (resemblance), carcass (n), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), nest (resemblance), rat (tunnel rat, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), tail (orientation)
- arm: arm (configuration)
- astronomy: Martian (adj)
- atmosphere: cloud (resemblance), rainbow (color)
- bird: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), nest (resemblance)
- birth: umbilical (connection)
- blade: cut (road cuts, etc.), scissor (v), scissor (resemblance), slice (road slices, etc.)
- boat: barnacle (resemblance), flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.)
- bodily reaction: belch (v), breathe (caves breathe, etc.), spit (spit down), spit (v), swallow (disappearance), yawn (v)
- books & reading: fairy tale (happy), fantasy (fairy tale, etc.), story (horror story), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
- breathing: breathe (caves breathe, etc.)
- bubble: bubble (bubble canopy, etc.)
- burden: barnacle (resemblance)
- carpets & rugs: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- chemistry: rust (resemblance)
- circus: carnival (n), circus (media circus, etc.), freak show (n)
- cloth: curtain (curtain wall, etc.), strand (strand of hair, etc.), unfolding (opening), wrapped (covered)
- clothing & accessories: robe (n), veil (covering)
- cloud: cloud (resemblance), nimbus (cloud)

- color: rainbow (color)
- cooking: stir up (resemblance)
- creature: dragon (resemblance)
- crime: riot (riot of color, etc.)
- desert: desert (environment), Sahara (Sahara of snow, etc.)
- ear: ear (ear of corn, etc.)
- epithet: spider (Eljif “the Spider” Elmas, etc.), unicorn (unicorns of the sea, etc.), washing machine
- explosion: bomb (roach bomb, etc.)
- eye: blink (light), eye (resemblance), peek (v)
- fan: fan (shape)
- film & TV: Mini-Me, show (horror show)
- fire: aflame (resemblance), tinderbox (resemblance)
- food & drink: pie (shape), spaghetti (snarl)
- forest: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- fortification: bulwark (resemblance), palisade (n), rampart (resemblance)
- fountain: fountain (resemblance)
- ground, terrain & land: canyon (resemblance), cavernous (adj), desert (environment)
- hair: hair (resemblance)
- health & medicine: rash (road rash, etc.), scar (resemblance / noun), scar (resemblance / verb)
- house: nest (resemblance)
- infrastructure: buttress (n), pillar (resemblance), street (cloud street, etc.), tunnel (resemblance)
- insect: cocoon (resemblance)
- island: island (beech island, etc.)
- knife: cut (road cuts, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.)
- leg: leg (table leg, etc.)
- lightning: thunder (sound)
- line: strand (strand of hair, etc.)
- mark: scar (resemblance / noun), scar (resemblance / verb)
- military: rampart (resemblance)
- moon: moonscape (n)
- mountains & hills: mountainous (adj)
- mouth: jaw (jaws of life, etc.), mandible (n), mouth (entrance), spit (spit down), spit (v)
- music: chorus (resemblance), opera (n), symphony (resemblance)
- object: doughnut (doughnut-shaped)
- party: party (celebration)
- picture: paint (resemblance)
- plant: garden (resemblance), tendril (resemblance), wilt (v)
- rain: rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down)
- rat: rat (tunnel rat, etc.)
- religion: cathedral (resemblance), hell (rhododendron hell, etc.)
- river: river (resemblance)
- rocket: rocket (resemblance)
- route: passage (nasal passage, etc.)
- royalty: palace (movie palace, etc.)
- rubbing & washing: scoured
- sea: barnacle (resemblance), island (beech island, etc.), lagoon (n), ocean (ocean of air, etc.), sea (sea of sand, etc.), shore (resemblance)
- season: winter (resemblance)
- shape: doughnut (doughnut-shaped)

- shoulder: shoulder (mountain, etc.)
- size: Mini-Me
- skeleton: skeleton (resemblance)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flesh (inside), skeleton (resemblance)
- sky: rainbow (color)
- sleep: awaken (nature, etc.), sleep (n), snooze (v), wake (resemblance)
- snake: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- snow & ice: snow (marine snow, etc.)
- sound: roar (n), symphony (resemblance), thunder (speech), wail (sirens, etc.), whisper (sound)
- spider: spider (Eljif “the Spider” Elmas, etc.)
- sports & games: scrum (reporters)
- storm: storm (immune-system storm, etc.), thunder (sound), thunder (speech), thunderous (adj)
- sword: sword (swordfish, etc.)
- teeth: bite (resemblance)
- theater: light show
- throat: throat (resemblance)
- tongue: tongue (resemblance)
- tree: tree (resemblance)
- verb: belch (v), bite (resemblance), blink (light), carpet (v), cut (road cuts, etc.), dance (resemblance), paint (resemblance), pour (resemblance), rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down), scar (resemblance / verb), scissor (v), slice (road slices, etc.), snooze (v), spit (spit down), spit (v), stir up (resemblance), stream (tears stream, etc.), swallow (disappearance), thunder (speech), wake (resemblance), wilt (v), yawn (v)
- walking, running & jumping: resemblance: dance (resemblance), leap (the leap of a waterfall, etc.)
- wall: wall (wall of flames, etc.)
- waste: confetti (n)
- water: cascade (a cascade of hair, etc.), flowing, fountain (resemblance), lake (n), pour (resemblance), stream (tears stream, etc.), stream (resemblance), well (resemblance)
- whip: whip (resemblance)
- wounds & scars: scar (resemblance / noun), scar (resemblance / verb)

RESILIENCY (1) (see also help & assistance; allegiance, support & betrayal; survival, persistence & endurance)

- animal: horse (get back on the horse), saddle (get back in the saddle)
- ball: bounce back (v), bounce back (n), rebound (recover), rebound (on the rebound)
- boxing: get up (and get back up, etc.), punch (take a punch), punch (roll with the punches)
- burden: carry on (v)
- destruction: piece (pick up the pieces)
- direction: behind (put something behind), chin (chin up, etc.), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), comeback (n), feet (get back on one’s feet, etc.), head (keep one’s head up), head (hold one’s head high), pick (pick oneself up), positive (sex positive, etc.)
- foot: feet (get back on one’s feet, etc.)
- force: push on (v)
- gesture: head (keep one’s head up), head (hold one’s head high), shake (shake something off)
- hand: go (let something go), hang in there, hang on (v), hold on (survival), pick (pick oneself up)
- head: chin (chin up, etc.), head (keep one’s head up), head (hold one’s head high)
- height: head (keep one’s head up), head (hold one’s head high)
- horse: horse (get back on the horse), saddle (get back in the saddle)
- infrastructure: put (put something back together)

- journeys & trips: carry on (v), drive on (resiliency), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), go on (persist), move on (resiliency), push on (v), roll on (resiliency)
- light & dark: bright (bright side)
- materials & substances: flexible (character), strong (after tragedy, etc.),
- mechanism: put (put something back together)
- military: soldier on (v)
- mouth: lip (stiff upper lip)
- movement: bounce back (v), bounce back (n), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), flexible (character), forge on (resiliency), go on (persist), move on (resiliency), rebound (recover), roll on (resiliency), soldier on (v)
- number: positive (sex positive, etc.)
- person: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character)
- plant: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: carry on (v), chin (chin up, etc.), forge on (resiliency), hang on (v), push on (v), roll on (resiliency), soldier on (v)
- ruins: pick up (pick up the pieces)
- verb: behind (put something behind), bounce back (v), carry on (v), chin (chin up, etc.), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), forge on (resiliency), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), get up (and get back up, etc.), go (let something go), go on (persist), hang in there, hang on (v), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), hold on (survival), horse (get back on the horse), overcome (v), pick (pick oneself up), piece (pick up the pieces), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), punch (take a punch), punch (roll with the punches), push on (v), put (put something back together), rebound (recover), roll on (resiliency), saddle (get back in the saddle), shake (shake something off), soldier on (v)

RESISTANCE, OPPOSITION & DEFEAT (1) (see also accusation & criticism; conflict; dominance & submission; punishment & recrimination; superiority & inferiority)

- allusion: Pyrrhic victory (figurative), Thermopylae (figurative), Young Turk
- animal: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), blink (conflict), buck (v), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), howl (n), howl (v), roll over (v), squeal (protest), stare down (v), stare-down (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs), tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.)
- arm: hold off (v), push (push comes to shove), push (push against, etc.), pushback (n), push back (v), pushed around
- back: back (back to the wall), back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v)
- bird: face (fly in the face), game (game of chicken)
- blade: parry (v), parry (n)
- boat: mutineer (person), mutinous (adj), mutiny (n)
- bodily reaction: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- boxing: come (come out swinging), counted out (boxing), fighter (person), punch (punch back, trade punches), towel (throw in the towel)
- breathing: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- cards: fold (v)
- chess: checkmate (v), checkmate (n)
- color: white flag (surrender)
- death & life: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- direction: backlash (n), bow (and bow down), fall (defeat), heel (on one's heels), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), lie down (and lay down), retreat (reverse / verb), step (not one step back), unbowed (adj), uprising (resistance)

- dog: back (get one's back up, etc.), howl (n), howl (v), roll over (v), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- explosion: blowback (n)
- eye: blink (conflict), stare down (v), stare-down (n)
- face: face (in one's face), face (in the face of)
- fist: beat back (v), fist (wave one's fist), hit back (v), knuckle under (v)
- flags & banners: flag (plant one's flag), stand (last stand, etc.), white flag (surrender)
- foot: foot (put one's foot down), heel (dig in one's heels), kicking and screaming
- force: push (push comes to shove), push (push against, etc.), push back (v), pushback (n), pushed around
- fortification: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, siege (under siege), siege (other)
- gesture: blink (conflict), clap back (contempo-speak / verb), clap back (contempo-speak / noun), fist (wave one's fist), nose (thumb one's nose)
- ground, terrain & land: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, flag (plant one's flag), ground (hold / stand one's ground), ground (give ground), last-ditch (adj)
- horse: buck (v), cavalry (n)
- heel: heel (dig in one's heels), heel (on one's heels)
- history: barricade (storm the barricades, etc.), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), underground railroad, Young Turk
- horse: balk (v), bridle (v)
- infrastructure: barricade (storm the barricades, etc.), buckle (give way), stonewall (v)
- knee: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v)
- leg: kicking and screaming
- materials & substances: bend (v), break (resistance / verb)
- military: cavalry (n), combat (v), combat (n), combative (adj), conquer (v), counterattack (v), counterattack (n), day (save the day), dig in (v), dug in, Dunkirk (digital Dunkirk, etc.), entrenched, fight (v), fight (n), flag (plant one's flag), Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.), give in (v), give up (stop trying), give way (and give way to), hill (resistance), insurgency (n), insurrection, last-ditch (adj), overrun (v), overrun (overwhelmed), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), rearguard (n), rebel (person), rebel (v), rebellion (n), retreat (reverse / reverse), revolt (v), revolt (n), rout (defeat / noun), rout (defeat / verb), routed (defeated), siege (under siege), siege (other), Stalingrad (non-military), stand (last stand, etc.), surrender (v), Thermopylae (figurative), white flag (surrender)
- mining: cave (cave in)
- money: cost (at all costs, etc.), sell out (v)
- movement: budge (v), come out (against something), immovable (adj), move (not move an inch, etc.)
- nose: nose (thumb one's nose)
- person: fighter (person), martyr (person), mutineer (person), rebel (person), renegade (person)
- position: against (opposition), knuckle under (v)
- predation: tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: against (opposition), against (up against)
- religion: bow (and bow down), holy war (n), jihad (n), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), martyr (person), renegade (person), unbowed (adj)
- ruins: buckle (give way)
- sea: tide (buck the tide)
- sign, signal, symbol: white flag (surrender)
- smell: stink (n), stink (raise a stink)
- sound: bemoan (v), bewail (v), clamor (v), clap back (contempo-speak / verb), clap back (contempo-speak / noun), cry (cry foul, etc.), death rattle, decry (v), din (attention), gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), grumble (n), howl (n), howl (v), kicking and screaming, moan (v), moaning, noise (attention, conflict, and controversy), noisy (debate, etc.), outcry (n), quiet (adj), squeal (protest), tumult (disruption), wail (v)
- speech: sound off (v), speak out (v), speak up (v), truth to power
- sports & games: checkmate (v), checkmate (n), counted out (boxing), game (game of chicken), tap out (v)

- standing, sitting & lying: back down (v), bow (and bow down), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (v), kowtow (v), lie down (and lay down), prostrate (v), rise (resist), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand for (not stand for something), stand up (stand up to something), succumb (v), supine (adj), supinely, unbowed (adj), wobbly (commitment)
- sword: parry (v), parry (n)
- tent: tent (fold one's tent)
- tide: tide (buck the tide)
- verb: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), balk (v), barricade (storm the barricades, etc.), beat back (v), bemoan (v), bewail (v), blink (conflict), bow (and bow down), break (resistance / verb), bridle (v), buck (v), buckle (give way), budge (v), cave in (v), checkmate (v), clamor (v), clap back (contempo-speak / verb), combat (v), come out (against something), conquer (v), counterattack (v), cry (cry foul, etc.), day (save the day), decry (v), dig in (v), fall (defeat), fight (v), fold (v), foot (put one's foot down), give in (v), give up (stop trying), give way (and give way to), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), heel (dig in one's heels), hold off (v), hold out (persist), howl (v), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), knuckle under (v), kowtow (v), lie down (and lay down), moan (v), move (not move an inch, etc.), nose (thumb one's nose), overcome (v), overrun (v), parry (v), prostrate (v), punch (punch back, trade punches), push (push against, etc.), push back (v), put up with (v), rebel (v), retreat (reverse / verb), revolt (v), rise (resist), roll over (v), rout (defeat / verb), sell out (v), sound off (v), speak out (v), speak up (v), squeal (protest), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand for (not stand for something), stand up (stand up to something), stare down (v), stink (raise a stink), stonewall (v), succumb (v), surrender (v), tap out (v), tail (turn tail), take (refuse to take), take on (v), tent (fold one's tent), tide (buck the tide), towel (throw in the towel), wail (v)
- violence: backlash (n), knuckle under (v)
- walking, running & jumping: run (on the run / retreat), step (not one step back), step forward (v)
- wall: stonewall (v)
- weapon: blowback (n), parry (v), parry (n)
- whip: backlash (n)

RESPONSIBILITY (1) (see also guilt)

- animal: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost)
- ball: ball (the ball is in somebody's court)
- baseball: plate (step up to the plate)
- bird: chicken (come home to roost)
- blood: bloody (guilt), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- boat: wheelhouse (n)
- container: lap (responsibility)
- direction: behind (responsibility), fall (devolve), live up to (something), man up (v)
- doors & thresholds: door (at someone's door, etc.)
- foot: feet (lay blame at the feet, etc.)
- hand: hand (at the hands), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- house: bed (lie in one's bed / make one's bed)
- hygiene: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- infrastructure: lane (experience)
- justice: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), get away (get away with something)
- lap: lap (responsibility)
- money: own (responsibility), ownership (n)
- position: behind (responsibility)
- possession: own (responsibility)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: behind (responsibility), on (it's on you, etc.)

- proximity: door (at someone's door, etc.), feet (lay blame at the feet, etc.)
- shoulder: shoulder (fall on the shoulders), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.)
- sports & games: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), plate (step up to the plate)
- sword: sword (fall on one's sword)
- verb: bed (lie in one's bed / make one's bed), bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), live up to (something), man up (v), own (responsibility), plate (step up to the plate), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), sword (fall on one's sword)
- walking, running & jumping: step up (rise to the occasion)
- weight: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (fall on the shoulders)
- military: watch (on one's watch)

RESTRAINT & LACK OF RESTRAINT (1) (see also constraint & lack of constraint; control & lack of control)

- affix: overboard (behavior), overreach (v)
- alcohol: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), inebriate (v)
- allusion: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), envelope (push the envelope)
- animal: animal (party animal, etc.), wild (behavior), wild (control), wild (run wild)
- arm: hold back (restraint), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v)
- atmosphere: wind (throw something to the wind)
- boat: overboard (behavior)
- books & reading: tell-all (book)
- boundary: belt (below the belt), boundary (behavior), limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v), overstretch (v)
- boxing: belt (below the belt), glove (the gloves are off), punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), punch (sucker punch / noun)
- bridge: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)
- cards: hand (overplay one's hand)
- control & lack of control: control (out of control), control (in control), control (under control)
- direction: over-the-top (adj), top (over the top)
- distance: far (too far), length (go to any lengths, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v), ski (over one's skis, etc.), stop (stop at nothing)
- fist: punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), punch (sucker punch / noun)
- hand: hand (get out of hand), loose (let loose)
- history: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)
- horse: bridle (v), unbridled
- materials & substances: brazen (adj)
- military: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), cannon (loose cannon)
- mouth: mouth (run one's mouth)
- music: stop (pull out all the stops)
- part of speech: tell-all (book)
- person: cannon (loose cannon)
- plane: envelope (push the envelope)
- sex: orgy (n)
- speech: loose (let loose), punch (pull a punch)
- sports & games: no-holds-barred (and no holds barred), punch (pull a punch)
- verb: bridle (v), end (go off the deep end), envelope (push the envelope), hand (get out of hand), hand (overplay one's hand), help (keep from, avoid), hold back (restraint), inebriate (v), limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), loose (let loose), overreach (v), overstep (v), overstretch (v), punch (pull a

punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), stop (stop at nothing), stop (pull out all the stops), wild (run wild), wind (throw something to the wind)

- walking, running & jumping: overstep (v)
- water: end (go off the deep end), mouth (run one's mouth)
- weapon: cannon (loose cannon)
- wind: wind (throw something to the wind)
- wrestling: no-holds-barred (and no holds barred)

REVENGE (1)

- allusion: nemesis (n)
- Bible: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- bodily reaction: laugh (last laugh)
- eye: eye (an eye for an eye)
- fist: tit-for-tat (adj)
- food & drink: dish (revenge is a dish best served cold)
- justice: nemesis (n)
- money: pay (revenge), payback (n), score (settle a score, etc.)
- religion: karma (fate), nemesis (n), tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- sound: laugh (last laugh)
- teeth: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- verb: feud (v), pay (revenge), score (settle a score, etc.)
- violence: feud (v), feud (n), vendetta (n)

REVERENCE (1)

- music: hymn (n)
- place: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.)
- religion: adore (v), adored (reverence), cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), church (n), cult (n), enshrine (v), enshrined, hagiographic (superlative), hallowed (adj), halo (n), hymn (n), idol (person), idolize (v), idolized, irreverent (adj), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), reverential (adj), saint (superlative), sanctum (and inner sanctum), shrine (reverence), temple (n), venerate (v), venerated, worship (v), worship (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: halo (n)
- verb: adore (v), enshrine (v), idolize (v), venerate (v), worship (v)

REVERSAL (1)

- affix: un (undo this hurt, etc.)
- animal: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- ball: roll back (v)
- bell: bell (unring a bell)
- bird: chicken (come homes to roost)
- boat: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), course (reverse course), row (row back), ship (turn the ship, etc.)
- books & reading: O. Henry
- clothing & accessories: shoe (the shoe is on the other foot)
- direction: about-face (in an about-face), about-face, about-turn, back (no way back, etc.), backlash (n), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), boomerang (n), climb down (v), climbdown (n), course (reverse course), flip (v), flip-flop (v), flip-flopping (reversal), flipped, hinge (hinge event, etc.), oscillate (v), overturn (v), overturned, pivot (n), pivot (v), retreat (reverse / verb), retreat (reverse / noun), retreat (reverse / noun), row (row back), turnabout (reversal), turn around (turn things around, etc.), turnaround, U-turn (n)
- dog: tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- engine: gear (switch gears, shift gears, etc.)

- equilibrium & stability: overturn (v), overturned
- explosion: blowback (n), blow up (blow up in one's face), face (blow up in one's face)
- film & TV: rewind (v), spool (spool back)
- food & drink: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- health & medicine: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- heart: heart (change of heart)
- journeys & trips: backtrack (reversal), course (reverse course), turnabout (reversal)
- justice: bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment)
- letters & characters: U-turn (n)
- map: course (reverse course)
- mechanism: backpedal (v), gear (switch gears, shift gears, etc.), hinge (hinge event, etc.), pivot (n), pivot (v), roll back (v), unwind (reverse)
- military: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), retreat (reverse / verb), retreat (reverse / noun)
- movement: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), flip (v), flip-flop (v), hinge (hinge event, etc.), oscillate (v), pendulum (reversal), pivot (v), pivot (n), swing (swing around), turnabout (reversal)
- music: tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune)
- pendulum: oscillate (v), pendulum (reversal), swing (swing around)
- sea: change (sea change), tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- size: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier)
- sound: bell (unring a bell)
- table: table (turn the tables)
- taste: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- teeth: come back (to bite, haunt, etc.)
- tide: tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- verb: backfire (v), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), bell (unring a bell), bite (bite him in the end, etc.), blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), climb down (v), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), course (reverse course), face (blow up in one's face), flip (v), flip-flop (v), gear (switch gears, shift gears, etc.), oscillate (v), overturn (v), pivot (v), retreat (reverse / verb), ricochet (v), roll back (v), ship (turn the ship, etc.), table (turn the tables), tail (turn tail), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune), unwind (reverse), walk back (v)
- violence: backlash (n)
- walking, running & jumping: walk back (n), walk back (v)
- weapon: backfire (v), blowback (n), blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), ricochet (v)
- whip: backlash (n)

RIDING (2)

- dependency: ride (ride on something)
- experience: ride (rough ride, etc.)
- fictive transportation: ride (ride on something), ride (ride something to fame, etc.)
- relationship: ride (ride on something)
- survival, persistence & endurance: ride out (v)
- verb: ride (ride on something)

RIVER (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: river (sell somebody down the river)
- amelioration & renewal: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building
- amount: reservoir (amount)
- amount & effect: flood (amount / verb), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, Niagara (the river and falls), river (river of hogs, etc.)

- attachment: tow (in tow)
- branching system: confluence (n), feed (feed into), prong (river), stream (bloodstream, etc.), tributary (n)
- center & periphery: backwater (n), mainstream (society)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- commitment & determination: boat (burn one's boats), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: undercurrent (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- constraint & lack of constraint: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- destruction: swept away (removal)
- development: watershed (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), upstream (swim upstream)
- direction: meander (v), watershed (n), wind (wind its way)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: swept away (removal)
- division & connection: bridge (n), bridge (v), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone, watershed (n)
- driving force: powerhouse (n)
- extent & scope: catchment (n), run (run deep / high / strong)
- fate, fortune & chance: boat (burn one's boats), bridge (burn one's bridges), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: run (run deep / high / strong), swept away (emotion)
- fictive motion: meander (v)
- force: current (n), Niagara (the river and falls), undercurrent (n)
- future: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- group, set & collection: reservoir (group)
- help & assistance: stepping stone
- importance & significance: watershed (n)
- isolation & remoteness: backwater
- movement: flood (move), flow (flow of the lesson, etc.), flow (move), flow (n), river (river of hogs, etc.), stream (amount & effect), wind (wind its way)
- obstacles & impedance: dam (psychological dam, etc.), jam (situation), logjam (n), snag (n)
- orientation: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), downstream (orientation), upper (river, etc.), upstream (swim upstream), upstream (orientation)
- past & present: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- power: powerhouse (n)
- presence & absence: bridgehead (n)
- progress & lack of progress: backwater (n)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- resemblance: river (resemblance)
- route: bridge (air bridge, etc.), stream (bloodstream, etc.)
- society: mainstream (society)
- source: fountainhead, reservoir (source), watershed (n)
- strength & weakness: powerhouse (n)
- taxonomy & classification: tributary (n)
- time: bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), dam (water over the dam)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)

ROCKET (2)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: science (not rocket science)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ballistic (go ballistic)
- increase & decrease: rocket (increase), skyrocket (increase)
- initiation: launching pad
- knowledge & intelligence: science (not rocket science)
- movement: rocket (speed), skyrocket (increase)
- readiness & preparedness: strap yourself in
- resemblance: rocket (resemblance)
- speed: rocket (speed)

ROLE (1) (see also representation)

- animal: mother (den mother, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: mantle (n), pants (big girl pants, etc.), hat (role), trousers (wear the trousers, etc.)
- crime: cop (good cop, bad cop)
- family: mother (den mother, etc.)
- government: ambassador (role), diplomacy (n), diplomatic (adj)
- hat: hat (role)
- horse: saddle (acting saddle, etc.)
- person: mother (den mother, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: hat (role)
- theater: act (insincere show), act (performance), part (play a part, etc.)

ROOF (2) (see also doors & thresholds; gate; house)

- destruction: roof (a roof can cave in)
- extent & scope: roof (through the roof)
- failure, accident & impairment: roof (a roof can cave in)
- increase & decrease: roof (through the roof)
- orientation: roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)
- proper name: dome (Iron Dome, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.)
- shape: dome (shape)

ROPE (2)

- action, inaction & delay: Gordian knot
- amelioration & renewal: loosen up (feelings), straighten out (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), untangle (v)
- analysis & interpretation: untangle (v)
- attachment: bind (connect), entwined, string (attachment), tethered, tied
- complexity: detangle (v), Gordian knot, knotty (adj), tangle (n), tangled
- constraint & lack of constraint: bind (constraint), bind (constrain), binding (adj), bound (constraint), hand (tie one's hands, etc.), loose (get looser, etc.), slack (n), tied (constraint)
- control & lack of control: lead (restraint)
- danger: ensnare (v)
- destruction: undoing (destruction), undone (destruction)
- development: play out (v)
- division & connection: bind (connect), entwined, tie (v), tied, tie together (v)
- experience: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: snap (v), undoing (destruction), undone (destruction), unravel (fail)
- feeling, emotion & effect: frayed (emotions), loosen up (feelings), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), rope (at the end of one's rope), snap (v), strain (pressure), strained, taut (nerves, etc.), tension (n)

- flaws & lack of flaws: kink (n), strain (pressure), strained
- involvement: bound up, detangle (v), enmeshed, ensnare (v), ensnared, ensnarled (involvement), entangled (involvement), entwined, string (attachment), tangle (n), tangled
- money: rope (velvet rope)
- obstacles & impedance: knot (n), snarl (v), snarl (impedance)
- proper name: knot (the Pamir Knot, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: ensnare (v), ensnared
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: loose ends
- relationship: entwined
- sequence: string (sequence)
- sex: loose (loose woman)
- situation: bind (in a bind), enmeshed, ensnare (v), ensnared, ensnarled (involvement), entangled (involvement)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: play out (v)
- superiority & inferiority: rope (velvet rope)
- survival, persistence & endurance: rope (on the ropes)

ROUTE (1) (see also course, direction)

- animal: alley (Bat Alley, etc.)
- atmosphere: skyway
- blood: artery (route)
- bridge: bridge (air bridge, etc.)
- canal: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- direction: climb (roads, etc.)
- epithet: road (Whale Road, etc.), Silk Road (maritime Silk Road, etc.)
- gate: gateway (gateway to India, etc.)
- infrastructure: alley (Death Alley / U.S. 61), avenue (route), bridge (air bridge, etc.), canal (birth canal, etc.), corridor (route), expressway, highway (iceberg highway, etc.), pipe (n), pipeline (other), road (road from / to something), superhighway
- journeys & trips: pathway (route), road (road from / to something), trail (campaign trail, etc.), trail (canoe trail, etc.), way (route)
- path: pathway (route)
- river: bridge (air bridge, etc.), stream (bloodstream etc.)
- sky: skyway
- water: canal (birth canal, etc.), channel (through channels), channel (back channel), channel (distribution channel, etc.), conduit, pipe (n), pipeline (other), stream (bloodstream, etc.)

ROUTE (2)

- danger: way (in harm's way), way (out of harm's way)
- development: course (development)
- resemblance: passage (nasal passage, etc.)
- situation: way (in harm's way) way (out of harm's way)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: course (run its course, etc.)
- transmission: corridor (route)

ROYALTY (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: coronation (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: fealty (n)
- area: kingdom (control), realm (area)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: court (hold court), herald (v), herald (n)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: herald (v), herald (n), usher in (v)

- comparison & contrast: queen-size (and queen sized)
- control & lack of control: kingdom (control), rule (v), ruled, usurp (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: dethrone (v), dethroned
- epithet: king (king cobra, etc.), king (products), king (person), monarch (MS Monarch, etc.), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), Versailles (Russian Versailles, etc.)
- help & assistance: handmaiden (help)
- hierarchy: bee (queen bee), blue blood
- oppression: edict (n), lord over (v), reign of terror / fear, etc.
- origin: house (origin)
- person: bee (queen bee), handmaiden (help), king (person), Lady Macbeth (epithet), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (role), Rasputin (epithet), whipping boy (person)
- possession: usurp (v)
- power: dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), lord over (v), monarch (primacy), overlord (person), throne (power)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: accession (n), crown (superlative), dethrone (v), dethroned, dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), heir apparent, king (person), monarch (primacy), reign (v), reign (n), reigning, throne (in line for the throne), throne (pretender to the throne), throne (primacy)
- proper name: Emperor (Exmoor Emperor, etc.), king (king cobra, etc.), Kingdom (Magic Kingdom, etc.), monarch (MS Monarch, etc.), Queen (Dairy Queen, etc.), throne (Blondie's Throne, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: castle (protection)
- punishment & recrimination: whipping boy (person)
- relationship: handmaiden (help)
- resemblance: palace (movie palace, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: crowned (v), scepter (authority)
- size: palatial (adj)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: reign (v)
- superiority & inferiority: blue blood, red carpet (treatment)
- superlative: aristocracy (n), aristocratic (aristocratic wine, etc.), crown (superlative), crown jewel, king (king cobra, etc.), king (products), king (person), monarch (primacy), prince (epithet), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role), royalty (n)
- taking & removing: usurp (v)
- taxonomy & classification: kingdom (animal kingdom)
- welcome: red carpet (treatment)
- worth & lack of worth: crown jewel

RUBBING & WASHING (2)

- resemblance: scoured
- searching & discovery: scour (v)
- transmission: rub off on (v)

RUINS (2)

- behavior: self-destructive (adj)
- character & personality: self-destructive (adj)
- decline: crumble (v)
- destruction: bring down (v), buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), collateral damage (n), crash (crash down), crumble (v), damage (n), debris (n), demolition (n), flatten (v), roof (a roof can cave in), rubble (in the rubble), rubble (other), ruin (v), ruin (financial ruin, etc.), ruin (in ruins, etc.), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, smash (smash a record, etc.), topple (v), waste (lay waste), wreck (v), wreck (person), wreckage (n), wrecked
- dismissal, removal & resignation: topple (v)
- disruption: smash (smash a record, etc.), topple (v)
- failure, accident & impairment: crumble (v)

- feeling, emotion & effect: destroy (emotion), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), wreck (person)
- failure, accident & impairment: buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), roof (a roof can cave in), tumble down (v), wreck (v), wreck (person)
- mental health: destroy (emotions)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: topple (v)
- resiliency: pick up (pick up the pieces)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: buckle (give way)
- survival, persistence & endurance: pick up (pick up the pieces)

SACRIFICE (1)

- animal: lamb (sacrificial lamb), scapegoat (n)
- blood: blood (effort), iron and blood (effort, sacrifice)
- food & drink: belt (tighten one's belt), belt-tightening
- justice: scapegoat (n)
- money: treasure (money)
- person: fall guy (n)
- religion: altar (at / on / upon the altar), lamb (sacrificial lamb), sacrifice (give up something), sacrifice (n), scapegoat (n)
- sheep: lamb (sacrificial lamb)
- sign, signal, symbol: blood (effort), iron and blood (effort, sacrifice), treasure (money)
- verb: sacrifice (give up something)

SANCTIONING, AUTHORITY & NON-CONFORMITY (1) (see also allegiance, support & betrayal; unanimity & consensus)

- allusion: promethean (adj), shibboleth (n), Young Turk
- animal: black sheep, buck (v), crab (crab in a bucket, etc.), maverick (person), rogue (n), sacred cow
- Bible: Bible (authority)
- boat: boat (rock the boat)
- center & periphery: outlier (n)
- clothing & accessories: mantle (n)
- color: amber (traffic light), black sheep, green (green list, etc.), green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit), red (red list, etc.), traffic light (or traffic signal)
- cows & cattle: maverick (person), sacred cow
- creature: ghost (unregistered, etc.)
- direction: high (from on high)
- document: license (n), passport (n)
- doors & thresholds: gatekeeper (person)
- epithet: Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East)
- face: frown (v), frowned upon, smile (v)
- gate: gatecrasher (person), gatekeeper (person)
- gesture: applaud (v), applauded, frown (v), frowned upon, nod (permission), smile (v)
- government: embargo (n), franchise (n), license (n), magisterial (adj), passport (n)
- head: nod (permission)
- height: pedestaled
- history: Young Turk
- horse: buck (v), maverick (person)
- license: license (n)
- line: hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (government line, etc.)
- manufacturing: mold (fit a mold, etc.)
- mark: rubber stamp (n), stamp (stamp of approval)

- mechanism: fit in (v), misfit (person)
- military: drummer (different drummer), rebel (person), rebel (v), step (in step), step (out of step)
- movement: go-ahead
- music: offbeat (adj), tune (dance to the tune)
- part of speech: go-ahead, OK (and okay / verb)
- person: bad boy (person), gatekeeper (person), good girl (person), heretic (person), iconoclast (person), immortal (person), maverick (person), misfit (person), police (and cop, etc.), rebel (person), renegade (person)
- religion: anathema, anoint (v), anointed, apostasy (n), beatification (n), beatify (v), Bible (authority), blasphemy, blessing (sanction), canon (literature), canon (other), canonical (adj), canonize (v), defrock (v), dogma (n), ecclesiastical (adj), enshrine (v), enshrined, excommunicated, heresy (n), heretic (person), heretical (adj), high priest, iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), immortal (person), immortality (n), imprimatur, Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East), myth (n), Olympus (Mount Olympus), orthodox (adj), orthodoxy (n), pantheon (n), piety (n), priesthood (n), promethean (adj), renegade (person), sacred cow, sacrilegious (adj), shibboleth (n), sin (n), taboo (n), theology (n), Valhalla (non-military)
- royalty: crowned (v), scepter (authority)
- school & education: slip (permission slip)
- sea: tide (buck the tide)
- sheep: black sheep
- shoulder: shoulder (tapped on the shoulder, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: amber (traffic light), frown (v), frowned upon, green (green list, etc.), green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit), red (red list, etc.), scepter (authority), seal of approval, smile (v), traffic light (or traffic signal)
- society: gatekeeper (person)
- sound: applaud (v), applauded, drummer (different drummer)
- speech: permission (n)
- sports & games: ground rule, playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), playing field (level the playing field)
- statue: pedestaled
- ticket: pass (free pass), ticket (and punch one's ticket, etc.)
- tide: tide (buck the tide)
- tree: grain (against the grain), hew (hew to the line, etc.)
- verb: anoint (v), applaud (v), beatify (v), buck (v), canonize (v), defrock (v), enshrine (v), frown (v), green light (v), hew (hew to the line, etc.), OK (and okay / verb), playing field (level the playing field), rebel (v), sign off (on something), smile (v), tide (buck the tide), tune (dance to the tune)
- walking, running & jumping: step (in step), step (out of step)
- writing & spelling: sign off (on something)

SARCASM (2)

- language: cough (snark / noun), damn (damn with faint praise), Duh! (exclamation), Einstein (intelligence, or lack), Jeopardy! (snark), memo (get the memo, etc.), much (sarcasm), nobody (and no one / sarcasm), not (sarcasm), not (so not / sarcasm), not (not so much / sarcasm), Oh (and wait a minute, etc. / sarcasm), Oh, my! (sarcasm), Please! (sarcasm), science (not rocket science), surgeon (doesn't take a brain surgeon, etc.), surprise (sarcasm), thanks (and thank you / sarcasm), Wheel of Fortune (snark), wrong (sarcasm), yawn (n)

SCALE (2)

- amelioration & renewal: counterbalance (v)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: weigh (analyze)
- cost & benefit: outweigh (cost and benefit)
- development: balance (tip the balance), scale (tip the scales)
- disruption: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), imbalanced

- equilibrium & stability: balance (v), balance (out of balance), balance (off balance), balance (work & job, etc.), balance (tip the balance), balance (n), balanced, balance of power, counterbalance (v), counterbalance (n), counterweight (n), disequilibrium (n), equilibrium (n), imbalanced, scale (tip the scales), scale (put one's finger on the scale, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: balance (in the balance)
- flaws & lack of flaws: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), balanced, imbalanced
- initiation: balance (tip the balance), scale (tip the scales)
- judgment: scale (scales of justice, etc.), scale (put one's finger on the scale, etc.), weigh (analyze)
- readiness & preparedness: balance (off balance)

SCHOOL & EDUCATION (2)

- ability & lack of ability: competence (metaphoric competence, etc.), IQ (ability), school (experience), study (quick study)
- achievement, recognition & praise: dean (person)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: blank (fill in the blanks), study (n)
- area: sandbox (area)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
- behavior: fight (food fight), lesson (n), slip (permission slip)
- coercion & motivation: bullied, bully (v), bully (person)
- conflict: fight (food fight)
- division & connection: breakout (breakout sessions, etc.)
- enthusiasm: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
- environment: playground (n)
- epithet: dean (person), West Point (epithet)
- experience: freshman (adj), school (v), school (experience), schooled, university (experience)
- extent & scope: extracurricular
- group, set & collection: boys' club (boy's club, boys club), fraternity (n), Old Boy (Old Boy network, etc.)
- growth & development: graduate (v)
- hierarchy: boys' club (boy's club, boys club), Old Boy (Old Boy network, etc.)
- judgment: grade (failing grade), mark (high mark), quiz (v), report card
- knowledge & intelligence: IQ (ability), learn (v), lesson (n), masterclass, note (compare notes), professor (n), school (v), school (experience), schooled, teacher (experience is the best teacher, etc.), textbook (n), university (experience)
- message: lecture (v)
- oppression: bullied, bully (v), bully (person)
- person: bully (person), chaperone (role), cheerleader (person), dean (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: new school, old school, test (test of time)
- past & present: new school, old school
- readiness & preparedness: homework (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: slip (permission slip)
- sequence: sophomore (second)
- society: boys' club (boy's club, boys club), fraternity (n), Old Boy (Old Boy network, etc.)
- script: copybook (n), textbook (n)
- success & failure: ace (v), grade (failing grade)
- superlative: masterclass (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: test (test of time)
- time: new school, old school

SCRIPT (1)

- books & reading: book (by the book), book (rule book), handbook (script), playbook (n), textbook (n)

- chemistry: formula (script)
- food & drink: recipe (vaccine recipe, etc.), recipe (for conflict, etc.)
- health & medicine: prescribe (v), prescription (n)
- infrastructure: blueprint
- journeys & trips: road map
- map: road map
- manufacturing: boilerplate (n), template (n)
- number: formula (script)
- religion: catechism (n), hymnal (n)
- school & education: copybook (n), textbook (n)
- sports & games: book (rule book), playbook (n)
- theater: cue (n), script (to script), script (off script, etc.)
- tools & technology: boilerplate (n)
- verb: prescribe (v)

SEA (2) (see also island; tide; tsunami; wave)

- affliction: barnacle (affliction), encrustation (affliction)
- amelioration & renewal: barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- amount: abundance (amount), armada (n), ocean (amount), fleet (amount), sea (amount)
- amount & effect: change (sea change), floodtide (n), groundswell (n), maelstrom (in a maelstrom), maelstrom (other), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (on a tide), tide (rising tide), tide (other), tsunami (n), wave (in a wave), wave (amount & effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)
- appearance & disappearance: blue whale, sink (disappearance), wash up (v)
- area: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- attachment: barnacled, encrustation (affliction)
- attenuation: shell (shell of this former self, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: pull (tidal pull)
- certainty & uncertainty: uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- character & personality: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: wash up (v)
- comprehension & incomprehension: fathom (v), unfathomable (adj)
- configuration: archipelago (n), pearl (string of pearls)
- control & lack of control: King Canute
- creation & transformation: change (sea change)
- danger: coast (coast is clear), lighthouse (protection), rock (on the rocks), Scylla and Charybdis, shoal (n), strait (dire straits, etc.), waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- decline: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb), ship (a sinking ship), washed-up (adj)
- destruction: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shoal (n), sink (destroy), swept away (removal), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)
- development: ebb (development), ebb and flow (v), ebb and flow (n), tide (turn the tide, etc.), wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- direction: lighthouse (protection), sea (at sea), uncharted (adj)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: swept away (removal)
- disruption: wave (make waves, etc.)
- division & connection: gulf (division), insular (adj), island (society), island (island of affluence, etc.), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- effect: wave (make waves, etc.)
- environment: island (island of affluence, etc.), sea (in a sea), sea (environment)
- epithet: pirate (*Il Pirata*, etc.)

- experience: rope (learn the ropes, etc.), salt (sailor), salty (experience)
- extent & scope: high tide
- failure, accident & impairment: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), ship (a sinking ship), shoal (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: blue whale
- feeling, emotion & effect: swept away (emotion), wave (make waves, etc.)
- force: floodtide (n), wave (crest of a wave)
- group, set & collection: armada (n), fleet (amount)
- increase & decrease: ebb and flow (v), ebb and flow (n), tide (rising tide)
- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shell (protection)
- movement: ebb (movement), ebb and flow (v), ebb and flow (n), tide (other), wave (amount and effect)
- obstacles & impedance: shoal (n)
- occurrence: blue whale
- person: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: high tide, washed-up (adj)
- progress & lack of progress: doldrums (n)
- proper name: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: batten (batten down), harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor), haven (safety)
- readiness & preparedness: batten (batten down)
- relationship: pull (tidal pull)
- resemblance: barnacle (resemblance), island (beech island, etc.), lagoon (n), ocean (ocean of air, etc.), sea (sea of sand, etc.), shore (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: tide (buck the tide)
- reversal: change (sea change), tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: tide (buck the tide)
- searching & discovery: naut (Argonaut, etc.)
- shape: wave (shape)
- situation: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- society: castaway (person), island (society), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- substance & lack of substance: shell (substance), shell (shell of his former self, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: abundance (amount)
- superlative: pearl
- survival, persistence & endurance: batten (batten down)
- taking & removing: buccaneer (person), pirate (person), piratical (adj)
- unanimity & consensus: wave (make waves, etc.)

SEARCHING & DISCOVERY (1) (see also appearance & disappearance; occurrence; presence & absence; pursuit, capture & escape)

- affix: naut (Argonaut, etc.)
- allusion: El Dorado, grail (holy grail), rabbit hole (exploration), rainbow (searching and discovery), Sherlock Holmes
- animal: bloodhound (n), expedition (fishing expedition), feeler (put out feelers, etc.), ferret out (v)
- arm: feeler (put out feelers, etc.)
- atmosphere: rainbow (searching and discovery)
- Bible: grail (holy grail)
- blade: scrape (v), scraped
- boat: dredge up (v), naut (Argonaut, etc.), trawl (v)
- burial: exhume (v)
- cloth: curtain (pull back the curtain, look behind the curtain, etc.), thread (investigation), unfold (discover), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.)

- clothing & accessories: search (digital strip search, etc.)
- death & life: exhume (v)
- direction: bottom (get to the bottom of something), come up with (discovery), turned up (discover)
- dog: bloodhound (n)
- earth & world: earth (to the ends of the earth, etc.)
- engine: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- epithet: Columbus (Chinese Columbus, etc.), grail (holy grail)
- eye: look for (v), look into (v)
- farming & agriculture: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), glean (v), gleaned, sieve (n), winnow (v)
- fish: expedition (fishing expedition), trawl (v)
- ground, terrain & land: come up with (discovery), dig (search for), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig through (v), dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), fool's gold, frontier (n), ground (cover ground), pay dirt, rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), turned up (discovered), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- hair: comb (v)
- history: El Dorado, trail (blaze a trail)
- hunting: bloodhound (n), Easter egg, expedition (fishing expedition), find (discover), find (hope, etc.), search (for truth, cure, etc.), track down (v), trail (digital trail, etc.)
- insect: feeler (put out feelers, etc.)
- journeys & trips: exploration (n), explore (discover), explorer (person), ground (cover ground), pathfinder (person), trail (blaze a trail)
- key: unlock (v)
- knife: scrape (v), scraped
- light & dark: light (come to light), light (bring something to light)
- map: Dark Continent
- mark: trail (blaze a trail)
- Middle Ages: grail (holy grail), quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
- military: scout (n), scout (v)
- mining: dig (search for), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig through (v), dig out, dig up, dry (come up dry), excavate (v), fool's gold, gold (strike gold), mine (search), mining (data, etc.), pay dirt, prospect (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- money: treasure trove (and trove)
- object: search (n)
- part of speech: reveal (big reveal, etc.)
- path: pathfinder (person)
- person: detective (person), explorer (person), pathfinder (person), scout (n), sleuth (person), talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: dredge up (v)
- religion: grail (holy grail)
- rubbing & washing: scour (v)
- sea: naut (Argonaut, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: magnifying glass (search)
- sky: rainbow (searching and discovery)
- smell: sniff out (v)
- theater: curtain (pull back the curtain, look behind the curtain, etc.), talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
- tools & technology: magnifying glass (search), needle (needle in a haystack), rake up (v), sift (searching), sifted
- verb: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), comb (v), come up with (discovery), dig (search for), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig through (v), dredge up (v), dry (come up dry), excavate (v), exhume (v), explore (discover), feeler (put out feelers, etc.), ferret out (v), glean (v), ground (cover ground), light (come to light),

light (bring something to light), look for (v), look into (v), mine (search), prospect (v), rake up (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scour (v), scout (v), scrape (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), sift (searching), sniff out (v), stumble (stumble across / on / upon), surface (intransitive), track down (v), trail (blaze a trail), trawl (v), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unfold (discover), unlock (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), winnow (v)

- walking, running & jumping: stumble (stumble across / on / upon)
- water: dry (come up dry), sound (measure), surface (intransitive)
- wheat: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)

SEASON (2)

- death & life: autumn (in the autumn), season (life), winter (decline)
- decline: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- destruction: winter (nuclear winter, etc.)
- development: season (life)
- epithet: spring (Arab Spring, etc.)
- experience: seasoned (experienced)
- growth & development: autumn (in the autumn), spring (Arab Spring, etc.), winter (decline)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- resemblance: winter (resemblance)
- time: season (life), season (hunting), season (sports), season (public health), season (agriculture), season (animals, insects, etc.), season (natural events), season (other)

SENSATION (2)

- affliction: biting (adj), gall (v), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), irritant (n), irritated, needle (v), neck (pain in the neck), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched, saddle (a burr in the saddle), shoe (a stone in the shoe), thorn (n), thorny (adj), wound (salt in a wound)
- amelioration & renewal: smooth (v), soothe (sensation)
- character & personality: abrasive (adj), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), irritating, nerveless (adj), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), rough (personality), sensitive (feelings), slimy (personality), smooth (character), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), toe (step on toes), touchy (personality)
- consciousness & awareness: daze (in a daze), numb (adj), slap (awareness)
- disruption: toe (step on toes)
- division & connection: fuzzy (boundaries, etc.), limb (phantom limb)
- eagerness & reluctance: itch (v), itchy (adj)
- effect: hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), strike (affect), struck (affected)
- empathy: feel (I feel you, etc.)
- enthusiasm: bitten (enthusiasm), itch (enthusiasm)
- feeling, emotion & effect: abrasive (adj), biting (adj), blistering (adj), blow (body blow, etc.), blow (bitter blow, etc.), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), burned (hurt), burned-out (and burnt-out), burning (burning desire, etc.), buzz (sensation), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), dizzying (adj), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), grate (v), gut-wrenching (adj), hair (hair on fire), heartache (n), heartfelt, heartthrob, heart-wrenching, hit (affect), hit (affected), hurt (feeling and emotion / verb), hurt (damage, injure), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), irritant (n), irritated, irritating, irritation, jolt (n), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), lacerating (adj), nerveless (adj), nerve-racking, numb (adj), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (emotional / groups), painful (adj), palpable (adj), pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched, pins and needles, prickle (prickle of anxiety, etc.), pummeled, punch (punch in the gut, etc.), raw (emotions, etc.), raw nerve (feeling), rub (rub somebody the wrong way), scorching (adj), searing (adj), sensitive (adj), sensitivity (n), shoe (a stone in the shoe), smart (v), soothe (sensation), sore (sensation), sorely,

stab (stab of pain, etc.), stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.), sting (n), stinging (adj), strike (affect), striking (adj), struck (affected), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj), stung (feeling), teeth (kick in the teeth), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), toe (step on toes), touchy (adj), whiplash (n), wrenching (adj)

- flaws & lack of flaws, rough (adj), smooth (lack of flaws), thorny (adj)
- force: punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- sensation: burned (impressed), rub (rub in, rub something in)
- mental health: pain (emotional / groups), painful (adj)
- money: tight (money)
- presence & absence: limb (phantom limb), palpable (adj)
- punishment & recrimination: eye (poke something in the eye, etc.)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heartfelt (adj)
- speech: caustic (adj), caustically, fuzzy (boundaries, etc.), needle (v), smooth (speech)
- survival, persistence & endurance: pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched

SEQUENCE (1)

- affix: sequel (prequel, etc.)
- animal: sheep (sequence, series)
- boat: wake (in the wake of)
- boxing: blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.), punch (beat somebody to the punch)
- chain: chain (chain of events), chain (other), chain reaction
- direction: after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ancestor (go before), before (at an earlier time), descendant (come after / down), follow (result, sequence), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forefather (n), forenoon (at an earlier time), forerunner (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), train (in one's train / at a later time), upon (tragedy upon tragedy, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- epithet: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
- food & drink: table (set the table)
- heel: heel (on the heels)
- height: descendant (come after / down)
- history: descendant (come after / down)
- horse: horse (cart before the horse)
- journeys & trips: way (give way to something)
- leg: leg (first leg, etc.)
- line: queue (sequence), string (sequence)
- military: harbinger (n)
- mountains & hills: descendant (come after / down)
- movement: ancestor (go before), follow (result, sequence), follow (at a later time), following (sequence), following (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- position: after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ancestor (go before), before (at an earlier time), forefather (n), forenoon (at an earlier time), forerunner (n), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), upon (tragedy upon tragedy, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), before (at an earlier time), following (at a later time), forefather (n), forenoon (at an earlier time), forerunner (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), late (late Stone Age, etc.), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.), next (at a later time), preceding (at an earlier time), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), upon (tragedy upon tragedy, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- rope: string (sequence)

- school & education: sophomore (second)
- sheep: sheep (sequence, series)
- speech: answer (respond), answer (response)
- sports & games: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- table: table (set the table)
- time: following (at a later time), preceding (at an earlier time), tick-tock (n)
- train: train (in one's train / at a later time)
- verb: answer (respond), follow (result, sequence), follow (at a later time), jump (jump ahead), precede (at an earlier time), punch (beat somebody to the punch), step back (sequence), way (give way to something)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (jump ahead), step (first step, etc.), step back (sequence), walk (crawl, walk, run)
- water: wake (in the wake of)
- weapon: shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot)

SEX (1)

- allusion: Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.)
- animal: dog (sex), maneater (female), stud (male)
- books & reading: Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan
- clothing & accessories: pants (get in somebody's pants)
- dog: dog (sex)
- epithet: Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan, Freud (sex)
- euphemism: bedroom (sex), birds and the bees, couch (casting couch), easy (sex), junk (euphemism), loose (loose woman), pants (get in somebody's pants)
- hair: beard (relationship)
- history: puritanism (n)
- horse: stud (male)
- hygiene: dirty (sex), filthy (sex), nasty (sex), purity (sex)
- materials & substances: purity (sex)
- mechanism: machine (sex machine), turned on (sex)
- mental health: crazed (sex-crazed)
- person: dog (sex), maneater (female), stud (male)
- predation: maneater (female)
- religion: puritanism (n)
- rope: loose (loose woman)
- temperature: hot (sex), sizzling (sex), steamy (sex)
- tools & technology: hookup (sex)
- verb: pants (get in somebody's pants)

SEX (2)

- attraction & repulsion: alluring (adj), lust (n), porn (food porn, etc.), seduced, seductive (adj), sexy (adj), slut (enthusiasm), whore (attention whore, etc.)
- behavior: slut (enthusiasm), whore (attention whore, etc.)
- control & lack of control: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately
- eagerness & reluctance: slut (enthusiasm), whore (attention whore, etc.)
- enthusiasm: lust (n), passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately, slut (enthusiasm), whore (attention whore, etc.)
- experience: coming out (party, etc.), debutant (n), maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately, turned on (sex)
- pursuit, capture & escape: seduce (v), seduced
- relationship: incestuous (adj), incestuousness (n)

- restraint & lack of restraint: orgy (n)
- speech: pander (v), tout (person)

SHADOW (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- attenuation: shadow (devitalized)
- certainty & uncertainty: shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)
- competition: overshadow (v), shadow (attention)
- concealment & lack of concealment: shadow (concealment), shadowy
- configuration: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)
- corruption: shady (adj)
- decline: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- division & connection: daylight (division)
- feeling, emotion & effect: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under a shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v)
- proximity: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- repetition: shadow (shadow government, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: shadow (devitalized), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- subterfuge: shady (adj)

SHAPE (1)

- animal: butterfly (shape), dogleg (shape), honeycomb (shape), horn (shape), nest (shape), plume (shape), web (spider web and cobweb, etc.)
- arm: elbow (shape)
- astronomy: moon (shape), star (shape)
- bell: bell curve (shape)
- bird: beak (area), nest (shape), nest (Bird's Nest, etc.), plume (shape)
- blade: knife-edged, sickle (shape)
- bottle: bottleneck (n)
- bullet: bullet (shape)
- canal: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- clock: hourglass (shape)
- cloth: needle (shape), ribbon (ribbon of moonlight, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: belt (area), boot (Italy's boot, etc.), washboard (bumpy)
- creature: angel (snow angel)
- direction: bell curve (shape), dogleg (shape), elbow (shape), hairpin (shape), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), trough (direction), U-turn (n), valley (n), zig-zag (v)
- dog: dogleg (shape)
- epithet: elbow (the Elbow of the Andes, etc.), pipeline (Mexican Pipeline, etc.)
- eye: eye (resemblance)
- fan: fan (shape)
- finger: finger (shape)
- food & drink: burrito (shape), doughnut (doughnut-shaped), pancake (pancake ice, etc.), pie (shape), punch bowl (shape)

- ground, terrain & land: contour (n), isthmus (shape)
- hand: handle (shape)
- hair: hairpin (shape)
- heart: heart (shape)
- horn: horn (shape)
- horse: horseshoe (shape), saddle (shape), spur (shape)
- house: nest (shape), shelf (ice shelf, etc.)
- infrastructure: canal (birth canal, etc.), dome (shape), pipe (sports), pipeline (shape)
- insect: butterfly (shape), honeycomb (shape), web (spider web and cobweb, etc.)
- knife: knife-edged
- letters & characters: shaped (H-shaped, etc.), U-turn (n), zig-zag (v), zig-zag (n)
- mechanism: hub (center)
- mountains & hills: peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), valley
- moon: moon (shape)
- mouth: jaw (jaws of life, etc.), mandible (n)
- neck: bottleneck (n), neck (area)
- nose: nose (shape)
- object: punch bowl (shape), slot (shape)
- plant: mushroom (shape)
- proper name: nest (Bird's Nest, etc.)
- religion: angel (snow angel)
- roof: dome (shape)
- route: alley
- sea: wave (shape)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: jawbone (shape), nipple (shape)
- spider: web (spider web and cobweb, etc.)
- stair: step (shape)
- star: star (shape)
- table: table (shape)
- target: bull's-eye (shape)
- throat: throat (resemblance)
- tools & technology: anvil (shape), hourglass (shape), pitchfork (shape), sickle (shape)
- verb: zig-zag (v)
- water: funnel (water), wave (shape)
- wave: wave (shape)
- weapon: bullet (shape), bull's-eye (shape)

SHAPE (2)

- area: beak (area), belt (area), boot (Italy's boot, etc.), corridor (area), horn, neck (area), panhandle (area), triangle (area)
- branching system: fork (the Forks of the Ohio, etc.)
- bullet: bullet (shape)
- comparison & contrast: shaped (anvil-shaped, etc.)
- condition & status: spiral (death spiral)
- configuration: belt (area), girdled, ringed (circled)
- course: trajectory (n)
- decline: trough (direction)
- destruction: spiral (death spiral)
- development: circle (a circle can close), circle (full circle), trajectory (n)

- direction: corkscrew (v), corkscrew (shape)
- epithet: fork (the Forks of the Ohio, etc.), keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.), pipeline (Mexican Pipeline, etc.), slot (the Slot, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: pear (pear-shaped / failure), T-bone (v), T-boned
- fictive motion: fork (a trail can fork, etc.), funnel (a road can funnel through, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: warp (v), warped
- geography: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.), beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), boot (Italy's boot, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.), eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.), gap (the Monastir Gap, etc.), horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.), panhandle (area), pulpit (Devils pulpit, etc.), punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.), shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.), triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- hierarchy: pyramid (hierarchy)
- increase & decrease: bulge (shape), bump (increase), plateau (n), plateau (v), spike (increase), spike (spike in business, etc.)
- involvement: loop (in the loop)
- movement: corkscrew (v), doughnut (cars, etc.), fan out (v), spiral (downward or upward)
- obstacles & impedance: bottleneck (n), hump (n)
- progress & lack of progress: plateau (n), trough (direction)
- proper name: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.), bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.), dome (Iron Dome, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.), eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.), gap (the Monastir Gap, etc.), hook (Hook of Holland, etc.), horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.), moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.), punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.), pyramid (the Black Pyramid, etc.), shard (The Shard, etc.), shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.), slot (the Slot, etc.), spur (Geneva Spur, etc.), staircase (Devil's Staircase, etc.), stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.), table (Table Mountain, etc.), triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.), turnip (Turnip Rock, etc.), wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: dome (Iron Dome, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: circle (a circle can close)
- relationship: circle (virtuous circle, etc.), feedback loop (n), loop (noun / other), spiral (other), triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.), vicious circle
- resemblance: doughnut (doughnut-shaped)
- speed: streamline (speed up)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: streamline (speed up)

SHARK (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: shark (thrown to the sharks)
- affliction: shark (predation)
- behavior: circle (verb / predation), shark (predation)
- character & personality: shark (predation)
- person: shark (predation)

SHEEP (2) (see also animal)

- acceptance & rejection: fold (to / into the fold)
- behavior: flock (v), sheep (consciousness)
- character & personality: black sheep
- consciousness & awareness: sheep (consciousness)
- destruction: lamb (lamb to the slaughter), sheep (predation)
- directing: shepherd (v)
- direction: bellwether (n)
- growth & development: lamb (n)
- movement: flock (v)
- sacrifice: lamb (sacrificial lamb)

- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: black sheep
- sequence: sheep (sequence, series)
- society: fold (to / into the fold), sheep (consciousness)
- speech: bleat (v)
- strength & weakness: sheep (predation)
- taking & removing: fleeced
- unanimity & consensus: sheep (consciousness)

SHOULDER (2)

- action, inaction & delay: shrug (shrug one's shoulders), shrug (gesture)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- avoidance & separation: shrug off (v)
- bases: shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: shrug (gesture)
- empathy & lack of empathy: shoulder (a shoulder to cry on)
- oppression: shoulder (weight on one's shoulder, etc.)
- proximity: shoulder (rub shoulders)
- resemblance: shoulder (mountain, etc.)
- responsibility: shoulder (fall on the shoulders), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: shoulder (tapped on the shoulder, etc.)
- social interaction: shoulder (rub shoulders)
- superiority & inferiority: shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)
- surveillance: shoulder (look over somebody's shoulder)
- unanimity & consensus: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- work & duty: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone)

SIGHT (1)

- eye: blind (hard to see, hidden), blind date, blinding, blind side (from the blind side), eye (v), eye (met our eyes, etc.), eyeball (sight)
- verb: eye (v)

SIGN, SIGNAL, SYMBOL (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: apple (Golden Apple / education), badge (badge of honor), bow (take a bow), clap (n), laurels (praise), lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), medal (n), milestone (n), star (five stars, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.), thumbs-up
- action, inaction & delay: red tape
- admiration & contempt: doormat (person)
- affliction: octopus (n), tentacle (n), shark (predation), wolf (predation)
- amelioration & renewal: magic bullet, silver bullet
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: shorthand (n)
- appearance: cherubic (adj)
- attainment: milestone (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: billboard (n), eyeball (attention)
- bases: anchor (n), bread and butter (livelihood), ship (ship of state, etc.)
- behavior: halo (n), wolf (predation)
- character & personality: Barbie (and Barbie Doll), black hat (bad), doormat (person), helmet (pith helmet), white hat (good), wolf (predation)
- coercion & motivation: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)
- consciousness & awareness: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)

- creation & transformation: Phoenix (myth)
- danger: wolf (predation), zone (red zone, etc.)
- death & life: blood (death), blood (blood represents life), coffin (death / actual), cradle (symbol), grave (symbol), Grim Reaper (death), night (death / actual), red (blood), sickle (death)
- destruction: Phoenix (myth)
- direction: weather vane (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: blood (effort), platter (silver platter), sweat (work)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: door (shown the door, etc.), hang up (hang up the gloves, etc.)
- dominance & submission: doormat (person)
- extent & scope: octopus (n), tentacle (n)
- evidence: sign (sign of the times, etc.), signal (v), signpost (as verb), signpost (n), symptom (n)
- face: face (public face, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.), bowl (America's salad bowl, etc.), breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: tears (crying)
- fire: flare (n)
- hierarchy: brass (leader)
- history: helmet (pith helmet)
- idea: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)
- identity & nature: pie (apple pie), unicorn (Scotland, etc.)
- importance & significance: milestone (n)
- inclusion & exclusion: cape (superhero), knee (take a knee), rainbow (groups)
- insult: doormat (person)
- judgment: frown (v), frowned upon, scale (scales of justice, etc.), seal of approval, smile (v), star (five stars, etc.), thumbs-down, thumbs-up, upvote (and downvote)
- knowledge & intelligence: bulb (dim bulb, etc.), head (intelligence), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)
- light & dark: flare (n)
- lion: lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.)
- military: boot (soldier), Colonel Blimp, dove (person), hawk (person)
- money: box office (n), champagne (money), checkbook, coffer (n), cookie jar (n), dollar sign (n), fat cat, meal ticket (n), piggybank (n), platter (silver platter), pocket (deep pockets), pocketbook (money), purse (money), purse strings, rags-to-riches, rope (velvet rope), treasure (money), wallet (money), Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.), war chest
- oppression: cage (jail, prison), pitchfork (oppression)
- origin: cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.), Phoenix (myth)
- person: boot (soldier), eyeball (attention), hand (worker), skirt (woman)
- power: corridor (corridors of power), hall (halls of academe, etc.), suit (person)
- progress & lack of progress: milestone (n)
- protection & lack of protection: lighthouse (protection)
- punishment & recrimination: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- relationship: triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- religion: icon (symbol), iconic (adj), totem (n)
- representation: badge (representation), beret (Brown Beret, etc.), billboard (n), emblem (emblem of freedom, etc.), emblematic (adj), face (public face, etc.), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), poster (poster child, etc.), torch (other), totem (n)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: white flag (surrender)
- reverence: halo (n)
- role: hat (role)
- sacrifice: blood (effort), iron and blood (effort, sacrifice), treasure (money)

- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: amber (traffic light), frown (v), frowned upon, green (green list, etc.), green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit), red (red list, etc.), scepter (authority), seal of approval, smile (v), traffic light (or traffic signal)
- sea: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- searching & discovery: magnifying glass (search)
- society: crowd (society), forum (public forum, etc.), square (public square, etc.), street (society)
- strength & weakness: bear (Soviet Bear, etc.), iron and blood (effort, sacrifice)
- subterfuge: cloak and dagger
- superiority & inferiority: doormat (person), popcorn (n), rope (velvet rope)
- superlative: halo (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: Phoenix (myth)
- time: Father Time, hourglass (time)
- transmission: torch (other)
- travel: suitcase (lived in a suitcase, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: candle (candle of hope, etc.)
- warning: black (warning), red flag (warning), sign (warning sign)
- wheat: breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.)
- work & duty: hand (worker), sweat (work)

SINCERITY, LACK OF SINCERITY & HONESTY (1)

- animal: tears (crocodile tears)
- Bible: bible (hand on the bible, etc.)
- book (open book)
- bridge: bridge (a bridge to sell)
- cards: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (cards on the table)
- container: open (honest)
- direction: crooked (adj), straight (honest), straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- face: face (concept)
- gambling: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (cards on the table)
- hygiene: clean (come clean)
- heart: cri de coeur, heart (sincerity), heart (heart on one's sleeve), heartfelt (adj), heart-to-heart
- materials & substances: sugarcoat (and candy-coat)
- mouth: lip service (pay lip service, etc.), mouth (both sides of one's mouth), mouthpiece (person)
- person: mouthpiece (person), straight shooter (speech)
- religion: bible (hand on the bible, etc.), soul (bare one's soul)
- sensation: heartfelt (adj)
- sound: cri de coeur
- speech: blunt (speech), cri de coeur, filter (honesty), filtered, lip service (pay lip service, etc.), shit (and bullshit / verb), shit (and bullshit / noun), slick (adj), smooth (speech), straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, talk (talk the talk), talker (slick talker), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- sports & games: card (cards on the table)
- taste: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- verb: bluff (v), clean (come clean), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), talk (talk the talk), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- waste: shit (and bullshit / verb), shit (and bullshit / noun)

SITUATION (1)

- allusion: Dantesque (adj), frog (frog in boiling water)
- animal: doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.), frog (frog in boiling water), web (situation)
- boat: boat (in the same boat), strait (dire straits, etc.)
- books & reading: Catch-22

- boxing: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- breadth: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- center & periphery: middle (in the middle)
- container: bind (in a bind), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), drawn in, drawn into, exit (n), get out (and get out of), hole (situation), in (situation), jam (situation), lap (lap of luxury), limbo (in limbo), out (want out), pulled in, pulled into, purgatory (n), room (wiggle room), space (in a space, etc.), spot (tight spot, etc.), stay out (v), strait (dire straits, etc.), stuck (adj), trap (in a trap), trap (Chinese finger trap), trouble (in trouble), way (way out / escape), web (situation)
- cooking: frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)
- corner: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- depth: deep (situation), deep (in deep), depth (out of one's depth), head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- direction: go back (and get back), return (and return to)
- dog: doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.)
- explosion: time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)
- fire: frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)
- frog: frog (frog in boiling water)
- ground, terrain & land: rock (between a rock and a hard place), room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.), trapped
- hand: hold (on hold)
- head: head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- hole: dig out (v), hole (situation)
- heating water: frog (frog in boiling water), hot water (in hot water)
- hunting: caught up (in or by something), ensnare (v), ensnared, trap (in a trap)
- hygiene: hot mess (situation, etc.), mess (n)
- infrastructure: maze (bureaucracy, etc.)
- insect: web (situation)
- lap: lap (lap of luxury)
- light & dark: twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.)
- materials & substances: sticky (a sticky situation, etc.)
- movement: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), drawn in, drawn into, go back (and get back), pulled in, pulled into, return (and return to), spot (tight spot, etc.), stuck (adj)
- place: here (situation), place (situation), place (place where), point (in a point), spot (tight spot, etc.), where (= the place where)
- position: middle (in the middle)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (situation), trouble (in trouble)
- pressure: crunch (crunch time), rock (between a rock and a hard place), trap (Chinese finger trap)
- religion: Dantesque (adj), hell (violence, etc.), hell (personal, traffic, etc.), limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- rope: bind (in a bind), enmeshed, ensnared (involvement), entangled (involvement)
- route: way (in harm's way), way (out of harm's way)
- sea: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- space: room (opportunity), space (in a space, etc.)
- spider: web (situation)
- sports & games: ballgame (new ballgame), game (situation), penalty box (n)
- temperature: frog (frog in boiling water), hot water (in hot water)
- tools & technology: jam (situation), vise (pressure)
- verb: box (box somebody into a corner), dig out (v), ensnare (v), go back (and get back), head (get in over one's head, etc.), out (want out), return (and return to), stay out (v), water (keep one's head above water)
- water: deep (situation), deep (in deep), depth (out of one's depth), frog (frog in boiling water), head (get in over one's head, etc.), hot water (in hot water), water (deep water), water (keep one's head above water)

- weapon: time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)
- weight: rock (between a rock and a hard place)

SIZE (1)

- affix: besity (infobesity, etc.), giga (Gigafactory, etc.), jumbo (large), mega (megadrought, etc.)
- allusion: behemoth (n), Brobdingnagian, colossal (adj), David (David and Goliath, etc.), gargantuan (size), Goliath (Bible), jumbo (large), Krakatoan (adj), leviathan, Lilliputian (adj), Olympian (size), Pharaonic (adj), spartan (adj), titan (n), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- animal: beast (power), elephant (elephant in the room, etc.), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), gorilla (800-pound gorilla), jumbo (large), mammoth (size), minnow, mouse (size), whale (epithet)
- astronomy: astronomical (adj)
- atmosphere: skyscraper
- baby: baby (size)
- Bible: behemoth (n), David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible), leviathan (n)
- breadth: narrow (breadth), razor (razor-thin), slim (small), thin (size)
- clothing & accessories: seam (burst at the seams)
- creature: behemoth (n), giant (size), Godzilla (force), leviathan (n), monster (size), titan (n)
- epithet: Amazon (epithet / the company), Facebook (the Facebook of knitting, etc.), king (king cobra, etc.), mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.), Mount Everest (and Everest), Uber (the Uber of towing, etc.), whale (epithet)
- fatness & thinness: bloated (size), flabby (adj), lean (size), slender (adj), slim (small)
- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), sardine (n), whale (epithet)
- flags & banners: banner (size)
- food & drink: supersized (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: cavernous (adj)
- health & medicine: bloated (size), flabby (adj), lean (size)
- heart: bighearted (and big-hearted)
- history: Pharaonic (adj)
- infrastructure: monumental (adj)
- insect: mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)
- mountains & hills: Himalayan (miscalculation, etc.), mountainous (adj), Mount Everest (and Everest), Olympian (size)
- object: postage stamp (size)
- part of speech: big (as noun)
- person: Brobdingnagian (adj), dwarf (size), pygmy (size)
- religion: behemoth (n), David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible), leviathan, monkish (adj), Olympian (size)
- royalty: palatial (adj)
- sky: skyscraper (tall building)
- standing, sitting & lying: sprawl (n), sprawling (adj)
- statue: colossal (adj)
- volcano: Krakatoan (adj)

SIZE (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- amount: gargantuan (size), grain (grain of truth), kernel (amount)
- amount & effect: colossal (adj), monster (size), stupendous (adj)
- attainment: big league (and big leagues)
- character & personality: boot (too big for one's boots), giant (gentle giant)
- commitment & determination: go big (v)
- comparison & contrast: queen-size (and queen sized), size (and sized / affix)

- consciousness & awareness: giant (sleeping giant)
- corruption: stunted
- decline: shrink (decline), shrivel (v)
- dominance & submission: dog (big dog)
- extent & scope: big (big fan, etc.), Big (comprehension, scope), go big (v), hugely, small-minded
- feeling, emotion & effect: enormously (exciting, etc.), great (great hatred, etc.), huge (huge gratitude, etc.)
- growth & development: stunted
- heart: bighearted (and big-hearted)
- hyperbole: supersizing (linguistic supersizing)
- importance & significance: big (significance), big (big name, etc.), Big (comprehension, scope), big daddy (authority), Big One (earthquake, etc.), big gun (and heavy gun), big league (and big leagues), big shot (person), bigwig (person), blip (n), colossus (n), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (achievement), huge (significant), man (big man, little man, etc.), minnow (n), mole hill (and molehill), monumental (adj), people (little people, etc.), potato (small potatoes), sardine (n), teacup (storm in a teacup), titan (n), towering (towering figure, etc.), whale (epithet)
- increase & decrease: balloon (v), big up (as verb), shrink (downsize), supersize (v), supersizing (linguistic supersizing), swell (v)
- mind: small-minded
- oppression: ham-handed
- perception, perspective & point of view: granular (adj)
- power: big shot (person), bigwig (person), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (sleeping giant), minnow (n), sardine (n)
- presence & absence: blip (n)
- proper name: giant (Giants Causeway, etc.)
- relationship: Mini-Me
- reputation: big (big name, etc.)
- resemblance: Mini-Me
- reversal: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: blip (n)
- strength & weakness: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), kid (big kid on the block), minnow (n), puny, sardine (n)
- success & failure: big league (and big leagues)
- superiority & inferiority: shoe (big shoes)

SKELETON (2)

- concealment & lack of concealment: skeleton (secret)
- resemblance: skeleton (resemblance)
- substance & lack of substance: skeleton (substance)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: bare bones (and bare-bones), skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)

SKIN, MUSCLE, NERVES & BONE (2) (see also health & medicine; wounds & scars)

- accusation & criticism: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- affliction: boil (affliction), ulcer (n)
- amelioration & renewal: loosen up (feelings)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: dissect (v), scalpel (n), vivisect (v)
- attenuation: atrophy (v)
- bases: backbone (basis), central nervous system (basis), nerve center (basis)
- character & personality: nerveless (adj), sensitive (feelings), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), touchy (personality)

- comparison & contrast: skin-deep
- condition & status: atrophy (v)
- conflict: war of nerves
- constraint & lack of constraint: hidebound (adj)
- control & lack of control: knee-jerk (adj), reflex (n), twitch (quick-twitch)
- courage & lack of courage: nerve (courage)
- destruction: dismember (v), dismembered, dismemberment (n), dissection (n), eviscerate (v), eviscerated, evisceration (n), lacerate (v), mangle (v)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sinew (effort)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: amputate (remove), bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), flense (v), pared (pared to the bone)
- division & connection: amputate (remove), limb (phantom limb)
- effect: nerve (strike a nerve, etc.)
- euphemism: skin (save one's skin)
- extent & scope: skin-deep, surface (scratch the surface)
- failure, accident & impairment: shot (nerves are shot, etc.), strain (v), stretch (v), stretched (stretched thin, etc.), mutilate (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: anxiety (n), blistering (adj), blush (embarrassment), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), chill (feeling), crawl (skin can crawl, etc.), flex (bragging), gutted (feeling), lacerating (adj), loosen up (feelings), nerve (anxiety), nerve (strike a nerve, etc.), nerveless (adj), nerve-racking, raw (emotions, etc.), raw nerve (feeling), sensitive (adj), sensitivity (n), shiver (n), shot (nerves are shot, etc.), skin (feeling), skin (jump out of one's skin), sore (sensation), sorely, startling (adj), strain (pressure), strained, taut (nerves, etc.), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), touchy (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: strain (pressure), strained, stretch (v), stretched (stretched thin, etc.)
- force: flex (power, etc.), muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- functioning: atrophy (v), shot (nerves are shot, etc.)
- hyperbole: skin (jump out of one's skin)
- identity & nature: bone (racist bone, etc.)
- mental health: anxiety (n)
- movement: muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- orientation: flesh (inside), skin (outside)
- power: flex (power, etc.), muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- presence & absence: limb (phantom limb)
- proper name: jaw (Dragon's Jaw, etc.), nipple (Mollie's Nipples, etc.)
- proximity: bone (close to the bone, etc.)
- resemblance: flesh (inside), skeleton (resemblance)
- shape: jawbone (shape), nipple (shape)
- speech: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- strength & weakness: muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- substance & lack of substance: flesh and blood, flesh out (v), fleshed out, skeleton, skin-deep
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: bare bones (and bare-bones), bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), pared (pared to the bone), skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: scalp (save one's scalp), skin (save one's skin)
- unanimity & consensus: pull together (v)
- work & duty: pull together (v), strain (v)

SKY (2) (see also air; atmosphere; wind)

- appearance & disappearance: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), black swan (rarity), blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue, ether (into the ether), nowhere (come out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- comparison & contrast: sky-high
- constraint & lack of constraint: sky (blue sky thinking)
- environment: firmament (n)
- experience: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- extent & scope: horizon (extent and scope), sky-high
- fate, fortune & chance: black swan (rarity), blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue, lightning (fate), sky (the sky can fall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other)
- future: horizon (on the horizon)
- geography: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- idea: sky (blue sky thinking)
- increase & decrease: skyrocket (increase)
- mixture: rainbow (mixture)
- occurrence: black swan (rarity)
- origin: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue
- proper name: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- resemblance: rainbow (color)
- route: skyway
- searching & discovery: rainbow (searching and discovery)
- size: skyscraper (tall building)
- time: horizon (on the horizon)

SLEEP (2)

- absorption & immersion: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: nap (n)
- activity: astir (adj), awaken (nature, etc.), comatose (adj), dormant (adj), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), restlessness, sleepy (activity), wake (resemblance), wake up (activity)
- behavior: morning lark (person), night owl (person)
- commitment & determination: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- condition & status: comatose (adj)
- consciousness & awareness: arouse (verb), asleep (adj), asleep (at the switch, etc.), awake (adj), awaken (awareness), awakened (adj), awakening, call (wake-up call), comatose (adj), dream (fever dream, etc.), giant (sleeping giant), nap (n), sleeping (consciousness), sleepwalk (v), slumber (n), wake up (awareness)
- consumption: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- control & lack of control: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- enthusiasm: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: dream (fever dream, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: exhausting (mental health), nightmare (n), nightmare (worst nightmare), nightmarish (adj), sick and tired (feeling), tired (feeling), weary (feeling)
- functioning: comatose (adj)
- mental health: exhausting (mental health), sick and tired (feeling), tired (feeling), weary (feeling)
- person: morning lark (person), night owl (person)
- power: giant (sleeping giant)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bed (put something to bed), bed (put to bed), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- relationship: bedfellow (companion)
- resemblance: awaken (nature, etc.), sleep (n), snooze (v), wake (resemblance)

- starting, going, continuing & ending: bed (put something to bed), bed (put to bed), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- verb: rest (put / lay something to rest)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: dream (n), dream (v)
- warning: call (wake-up call)

SMELL (2)

- absorption & immersion: permeate (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: stink (n), stink (raise a stink)
- conflict: stink (n), stink (raise a stink)
- corruption: cesspit (n), cesspool (n), miasma (n), noxious (adj), reek (v), rot (n), sewer (n), smell (corruption), stink (v)
- eagerness & reluctance: nose (hold one's nose)
- evidence: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), off (not right), rat (smell a rat), scent (evidence), smell (evidence), sniff out (v), stench (n), test (smell test), whiff (n), wind (get / catch wind of something)
- feeling, emotion & effect: noxious (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: reek (v), stink (v)
- pursuit, capture & escape: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: stink (n), stink (raise a stink)
- searching & discovery: sniff out (v)
- subterfuge: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- suspicion: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat), smell (suspicion), test (smell test)

SNAKE (2) (see also animal)

- attenuation: defang (v)
- character & personality: snake (insult)
- conflict: snake pit
- danger: snake pit
- destruction: snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: shed (v), slough (and sluff / verb)
- environment: snake pit
- fate, fortune & chance: snake (snake-bit)
- feeling, emotion & effect: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- fictive motion: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- insult: snake (insult)
- movement: snake (a trail can snake, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- person: snake (insult)
- resemblance: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- speech: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- strength & weakness: defang (v)
- subterfuge: snake oil (n)
- worth & lack of worth: snake oil (n)

SNOW & ICE (2) (see also glacier)

- acceptance & rejection: freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded)
- access & lack of access: freeze (assets, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: ice (put on ice / delayed)
- activity: freeze (v), freeze (activity), frozen (activity)
- amelioration & renewal: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)
- amount: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)

- amount & effect: avalanche (n), blizzard (n), hail (in a hail), hail (n)
- appearance & disappearance: melt away
- appearance & reality: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- character & personality: snowflake (person)
- consciousness & awareness: blizzard (consciousness)
- constraint & lack of constraint: ice (put on ice / constrained)
- creation & transformation: calve (v), calving
- development: frozen (development)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sledding (tough sledding)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: ice (put on ice / constrained)
- division & connection: ice (break the ice)
- extent & scope: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- fate, fortune & chance: ice (on thin ice)
- feeling, emotion & effect: frostily, frosty (adj), frozen (emotion), ice (break the ice), ice-cold (adj)
- functioning: freeze (computers, etc.)
- increase & decrease: snowball (v), snowball (snowball effect)
- movement: freeze (position of body), frozen (movement)
- past & present: frozen (frozen in time)
- person: snowflake (person)
- relationship: snowball (v), snowball (snowball effect)
- resemblance: snow (marine snow, etc.)
- strength & weakness: snowflake (person)
- substance & lack of substance: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- time: frozen (frozen in time)

SOCIAL INTERACTION (1) (see also gossip; society)

- back: back (scratch somebody's back)
- ball: ball (the ball is in somebody's court)
- direction: get along (v), give-and-take, go along (v), street (two-way street)
- distance: close (feeling), tight (relationship)
- eye: see (visit / meet)
- face: face (concept), face-saving
- fist: tit-for-tat (adj)
- foot: kickback (corruption)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: give-and-take
- hand: hand (one hand washes the other)
- history: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- infrastructure: street (two-way street)
- mechanism: wheel (grease the wheels)
- movement: back (back and forth), get along (v), go along (v)
- person: hermit (person)
- place: water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- position: side (on the good side, etc.), side (on the wrong side, etc.)
- proximity: close (feeling), cozy (adj), shoulder (rub shoulders), tight (relationship)
- shoulder: shoulder (rub shoulders)
- sports & games: ball (play ball), ball (the ball is in somebody's court), game (social interaction / life)
- temperature: cozy (adj)
- tools & technology: connect (v), hook up (relationship)
- tree: logroll (v), logrolling (n)

- verb: back (scratch somebody's back), ball (play ball), connect (v), get along (v), go along (v), hand (one hand washes the other), logroll (v), see (visit / meet), shoulder (rub shoulders), wheel (grease the wheels)

SOCIETY (1) (see also competition; gossip; hierarchy; social interaction; superiority & inferiority)

- animal: herd (herd mentality, etc.), lemming (consciousness), lone wolf (person), rogue (n), sheep (consciousness)
- boat: boat (rock the boat)
- center & periphery: center (society), fit in (v), fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), inner circle (n), insider (person), mainstream (society), margin (on the margins), netherworld (n), outlier (n), outside (society), outsider (person), underground (n), underworld (n)
- cloth: fringe (on the fringe)
- creature: ghost (unregistered, etc.)
- direction: fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), netherworld (n), underground (n), underworld (n)
- face: face (concept), face-saving (concept)
- gate: gate (society)
- ground, terrain & land: cold (in the cold), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, shore (far shore), Siberia (exile), stranded (separated), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- health & medicine: leper (person)
- infrastructure: forum (public forum, etc.), square (public square, etc.), marketplace (n), street (society), village (online village, etc.), water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- insect: butterfly (social butterfly)
- island: castaway (person), island (society), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- Middle Ages: fest (gabfest, etc.)
- money: haves (and have-nots, etc.)
- person: Brahmin (person), butterfly (social butterfly), castaway (person), caste (n), climber (social climber, etc.), haves (and have-nots, etc.), hermit (person), insider (person), leper (person), misfit (person), mob (society), nobody (a nobody), outcast (person), outsider (person), pariah (n), rando (person), somebody (a somebody), stranger (other), untouchable (person)
- part of speech: normal (as noun), normal (new normal)
- predation: lone wolf (person)
- river: mainstream (society)
- school & education: boys' club (boy's club, boys club), fraternity (n), Old Boy (Old Boy network, etc.)
- sea: castaway (person), island (society), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- sheep: fold (to / into the fold), sheep (consciousness)
- sign, signal, symbol: crowd (society), forum (public forum, etc.), square (public square, etc.), street (society)
- speech: forum (public forum, etc.), square (public square, etc.)
- sports & games: gamification (n)
- throwing, putting & planting: castaway (person), outcast (person)
- walking, running & jumping: life (from walks of life), life (in all walks of life), life (walks of life)
- wolf: lone wolf (person)

SOCIETY (2)

- acceptance & rejection: banish (v), banished, banishment (n), blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted, Brahmin (person), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded), in (inclusion), inhospitable (adj), leper (person), non-person, ostracized (society), outcast (person), shun (v), shunned, Siberia (exile), stranger (other), table (groups), untouchable (person), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- access & lack of access: gatekeeper (person)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: room (back room, etc.), scene (behind the scenes)
- behavior: challenge (TikTok, etc.), hostile (adj), mob (society), rage (road rage, etc.)
- center & periphery: fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), mainstream (society), netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: room (back room, etc.), netherworld (n), scene (behind the scenes), underworld (n)
- conflict: hostile (adj), tribal (groups), tribalism (groups)
- control & lack of control: gatekeeper (person)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: banish (v), banished, banishment (n), cold (in the cold), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, outcast (person), Siberia (exile), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- division & connection: caste (n), meet (connect)
- environment: netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: hostile (adj), rage (road rage, etc.)
- hierarchy: Brahmin (person), caste (n), move (move up), untouchable (person)
- identity & nature: tribal (groups), tribalism (groups)
- judgment: reckoning (judgment)
- mental health: envy (self-promotion envy, etc.), rage (road rage, etc.)
- oppression: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted, mob (society)
- person: bigwig (person), Brahmin (person), butterfly (social butterfly), castaway (person), gatekeeper (person), golden boy, golden girl, hermit (person), insider (person), leper (person), non-person, outcast (person), outsider (person), pariah (person), rando (person), stranger (other), untouchable (person)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gatekeeper (person)
- wants, needs, hope & goals: envy (self-promotion envy, etc.)
- worth & lack of worth: prestige (adj)

SOUND (1)

- animal: bark (v), gallop (sound), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), roar (n), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), whining (n), whiny (adj)
- bell: knell (death knell / obsolescence), knell (death knell / destruction), ring out (a shot rang out, etc.)
- direction: fall (silence fell, etc.)
- dog: bark (v)
- engine: sputter (v)
- explosion: explosion (sound)
- film & TV: crickets (silence), scratch (record scratch)
- horse: gallop (sound)
- insect: buzz (sound), cricket (sound), crickets (silence)
- lightning: thunder (sound)
- message: drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.)
- music: opera (n), symphony
- speech: babble (n), blah (and blah blah blah / speech), gibberish (speech), rail (v), whisper (sound)
- storm: thunder (sound), thunderous (adj)
- verb: bark (v), drown out (v), growl (v), howl (v), ring out (a shot rang out, etc.), snarl (speech), squeal (protest)
- water: drown out (v), drowned out

SOUND (2)

- ability & lack of ability: whisperer (horse whisperer, etc.)
- accusation & criticism: barracked, decay (v), rail (v), volume (turn up the volume, etc.)
- achievement, recognition & praise: boo (v), boo (n), cheer (v), cheer (n), clap (n), hurrah (and hoorah, etc.)

- activity: abuzz, boom (increase), buzz (activity), chatter (data), hum (v), hum (n), hum along (v), noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), quiet (adj), roar (activity), static (n), thrum (v)
- admiration & contempt: laughed out (of court, etc.)
- amount & effect: bombshell (n), crescendo (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), full-throated (adj), Krakatoan (adj), uproar (controversy)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: chatter (data), noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), signal and noise (n), static (n)
- appeal: call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call (call of duty, etc.), call (appeal), call (call to arms), cri de coeur
- attempt: crack (attempt)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: bang (with a bang), bell (bells and whistles), big bang (in a big bang), blaring (headlines, etc.), bomb (drop a bomb), bombshell (n), buzz (attention), buzzed (buzzed about, etc.), buzzy (adj), din (attention), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), drum up (v), dynamite (n), explode (onto the scene, etc.), full-throated (adj), hailed, Krakatoan (adj), loud (attention), noise (attention, conflict, and controversy), pop (attention / verb), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), shot (shot heard round the world), shout (v), shout-out (n), table (loudest seat at the table), teapot (internet teapot, etc.), thunder (steal thunder, etc.), thunderclap (n), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v), whisper (not shout)
- attenuation: tone down (v)
- attraction & repulsion: call (call of duty, etc.)
- avoidance & separation: bay (at bay)
- character & personality: whine (v), whiner (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: last hurrah, ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.)
- complexity: note (one note)
- concealment & lack of concealment: silent (silent epidemic, etc.), undertone (n)
- condition & status: hum along (v), sputter (v)
- conflict: barracked, bewail (v), clamor (v), clash (n), clash (v), decry (v), din (attention), fireworks (conflict), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), moan (v), moaning, noise (attention, conflict, and controversy), noisy (debate, etc.), outcry (n), quiet (adj), scream (v), scream (scream for action, etc.), tumult (disruption), uproar (controversy), volume (turn up the volume, etc.), wail (v)
- consciousness & awareness: bell (ring a bell)
- cost & benefit: bang (bang for the buck, etc.)
- creation & transformation: drum up (v)
- curtailment: knell (death knell / obsolescence), silent (fall silent)
- decline: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), requiem (n)
- destruction: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), knell (death knell / destruction)
- development: crescendo (n)
- disruption: cognitive dissonance, discordant (adj), rattle (disrupt), tumult (disruption)
- eagerness & reluctance: bay (bay for blood, etc.), kicking and screaming
- effect: chord (strike a chord), echo (noun / effect), repercussion (n), resonate (v), reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- enthusiasm: cheer on (v)
- evidence: chord (evidence), silence (deafening silence, etc.), tenor (n), undertone (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: sputter (v), stutter (v), stuttering (adj)
- fate, fortune & chance: laugh (last laugh)
- fictive communication: call (the mountains are calling, etc.), whisper (not shout)
- feeling, emotion & effect: alarm (feeling), bang (with a bang), bang (bang for the buck, etc.), bombshell (n), buzz (sensation), chord (strike a chord), cognitive dissonance, din (attention), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), lament (v), moan (v), moaning, noise (attention, conflict, and controversy),

- noisy (debate, etc.), note (on a note), note (note of caution, etc.), outcry (n), repercussion (n), resonate (v), reverberate (v), reverberation (n), scratch (record scratch), thunderstruck (adj)
- force: roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.)
 - functioning: click (v), hum (v), sputter (v)
 - heart: heartbeat (n)
 - importance & significance: keynote (n)
 - inauguration: ring in (the New Year, etc.)
 - increase & decrease: amplification (n), amplified, amplify (v), boom (increase), booming (adj), fall (silence fell, etc.), tone down (v)
 - initiation: sizzle (v), sizzle (n), sizzling (economy, etc.)
 - involvement: chime in (v)
 - judgment: boo (v), boo (n), cheer (v), cheer (n), tuning fork (n)
 - knowledge & intelligence: whisperer (horse whisperer, etc.)
 - leaking: drip (and drip-drip, etc.)
 - message: amplify (v), call (call to arms), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), saber rattling, signal and noise (n), whistle (dog whistle), whistleblower (n)
 - movement: drift (sound), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), zip (v)
 - obstacles & impedance: din (attention), noise (worthlessness), noise (attention, conflict, and controversy), noisy (data, etc.), static (n)
 - perception, perspective & point of view: ring (ring false, etc.), ring (ring of truth, etc.), sound (perception), tenor (n)
 - person: whiner (person)
 - position, policy & negotiation: table (loudest seat at the table)
 - primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
 - progress & lack of progress: stutter (v), stuttering (adj)
 - pursuit, capture & escape: bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.)
 - repetition: echo (verb / effect), echo (noun / effect), echo (repeat), echo (in an echo), echo chamber, echoed, parrot (v), rhyme (v)
 - resemblance: roar (n), symphony (resemblance), thunder (speech), wail (sirens, etc.), whisper (sound)
 - resistance, opposition & defeat: bemoan (v), bewail (v), clamor (v), clap back (contempo-speak / verb), clap back (contempo-speak / noun), cry (cry foul, etc.), death rattle, decry (v), din (attention), gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), grumble (n), howl (n), howl (v), kicking and screaming, moan (v), moaning, noise (attention, conflict, and controversy), noisy (debate, etc.), outcry (n), quiet (adj), squeal (protest), tumult (disruption), wail (v)
 - revenge: laugh (last laugh)
 - reversal: bell (unring a bell)
 - sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: applaud (v), applauded, drummer (different drummer)
 - sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: cri de coeur
 - speech: babble (n), bark (v), bewail (v), blah (and blah blah blah / speech), blast (criticize), bleat (v), buzzword (n), chime in (v), cry (cry foul, etc.), fireworks (conflict), gibberish (speech), growl (v), grumble (n), howl (n), howl (v), mute (speech), noisy (debate, etc.), psychobabble (n), rail (v), ring out (voice), roar (v), shout (v), snarl (speech), sound off (v), squeal (protest), thunder (speech), whining (n), whiny (adj), whistle (dog whistle), yapping (n)
 - speed: finger (in the snap of a finger), zip (v)
 - starting, going, continuing & ending: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), last hurrah, requiem (n), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), silent (fall silent), tick on (and tick by), tick-tock (n)
 - substance & lack of substance: babble (n), bark (more bark than bite, etc.), blah (and blah blah blah / speech), buzzword (n), gibberish (speech), psychobabble (n)
 - surveillance: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.)

- time: tick on (and tick by), tick-tock (n)
- transmission: echo (repeat), echo chamber, echoed, reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- unanimity & consensus: drummer (different drummer)
- warning: alarm (warning), bell (warning), shout (v), wail (sirens, etc.), whistle (blow the whistle), whistleblower
- worth & lack of worth: babble (n), blah (and blah blah blah / speech), gibberish (speech), noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), static (n)

SOURCE (1) (see also origin)

- biology: vector (n)
- blood: vein (source)
- dam: reservoir (source)
- fountain: fountain (source), fountainhead
- ground, terrain & land: aquifer (n)
- mining: gold mine, mother lode, vein (source)
- mountains & hills: watershed (n)
- river: fountainhead, reservoir (source), watershed (n)
- water: aquifer (n), fountain (source), fountainhead, reservoir (source), well (source), wellspring (source)

SPACE (2)

- amount: space (space of time)
- constraint & lack of constraint: room (opportunity), room (space)
- situation: room (opportunity), space (in a space, etc.)
- mind: mind (go through one's mind, etc.), mind (top of mind), mind (front of mind), mind (back of mind)

SPEECH (1) (see also accusation & criticism, language)

- affix: ese (legalese, etc.), speak (NASA-speak, etc.), talk (mediator talk, etc.)
- air: air (hot air), breezy (speech), empty (empty words, etc.), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), long-winded (speech), vapor (n)
- allusion: babel (n), doublespeak (n), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted), newspeak (n)
- animal: badger (v), bark (v), bleat (v), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), roar (v), savage (v), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), venom (n), venomous (adj), weasel (weasel words, etc.), whining (n), whiny (adj), yapping (n)
- atmosphere: air (hot air), breezy (speech), empty (empty words, etc.), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), long-winded (speech), vapor (n)
- bell: ring out (voice)
- bird: crow (v), parrot (v)
- blade: barbed (speech), blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- boat: broadside (n), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- bodily reaction: diarrhea (and diarrhoea / speech), spew (speech)
- boundary: fuzzy (boundaries, etc.)
- boxing: blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.), come (come out swinging), jab (n), punch (pull a punch)
- burden: freighted, loaded (loaded word, etc.)
- chemistry: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically, vitriol (n)
- color: colorful (language)
- consumption: eat (eat one's words, etc.)
- container: chatterbox (person), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)
- cooking: grill (v), grilled, mince (v), roast (v), skewer (v), skewered
- death & life: elegy (n), eulogy (n)
- direction: straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, talk down to (somebody), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- dog: bark (v), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), snarl (speech), whining (n), whiny (adj), yapping (n)

- engine: motormouth (person / speech)
- explosion: blast (criticize), bomb (F-bomb, etc.), fireworks (conflicts)
- family: mother tongue
- farming & agriculture: straw man (n)
- fictive communication: talk (money talks, etc.)
- film & TV: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted)
- fire: coal (rake somebody over the coals), combustible (adj), fiery (speech), grill (v), grilled, incendiary (speech), inflammatory (adj), roast (v)
- fist: backhand (v), bash (v), bashed (criticism), bashing (n)
- food & drink: fat (chew the fat)
- force: backhand (v), blunt (speech), fulminate (speech), lay (lay into), slam (v), strong (language, etc.)
- functioning: broken (English, etc.), clumsy (speech)
- geometry: tangent (on a tangent)
- hardness & softness: soften (speech)
- health & medicine: bromide (n), eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), scathing (adj), vivisection (n)
- height: talk down to (somebody)
- history: tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred
- hunting: go after (attack)
- hygiene: clean up (speech), dirty (dirty word), filthy (language)
- Iliad & Odyssey: pander (v)
- journeys & trips: freighted, loaded (loaded word, etc.)
- knife: barbed (speech), blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- lightning: fulminate (speech)
- mark: smear (v), smear (n), smeared
- materials & substances: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically, coarse (speech), crude (speech), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), silver (speech), silver-tongued, slick (adj), slippery (words, etc.), smooth (speech), talker (slick talker), vitriol (n)
- mental health: rave (v), rave (rave review, etc.)
- military: broadside (n), fire (draw fire, etc.), flak (criticism), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot), sniping (n), sound off (v), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- money: beg (v), cheap (words are cheap, etc.)
- mouth: lip (speech), lip service (pay lip service, etc.), loudmouth (person), motormouth (person / speech), mouth (both sides of one's mouth), mouth (run one's mouth), mouthpiece (person), mouthy (adj), muzzle (v), tight-lipped (adj)
- person: blowhard (person), chatterbox (person), loudmouth (person), motormouth (person / speech), mouthpiece (person), scold (person), straight shooter (speech), talker (slick talker), tout (person)
- possession: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- predation: savage (v)
- religion: pontificate (v), preach (v), proselytize (v)
- sensation: caustic (adj), caustically, fuzzy (boundaries, etc.), needle (v), smooth (speech)
- sex: pander (v), tout (person)
- sheep: bleat (v)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- snake: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- sound: babble (n), bark (v), bewail (v), blah (and blah blah blah / speech), blast (criticize), bleat (v), buzzword (n), chime in (v), cry (cry foul, etc.), fireworks (conflict), gibberish (speech), growl (v), grumble (n), howl (n), howl (v), mute (speech), noisy (debate, etc.), psychobabble (n), rail (v), ring out (voice), roar (v), shout (v), snarl (speech), sound off (v), squeal (protest), thunder (speech), whining (n), whiny (adj), whistle (dog whistle), yapping (n)

- sports & games: cheap shot, game (rhetorical game, etc.), punch (pull a punch), tee off on (v)
- storm: thunder (speech)
- taste: honey-tongued, salty (language), smooth (speech), talk (sweet talk)
- temperature: combustible (adj), fiery (speech), incendiary (speech)
- throat: throat (jump down someone's throat)
- tools & technology: postcard (and post card), retort (speech)
- tongue: acid-tongued, honey-tongued, mother tongue, sharp-tongued, silver-tongued, tongue (language), tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue), tongue (danger), tongue-lashing
- verb: backhand (v), badger (v), bark (v), bash (v), beg (v), bewail (v), blast (criticize), bleat (v), break (break the silence, etc.), chime in (v), clean up (speech), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crow (v), cut off (speech), eviscerate (v), fire (a question, etc.), fire (fire back), fulminate (speech), gaslight (v), go after (attack), grill (v), growl (v), gush (v), howl (v), jump (v), lacerate (v), lambast (v), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mince (v), muzzle (v), needle (v), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pander (v), pontificate (v), preach (v), proselytize (v), rail (v), rave (v), ring out (voice), roar (v), roast (v), savage (v), shout (v), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), shoot (speech), shoot (shoot back), skewer (v), slam (v), smear (v), snarl (speech), snipe (v), soften (speech), sound off (v), spew (speech), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), squeal (protest), stumble (stumble over one's words), talk down to (somebody), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (jump down someone's throat), thunder (speech), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue), trash talk (v), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- violence: assassination (character assassination), backhand (v), bash (v), bashed (criticism), bashing (n), cheap shot, lash out (v), lay (lay into), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (speech), stumble (stumble over one's words)
- waste: trash talk (v), trash talk (n)
- water: gush (v), mouth (run one's mouth), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), spout (speech)
- weapon: blast (criticize), bomb (F-bomb, etc.), broadside (n), cheap shot, fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (a question, etc.), fire (fire back), flak (criticism), fusillade (n), salvo (n), shoot (shoot back), shot (criticism), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot), shot (warning shot), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), snipe (v), sniping (n), straight shooter (speech), volley (n)
- weight: freighted, loaded (loaded word, etc.)
- whip: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- wind: blowhard (person), breezy (speech), long-winded (speech)
- writing & spelling: postcard (and post card)
- wounds & scars: scathing (adj)

SPEECH (2)

- ability & lack of ability: fluent (ability)
- acceptance & rejection: welcome (v), welcome (n)
- accusation & criticism: assassination (character assassination), call out (v), callout (criticism), hammer (criticize), mudslinging (n), pilloried, pillory (v), potshot (n), rail (v), trash (v), trash (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: ode (praise), thank you (and thanks)
- activity: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.)
- affliction: nag (v), nagging (adj)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: betrayed
- amount: earful (amount)
- amount & effect: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.), interrogate (v), parse (v), suggest (indicate), talk (talk somebody through something), tell (data can tell us something, etc.)
- appeal: call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call (call of duty, etc.), call (appeal), call for (v), cri de coeur, cry (cry for help), cry (v), cry out (v)

- attenuation: tone down (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: dialogue (global dialogue, etc.), ear (attention), pitch (promote), statement (statement victory, etc.), touted
- attraction & repulsion: call (call of duty, etc.), invite (v), invitation (n), inviting
- certainty & uncertainty: riddle (n)
- character & personality: loudmouth (person), whine (v)
- coercion & motivation: cudgel (n), goad (v), stick (n)
- commitment & determination: hard (hard “no,” etc.), talk (talk the talk)
- comprehension & incomprehension: Aha! (Aha! moment), joke (you must be joking, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: filter (honesty), filtered, omerta (n), tight-lipped (adj)
- conflict: fireworks (conflict)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: address (v)
- consciousness & awareness: Aha! (Aha moment), tone-deaf (adj)
- constraint & lack of constraint: gag (gag order, etc.), muffled
- consumption: saccharine (adj)
- control & lack of control: tongue (hold one’s tongue)
- creation & transformation: translate (v)
- danger: tongue (danger)
- death & life: farewell (death)
- destruction: shoot down (v)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: tongue twister, tongue-twisting
- directing: goad (v)
- dominance & submission: talk (talk over somebody)
- enthusiasm: pitch (promote)
- evidence: hint (v), hint (n), hint at (v), lie (tell an untruth), scream (scream “premium,” etc.), speak for (speak for itself, etc.), suggest (indicate), suggestion (evidence), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), telling (revealing), testimony (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: tongue (slip of the tongue)
- fate, fortune & chance: time (time will tell)
- feeling, emotion & effect: welcome (welcome news, etc.)
- fictive communication: address (v), answer (respond), answer (response), answer (solution), ask (ask for it, etc.), boast (v), call (Orwell called, etc. / sarcasm), call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call for (a recipe can call for something), command (deserve and get), cry (v), cry out (v), declare (v), demand (v), demand (n), dictate (v), encouraging (adjective), groan (amount), hint (v), hint (n), hint at (v), inform (v), interrogate (v), interrogated, interrogating (questioning), interrogation (questioning), introduce (v), invitation (n), invite (v), lie (tell an untruth), listen (listen to something), nag (v), nagging (adj), permission (n), remind (v), say (a sign can say something, etc.), scream (scream “premium,” etc.), shout (use all caps, etc.), shriek (v), speak for (speak for itself, etc.), speak to (speak to something), suggest (indicate), suggestion (evidence), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), telling (revealing), testimony (n), threaten (v), time (time will tell), warn (a sign can warn, etc.), welcome (v), whisper (not shout)
- fictive meeting & seeing: greet (v), greeted, welcome (v)
- flaws & lack of flaws: broken (English, etc.), clumsy (speech), note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), stumble (stumble over one’s words), tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- functioning: tongue (lose one’s tongue)
- future: time (time will tell)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: command (deserve and get)
- help & assistance: thanks (thanks to something)
- insult: joke (it’s a joke, etc.), punchline (joke), trash (n), trash talk (v), trash talk (n)
- judgment: call out (v), callout (criticism), speak (the people have spoken, etc.)

- language: boilerplate (n), buzzword (n), doublespeak (n), ese (legalese, etc.), gobbledygook (speech), language (types), lip service (pay lip service, etc.), newspeak (n), speak (NASA-speak, etc.), supersizing (linguistic supersizing), talk (mediator talk, etc.), word salad
- mental health: word salad
- message: preach (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message), speak (carry a message), statement (statement victory, etc.), touted, voice (voice of reason)
- oppression: cudgel (n), goad (v), stick (n)
- perception, perspective & point of view: greet (v), greeted
- person: chatterbox (person), motormouth (person / speech)
- punishment & recrimination: flog (criticize), pilloried, pillory (v)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: farewell (leaving), goodbye (say goodbye, etc.), valedictory (farewell)
- relationship: answer (respond), answer (response), thanks (thanks to something)
- repetition: parrot (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: sound off (v), speak out (v), speak up (v), truth to power
- restraint & lack of restraint: loose (let loose), punch (pull a punch)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: permission (n)
- school & education: lecture (v)
- sequence: answer (respond), answer (response)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: blunt (speech), cri de coeur, filter (honesty), filtered, lip service (pay lip service, etc.), shit (and bullshit / verb), shit (and bullshit / noun), slick (adj), smooth (speech), straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, talk (talk the talk), talker (slick talker), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- society: forum (public forum, etc.), square (public square, etc.)
- sound: babble (n), blah (and blah blah blah / speech), gibberish (speech), whisper (sound)
- strength & weakness: strong (language, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: babble (n), blah (and blah blah blah / speech), gibberish (speech)
- surveillance: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), voice (one voice, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: beg (v)
- welcome: greet (v), invitation (n), invite (v), inviting, welcome (v), welcoming (other)
- worth & lack of worth: babble (n), blah (and blah blah blah / speech), blather (n), cheap (words are cheap, etc.), diarrhea (and diarrhoea / speech), gibberish (speech), joke (it's a joke, etc.), shit (and bullshit / verb), shit (and bullshit / noun), trash (n), trash talk (v), trash talk (n)

SPEED (1) (see also haste)

- affix: hyper (hypersexualized, etc.)
- animal: breakneck (adj), canter (n), canter (v), fly (activity), gallop (v), galloping (speed), sluggish (adj), snail (at a snail's pace), snail (snail's pace / other)
- astronomy: meteoric (adj), meteorically (adverb)
- baby (baby steps)
- bird: fly (activity)
- boat: boat (slow boat to China), speed (full speed ahead)
- bullet: bullet (velocity)
- day: overnight
- engine: downshift (v), go (go from zero to one hundred, etc.), supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v), turbocharged
- eye: blink (in the blink of an eye)
- finger: finger (in the snap of a finger)
- flying & falling: fly (activity)
- foot: pace (at a pace), pace (speed)

- gesture: finger (in the snap of a finger)
- glacier: glacial (adj)
- heart: heartbeat (in a heartbeat)
- horse: breakneck (adj), canter (n), canter (v), gallop (v), galloping (speed)
- journeys & trips: plod (v)
- lightning: lightning
- mechanism: accelerator (control), brake (control), speed (up to speed), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.)
- military: cadence (n)
- movement: accelerate (v), accelerator (control), brake (control), canter (n), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), gallop (v), leaps and bounds, lethargic (adj), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), plod (v), race (hurry), slow (adj), sluggish (adj), speed (up to speed), speed (supersonic speed, etc.)
- number: zero (from hero to zero, etc.)
- plane: speed (supersonic speed, etc.)
- rocket: rocket (speed)
- shape: streamline (speed up)
- sound: finger (in the snap of a finger), zip (v)
- storm: lightning (adj)
- train: track (fast track)
- verb: accelerate (v), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), creep (v), dart (dart about), downshift (v), fly (activity), gallop (v), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), plod (v), race (hurry), rocket (speed), sprint (v), streamline (speed up), supercharge (v), turbocharge (v), walk (slow-walk), zip (v)
- walking, running & jumping: cadence (n), canter (n), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), crawl (n), creep (v), gallop (v), galloping (speed), leaps and bounds, pace (at a pace), pace (speed), plod (v), race (hurry), sprint (v), sprint (n), walk (slow-walk)
- weapon: dart (dart about), bullet (velocity)

SPEED (2)

- difficulty, easiness & effort: canter (n)
- movement: canter (n), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), gallop (v), plod (v), race (hurry), rocket (speed), roll (slow-roll), skyrocket (increase), sluggish (adj)
- time: crawl (time can crawl, etc.), drag on (v), onrushing (adj), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), time (take your time, etc.), time (time flies)

SPELLING (2)

- language: spelling (language)

SPIDER (2)

- creation & transformation: web (spin a web)
- epithet: spider (Eljif “the Spider” Elmas, etc.)
- geography: spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- involvement: web (entanglement)
- proper name: spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- resemblance: spider (Eljif “the Spider” Elmas, etc.)
- shape: web (spider web and cobweb, etc.)
- situation: web (situation)
- subterfuge: web (spin a web)

SPORTS & GAMES (2) (see also baseball; basketball; boxing; cards; chess; gambling; wrestling)

- ability & lack of ability: acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), black belt (person), gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), jiu-jitsu (and jujitsu), juggle (v), juggling, league (out of one's league), league (different league), team (A-team, A team), team (dream team), triple threat, varsity (and junior varsity, JV)
- accusation & criticism: cheap shot, game (blame game), pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on), takedown (n), tee off on (v)
- achievement, recognition & praise: lap (victory lap), Messi (Messi of Matadors, etc.), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), track record (good)
- action, inaction & delay: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), clock (run the clock, etc.), gun (jump the gun), tackle (v), waiting game
- activity: scrum (reporters)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.), team (side), win over (v)
- amelioration & renewal: playing field (level the playing field)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: play (play with data, etc.)
- appearance: game (game face)
- appearance & disappearance: left field (out of left field, etc.)
- attainment: big league (and big leagues), line (over the line / finishing), line (finish line)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- avoidance & separation: end run (n)
- behavior: cheap shot, free-for-all (control), game (social interaction / life), gamed (manipulated), gamification (n), played (manipulated), scrum (reporters)
- center & periphery: sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement), sidelined (adj)
- certainty & uncertainty: bet (all bets are off), game (guessing game), jump ball (n), layup (n), slam-dunk
- character & personality: card (hold one's cards close)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: carousel (n), merry-go-round, musical chairs
- commitment & determination: bet (hedge one's bets), full-court (full-court press, etc.), game (game face), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), plate (step up to the plate)
- competition: ahead (competition), behind (competition), cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), catch up (catch up to something), contest (n), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fall behind (competition and progress), football (conflict), front (in front / competition), front-runner (n), game (game of cat and mouse), jockey (v), keep up (progress), lose out (v), outrun (v), pace-setter (n), pacesetter (adj), playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), playing field (level the playing field), pole position (n), race (politics), race (arms race), race (competition), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), right (bragging rights), trail (competition and progress), winner (n)
- complexity: jigsaw puzzle (n)
- computer: surf (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: card (hold one's cards close), card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), tip (tip one's hand), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- configuration: jigsaw puzzle (n)
- conflict: arena (in / inside the arena), beat (defeat / verb), black belt (person), blood sport (n), football (conflict), game (game of chicken), match (death match), pit (bear pit), rumble (v), tug of war
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), field (v), grapple (v), tackle (v), wrestle (v)
- consciousness & awareness: ball (take one's eye off the ball), game (get one's head into the game)
- constraint & lack of constraint: book (rule book), box (box somebody into a corner), no-holds-barred (and no holds barred)
- control & lack of control: check (in check), free-for-all (control)
- courage & lack of courage: game (game of chicken)

- curtailment: sidelined (adj)
- death & life: game (social interaction / life)
- decline: race (race to the bottom)
- development: game (game-changer), homestretch (n), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), quarter (the fourth quarter, etc.), roller coaster (development), round (boxing), seesaw (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), bar (bar is set high, etc.), eight ball (behind the eight ball, etc.), full-court (full-court press, etc.), gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), home run (swinging for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), juggle (v), juggling, knuckle down (v), layup (n), marathon (effort and time), slam-dunk, softball (n), whack-a-mole (and whack a mole)
- directing: coach (n), coach (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: bench (v), sidelined (adj)
- disruption: game (throw somebody off their game), game (game-changer), wrong-foot (v)
- division & connection: team (side)
- dominance & submission: dunk (dunk on someone), game (game of chicken)
- driving force: pace-setter (n), pacesetter (adj)
- eagerness & reluctance: gun (jump the gun)
- effect: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: playing field (level the playing field)
- experience: varsity (and junior varsity, JV)
- failure, accident & impairment: ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), bat (bat zero, bat a thousand, etc.), baton (drop the baton), belly flop (n), caught out, error (unforced error), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled, goal (own goal), miscue (n), overplay (v), strike out (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), dice (n), die (the die is cast, etc.), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (v), gamble (n), game (guessing game), go (go long), Hail Mary, roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: level (fairness), playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), track record (bad)
- force: hitter (heavy hitter), wave (crest of a wave)
- functioning: game (at the top of one's game), game (A-game), marble (marbles)
- government: race (politics)
- group, set & collection: all-star (adj), bullpen (group), scrum (reporters), team (A-team, A team), team (dream team), team (side), varsity (and junior varsity, JV)
- growth & development: fall behind (competition and progress), trail (competition and progress)
- help & assistance: locker (sports)
- history: track record (good), track record (bad)
- importance & significance: big league (and big leagues), game (game-changer)
- increase & decrease: roller coaster (development), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- initiation: kick off (v), kickoff (n), tee off (start)
- involvement: game (in / into the game), horse (horse in the race), sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement), weigh in (v)
- judgment: call (close call / judgment), call (the right call), game (blame game), scorecard (n), strike (three strikes, etc.)
- movement: carrousel (n), merry-go-round, pinball (v), ping-pong (v), ping-pong (n), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), yo-yo (v), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), hurdle (n)
- person: acrobat (person), black belt (person)
- performance: charade (n), game (project, scheme, plan)
- position, policy & negotiation: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), hardball (n)
- power: pawn (n)

- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: lose out (v)
- progress & lack of progress: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), keep up (progress), trail (competition and progress)
- punishment & recrimination: one-strike-and-you're-out, penalty box (n), pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on)
- pursuit, capture & escape: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), game (game of hide and seek), game (game of cat and mouse), hide-and-seek
- relationship: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- resemblance: scrum (reporters)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: checkmate (v), checkmate (n), counted out (boxing), game (game of chicken), tap out (v)
- responsibility: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), plate (step up to the plate)
- restraint & lack of restraint: no-holds-barred (and no holds barred), punch (pull a punch)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ground rule, playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), playing field (level the playing field)
- script: book (rule book), playbook (n)
- sequence: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: card (cards on the table)
- situation: ballgame (new ballgame), box (box somebody into a corner), game (situation), penalty box (n)
- social interaction: ball (play ball), ball (the ball is in somebody's court), game (social interaction / life)
- society: gamification (n)
- speech: cheap shot, game (rhetorical game, etc.), punch (pull a punch), tee off on (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: baton (pass on the baton), block (out of the blocks), counted out (boxing), follow-through (investigation, etc.), gate (out of the gate), homestretch (n), inning (extra innings), kick off (v), kickoff (n), landing (stick the landing), line (starting line), line (finish line), line (over the line / finishing), start (running start), square one, tee off (start)
- strategy: card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), chess (n), chessboard (n), chess match (n), gambit (n), gamble (n), gamble (v), game (chess game), game (numbers game), game (project, scheme, plan), game plan, move (chess move, etc.), waiting game
- strength & weakness: card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards), pawn (n)
- substance & lack of substance: charade (n)
- subterfuge: charade (n), curveball (n), game (game the system, etc.), game (project, scheme, plan), gamed (manipulated), gamification (n)
- success & failure: ball (drop the ball), bat (bat zero, bat a thousand, etc.), beat (defeat / defeat), big league (and big leagues), football (spike the football), fumble (n), goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line), grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), landing (stick the landing), lap (victory lap), loser (n), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), strike out (v), swing (swing and a miss), win (v), winner (n)
- superiority & inferiority: dust (leave somebody in the dust)
- superlative: all-star (adj), Messi (Messi of Matadors, etc.), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), Pirlo (the Yorkshire Pirlo, etc.), Super Bowl, team (A-team, A team), team (dream team)
- survival, persistence & endurance: distance (go the distance)
- target: goalpost (target)
- taxonomy & classification: ballgame (different ballgame), league (different league)
- time: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), marathon (effort and time), quarter (the fourth quarter, etc.), round (boxing)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: game (late in the game), gun (jump the gun), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), quarter (the fourth quarter, etc.), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), round (boxing), wire (down to the wire)

- transmission: baton (pass on the baton), handoff (football)
- unanimity & consensus: ball (play ball), pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on), sport (team sport), team up (v)
- work & duty: game (various other games)

STAIR (2)

- proper name: staircase (Devil's Staircase, etc.), stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)
- shape: step (shape)

STANDING, SITTING & LYING (2)

- action, inaction & delay: hand (sit on one's hands), sit (sit on something), sit by (v), sit out (v), stand by (v), stand down (v)
- activity: lie low (and lay low)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by (support), stand up (stand up for something), stand with (support)
- amelioration & renewal: crutch (n), feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), lie low (and lay low), low (lying low), stand out (attention), standout (n)
- bases: leg (leg to stand on), leg (last legs), stand on (v)
- commitment & determination: lean into (v), stand (stand firm)
- concealment & lack of concealment: sit (sit on something)
- condition & status: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees), leg (last legs)
- configuration: astride (position), sprawl (n), sprawling (adj), straddle (configuration)
- conflict: back down (v), chest (beat one's chest, etc.), standoff (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand (sit on one's hands), lean in (v), sit by (v)
- death & life: succumb (die / actual)
- decline: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees), leg (last legs)
- dependency: crutch (n), lean on (support)
- development: stand still (development)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: bend (bend over backwards)
- division & connection: foot (one foot / the other foot), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- dominance & submission: back down (v), bow (and bow down), cower (v), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), prostrate (v), supine (adj), supinely, unbowed (adj)
- equilibrium & stability: face (fall on one's face, etc.), poise (balance)
- extent & scope: sprawl (n), sprawling (adj)
- fictive position: astride (position), lie (position), repose (position), sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)
- growth & development: feet (stand on one's own two feet)
- help & assistance: crutch (n), lean on (support)
- involvement: sit out (v)
- obstacles & impedance: stand (stand in the way)
- past & present: stand still (movement)
- perception, perspective & point of view: standpoint (perspective)
- performance: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), posture (performance), posturing
- position, policy & negotiation: footing (position), posture (position), posturing, sit down (v), sit-down (other), stance (take a stance), stand (position), stand (a tough stand, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: stand still (progress), standstill (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: longstanding (adj), stand (endure)
- pursuit, capture & escape: low (lie low)

- readiness & preparedness: brace (v), braced, flatfooted (caught flatfooted), foot (on the back foot / on the front foot), foot (back foot / front foot), posture (position), toe (on one's toes)
- representation: stand for (v)
- reputation: standing (reputation)
- resiliency: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back down (v), bow (and bow down), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), lie down (and lay down), prostrate (v), rise (resist), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand for (not stand for something), stand up (stand up to something), succumb (v), supine (adj), supinely, unbowed (adj), wobbly (commitment)
- size: sprawl (n), sprawling (adj)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: running (continuing), stand down (v), standing (continuing)
- superiority & inferiority: knee (risen from its knees, etc.)
- superlative: stand out (attention), standout (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: longstanding (adj), stand (endure), standing (continuing)
- time: stand still (time)
- unanimity & consensus: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand as one, etc.)

STAR (2) (see also astronomy; moon; sun)

- achievement, recognition & praise: rising (rising star, etc.), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), star (five stars, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.), supernova (achievement)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: supernova (attention)
- decline: star (decline)
- direction: star (north star)
- division & connection: cusp (on the cusp)
- fate, fortune & chance: star (fate), star-crossed (adj)
- group, set & collection: galaxy (n)
- growth & development: supernova (achievement)
- judgment: star (five stars, etc.)
- person: star (rock star), star (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement)
- proper name: star (Silver Star, etc.)
- proximity: cusp (on the cusp), light year (light years away, etc.)
- shape: star (shape)
- success & failure: star-crossed (adj)
- superlative: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), stellar (adj), supernova (achievement)

STARTING, GOING, CONTINUING & ENDING (1) (see also coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning; curtailment; dismissal, removal and resignation; initiation; reconciliation, resolution & conclusion)

- allusion: swan song
- animal: tail end (the finish of something)
- ball: ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), roll (on a roll), roll (v)
- baseball: inning (extra innings)
- bell: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- boat: course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), embark (embark on something), set sail (v), underway
- bodily reaction: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- books & reading: book (close the book), bookend (development), chapter close a chapter, etc.), word (the last word)

- boxing: counted out (boxing)
- breathing: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.)
- burden: carry on (v), drag on (v), pull out (v)
- burial: grave (end point), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- cards: fold (v)
- chess: endgame (n)
- clock: tick on (and tick by), tick-tock (n), wind down (v)
- cloth: done and dusted, wrap up (v)
- cooking: toast (finished)
- day: dawn (verb / start), dawn (from / since the dawn), dawn (n), day (a new day), day (early days), day (call it a day)
- death & life: alive (status), death rattle, die (non-human), die out (end), dying (dying industry, etc.), gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), grave (end point), life (begin life), life (spring to life), life (things), life (hidden life, hidden lives), life (secret life, secret lives), live on (v), requiem (n), suspended animation
- direction: ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), drop out, level off (v), march (march ahead, etc.)
- distance: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- doors & thresholds: camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.), door (get one's foot in the door), door (close a door, etc.)
- engine: downshift (v), flameout (n), flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), gear (kick into gear, etc.), jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v), parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress), warmed-up
- explosion: fizzle (and fizzle out)
- eye: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: ground (break ground), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.)
- foot: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot)
- fire: aflame (adj), die out (end), fire (catch fire), fizzle (and fizzle out), ignite (v), rekindle (v), smolder (v), smoldering (adj), torch (pass the torch)
- foot: foot (foot in the door), foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- football: kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- force: push on (v)
- gate: gate (out of the gate)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (break ground), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- hand: break off (v), hand (wash one's hands of something)
- health & medicine: fester (v), festering (adj), heal (v), healing (n), spasmodic (adj)
- heart: heart-stopping
- horse: balk (v), bit (champ at the bit), gate (out of the gate), homestretch (n), saddle (saddle up)
- hygiene: hand (wash one's hands of something)
- infrastructure: ground (break ground)
- journeys & trips: ahead (go ahead), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), carry on (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), embark (embark on something), end (no end in sight, etc.), get on with (get on with something), go on (persist), jumping-off place / point, move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), outset (from the outset), outset (at the outset / career, etc.), path (set out on this path, etc.), push on (v), road (end of the road), set out (and set off), set sail (v), strike out (start), underway, way (on the way), way (every step of the way)
- leg: kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n), kick-start (v), leg (grow legs, have legs, etc.)
- line: line (over the line / finishing), line (finish line), line (end of the line, etc.)
- love, courtship & marriage: divorce (n), honeymoon (n)
- map: course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course)

- mechanism: button (pause button), gear (into gear), grind away (v), grind on (v), halt (grind to a halt), kick in (start), parked (movement), pause (v), pause (n), reboot (v), reboot (n), reset (n), reset (v), retread (n), stall (v), stalled (progress), treadmill (n), wheel (spin one's wheels), wind down (verb)
- military: beachhead (n), ceasefire (n), last hurrah, soldier on (v), stand down (v), truce (n)
- mining: vein (in that vein, etc.)
- mountains & hills: slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- movement: accelerate (v), ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), course (run its course, etc.), creep (mission creep, etc.), end (come to an end, etc.), escalate (v), falter (v), flame out (v), follow-through (investigation, etc.), go on (persist), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), inertia (n), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (n), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), ongoing (investigation, etc.), onwards (from a time onwards), parked (movement), pass (end), roll (on a roll), roll (v), rolling (movement), set out (and set off), spasmodic (adj), stalled (progress), strike out (start), swing (in full swing), tick on (and tick by), tick-tock (n), traction (gain / build / get traction), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- music: dance (last dance), requiem (n), waltz (last waltz)
- orientation: end (the end)
- pendulum: swing (in full swing)
- part of speech: quit (as noun)
- party: party (party is over)
- path: path (set out on this path, etc.)
- place: jumping-off place / point
- plane: flameout (n), flame out (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (progress), carry on (v), done (over), drag on (v), finished (over), off (cancelled, postponed, etc.), on (be on, etc.), over (finished), push on (v), soldier on (v)
- rope: play out (v)
- route: course (run its course, etc.)
- royalty: reign (v)
- size: blip (n)
- sleep: bed (put something to bed), bed (put to bed), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- sound: death rattle, gasp (last gasp, dying gasp, etc.), last hurrah, requiem (n), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), silent (fall silent), tick on (and tick by), tick-tock (n)
- sports & games: baton (pass on the baton), block (out of the blocks), counted out (boxing), follow-through (investigation, etc.), gate (out of the gate), homestretch (n), inning (extra innings), kick off (v), kickoff (n), landing (stick the landing), line (finish line), line (over the line / finishing), line (starting line), square one, start (running start)
- standing, sitting & lying: running (continuing), stand down (v), standing (continuing)
- storm: blow over (v)
- temperature: warmed-up
- theater: bow out, curtain (lower the curtain, etc.), curtain raiser (n), curtains (the end), finale (n), intermission (n), on (performing), run (a good run, etc.), show (the show must go on), show (the show is over), swan song
- tools & technology: blip (n)
- train: line (end of the line, etc.), train (train is pulling into the station, etc.)
- verb: accelerate (v), ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), balk (v), ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), bed (put something to bed), blow over (v), book (close the book), break off (v), bow out (v), break off (v), carry on (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), course (run its course, etc.), dawn (verb / start), die (non-human), die out (end), door (get one's foot in the door), downshift (v), drag on (v), drop out (v), embark (embark on something), escalate (v), falter (v), fester (v), fizzle (and fizzle out), fold (v), gas (run out of gas), get on with (get on with something), go on (persist), grind away (v), grind on (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), hand (wash one's hands of something), heal (v), ignite (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick off

(v), kick-start (v), landing (stick the landing), leg (grow legs, have legs, etc.), level off (v), life (begin life), life (spring to life), live on (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), pause (v), play out (v), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), plug (pull the plug), pull back (v), pull out (v), push on (v), reign (v), reboot (v), rekindle (v), reset (v), rest (put / lay something to rest), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roll (v), saddle (saddle up), set out (and set off), set sail (v), sleep (put something to sleep), smolder (v), soldier on (v), stall (v), stand down (v), stride (hit one's stride), strike out (start), tee off (start), tick on (and tick by), torch (pass the torch), traction (gain / build / get traction), wear on (v), wind down (v), wrap up (v)

- walking, running & jumping: course (run its course, etc.), falter (v), jump (get the jump), jumping-off place / point, march (march ahead, etc.), pass (end), running (continuing), step (first step, etc.), step down (v), stride (hit one's stride), track (stopped in one's tracks, etc.)
- wind: blow over (v)
- writing & spelling: word (the last word)

STATUE (2)

- admiration & contempt: pedestaled
- bases: plinth (n)
- character & personality: sphinx (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: pedestaled
- size: colossal (adj), colossus (n)

STOMACH (2)

- acceptance & rejection: retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), stomach (accept), stomach (turn one's stomach), swallow (accept), swallowed
- amount: bellyful (amount), fed up (adj)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: gut (n)
- appearance & reality: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- bases: guts (insides)
- commitment & determination: gut out (v), guts (courage)
- concealment & lack of concealment: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- configuration: waist (n)
- consumption: bellyful (amount), fed up (adj), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), stomach (accept), swallow (accept)
- courage & lack of courage: gut out (v), guts (courage)
- destruction: gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: gut out (v)
- division & connection: waist (n)
- eagerness & reluctance: stomach (eagerness)
- feeling, emotion & effect: butterfly (butterflies in stomach), fed up (adj), gut (n), gutted (feeling), gut-wrenching (adj), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), stomach (turn one's stomach), stomach (the pit of one's stomach)
- flaws & lack of flaws: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- hyperbole: retch (verb)
- judgment: gut (n)
- knowledge & intelligence: gut (n)
- orientation: belly (orientation), guts (insides), underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- protection & lack of protection: underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: bellyful (amount), fed up (adj)
- survival, persistence & endurance: gut out (v)

STORM (1)

- force: batter (the hurricane battered the city), beat up (storm), blast (blasted the Bahamas, etc.), clobbered (by rain, etc.), hammer (blizzards hammered the Karakoram, etc.), knock out (v), lash (a storm lashed the Philippines), maul (a storm mauled the Bahamas, etc.), nature (force of nature), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.), pummel (the storm pummeled the island, etc.), punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.), storm (v), storm (by storm), strike (forces of nature), thrash (Nicole is thrashing the Bahamas, etc.)

STORM (2) (see also lightning; rain; weather & climate; wind)

- accusation & criticism: thunderbolt (n)
- activity: cyclone (n), gale (strong wind), hurricane (n), storm (calm before the storm), whirlwind (n)
- amount & effect: blizzard (n), cyclone (n), downdraft (n), gale (strong wind), hail (n), hail (in a hail), hurricane (n), nature (force of nature), storm (by storm), storm (perfect storm), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: thunder (steal thunder, etc.), thunderclap (n)
- center & periphery: storm (eye / center of the storm)
- character & personality: nature (force of nature)
- comprehension & incomprehension: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- conflict: storm (eye / center of the storm), storm (in the storm), storm (conflict)
- control & lack of control: whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- development: storm (calm before the storm)
- fate, fortune & chance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), bolt from the blue, lightning (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: stormy (adj), tempestuous (adj)
- idea: brainstorm (n), brainstorm (v)
- military: lightning (military), storm (Desert Storm, etc.)
- occurrence: strike (forces of nature)
- power: nature (force of nature)
- proper name: Storm (Desert Storm, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: batten (batten down)
- readiness & preparedness: batten (batten down)
- resemblance: storm (immune-system storm, etc.), thunder (sound), thunder (speech), thunderous (adj)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: blow over (v)
- sound: thunder (sound), thunderous (adj)
- speech: thunder (speech)
- speed: lightning (adj)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: blow over (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: batten (batten down), storm (weather the storm), weather (survive)

STRATEGY (1) (see also position, policy & negotiation)

- cards: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (guilt card, etc.), card (play one's cards), chess (n), move (chess move, etc.), poker (game)
- chess: chess (n), chessboard (n), chess match (n), endgame (n), gambit (n), game (chess game), move (chess move, etc.)
- film & TV: game of thrones
- gambling: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), chip (bargaining chip), gamble (v), gamble (n), poker (game)
- military: war room (strategy, etc.)
- movement: maneuvering (strategy)
- number: arithmetic, calculus (n), equation (n), game (numbers game)

- sports & games: card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), chess (n), chessboard (n), chess match (n), gambit (n), gamble (n), gamble (v), game (numbers game), game (chess game), game (project, scheme, plan), game plan, move (chess move, etc.), waiting game
- verb: bluff (v), card (play one's cards), gamble (v), hand (force someone's hand)

STRENGTH & WEAKNESS (1) (see also attenuation)

- allusion: Achilles' heel (n), David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible)
- animal: defang (v), eggshell (n), ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats), paper tiger, sardine (n), sheep (predation), teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out) toothless (adj), underdog (competition)
- back: back (courage), backbone (courage), spine (courage), spineless (courage)
- Bible: David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible)
- bird: eggshell (n)
- boxing: glass jaw
- cards: bluff (v), bluff (n), ace (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- chain: link (weak link)
- chess: pawn (n)
- cows & cattle: beefed up, beef up (v)
- dam: powerhouse (n)
- direction: sag (v), slump (v)
- dog: underdog (competition)
- electricity: amped (strength), powerhouse (n)
- engine: supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v), turbocharged
- epithet: bear (Soviet Bear, etc.), iron (Iron Lady, etc.), mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.), rock (Rock of Chickamauga, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: solid (adj)
- family: child (bastard child), stepchild (and stepson, etc.)
- fatness & thinness: flabby (adj), lean (size)
- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow
- food & drink: beefed up, beef up (v)
- fortification: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- gambling: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- hardness & softness: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.), snowflake (person), soft (soft on crime, etc.), teacup (person)
- health & medicine: anemic (adj), castrated, castration (n), emasculated (adj), emasculating (adj), eunuch (n), flabby (adj), healthy (strength), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), lean (size), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj), puny (adj), robust (adj), stalwart (n), steroids (on steroids)
- heart: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)
- horse: oats (feel one's oats), workhorse (n)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Achilles' heel
- infrastructure: bolster (v), buttress (v), shored up, shore up (v)
- insect: mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)
- light & dark: shadow (devitalized)
- materials & substances: cement (v), cemented, eggshell (n), flimsy (adj), fragile (weak), glass jaw, granite (n), hardened (battle-hardened, etc.), iron (strength), iron and blood (effort, sacrifice), ironclad (adj), oak (strength), rock (rock-solid), sag (v), slump (v), strong (after tragedy, etc.), sound (solid), solid (adj), steel (strength), steely (adj), teak (wood), weak (fragile)
- meat: beefed up, beef up (v)
- military: big gun (and heavy gun), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative), outgunned

- mining: shored up, shore up (v)
- mountains & hills: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- movement: muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- part of speech: healthy (as noun)
- person: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character), stalwart (n), snowflake (person), teacup (person)
- plant: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character), root (take root, etc.)
- position: underdog (competition)
- predation: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), sheep (predation)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: water down (v), watered down
- religion: David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible)
- river: powerhouse (n)
- sheep: sheep (predation)
- sign, signal, symbol: bear (Soviet Bear, etc.), iron and blood (effort, sacrifice)
- size: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), kid (big kid on the block), minnow (n), puny (adj), sardine (n)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- snake: defang (v)
- snow & ice: snowflake (person)
- speech: strong (language, etc.)
- sports & games: card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards), pawn (n)
- teeth: teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- tiger: paper tiger
- tools & technology: bandwidth (capacity)
- tree: hollowed out, hollow out (v), oak (strength), root (take root, etc.), teak (wood)
- verb: beef up (v), bluff (v), bolster (v), buttress (v), cement (v), defang (v), hollow out (v), muscle (muscle its ways through, etc.), sag (v), shore up (v), slump (v), supercharge (v), teeth (take the teeth out), turbocharge (v), water down (v)
- water: water down (v), watered down
- weapon: big gun (and heavy gun), outgunned, weapon (secret weapon)
- wolf: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)

SUBSTANCE & LACK OF SUBSTANCE (1)

- air: air (hot air), breezy (speech), empty (empty words, etc.), gas (substance), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), vapor (n)
- allusion: clothes (the emperor has no clothes)
- animal: bark (more bark than bite, etc.), paper tiger, toothless (adj)
- atmosphere: air (hot air), breezy (speech), empty (empty words, etc.), gas (substance), gravity (substance), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), vapor (n)
- boxing: heavyweight (n), lightweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- breadth: patina (appearance), thin (substance), skin-deep, veneer (appearance)
- bubble: bubble (v)
- cards: house of cards
- clothing & accessories: clothes (the emperor has no clothes), dress up (v), fashion (n), fig leaf, naked (substance), strip (strip something down)
- death & life: flesh and blood, life (bring to life)
- depth: deep (extent and scope), depth (substance), shallow (adj)

- desert: mirage (n)
- dog: bark (more bark than bite, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: solid (adj)
- fatness & thinness: skinny (adj)
- fire: fire (substance), smoke (substance)
- food & drink: food (food for thought), gruel (thin gruel, etc.), meat (substance), meaty (substance), nothing-burger, puff (puff piece), tea (weak tea)
- health & medicine: Band-Aid (n)
- house: house of cards
- infrastructure: facade (n)
- letters & characters: box (check the box, etc.)
- light & dark: shadow (devitalized), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- materials & substances: concrete (n), flimsy (adj), gilded (other), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), patina (appearance), solid (adj), veneer (appearance)
- meat: meat (substance), meaty (substance)
- place: there (there is no there there, etc.)
- plant: husk (husk of its former self, etc.)
- sea: shell (substance), shell (shell of his former self, etc.)
- shadow: shadow (devitalized), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- skeleton: skeleton (substance)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flesh and blood, flesh out (v), fleshed out, skeleton, skin-deep
- snow & ice: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- sound: babble (n), bark (more bark than bite, etc.), blah (and blah blah blah / speech), buzzword (n), gibberish (speech), psychobabble (n)
- speech: babble (n), blah (and blah blah blah / speech), gibberish (speech)
- sports & games: charade (n)
- teeth: bark (more bark than bite, etc.), toothless (adj)
- theater: show (performance)
- tiger: paper tiger
- verb: flesh out (v), life (bring to life), light (make light of something), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- water: bubble (activity), deep (extent and scope), frothy (substance), shallow (adj)
- weight: fluff (substance), gravity (substance), heavy (substance), heavyweight (n), heft (n), light (make light of something), lightly (take something lightly, etc.), lightweight (n), lite (substance), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), skinny (adj), weight (substance), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.), weighted, weighty (substance)
- wind: breezy (speech)
- window: window dressing

SUBTERFUGE (1)

- alcohol: bootleg (adj)
- allusion: breadcrumb (v), breadcrumbing, curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.), doublespeak (n), doublethink (n), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Machiavellian (adj), newspeak (n), Svengali (allusion), Trojan horse (subterfuge), Wizard of Oz
- animal: burrow (burrow into), fox (subterfuge), mole (n), outfox (v), slink (slink in, etc.), snake oil (n), stealth (stealth ad, etc.), stealthily, web (spin a web), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- back: back (behind somebody's back)
- ball: curveball (n)

- baseball: curveball (n)
- boxing: punch (sucker punch / verb), punch (sucker punch / noun)
- breadth: patina (appearance), veneer (appearance)
- cards: aboveboard (adj), bluff (v), bluff (n)
- cloth: covered up, cover up (v), coverup (n), curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.), Wizard of Oz
- clothing & accessories: bootleg (adj), cloak and dagger, clothes (deception), dressed (dressed up, etc.), launder (v), sleeve (up one's sleeve), wash (straightwash, etc.), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- color: black (covert), greenwash (n), greenwashing (n)
- creature: ghostwriter (n)
- crime: cop (good cop, bad cop), stealth (stealth ad, etc.), stealthily
- direction: aboveboard (adj), shifty (adj), table (under the table), underhanded (or underhand)
- doors & thresholds: trapdoor (computers)
- epithet: Belichick (the racing Bill Belichick, etc.), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.)
- eye: eye (subterfuge), nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- face: mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v)
- farming & agriculture: straw man (n)
- film & TV: curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted), Wizard of Oz
- fire: smokescreen (concealment)
- fist: punch (sucker punch / verb), punch (sucker punch / noun)
- flags & banners: false flag (subterfuge)
- fox: fox (subterfuge), outfox (v)
- gambling: bluff (v), bluff (n)
- gesture: nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- hand: underhanded (or underhand)
- health & medicine: chalice (poisoned chalice), pill (poison pill), snake oil (n)
- horse: stalking-horse (n)
- hunting: elusive (adj), footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), scent (throw somebody off the scent), stalking-horse, snare (n), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), trap (other)
- hygiene: greenwash (n), greenwashing (n), launder (v), wash (straightwash, etc.)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Trojan horse (subterfuge)
- infrastructure: airbrushed, astroturf (v), astroturf (n), astroturfer (n), astroturfing, façade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- insect: web (spin a web)
- light & dark: gloss (appearance), gloss over (v), shady (adj)
- love, courtship & marriage: infidelity (n)
- magic: sleight of hand, smoke and mirrors
- materials & substances: airbrushed, gilded (other), gloss (appearance), imposter (n), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), patina (appearance), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), veneer (appearance), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- military: camouflage (v), camouflage (concealment), smokescreen (concealment)
- movement: slink (slink in, etc.), spin (message / verb), spin (message / noun), spin (spin control)
- person: imposter (n)
- wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- puppet: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- shadow: shady (adj)
- sign, signal, symbol: cloak and dagger
- smell: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- snake: snake oil (n)

- spider: web (spin a web)
- sports & games: charade (n), curveball (n), game (game the system, etc.), game (project, scheme, plan), gamed (manipulated), gamification (n)
- table: table (under the table)
- taste: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- theater: smoke and mirrors
- verb: astroturf (v), bluff (v), breadcrumb (v), camouflage (v), cover up (v), gaslight (v), gloss over (v), launder (v), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), outfox (v), punch (sucker punch / verb), scent (throw somebody off the scent), slink (slink in, etc.), spin (message / verb), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.), wash (straightwash, etc.), whitewash (v)
- wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

SUBTERFUGE (2)

- inclusion & exclusion: baiting (luring / queerbaiting, etc.), greenwash (n), greenwashing (n), pinkwash (v), pinkwashing, sportswash (v), sportswashing (n), wash (straightwash, etc.)

SUCCESS & FAILURE (1) (see also attainment)

- allusion: Cinderella, Pyrrhic victory (figurative)
- animal: dog (dog won't hunt)
- astronomy: star-crossed (adj)
- ball: ball (drop the ball), fumble (n)
- baseball: bat (bat zero, bat a thousand, etc.), big league (and big leagues), grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), strike out (v), swing (swing and a miss)
- books & reading: story (success story)
- bottle: bottle (British English / verb)
- breathing: choke (fail)
- cards: ace (n), flush (busted flush), hand (hot hand)
- day: day (today is my day, etc.), day (win the day, carry the day)
- death & life: crush (verb / accomplishment), flatline (v), kill (verb / accomplishment), killer (killer story, etc.)
- direction: fall (fall short), fall through (v), fall down (v), let down (fail), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), rise and fall (v)
- dog: dog (dog won't hunt)
- explosion: bomb (fail), blockbuster (n), dud (n)
- face: face (fall on one's face, etc.)
- fist: crush (verb / accomplishment), smash (smash a record, etc.)
- football: football (spike the football), fumble (n), goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line)
- force: crush (verb / accomplishment), destroy (verb / accomplishment), smash (smash a record, etc.)
- gambling: ace (n), flush (busted flush), jackpot (hit the jackpot), lottery (win the lottery, etc.), sweepstakes (win the sweepstakes)
- ground, terrain & land: hole (dry hole), fool's gold, pay dirt
- hair: scalp (n)
- hand: ball (drop the ball), crush (verb / accomplishment), fumble (n)
- height: rise and fall (v)
- history: Pyrrhic victory (figurative), scalp (n)
- hunting: dog (dog won't hunt)
- infrastructure: blind alley (n)
- journeys & trips: blind alley (n), come through (v), cul-de-sac, dead end, nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), way (all the way), wayside (fall by the wayside, etc.)
- leg: flop (v), flop (n), leg (grow legs, have legs, etc.)

- military: conquer (v), Dunkirk (digital Dunkirk, etc.), Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.), mission (mission accomplished), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), Waterloo (figurative)
- mining: dry (come up dry), fool's gold, gold (strike gold), hole (dry hole), pan out (v), pay dirt
- money: deal (close the deal), jackpot (hit the jackpot)
- movement: nowhere (go nowhere, etc.)
- nail: nail (nail something), nail down (gain)
- position: face (fall on one's face, etc.)
- school & education: ace (v), grade (failing grade)
- size: big league (and big leagues)
- sports & games: ball (drop the ball), bat (bat zero, bat a thousand, etc.), beat (defeat / verb), big league (and big leagues), football (spike the football), fumble (n), goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line), grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), lap (victory lap), landing (stick the landing), loser (n), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), strike out (v), swing (swing and a miss), win (v), winner (n)
- star: star-crossed (adj)
- target: fall (fall short), goalpost (target), hit (success), miss (v), nail (nail something), target (moving target), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)
- temperature: hand (hot hand)
- verb: ace (v), ball (drop the ball), bat (bat zero, bat a thousand, etc.), beat (defeat / verb), choke (fail), conquer (v), crush (verb / accomplishment), deal (close the deal), destroy (verb / accomplishment), dry (come up dry), fall through (v), flatline (v), flop (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), jackpot (hit the jackpot), kill (verb / accomplishment), landing (stick the landing), leg (grow legs, have legs, etc.), let down (fail), miss (v), nail (nail something), nail down (gain), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pan out (v), rise and fall (v), strike out (v), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.), win (v)
- violence: scalp (n)
- water: dry (come up dry), hole (dry hole)
- weapon: blockbuster (n), bomb (fail), dud (n), hit (success), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)

SUFFICIENCY, INSUFFICIENCY & EXCESS (1)

- addiction: overdose (n)
- affix: over (overshare, etc.), overdose (n), overheated (adj), overinflated (adj), under (underdeliver, etc.)
- allusion: cornucopia (variety)
- burden: overload (n), overloaded
- cloth: threadbare (adj)
- clothing & accessories: shoestring (n), threadbare (adj)
- container: brim (v)
- desert: desert (food desert, etc.)
- direction: over (overshare, etc.), top (over the top), under (underdeliver, etc.)
- fatness & thinness: fat (adj), flabby (adj), lean (size), lean (lean times, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: insecure (insecure work, etc.), insecurity (food insecurity, etc.)
- food & drink: bellyful (amount), belt (tighten one's belt), belt-tightening, cornucopia (variety), famine (n), feast (n), fed up (adj), glut (n), glutton (person), gluttonous (adj), gorge (gorge on), insatiable (adj), lean (lean times, etc.), starvation (n), starvation wages (n)
- ground, terrain & land: desert (food desert, etc.)
- health & medicine: flabby (adj), lean (size), overdose (n)
- hygiene: filthy (filthy rich)
- knife: bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), pared (pared to the bone)
- mental health: insecure (insecure work, etc.), insecurity (food insecurity, etc.)
- money: deficit (n)

- movement: overflow (v)
- person: glutton (person), gluttonous (adj)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: over (overshare, etc.), under (underdeliver, etc.)
- pressure: crunch (cash crunch, etc.)
- religion: monkish (adj)
- sea: abundance (amount)
- skeleton: bare bones (and bare-bones), skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: bare bones (and bare-bones), bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), pared (pared to the bone), skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)
- stomach: bellyful (amount), fed up (adj)
- verb: brim (v), gorge (gorge on)
- water: abundance (amount), overflow (v), overflowing (adj)
- wave: abundance (amount)
- weight: overload (n), overloaded
- work & duty: starvation wages (n)

SUN (2) (see also astronomy, moon, star)

- achievement, recognition & praise: zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), sunlight (concealment)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- concealment & lack of concealment: sun (concealment)
- decline: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: noon (high noon)
- feeling, emotion & effect: sunny (adj)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), sun (currency and obsolescence), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- superiority & inferiority: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: noon (high noon)

SUPERIORITY & INFERIORITY (1) (see also competition; dominance & submission; hierarchy; resistance, opposition & defeat; society)

- affix: out (outpace, etc.)
- animal: horse (high horse), tail (tail between one's legs), top (dominance / winning), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- astronomy: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v)
- blood: blue blood
- carpets & rugs: red carpet (treatment)
- center & periphery: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), burner (front burner)
- cloth: rope (velvet rope)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (big shoes), trousers (wear the trousers, etc.)
- color: blue blood, red carpet (treatment)
- direction: above (above the law, etc.), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), highbrow (and lowbrow, middlebrow), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), low (base, bad / adjective), mind (top of mind), mind (front of mind), mind (back of mind), slipstream (in a slipstream), top (dominance / winning), top dog (hierarchy)
- dog: tail (tail between one's legs), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- farming & agriculture: field hand (person)
- film & TV: popcorn (n)
- foot: doormat (person), feet (wipe one's feet on somebody)

- ground, terrain & land: heights (commanding heights, etc.)
- height: cavalier (adj), dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), heights (commanding heights, etc.), horse (high horse), loom (loom large, etc.), low (base, bad / adjective)
- horse: cavalier (adj), dust (leave somebody in the dust), horse (high horse)
- knee: knee (risen from its knees, etc.)
- light & dark: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- materials & substances: rope (velvet rope)
- military: heights (commanding heights, etc.), outgunned
- money: boutique (n)
- moon: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- movement: dust (leave somebody in the dust), slipstream (in a slipstream), wake (in a wake)
- music: fiddle (second fiddle)
- number: fiddle (second fiddle)
- part of speech: haves (and have-nots, etc.)
- person: doormat (person), field hand (person), servant (dominated), slave (dominated), top dog (hierarchy)
- plane: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- position: above (above the law, etc.), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), mind (top of mind), mind (front of mind), mind (back of mind), over (dominance), slipstream (in a slipstream), table (head of the table), top (dominance / winning), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: above (above the law, etc.), over (dominance)
- rope: rope (velvet rope)
- royalty: blue blood, red carpet (treatment)
- shadow: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- shoulder: shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulder)
- sign, signal, symbol: doormat (person), popcorn (n), rope (velvet rope)
- size: shoe (big shoes)
- speed: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- sports & games: dust (leave somebody in the dust)
- standing, sitting & lying: knee (risen from its knees, etc.)
- sun: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- table: table (head of the table)
- ticket: second-class (adj)
- verb: circle (run circles around somebody), dim (overshadow), drown out (v), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), feet (wipe one's feet on somebody), loom (loom large, etc.), outpace (v), outshine (v), outweigh (power), overshadow (v), shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)
- walking, running & jumping: circle (run circles around somebody), outpace (v)
- water: drown out (v), drowned out, wake (in a wake)
- weapon: outgunned
- weight: outweigh (power)
- wind: slipstream (in a slipstream)

SUPERLATIVE (1) (see also achievement, recognition & praise)

- affix: giga (Gigafactory, etc.), hyper (hypersexualized, etc.), mega (mega-blogger, etc.), super (superlawyer, etc.), uber (uber-interesting, etc.), ultra (ultra-conservative, etc.)
- allusion: Homeric (adj), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Promised Land, Valhalla (non-military)

- animal: GOAT (greatest of all time)
- astronomy: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), stellar (adj), supernova (achievement)
- Bible: Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Garden of Eden, Promised Land
- bird: nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.)
- boat: flagship (superlative)
- books & reading: Shakespeare (“hillbilly Shakespeare,” etc.), Shakespearean (adj), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
- boxing: Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.)
- creature: angel (superlative)
- day: Christmas
- death & life: killer (killer story, etc.)
- electricity: incandescent (character)
- epithet: Academy Awards (epithet), Baryshnikov (Baryshnikov of football, etc.), capital (capital of the world, etc.), Carnegie Hall (epithet), Christmas, jewel (jewel of Syria, etc.), Harvard (epithet), king (products), king (person), Messi (Messi of Matadors, etc.), monarch (MS *Monarch*, etc.), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.), Paris (epithet), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), Shakespeare (“hillbilly Shakespeare,” etc.), Shakespearean (adj), Shangri-la, Super Bowl, teacher (teacher’s teacher, etc.), team (A-team, A team), team (dream team)
- family: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, granddaddy (and grandfather), grandmother (n), mother (mother of all battles, etc.)
- film & TV: Academy Awards (epithet), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)
- fire: incandescent (character)
- food & drink: bread (sliced bread), cream (superlative), feast (n)
- football: Super Bowl
- fruits & vegetables: peach (n), plum (desirable)
- government: first lady (of Brazilian jazz, etc.)
- health & medicine: sick (slang)
- height: peak (peak experience, etc.), peak (peak sexy, etc.), star (achievement)
- history: golden age (and golden era)
- horse: thoroughbred (n)
- hour: hour (finest hour, etc.)
- hygiene: filthy (slang)
- Iliad & Odyssey: epic (n), Homeric (adj)
- light & dark: bright (adj), brilliance (superlative), brilliant (superlative), coruscating (adj), glittering (adj), gloss (add gloss, etc.), glowing (adj), incandescent (character), leading light (person), light (shining light), light up (a room, etc.), luminary (person), luster (n), outshine (v), scintillating (adj), shining (superlative), sparkling (superlative), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
- materials & substances: gem (n), golden (golden opportunity, etc.), jewel (n), lapidary (adj), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.)
- mechanism: Rolls Royce
- mining: gem (n), golden (golden opportunity, etc.), gold standard (n), jewel (n), lapidary (adj)
- money: gold standard (n), rich (superlative)
- mountains & hills: Mariana Trench (epithet), Mount Everest (and Everest), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), peak (peak experience, etc.)
- music: nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.)
- part of speech: crazy (and mad / as adverbs), peak (peak sexy, etc.), wicked (as adverb), wonderful (as noun)

- person: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, grande dame (n), immortal (person), king (person), leading light (person), luminary (person), man (the man / approving), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement)
- picture: art (work of art), masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.), Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.)
- place: hall of fame (HOF), hall of shame (HOS), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Paris (epithet), Valhalla (non-military)
- plant: black tulip (rarity)
- proper name: Oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)
- religion: angel (superlative), Eden (n), Edenic (adj), Garden of Eden, goddess, hagiographic (superlative), halo (n), heaven (environment, food, etc.), immortal (person), Promised Land, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), paradise (n), saint (superlative), sainthood (n), Valhalla (non-military)
- royalty: aristocracy (n), aristocratic (aristocratic wine, etc.), crown (superlative), crown jewel, king (king cobra, etc.), king (products), king (person), monarch (primacy), prince (epithet), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role), royalty (n)
- school & education: masterclass (n)
- sea: pearl
- sign, signal, symbol: halo (n)
- sports & games: all-star (adj), Messi (Messi of Matadors, etc.), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), Pirlo (the Yorkshire Pirlo, etc.), Super Bowl, team (A-team, A team), team (dream team)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand out (attention), standout (n)
- star: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), stellar (adj), supernova (achievement)
- temperature: incandescent (character)
- verb: light up (a room, etc.)

SUPPLYING (1) (see also directing)

- food & drink: fed (supplied), feed (fuel), feed (direct), feed (supply), feed (feed on / off something), force-feed (and force feed), serve up (v)
- infrastructure: spigot (open / close, etc.)
- mechanism: feed (auto feed, etc.)
- verb: feed (fuel), feed (direct), feed (supply), force-feed (and force feed), serve up (v)
- water: feed (drip feed), spigot (open / close, etc.)

SURVEILLANCE (1)

- animal: eagle eye, fly (fly on the wall), watchdog (n)
- bird: eagle eye
- dog: watchdog (n)
- ear: ear (surveillance)
- eye: eagle eye, eye (surveillance), eye (eyes and ears / surveillance)
- insect: fly (fly on the wall)
- plane: helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.), helicopter (v)
- shoulder: shoulder (look over somebody's shoulder)
- sound: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.)
- speech: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.)
- verb: helicopter (v)
- wall: wall (the walls have ears)

SURVEYING (2)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: baseline (n)

- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: stake (pull up stakes)
- measurement: baseline (n)
- possession: claim (stake a claim), reclaim (his place, etc.), stake out (v), territory (stake out territory)

SURVIVAL, PERSISTENCE & ENDURANCE (1) (see also allegiance, support & betrayal; help & assistance; resiliency)

- air: lung (life), oxygen (life), strangle (v)
- allusion: Lazarus (Bible), legend (n), Methuselah, Phoenix (myth)
- baby: stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- back: back (back to the wall)
- Bible: Lazarus (Bible), Methuselah
- birth: stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- blade: scrape by (v)
- boat: bailout (n), bail out (n), bail out (save), bailed out, batten (batten down), hand (all hands on deck), lifeline (n), life raft, ride out (v), storm (weather the storm)
- boundary: limits (push something to its limits)
- boxing: punch (take a punch), punch (roll with the punches), rope (on the ropes)
- breathing: life (breathe life), lung (life), oxygen (life), strangle (v)
- bridge: bridgehead (n)
- bullet: bullet (bite the bullet)
- burden: bear (a weight, etc.), carry on (v), cross (bear that cross, etc.)
- creature: zombie (can't kill it, back from the dead)
- death & life: alive (keep something alive), die (non-human), Lazarus (Bible), life (survival), life (give life), life (breathe life), life (life of its own), lifeline (n), life raft, live (survive), live (live with something), live (live and die / fate), live on (v), perish (v), rescue (v), rescue (n), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), save (v), shelf life (and sell-by date), stand (stand and fall / fate), stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- depth: head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- direction: come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), comeback (n), buoyed, return (animals, etc.), sink (sink into debt, etc.)
- distance: distance (go the distance)
- finger: pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched
- fire: flame (keeper of the flame, etc.), Phoenix (myth), trial (trial by fire)
- food & drink: hand-to-mouth live hand to mouth, etc.), shelf life (and sell-by date)
- foot: toehold (n), foothold (n)
- force: push on (v), stubborn (non-human)
- forest: clear (in the clear / into the clear), patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- fortification: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring back (restore)
- ground, terrain & land: brink (back from the brink), dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, last-ditch (adj)
- hair: scalp (save one's scalp)
- hand: cling (v), hand (all hands on deck), hold on (survival)
- head: head (get in over one's head, etc.), scalp (save one's scalp)
- health & medicine: life (breathe life), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v)
- height: hangover (relic)
- history: trail of tears (suffering), via dolorosa
- horse: distance (go the distance)
- journeys & trips: been through (endure, etc.), carry on (v), clear (in the clear / into the clear), come through (v), get on with (get on with something, get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), get by (v), go through

(endure, etc.), go on (persist), patch (rough patch), push on (v), road (road from / to something), trail of tears (suffering), via dolorosa, wayside (fall by the wayside, etc.), woods (out of the woods)

- knife: scrape by (v)
- mark: indelible (adj)
- materials & substances: cement (v), cemented, grit (political grit, etc.), stick (endure)
- military: beachhead (n), bridgehead (n), dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, last-ditch (adj), outpost (n), soldier on (v), warrior through (v)
- mountains & hills: foothold (n), toehold (n)
- mouth: lip (stiff upper lip)
- movement: been through (endure, etc.), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), go (not go anywhere, etc.), gone (absent), go on (persist), go through (endure, etc.), here (here to stay, etc.), immovable (adj), remain (v), soldier on (v)
- neck: neck (save one's neck)
- part of speech: forever (forever chemicals, etc.)
- person: hand (all hands on deck)
- place: here (here to stay, etc.)
- plant: root (take root, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: around (still around, etc.), been through (endure, etc.), carry on (v), gone (absent), go through (endure, etc.), hang on (v), push on (v), soldier on (v), with us (with us forever, etc.)
- religion: cross (bear that cross, etc.), hell (personal, traffic, etc.), Lazarus (Bible), Methuselah, via dolorosa
- riding: ride out (v)
- river: bridgehead (n)
- rope: rope (on the ropes)
- ruins: pick up (pick up the pieces)
- sensation: pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched
- school & education: test (test of time)
- sea: batten (batten down)
- sign, signal, symbol: Phoenix (myth)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: scalp (save one's scalp), skin (save one's skin)
- sports & games: distance (go the distance)
- standing, sitting & lying: longstanding (adj), stand (endure), standing (continuing)
- stomach: gut out (v)
- storm: batten (batten down), storm (weather the storm), weather (survive)
- toe: toehold (n)
- tree: root (take root, etc.)
- verb: alive (keep something alive), bail out (save), batten (batten down), bear (a weight, etc.), bring back (restore), bullet (bite the bullet), carry on (v), cement (v), cling (v), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), cross (bear that cross, etc.), die (non-human), dig in (v), drown (v), get by (v), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), go (not go anywhere, etc.), go through (endure, etc.), go on (persist), gut out (v), hack (hack something / endurance), head (get in over one's head, etc.), hold on (survival), hold out (persist), life (give life), life (breathe life), limits (push something to its limits), live on (v), perish (v), pull through (v), punch (take a punch), punch (roll with the punches), put up with (v), push on (v), remain (v), rescue (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), ride out (v), save (v), scalp (save one's scalp), scrape by (v), sink (sink into debt, etc.), skin (save one's skin), soldier on (v), stick (persist), storm (weather the storm), strangle (v), swim (v), take (take something / endurance), wall (throw something at a wall and see what sticks), warrior through (v), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water), weather (survive)
- walking, running & jumping: running (continuing), trail of tears (suffering)

- water: afloat, buoyed, drown, head (get in over one's head, etc.), lifeline (n), life raft, sink (sink into debt, etc.), sinking, sink or swim, swim (v), underwater (adj), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water)
- weapon: bullet (bite the bullet)
- weight: bear (a weight, etc.), cross (bear that cross, etc.)

SUSPICION (1) (see also evidence; message; warning)

- animal: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat)
- fish: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.)
- rat: rat (smell a rat)
- smell: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat), smell (suspicion), test (smell test)

SWAMP (2)

- amelioration & renewal: swamp (drain the swamp)
- corruption: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp), swamp (swamp of cliches, etc.)
- environment: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (swamp of cliches, etc.)

SWORD (2) (see also ax; blade; knife; military; weapon)

- avoidance & separation: parry (v), parry (n)
- conflict: cross (cross someone), sword (cross swords), sword (at swords' points)
- destruction: sword (put someone to the sword, etc.)
- effect: sword (double-edged sword)
- extent & scope: hilt (to the hilt)
- fate, fortune & chance: sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- feeling, emotion & effect: double-edged (sword), rapier (n), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- judgment: sword (fall on one's sword)
- message: saber rattling
- relationship: double-edged (sword)
- resemblance: sword (swordfish, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: parry (v), parry (n)
- responsibility: sword (fall on one's sword)
- verb: sword (fall on one's sword)
- violence: sword (violence)

TABLE (2)

- acceptance & rejection: table (groups)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: table (loudest seat at the table)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: table (come back to the table)
- commitment & determination: table (bring everything to the table)
- development: table (set the table)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: table (off the table)
- disruption: table (turn the tables)
- hierarchy: table (head of the table)
- position, policy & negotiation: sit down (v), sit-down (other), table (on the table), table (off the table), table (come back to the table), table (turn the tables), table (loudest seat at the table)
- proper name: table (Table Mountain, etc.)
- reversal: table (turn the tables)
- sequence: table (set the table)
- shape: table (shape)
- subterfuge: table (under the table)
- superiority & inferiority: table (head of the table)

- worth & lack of worth: table (bring something to the table)

TAKING & REMOVING (1) (see also giving, receiving, bringing & returning)

- allusion: Robin Hood
- animal: fleeced, leech (v), poach (v), poached
- blade: chip away (v), scrape (v), scraped
- blood: leech (v)
- boat: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- clothing & accessories: strip (v)
- consumption: cannibalized
- cows & cattle: milk (v)
- creature: vampire (n)
- crime: bandit (n), buccaneer (person), captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), heist (n), hijack (v), hijacked, hold up (rob), loot (v), piracy (n), pirate (person), piratical (adj), plunder (v), plundered, poach (v), poached, rob (v), robbed, robbery (n), Robin Hood, steal (steal the show, etc.), steal (steal customers, etc.), steal (steal dreams, etc.), stolen (taken), strip-mine (v), thief (thief of joy, etc.), usurp (v)
- destruction: take (destroy)
- ground, terrain & land: colonialism (data, etc.)
- hand: claim (take), grab (v), seize (v), seized (by an emotion), snatch (v)
- knife: scrape (v), scraped
- mechanism: hoovered up, hoover up (v)
- mining: strip-mine (v)
- person: bandit (n), buccaneer (person), pirate (person), thief (thief of joy, etc.)
- pressure: wring (create)
- royalty: usurp (v)
- sea: buccaneer (person), pirate (person), piratical (adj)
- sheep: fleeced
- verb: cannibalize (v), chip away (v), claim (take), colonize (take), grab (v), hijack (v), hold up (rob), hoover up (v), leach (v), leech (v), loot (v), milk (v), poach (v), plunder (v), rob (v), scrape (v), seize (v), steal (steal the show, etc.), steal (steal customers, etc.), steal (steal dreams, etc.), snatch (v), strip (v), usurp (v), wring (create)
- water: leach (v)

TARGET (1)

- football: goalpost (target)
- hunting: open season (n)
- sports & games: goalpost (target)
- verb: aim (v), aim (take aim at something), gun (v), target (v), zero in on (verb)
- weapon: aim (v), aim (n), aim (take aim at something), aimed, bead (draw a bead / have a bead), bull's-eye (target), cross hair (in the cross hairs), dialed in, gun (v), mark (off the mark), scattershot (adj), sight (in somebody's sights), sights (weapon), target (v), target (n), targeted, zero in on (v), zone (target zone)
- window: window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)

TARGET (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: profile (low profile)
- commitment & determination: locked in (target)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: target (moving target), target (hard target, etc.), target (easy target, soft target, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: fall (fall short)
- fate, fortune & chance: shot (chance), shot (shot in the dark)
- protection & lack of protection: profile (low profile), target (hard target, etc.), target (easy target, soft target, etc.)

- shape: bull's-eye (shape)
- success & failure: fall (fall short), goalpost (target), hit (success), miss (v), nail (nail something), target (moving target), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: target date
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: mindful (adj), mindfulness (n), purposeful (adj)

TASTE (2) (see also cooking; food & drink; fruits & vegetables; meat)

- amount: taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- appearance & reality: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- attraction & repulsion: candy (n), delicious (adj), eye candy (n), honeypot (attraction), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), sweetheart (other), tasty (adj)
- character & personality: bitter (person), flavor (regional flavor, etc.), salt (flavor), sour (personality), sweet (personality)
- concealment & lack of concealment: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- consumption: bitter (a bitter blow, etc.), cake (icing on the cake, etc.), candy (n), delicious (adj), eye candy (n), juicy (n), mouthwatering (adj), palatable (adj), piquancy (n), saccharine (adj), salt (with a grain of salt), sour (adj), spicy (adj), sweet (sweet dreams, etc.), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (a bad taste, etc.), tasty (adj), unpalatable (adj), unsavory (adj)
- corruption: sour (v), sour (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- eagerness & reluctance: juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj)
- enthusiasm: distaste (n), taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- experience: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), salt (sailor), salty (experience), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bitter (person), bitter (bitter weather, etc.), bittersweet (adj), cake (icing on the cake, etc.), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), saccharine (adj), salty (slang) savor (v), sour (v), sweet (exclamation), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: palatable (adj), sweet spot, taste (a bad taste), unsavory (adj)
- heart: sweetheart (other)
- identity & nature: flavor (regional flavor, etc.)
- judgment: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: flavor (flavor of the month)
- reversal: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- speech: honey-tongued, salty (language), smooth (speech), talk (sweet talk)
- subterfuge: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- vocative: honey (honey, baby, etc.), sweetheart (vocative)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: taste (taste for violence, etc.)

TAXONOMY & CLASSIFICATION (1) (see also branching system; division)

- animal: animal (different animal, etc.), beast (different beast, etc.), bestiary (n), breed (type), creature (creature of habit, etc.), fish (different kettle of fish), species (type), stripe (of all stripes)
- bird: bird (rare bird)
- cloth: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.), strand (n), stripe (of all stripes)
- container: basket (category), bucket (category)
- creature: creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- direction: fall (fall into a category, etc.)
- family: family (plants), family (animals), family (viruses), family (products), family (languages), generation (products, etc.)
- fish: fish (different kettle of fish)

- food & drink: fish (different kettle of fish), vintage (similar vintage, etc.)
- health & medicine: strain (type)
- mechanism: break down (divide)
- money: brand (non-product)
- object: label (n), labeled
- river: tributary (n)
- royalty: kingdom (animal kingdom)
- sports & games: ballgame (different ballgame), league (different league)
- tent: tentpole (movies, etc.)
- tree: branch (taxonomy)
- umbrella (umbrella group, etc.)

TEETH (2)

- affliction: bite (resemblance), biting (adj), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.)
- attachment: bulldog (person), pit bull (person), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- attenuation: teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- character & personality: bulldog (person), pit bull (person)
- conflict: teeth (danger)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- danger: teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- destruction: teeth (danger)
- extent & scope: teeth (to the teeth)
- feeling, emotion & effect: biting (adj), gnaw (v), teeth (gnash one's teeth), teeth (kick in the teeth)
- flaws & lack of flaws: teething
- force: teeth (take the teeth out), teeth (teeth), toothless (adj)
- growth & development: teeth (cut one's teeth), teething
- proper name: tooth (The Tooth, etc.)
- resemblance: bite (resemblance)
- revenge: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- reversal: come back (to bite, haunt, etc.)
- strength & weakness: teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- substance & lack of substance: bark (more bark than bite, etc.), toothless (adj)

TEMPERATURE (2) (see also fire)

- acceptance & rejection: cold shoulder, freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded), warm (v)
- accusation & criticism: heat (criticism), hot seat (n)
- action, inaction & delay: ice (put on ice / delayed)
- activity: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), cool (cool off / activity), febrile (adj), fevered (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch, frozen (activity), heat up (consume), hot (activity), hotspot (place), lukewarm (activity), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: lukewarm (feeling)
- amelioration & renewal: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: boil down to (v)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: hot (popularity, attention, etc.)
- bases: boil down to (v)
- behavior: bask (v), hothead (n)
- character & personality: cold (feeling), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), coolheaded (and cool-headed), fiery (character), firebrand (person), hot-blooded (adj), hot dog (person), hothead (n), hotheaded (and hot-headed), hot mess, incandescent (character), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.), warmhearted (adj)

- coercion & motivation: heat (turn up the heat, etc.)
- condition & status: temperature (the political temperature, etc.)
- conflict: cold war
- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water), shower (cold shower)
- constraint & lack of constraint: ice (put on ice / constrained)
- control & lack of control: hothead (n), hotheaded (and hot-headed)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: ice (put on ice / constrained)
- division & connection: ice (break the ice)
- eagerness & reluctance: cold feet, lukewarm (feeling), shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)
- empathy & lack of empathy: coldhearted (adj), coldly
- enthusiasm: shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)
- environment: cauldron (n), crucible (n), frog (frog in boiling water), furnace (n), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- epithet: cauldron (the Cauldron, etc.), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: barn burner, bask (v), blood (in cold blood), blood (blood runs cold), blood (blood boils), boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), button (hot button), chill (feeling), chilling (adj), cold (feeling), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), chilly (adj), cold, coldly, cool (feeling), cool down (v), coolly (adverb), cool off (v), cozy (adj), febrile (adj), fire (on fire / feeling), frigid (adj), frostily, frosty (adj), frozen (emotion), heat (in the heat of passion, etc.), heated (emotion), heatedly, hot (controversial), hot (emotion), hot-blooded (adj), hothead (n), hotly, ice (break the ice), ice-cold (adj), incendiary (speech), lukewarm (feeling), overheated (adj), scorching (adj), seethe (v), steam (v), temperature (raise / lower the temperature), tepid (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.), warm (v), warm (adj), warmly, warmth
- heart: coldhearted (adj), warmhearted (adj)
- identity & nature: melting pot (n)
- initiation: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), combustible (adj), fiery (character), fiery (speech), incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), percolate (v), pot (stir the pot), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- judgment: hot seat (n)
- location: hotspot (place)
- measurement: temperature (the political temperature, etc.), thermometer (n)
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- oppression: chill (oppression)
- person: firebrand (person), hothead (person), hot mess (person)
- place: hotspot (place)
- pressure: heat (pressure)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: cold (cold case, etc.)
- proper name: furnace (Furnace Creek, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: heat (criticism)
- readiness & preparedness: warmed-up
- relationship: cozy (adj)
- sex: hot (sex), sizzling (sex), steamy (sex)
- situation: frog (frog in boiling water), hot water (in hot water)
- speech: combustible (adj), fiery (speech), incendiary (speech)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: warmed-up
- success & failure: hand (hot hand)
- superlative: incandescent (character)

TENT (2)

- access & lack of access: camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: tent (pitch one's tent), tent (fold one's tent)
- bases: tentpole (movies, etc.)
- branching system: tentpole (movies, etc.)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: tent (fold one's tent)
- commitment & determination: tent (fold one's tent)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: tent (fold one's tent)
- taxonomy & classification: tentpole (movies, etc.)

THEATER (2) (see also circus)

- ability & lack of ability: pony (one-trick pony)
- achievement, recognition & praise: gallery (cheering gallery)
- amount: repertoire (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: curtain (pull back the curtain, look behind the curtain, etc.)
- appearance & disappearance: curtain call, scene (come onto the scene)
- appearance & reality: theater (appearance), trial (show trial)
- assembling: call (cattle call)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: backstage (adj), downplay (v), limelight (in the limelight), marquee (attention), photobomb (v), platform (as verb), platform (n), play down (v), scene (behind the scenes), scene (come onto the scene), show (steal the show), showboat (v), showman (person), stage (center stage), stage (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), upstage (v)
- attenuation: downplay (v), play down (v)
- behavior: diva (person), drama (and drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), on (performing), prima donna (person), showboat (v)
- center & periphery: stage (attention), stage (center state), wing (in the wings)
- character & personality: diva (person), drama (and drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), hero (character), on (performing), prima donna (person), showboat (v), villain (character)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bow out (v), curtain call, encore (n), exit (n), usher in (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: backstage (adj), behind-the-scenes, curtain (pull back the curtain, look behind the curtain, etc.), scene (behind the scenes)
- context: backdrop (against a backdrop)
- control & lack of control: puppet (control)
- death & life: stage (life is a stage)
- development: act (development), anticlimax (n), climax (n), finale (n), intermission (n), plot (n), plot line (development), script (to script), script (off script, etc.), stage (set the stage, etc.)
- directing: choreographed, parade (v), stage (v), staged (directed), stage-manage (v), stage-managed
- dismissal, removal & resignation: bow out (v), curtain (lower the curtain, etc.), curtains (the end)
- disruption: script (off script, etc.)
- extent & scope: dramatic (extent), dramatically
- fantasy & reality: theater of the absurd
- feeling, emotion & effect: drama (tense drama, etc.), dramatic (the dramatic), dramatic (effect), farce (n), melodrama (n), melodramatic (adj), operatic (adj), theater of the absurd, tragedy (n), travesty (n), vaudeville (n)
- group, set & collection: cast (cast of candidates, etc.), repertoire (n)
- help & assistance: repertoire (n)
- inauguration: usher in (v)
- importance & significance: marquee (attention), role (function or part)
- judgment: review (n)
- orientation: upstage (v)

- performance: act (performance), act (insincere show), choreographed, dog-and-pony show (performance), diva (person), drama (and drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), gallery (play to the gallery), grandstanding (n), on (performing), parade (v), play (play to the audience, etc.), pony (one-trick pony), prima donna (person), repertoire (n), role (act), set piece (n), show (nature, etc.), show (performance), show business (performance), stage (v), staged (directed), stage-manage (v), stage-managed, stunt (n), theater (performance), theatrics (n), trial (show trial)
- person: diva (person), prima donna (person)
- proximity: seat (front seat), seat (front-row seat)
- readiness & preparedness: rehearsal (n), rehearse, wing (in the wings)
- repetition: cue (n)
- resemblance: light show
- role: act (insincere show), act (performance), part (play a part, etc.)
- script: cue (n), script (to script), script (off script, etc.)
- searching & discovery: curtain (pull back the curtain, look behind the curtain, etc.), talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: bow out, curtain (lower the curtain, etc.), curtain raiser (n), curtains (the end), finale (n), intermission (n), on (performing), run (a good run, etc.), show (the show must go on), show (the show is over), swan song
- substance & lack of substance: show (performance)
- subterfuge: smoke and mirrors
- unanimity & consensus: cue (n), puppet (control)

THROAT (2) (see also breathing; mouth; tongue)

- acceptance & rejection: choke (v), swallow (accept), swallowed
- accusation & criticism: throat (jump down someone's throat)
- affliction: choke (v)
- behavior: jugular (go for the jugular, etc.)
- conflict: jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), throat (predation)
- consumption: choke (v), swallow (accept), throat (ram something down the throat)
- obstacles & impedance: choke (v), throat (stick in one's throat, etc.)
- oppression: throat (ram something down the throat)
- resemblance: throat (resemblance)
- shape: throat (resemblance)
- speech: throat (jump down someone's throat)

THROWING, PUTTING & PLANTING (1)

- arm: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), hurl (v), hurled, throw (accusations, etc.), thrown out (cast), throw out (v), toss out (v)
- bodily reaction: spew (speech), spit out (v)
- farming & agriculture: plant (put), plant (create), plow (put), sow (v), sown (planted)
- health & medicine: inject (put), injection (n)
- mechanism: catapult (v), catapulted, thrust (v), thrust
- pile: heap (v), lay (put)
- plant: plant (put), plant (create), planted, sow (v), sown (planted)
- rain: shower (v), showered
- verb: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), catapult (v), heap (v), hurl (v), infuse (v), inject (put), lay (put), pepper (v), plant (put), plant (create), plow (put), pour (put), shower (v), sink (put), sow (v), sown (planted), spew (speech), spit out (v), throw (accusations, etc.), throw out (v), thrust (v), toss out (v)
- water: infuse (v), infused, infusion (n), pour (put), sink (put)

THROWING, PUTTING & PLANTING (2)

- absorption & immersion: throw (throw oneself into something)
- commitment & determination: throw (throw oneself into something), throw (throw it all, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: eject (v), outcast (person)
- extend & scope: far-flung (adj)
- help & assistance: pitch in (help)
- involvement: throw (throw oneself into something)
- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person)
- society: castaway (person), outcast (person)

THUMB (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: thumbs-up
- judgment: thumbs-down, thumbs-up, upvote (and downvote)
- oppression: thumb (under the thumb)
- proper name: thumb (Devils Thumb, etc.)

TICKET (2)

- cost & benefit: meal ticket (n), pass (free pass), ticket (and punch one's ticket, etc.)
- hierarchy: second-class (adj)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: pass (free pass), ticket (and punch one's ticket, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: second-class (adj)
- worth & lack of worth: meal ticket (n)

TIDE (2) (see also island; sea; tsunami; wave)

- amelioration & renewal: tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- amount & effect: floodtide (n), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (rising tide), tide (on a tide), tide (other)
- attraction & repulsion: pull (tidal pull)
- control & lack of control: King Canute
- decline: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb)
- development: ebb (development), ebb and flow (v), ebb and flow (n), tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- directing: surge (transitive verb)
- extent & scope: high tide
- force: floodtide (n)
- increase & decrease: ebb and flow (v), ebb and flow (n), flow (increase), surge (intransitive verb / increase), tide (rising tide)
- movement: ebb (movement), ebb and flow (v), ebb and flow (n), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (other)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: high tide
- relationship: pull (tidal pull)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: tide (buck the tide)
- reversal: tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: tide (buck the tide)

TIGER (2) (see also animal)

- appearance & reality: paper tiger
- control & lack of control: tiger (n)
- danger: tiger (n)
- epithet: tiger (tiger mother, etc.)
- force: paper tiger
- military: tiger (Arkan's Tigers, etc.)

- strength & weakness: paper tiger
- substance & lack of substance: paper tiger

TIME (1) (see also future; past & present)

- allusion: ancien regime, legend (n)
- amount: light year (a long time), long (a long time, etc.), minute (for a minute, etc.), space (space of time), time (take time, etc.), time (long time / short time)
- animal: dinosaur (n), dodo (n), extinct (adj), fossil (n), fossilize (v), fossilized
- antiques: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- astronomy: light year (a long time)
- Bible: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- boat: wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- boxing: round (boxing)
- bridge: bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), dam (water over the dam)
- burden: drag on (v), haul (long haul)
- clock: clock (turn back the clock), clock (types), clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.), clock (reset the clock), clock (run the clock, etc.), moment (this moment), moment (that moment), moment (other), stroke (stroke of midnight, etc.), tick on (and tick by), tick-tock (n), wind back (v), wind down (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: enter (enter a new era, etc.)
- consumption: time (steal time, etc.), time (give time), time (take your time, etc.), time (run out of time), time (time left), time (borrowed time), time (waste time), time (use time), time (time off), time (take time, etc.)
- container: future (in the future), hold (the future can hold something), past (in the past), time (in time / future), time (in our time, etc.), time capsule (n)
- corner: corner (spring is just around the corner)
- dam: dam (water over the dam)
- day: dawn (n), dawn (verb / start), day (a new day), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (the day after), day (day after tomorrow), day (of one's day / of its day), day (of the day), day (these days), day (those days), day (latter-day), evening (decline), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), minute (at this minute), old (of old), old-fashioned (adj), outdated (adj), today (the present), tomorrow (future), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.), yesterday (the past), yesteryear
- death & life: dying (dying seconds, etc.), time (dead time)
- depth: deep (deep past, etc.), depth (depths of winter, etc.)
- direction: advance (in advance, etc.), advance (a day can advance, etc.), after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), ancestor (go before), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching (adj), arrive (a time can arrive), back (in time), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), before (at a future time), behind (in the past), clock (turn back the clock), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (to come), come (a time comes along), come (come before / at an earlier time), come (come after / at a later time), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), facing (future-facing, etc.), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forefather (n), forenoon (at an earlier time), forerunner (n), foresight (n), forward (every year forward, etc.), forward-looking, front (the future is in front of us), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), gone (those days are gone, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hindsight (n), intervening (adj), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), lie (lie ahead), look back (v), look forward to (v), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), near (v), next (at a later time), on (30 years on, etc.), onrushing (future, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), revisit (v), road (come down the road / pike), road

(road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), see (see something coming), take (take us back / time), throwback (n), time (time on one's side), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), time (down time / activity), time (a man out of time, etc.), train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time), up (up to now, up to date, etc.), up-and-coming (and up and coming), upcoming (adj), wake (in the wake of / at a later time), walk (walk somebody back), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)

- distance: advance (in advance, etc.), away (a week away, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), day (day after tomorrow), deep (deep past, etc.), dim (the dim past, etc.), distance (time), distant (past), distant (future), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), far (farther on / time), far (far from, etc.), far-off (time), future (in the distant future), go (a month to go, etc.), haul (long haul), horizon (on the horizon), long (a long time, etc.), long-run (adj), longtime (adj), marathon (effort and time), near (near future, etc.), near (v), passage (passage of time), past (in the distant past, etc.), past (distant past, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), remote (past), remote (future), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), short (a short time, etc.), sight (in sight), span (lifespan, etc.), time (long time / short time), time (over time), time (course of time), way (a long way off)
- earth & world: world (lost world)
- epithet: Father Time
- eye: dim (the dim past, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), facing (future-facing, etc.), foresight (n), forward-looking, hindsight (n), horizon (on the horizon), look back (v), look forward to (v), myopia (n), look like (future), see (see something coming), see (future), seen (future), seer (person), sight (in sight)
- family: Father Time
- film & TV: Groundhog Day (film), rewind (v), spool (spool back)
- force: onrushing (future, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: future (the future can bring something)
- health & medicine: prognosis (n)
- height: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), fall (on Friday, etc.), fall (night fell, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hangover (relic), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- history: age (age of Trump, etc.), ancien regime, dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), era (time), gilded (Gilded Age), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), Neanderthal, passed down (by ancestors, etc.), prehistoric (adj), present (up to the present), Roaring Twenties, Stone Age, time (a man of his time, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- horizon: horizon (on the horizon)
- hour: hour (finest hour, etc.), hour (timeliness)
- hunting: catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.)
- infrastructure: memory lane (down memory lane)
- journeys & trips: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), behind (in the past), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), course (over the course / time), end (no end in sight, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), here (we have been here before), lie (lie ahead), memory lane (down memory lane), outset (at the outset of 2020, etc.), passage (passage of time), revisit (v), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down a road before), road (down the road, etc.), time (passage of time), time (travel in / through time, etc.), walk (walk somebody back)
- mechanism: hourglass (time), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), time machine, wind down (v), wind back (v)
- magic: crystal ball, fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- mirror: mirror (in the rear-view mirror)
- money: precious (time), time (have time), time (spend time), time (buy time, etc.), time (steal time, etc.), time (give time), time (lose time, etc.), time (make time), time (find time), time (borrowed time), time (cost time, etc.), time (a minute to spare, etc.), time (waste time)

- mountains & hills: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- movement: advance (a day can advance, etc.), ago (two days ago / gone by), ancestor (go before), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching (adj), arrive (a time can arrive), back (in time), backtrack (go back in time), backwards (past), behind (in the past), bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), bygone (adj), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (to come), come (a time comes along), come (come before / at an earlier time), come (come after / at a later time), come and go (time), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), course (over the course / time), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), dam (water over the dam), day (day has arrived, etc.), drag on (v), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), enter (enter a new era, etc.), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forward (every year forward, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), go (a month to go, etc.), go by (an hour can go by, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), haul (long haul), head (head into the future, etc.), here (go from here, etc.), intervening (adj), long-run (adj), march (March of Time, etc.), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), move on (time has moved on, etc.), near (v), on (30 years on, etc.), ongoing (investigation, etc.), onrushing (future, etc.), onwards (from a time onwards), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass (time can pass, etc.), passage (passage of time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), revisit (v), road (come down the road / pike), road (down a road before), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), see (see something coming), slip away (time), stand still (time), take (take us back / time), tick-tock (n), tick on, time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), time (passage of time), time (over time), time (course of time), time (dead time), time (time flies), time warp, train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time), transport (in time), up-and-coming (and up and coming), upcoming (adj), wake (in the wake of / at a later time), walk (walk somebody back), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)
- person: fortuneteller (person), Methuselah, oracle (person), prophet (person), Rip Van Winkle, seer (person), soothsayer (person), time traveller (person)
- place: breathing space (and breathing room), future (where the future lies, etc.), go back (verb / time), here (we have been here before), here (go from here, etc.), here (the present), hereafter (from now onwards), look like (future), moment (moment where), place (situation), place (place where), point (point when), revisit (v), road (down a road before), throughout (time), time (time where), time (at the time), time (space of time)
- position: advance (in advance, etc.), after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), ahead (before a future event), ancestor (go before), before (at an earlier time), before (at a future time), behind (in the past), day (day after tomorrow), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forefather (n), forenoon (at an earlier time), forerunner (n), front (the future is in front of us), hereafter (from now onwards), intervening (adj), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), near (near future, etc.), next (at a later time), past (look past to the future), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), time (time on one's side), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), time (with the times, etc.), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- possession: time (have time), time (lose time, etc.), time (lost time), time (give time)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: advance (in advance, etc.), after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ago (two days ago / gone by), ahead (before a future event), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), away (a week away, etc.), back (in time), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), before (at a future time), behind (in the past), bygone (adj), day (day after tomorrow), down (down through the centuries, etc.), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forefather (n), forenoon (at an earlier time), forerunner (n), foresight (n), forward (every year forward, etc.), front (the future is in front of us), gone (those days are gone, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hereafter (from now onwards), hindsight (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), late (late Stone Age, etc.), near (near future, etc.), next (at a later time), on (30 years on, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), preceding (at an earlier time), take (take us back / time), throughout (time), time (at the time, etc.), time (over time), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), time

(with the times, etc.), time (in our time, etc.), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), up (up to now, up to date, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)

- religion: antediluvian (old), grace (grace period), handwriting (handwriting on the wall), Methuselah, prophet (person), relic (n), soothsayer (person), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- river: bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), dam (water over the dam)
- school & education: new school, old school
- season: season (life), season (hunting), season (sports), season (public health), season (agriculture), season (animals, insects, etc.), season (natural events), season (other)
- sign, signal, symbol: Father Time, hourglass (time)
- sky: horizon (on the horizon)
- snow & ice: frozen (frozen in time)
- sound: tick on (and tick by), tick-tock (n)
- speed: crawl (time can crawl, etc.), drag on (v), onrushing (adj), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), time (take your time, etc.), time (time flies)
- sports & games: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), marathon (effort and time), quarter (the fourth quarter, etc.), round (boxing)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand still (time)
- train: train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time)
- verb: advance (a day can advance, etc.), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), arrive (a time can arrive), back (in time), backtrack (go back in time), clock (turn back the clock), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (a time comes along), come (come before / at an earlier time), come (come after / at a later time), come and go (time), come up on (a date, etc.), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), dawn (verb / start), day (day has arrived, etc.), drag on (v), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), enter (enter a new era, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), follow (at a later time), fossilize (v), future (the future can bring something), go (the time has gone, etc.), go by (an hour can go by, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), hold (the future can hold something), last (time / verb), lie (lie ahead), look back (v), look forward to (v), near (v), pass (time can pass, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), precede (at an earlier time), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), revisit (v), road (come down the road / pike), see (see something coming), slip away (time), spell (spell disaster, etc.), stand still (time), take (take us back / time), tick on (and tick by), time (have time), time (buy time, etc.), time (spend time), time (make time), time (find time), time (steal time, etc.), time (give time), time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (lose time, etc.), time (use time), time (a minute to spare, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), transport (in time), walk (walk somebody back), wear on (v), wind back (v), wind down (v)
- walking, running & jumping: crawl (time can crawl, etc.), long-run (adj), marathon (effort and time), march (March of Time, etc.), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), walk (walk somebody back)
- water: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam), deep (deep past, etc.), depth (depths of winter, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- weight: haul (long haul)
- writing & spelling: handwriting (handwriting on the wall), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)

TIMELINESS & LACK OF TIMELINESS (1)

- allusion: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- baseball: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)
- birth: gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.)
- boat: boat (slow boat to China), ship (ship has sailed, etc.)
- boxing: round (boxing)
- burden: drag on (v)

- bridge: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- clock: clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.), clock (reset the clock), countdown (n), hourglass (time), midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), minute (last minute)
- consumption: time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (time left)
- day: day (early / late in the day), day (early days), early (timeliness), eve (on the eve, etc.), late (timeliness), midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), morning (early in the morning), noon (high noon), yesterday (I need it yesterday, etc.)
- direction: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (past time), up (time is finished, etc.)
- distance: advance (in advance, etc.)
- film & TV: noon (high noon)
- football: quarter (the fourth quarter, etc.)
- fruits & vegetables: bloomer (late bloomer), ripe (adj)
- hardness & softness: soft (soft opening, etc.)
- head: head start
- health & medicine: golden hour
- horse: head start, wire (down to the wire)
- hour: golden hour, hour (timeliness), zero hour (n)
- journeys & trips: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), head start
- mechanism: hourglass (time)
- military: zero hour (n)
- movement: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), head start, lethargic (adj), move on (time has moved on, etc.), ship (ship has sailed, etc.), slow (adj), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), train (train has left the station, etc.)
- number: countdown (n), zero hour (n)
- party: party (late to the party, etc.)
- plant: bloomer (late bloomer), ripe (adj)
- position: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), front (get in front of an announcement, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), front (get in front of an announcement, etc.), time (past time), time (it's time, etc.), up (time is finished, etc.)
- pressure: crunch (crunch time), crunch (cash crunch, etc.)
- religion: grace (grace period)
- river: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- shape: streamline (speed up)
- sports & games: game (late in the game), gun (jump the gun), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), quarter (the fourth quarter, etc.), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), round (boxing), wire (down to the wire)
- sun: noon (high noon)
- target: target date
- train: train (train has left the station, etc.)
- verb: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), drag on (v), fire (hang fire), gestate (v), gun (jump the gun), ship (ship has sailed, etc.), streamline (speed up), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (run out of time), time (waste time), train (train has left the station, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (get the jump), race (race against time, the clock, etc.)
- weapon: fire (hang fire), target date
- window: time (window of time), window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)

TOE (2) (see also foot; heel; leg)

- conflict: toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.)
- disruption: toe (step on toes)
- experimentation: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: toe (step on toes)
- involvement: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- presence & absence: toehold (n)
- readiness & preparedness: toe (on one's toes)
- survival, persistence & endurance: toehold (n)

TONGUE (2) (see also mouth, throat)

- absorption & immersion: lap up (v)
- accusation & criticism: tongue-lashing
- consumption: lap up (v)
- control & lack of control: tongue (hold one's tongue)
- danger: tongue (danger)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: tongue twister, tongue-twisting
- failure, accident & impairment: tongue (slip of the tongue)
- feeling, emotion & effect: acid-tongued
- functioning: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- insult: tongue (stick one's tongue out, etc.)
- language: mother tongue, tongue (language)
- resemblance: tongue (resemblance)
- speech: acid-tongued, honey-tongued, mother tongue, sharp-tongued, silver-tongued, tongue (language), tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue), tongue (danger), tongue-lashing

TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY (2) (see also engine; manufacturing; mechanism)

- ability & lack of ability: bandwidth (capacity), brilliant (technology), dumb (technology), intelligent (things), smart (technology, etc.)
- access & lack of access: black box (n)
- action, inaction & delay: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- alternatives & choices: toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- amelioration & renewal: calibrate (adjust), calibrated (adjusted), plug (v), plugged (fixed), tweak (n), valve (relief valve)
- amount: toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: black box (n), microscope (under a microscope), x-ray (n)
- appearance & disappearance: radar (drop off the radar)
- appearance & reality: optics (n)
- attachment: rivet (v), riveted, riveting (adj)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: lens (through a lens), lens (other), magnifying glass (under a magnifying glass), microscope (under a microscope), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen), rivet (v), riveted, riveting (adj)
- attraction & repulsion: magnet (attraction), magnetic (adj), magnetism (n), recoil (v)
- behavior: compass (moral compass), compass (other)
- character & personality: bulldozer (epithet)
- coercion & motivation: screw (tighten / loosen the screws)
- concealment & lack of concealment: black box (n)
- consciousness & awareness: antenna (n), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen), radar (other)
- control & lack of control: circuit breaker (n)

- creation & transformation: churn out (v), grind out (v), scissor (genetic scissors, etc.)
- curtailment: ax (n), circuit breaker (n)
- destruction: blowtorch (n), bulldoze (v), bulldozer (n), buzz saw (n), chainsaw (n), demolition (n), rake (destroy), run over (v), sledgehammer (n), steamroll (v), steamrolled (and steamrollered), wrecking ball (n)
- direction: bearing (direction), compass (moral compass), compass (other), lodestone (n), weather vane (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: ax (n), chop (get the chop, etc.)
- division & connection: connect (v), coupled, disconnect (n), hook up (connect), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- driving force: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- effect: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- epithet: Luddite (allusion), machine (the Swiss Machine, etc.)
- extent & scope: bandwidth (capacity), compass (within / outside the compass)
- failure, accident & impairment: screw up (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: rivet (v), riveted, riveting (adj), valve (relief valve)
- fictive communication: telegraph (v), telegraphed
- force: blowtorch (n), bulldoze (v), bulldozed, bulldozer (n), buzz saw (n), chainsaw (n), hammer (hammer of the law, etc.), leverage (n), leverage (v), run over (v), sledgehammer (n), steamroll (v), steamrolled (and steamrollered), steamroller (n), wrecking ball (n)
- functioning: mechanics (n), mechanism (n)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: rake in (v)
- group, set & collection: set (skill set), toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- help & assistance: instrument, tool (help)
- importance & significance: blip (n)
- impression: engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, inscribed, stamp (impression), stamped
- increase & decrease: jack up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v)
- judgement: measure (measure up, etc.), tuning fork (n)
- measurement: barometer (n), calibrate (adjust), calibrated (adjusted), dashboard (n), gauge (n), thermometer (n), yardstick (n)
- mental health: valve (relief valve)
- message: amplify (v), megaphone (n), message (send a message), signal (mixed signals), signal and noise (n)
- military: anvil (military), hammer (hammer and anvil, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: lens (through a lens), lens (other), microscope (through a microscope), periscope (n), prism (through the prism), prism (other), telescope (n)
- place: Silicon Valley, etc.
- power: high-powered (adj), leverage (n), leverage (v)
- presence & absence: blip (n), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- pressure: clampdown (n), clamp down (v), screw (tighten / loosen the screws), vise (pressure)
- progress & lack of progress: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- proper name: telegraph (Daily Telegraph, etc.)
- relationship: coupled
- searching & discovery: needle (needle in a haystack), sift (searching), sifted
- sex: hookup (sex)
- script: boilerplate (n)
- searching & discovery: magnifying glass (search), rake up (v)
- shape: anvil (shape), hourglass (shape), pitchfork (shape), sickle (shape)
- situation: jam (situation), vise (pressure)
- social interaction: hook up (relationship)
- speech: postcard (and post card), retort (speech)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: blip (n)

- strength & weakness: bandwidth (capacity)
- transmission: feed (video, etc.), megaphone (n)
- unanimity & consensus: synch (in synch)
- worth & lack of worth: sift (searching)

TOOTH (see teeth)

TRAIN (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: board (on board), train (get on the Trump train, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: bell (bells and whistles), express (Biden express, etc.), train (hype train)
- behavior: rail (off the rails)
- coercion & motivation: railroad (v), railroaded
- consciousness & awareness: asleep (asleep at the switch)
- control & lack of control: rail (off the rails), train (runaway train)
- cost & benefit: gravy train
- danger: rail (third rail)
- destruction: train wreck
- direction: track (direction), track (on track)
- division & connection: track (across the tracks, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: derail (v), derailed, rail (off the rails), sidetracked, train (failure), train wreck
- force: freight train (force), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (full steam, etc.), steam (take the steam out, etc.), train (runaway train)
- future: train (future)
- haste: track (fast track)
- help & assistance: steward (role)
- operation: train (legal train, Trump train, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: sidetracked, track (on track)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: train (train is pulling into the station, etc.)
- sequence: train (in one's train / at a later time)
- speed: track (fast track)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: line (end of the line, etc.), train (train is pulling into the station, etc.)
- time: train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: train (train has left the station, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: board (on board), train (get on the Trump train, etc.)

TRANSMISSION (1)

- allusion: Johnny Appleseed
- animal: slink (slink in, etc.), weasel (v)
- apple: Johnny Appleseed
- biology: vector (n)
- bodily reaction: sneeze (v)
- direction: handed down (by ancestors, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.)
- epithet: apostle (Apostle of the Sioux, etc.), Johnny Appleseed
- family: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (obsolescence), legacy (history), legacy (reputation)
- fire: torch (pass the torch), torch (other)
- food & drink: feed (video, etc.)
- football: handoff (football)
- gesture: give (give a wink, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: received (wisdom, etc.)

- hand: handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hand-me-down, pass on (v), passed down (by ancestors, etc.)
- health & medicine: contagion (n), contagious (emotion), infectious (adj), sneeze (v), viral, virulent (adj)
- history: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- infrastructure: corridor (route)
- insect: cross-pollination (cross pollination)
- journeys & trips: hitchhike (v), hitchhiker (n)
- light & dark: reflected
- military: infiltrate (v)
- money: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- movement: hitchhike (v), hitchhiker (n), hop (hop across, etc.), jump (transmission), slink (slink in, etc.), stay (what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, etc.)
- plant: cross-pollination (cross pollination)
- route: corridor (route)
- rubbing & washing: rub off on (v)
- sign, signal, symbol: torch (other)
- sound: echo (repeat), echo chamber, echoed, reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- sports & games: baton (pass on the baton), handoff (football)
- tools & technology: feed (video, etc.), megaphone (n)
- verb: catch on (v), echo (repeat), give (give a wink, etc.), give (give a start, etc.), give (give an impression, etc.), hitchhike (v), hop (hop across, etc.), infiltrate (v), inherit (v), jump (transmission), leap (transmission), pass on (v), reverberate (v), ripple (v), rub off on (v), send (transmit), slink (slink in, etc.), sneeze (v), stay (what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, etc.), stream (direct), torch (pass the torch), weasel (v)
- walking, running & jumping: hop (hop across, etc.), jump (transmission), leap (transmission)
- water: ripple (v), stream (direct), streamed (digital), streaming (digital), streaming (streaming media)
- writing & spelling: memo (get the memo, etc.)

TRANSPORTATION (1) (see also fictive transportation)

- animal: cart (cart off), drag, haul (v), hauled in, hauled off, mule (drug mule, etc.)
- boat: ship (ship of the desert)
- bridge: bridge (air bridge, etc.)
- canal: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- carpets & rugs: carpet (magic carpet / other)
- epithet: Panama Canal (of its day, etc.), ship (ship of the desert)
- infrastructure: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- magic: carpet (magic carpet / other)
- verb: cart (cart off), haul (v)

TREE (2) (see also forest)

- achievement, recognition & praise: laurels (praise)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: root (root cause)
- attenuation: hollowed out, hollow out (v)
- bases: rooted, root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.)
- branching system: branch (taxonomy), branch out (v), family tree, tree (branching system), trunk (branching system)
- computer: hole (tree hole)
- concealment & lack of concealment: hole (tree hole)
- creation & transformation: pruned
- curtailment: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.)
- death & life: evergreen (adj)
- destruction: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), uproot (v)

- difficulty, easiness & effort: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: prune (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), uprooted
- fate, fortune & chance: chip (chips fall, etc.), limb (go out on a limb), windfall (n)
- growth & development: branch out (v), root (take root, etc.)
- help & assistance: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- identity & nature: root (origin)
- origin: root (origin), root (root of the problem, etc.)
- proper name: Oak (Royal Oak, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: olive branch
- relationship: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- resemblance: tree (resemblance)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: grain (against the grain), hew (hew to the line, etc.)
- social interaction: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- strength & weakness: hollowed out, hollow out (v), oak (strength), root (take root, etc.), teak (wood)
- survival, persistence & endurance: root (take root, etc.)
- taxonomy & classification: branch (taxonomy)
- unanimity & consensus: grain (against the grain), hew (hew to the line, etc.)
- worth & lack of worth: deadwood (and dead wood), windfall (n)

TSUNAMI (2) (see also island; sea; tide; wave)

- amount & effect: tsunami (n)

UMBRELLA (2)

- cover: umbrella (under an umbrella)
- protection & lack of protection: umbrella (protection)
- taxonomy & classification: umbrella (umbrella group, etc.)

UNANIMITY & CONSENSUS (1) (see also allegiance, support & betrayal; sanctioning, authority & non-conformity)

- animal: crab (crab in a bucket, etc.), duck (ducks in a row), groupthink (and herdthink, etc.), herd (herd mentality, etc.), lemming (consciousness), sheep (consciousness)
- arm: arm (link arms), pull together (v)
- bird: duck (ducks in a row)
- boat: board (on board), boat (in the same boat), boat (rock the boat), row (row in the same direction, etc.)
- books & reading: page (on the same page)
- burden: pull together (v)
- cards: suit (follow suit)
- direction: fellow traveler (n)
- eye: eye (see eye to eye, etc.)
- gesture: nod (agree)
- head: nod (agree)
- journeys & trips: fellow traveler (n)
- line: hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (toe a line, etc.), line (on the line), line up (v), lockstep (in lockstep), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks)
- military: drummer (different drummer), lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), step (in step), step (out of step)
- mechanism: bus (get on the bus, etc.), bus (control / allegiance), truck (control)
- music: bandwagon (n), chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), harmony (in harmony), tune (different tune), tune (in tune, etc.), tune (out of tune), tune (dance to the tune)
- person: fellow traveler (n)

- pile: pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on)
- position: duck (ducks in a row)
- puppet: puppet (control)
- radio: wavelength (on the same wavelength)
- religion: amen (n), catechism (n), choir (preach to the choir)
- sea: wave (make waves, etc.)
- sheep: sheep (consciousness)
- shoulder: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: pull together (v)
- sound: drummer (different drummer)
- speech: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), voice (one voice, etc.)
- sports & games: ball (play ball), pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on), sport (team sport), team up (v)
- standing, sitting, & lying: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand as one, etc.)
- theater: cue (n), puppet (control)
- tools & technology: synch (in synch)
- train: board (on board), train (get on the Trump train, etc.)
- tree: grain (against the grain), hew (hew to the line, etc.)
- verb: arm (link arms), hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (toe a line, etc.), line up (v), march (together, etc.), nod (agree), pile on (gang up on), pull together (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand as one, etc.), suit (follow suit), team up (v), tune (dance to the tune), wave (make waves, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: highway (my way or the highway), lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), step (in step), step (out of step)
- water: wave (make waves, etc.)
- wave: wave (make waves, etc.)

UPSPEAK (2)

- contempo-speak: upspeak (contempo-speak)

VERB (2)

- ability & lack of ability: juggle (v), Sherpa (v), walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)
- absorption & immersion: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), bury (bury oneself in something, etc.), dive (analyze), dive deep (analysis), dive in (v), drink in (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), imbibe (v), immerse (v), ingest (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), live (live and breathe, live to), permeate (v), sink in (v), soak up (v), steep (v), suck up (v), throw (throw oneself into something), wade (wade in / wade into), wallow (v)
- acceptance & rejection: adopt (v), back (turn one's back), banish (v), blackball (v), blacklist (v), buy (accept), choke (v), embrace (v), freeze out (v), go down (digestion), other (verb / groups, etc.), quarantine (v), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), shun (v), shut out (v), spurn (v), stomach (accept), stomach (turn one's stomach), swallow (accept), take (refuse to take), turn down (v), warm (v), welcome (v)
- access & lack of access: bottle up (emotions), lid (keep the lid on something), open up (access), shut out (v), tap (v), tap into (v)
- accusation & criticism: backhand (v), bash (v), blast (criticize), call out (v), clobber (v), come down on (v), crucify (v), decry (v), demonize (v), eviscerate (v), finger (point a finger), get over oneself, go after (attack), grill (v), hammer (criticize), lacerate (v), lambast (v), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mud (drag something through the mud), nail (nail someone to the cross), pile on (gang up on), pillory (v), pummel (v), rail (v), savage (v), scold (v), shade (v), skewer (v), slam (v), snipe (v), sully (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (jump down someone's throat), trash (v)

- achievement, recognition & praise: applaud (v), boo (v), cap (tip one's cap), cheer (v), earn (v), elevate (v), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.), nod (acknowledge), praise (sing someone's praises), rise (achieve), salute (v), toast (v)
- action, inaction & delay: button (push a button / action), can (kick the can down the road), clock (run the clock, etc.), double down (v), dust (collect dust), feet (drag one's feet), fire (hang fire), gun (jump the gun), hand (sit on one's hands), hand (throw up one's hands), handle (deal with), move (take action), needle (move the needle, etc.), pass (cards), pause (v), put off (v), road (push something down the road), roll (slow-roll), shoot (shoot first), shrug (shrug one's shoulders), sit (sit on something), sit by (v), sit out (v), stand by (v), stand down (v), tackle (v), time (waste time), trigger (pull the trigger, etc.), walk (slow-walk)
- activity: boom (increase), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), convulse (v), cool (cool off / activity), crawl (activity), dart (dart about), ferment (v), fly (activity), freeze (v), heat up (v), hop (v), hum (v), hum along (v), jump (the place was jumping, etc.), lie low (and lay low), life (spring to life), light up (activity), percolate (v), rage (v), scramble (v), simmer (v), swirl (v), smolder (v), swarm (v), thrum (v), wake (resemblance)
- admiration & contempt: feet (wipe one's feet on somebody), look down on (something), look up to (somebody), talk down to (somebody)
- affliction: badger (v), bear (a weight, etc.), bedevil (v), bite (resemblance), burden (v), choke (v), convulse (v), cross (bear that cross, etc.), dog (afflict), eat (mental health), eat (destroy), fester (v), follow (afflict), gall (v), gnaw (v), haunt (v), hector (v), hound (v), infest (v), leech (v), metastasize (v), nag (v), needle (v), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), pester (v), plague (v), pockmark (v), pursue (afflict), scar (psychologically / verb), skewer (v), torture (afflict), troll (verb / computers), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: arm (link arms), back (support / verb), backed, bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.), bed (jump into bed with someone), bring around (v), bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bus (throw somebody under the bus), champion (v), coop (fly the coop), count on (count on me, etc.), desert (v), embrace (v), fence (straddle the fence), hand (raise one's hand), hang (hang somebody out to dry), horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), jump (leave), lean towards (v), lion (throw somebody to the lions, etc.), overboard (throw somebody overboard), post (abandon one's post), prop up (v), pull (pull for someone), rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), rat (betray), recant (v), river (sell somebody down the river), rug (pull the rug out), sell out (v), ship (abandon ship / jump ship), side with (v), stab (stab somebody in the back), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by (support), stand up (stand up for something), stand with (support), stick (stick by / stick with somebody), stick together (v), tent (pitch one's tent), tent (fold one's tent), turn (turn against / turn on something), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something), walk (walk away from something), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), win over (v), wind (dangle in the wind), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)
- alternatives & choices: choose (chose me, found me, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: act (clean up one's act), air (clear the air), bail out (save), bailed out, battery (recharge one's batteries, etc.), beef up (v), bolster (v), breath (catch one's breath, etc.), bridge (v), bring back (restore), burn off (v), buttress (v), calibrate (adjust), calm (v), clarify (v), clean (v), clean (come clean), cleanse (make clean), clean up (improve), clear up (v), counterbalance (v), cure (v), cushion (v), dead (rise from the dead), defuse (v), disinfect (v), exorcise (v), fence (mend fences), fine-tune (v), fix (v), get out (get out from under), ghost (bury the ghost), hack (fix), heal (v), hone (v), house (clean house), ice (break the ice), invigorate (v), iron out (v), lance (v), life (give life), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), loosen up (feelings), mend (v), patch (and patch up), path (clear a path), piece (pick up the pieces), playing field (level the playing field), plug (v), polish (v), prescribe (v), prop up (v), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), put (put something back together), rebuild (v), recycle (v), reheat (v), reinforce (v), reinvigorate (v), remedy (v), repair (v), resurrect (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), right (right a wrong, etc.), salvage (v), salve (v), scaffold (v), sharpen (v), ship (right the ship, etc.), shore up (v), smooth (v), soothe (sensation), spice up (v), stabilize (v), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), straighten out (v), swamp (drain the swamp), tailor (v), tame (v), thaw (v), thirst (quench one's thirst, etc.), tide (stem the tide,

etc.), tinker (v), tune (and tune up), turn around (turn things around, etc.), untangle (v), unwind (relax), vent (v), way (pave the way), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)

- amount: brim (v)
- amount & effect: besiege (v), blow up (attention /verb), bombard (v), erupt (v), flood (amount / verb), gush (v), heap (v), inundate (v), invade (v), pour (in, into, pour out, etc.), rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down), shower (v), smother (amount and effect), spill (and spill out, etc.), storm (v), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swarm (v)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: arrive at (an answer, etc.), biopsy (analysis), boil down to (v), break down (explain), chase down (v), come down to (v), come from (analysis), come to (come to an answer, etc.), crunch (crunch the data), decode (v), deconstruct (v), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig up (v), dissect (v), dive (analyze), dive deep (analysis), dot (connect the dots), drill (drill down, etc.), excavate (v), explore (analyze), follow (argument), follow (it follows that, etc.), get (get somewhere), get across (v), go (argument), go on (what's going on, etc.), illuminate (v), interrogate (v), light (shed light), look at (analysis), look into (v), make (make of something), misdiagnose (v), misread (v), parse (v), peel (peel back the layers, etc.), pick apart (analyze), piece together (v), play (play with data, etc.), put (put something together), reach (reach an answer, etc.), read (read something into something), read (analyze), show (the data show, etc.), spell out (v), strip (strip something down), suggest (indicate), take (take somebody somewhere), talk (talk somebody through something), tease out (v), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), test-drive (v), unearth (v), unpack (v), unpick (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), unspool (v), untangle (v), unwind (analyze), vivisect (v), walk (walk somebody through something), weigh (analyze)
- appeal: call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call for (appeal), cry out (v)
- appearance: pockmark (v), scar (resemblance / verb)
- appearance & disappearance: arise (v), background (background noise, etc.), bubble up (v), come (occur, develop), come along (appearance), come back (from extinction, etc.), come forward (v), come up (appear), crop up (v), dig up (v), disappear (from the scene, etc.), disappear (extinction), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dredge up (v), dry up (v), emerge (v), evaporate (v), excavate (v), exhume (v), fade (v), fade away (v), fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.), ghost (verb), go away (v), ground (go to ground), head (rear its head, etc.), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light (see the light), lose (through extinction), map (drop off the map, etc.), melt (v), melt away (v), mushroom (v), pop up (v), radar (drop off the radar), resurface (v), show up (v), sink (disappearance), spring up (v), sprout (v), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), surface (intransitive), surface (bring to the surface), swallow (disappearance), turn out (rally), turn up (appear), uncover (v), unearth (v), vanish (extinction), wash up (v)
- appearance & reality: artwash (v), astroturf (v), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), see (see through something), sportswash (v), whitewash (v)
- assembling: draft (v), muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v), round up (assemble)
- attachment: accompany (attachment), adhere (adhere to something), attend (v), bind (connect), cement (v), cling (v), come with (and come along with / attachment), embed (v), embrace (v), fold in (v), hold on to (v), marry (v), pin (attach), rivet (v), stick (stick by / stick with somebody), stick (adhere to, follow), stick (persist), stick together (v), wall (throw something at a wall and see what sticks), worm (v)
- attainment: arrive at (an answer, etc.), climb (scale), coast (coast to victory, etc.), deal (close the deal), finger (slip through one's fingers), get (get somewhere), hit (hit \$30, etc.), meet (attain), notch (a number), push (a number), reach (secure), reach (a number), reach (a place on a journey), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scale (climb), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), touch (nobody will touch this, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- attempt: go for it (and go for broke, etc.), hand (try one's hand)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: background (background noise, etc.), ball (take one's eye off the ball), barnstorm (v), blend in (v), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), bomb (review-bomb, etc.), burst on / onto the scene, etc., center (center her family, etc.), champion (v), cheerlead (v), clamor (v), dim (overshadow), disappear (from the scene, etc.), downplay (v), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drum up (v), eclipse (v), explode (onto the scene, etc.), flag (raise a flag, etc.), focus (v), forward (bring something forward, etc.),

- heighten (v), herald (v), herald (n), highlight (v), jump out (v), lie low (and lay low), light (shine a light), look at (analysis), look into (v), loom (loom large, etc.), low (lie low), map (drop off the map, etc.), namecheck (and name-check), outshine (v), overshadow (v), peddle (v), photobomb (v), pitch (promote), play down (v), point out (v), pop (attention / verb), punctuate (v), push (promote), radar (drop off the radar), raise (attention), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), sell (promote), shout (v), show (steal the show), showboat (v), showcase (v), skyrocket (to attention, etc.), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), stand out (attention), steal (steal the show, etc.), stink (raise a stink), tout (v), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v), tuned (stay tuned), underline (attention), underscore (attention), upstage (v), whisper (not shout)
- attenuation: dampen (v), defang (v), deflate (pressure), downplay (v), hollow out (v), play down (v), soften (v), tarnish (v), teeth (take the teeth out), tone down (v), water down (v)
 - attraction & repulsion: bait (lure / verb), beckon (v), charm (v), court (v), dangle (v), draw (attract), draw in (v), embrace (v), flee (v), flirt (v), gravitate (v), hit it off (v), invite (v), lure (v), recoil (v), swoon (v), woo (v)
 - avoidance & separation: back away (v), bypass (v), cloister (v), cocoon (v), dance (dance around something), distance (v), dodge (v), duck (avoid), flee (v), go around (v), out (want out), parry (v), pull back (v), push (push somebody away, etc.), quarantine (v), revolve (revolve around something), shrug off (v), shy (and shy away), sidestep (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), stay away (v), stay out (v), steer (steer clear of something), step back (step back from something), walk (walk away from something), walk on by (v)
 - bases: boil down to (v), come down to (v), ground (prepare the ground), revolve (revolve around something), shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders), stand on (v), underlie (v)
 - behavior: act (clean up one's act), ape (v), badger (v), bask (v), beaver (v), circle (verb / predation), claw (v), clown (v), descend (v), eat (eat one's own, etc.), end (go off the deep end), fall down (v), feather (ruffle feathers), ferret out (v), flock (v), go (behavior), hog (v), helicopter (v), hell (raise hell), inebriate (v), intoxicate (v), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (cross the line), outfox (v), overreach (v), overstep (v), overstretch (v), prey (prey on something), rage (v), rear (v), raise (your image, etc.), rise (rise above something), savage (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), showboat (v), sink (behavior), stoop (behavior), stop (stop at nothing), stray (behavior), swarm (v), tame (v), wall (ricochet off the wall), wallow (v), weasel (v), wolf down (food)
 - branching system: branch out (v), feed (feed into)
 - certainty & uncertainty: teeter totter (v), waters (muddy the waters)
 - character & personality: card (hold one's cards close), feather (ruffle feathers), light up (a room, etc.), swagger (v), toe (step on toes), whine (v)
 - characterization: brand (v), cast (characterize), christen (v), demonize (v), frame (characterize), illustrate (v), paint (characterize), recast (v), reframe (characterize), stigmatize (groups)
 - coercion & motivation: arm (twist arms, etc.), bully (v), clamp down (v), crack down (v), dangle (v), feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire up (v), goad (v), grill (v), gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.), hand (force someone's hand), head (hold something over one's head), hector (v), herd (ride herd), kneecap (v), lean on (coercion), nudge (v), press (v), prod (v), push (coercion and motivation), screw (tighten / loosen the screws), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), spur (v), railroad (v), strong-arm (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), wring (coerce)
 - coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: arrive (a time can arrive), arrive (the equator is arriving, etc.), bag (pack one's bags), bail out (leave), bow out (v), burst on / onto the scene, etc., circle back (return), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (occur, develop), come and go (currency), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), descend (descend on), fade away (v), footstep (retrace one's footsteps), go (not go anywhere, etc.), get (get somewhere), go away (v), go back (and get back), head (rear its head, etc.), herald (v), hit (arrive), hover (other), jump (leave), land (arrive, affect, decide), linger (v), loiter (v), reach (the news reached him, etc.), remain (v), return (and return to), revisit (v), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roar back (v), ship (abandon ship / jump ship), stake (pull up stakes), stay around (v), table (come back to the table), tent (fold one's tent), time (time has

- passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), usher in (v), walk (walk away from something), waltz in (v), wash up (v)
- commitment & determination: all (give something one's all, etc.), badger (v), bit (bit between its teeth), bring (bring it), budge (v), bullet (bite the bullet), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), dig deep (determination), dive in (v), do (let's do this, etc.), double down (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), embrace (v), go big up (as verb), go for it (and go for broke, etc.), gut out (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), invest (v), lean into (v), leap (leap into action, etc.), leave it (leave it all on the field, etc.), live up to (something), move (not move an inch, etc.), pass (cards), plate (step up to the plate), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), stand (stand firm), step into (v), stop (pull out all the stops), table (bring everything to the table), talk (talk the talk), tent (fold one's tent), throw (throw oneself into something), throw (throw it all, etc.), vow (v), walk (walk the walk), warrior through (v), waver (v), wobble (commitment)
 - comparison & contrast: equate (v)
 - competition: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), front (in front / competition), jockey (v), joust (v), keep up (progress), lag (progress), lose out (v), outrun (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), pass (progress), playing field (level the playing field), race (hurry), trail (competition and progress)
 - complexity: detangle (v)
 - comprehension & incomprehension: arm (get one's arms around something), clarify (v), dawn (verb / comprehension), digest (v), follow (argument), get (and get it / understand), go (argument), grasp (comprehend), head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head / comprehension), head (get one's head around something, etc.), hit (comprehension), illuminate (v), mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), process (v), see (comprehension), sink in (v), take in (comprehend), waters (muddy the waters)
 - computer: bomb (review-bomb, etc.), clean (computer / verb), disinfect (v), hack (break into), hack (fix), hallucinate (computer), harvest (harvest data, etc.), infect (computers), quarantine (v), scrape (v), surf (computers), troll (verb / computers)
 - concealment & lack of concealment: air (expose), artwash (v), astroturf (v), bare (lay bare), bare (v), betray (reveal, show), blend in (v), bury (conceal), camouflage (v), card (hold one's cards close), clean (come clean), cloak (conceal), come out (the truth, etc.), cover up (v), dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), exhume (v), gloss over (v), ground (go to ground), hide (hide behind something), infiltrate (v), launder (v), lay (lay bare), light (shed light), lock (lock something away), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), out (reveal), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), reveal (v), sanitize (v), scrub (remove), see (see through something), sit (sit on something), smoke out (v), sportswash (v), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), surface (intransitive), surface (bring to the surface), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), uncover (v), unearth (v), unlock (v), unmask (v), wash (straightwash, etc.), whitewash (v), wrap (take the wraps off something / concealment)
 - condition & status: die (non-human), flatline (v), hemorrhage (v), hum along (v), knee (bring to one's knees), limp (v), sputter (v), stall (v)
 - configuration: blanket (v), dot (v), dovetail (v), fold in (v), honeycomb (v), hover (numbers), hug (configuration), map (v), neighbor (v), pancake (v), perch (v), piggyback (v), pockmark (v), punctuate (v), revolve (revolve around something), skirt (configuration), sprinkle (v), squeeze (fit), straddle (configuration)
 - conflict: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), bait (antagonize / verb), barb (trade barbs, etc.), battle (v), beat (defeat / verb), bewail (v), blink (conflict), blood (smell blood), clamor (v), clash (v), claw (v), collide, combat (v), corral (v), cross (cross someone), decry (v), feud (v), fight (v), fight to the death (verb / conflict), gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet, etc.), growl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), horn (lock horns), howl (v), joust (v), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), moan (v), punch (punch back, trade punches), rear (v), roll over (v), rumble (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), scream (v), scream (scream for action, etc.), slug (slug something out), spar (v), square off (v), stink (raise a stink), swing (take a swing, etc.), sword (cross swords), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), thrash (v), trounce (v), wagon (circle the wagons), wail (v), wrangle (v)

- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: address (v), blink (conflict), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), can (kick the can down the road), come forward (v), dance (dance around something), duck (avoid), eye (turn a blind eye), face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face up (face up to something), flinch (v), gloss over (v), go (let something go), grapple (v), grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), hand (sit on one's hands), hand (wash one's hands of something), handle (deal with), lean in (v), look (look the other way / look away), meet (meet the moment, etc.), put up with (v), punt (v), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.), road (push something down the road), shudder (v), shy (and shy away), sidestep (v), sit by (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v), toss back (v), wrestle (v)
- consciousness & awareness: arouse (v), awaken (awareness), ball (take one's eye off the ball), bell (ring a bell), black out (v), blindside (v), cloud (v), dawn (verb / comprehension), drift (consciousness), envision (envision the future, etc.), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), illuminate (v), keep up (awareness), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), map (drop off the map, etc.), open up (consciousness), radar (drop off the radar), see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), sink (sink into a coma, etc.), slap (awareness), sleepwalk (v), tuned (stay tuned), wake up (awareness)
- constraint & lack of constraint: bind (constrain), bit (bit between its teeth), box (box somebody into a corner), bridle (v), color (color outside the lines, etc.), envelope (push the envelope), fly (constraint), hamstring (v), hand (hand are tied, etc.), handcuff (v), hobble (v), hogtie (v), hold back (obstacle), jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.), jump (lines), limit (push the limits, etc.), muzzle (v), overreach (v), overstep (v), overstretch (v), unleash (v), unshackle (v), wild (run wild), wing (clip / stretch one's wings)
- consumption: breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), burn through (v), chew (and chew up), chew over (v), choke (v), consume (consumption), devour (devour the classics, etc.), digest (v), drink in (v), eat (endure), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), eat up (consume), feed (fuel), feed (supply), force-feed (and force feed), gobble up (v), go down (digestion), gorge (gorge on), imbibe (v), ingest (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), live (live and breathe, live to), regurgitate (v), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), run out (of gas, etc.), serve up (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept), swallow (disappearance), throat (ram something down the throat)
- context: step back (perspective)
- control & lack of control: arm (get one's arms around something), bit (bit between its teeth), bridal (v), calm (v), captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), colonize (take), corral (v), drift (move), grip (v), hand (get out of hand), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), harness (v), head (keep / lose one's head), helm (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), hijack (v), hijacked, horse (hold your horses), lurch (v), police (v), rule (v) rage (v), rein (rein in), rope in (v), run away (v), shot (call the shots), spin (spin out of control), spiral (spiral out of control, etc.), string (pull strings), tame (v), usurp (v), wrangle (v)
- corruption: blight (v), contaminate (v), curdle (corruption), fester (v), infect (corrupt), poison (v), pollute (v), reek (v), rot (v), sour (v), spoil (v), stink (v), swamp (drain the swamp), taint (v), tarnish (v), twist (twist the truth, etc.), water (poison the water / waters)
- cost & benefit: afford (v), cash in (v), cost (v), outweigh (cost and benefit), pay (benefit), pay (pay a price), pay off (v), profit (v), reward (v), spend (spend energy, etc.), toll (take a toll, etc.)
- courage & lack of courage: brave (v), chicken out (v), cower (v), flinch (v), gut out (v), pants (scare the pants off somebody), shudder (v), warrior through (v)
- cover: blanket (v), carpet (v), smother (cover)
- creation & transformation: architect (as verb), beget (v), birth (create), breed (create), build (create), calve (v), carve out (v), churn out (v), cobble together (v), coin (v), concoct (v), cook up (v), drum up (v), edit (v), embroider (v), excite (v), fabricate (v), father (v), forge (v), Frankenstein (as verb), germinate (v), gestate (v), grind out (v), hammer out (v), hash out (v), make up (v), manufacture (v), midwife (as verb), mint (v), mold (v), mutate (v), patch (patch together), plant (create), recast (v), reshape (v), shape (v), sow (v), spawn (v), spin up (v), spit out (v), squeeze (squeeze something from / out of something), stitch together (v), strike (strike a deal, etc.), tailor (v), translate (v), turn (transform), turn out (create), weaponize (v), weave (create), wring (create)

- curtailment: book (close the book), break off (v), bury (kill), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v), dark (go dark, etc.), dismantle (v), dissolve (terminate), fold (v), kill (hope, etc.), kill off (v), knock out (v), plug (pull the plug), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), shut down (v), shut off (v), snuff (v), rack (stop something in its tracks)
- danger: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), ensnare (v), exhale (v), snare (v), trap (v), tread (tread carefully, etc.)
- death & life: encounter (kill), killed (by disease, etc.), life (lose one's life), life (take one's life), life (give one's life, etc.), life (give up one's life, etc.), life (steal a life), liquidate (kill), lose (through death), neutralize (v), pass (die), pass away (v), remove (kill), succumb (die / actual), take down (kill), take out (kill)
- decline: burn out (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crater (v), crumble (v), descend (v), die down (v), dim (decline), dip (decrease), erode (v), ebb (decline), eclipse (v), fade (v), fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), go down (decrease), haywire (go haywire, etc.), knee (bring to one's knees), nosedive (verb / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), sag (v), shrink (decline), shrivel (v), sink (decline), slide (v), slip (fail), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), south (go south, etc.), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), stagnate (v), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), vine (wither on the vine), wane (v), wilt (v), wither (v)
- dependency: babysit (v), lean on (support), ride (ride on something), wean (v)
- destruction: back (break the back), blow up (destroy / disrupt), break (destroy / disrupt), break down (destroy), bring down (v), buckle (give way), bulldoze (v), bury (kill), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), collapse (v), consume (destroy), crash (crash and burn), crash (crash down), crumble (v), crush (destroy), decapitate (v), devour (destroy), disintegrate (v), dismember (v), drain (go down the drain, etc.), eat (mental health), eat (destroy), eat up (destroy), eviscerate (v), extinguish (v), fell (v), flame out (v), flatten (v), founder (v), grave (dig one's grave), grind down (v), gut (destroy), implode (v), kill (hope, etc.), kill off (v), lacerate (v), mangle (v), nibble (nibble at, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), poison (v), pound (pound targets, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v), rake (destroy), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), ruin (v), run over (v), sabotage (v), scupper (v), scuttle (v), shatter (destroy), ship (sink the ship), shoot down (v), shred (v), sink (destroy), smash (smash a record, etc.), snuff (v), squash (v), stamp out (v), steamroll (v), strangle (v), tear apart (v), tear down (v), tear up, topple (v), torpedo (v), trample (v), tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v), uproot (v), waste (lay waste), water (blow something out of the water), wreck (v)
- development: balance (tip the balance), book (close the book), come (occur, develop), come to (development), corner (turn the corner), ebb and flow (v), enter (enter a new era, etc.), follow (it follows that, etc.), get (get somewhere), go (develop), head (development), lead (one thing leads to another), pivot (v), plane (plane lands), play out (v), progress (v), reach (a place on a journey), scale (tip the scales), see (see something coming), stage (set the stage, etc.), stand still (development), take (take somebody somewhere), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tuned (stay tuned), turn (take a turn), turn out (develop), unfold (development), unspool (v), unwind (analyze), wane (v), wax and wane
- difficulty, easiness & effort: beaver (v), bend (bend over backwards), canter (v), claw (v), coast (coast to victory, etc.), drag (v), finger (lift a finger), gear up (v), grind away (v), gut out (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), juggle (v), knuckle down (v), limits (push something to its limits), path (clear a path), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scramble (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), shortcut (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), slave (v), slog (v), stop (pull out all the stops), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.), way (go out of one's way)
- directing: coach (v), channel (direct), drive (v), feed (direct), funnel (direct), goad (v), guide (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), husband (v), infuse (v), inject (put), orchestrate (v), parade (v), pilot (v), plow (put), pour (put), pump (direct), shepherd (v), shot (call the shots), siphon (v), steer (v), stage (v), stage-manage (v), surge (transitive verb), take (take somebody somewhere), whip (violence)
- direction: chart (v), corkscrew (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), follow (the facts, etc.), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), go (direction), head (development), jibe (v),

lead (one thing leads to another), meander (v), mislead (v), move (direction), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), plot (v), steer (v), stray (direction), tack (v), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way), way (part ways)

- dismissal, removal & resignation: amputate (remove), bail out (leave), banish (v), bench (v), blow off (v), boot out (v), bow out (v), brush aside (v), brush off (v), cast aside (v), chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), cleanse (make clean), clean out (v), crop (remove), cull (v), cut off (v), decapitate (v), dethrone (v), discard (v), dismantle (v), dissolve (terminate), drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), dump (v), eject (v), exorcise (v), flense (v), fold (v), flush (remove), jettison (v), kick out (v), leach (v), lift (amelioration), mothball (v), oust (v), overboard (throw somebody overboard), overthrow (v), overturn (v), pare (v), plug (pull the plug), pull out (v), prune (v), retire (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), scrap (v), scrape (v), scrub (remove), shake (remove), shave (removal), shed (v), shelve (v), ship out (remove), slash (v), slough (and sluff / verb), step aside (v), step away (v), step down (v), strike down (v), strip (v), take down (v), throw out (v), topple (v), toss out (v), trim (trim the fat, etc.), unseat (v), weed out (v), wind (throw something to the wind), winnow (v)
- disruption: blow up (destroy / disrupt), break (destroy / disrupt), destabilize (v), feather (ruffle feathers), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), gum up (v), head (turn something on its head, etc.), house (clean house), misbehave (machine), overthrow (v), overturn (v), rattle (disrupt), reel (v), revolutionize (v), rock (v), roil (v), sabotage (v), scramble (disrupt), shake (disrupt), shake up (v), smash (smash a record, etc.), stagger (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), table (turn the tables), tear down (v), toe (step on toes), topple (v), trip up (v), unseat (v), upend (v), upset (upset the apple cart, etc.), wave (make waves, etc.), wrench (throw a wrench into something), wrong-foot (v)
- division & connection: amputate (remove), bind (connect), bridge (v), cloister (v), cocoon (v), connect (v), distance (v), divorce (v), drift (drift apart), embrace (v), hook up (connect), ice (break the ice), intersect (v), knit (knit together), marry (v), reach out (v), revolve (revolve around something), sever (v), silo (v), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), straddle (connect), thread (v), tie (v), tie together (v), touch (lose touch), traverse (v), way (part ways), weave together (v), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- dominance & submission: back down (v), blink (conflict), bow (and bow down), cower (v), dunk (dunk on someone), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), knuckle under (v), kowtow (v), prostrate (v), tail (turn tail)
- driving force: charge (lead the charge, etc.), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), drive (v), spearhead (v), way (lead the way)
- eagerness & reluctance: balk (v), bay (bay for blood, etc.), bit (champ at the bit), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), drag (drag somebody into something), drool (v), gun (jump the gun), heel (dig in one's heels), horse (hold your horses), itch (v), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), path (beat a path), pounce (v), salivate (v), spring (spring into action, etc.), water (throw cold water on something)
- effect: chord (strike a chord), hit (affect), home (hit home), impact (affect), needle (move the needle, etc.), resonate (v), reverberate (v), ripple (v), roil (v), strike (affect), wave (make waves, etc.)
- enthusiasm: bleed (bleed black and gold, etc.), breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), cheer on (v), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to), pitch (promote), rave (v), water (throw cold water on something), worship (v)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (v), balance (tip the balance), counterbalance (v), playing field (level the playing field), scale (tip the scales), scale (put one's finger on the scale, etc.), ship (right the ship, etc.)
- euphemism: skin (save one's skin)
- evidence: auger (v), betray (reveal, show), hint (v), hint at (v), illustrate (v), lie (tell an untruth), reveal (v), scream (scream "premium," etc.), show (the data show, etc.), sign (v), signal (v), signpost (as verb), sniff out (v), speak for (speak for itself, etc.), suggest (indicate), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), wind (get / catch wind of something)
- experience: chew (and chew up), eat (endure), go through (endure, etc.), grow up (grow up! etc.), see (see action, etc.), pay (pay one's dues), taste (taste freedom, etc.)

- experimentation: float (a plan, etc.), toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), waters (test the waters)
- extent & scope: deepen (v), go big (v), ground (cover ground), sound (measure), stretch (extent), surface (scratch the surface)
- failure, accident & impairment: aground (run aground), ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), bat (bat zero, bat a thousand, etc.), betray (fail), break down (functioning), buckle (give way), butcher (v), cave in (v), circle (go in circles), collapse (v), crack (v), crack (fall through the cracks, etc.), crash-land (v), crumble (v), derail (v), drain (go down the drain, etc.), erode (v), fall apart (v), fall down (v), fall through (v), falter (v), fizzle (and fizzle out), flame out (v), flounder (v), founder (v), fray (v), fumble (v), gas (run out of gas), get away (escape), gum up (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), hand (overplay one's hand), haywire (go haywire, etc.), injure (v), jump (jump a curb, etc.), let down (fail), malfunction (v), misdiagnose (v), mislead (v), momentum (lose momentum), mutilate (v), overplay (v), pipe (go down the pipes), screw up (v), shoot (shoot oneself in the foot), short-circuit (v), sideways (go sideways), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), slip up (fail), snap (v), south (go south, etc.), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), sputter (v), stall (v), strain (v), stray (behavior), stray (direction), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), strike out (v), stumble (v), stutter (v), tarnish (v), thread (lose the thread), trip up (v), tube (go down the tubes), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), tumble down (v), undercut (v), undermine (v), unravel (v), unseat (v), west (go west / obsolete), wreck (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: auger (v), balance (in the balance), bite (bite him in the end, etc.), breath (hold one's breath), bullet (dodge a bullet), chicken (come home to roost), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), finger (cross one's fingers, etc.), fire (play with fire), flirt (v), gamble (v), grave (dig one's grave), head (hold something over one's head), lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall), limb (go out on a limb), line (tread a line, etc.), path (cross paths), rise and fall (v), shoe (a shoe can drop or fall), spell (spell disaster, etc.), teeter (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bask (v), beating (take a beating, etc.), bewitch (v), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), bottle up (emotions), break down (emotionally), breath (take one's breath away), breath (take a breath, etc.), brighten (v), bristle (emotional arousal), bruise (v), buoy (v), burn out (v), burst (burst into tears, etc.), button (push a button / emotion), calm (v), carry (carry me away, etc.), cartwheel (do cartwheels, etc.), charm (v), chord (strike a chord), come from (emotion), consume (emotions), cool down (v), cool off (v), crack (verb / emotion), crawl (skin can crawl, etc.), cringe (v), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), dampen (v), darken (v), dazzle (v), deflate (emotion), destabilize (v), dim (hope, etc.), disintegrate (v), dissolve (emotions), drain (an emotion, etc.), eat (mental health), electrify (v), erupt (feeling), excite (v), exhale (v), explode (emotion), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fall apart (emotionally), feather (ruffle feathers), feet (knock somebody off their feet), fire up (v), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), follow (follow a feeling or emotion), fume (v), galvanize (v), give (give a start, etc.), gnaw (v), go off (v), grate (v), hackles (raise hackles), hand (wring one's hand), harden (feelings), hat (hold on to your hat), haunt (v), head (keep / lose one's head), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), hit (take a hit, etc.), hit (affect), hold in (emotions), hold back (restraint), home (hit home), home (feel at home), hurt (feeling and emotion / verb), hurt (damage, injure), hyperventilate (v), ice (break the ice), impact (affect), inflame (v), intoxicate (v), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), lament (v), land (arrive, affect, decide), lay low (emotion), lift (v), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), lock (lock something away), loosen up (feelings), love on (something), love up (and love up on, etc.), melt down (emotions), moan (v), moment (have a moment / emotion), nail (bite one's nails), nerve (strike a nerve, etc.), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pall (cast a pall), possess (v), process (v), rage (v), raise (feeling), reel (v), resonate (v), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), reverberate (v), ripple (v), rock (v), roil (v), rub (rub somebody the wrong way), savor (v), scar (psychologically / verb), seethe (v), send (emotion or effect), set off (feeling and emotion), shake (disrupt), shatter (emotions), shock (v), sink (sink into despair, etc.), skin (jump out of one's skin), slide (v), smart (v), snap (v), sober (v), soothe (sensation), sour (v), spell (cast a spell), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), spook (v), stack (blow one's stack), stagger (v), steam (v), steam (blow / let off steam), stomach (turn one's stomach), strike (affect), strike (tragedy, etc.), stun (v), stung (feeling), swoon (v), teeth (gnash one's teeth), temperature (raise / lower the temperature), toe (step on toes), top (blow one's top), touch (verb / emotion), turn off (turn people off, etc.),

turn on (excite), unwind (relax), vent (v), wail (v), wall (ricochet off the wall), warm (v), wave (make waves, etc.), wind down (relax), wow (v)

- fictive communication: address (v), answer (respond), ask (ask for it, etc.), beckon (v), beg (v), betray (reveal, show), boast (v), call (Orwell called, etc. / sarcasm), call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call for (a recipe can call for something), command (deserve and get), cry (v), cry out (v), declare (v), demand (v), dictate (v), groan (amount), hint (v), hint at (v), illustrate (v), inform (v), interrogate (v), introduce (v), invite (v), lie (tell an untruth), nag (v), offer (offer hope, etc.), read (the sign read don't enter, etc.), remind (v), say (a sign can say something, etc.), scream (scream "premium," etc.), shout (use all caps, etc.), show (the data show, etc.), shriek (v), speak for (speak for itself, etc.), speak to (speak to something), suggest (v), talk (money talks, etc.), telegraph (v), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), threaten (v), warn (a sign can warn, etc.), welcome (v), whisper (not shout)
- fictive meeting & seeing: brush up against, encounter (difficulties, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), find (a date can find us, etc.), greet (v), meet (something can meet you), meet (non-human), met (met by anger, etc.), see (fictive), see (a date can see something, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), stumble (stumble across / on / upon), welcome (v), witness (v)
- fictive motion: climb (roads, etc.), cross (a bridge can cross a river, etc.), cut (road cuts, etc.), dip (a route can dip), draw alongside, follow (a road can follow, etc.), fork (a trail can fork, etc.), funnel (a road can funnel through, etc.), go (a road can go, etc.), meander (v), run (a road can run, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), stretch (extent), strike (a road can strike a river, etc.), thread (a trail can thread, etc.), weave (a trail can weave, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- fictive position: lie (position), repose (position), sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)
- fictive possession: belong (v), capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), claim (take), grab (v), grip (v), hold (verb / possession), hold (take hold), inhabit (v), occupy (v), possess (v), recapture (v), seize (v), snatch (v)
- fictive transportation: back (in time), bring (v), carry (carry me away, etc.), carry (transport), deliver (v), get across (v), ride (ride on something), ride (ride something to fame, etc.), send (transport), send (cause to move), take (take somebody somewhere), take (take us back / time), transport (in time)
- flaws & lack of flaws: fray (v), pockmark (v), polish (v), reek (v), sag (v), scar (blemish / verb), slump (v), smear (v), stain (v), stink (v), stretch (v), stumble (v), stumble (stumble over one's words), tarnish (v), warp (v), water (hold water)
- force: barrel (v), beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), bulldoze (v), churn (move), elbow (force), flex (power, etc.), hurtle (v), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), nudge (v), push (force), push (coercion and motivation), rip through (v), roar back (v), run over (v), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), steamroll (v), storm (v), strike (forces of nature), tear through (v), teeth (take the teeth out), traction (gain / build / get traction)
- functioning: break down (functioning), click (v), cripple (v), freeze (computers, etc.), gum up (v), hamstring (v), hobble (v), hum along (v), malfunction (v), misbehave (machine), paralyze (v), sputter (v), stall (v)
- future: approach (winter is approaching, etc.), arrive (a time can arrive), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (come after / at a later time), come and go (time), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), dawn (verb / start), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), future (the future can bring something), head (head into the future, etc.), hold (the future can hold something), lie (lie ahead), look forward to (v), near (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), see (see something coming), see (future), spell (spell disaster, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed)
- gesture: head (shake one's head), eye (roll one's eyes)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring (v), come away with (v), command (deserve and get), deliver (v), dish out (v), fork over (v), furnish (give), give (give a wink, etc.), give (give a start, etc.), gift (as verb), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), hand over (v), hold out (offer), inherit (v), leave (leave a mark, etc.), lend (lend a hand, etc.), offer (v), pepper (v), rake in (v), take away (a message, etc.), turn in (give)

- gossip: dish (gossip / verb)
- group, set & collection: curate (v), pool (v)
- growth & development: arise (v), bloom (v), blossom (v), branch out (v), cultivate (v), explode (increase), fall (fall behind), flourish (v), flower (v), germinate (v), gestate (v), graduate (v), ground (get off the ground), grow (grow the economy, etc.), grow up (grow up together, etc.), grow up (grow up! etc.), hold (take hold), lag (progress), leg (grow legs, have legs, etc.), life (begin life), mature (v), metastasize (v), nurture (v), plant (create), plow (plow a field, etc.), revolutionize (v), sow (v), take off (v), thrive (v), wean (v)
- haste: jump (jump at the chance, etc.), scramble (v)
- help & assistance: carry (assist), finger (lift a finger), godfather (v), lean on (support), lend (lend a hand, etc.), logroll (v), pick up (pick somebody up, etc.), pitch in (help), rescue (v), scaffold (v), Sherpa (v)
- hierarchy: head (go over one's head / hierarchy), move (move up)
- hyperbole: colonize (take), hijack (v), pants (scare the pants off somebody), retch (and puke, vomit, throw up), skin (jump out of one's skin), slave (v), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- idea: brainstorm (v)
- identity & nature: bleed (bleed black and gold, etc.), breathe (live, eat and breathe, etc.), define (v), fold in (v), live (live and breathe, live to)
- importance & significance: background (background noise, etc.), fetishize (v), idolize (v), revolutionize (v), trail (blaze a trail), venerate (v), worship (v)
- impression: embed (v), etch (v), rub (rub in, rub something in)
- inauguration: drop (a product, etc.), hit (hit the market, etc.), launch (v), ring in (the New Year, etc.), roll out (v), unveil (make public), usher in (v), wrap (take the wraps off something / inauguration)
- inclusion & exclusion: appropriate (groups), cancel (groups, etc.), celebrate (groups), center (center their voices, etc.), claim (groups / verb), colonize (groups), come out (as nonmonogamous, etc.), criminalize (groups), decenter (decenter norms, etc.), destigmatize (groups), disappear (as transitive verb), empower (groups), erase (groups, etc.), fetishize (v), harm (groups / verb), heroize (v), honor (verb / groups), identify (identify as, etc.), invisibilize (groups), knee (take a knee), marginalize (groups), minoritize (groups), misappropriate (groups), misgender (groups), normalize (groups), other (verb / groups, etc.), otherize (groups), perform (perform values, etc.), pinkwash (v), prioritize (groups), privilege (groups / verb), racialize (groups), reappropriate (groups), reclaim (groups), represent (groups), retraumatize (v), say (say his name, etc.), shame (body-shame / verb, etc.), sportswash (v), stigmatize (groups), straightwash (groups), suffer (groups), take back (take back one's life, etc.), talk (talk about something / groups, etc.), traumatize (v), trigger (groups / verb), truth (speak one's truth, etc. / groups), whitewash (groups)
- increase & decrease: accelerate (v), amplify (v), balloon (as transitive verb), balloon (v), big up (as verb), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), boom (increase), boost (v), boost (n), build up (v), burnish (v), climb (increase), crank up (v), dial down (and dial back), dial up (increase), dip (decrease), drop (prices dropped, etc.), ebb and flow (v), enrich (v), escalate (v), explode (increase), fall off (v), fan (v), feed (fuel), fluctuate (v), fuel (v), gas (pour gas on something, etc.), gear up (v), go down (decrease), go up (increase), grow (increase), harden (increase), heighten (v), inflame (v), inflate (v), jack up (v), jump (increase / verb), kindle (v), level off (v), level up (as verb), loosen (loosen control, etc.), mount (v), nosedive (verb / decrease), notch (take something up a notch), oil (pour oil), pick up (increase), pile on (increase), pile up (v), plateau (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), pump up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v), rebound (numbers), relax (relax control, etc.), rev up (v), rise (prices rise, etc.), rocket (increase), sag (v), sharpen (v), shoot up (v), shrink (downsize), sink (decline), skyrocket (increase), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), snowball (v), soar (v), spike (increase), spiral (downward or upward), step up (increase), stoke (v), supercharge (v), supersize (v), surge (intransitive verb / increase), swell (v), take off (v), tighten (tighten control, etc.), turbocharge (v), turn up (increase / verb), up (increase / verb), wane (v), wax and wane
- initiation: balance (tip the balance), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), break out (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), burst (burst into violence, etc.), button (push a button / action), button (push a button / emotion), catalyze (v), detonate (v), dial up (order), erupt (v), explode

- (emotion), explode (initiation), explode (increase), fan (v), flare (v), flare up (v), flow (increase), fuel (v), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), galvanize (v), gas (pour gas on something, etc.), go off (v), hatch (v), ignite (v), inflame (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), kick up (v), kindle (v), launch (v), life (spring to life), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), percolate (v), pot (stir the pot), prime (v), re-ignite (v), rekindle (v), scale (tip the scales), seethe (v), set off (initiate), shoot (shoot first), simmer (v), simmering (activity), sizzle (v), spark (v), spin up (v), spur (v), stir (v), stir up (v), stoke (v), swirl (v), take off (v), tee off (start), trigger (a war, etc.), trigger (pull the trigger, etc.), unleash (v)
- insult: feet (wipe one's feet on somebody), flip off (v), grow up (grow up! etc.), nose (thumb one's nose), skewer (v), trash talk (v), walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)
 - involvement: chime in (v), detangle (v), dive in (v), drag (drag somebody into something), draw in (v), ensnare (v), get in / get into (involvement), head (get in over one's head, etc.), jump (jump in), leave (leave something alone), plunge (plunge into something), sit out (v), snare (v), step in (v), stumble (stumble into a situation), sucked in / into (involved), throw (throw oneself into something), toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), trap (v), wade (wade in / wade into), wallow (v), weigh in (v)
 - isolation & remoteness: cloister (v), cocoon (v), insulate (v), silo (v)
 - judgment: bed (lie in one's bed / make one's bed), bite (bite him in the end, etc.), boo (v), call out (v), cheer (v), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), condemn (v), drag (contempo-speak / verb), frown (v), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), muster (pass muster), pay (pay a price), pay (revenge), piper (pay the piper, etc.), quiz (v), scale (put one's finger on the scale, etc.), smile (v), sword (fall on one's sword), triage (v), weigh (analyze)
 - knowledge & intelligence: illuminate (v), learn (v)
 - language: need (she needs to, etc.), want (I want her home, etc.)
 - leaking: bleed (v), drain (remove), hemorrhage (v), leak (v), leak out (v), ooze (v), spill (and spill out, etc.)
 - location: dwell (location), finger (put one's finger on something), live (location), map drop off the map, etc.), pinpoint (locate), reside (v)
 - measurement: calibrate (adjust), sound (measure)
 - mental health: beat (beat oneself up), bottle up (emotions), break down (emotionally), escape (mental health / verb), explode (emotion), lay low (emotion), melt down (emotions), pick up (pick somebody up, etc.), possess (v), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), scar (psychologically / verb), shatter (emotions), snap (v), traumatize (v), trigger (groups / verb), vent (v), unwind (relax)
 - message: amplify (v), barnstorm (v), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), lecture (v), proselytize (v), sell (promote), speak (carry a message), spin (message / verb), tout (v)
 - mind: mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), open up (consciousness), read (read a mind)
 - mixture: fold in (v), lace (v)
 - movement: barrel (v), bounce (v), canter (v), churn (move), corkscrew (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), creep (v), dance (resemblance), dart (dart about), drift (move), duck (v), ebb and flow (v), flee (v), fishtail (v), flit (v), flock (v), flood (move), flow (move), fluctuate (v), gallop (v), hop (v), hurtle (v), jump (leave), jump (movement), leap (leap into action, etc.), leapfrog (v), loiter (v), lurch (v), lurk (v), march (move), migrate (v), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), oscillate (v), pinball (v), ping-pong (v), plod (v), pounce (v), pour (in, into, pour out, etc.), race (hurry), rebound (recover), rebound (v), reel (v), retreat (glaciers, etc.), ricochet (v), rip through (v), rocket (speed), roll (move), roll in (v), scissor (v), scramble (v), seep (v), slink (slink in, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), spiral (downward or upward), stalk (v), stall (v), stream (move), stride (hit one's stride), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swan (v), swarm (v), swoop (v), tear through (v), trickle (trickle in / out), vault (v), veer (v), wash in (v), weasel (v), weave (move), whip (movement), wind (wind its way), yo-yo (v), zig-zag (v), zip (v)
 - obligation: owe (obligation), pay (obligation), repay (v)
 - obstacles & impedance: bog down (v), bottle up (emotions), get through (endure, etc.), hold back (obstacle), hold off (v), hold up (obstruct), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), jump (lines), mud (sink in the mud), path

(clear a path), run (run into something), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), snarl (v), stand (stand in the way), stonewall (v), wall (hit a wall, etc.), way (get out of the way)

- occurrence: arise (v), come (occur, develop), erupt (v), go down (happen), go on (what's going on, etc.), happen (stuff happens, etc.), spin up (v), strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)
- oppression: bear (a weight, etc.), beat down (v), blackball (v), blacklist (v), bully (v), burden (v), clamp down (v), come down on (v), crack down (v), cross (bear that cross, etc.), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), darken (v), disappear (oppression / transitive verb), encounter (kill), force-feed (and force feed), get out (get out from under), goad (v), lord over (v), pall (cast a pall), saddle (oppress), smother (oppress), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), stifle (v), strangle (v), suffocate (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (ram something down the throat), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), wring (coerce)
- orientation: upstage (v)
- origin: come from (origin)
- past & present: back (back in time), backtrack (go back in time), circle back (return), clock (turn back the clock), come (a time comes along), come (come before / at an earlier time), come and go (time), day (day has arrived, etc.), fossilize (v), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), look back (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), revisit (v), stand still (time), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), walk (walk somebody back), wind back (v)
- perception, perspective & point of view: background (background noise, etc.), back up (v), color (v), greet (v), meet (something can meet you), ring (ring false, etc.), see (perceive), step back (perspective), view (perceive), waters (muddy the waters), zoom out (v)
- performance: parade (v), play (play to the audience, etc.), stage (v), stage-manage (v)
- place: map (drop off the map, etc.)
- portal: threshold (cross the threshold)
- position, policy & negotiation: bluff (v), budge (v), fence (straddle the fence), haggle (v), hand (overplay one's hand), move (not move an inch, etc.), sit down (v), stance (take a stance), stand (position), table (come back to the table), table (turn the tables)
- possession: adopt (v), cling (v), colonize (take), fall (fall into the hands, etc.), finger (slip through one's fingers), fork over (v), go (let something go), grab (v), grip (v), hand over (v), hang on to (v), hijack (v), hold (verb / possession), hold on to (v), loot (v), own (possess), own (make something one's own), reclaim (his place, etc.), seize (v), stake out (v), surrender (v), time (steal time, etc.), time (give time), trade (v), usurp (v)
- power: flex (power, etc.), hand (strengthen one's hand), leverage (v), lord over (v), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), supercharge (v), turbocharge (v), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- presence & absence: exist (v), have (you have, etc.), live (location), loom (loom large, etc.), lose (a limb, etc.), lurk (v), map (drop off the map, etc.), radar (drop off the radar), remain (v), reside (v)
- pressure: clamp down (v), screw (tighten / loosen the screws), wall (walls close in)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: bring back (restore), bring down (v), come and go (currency), dethrone (v), dim (overshadow), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), fade (v), fossilize (v), live on (v), lose out (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass by (progress), reign (v), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), time (time has passed), topple (v), torch (pass the torch), wane (v), wax and wane, way (give way to something), way (go the way of something)
- product: bear (bear fruit, etc.), come from (origin), harvest (v), reap (v)
- progress & lack of progress: advance (v), bog down (v), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), circle (go in circles), climb (scale), corner (turn the corner), fall behind (competition and progress), forward (move forward, go forward, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), jump (progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), leapfrog (v), level off (v), limp (v), look up (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move (progress), move (move up), mud (sink in the mud), needle (move the needle, etc.), nowhere

(go nowhere, etc.), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), progress (v), roll (v), scale (climb), set back (v), sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stand still (progress), stutter (v), tail (chase one's tail), traction (gain / build / get traction), trail (competition and progress), turn back (v), vault (v), wall (hit a wall, etc.), wind (wind its way)

- protection & lack of protection: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), batten (batten down), bolster (v), breach (v), bristle (with security, etc.), cloister (v), cocoon (v), dig in (v), ground (go to ground), guard (lower one's guard, drop one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up), hack (break into), harbor (v), harden (protect), head (keep one's head down), hole up (v), inoculate (v), insulate (v), quarantine (v), rank (close ranks), shelter (v), shield (v), wagon (circle the wagons)
- proximity: door (knock at / on the door), home (hit home), neighbor (v), shadow (follow), shoulder (rub shoulders)
- punishment & recrimination: beat (beat oneself up), book (throw the book at somebody), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crack down (v), crucify (v), drag (contempo-speak / verb), flog (criticize), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), key (throw away the key), kick (kick oneself), nail (nail someone to the cross), pile on (gang up on), pillory (v), slap (punish), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: bait (lure / verb), capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), catch (catch and release), catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.), chase (v), come after (and come for), court (v), dragnet (cast a dragnet), ensnare (v), finger (slip through one's fingers), fish (v), follow (afflict), get away (escape), go after (attack), ground (go to ground), hound (v), hunt (v), hunt down (v), low (lie low), lure (v), nail (nail somebody), net (cast a net), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), poach (v), prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), recapture (v), reel in (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scent (throw somebody off the scent), seduce (v), smoke out (v), snare (v), stalk (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), track down (v), trail (follow), trawl (v), troll (fish / verb), victim (fall victim to something), woo (v)
- readiness & preparedness: ambush (v), batten (batten down), blindside (v), brace (v), groom (prepare), ground (prepare the ground), ground (hit the ground running), guard (lower one's guard, drop one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up), pants (caught with one's pants down), prime (v), punch (beat somebody to the punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), rehearse (v), tune (and tune up)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bed (put something to bed), behind (put something behind), blow over (v), book (close the book), deal (close the deal), exorcise (v), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), ghost (bury the ghost), go (let something go), goodbye (say goodbye, etc.), hatchet (bury the hatchet), haunt (v), heal (v), land (arrive, affect, decide), move on (resiliency), nail down (settle), rest (put / lay something to rest), settle down (v), sew up (v), sleep (put something to sleep), wrap up (v)
- reference: see (refer to)
- relationship: accompany (attachment), answer (respond), attend (v), beget (v), breed (create), bring (v), come (occur, develop), come from (origin), come with (and come along with / attachment), divorce (v), draw (attract), drive (drive somebody to do something), feed (fuel), fold in (v), follow (result, sequence), follow (it follows that, etc.), grow up (grow up together, etc.), lead (one thing leads to another), leave (leave a mark, etc.), march (together, etc.), marry (v), owe (relationship), revolve (revolve around something), ride (ride on something), sneeze (v), snowball (v), tango (v), trigger (a war, etc.)
- repetition: ape (v), echo (verb / effect), echo (repeat), mirror (v), parrot (v), rhyme (v)
- representation: banner (carry a banner, etc.), embody (v), flag (raise a flag, etc.), stand for (v), torch (carry a torch)
- reputation: mud (drag something through the mud), raise (you image, etc.), smear (v), stain (v)
- resemblance: belch (v), bite (resemblance), blink (light), carpet (v), cut (road cuts, etc.), dance (resemblance), paint (resemblance), pour (resemblance), rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down), scar (resemblance / verb), scissor (v), slice (road slices, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), snooze (v), spit (spit down), spit (v), stir up

- (resemblance), stream (tears stream, etc.), swallow (disappearance), thunder (speech), wake (resemblance), wilt (v), yawn (v)
- resiliency: behind (put something behind), bounce back (v), carry on (v), chin (chin up, etc.), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), forge on (resiliency), get on with (get on with something, get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), get up (and get back up, etc.), go (let something go), go on (persist), hang in there, hang on (v), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), hold on (survival), horse (get back on the horse), overcome (v), pick (pick oneself up), piece (pick up the pieces), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), punch (take a punch), punch (roll with the punches), push on (v), put (put something back together), rebound (recover), roll on (resiliency), saddle (get back in the saddle), shake (shake something off), soldier on (v)
 - resistance, opposition & defeat: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), balk (v), barricade (storm the barricades, etc.), beat back (v), bemoan (v), bend (v), bewail (v), blink (conflict), bow (and bow down), break (resistance / verb), bridle (v), buck (v), buckle (give way), budge (v), cave in (v), checkmate (v), clap back (contempo-speak / verb), clamor (v), combat (v), come out (against something), conquer (v), counterattack (v), cry (cry foul, etc.), day (save the day), decry (v), dig in (v), fall (defeat), fight (v), fold (v), foot (put one's foot down), give in (v), give up (stop trying), give way (and give way to), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), heel (dig in one's heels), hold off (v), hold out (persist), howl (v), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), knuckle under (v), kowtow (v), lie down (and lay down), moan (v), move (not move an inch, etc.), nose (thumb one's nose), overcome (v), overrun (v), parry (v), prostrate (v), punch (punch back, trade punches), push (push against, etc.), push back (v), put up with (v), rebel (v), retreat (reverse / verb), revolt (v), rise (resist), roll over (v), rout (defeat / verb), sell out (v), sound off (v), speak out (v), speak up (v), squeal (protest), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand for (not stand for something), stand up (stand up to something), stare down (v), stink (raise a stink), stonewall (v), succumb (v), surrender (v), tail (turn tail), take (refuse to take), take on (v), tap out (v), tent (fold one's tent), tide (buck the tide), towel (throw in the towel), wail (v)
 - responsibility: bed (lie in one's bed / make one's bed), bite (bite him in the end, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), live up to (something), man up (v), own (responsibility), plate (step up to the plate), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), sword (fall on one's sword)
 - restraint & lack of restraint: bridle (v), end (go off the deep end), envelope (push the envelope), hand (get out of hand), hand (overplay one's hand), help (keep from, avoid), hold back (restraint), inebriate (v), limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), loose (let loose), overreach (v), overstep (v), overstretch (v), punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), stop (stop at nothing), stop (pull out all the stops), wild (run wild), wind (throw something to the wind)
 - revenge: feud (v), pay (revenge), score (settle a score, etc.)
 - reverence: adore (v), enshrine (v), idolize (v), venerate (v), worship (v)
 - reversal: backfire (v), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), bell (unring a bell), bite (bite him in the end, etc.), blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), climb down (v), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), course (reverse course), face (blow up in one's face), flip (v), flip-flop (v), gear (switch gears, shift gears, etc.), oscillate (v), overturn (v), pivot (v), retreat (reverse / verb), ricochet (v), roll back (v), ship (turn the ship, etc.), table (turn the tables), tail (turn tail), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune), unwind (reverse), walk back (v)
 - sacrifice: sacrifice (give up something)
 - sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: anoint (v), applaud (v), beatify (v), buck (v), canonize (v), defrock (v), enshrine (v), frown (v), green light (v), hew (hew to the line, etc.), OK (and okay / verb), playing field (level the playing field), rebel (v), sign off (on something), smile (v), tide (buck the tide), tune (dance to the tune)
 - script: prescribe (v)
 - searching & discovery: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), comb (v), come up with (discovery), dig (search for), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig through (v), dig up (v), dredge up (v), dry (come up dry),

excavate (v), exhume (v), explore (discover), feeler (put out feelers, etc.), glean (v), ground (cover ground), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), look for (v), look into (v), mine (search), prospect (v), rake up (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scour (v), scout (v), scrape (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), sift (searching), sniff out (v), stumble (stumble across / on / upon), surface (intransitive), track down (v), trail (blaze a trail), trawl (v), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unfold (discover), unlock (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), winnow (v)

- sequence: answer (respond), follow (result, sequence), follow (at a later time), jump (jump ahead), precede (at an earlier time), punch (beat somebody to the punch), step back (sequence), way (give way to something)
- sex: pants (get in somebody's pants)
- shape: zig-zag (v)
- sight: eye (v)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bluff (v), clean (come clean), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), talk (talk the talk), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- situation: box (box somebody into a corner), dig out (v), ensnare (v), go back (and get back), head (get in over one's head, etc.), out (want out), return (and return to), stay out (v), water (keep one's head above water)
- social interaction: back (scratch somebody's back), ball (play ball), connect (v), get along (v), go along (v), hand (one hand washes the other), logroll (v), see (visit / meet), shoulder (rub shoulders), wheel (grease the wheels)
- sound: bark (v), drown out (v), growl (v), howl (v), ring out (a shot rang out, etc.), snarl (speech), squeal (protest)
- speech: backhand (v), badger (v), bark (v), bash (v), beg (v), bewail (v), blast (criticize), bleat (v), break (break the silence, etc.), chime in (v), clean up (speech), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crow (v), cut off (speech), eviscerate (v), fire (a question, etc.), fire (fire back), fulminate (speech), gaslight (v), grill (v), growl (v), gush (v), howl (v), jump (speech), lacerate (v), lambast (v), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mince (v), muzzle (v), needle (v), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pander (v), pontificate (v), preach (v), proselytize (v), rail (v), rave (v), ring out (voice), roar (v), roast (v), savage (v), shoot (speech), shoot (shoot back), shout (v), skewer (v), slam (v), smear (v), snarl (speech), snipe (v), soften (speech), spew (speech), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), squeal (protest), stumble (stumble over one's words), talk down to (somebody), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (jump down someone's throat), thunder (speech), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue), trash talk (v), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- speed: accelerate (v), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), creep (v), dart (dart about), downshift (v), fly (activity), gallop (v), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), plod (v), race (hurry), rocket (speed), sprint (v), streamline (speed up), supercharge (v), turbocharge (v), walk (slow-walk), zip (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: accelerate (v), ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), balk (v), ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), bed (put something to bed), blow over (v), book (close the book), bow out (v), break off (v), carry on (verb), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), course (run its course, etc.), dawn (verb / start), die (non-human), die out (end), door (get one's foot in the door), downshift (v), drag on (v), drop out (v), embark (embark on something), escalate (v), falter (v), fester (v), flame out (verb), fold (v), gas (run out of gas), get on with (get on with something), go on (persist), grind away (v), grind on (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), hand (wash one's hands of something), heal (v), ignite (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), landing (stick the landing), leg (grow legs, have legs, etc.), level off (v), life (begin life), life (spring to life), live on (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), pause (v), play out (v), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), pull back (v), pull out (v), push on (v), reboot (v), reign (v), rekindle (v), reset (v), rest (put / lay something to rest), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roll (v), saddle (saddle up), set out (and set off), set sail (v), sleep (put something to sleep), smolder (v), soldier on (v), stall (v), stand down (v), step down (v), stride (hit one's stride), strike out (start), tee off (start), tick on (and tick by), torch (pass the torch), traction (gain / build / get traction), wear on (v), wind down (v), wrap up (v)
- strategy: bluff (v), card (play one's cards), gamble (v), hand (force someone's hand)

- strength & weakness: beef up (v), bluff (v), bolster (v), buttress (v), cement (v), defang (v), hollow out (v), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), sag (v), shore up (v), slump (v), supercharge (v), teeth (take the teeth out), turbocharge (v), water down (v)
- substance & lack of substance: flesh out (v), life (bring to life), light (make light of something), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- subterfuge: astroturf (v), bluff (v), breadcrumb (v), camouflage (v), cover up (v), gaslight (v), gloss over (v), launder (v), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), outfox (v), punch (sucker punch / verb), scent (throw somebody off the scent), slink (slink in, etc.), spin (message / verb), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.), wash (straightwash, etc.), whitewash (v)
- success & failure: ace (v), ball (drop the ball), bat (bat zero, bat a thousand, etc.), beat (defeat / verb), choke (fail), conquer (v), crush (verb / accomplishment), deal (close the deal), destroy (verb / accomplishment), dry (come up dry), fall through (v), flatline (v), flop (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), jackpot (hit the jackpot), kill (verb / accomplishment), landing (stick the landing), leg (grow legs, have legs, etc.), let down (fail), miss (v), nail (nail something), nail down (gain), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pan out (v), rise and fall (v), strike out (v), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.), win (v)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: brim (v), gorge (gorge on)
- superiority & inferiority: circle (run circles around somebody), dim (overshadow), drown out (v), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), feet (wipe one's feet on somebody), loom (loom large, etc.), outpace (v), outshine (v), outweigh (power), overshadow (v), shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)
- superlative: light up (a room, etc.)
- supplying: feed (fuel), feed (direct), feed (supply), force-feed (and force feed), serve up (v)
- surveillance: helicopter (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: alive (keep something alive), bail out (save), batten (batten down), bear (a weight, etc.), bring back (restore), bullet (bite the bullet), carry on (v), cement (v), cling (v), come back (resiliency), come back (from extinction, etc.), cross (bear that cross, etc.), die (non-human), dig in (v), drown (v), get by (v), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), go (not go anywhere, etc.), go on (persist), go through (endure, etc.), gut out (v), hack (hack something / endurance), head (get in over one's head, etc.), hold on (survival), hold out (persist), life (give life), life (breathe life), limits (push something to its limits), live on (v), perish (v), pull through (v), punch (take a punch), punch (roll with the punches), put up with (v), push on (v), remain (v), rescue (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), ride out (v), save (v), scrape by (v), sink (sink into debt, etc.), scalp (save one's scalp), skin (save one's skin), soldier on (v), stand (endure), stick (persist), storm (weather the storm), strangle (v), swim (v), take (take something / endurance), wall (throw something at a wall and see what sticks), warrior through (v), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water), weather (survive)
- taking & removing: cannibalize (v), chip away (v), claim (take), colonize (take), grab (v), hijack (v), hold up (rob), Hoover up (v), leach (v), leech (v), loot (v), milk (v), poach (v), plunder (v), rob (v), scrape (v), seize (v), snatch (v), steal (steal the show, etc.), steal (steal customers, etc.), steal (steal dreams, etc.), strip (v), usurp (v), wring (create)
- target: aim (v), aim (take aim at something), gun (v), target (v), zero in on (v)
- throwing, putting & planting: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), catapult (v), heap (v), hurl (v), infuse (v), inject (put), lay (put), pepper (v), plant (put), plant (create), plow (put), pour (put), shower (v), sink (put), sow (v), sown (planted), spew (speech), spit out (v), throw (accusations, etc.), throw out (v), thrust (v), toss out (v)
- time: advance (a day can advance, etc.), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), arrive (a time can arrive), back (in time), backtrack (go back in time), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.), clock (turn back the clock), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (a time comes along), come (come before / at an earlier time), come (come after / at a later time), come and go (time), come up on (a date, etc.), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), dawn (verb / start), day (day has arrived, etc.), drag on (v), draw near

- (winter is drawing near, etc.), enter (enter a new era, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), follow (at a later time), fossilize (v), future (the future can bring something), go (the time has gone, etc.), go by (an hour can go by, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), hold (the future can hold something), last (time / verb), lie (lie ahead), look back (v), look forward to (v), near (v), pass (time can pass, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), precede (at an earlier time), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), revisit (v), road (come down the road / pike), see (see something coming), see (future), slip away (time), spell (spell disaster, etc.), stand still (time), take (take us back / time), tick on (and tick by), time (have time), time (spend time), time (buy time, etc.), time (steal time, etc.), time (lose time, etc.), time (give time), time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (use time), time (make time), time (find time), time (a minute to spare, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), transport (in time), walk (walk somebody back), wear on (v), wind back (v), wind down (v)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), drag on (v), fire (hang fire), gestate (v), gun (jump the gun), ship (ship has sailed, etc.), streamline (speed up), time (run out of time), time (waste time), train (train has left the station, etc.)
 - transmission: catch on (v), echo (repeat), give (give a wink, etc.), give (give a start, etc.), give (give an impression, etc.), hitchhike (v), hop (hop across, etc.), infiltrate (v), inherit (v), jump (transmission), leap (transmission), pass on (v), reverberate (v), ripple (v), rub off on (v), send (transmit), slink (slink in, etc.), sneeze (v), stay (what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, etc.), stream (direct), torch (pass the torch), weasel (v)
 - transportation: cart (cart off), haul (v)
 - unanimity & consensus: arm (link arms), hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (toe a line, etc.), line up (v), march (together, etc.), nod (agree), pile on (gang up on), pull together (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand as one, etc.), suit (follow suit), team up (v), tune (dance to the tune), wave (make waves, etc.)
 - violence: brainwash (v), cleanse (violence), flush (remove), sterilize (v)
 - warning: shout (v), whistle (blow the whistle), wolf (cry wolf)
 - wants, needs, hopes & goals: aim (v), beg (v), crave (v), dream (v), pray (v), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), way (get one's way)
 - welcome: greet (v), embrace (v), invite (v), welcome (v)
 - work & duty: beaver (v), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), pull together (v), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), slave (v), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)
 - worth & lack of worth: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), enrich (v), lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall), pan out (v), profit (v), sift (searching), table (bring something to the table), treasure (v), trash talk (v), winnow (v)

VIOLENCE (1)

- allusion: Lord of the Flies
- animal: cockroach (n), dove (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj), termite (n)
- bird: dove (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj)
- blood: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), mist (red mist), red (see red)
- color: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), mist (red mist), red (see red)
- euphemism: cleanse (violence), cleansing (ethnic cleansing), cleanup (military), sterile (sterile security zone, etc.), sterilize (v)
- fist: fist (a leader with an iron fist)
- head: brainwash (v), brainwashed
- history: auto da fe
- hygiene: brainwash (v), brainwashed, cleanse (violence), cleansing (ethnic cleansing), cleanup (military), flush (remove), filth (insult), scum (insult), sterile (sterile security zone, etc.), sterilize (v), vermin (insult)
- insect: cockroach (n), termite (n)
- mental health: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.)
- military: cleanup (military)

- predation: dove (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj)
- sword: sword (violence)
- verb: brainwash (v), cleanse (violence), flush (remove), sterilize (v)
- water: flush (remove)

VIOLENCE (2)

- accusation & criticism: assassination (character assassination), backhand (v), bash (v), bashed (criticism), bashing (n), beaten (beaten up), cheap shot, crucified, crucifixion (n), crucify (v), drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), hit job (n), lash out (v), nail (nail someone to the cross), pillory (v), pilloried, pummel (v), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: belt (notch in a belt), coup (achievement), scalp (n)
- affliction: scourge (n), torture (afflict), torture (affliction), tortured, waterboarding (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bus (throw somebody under the bus), cutthroat (competition), lion (throw somebody to the lions, etc.), overboard (throw somebody overboard), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.)
- behavior: cheap shot, cutthroat (competition)
- coercion & motivation: arm-twisting, billy club, crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), goad (v), hatchet man (person), kneecap (v), kneecapped, nose (bloody nose, etc.), stick (n), strong-arm (v), waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- competition: cutthroat (competition)
- conflict: assault (n), bearbaiting, bloodbath (n), bloodletting (n), blood sport (n), brawl (n), drive-by (conflict), feud (v), feud (n), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), hit job (n), pit (bear pit), reprisal (n), thrash (v), thrashed, thrashing, vendetta (n), warpath (on the warpath)
- constraint & lack of constraint: choke chain (n)
- death & life: murderous (murderous hail of bullets, etc.)
- destruction: coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deathblow (n), genocidal (adj), genocide (groups), head (heads will roll, etc.), pound (pound targets, etc.), rape (v), rape (n), slaughtered, wheel (break someone on the wheel, etc.)
- directing: goad (v), whip (violence)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: head (heads will roll, etc.), overboard (throw somebody overboard)
- disruption: Bolshevik, Danton, Jacobin
- dominance & submission: knuckle under (v)
- effect: punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- epithet: alley (Ambush Alley, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: head (heads will roll, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), tortured, torturous
- force: beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), brutality (n), buffeted, punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- judgment: drag (contempo-speak / verb), dragged (contempo-speak), dragging (contempo-speak), hanging (hanging offense), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob, star chamber (n)
- meat: butcher (n)
- mental health: beat (beat oneself up), torture (affliction), tortured
- oppression: beat down (v), billy club, crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), genocidal (adj), genocide (groups), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), goad (v), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob, mob (society), reign of terror / fear, etc., star chamber (n), stick (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n), witch hunt
- power: clout (n)

- punishment & recrimination: crackdown (n), crack down (v), crucified, crucifixion (n), crucify (v), drag (contempo-speak / verb), dragged (contempo-speak), dragging (contempo-speak), drive-by (conflict), flagellation (n), flog (v), hanging (hanging offense), hatchet job (n), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.), hit (mob hit, etc.), hit job (n), nail (nail someone to the cross), nose (bloody nose, etc.), pilloried, pillory (v), reprisal (n), scalp (n), stick it to (stick it to somebody, etc.), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred
- resistance, opposition & defeat: backlash (n), knuckle under (v)
- revenge: feud (v), feud (n), vendetta (n)
- reversal: backlash (n)
- speech: assassination (character assassination), backhand (v), bash (v), bashed (criticism), bashing (n), cheap shot, lash out (v), lay (lay into), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- success & failure: scalp (n)
- whip: crack down (v)

VOCABULARY (2)

- language: vocabulary (language)

VOCAL FRY (2)

- contempo-speak: vocal fry (contempo-speak)

VOCATIVE (1)

- animal: pet (vocative)
- baby: baby (vocative)
- heart: sweetheart (vocative)
- taste: honey (honey, baby, etc.), sweetheart (vocative)

VOLCANO (2) (see also earthquake)

- amelioration & renewal: vent (v)
- amount & effect: erupt (v), eruption (n), Krakatoan (adj), tremor (n), volcano (pressure)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: Krakatoan (adj)
- effect: tremor (n)
- evidence: tremor (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: erupt (feeling), top (blow one's top), vent (v), volcanic (adj)
- initiation: erupt (v), eruption (n), tremor (n)
- occurrence: erupt (v), eruption (n)
- pressure: volcano (pressure)
- size: Krakatoan (adj)

WALKING, RUNNING & JUMPING (2)

- ability: walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)
- absorption & immersion: wade (wade in / wade into)
- action, inaction & delay: can (kick the can down the road), foot-dragging, road (push something down the road), tackle (v), walk (slow-walk)
- activity: hop (v), jump (the place was jumping, etc.), scramble (v)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: highway (my way or the highway), jump (leave), step (every step of the way), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), walk (walk away from something)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: chase down (v), walk (walk somebody through something)
- attainment: stroll (stroll to success, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: jump out (v)
- attenuation: lame (lame excuse, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: flee (v)

- avoidance & separation: back away (v), bypass (v), dance (dance around something), dodge (v), end run (n), flee (v), go around (v), sidestep (v), step back (step back from something), walk (walk away from something), walk on by (v)
- bases: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- behavior: overstep (v)
- character & personality: highway (my way or the highway), swagger (n), swagger (v), toe (step on toes)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: jump (leave), pageant (n), parade (n)
- commitment & determination: leap (leap into action, etc.), leap (leap of faith, etc.), step into (v), walk (walk the walk)
- competition: ahead (competition), behind (progress), catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), front (in front / competition), front-runner (n), jump (get the jump), keep up (progress), lag (progress), outpace (v), outrun (v), pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj), race (hurry), race (politics), race (arms race), race (competition), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), step (a step ahead / competition), trail (competition and progress)
- condition & status: limp (v)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: can (kick the can down the road), dance (dance around something), road (push something down the road), sidestep (v), step up (v), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v)
- consciousness & awareness: keep up (awareness), sleepwalk (v)
- constraint & lack of constraint: fetter (n), fettered, hamstring (v), hamstrung, hobble (v), jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.), jump (lines), jump (transmission), overstep (v), unfettered
- consumption: run out (of gas, etc.)
- control & lack of control: highway (my way or the highway), lurch (v), runaway (control), run away (v)
- curtailment: track (stop something in its tracks)
- danger: landmine (and land mine), minefield (n), pitfall (n), step (watch one's step), tread (tread carefully)
- decline: race (race to the bottom), slip (fail), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: canter (n), canter (v), downhill (easy), marathon (effort and time), park (walk in the park), scramble (v), slog (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), trail of tears (suffering), uphill (difficult), walkover (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: run out (of town on a rail, etc.), step aside (v), step away (v), step down (v)
- disruption: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), reel (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (n), toe (step on toes), trip up (v), wrong-foot (v)
- driving force: march (on the march), march (n), pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj)
- eagerness & reluctance: foot-dragging, jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), spring (spring into action, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: footing (find one's footing, etc.), sea legs, stride (in stride)
- experience: sea legs
- extent & scope: way (every step of the way)
- failure, accident & impairment: fall down (v), falter (v), flounder (v), jump (jump a curb, etc.), misstep (n), slip (n), slip up (fail), slip-up (failure), step (a step in the wrong direction), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), stumble (n), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), trip up (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: leap (leap of faith, etc.), line (tread a line, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: reel (v), toe (step on toes), trail of tears (suffering)
- fictive meeting & seeing: stumble (stumble across / on / upon)
- fictive motion: go (a road can go, etc.), run (a road can run, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), lame (lame excuse, etc.), misstep (n), slip (n), stumble (v), stumble (n), stumble (stumble over one's words), sure-footed (adj)
- force: march (march ahead, etc.)
- functioning: fetter (n), fettered, hamstring (v), hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, unfettered
- future: run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run)

- group, set & collection: pageant (n), parade (n)
- growth & development: fall behind (competition and progress), lag (progress), trail (competition and progress)
- haste: gallop (haste), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), run (on the run / haste), scramble (v)
- increase & decrease: jump (increase / verb), jump (n), leaps and bounds
- insult: walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)
- involvement: jump (jump in), step in (v), stumble (stumble into a situation), wade (wade in / wade into)
- movement: canter (n), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), crawl (n), creep (v), flee (v), gallop (v), hop (v), jump (leave), jump (movement), leap (leap into action, etc.), leapfrog (v), lurch (v), lurk (v), march (move), plod (v), pounce (v), race (hurry), reel (v), scramble (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), stalk (v), stride (hit one's stride), vault (v)
- obstacles & impedance: hurdle (n), jump (lines), run (run into something), stumbling block, way (get out of the way)
- oppression: run out (of town on a rail, etc.)
- past & present: walk (walk somebody back)
- presence & absence: lurk (v)
- progress & lack of progress: behind (progress), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), fall behind (competition and progress), jump (progress), jump (in jumps), keep up (progress), lag (progress), leap (n), leapfrog (v), limp (v), limp (n), march (on the march), march (n), march (march ahead, etc.), plod (v), step (a step forward), step (a step back / backwards), step (a step in the right direction), step (baby steps, etc.), step (step by step, etc.), stride (progress), stumbling block, trail (competition and progress), vault (v)
- proximity: step (a step away), step (a step closer)
- pursuit, capture & escape: chase (v), stalk (v), step (step ahead / pursuit)
- readiness & preparedness: ground (hit the ground running)
- relationship: march (together, etc.)
- resemblance: dance (resemblance), leap (the leap of a waterfall, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: run (on the run / retreat), step (not one step back), step forward (v)
- responsibility: step up (rise to the occasion)
- reversal: walk back (n), walk back (v)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: step (in step), step (out of step)
- searching & discovery: stumble (stumble across / on / upon)
- sequence: jump (jump ahead), step (first step, etc.), step back (sequence), walk (crawl, walk, run)
- society: life (from walks of life), life (in all walks of life), life (walks of life)
- speech: jump (speech), stumble (stumble over one's words)
- speed: cadence (n), canter (n), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), crawl (n), creep (v), gallop (v), galloping (speed), leaps and bounds, pace (at a pace), pace (speed), plod (v), race (hurry), sprint (n), sprint (v), walk (slow walk)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: course (run its course, etc.), falter (v), foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), jump (get the jump), jumping-off place / point, march (march ahead, etc.), pass (v), running (continuing), step (first step, etc.), stride (hit one's stride), track (stopped in one's tracks, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: circle (run circles around somebody), outpace (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: running (continuing)
- time: crawl (time can crawl, etc.), long-run (adj), marathon (effort and time), march (March of Time, etc.), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), walk (walk somebody back)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: jump (get the jump), race (race against time, the clock, etc.)
- transmission: hop (hop across, etc.), jump (transmission), leap (transmission)
- unanimity & consensus: highway (my way or the highway), lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), step (in step), step (out of step)

- worth & lack of worth: lame (lame excuse, etc.)

WALL (2)

- amount & effect: wall (wall of flames, etc.)
- behavior: wall (constraint)
- computer: firewall (computers), paywall (obstacle)
- constraint & lack of constraint: wall (constraint)
- division & connection: barrier (n), wall (obstacle)
- epithet: wall (blue wall, etc.), wall (red wall, etc.)
- extent & scope: wall (wall-to-wall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: wall (emotions)
- obstacles & impedance: barrier (n), block (obstacle), paywall (obstacle), stonewall (v), wall (obstacle), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- pressure: wall (walls close in)
- progress & lack of progress: wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- proper name: stonewall (Operation Stonewall, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: firewall (computers), firewall (other)
- resemblance: wall (wall of flames, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: stonewall (verb)
- surveillance: wall (the walls have ears)

WANTS, NEEDS, HOPES & GOALS (1)

- addiction: brain (on the brain), crave (v)
- allusion: El Dorado, grail (holy grail), whale (White Whale)
- animal: whale (White Whale)
- Bible: grail (holy grail)
- breathing: aspirational (adj)
- creature: creature comfort
- day: Christmas (Christmas list)
- direction: sights (lower one's sights)
- epithet: grail (holy grail)
- food & drink: crave (v), feed (satisfy), hunger (n), hungry (adj), ravenous (adj), starved, stomach (food), taste (taste for violence, etc.), thirst (n), thirsty (adj)
- health & medicine: crave (v)
- heart: heart (goal)
- height: sights (lower one's sights)
- history: El Dorado
- journeys & trips: path (path to / toward something)
- light & dark: candle (candle of hope, etc.)
- mental health: fantasy (dream)
- Middle Ages: grail (holy grail)
- money: prize (n), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), stakeholder (interest)
- mountains & hills: sights (lower one's sights)
- part of speech: ask (big ask, etc.), good (as noun), impossible (as noun), must-have (n)
- path: path (path to / toward something)
- person: wannabe (and want-to-be / person)
- religion: grail (holy grail), pray (v)
- sex: lust (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: candle (candle of hope, etc.)
- sleep: dream (n), dream (v)

- society: envy (self-promotion envy, etc.)
- speech: agenda (n), beg (v)
- target: mindful (adj), mindfulness (n), purposeful (adj)
- taste: taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- verb: aim (v), beg (v), crave (v), dream (v), pray (v), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), way (get one's way)
- water: thirst (n), thirsty (adj)

WAREHOUSE (2)

- amount: warehouse (amount)
- environment: warehouse (neglect)

WARNING (1) (see also evidence; message; readiness & preparedness; suspicion)

- allusion: wolf (cry wolf)
- animal: watchdog (n), wolf (cry wolf)
- bell: bell (warning)
- boat: shot (shot across the bow, etc.)
- color: black (warning), red flag (warning)
- consciousness & awareness: wake-up call
- direction: heads-up (warning)
- dog: watchdog (n)
- explosion: tripwire (warning)
- fire: flare (n)
- flags & banners: red flag (warning)
- head: heads-up (warning)
- light & dark: flare (n), light (warning light, etc.)
- military: sentinel (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot), tripwire (warning)
- person: sentinel (n), whistleblower (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: black (warning), red flag (warning), sign (warning sign)
- sleep: call (wake-up call)
- sound: alarm (warning), bell (warning), shout (v), wail (sirens, etc.), whistle (blow the whistle), whistleblower
- verb: shout (v), whistle (blow the whistle), wolf (cry wolf)
- weapon: shot (shot across the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot), tripwire (warning)
- wolf: wolf (cry wolf)

WASTE (2)

- accusation & criticism: trash (v), trash (n)
- admiration & contempt: trashy (adj)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: garbage (data)
- behavior: trashy (adj)
- character & personality: trashy (adj)
- configuration: littered
- dismissal, removal & resignation: curb (kick somebody to the curb)
- failure, accident & impairment: garbage (garbage fire / dumpster fire)
- insult: garbage (waste), rubbish (n), trash (n), trash talk (v), trash talk (n), trashy (adj)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dustbin (n)
- resemblance: confetti (n)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: shit (and bullshit / verb), shit (and bullshit / noun)
- speech: trash talk (v), trash talk (n)

- worth & lack of worth: crap (n), dustbin (n), garbage (garbage fire / dumpster fire), garbage (waste), junk (worth), rubbish (n), shit (and bullshit / verb), shit (and bullshit / noun), trash (n), trashy (adj)

WATER (2) (see also dam; flood; river)

- ability & lack of ability: depth (out of one's depth)
- absorption & immersion: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), absorbed, bathing (forest bathing, etc.), dive (analyze), dive deep (analysis), dive in (v), drenched, end (deep end), feet (get one's feet wet), immerse (v), immersed, immersion, saturated, saturation (n), sink in (v), soak up (v), soaked, sponge (n), steep (v), steeped, suck up (v), sunk in, throw (throw oneself into something), wade (wade in / wade into)
- access & lack of access: tap (v), tap into (v)
- activity: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble (activity), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), calm (activity), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), swirl (v), tranquil (activity)
- amelioration & renewal: cleanse (make clean), Fountain of Youth, plug (v), plugged (fixed), outlet (n), thirst (quench one's thirst, etc.)
- amount: abundance (amount), aquifer (n), reservoir (amount), well (source)
- amount & effect: awash, cascade (n), clogged, deluge (n), deluged, drenched, drip (and drip-drip, etc.), drop (drop in the bucket), flood (amount / verb), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodtide (n), floodwaters, inundate (v), inundated, Niagara (the river and falls), outpouring, pour (in, into, pour out, etc.), river (river of hogs, etc.), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swamped, tide (rising tide), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), wave (in a wave), wave (amount & effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: boil down to (v), dive (analyze), dive (deep dive), dive deep (analysis)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dry up (v), emerge (v), emerging (adj), evaporate (v), resurface (v), sink (disappearance), surface (intransitive), surface (bring to the surface), wash up (v)
- appearance & reality: surface (on the surface), surface (under the surface)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: splash (effect), splashy (effect)
- attenuation: dampen (v), diluted (weakened), drained (attenuation), water down (v), watered down
- avoidance & separation: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- bases: boil down to (v)
- behavior: end (go off the deep end)
- branching system: stream (bloodstream, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- character & personality: bubbly (personality), buoyant (personality), deep (person), effervescent (personality), shallow (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bridge (burn one's bridges), wash up (v)
- commitment & determination: dive in (v), throw (throw oneself into something)
- competition: wake (in a wake)
- comprehension & incomprehension: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), sink in (v), sunk in, unfathomable (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- concealment & lack of concealment: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), surface (intransitive), surface (under the surface), surface (bring to the surface)
- conflict: turbulence (disruption)
- consciousness & awareness: deep (deep sleep, etc.), frog (frog in boiling water), shower (cold shower), sink (sink into a coma, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), outlet (n), outpouring, spigot (open / close, etc.)
- consumption: thirst (n), thirsty (adj)

- control & lack of control: faucet (n), fluid (adj), tap (n)
- corruption: pollute (v), polluted, pollution (n), swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp), swamp (swamp of cliches, etc.), water (poison the water / waters), well (poison the well)
- curtailment: dissolve (terminate), dissolved (ended), plug (pull the plug)
- danger: waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- decline: stagnant (adj), stagnate (v), washed-up
- destruction: pop (bubble popped, etc.), swept away (removal), underwater (adj)
- development: wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- directing: channel (direct), channeled, drip-fed, funnel (direct), funneled (directed), infuse (v), infused, infusion (n), pipe (n), pipeline (other), pour (put), pump (direct), pumped (directed), siphon (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: cleanse (make clean), dissolve (terminate), filter (v), flush (remove), leach (v), plug (pull the plug), swept away (removal)
- disruption: roil (v), turbulence (disruption), wave (make waves, etc.)
- division & connection: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- eagerness & reluctance: shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)
- effect: ripple (v), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), roil (v), splash (effect), splashy (effect), wake (effect), wave (make waves, etc.)
- enthusiasm: shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)
- environment: fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other), frog (frog in boiling water), pond (environment), sea (in a sea), sea (environment), swamp (fever swamp), swamp (swamp of cliches, etc.)
- experience: baptism, baptized, depth (out of one's depth), feet (get one's feet wet)
- experimentation: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), waters (test the waters)
- extent & scope: bottom (no bottom), catchment (n), deep (situation), deep (extent and scope), deepen (v), deeply, depth (extent), shallow (adj), sound (measure)
- failure, accident & impairment: belly flop (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- feeling, emotion & effect: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyed, calm (emotion), dampen (v), deep (emotion), dissolve (emotions), drain (an emotion, etc.), drained (feeling), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), frozen (emotion), ripple (v), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), roil (v), seethe (v), sink (sink into despair, etc.), sinking (sinking feeling, etc.), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), splash (effect), splashy (effect), surge (surge of anger, etc.), swept away (emotion), wake (effect), wave (make waves, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.), water (hold water), waterproof (adj), watertight (adj)
- force: floodtide (n), Niagara (the river and falls), wave (crest of a wave)
- future: tap (on tap)
- group, set & collection: pool (v), pool (people), pool (things), reservoir (group)
- increase & decrease: buoyant (strong), faucet (n), flow (increase), fluctuate (v), surge (intransitive verb / increase), tap (n), tide (rising tide)
- infrastructure: spigot (open / close, etc.)
- initiation: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), springboard (n), swirl (v)
- involvement: deep (situation), deep (in deep), dive in (v), head (get in over one's head, etc.), immerse (v), immersed, immersion, plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement), sucked in / into (involved), throw (throw oneself into something), toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), wade (wade in / wade into), water (deep water)
- isolation & remoteness: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine), shell (protection)
- knowledge & intelligence: depth (out of one's depth)
- leaking: drain (remove), drain (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), leak (v), leak (n), leaked, leak out (v), ooze (v), spill (and spill out, etc.)

- measurement: sound (measure)
- mental health: outlet (n)
- movement: cascade (v), deluge (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), flood (move), flow (flow of the lesson, etc.), flow (move), flow (n), flowing, fluctuate (v), fluid (adj), gush (n), outpouring, overflow (v), overflowing (adj), river (river of hogs, etc.), seep (v), spill (v), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), trickle (trickle in / out), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)
- obstacles & impedance: clog (n), clogged, dam (psychological dam, etc.), stopped up
- past & present: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- perception, perspective & point of view: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- person: deep (person), shallow (person)
- proper name: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: bubble (quarantine), waterproof (adj)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- resemblance: cascade (a cascade of hair, etc.), flowing, fountain (resemblance), lake (n), pour (resemblance), stream (tears stream, etc.), stream (resemblance), well (resemblance)
- restraint & lack of restraint: end (go off the deep end), mouth (run one's mouth)
- route: canal (birth canal, etc.), channel (through channels), channel (back channel), channel (distribution channel, etc.), conduit, pipe (n), pipeline (other), stream (bloodstream, etc.)
- searching & discovery: dry (come up dry), sound (measure), surface (intransitive)
- sequence: wake (in the wake of)
- shape: funnel (shape), wave (shape)
- situation: deep (situation), deep (in deep), depth (out of one's depth), frog (frog in boiling water), head (get in over one's head, etc.), hot water (in hot water), water (in deep water), water (keep one's head above water)
- sound: drown out (v), drowned out
- source: aquifer (n), fountain (source), fountainhead, reservoir (source), well (source), wellspring (source)
- speech: gush (v), mouth (run one's mouth), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), spout (speech)
- strength & weakness: water down (v), watered down
- substance & lack of substance: bubble (activity), deep (extent and scope), frothy (substance), shallow (adj)
- success & failure: dry (come up dry), hole (dry hole)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: abundance (amount), overflow (v), overflowing (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: drown out (v), drowned out, wake (in a wake)
- supplying: feed (drip feed)
- survival, persistence & endurance: afloat, buoyed, drown, head (get in over one's head, etc.), lifeline (n), life raft, sink (sink into debt, etc.), sinking, sink or swim, swim (v), underwater (adj), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water)
- taking & removing: leach (v)
- throwing, putting & planting: infuse (v), infused, infusion (n), pour (put), sink (put)
- time: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam), deep (deep past, etc.), depth (depths of winter, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- transmission: ripple (v), stream (direct), streamed (digital), streaming (digital), streaming (streaming media)
- unanimity & consensus: wave (make waves, etc.)
- violence: flush (remove)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: thirst (n), thirsty (adj)
- worth & lack of worth: bilge (n)

WAVE (2) (see also island; sea; tide; tsunami)

- amount & effect: abundance (amount), groundswell (n), swamp (v), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (rising tide), tsunami (n), wave (in a wave), wave (amount & effect)

- appearance & disappearance: wash up (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: splash (effect), splashy (effect)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: wash up (v)
- decline: washed-up (adj)
- development: wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- disruption: wave (make waves, etc.)
- effect: ripple (v), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), splash (effect), splashy (effect), wake (effect), wave (make waves, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ripple (v), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), splash (effect), splashy (effect), swept away (emotion), wake (effect), wave (make waves, etc.)
- force: buffeted, wave (crest of a wave)
- increase & decrease: fluctuate (v), tide (rising tide)
- movement: fluctuate (v), swamp (v), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: washed-up (adj)
- proper name: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- shape: wave (shape)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: abundance (amount)
- unanimity & consensus: wave (make waves, etc.)

WEAPON (2) (see also ax; blade; knife; sword) (bullet) (military)

- accusation & criticism: ammunition (and ammo), attack (under attack, etc.), attack (n), blast (criticize), broadside (n), cheap shot, dart (throw darts, etc.), fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (fire back), flak (criticism), fusillade (n), go after (attack), gun (criticism), gun (with guns blazing), hatchet job (n), incoming (criticism), potshot (n), salvo (n), shot (criticism), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), snipe (v), sniping (n), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: draw (late / early on the draw), fire (hang fire), shoot (shoot first), trigger (pull the trigger, etc.)
- activity: dart (dart about)
- affliction: dart (throw darts, etc.), shrapnel (n), smitten (afflicted)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
- amelioration & renewal: magic bullet, silver bullet
- amount: arsenal (amount), battery (amount), quiver (n)
- amount & effect: barrage (n), blitz (campaign), blockbuster (n), bomb (drop a bomb), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombed (love bombed, etc.), bombing (n), firebomb (n)
- attempt: shot (attempt, opportunity), shot (best shot)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blitz (campaign), blockbuster (n), bomb (review-bomb, etc.), bomb (drop a bomb), bombshell (n), dynamite (n), firebomb (n), photobomb (v), shot (shot heard round the world)
- avoidance & separation: parry (v), parry (n)
- behavior: cannon (loose cannon), hotshot (person)
- campaign: blitz (campaign)
- certainty & uncertainty: surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)
- character & personality: cannon (loose cannon), fuse (n), gunslinger (person), hotshot (person), time bomb (person)
- coercion & motivation: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.), hatchet man (person), stick (n)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: boomerang (n)
- commitment & determination: bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bullet (bite the bullet), gun (stick to one's guns), locked in (target)
- competition: duel (n), dueling (adj)

- computer: bomb (review-bomb, etc.), bomb (code bomb)
- concealment & lack of concealment: weapon (secret weapon)
- conflict: arm (up in arms), attack (under attack, etc.), barb (trade barbs, etc.), blowup (conflict), broadside (n), crossfire (n), duel (n), dueling (adj), gun (hired gun), hatchet job (n), outduel (v), outgunned, salvo (n), shoot-out (n), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot), shot (warning shot), shot (shot across the bow, etc.)
- configuration: scattershot (adj)
- control & lack of control: cannon (loose cannon), shot (call the shots)
- creation & transformation: weaponization (n), weaponize (v), weaponized
- danger: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, firing line (n), kryptonite (n), landmine (and land mine), line of fire, minefield (n), powder keg, Russian roulette, time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (danger)
- death & life: Russian roulette (you could actually die)
- destruction: attacked, blown away (destruction), coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deathblow (n), kryptonite (n), shoot down (v), shot down (and shot down in flames), strike (preemptive strike, etc.), weapon (political weapon, etc.), weaponization (n)
- development: shot (warning shot), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: shot (best shot), target (hard target, etc.), target (easy target, soft target, etc.), turkey shoot
- directing: shot (call the shots)
- driving force: spear (tip of the spear), spearhead (v), spearhead (n)
- eagerness & reluctance: gun-shy (adj)
- evidence: smoking gun
- extent & scope: full-bore (and full bore), hilt (to the hilt), scattershot (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: dud (n), flash in the pan, misfire (failure), shoot (shoot oneself in the foot), wound (self-inflicted wound)
- fate, fortune & chance: bullet (dodge a bullet), gun (under the gun), long shot, Russian roulette, shot (chance), shot (shot in the dark), stab (stab in the dark)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blockbuster (n), blown away (feeling), blow up (emotion), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), explode (emotion), shrapnel (n), smitten (effect), trigger (emotion, memory, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bulletproof (adj), surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)
- force: hot (come in hot, go in hot)
- group, set & collection: armory (n), arsenal (amount), quiver (n)
- help & assistance: armed, armory (n), arrow (weapon), arsenal (amount), bow (weapon), gun (hired gun), weapon (help)
- importance & significance: big gun (and heavy gun), big shot (person)
- increase & decrease: shoot up (v)
- initiation: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), draw (late / early on the draw), explode (emotion), fuse (n), hair trigger, prime (v), primed (ready), shoot (shoot first), time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), trigger (a cause), trigger (emotion, memory, etc.), trigger (a war, etc.), trigger (pull the trigger, etc.), tripwire (initiation)
- mental health: time bomb (person), trigger (emotion, memory, etc.), triggered (groups), triggering (groups), trigger warning (groups)
- movement: dart (dart about), ricochet (v)
- oppression: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (under the gun), rod (iron rod, etc.), stick (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip)
- person: big shot (person), cannon (loose cannon), gunslinger (person), hatchet man (person)
- power: big shot (person)
- proper name: aegis (Aegis Insurance, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: aegis (n), armor (protection), chink (chink in one's armor), shield (v), shield (n), target (hard target, etc.), target (easy target, soft target, etc.)

- punishment & recrimination: hatchet job (n)
- readiness & preparedness: locked and loaded (adj), prime (v), primed (ready)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- relationship: trigger (a war, etc.), trigger (a cause), trigger (emotion, memory, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: blowback (n), parry (v), parry (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: cannon (loose cannon)
- reversal: backfire (v), blowback (n), blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), ricochet (v)
- sequence: shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot)
- shape: bullet (shape), bull's-eye (shape)
- situation: time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)
- speech: blast (criticize), bomb (F-bomb, etc.), broadside (n), cheap shot, fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (a question, etc.), fire (fire back), flak (criticism), fusillade (n), salvo (n), shoot (speech), shoot (speech), shoot (shoot back), shot (criticism), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot), shot (warning shot), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), snipe (v), sniping (n), straight shooter (speech), volley (n)
- speed: bullet (velocity), dart (dart about)
- strength & weakness: big gun (and heavy gun), outgunned, weapon (secret weapon)
- success & failure: blockbuster (n), bomb (fail), dud (n), hit (success), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: outgunned
- survival, persistence & endurance: bullet (bite the bullet)
- target: aim (v), aim (n), aim (take aim at something), aimed, bead (draw a bead / have a bead), bull's-eye (target), cross hair (in the cross hairs), dialed in, gun (v), mark (off the mark), scattershot (adj), sight (in somebody's sights), sights (weapon), target (v), target (n), targeted, zero in on (v), zone (target zone)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: fire (hang fire), target date
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: aim (v), aim (n)
- warning: shot (shot across the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot), tripwire (warning)

WEATHER & CLIMATE (2) (see also lightning; rain; storm; wind)

- consciousness & awareness: blizzard (consciousness), fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy (adj)
- direction: weather vane (n)
- environment: atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), microclimate, weather (environment)
- epithet: tornado (Tartan Tornado, etc.)
- family: mother (Mother Nature)
- feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.)
- force: tornado (Tartan Tornado, etc.), tornado (force)
- growth & development: drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), rainmaker (person), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)

WEDGE (2)

- division & connection: wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- driving force: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- configuration: wedged

WEIGHT (2) (see also burden)

- affliction: ball and chain, bear (burden), burden (v), burden (n), heavy (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighted down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: weight (put / throw one's weight behind something)
- amelioration & renewal: get out (get out from under), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.)

- amount: groan (amount), heavy (amount), ounce (amount), pound (amount), ton (amount)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: weigh (analyze)
- coercion & motivation: lean on (coercion)
- cost & benefit: outweigh (cost and benefit)
- destruction: squash (v)
- development: balance (tip the balance), camel (break the camel's back), scale (tip the scales), straw (last straw / final straw)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: back (carry something on one's back), lift (heavy lift)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: lift (amelioration)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (tip the balance), scale (tip the scales), scale (put one's finger on the scale, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: heart (heavy heart), heavy (emotion), heavy-hearted (adj), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), light-hearted (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: overload (n), overloaded
- heart: heart (heavy heart), heavy (heavy hart, etc.), heavy-hearted, light-hearted (adj)
- help & assistance: back (carry something on one's back), carry (assist)
- history: baggage (b), freighted, loaded (loaded word, etc.)
- importance & significance: gravity (substance), heavy (substance), weighty (substance)
- initiation: balance (tip the balance), scale (tip the scales)
- involvement: weigh in (v)
- judgment: scale (put one's finger on the scale, etc.), weigh (analyze)
- oppression: ball and chain, baggage (n), bear (burden), burden (n), burden (v), fall (weight), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), heavy-handed, loaded (loaded word, etc.), millstone (n), overload (n), overloaded, rock (between a rock and a hard place), saddle (oppress), saddled, shoulder (weight on one's shoulder, etc.), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- power: heavyweight (n), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- responsibility: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (fall on the shoulders)
- situation: rock (between a rock and a hard place)
- speech: freighted, loaded (loaded word, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: fluff (substance), gravity (substance), heavy (substance), heavyweight (n), heft (n), light (make light of something), lightly (take something lightly, etc.), lightweight (n), lite (substance), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), skinny (adj), weight (substance), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.), weighted, weighty (substance)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: overload (n), overloaded
- superiority & inferiority: outweigh (power)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bear (a weight, etc.), cross (bear that cross, etc.)
- time: haul (long haul)
- work & duty: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone), weight (pull one's weight)
- worth & lack of worth: dead weight

WELCOME (1)

- arm: arm (open arms), embrace (v)
- carpets & rugs: mat (welcome mat), red carpet (treatment)
- color: red carpet (treatment)
- exclamation: welcome (v)
- gesture: embrace (v)
- house: home (feel at home), inhospitable (adj), welcome (v), welcome (n), welcoming (other)

- royalty: red carpet (treatment)
- speech: greet (v), invitation (n), invite (v), inviting, welcome (v), welcoming (other)
- verb: embrace (v), greet (v), invite (v), welcome (v)

WHEAT (1)

- epithet: breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.)

WHEAT (2) (see also farming & agriculture; plant)

- content: grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)
- gossip: grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- searching & discovery: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)
- worth & lack of worth: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), wheat (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (verb)

WHIP (2)

- accusation & criticism: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- affliction: scourge (n)
- conflict: thrash (v), thrashed, thrashing
- coercion & motivation: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- directing: whip (violence)
- feeling, emotion & effect: whiplash (n)
- movement: whip (movement)
- oppression: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- person: whipping boy (person)
- punishment & recrimination: crackdown (n), crack down (v), flagellation (n), flog (criticize), whipping boy (person)
- resemblance: whip (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: backlash (n)
- reversal: backlash (n)
- speech: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)

WIND (2) (see also air; atmosphere; lightning; rain; sky; storm; weather & climate)

- activity: calm (activity), cyclone (n), flurry (activity), gale (strong wind), hurricane (n), tranquil (activity), whirlwind (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: wind (dangle in the wind)
- amelioration & renewal: air (breath of fresh air)
- amount & effect: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), flurry (activity), gale (strong wind), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: blow-in (n)
- competition: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- control & lack of control: drift (move), drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- direction: drift (control), weather vane (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: wind (throw something to the wind)
- division & connection: drift (drift apart)
- driving force: wind (wind of change, etc.)
- evidence: wind (get / catch wind of something)
- fate, fortune & chance: windfall (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: air (breath of fresh air), calm (emotion), hat (hold on to your hat)

- flaws & lack of flaws: tempestuous (adj)
- force: buffeted, downdraft (n), headwind (n), tailwind (n), tornado (force), wind (wind of change, etc.), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- help & assistance: tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- movement: drift (move)
- obstacles & impedance: headwind (n)
- progress & lack of progress: doldrums (n), headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: blow over (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: wind (throw something to the wind)
- speech: blowhard (person), breezy (speech), long-winded (speech)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: blow over (v)
- substance & lack of substance: breezy (speech)
- superiority & inferiority: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- worth & lack of worth: windfall (n)

WINDOW (2)

- appearance & disappearance: window (out the window)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other), glass house, window (and shop window, store window)
- curtailment: shuttered (adj)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: window (out the window)
- portal: window (window to the West, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: window dressing
- target: window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: time (window of time), window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)

WOLF (2) (see also animal)

- affliction: wolf (predation)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)
- appearance & reality: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- behavior: lone wolf (person), rabid (behavior), rabidly, wolf (predation), wolf down (food)
- character & personality: ferocious (other), lone wolf (person), wolf (predation)
- competition: heel (nip at somebody's heels), pack (competition)
- danger: wolf (predation)
- destruction: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)
- epithet: pack (the Rat Pack, etc.)
- experience: cub (n)
- force: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)
- person: wolf (predation)
- protection & lack of protection: wolf (wolf at the door)
- sign, signal, symbol: wolf (predation)
- society: lone wolf (person)
- strength & weakness: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)
- subterfuge: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- warning: wolf (cry wolf)

WORK & DUTY (1) (see also difficulty, easiness & effort)

- animal: beaver (v), harness (in harness), horse (the willing horse, etc.), rat race, warhorse (and war horse), workhorse (n)

- arm: pull together (v)
- boat: hand (all hands on deck)
- bodily reaction: sweat (work)
- burden: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), pull together (v), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)
- clothing & accessories: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: retire (v), retired
- farming & agriculture: plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- food & drink: plate (one one's plate)
- gesture: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- hand: hand (work), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck)
- history: slave (v)
- horse: harness (in harness), horse (the willing horse, etc.), warhorse (and war horse), workhorse (n)
- mechanism: grind (daily grind, etc.), treadmill (n)
- military: foot soldier (duty), marching orders, mission (on a mission), mission (other), soldier (n), soldier on (v), tour of duty, troops (supporters), warhorse (and war horse)
- person: foot soldier (duty), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck), servant (help)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: soldier on (v)
- rat: rat race
- shoulder: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone)
- sign, signal, symbol: hand (worker), sweat (work)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: pull together (v), strain (v)
- sports & games: game (various other games)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: starvation wages (n)
- verb: beaver (v), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), pull together (v), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), slave (v), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)
- weight: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone), weight (pull one's weight)

WORTH & LACK OF WORTH (1) (see also cost & benefit)

- allusion: black tulip (rarity), egg (golden egg), fool's errand, goose (golden goose), Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.)
- animal: cow (cash cow), egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose), horse (a gift horse), snake oil (n), spoils (of war, etc.), white elephant
- bird: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose)
- boat: bilge (n)
- color: black tulip (rarity), white elephant
- container: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- cows & cattle: cow (cash cow)
- creature: unicorn (tech "Unicorn," etc.)
- epithet: Amazon (epithet / the company), black tulip (rarity), gold (black gold, etc.), Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.), oil (new oil, etc.), unicorn (tech "Unicorn," etc.)
- family: boy (blue-eyed boy), child (bastard child), favorite son, illegitimate (adj), stepchild (and stepson, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), commodity (n), fruit (product), fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj), wheat (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)
- food & drink: meal ticket (n)
- fruits & vegetables: fruit (product), fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj), peach (n), plum (desirable)
- gift: gift (benefit)
- ground, terrain & land: dirt (worthless), fool's gold, pay dirt
- health & medicine: snake oil (n)

- history: gold rush
- horse: horse (a gift horse), thoroughbred (n)
- hygiene: filth (insult), filthy (bad), scum (insult), trash (n), vermin (insult)
- lap: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- manufacturing: run-of-the-mill
- materials & substances: gem (n), gold (black gold, etc.), jewel (n), karat (24-karat), oil (new oil, etc.), raw (unrefined, etc.)
- meat: meat (piece of meat)
- mechanism: cash machine (n)
- military: cannon fodder (other), spoils (of war, etc.)
- mining: bonanza (n), fool's gold, gem (n), gold (worth), gold (black gold, etc.), gold mine, gold rush, jewel (n), karat (24-karat), nugget (n), pan out (v), pay dirt
- money: bankrupt (adj), bonanza (n), capital (value), cash machine (n), cheap (life is cheap, etc.), cheap (words are cheap, etc.), currency (worth), dollar (million dollar question, etc.), enrich (v), gold rush, Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.), pay off (v), payoff, precious (life is precious, etc.), prize (n), prized, profit (v), rich (rich land, etc.), stock (worth), treasure (worth), treasure (v), treasured (worth), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount), windfall (n)
- person: boy (blue-eyed boy), child (bastard child), favorite son, goods (damaged goods), rainmaker (person), stepchild (and stepson, etc.)
- plant: black tulip (rarity), fruit (product), fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj)
- rain: rainmaker (person)
- royalty: crown jewel
- snake: snake oil (n)
- society: prestige (adj)
- sound: babble (n), blah (and blah blah blah / speech), gibberish (speech), noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), static (n)
- speech: babble (n), blah (and blah blah blah / speech), blather (n), cheap (words are cheap, etc.), diarrhea (and diarrhoea / speech), gibberish (speech), joke (it's a joke, etc.), shit (and bullshit / verb), shit (and bullshit / noun), trash (n), trash talk (v), trash talk (n)
- table: table (bring something to the table)
- ticket: meal ticket (n)
- tools & technology: sift (searching)
- tree: deadwood (and dead wood), windfall (n)
- verb: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), enrich (v), lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall), pan out (v), profit (v), sift (searching), table (bring something to the table), trash talk (v), treasure (v), winnow (v)
- walking, running & jumping: lame (lame excuse, etc.)
- waste: crap (n), dustbin (n), garbage (garbage fire / dumpster fire), garbage (waste), junk (worth), rubbish (n), shit (and bullshit / verb), shit (and bullshit / noun), trash (n), trashy (adj)
- water: bilge (n)
- weight: dead weight
- wheat: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), wheat (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)
- wind: windfall (n)

WOUNDS & SCARS (2) (see also health & medicine; skin, muscle, nerves & bone)

- affliction: scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), wound (figurative wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- appearance: scar (resemblance / verb)
- condition & status: unscathed (adj)

- feeling, emotion & effect: scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, wound (figurative wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: scar (blemish / noun), scar (blemish / verb), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.)
- mental health: scar (psychologically / verb), scar (psychological scars, etc.)
- proper name: scar (the Scar, etc.)
- resemblance: scar (resemblance / noun), scar (resemblance / verb)
- speech: scathing (adj)

WRESTLING (2) (see also sports & games)

- accusation & criticism: takedown (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: grapple (v), wrestle (v)
- constraint & lack of constraint: no-holds-barred (and no holds barred)
- restraint & lack of restraint: no-holds-barred (and no holds barred)

WRITING & SPELLING (2) (see also books & reading; letters & characters)

- achievement, recognition & praise: love letter (n), Valentine
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: shorthand (n), spelled out, spell out (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: signature (signature issue, etc.)
- creation & transformation: edit (v), edited (genes, etc.), editing (n), rewritten (changed), write (create)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: write (write out / off), written off
- evidence: sign (v), signature (evidence), written (written on it, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: handwriting (handwriting on the wall), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- identity & nature: define (v)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: word (the last word)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sign off (on something)
- speech: postcard (and post card)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: word (the last word)
- time: handwriting (handwriting on the wall), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- transmission: memo (get the memo, etc.)

ZOO (2)

- environment: zoo (environment)
- group, set & collection: menagerie (group), zoo (group)